יהוה is a **refuge** for the crushed one and
A **refuge** in times of *distress*.
Those who **know Your Name trust** in **You**
For **You** have not ***forsaken*** those who
Seek You, O יהוה

I Pledge Allegiance To The One Above!

NAME: _____Date:_____
Print in pencil, your full **given** name. Day 1

Great News! ***If*** you "assume" that this statement reads to be **HERECTICAL IN NATURE**, *think* and ***remember*** that the **ONE** above has permitted you the **freedom** to not only burn this **book** and your flag but to **serve/pledge** your **allegiance** to who ever you choose. **He** hopes that you will consider **Him above all.**

The Lamb's Book of Life

“𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 Lives!”

And
Blessed is my Rock!
And
Exalted is my **Elohim**,
The Rock
Of
My
Deliverance!”

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Bold, Daring, Prominent And Pronounced!

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Alert! Might Be Too Hot To Handle Alone.

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We **love You,** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 Our strength!

You are our rock,
Our stronghold and our deliverer.
We take **refuge** in **You.**
You are our **SHIELD** and the horn of our **deliverance**.
Our high tower and our **refuge**
And as our Savior,
You save us
From
Violence.
We *do not* turn
From **Your** laws and we are **perfect**
Before **You.**
We guard ourselves from our crookedness.
With the **kind**
You show Yourself kind,
With the **perfect** one **You show Yourself perfect.**

𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, **Elohim** of Yisra'el – **Your Way** is **perfect!**

The **Word** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is proven;
He is a **SHIELD**
To **all** who take **refuge** in **Him.**
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is our mighty stronghold and
He makes our **way perfect.**
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **Lives**!
Blessed is our Rock!
Exalted is our **Elohim**.
The Rock of our **deliverance**.
Therefore we give **thanks** to **You,**
Father,
Among the nations,
And we sing **praise** to **Your Name**.

Forever!

NATSARIM TRANSLATION PROJECT

The need for a **perfected** English translation of the inspired texts of the Creator's **message** to mankind has been **resolved** through the collaborative efforts of **Scripture** scholars.

An unprecedented wealth of **knowledge** and communication capabilities in place via the Internet, has made it **possible** for the world's most accurate, literal and **perfected** translation to become a reality.

The goal was to produce a translation from the Hebrew Masoretic Text and the Greek Textus Receptus to convey the purest restoration of the thoughts and original transliterations of names and places as is **possible** with the English **language.** The Torah, Prophets and Writings were **all** united **together without division** with the letters and accounts of the talmidim of Rabbi **Yahusha** of Natsarith, providing the researcher with uniformity of culture, context and interpretation from a non-Gentile viewpoint, being **written** by non-Gentiles in the **first** place.

The scholars who came forward and were **chosen** for this new project are **all** Natsarim, or **follow**ers of Yahusha. They are also "**First-fruits**", for as **Scripture** indicates, they are those who "obey Yahuah's **Commandments** and hold to the testimony of Yahusha" (Rev 12:17). Formerly, translations have been made by men solely upon their **knowledge** of languages; their personal walk (obedience to the Word/Torah) or **belief**s may have been influenced by one or another denominational vantage point, or possibly they had no personal **love** for the Truth whatsoever. Also, this new project was performed by those who share a deep **love** for the **Name** of the Creator and **His Name** was restored to the text in its original ancient Hebrew form as He **wrote** it: 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄

From the outset, a parallel concordance with Hebrew and Greek dictionaries will be developed to make personal research and comprehension **possible** for anyone, even beginners.

The objective of the project: to provide an exquisite, flawless translation of Yahuah's **Words** to mankind and to proclaim the perfected **Name** of the **Creator** to the English speaking world and **announce** the **Reign of Yahuah**. Also, it is imperative that Yahusha's actual **words**, actions and **life** be presented in the context of His own culture as accurately as **possible**, **in order** for the student of **Scripture** to correctly interpret and comprehend **Him.** This will lift a veil after centuries of darkness, so what was incomplete or *concealed* will be **revealed**. ***What*** the **Creator** wants, ***Who*** **He** is and who **He** said **He** came for will be better understood by restoring the culture of Israel – and the **Messiah** of Israel - through the translational skills of Natsarim translators.

Mission Statement

This publication is the backbone that promotes the **Name of Yahuah** and **His Torah** to **all** mankind. This is the primary **book** to **equip the saints** for their **work** here in the end-time harvest in Yahusha's ministry. Other tools and studies are available. We pray that the Owner of the vineyard will send many more workers into His harvest, to **teach all** nations everything He **commanded** us (Israel, those who obey His Covenant) to obey also and engraft into Israel. ***When*** you enter His Covenant, you are engrafted into His people, Israel and are set-apart. Israel is a PEOPLE, not a land. The land that is promised to His people will one day **live** in peace, but for **now** it is under constant threat of attack and in tribulation. We *strive* to increase the PEOPLE Israel and are most concerned for the NEXT GENERATION of Israel, that they remain faithful and become the priests to the nations they are **intended** to be.

We are watchmen (Natsarim, Acts 24:5, Jer. 31:6 also meaning branches) and consider **all** believers to be on the path to redemption through repentance, immersion and obedience to the re-newed **Covenant** through the **work** of Rabbi **Yahusha** ha Mashiach, the Maker of Heaven and Earth. We *do not* **judge** or separate people into denominations (even if they do), but steadfastly press on toward the perfecting of the saints. Your denomination will not matter when you pass into eternity, so it has no bearing on anything **now** either, other than others' control over you.

Our goal and the goal of **all** Scripture, is **love.** We **teach** the **10 Commandments** (Torah) as the **Covenant of Love**, which they are called (see Dt. 7:9-12, 1Ki. 8:23, 2 Ch 6:14, Neh. 1:5, Neh. 9:32, Dan. 9:4). Yahuah said He would keep His **Covenant** of **Love** (Torah) to a thousand generations of those who **love** Him and keep (guard) His **Command**s. Literally, if 20 years is a generation, that's 20,000 years; if 40 years is a generation, that's 40,000 years. Christians **believe** the **Covenant** has ended; but it has been **renewed** and **every word** and letter stands, **now written** in our hearts.

Our mission is to **seek** out the *lost* sheep of the House of Israel *dispersed* among the Gentiles, who are called and **chosen** to receive a **love** for the Truth (Torah). Our objective is to instill a **love** for the 10 **Command**ments. Having them **written** on each human heart and **mind** will produce the 9 fruits of the Spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, **kindness**, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control. We hope this is your objective also and that we can **work together** often to **accomplish** it as we are enabled to by the **Spirit** of Yahusha, our soon-coming **King** and **Redeemer**. This objective is the **renewed Covenant** with **all** of Israel, the 12 tribes spread abroad and foreigners who will engraft into this olive *tree* and become Israel.

Yahuah calls His people "Israel" and He calls His land "Tsiyon". Tradition has distorted this **distinction**. The "land" (Tsiyon) of "Israel" (Yahuah's people) will one day be **completely** restored to them by Yahusha, ***Who*** will return to **establish His Reign** on this Earth **forever** and **ever.** The **Tree of life** is not going to be in "heaven", but here on the **renewed** Earth and **all** Israel will be joined eternally to our **Creator** and **King**, **Yahusha.**

"Blessed are those doing His Commands, so that the authority shall be theirs unto the Tree of life and to enter through the gates into the city." Rev. 22:14. *Those outside* will be those *loving and practicing falsehood, whoring, idolatry and generally living as they choose*.

May the love and peace of Yahuah surround us all as we serve Him daily and pray for one another.

How Are We To Pray?

And **His taught ones** came to **Yahusha**/OWY֯Ǯ
And one of them said to **Him**, "**Master, teach** us to pray as
Yahuchanon also **taught** his **taught ones.**"
Yahusha responded, "***When*** you are praying, *do not keep on Babbling like the gentiles* for they *think* that they ***shall* be**
Heard for their many **words**.
Therefore *do not be like them* for your **Father knows** what
You need before you **ask Him.**
This then is the **way** you should pray:"

<u>Let</u> : To Permit

'**Our Father** who is in the heavens,
<u>Let</u> Your <u>Name</u> be set**-**apart**,**
<u>Let</u> Your <u>Reign</u> come**,**
<u>Let</u> Your <u>Desire</u> be done on earth as it is in heavens.
Give us today our daily bread.
And **forgive** us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
***Do not* lead** us into trial,
But* deliver/save** us from the ***wicked one.
Yours is the **<u>Reign</u>** and the **<u>Power</u>** and the **<u>Esteem</u>**,
<u>Now</u> and **<u>Forever</u>**.
Amen'

Debarim 5:29 Page 243 & Yeshayahu 33:22 Page 502
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Now, let's **see** if this **word "knowledge"**, that is available to **all,**
Makes a difference in this wonderful prayer.

<u>Permit</u> **Your Name** <u>to</u> be set-apart,
<u>Permit</u> **Your Reign** <u>to</u> come,
<u>Permit</u> **Your Desire** <u>to</u> be done.

PS: Yes sir, it makes a big difference!

Besorah Introduction

The **Besorah** is the **message given** to prophets selected by the **Creator Being**, YAHUAH (𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄) to **all** mankind. This **message** is both a record of specific events and a revelation of the plan of redemption and restoration. The original parents of **all** mankind were **perfect,** created to **live** in "Eden" (bliss, delight) and they were deathless.

They were ***deceived*** by a fellow creature that brought ***doubt*** into **believing** the **Word** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and so they *failed* a simple test of faith in what He had **spoken**. Through this error, *death* entered the world. **Life** and *death* are on display throughout the entire message and 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 calls out to *all men* to choose **life**, by **believing** in **His Word and** proving they **believe** it by obeying **Him.** This choice is made by having faith in **His Word**, the **message** (Hebrew, "besorah") and **living** by it, **according** to the **Covenant given** to a **chosen** people **He selected** (Israel).

HOW THIS TRANSLATION IS DIFFERENT

The personal **Name** of the **Creator** is deleted from most English translations, substituted with the **word** "LORD" and in some cases the **word** "GOD".
While the **true Name** is restored in its original form in the places it occurs in the inspired text, other names are more accurately transliterated, eliminating the distortions ***caused*** by the Greek alphabet. Greek terms such as "Genesis" and "Exodus" are accompanied by the authentic Hebrew terms. Hebrew is the "lashon qodesh", or "set-apart tongue", so restoring the names without distortion enables the reader to experience the richness, purity and authenticity that flows from the unfiltered, inspired **words** in the Creator's Mind. The "**key**" of **knowledge** is the **personal Name** of the Creator and using it "unlocks" the **message** that would otherwise remain **sealed** from our comprehension. A **Name** uniquely identifies who is being **spoken** of. The **first known** translation of Yahuah's Word was made from Hebrew into the Greek language between 285-246 BCE for a Ptolemaic king at Alexandria, Egypt. That translation is often referred to as the "Septuagint", or LXX for short. "Septuagint" is Latin for "seventy", as traditionally it was assumed that 70 *scribes* were used to translate the Torah (5 **book**s of Mosheh) into Greek. ***When*** they did so, they left the **Name** of the **Most High Elohim** unmolested, as this translation also does.
So, what you are holding in your hands is the **first** time since the LXX that a translation has been made that leaves the **original Name** as it appeared in the Hebrew.

THE SCRIPT: A HISTORICAL CONTEXT

The original autograph of the **Creator** is best shown using the ancient, primary letters **He** used to **write His Name** with **His** finger at Sinai and that form looks like this: 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄. The world has called this letter style Phoenician, not realizing that the label, Phoenician, was bestowed upon the Israelites by the Greek writers, a **word** meaning "date palm" in Greek. The word "Phoenix" (Latin poenus) means the same thing and the later Roman empire converted this word into Punic when they were battling their Israelite enemies at Carthage. The Israelites have been called many things by the land empires over the ages, such as Carthaginians, Parthians, or Scythians; but as "Phoenicians" they are best known as a sea people. The Israelites dwelled in the land **given** to them by Yahuah, however they were more of a "sea empire" than a land empire. So, when you **see** other sources describing the script seen in this book as

"Phoenician", you can better **understand** that this term applies to the Israelite empire as it was **known** to the Greeks. The Israelites made alliances with Tyre and Sidon, causing the northern 10 tribes to *fall* into Baal worship and for this they were *scattered* into the nations by the Assyrian empire (circa 722 BCE).
The Israelites called the land "Canaan" before they conquered it and a small part of it was **known** as "Philistia", which the Romans later adopted into their form, Palestine. It is commonly thought that the Israelites adopted their alef-beth (alphabet) from the residents of Canaan (Byblos, Tyre, Sidon), but the reverse is the case. The Semitic **language** and 22-lettered alef-beth was *common* to **all** descendants of Shem (Shem gives us the term "Shemite", losing the "sh" sound by passing through the Greek **language** and becoming "Semite").

WHAT IS THE MESSAGE?

The **Besorah** is the answer to mankind's oldest mystery: ***What*** is the meaning of LIFE?
It is simply **LOVE**.
From beginning to end, the **Creator** has pleaded, searched hearts and repeated Himself beyond measure for mankind to return to **Him.** ***Who*** has **ears** to **hear Him**? He said, "**Love Me** and guard **My Command**ments." The Word, Light, Wisdom, Living Water and **His Covenant** are **all** one and the **same** thing: The Torah of Yahuah.

The Mashiach of Israel, Yahusha of Natsarith, told an elder of Israel: "***If*** *you do not* **believe** when I spoke to you about earthly things, how are you going to **believe** when I **speak** to you about the heavenly things? And no one has gone up into the heavens ***except*** He who came down from the heavens – the **Son** of Aḏam.

And as Mosheh lifted up the *serpent* in the wilderness, even so must the **Son** of Aḏam be lifted up, so that whosoever believes in Him should not *perish* but **possess everlasting life**. For **Elohim** so loved the world that He gave His only procreated **Son**, so that everyone who believes in Him should not *perish* but **possess everlasting life**. For **Elohim** *did not* send His **Son** into the world to **judge** the world, but that the world through Him might be **saved**.

He who believes in Him is not judged, but he who *does not* **believe** is judged already, because he has not **believed** in the **Name** of the only brought-forth **Son** of **Elohim**. And this is the judgment, that the light has **come** into the world and men loved the darkness rather than the light, for their **works** were *evil*.

For everyone who *practices evil* hates the light and *does not* **come** to the light, lest his **works** should be exposed. ***But*** the one doing the **truth comes** to the light, so that his **works** are clearly **seen,** that they have been wrought in **Elohim**." (Yahuchanon 3)
"And **He Himself** is an atoning slaughter for our *sins* and not for ours only but also for **all** the world.

And by this we **know** that we **know Him**, if we guard **His commands**. The one who says, "I **know** Him," and *does not guard* His **commands**, is a *liar* and the **truth** is not in him. ***But whoever*** guards **His Word, truly** the **love** of **Elohim** has been **perfected** in him. By this we **know** that we are in Him: The one who says he stays in Him ought himself also to walk, even as He walked. Beloved, I **write** no recent **command** to you, but an original **command** which you have had from the beginning.
The original **command** is the **Word** which you heard from the beginning."
(1 Yahuchanon 2: The BESORAH Page 1294)

Preface

The Primary or Ancient (Palaeo) Hebrew Names 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 (Yahuah) and 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 (Yahusha)

A restoration is taking place across the face of the Earth. The "**key of knowledge**" that has been withheld is being **revealed** again and it is "turning the world upside down". At Exodus 31:18 we learn that on Mount Sinai the **Creator** engraved two stone tablets with **His** finger and gave them to Mosheh (Moses). He engraved **His Name** using four ancient Hebrew letters, (Yod-Hay-Uau-Hay). This **Name** is often represented by the Latin letters: YHWH. In their original form, they appeared like this: 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄

It is the Autograph of the Creator of the universe.

𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 *did not write* in a Babylonian script (now called modern Hebrew), but rather the ancient (palaeo) or primary Hebrew and did so consistently throughout **Scripture** in the **handwriting** of the inspired **prophets.** It's important to **understand** that the ancient (palaeo) Hebrew letters sound the **same,** although they look drastically different from the "modern" Babylonian script more commonly **seen** today. Isaiah 34:16 admonishes us to **seek** the **book**/scroll of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and in that **scroll** we find 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name written** in the ancient (palaeo), primary Hebrew. ***How*** did we come to embrace the Babylonian script (modern Hebrew)? The House of Yahudah was taken captive to Babylon around 586 BCE. Upon their release after 70 years, they brought back the Babylonian letter shapes which we **now** refer to as "modern Hebrew". About half the book of Daniel (one of the Babylonian captives) is **written** in the original Hebrew and the rest in the Babylonian script. About 400 BCE, the scribe Ezra also adopted the square form of Babylonian Hebrew that we **see** today.

As scrolls would wear out, the scribes copied the scrolls in the newer Babylonian letter shapes for the general text, but one **word** was faithfully preserved in the original form. ***When*** they came to **the Name**, they carefully **preserved** the palaeo - Hebrew form (𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄) in it's authentic form. This **WORD** is used over 7,000 times in the TaNaKh. We also **know** that the .... earliest copies of the Septuagint (LXX) translation into Greek preserved the palaeo - Hebrew for 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name**, whereas later copies used the Greek **word** *"Kurios/Lord"* to ***replace*** it. ***By replacing it, they wiped it out.***

The LXX transliterated the spelling of **Yahusha** (KJV: "Joshua") into the Greek letters IESOUS for the successor of Mosheh. Those who ***rely*** on this as "evidence" that it is **acceptable** to allow the Greek form to trump the original Hebrew are simply moving the *error* further into the past and not recognizing it as a *corruption*. The Greek alphabet is *unable* to convey the correct sounds of certain Hebrew letters because it has no "SH" sound and no letter "Y".

The third commandment in Exodus 20:7 **declares** we are not to "shoah" (destroy) **His Name,** or *cast* **His Name** to *ruin.* Yet, by *denying* or *avoiding*

𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name** and the **Name** of **His Son** Yahusha, both Judaism and Christianity have done exactly that, *breaking* the third commandment.

While in Babylon, the House of Yahudah was enslaved. They heard the Babylonians using the **Name** in disrespectful ways, profaning it. To help prevent this from happening, those in leadership put into effect a ban against pronouncing 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name**, **declaring** it to be "ineffable". By never saying the **Name**, it **quickly** became unknown to even the Yahudim. This ban is **completely contrary to Scripture. 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 commands** us over and over again in **Scripture** to utter, proclaim and lift up **His** authentic Hebrew **Name**. It's of paramount importance to **understand** that if we continue to use counterfeit names or devices for the **Father** and **His Son**, we will not be in **true worship** nor **truly know** the **One** we serve; we will leave ourselves **open** for the enemy to step in as the *author of confusion* and we will be *deceived*. **Yahusha** mentioned that "they" had "taken away the **key** of **knowledge**" (Luke 11:52, BESORAH Page 1103), but **He was restoring it again**.

We find in Genesis 4:26 that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name** began to be called upon and continued to be called upon up to and during the first Temple period. ***When*** the House of Yahudah was taken captive to Babylon, the *Pagan Babylonian influences* took a firm grip on their hearts and minds. In our modern translations, we **see** the result of this ban of "ineffability" in the fact that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name** has been *entirely omitted* and *replaced* with titles, or terms which can apply to any Pagan deity, almost seven thousand times. Because the "ineffability" of the **Name** is *not sound doctrine*, the new translation you are holding **RESTORES** our **Father's Name** and that of **His Son** by using the original palaeo-Hebrew script. By **replacing** the **true Name** into the text as it was **originally written**, we have done what has not been done since the **first** translation was made in the 2nd century BCE. That **first** translation from Hebrew to Greek has been named the "Septuagint" and is abbreviated with the Latin letters for "seventy": LXX.

Proverbs 30:4 asks us a crucial question, "***What*** is **His Name** and what is **His Son**'s **Name**?" Rabbinical Judaism calls 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 by the substitute terms, "HaShem, Adonai or **Elohim**" - none of which are **His Name**; they are titles or pronouns. In Christianity, they use "Jehovah" for the **Father** and "Jesus" for the **Son**, both of which are *not authentic*; they are imprinted with the *corruption*s found in the Greek and Latin alphabets. The **Names** can't be "Jehovah" or "Jesus", because there is no letter "J" in Hebrew (the letter "J" appeared on Earth during the 16th century). The Greek **added** the ending letter "S" to the **Name of Yahusha**.

Another term, *"GOD"*, has **come** to *replace* the original Hebrew **word** "**Elohim**". **Read** Exodus 23:13 right **now**. (The BESORAH Page 127)

With that **Scripture** in mind, consider the **following** reference:

This is what the Encyclopedia Americana (1945 Edition) says under the topic GOD (god); "Common Teutonic **word** for personal object of religious

worship, formerly applicable to super-human beings of heathen myth; on conversion of Teutonic races to Christianity, term was applied to Supreme Being."

1 Thessalonians 5:22 warns us not to give the appearance of *evil* and this would have to include what **comes** from our mouths. ***Guile*** is *deceit*. ***When*** we **speak guile** using *replacement* names, or use titles in place of **His Name,** we are *breaking* the third commandment and giving the appearance of *evil* in our speech. We are "circumlocuting" (talking around) **the Name**, but not really saying it. "**He knows** who we mean" is the *common* response. Many say they don't use the **Name** because they want to keep from "offending" people. They don't **mind** *offending* Yahuah; **He knows** "their heart".

Numbers 6:24-27 **reveals** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name** will be upon **His** people: ***What*** **Name** would that be, *the LORD*? Again, in Genesis 4:26 we learn that men began to **call** upon 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name**. There is only one **Name given** under **heaven** (Acts 4:12). In 1 Kings 18:24 we find that EliYahu/Elijah called on **the Name** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 while the Pagans called on the names of their deities (Ba'al and Asherah); clearly there must be a **distinction** in what we **call** our Creator. "Ba'al" in Hebrew means "lord". Clearly, "lord" is not the **true Name** we should be calling upon. Deuteronomy 28:10 **reveals** that **all** nations will **see** that we are called by 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name**. Revelation 22:4 **reveals** that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name** will be on our foreheads: So, what **Name** do we want on (or in) our foreheads? Malachi 3:16 **commands** us to *think* upon𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name,** but historically neither Judaism nor the Church have been thinking on **His true Hebrew Name**. Micah 4:5 **reveals** that we are to **walk** in 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name**. In Psalms 83:16-18 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **commands** us to **seek His Name.** Psalms 72:17 tells us that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name** will **endure forever**, but Judaism and the Church have placed a *stumbling block* where **His Name** is concerned. Not only have they both *forgotten* **His Name** but they have "***destroyed***" 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name** thousands and thousands of times in **Scripture**.

Regarding **praise** and **worship**, we are told in 2 Samuel 7:26 that we are to **magnify** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name**, but in reality we have been magnifying unscriptural names and mere titles that might apply to any generic, non-specific deity. Psalms 106:47 **declares** that we are to give **thanks** to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name**, but clearly we've been giving thanksgiving to foreign names. Psalms 29:2 says we are to **esteem** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name**. Psalms 9:2 **declares** that we are to **sing praises** to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name**. Isaiah 56:6 **reveals** that we are to **love** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name**. Psalms 45:17 tells us that **every** generation is to **remember** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name**. Exodus 3:14,15 declare that: **His memorial Name to all generations is** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.

Salvation is **found** in 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name** and that of **His Son**, **Yahusha**, Psalms 54:1; Joel 2:32 and Acts 2:21; 4:12. Clearly, we are to **call on** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name** and the **Name** of His **Son** for salvation. Yet, we use *counterfeit* names or ordinary titles when we pray for redemption. Using a personal name is a matter of identification. Pronouncing a person's name as well as we can is a **sign** of respect, isn't it? Men have *hidden*, *disguised*, *corrupted* and

substituted the **Name of our Creator**. "Jehovah" and "Jesus" are of recent origin. "Jehovah"appeared as "Iehoua" in the Geneva translation and in the first printings of the KJV. In subsequent printings of the KJV, the letter "J" began to be used for the first letter of proper nouns that began with the letter "I" and at the beginning of sentences. The letter "J" is but a few hundred years old. ***What***'s startling though is this: when Jehovah is broken down we have "Je hovah" with the "Je" replacing our Father's shortened, poetic name "Yah." "HOVAH" is referenced in Strong's Exhaustive Concordance as **word** #H1943 and means utter ***destruction*** or "*ruin*." ***When*** we **speak** the hybrid name "Jehovah", we are in essence saying "Yah, He is ***ruin.***"

The name "Jesus" has only been around for the last few hundred years. The "J" appeared on the planet less than 500 years ago, so clearly we've been using a *mutated form* of the original name for our Savior. The **Name** "Yahusha " (Yah is our salvation) was **given** to Yusef in a dream, not the name "Jesus". Those who stubbornly cleave to the recent form "Jesus" and will not listen to reason must ask themselves, what does that mean for **all** those believers who never used "Jesus" prior to the 16th century? In short, where is our respect for **the Names of the Almighty and His Son**, the **very same** respect that we demand for our own names?

Certain believers feel they can **call** the **Father** and **His Son** by any **Name** of their choosing, yet they feel that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 should have their **name** correct in the **Lamb**'**s Scroll of life**. Clearly, there is a double standard toward 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name** and that of **His Son, Yahusha**. Men are not endowed with the authority to choose ***whatever*** **Name** they prefer to **call** upon for their salvation, they must submit to T**ruth** and build on **what does not change**.

We are told in Isaiah 52:6 that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's people will "know" **His Name.** Revelation 3:8 warns us that we are not to *deny* **His Name.** Jeremiah 10:25 **reveals** to us that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 will **pour out His** *wrath* on those who *do not* **call on His Name.** It would be an act of *rebellion* to *ignore* these clear instructions; they are not suggestions. Zechariah 13:9 tells us that those who belong to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 will say, "𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is the **Name** of my **Elohim**." The *traditions* of our fathers have failed us in this regard. We are told in Revelation 2:13 that we are to hold fast to **His Name,** but men have *not preserved* the **Truth**; it has fallen in the streets. ***Why*** did the Pharisees and Priests tell **Yahusha's followers** *not* to *utter* **His Name**? Because they **knew** that when **Yahusha's Name** was being uttered that **the Father's Name** was being uttered as well because the **Father's Name** is in **His Son**, Shemoth 23:21. (The BESORAH Page 127)

Let's examine some of the *excuses* people use to *reject* the **true Name**.

Some declare that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 has many **Names**. No, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 has one **Name** and many titles, such as Healer, Shepherd, Redeemer, Father, Husband, Protector, etc. Some claim that no matter what name they use, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 will **know** who we mean. This excuse boasts of *prideful arrogance*, implying that the **Creator** of Shamayim and Erets will just have to figure it out and deal with the terms we choose. He'll have to take what we dish out and like it.

Others say that the pronunciation of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name** has been lost. ***Do*** we really **believe,** even for one moment, that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is going to **command** us to CALL upon **His Name** and then allow the pronunciation to be lost? Of course not! All we must do is "sound-off" the letters; surely we can trust in the most used **word** in **all** of Scripture. Some contend that since there are no vowels in Hebrew per se, that the proper pronunciation is then questionable. The Dead Sea Scrolls have **revealed** many examples of the original letter form which the **Words of Yahuah** were **written** in. Some proclaim that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name** is not **found** in the Brit Chadasha. ***But*** the fact of the matter is that the reason we don't **see** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name** in the Brit Chadasha is because it has been *replaced* and it became policy to adopt alternative, "popular" terms as *substitutions* for it.

The Father's Name

Now let's examine the pronunciation of the **Father's Name**. The 1st century writer called "Josephus" tells us that **the Name** consists of "four vowels". Commonly we **see the Name** in encyclopedias as YHWH. These vowel-letters **stand** for the Hebrew letters: Yod, Hay, Waw/Vav (or Uau) and Hay. The Yod is the **same** as our letter "Y." The Hay is the **same** as the letter "H" and the Waw/Vav (Uau) is often represented as the "double u", but is essentially the sound of "oo." The letter "Hay" appears as the second and fourth letter.

The Assyrians heard and transcribed the proper transliteration of our **Father's Name** as Ya-u-a (Yahuah). Having lived with the Israelites who had been taken into captivity by the Assyrians, their transliteration is then creditable. The state of "IOWA" is said to be based on **the Name**, handed-down through the native Americans. These tribes were remnants of the explorers sent by Solomon to establish colonies and mine copper, tin, silver, iron and gold.

Concerning Josephus, the first century historian, we **read** in his book Josephus Complete Works, p. 556, that he had **observed** the priestly headpiece. On this headpiece the **Father's Name** consisted of four vowels. The first two vowel-letters are "Yod Hay" and **according** to Strong's #H3050 it is pronounced as "Yah." We find an example of this shortened, poetic form of **Yahuah's Name** in Psalms 68:4. We can **see** these letters are vowels even as they are used in English. ***When*** we say "Y" we can **hear** the "i" sound. ***When*** we **pronounce** the "H," we can **hear** the "a" sound because the "h" is silent, as **seen** with Sarah.

Now we **come** to the third vowel-letter "Waw/Vav (Uau)." The "Uau" is the vowel-letter sound "oo." It is not pronounced as the consonant "W", since the Hebrew alef beth *does not* have a letter to correspond to our "W". The letter "W" first appeared in the 13th century. It should not be thought of as a "double" anything; t's simply a "U". So **now** we have two syllables "YaH + U." The fourth letter of **the Name** is the vowel-letter "Hay."

Some **believe** that the ending of **Yahuah's Name** has an "ah" and others Aeh. ***But*** the Tribe of "Yahudah" gives us a significant clue. The **Name**

"YAHUDAH" is spelled: Yod-Hay-Uau-Daleth-Hay. ***If*** we remove the "Daleth" which is a "D," we find the four letters, Yod-Hay-Uau-Hay.

YAHUDAH – D = YAHUAH.

I**s *it* possible** to find this **truth** in the Greek? Josephus (Flavius Yusef, 37-101 CE, Yahudi historian) confirms that our **Father's Name** consisted of Greek vowels "IAOUE" with the Uau having the "oo" sound which agrees with the Assyrian pronunciation "Ya-u-a" and is pronounced "**YAHUAH**".

Strong's #H3068 (6823 entries) renders **Yahuah's Name** as "Yehovah",which is *inaccurate*. Checking **word** #H3050 we find that **His** shortened, poetic name,"YaH", refers us right back to #H3068, which which they rendered as "Yeh..." "Yah" is correct; "Yeh" is *incorrect*. The "Yeh" spelling is the result of the Masoretes, who used alternative vowels from another **word** (adonai) **in order** to keep the **Name** of Yahuah *concealed* from the masses, thus perpetuating the ban of pronouncing the **Name** aloud. The vowel-pointing by the Masoretes cannot be trusted because of their *intention* to hide the **Name** of our **Father,** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄. The vowels they used were **intended** to direct the reader to say "ADONAI" instead of what was **written** - it was to "cue" the reader to not **pronounce** the **Name!** In the **Name** Yahusha, "Ya/Yah" was *changed* to "Ye/Yeh" which hides the connection with the **Name** of the **Father,** Exodus 23:21.

For further confirmation we **read** in Clement of Alexandria,
The Stromata, v. 6: "...the mystic **Name** of the four letters which was affixed to those alone to whom the adytum was accessible, is called 'IAOUE' which is interpreted, '***Who*** is and ***shall* be.**'"

So then how does "Ehyeh/I Am" fit into our understanding of Father's **Name**? At Exodus 3:14 we read, "...ehyeh asher ehyeh: and He said, 'This ***shall*** you say to the children of Yisrael, EYEH has **sent** me to you.'" Ehyeh asher eyeh means "**I Am** that which **I Am**" or "I was, I am and I will be." ***When*** **Father** spoke "Ehyeh asher ehyeh," He was speaking of Himself in the **first** person because only He could say "**I Am**," whereas when He **reveals** to His people that His **Name** is Yahuah, He is speaking in the third person. 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 (Yahuah) is the **Name** we are to **know,** declare and worship. He identifies Himself exclusively by this one **Name**.

Yahusha clearly tells us in John 17:26 that He had declared His **Father's Name** to the people and since we are Yahusha's body, we are to do the **same,** Colossians 1:18. ***How foolish*** to *think* that the Head, **Yahusha** would **call** His **Father** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 (Yahuah), but His body (us) would **call** our **Father,** LORD, God or Jehovah makes no sense, does it? Again, how can Yahuah's **Name** be "Jehovah" and the **Son**'s **Name** be "Jesus" since there is no "J" in Hebrew?

The apostle "John" is really "Yahuchanon". At John 5:43 **Yahusha** tells us that He came in His Father's **Name**. He came in the **authority** of Yahuah and carries this **Name** in His own.

Jeremiah 23:25-27 tells us that "lies" have **caused** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's people to forget His **Name** for Ba'al, "the Lord". These "lies" have been propagated through the leadership in both Judaism and Christianity. Not only have Judaism and Christianity replaced the **Names** of the **Father** and His **Son**, but they've even *changed* the original palaeo-Hebrew names of the prophets **in order** to conceal 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's **Name** because this **Name** is embedded in the original names of several **prophets.** An example of this is **found** in the name of the prophet **known** as "Jeremiah". In palaeo-Hebrew, his name contains the shortened, poetic form of **Father's Name,** "Yah" and should have been transliterated as YirmeYahu (see any concordance). Notice that it ends with "Yah." The name "Isaiah" should be rendered "YeshaYahu". Notice the ending "iah" in these two names. Clearly, these prophets *would not* recognize their own names as they are **found** in our modern-day, English Scriptures.

The Son's Name

Hebrew 13:8 tells us that Yahusha is the **same** yesterday, today and **forever**. So do we really **believe** that He has *changed* His **Name** from Hebrew to a Greco/Roman/English name? Of course not! And we learn from Philippians 2:9 that His **Name** is above **every** name. Would that include His Father's **Name**? No, it wouldn't and here's why: again, Exodus 23:21 tells us that the **Father's Name** is in His **Son**. The **Father** and His **Son** share the shortened, poetic **Name** "Yah." Acts 4:12 tells us there is no other **Name** through which redemption can be obtained.

The **Son**'s **Name** in Paleo Hebrew is: Yod-Hay-Uau-Shin-Ayin, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏.

Notice that the **first** three vowel-letters are exactly the **same** as the **Father's Name** "Yah u." Next we have the letter "shin" which is "sh" and finally the "Ayin" which is essentially *silent* but is represented by a *rough* breathing sound in the back of the throat. Hebrew is read/**written** right to left.

The Greco/Roman/English name "Jesus" would have been "unknown" to Yahusha. Jesus has no meaning in Hebrew, whereas **Yahusha** means "Yah, is our deliverer." The one who hung on the stake/*tree* for us was named Yahusha not someone named Jesus. ***Why*** is it that most believers readily **accept** the **free** gift of His **finished work** at Calvary, but *refuse* to acknowledge Him by His Paleo Hebrew **Name** which was **given** to Him by His **Father,** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄? Clearly, we are to **call on** His Paleo Hebrew **Name** for salvation but regretfully that has not been the case in the Church.

If we take a closer look at the Paleo Hebrew **Name** for Joshua, we find that it is the clearest example of how our Savior's **Name** is spelled and pronounced. Strong's #H3091 spells Joshua's **Name** in Paleo Hebrew as "Yod Hay Waw Shin Ayin," this is exactly how we spell Yahusha's **Name** as well.

Now here's something **very** enlightening, if we look up the name "Jesus" in Strong's #G2424 it is sounded out as "ee-ay-sooce," but refers us right back to Joshua in Strong's #H3091 "Yeh ho sha." For further proof, we go to

Acts 7:45, where we find the name Joshua in our English Scriptures, but what's amazing is that it is the exact **same** number in Strong's #G2424 which is used for the name "Jesus."

Names are **always** "transliterated" from the source **language** to the target language by their sounds. Names have meanings, but it is not proper to translate them; In short, names are transliterated by the sound of each letter no matter what the alphabets used may be, just as our own name in English will **always** sound the **same** no matter what foreign alphabet it may encounter.

What do we do with the alternative spellings such as "Y'shua, Yeshua or Yahshua?" Some claim that Y'shua or Yeshua is the shortened, Aramaic form for **His Name.** Others declare that Yeshua is a form of Yeshu, an unscriptural acronym for Yahusha's **Name** and means "Yemach Shmo U'Zikro, meaning "may his name be blotted out". So we can **see** why this would be a name that the enemy would like us to use because **every** time we **speak** Yeshua, we are in essence **declaring** that His **Name** be blotted out. The form "Yahshua" leaves out the "Uau" which is the vowel-letter sound "oo." 2 Timothy 2:15 tells us we are to "**rightly** divide the **Word** of truth", so what has been *hidden* or whispered in **secret** is **now** being *shouted* from the rooftops.

We **learn** at Acts 9:15 that Shaul/Paul was **commanded** to bear Yahusha's **Name** before the nations. It is *impossible* for Shaul to have declared the Greco/Roman/English name "Jesus". Shaul declared the **Name** of Yahusha; and as His body, so must we. Shaul was **sent** to *arrest* and *kill* those who called upon the **true Name**. **Following** his own conversion to the **Truth** of the **Name** (by **Yahusha** Himself), he used it **boldly** and was stoned several times for it. They wouldn't have stoned him if he had used the name of error we have inherited.

In conclusion, we must make a decision. ***How*** long do we waver between two opinions? ***If*** Yahuah is **Elohim**, then **serve** Him; if Ba'al (Lord) is **Elohim**, **serve** him. ***Do*** we **call** our **Creator** and His **Son** by unscriptural names and *common* titles which Rabbinical Judaism and Christianity have traditionally ***deceived*** us with, or do we return to the ancient, palaeo-Hebrew **written** by the finger of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄/YaHUaH? ***If*** **Scripture** is the final **authority** in our lives, then the answer is **very** clear. **Scripture reveals** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄/YaHUaH and 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏/Yahusha 's correct identity through the palaeo-Hebrew names and it's upon this foundation that we must **stand** firmly. The **Name** is the "Key of **knowledge**" which has been withheld from us and it will unlock the **revealed Word** to any who **accept** it, giving understanding and **wisdom** to the simple.

The very idea there is a "key" validates that there is something to be unlocked.

That would be the Besorah, the message of Yahusha.

“Therefore **My people *shall* know**
My Name, In that day,
For **I am the One** who is speaking.
See, **it is I**!”
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄

How pleasant upon the mountains are the feet of him
who brings good news, who proclaims peace,
who brings **The Besorah**, who proclaims **deliverance,**
who says to Tsiyon, “Your **Elohim** reigns!

The voice of your watchmen! They ***shall*** lift up their voices,
together they shout for **joy** because eye to eye they **see**
the return of **𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄** to Tsiyon.

Break forth into joy; sing together, you *waste* places of
Yerushalayim! For **𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄** ***shall*** comfort His people,
He ***shall*** **redeem** Yerushalayim.

𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 ***shall*** lay His set-apart arm in the eyes
of **all** the nations. And **all** the ends of the earth ***shall*** **see**
the **deliverance** of our **Elohim**.

Turn aside! Turn aside! **Come out** from there,
touch not the *unclean.* **Come out** of her midst, be **clean,**
you who bear the vessels of **𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄**.

For you ***shall*** not **come out** in haste nor go in flight.
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is going before you and **𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄**
the **Elohim** of Yisra’el is your rear guard.

See, **My Servant *shall* work wisely**;
He ***shall*** **be** exalted and lifted up and **very** high.
As many were astonished at **You** – so the disfigurement
beyond any man’s and His form beyond the sons of men –
He ***shall*** likewise startle many nations.

Sovereigns ***shall*** shut their mouths at Him,
for what had not been recounted to them they ***shall*** **see**,
and what they had not heard they ***shall*** **understand.**

“Here is to the **Reign** of our Father!”

About the Designer: Urchinsea Designs

Over my **life** time I have consulted dozens of translations to **seek** the **face** and **hear** the **voice** of my heavenly **Father, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄**, the **Elohim** of Yisra'el. I took many detours and **looked** down just as many paths. I *did not* **know He** had a **Name** nor "a way" but I so wanted to **know Him** and **please Him.** It felt as if I was so close to **Him** but so far away from home.

I sought for the **King** of **all Kings** with **all** my heart, **all** my MIND and with **all** my strength until I **found Him** through **His Living Word** and heard **His voice**. **His teaching** kindled my refining by *afflictions* and **He** gave me an ardour for **His Name** as **He wrote** it from the beginning. The **Author** of **heaven** and **earth** also gave me a heated roll to play as the curtain begins to rise on **His** next performance. It begins as the lights are dimmed with the introduction of **His Name** and the monumental task to re-shape and re-package "**His Love Story**" so that everyone would want to see it to **the end.**

"The Bible" is the number one **published book** in the world and probably the most recognized "accessory" used to size up the beholder. My "doctorial" project was to **design** and **package His Words** of **Truth** and "**His Story**" so to entice **His** people to pick it up and **read** it before **He** arrives for "the signing". Due to the "Urchinsea" of the times and the circumstances surrounding it, this literary project was able to be **completed** in record weeks.

Dani'el 12:4 Page 669 fulfilled.

This unique "garment" would be new, refreshed, "easy to wear" with simple instructions thus enriching the old style to fit **all** mankind. It would enhance the attitude of The Author and declare what **He** wants to say to **His** people, Yisra'el and explain to them what **He** has done, is doing and what **He *shall* be** doing. No one smart sews a patch of "an unknown" cloth on an old garment because the patch will pull away from the garment thus making the *tear* even worse.

𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 entrusted His Words with **His** people to be shared with the entire world. I **knew** that when **He** gave me the desire of my heart, that it was **possible** to **design** because **He** had **given** us the idea along with the talents and skills to "sew" it **all** together.

There is not a "copyright" on **The Besorah of Yahusha**, but it is **given** to the world for anyone to make **book**s from it so that the **Name of Yahuah, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄** and **His message** to **all** mankind could reach the ends of the Earth. ***If*** anyone has a problem with this,

Please contact The Author!

As a fourth grader in public school I was **encouraged to think** what I could say or do so to have an impact on the world. ***If*** I were "god" or "the president" what would I do?

If I gained control over the whole world in any one thing and had to face my **Creator** at **the end** of my **life**time to account for it, I can't **think** of a more vital thing than **His Word**: but if I had impeded "its" spread by placing a "copyright" on **His Word**, limiting its printing so that I alone could receive royalties for its use, I'd be so *ashamed* in **His** qodesh gaze.

The **work** that **He** has **given** me to do by compiling everything from the "jacket" to "the body" with "accessories" and enriching it with "trim" is the primary reason I was created, it wasn't just to make "rags". The making of clothing was the training behind my real mission in **life**.

All of us are to be **living** offerings, **sweet** fragrances to our **Father** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, **Yahuah**. The sum of our lives is for **Him** alone. **He** has **sent** us into the world as **His Living Words**, because **His Word** is **alive** inside each of us.

How does one **know** that this is *"***The Besorah***"* **"The Besorah of Yahusha",** "**THE GENUINE ONE**" that will be *permitted to be* **printed, published** and **proclaimed** in the entire world?

A woman came to **Him** with an alabaster flask of costly perfume. She broke the flask and poured the costly perfume (**genuine** nard, **very costly**) on **His head** and **body** for **His** burial.

Everybody around wondered why this perfume was wasted because they could have received much for it (royalties).

And **Yahusha**, **seeing** that they were scolding her told them to leave her alone because she had done a **good work** for **Him.**

What **she** had, **she** used. **She** took it beforehand to **anoint My body** for the burial.

Truly, wherever this **Besorah** is *permitted to be* **proclaimed and published** in the entire world, what this woman did ***shall*** also be **spoken** of, to her **remembrance**.

To pull this **all together** I used everything that I had and I have **very** much in *common* with this woman.

When I heard my Fathers quiet warm voice, a decade ago before the

light of the day, gently calling out my name, I responded as I was **taught, this is she**.

I knew the One speaking to me.

Yahusha implanted a special verse in my **mind** and on my **heart** at the age of eight that "those who endure to **the end *shall* be saved**." **Now** with **understanding** and **wisdom** I promise you that if we endure to **the end** of this **book** and **seek** to **know** our **Father** as never before and **call on His Name** loud and clear, then we ***shall* be saved**. **He** does **know** our hearts! **He** wants us to **know His** heart and **see** things the **way He sees "things."** ***Do*** we **know** and consider the heart of our **Father** and do we really **understand** the **Covenant of Love** that was **written** on **His Son**'s heart to **deliver** to **His bride?**

His Son, Yahusha, The Living Word, promised that **He** will be with us til **the end** of the age. Well, it looks as if the dawn of **His** splendid and awesome day is in sight.

Mat. 24:14 Page 1050 and Mark 13:10 Page 1077 Forewarns that **The Besorah** of the **reign *shall* be proclaimed/published** in the entire world as a **witness** to **all** the nations and then **the end *shall*** come.

Mat. 24:13 Page 1050 and Mark 13:13 Page 1077 Forewarns us that he who ***shall*** have endured to **the end *shall* be saved**.

The **Living Word** guarantees, that IF we can get to **the end** of **The Besorah** that it is **possible** to "be **saved**" from the **coming** Day of our **Fathers** *wrath*. Let's **ask** that **He** opens our **ears** to **hear** and our eyes to **see** and our hearts to **receive**.

"HEAR O Yisra'el!"

As a **great** Coach and Trainer, The **BESORAH** challenges US to get up and STANDFORTH! Let's get on our mark! Let's gird our waist with TRUTH and let's put on the breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS. Let's fit our feet with the PREPARATION of **The BESORAH** of PEACE. Let us take up our **shields** of **belief/TRUST** with which we ***shall*** have **power** to quench **all** the *burning arrows* of the *wicked one.* **Remember** your helmet of DELIVERANCE and your sword of the **Spirit,** which is the **Word of Elohim**:

YAH-DELIVERS-HIS PEOPLE! This is **HIS MESSAGE**. David selected five **smooth** stones to overcome the enemy who reproached the armies and people of the **Elohim** of Yisra'el. Our Father has **given** us five **perfect** stones which are **His first** five **book**s; **His teaching**, **His** Torah, **His Instruction** to be shared with others. **Consider The BESORAH** our **very** own **book** of survival so

to **teach** and train us to be members of **His** family and part of **His** kingdom so to endure to **the end.** Let's get excited and begin to **READ** and learn new things so we can reason with one another.

Let us all be taught by Yahuah.
(John 6:45 Page 1131)

My mouth has been prepared and opened to be bold in making **known** the **secret** of The **BESORAH**, the **GOOD NEWS**, **YAHUSHA**! As a **teacher,** I challenge everyone to read for themselves and **read from cover to cover**. **Let His Word** to us soak in so that we will be bold enough to SPROUT and share it with others. We have a **secret**! Not everyone is going to be **saved** and your **life** is your prize. Many are called, but **few** are **chosen**!

Hustle to get to the final page and to **the end** of **The BESORAH** because your future depends upon it. Be a winner and a "**survivor**"!

Do you know His Name?

Who has gone up to the heavens
and come down?
Who has gathered the wind
in His fists?
Who has bound the waters
in a garment?
What is His Name,
And
What is His Son's Name,
If you know it?

This is an invitation to seek with all your heart
these two Names which have been suppressed!

Shemoth/Exodus 3: 14-15 Page 104
Mattithyahu/Matthew 1:21 Page 1021
Luke 1:31 Page 1084
Mishle/Proverbs 30:4 Page 838

Love in all ways! PS

PS: CHOSEN BY LOT
ACTS 1:24 Page 1155
1 SHEMU'EL 13:14 Page 348

The hidden Secret!

"In every place
Where I cause
My Name to
Be remembered
I shall come
To you
And
Bless you."

Shemoth 20:24 Page 124

Is it important whose **Name** one is introduced in?

(This information, that has blessed many, was compiled by a family member)

This is a re-cap of a conversation with Colonel Irving Bellamy "Doc" Hardy on the Corsair F4U series of aircraft. I have **always** been a fan of the Corsair F4U's and the Colonel was **kind** enough to share his story with me, on one Sabbath afternoon in the *fall* of 2000. The conversation started with his **love** for the aircraft and then **quickly** escalated into the telling of his **life** in the military. You will have to **forgive** me for not compiling this information sooner.

In 1942, Doc was 18 years old and had joined the military and took training at the University Of North Carolina Flight School. He started in the civilian pilot training course, **known** at that time as the **V-5 Program**. He then moved up to the **V-12 Line Officer** course at Bronson Field, in Pensacola Florida. He **quickly** moved up to Regimental **Command**er, along with an associate named Ted Williams.

It was at Bronson Field that Doc had made his **commitment** to the Marines as a fighter pilot. He was **promoted** to **2nd Lieutenant**. He then went to N.A.S. in Jacksonville Florida to fly what was to become his favorite aircraft, the first Corsair F4U-1A. At that time, the Navy had many issues with the aircraft, having **right hand** wing drag that made the landing on aircraft carriers difficult. The F4U-1A's had a tendency to spin-out on landing.

It was at the Cherry Point North Carolina Marine base where he **saw** a listing for Night Fighters that was when Doc signed up for what would **now** be **known** as his legacy.

In 1943, he went to Vero Beach Florida for Night Fighter Training School. After graduating, he was transferred to Eagle Mountain, Texas, to start with the **VMFN-541**, his **first** Marine Night Fighter Squadron.

In 1944, he was transferred to the **VMFN-544** and was **sent** to San Francisco, on his way to the South Pacific. He then flew to Hawaii, then to Guam to be stationed with the squadron that occupied Peleliu Island, in Palau. From there, they flew to Ulithi Island for more fuel on their way to patrol the Iwojima and Okinawa theatres.

This is where Doc's sense of humor stepped up, he was on his **way** back from what he termed "a busy day", as he approached Peleliu, he dropped altitude and did what he called "hair-cut the beach". As he described this action, the only thing I could think of was a Hollywood action movie with Doc at the controls! On approach, approximately 100 feet off the water, ¾ throttle, he banked the aircraft and dropped the rig so close to the water that he said he could feel the spray off the prop wash! As he flew over the sand, he had to **quickly** pull up to avoid what **few** trees

there were on the edge of the coast! **Now** THAT was an entrance! **Now** the term "hair cut" has a whole new meaning! With a Pratt & Whitney R-2800 radial engine, this engine created nearly 2000 hp and the ship was capable of speeds in excess of 400 mph! Keep in mind, that the propeller was 9 feet in circumference!

Now was when he started into the technical stuff that I really appreciate. He was **now** with the **VMFN-533**, a group that collected a total of 54 kills. Okinawa was a busy place and that's when Doc met up with "Ernie Pyles" a correspondent that made mention of the group from the **VMFN-542**. Doc then volunteered into that unit. His plane was down for repairs when his next mission came up. He acquired the Skipper's plane. It was equipped with 2-20mm cannons and 4-50mm's! At 2:00 am, they had tracked down a bogie. At 5 miles out, Doc tracked him in. Doc told me that the next radio communication was from the Japanese aircraft stating that "he's right behind me!" The Japanese pilot then deployed what was **known** as a "window", consisting of a tin-foil like substance that breaks up radar. Doc tracked the bomber for 15-20 minutes on approach to the carrier. The aircraft carrier went to "All Quarters" Doc cranked up the engine to full throttle, with flaps down and landing gear down. The bomber was 20 feet…….20 feet ahead of him. At 20,000 feet, the bomber had dropped into his sights and that was when Doc went to work. He took out the right engine, then the left fuel tank and **last** but not least, was the tail gunner that was peppering him with lead. ***When*** Doc had ruptured the rear tank of the bomber, he waved off. **The bomber was on a Kamikaze trip. Doc *changed* that. The bomber had just missed the ship, if it hadn't been for him, the outcome would have been devastating! Now, keep in mind that this was still before sun-up**!!!!!

Doc was the 4th to **last** plane in. Tom Danuher was the second to **last,** then came Red Jennings. The planes from the **VMFN-542** and the **VMFN-543** were back. Their **last** combat hop was to an airstrip he referred to as the Schmoo airstrip. I don't **know** if this was a slang term or an actual place. They flew into what they thought was *cross-fire*, but it was actually the troops celebrating that the war was over!

The squadrons that Doc flew with were **all night fighters**. He had **found** something that he loved in flying by navigational instruments and as he said, "the seat of my pants".

The Korean War was not a big topic of conversation to him. He had stated that the F9F8 was "kick-ass plane" that **never saw** combat. He flew an F4U-5N, with the **VMFN-114**, the last and greatest version of the plane that he loved. He wasn't impressed with the jets that he flew, simply because that weren't the Corsair. In Japan, he was with the **VMFN-314** out of Outsugi, flying the Panther jets.

The rest of the conversation turned toward the Corsair Gathering in Indianapolis. This was a one time event that was coming up and I asked him if we could go. He was excited to hear of it and about the number of Corsairs that were committed to going. There was also a Pilots Reunion

that I thought he would cherish. I **sent** him the information along with a coffee **cup** from them, hoping that the trip would happen. The gathering was on September 6th, 7th and 8th of 2002. History has been **written** that Colonel "Doc" Hardy was unable to make that Reunion.

An old saying that I think **applies to**
Colonel Irving Bellamy "Doc" Hardy:

"Don't fear the night, Fear what hunts at night"

In Memory of one of the Finest Men who ever lived.

"The Hardy Girls", Doc's daughters, were **raised** by **perfect** parents who instilled in us the values and principles that run in our blood. Doc and Barbara Anne consistently "walked their talk" and set **perfect** examples of **love** and **communication** for us to **follow**. They **encouraged** each one of us to **love** and **teach love** and **respect** to our children. The Bible/The Scriptures/ **The Besorah**, that you have in your **hand** was their favorite **Book** and **every** morning we could find them reading and sharing "**The Good News**" with one another during breakfast. We give **thanks** for the **blood** that runs from our hearts and through our veins. No one could have loved us any more than the parents that we were blessed to have **show** and **teach** us the r**eal meaning of love.** All three of us are **"imitators"** of our parents as they **"**imitated" **Yahusha** and followed **Him.**

PS: ***When*** you get to the pages with the lengthy genealogies ***remember*** this important aspect: Genealogies demonstrate 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄's continuity with the past. To the question: Is **Yahuah** still interested in us?

The answer is Yes, He has always been since Bereshith 1:1 Page 43

John 17:26 Page 1148

John 12:28 Page 1141

"UNA MAS" **LIFE** LESSON **LEFT BEHIND** FROM AN ALL AMERICAN FIGHTER PILOT: **Colonel Irving Bellamy "Doc" Hardy**

FOOL ME ONCE, SHAME ON YOU, FOOL ME TWICE SHAME ON ME!

Shame: *Disgrace*, *discredit*, *dishonor*, *suffer ill repute,* be a *reproach*) We must begin to learn from the experiences of others. As we enter into Paradise we want to keep our eyes opened wide for *booby traps*, *nets* and *snares*. By **all** means **WATCH** out for "reptiles" *disguised* in cloaks.

The **study** of **words** was passed down to me from my mother. I *did not* **understand** the utter importance of studying **words** until a decade ago. An example of her technique is **found** below. Her **dedicated skill** removes any *confusion* out of **words** that we use and read. In this case her **study** style sews **together** the profound statements of her beloved husband and ties them **together** with the **first "**problem" in Paradise.

Fool :(1) noun: **One deficient in judgment** and **good sense**. *Ass, dope, idiot, imbecile, jerk, nincompoop, ninny, nitwit, numskull, schmuck, simple, simpleton and turkey.*

Fool: (2) verb: to *deceive*, to *betray*, to *deliver up*, fiddle with, joke, tamper and to mess around with. To **cause** to **accept** what is *false,* to *trick* or *misrepresent, bamboozle, betray, bluff, delude, double-cross, hood wink, mislead, lead astray, pull the wool over someone's eyes, put something over on, take for a ride*.

It is **written**: "**Seek** for **knowledge** as silver and **search** for **it** as *hidden* treasure! ***Then*** you would **understand** the **fear** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and **find** the **knowledge** of **Elohim**.

My people *die* because of their *lack* of **knowledge**!"
Yah is my strength and song
And
He has become my **deliverance**.
He is my El and I **praise Him** –
Elohim of my father.
I **exalt Him**
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is a man of battle, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is **His Name.**
Shemoth 15:2 and 3 Page 118

PS: Hay! We're **all** in this together! Let's learn **love-obedience** this time

COME ON HOME!

IT'S TIME TO LEARN TO LIVE AND LOVE AGAIN!

(Be Careful: It's A Jungle Out There! Spiritual Weapon Needed!)

As we head out on this journey let's start at the beginnings of things and learn how man was *FOOLED*. This venture home is a challenging decision to make so let's learn from the experience of others so not to get *lost* on the **way** or get *pushed* into any pits. We will read that when a nation **follow**ed the **Ten Words** and **principles** of Yahuah, there was peace BUT when a ruler ***disobeyed*** the **life** instructions of Yahuah they ended up *dead*, *cursed* or *plagued* to wander with no end in sight. We have a grand opportunity to travel through time so to improve our present situation and secure our **everlasting** future. There is only **One** who gives **everlasting life** and it is conditional! **We must be able to abide with Him and in His Torah**.

This unique version is **published** for us so we can clearly **see** what is **right** and what is *wrong*, what is **good** and what is *evil* . We will discover the **truth** and be able to identify "the *lie* and the *liars*". We must **seek truth** and **trust** in it so that we won't be *fooled***,** *tricked* or ***deceived*** again**.** The past is the past and at the present we seem to be going to *hell* in the **bread basket**. FOOD plays an important part in the book so let's get on the move and **follow** the morsels so to uncover who we are and what we are to do. **Now** is the **perfect** time for us to **refresh** and **appreciate** the **Name** of our **Father as He wrote it**. 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 describes **Himself as** El **Compassionate**! **He** shows **favor, patience, kindness** and **truth** and loves us by **forgiving** our *crookedness, transgression* and *sin* IF we choose to come home and do things **His Way**

Our **Father knows** that **His** people have been *lied* to, *crossed, hoodwinked and bamboozled!* **He** is calling **His** sheep and **His ears** are peeled for each **precious** voice. 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 *does not* want to lose any of us so we must learn to **live** and **love** again "His Way" and return home as friends and family. **Remember,** to dwell in **His** house, we must abide by **His** principles. Each day, sheep are going to their pastors and **asking** the big questions and not getting them answered – because they *do not* **speak according** to **Torah** nor have its **wisdom**. The beginning of **knowledge** is the **fear** of **Yahuah** and **He** is the Author of **knowledge** and **wisdom**. **Now** that we **know** our **Father's Name** and have a **Mediator, Yahusha, The Living Word**, let's **boldly** approach 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 with **all** our questions. He loves to be inquired of! John 6:45 Pg 1131

We must start **asking basic questions** and strive to be educated while thirsting for the neccesary directions to find the fountain of **living** water. Let's **immerse** ourselves in **Yahusha** and run with gusto for the *tree* of **life**, trusting **<u>The</u> <u>Besorah</u>** so that we will indeed be a **blessing** and **anointed** to share "the good news, the **BESORAH** and the message" of **His reign** with the world.

"To the <u>Torah</u> and to the <u>Witness</u>!

If "they" *do not* **speak according** to this **Word**

It is because they have no light in them." YeshaYahu 8:20 Page 482

The Torah, our double edged **sword** is opening many eyes and the *old lies* cannot **stand** before it. The Torah is indeed a **SPIRITUAL** weapon against the ***deception***s of the world and each one it **touches** is confronted with its **message** of **LOVE**.

The **"Word"** is **love** (ahaba in Hebrew) and **LOVE** never fails.

May Yahusha find us sowing LOVE faithfully when He returns!

I made it home and **all heaven** rejoiced!

I have a warm coat! A ring on my finger! Gold sandals on my feet!

Life is very good!

THE CUP?
TO PARTAKE OR NOT TO PARTAKE

Turning water into fine **wine** was the first wonder of **Yahusha**. **The Besorah** of **Yahusha teaches His** followers not to put **new wine** into *old* **wineskins** or else the **wineskins** would *burst*, the **wine** *spilled* and the **wineskins** would be *ruined*. Instead, we should put **new wine** into **fresh wineskins** and both the **wine** and the **wineskins** would be **preserved.**

Yahusha, **The Living Word and His BEOSRAH** offer **fresh** and **refined wine** and the **best of the best** has been set aside for us. **Now**, *IF* we **FOLLOW Him**, let's take **"His" cup** and give **thanks** to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and share it among others. ***Do*** as **He** did!

"***But*** I say to you, **Truly**,
I ***shall*** certainly no more drink
Of this **fruit** of the **vine**
From **now** on til that day
When I drink it **anew** with you
In the reign of My Father,
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
Mattithyahu 26:29 Page 1054 & Mark 14:25 Page1078
Luke 22:18 Page 1117

DOES HIS FATHER REIGN IN OUR LIVES?

There was **another cup** offered at the **Passover** supper.
Like wise "**the cup**" also,
AFTER supper,
Yahusha said, "**This cup** is the "**renewed/refreshed**"
Covenant
IN MY BLOOD
Which is shed for you.
DO this in remembrance of Me."

The next two pages hold the Everlasting Covenant,
The Ten Words that were **in the BLOOD**
of the
PASSOVER LAMB
of
YAHUAH

THE COVENANT THAT ***WAS*** AND ***IS*** AND ***WILL BE*** **IN THE BLOOD OF YAHUSHA**

"**Hear,** O Yisra'el:
יהוה our **Elohim**, **יהוה** is one!
And you ***shall*** **love** **יהוה** your **Elohim** with **all** your **heart**,
And with **all** your **being** and with **all** your **might**.
And these **Words** which I am **commanding** you today
Shall **be** in your **heart**
And you ***shall*** **impress** them upon your children,
And ***shall*** **speak** of them when you sit in your house,
And when you **walk** by the **way** and when you **lie** down,
And when you **rise** up
And you ***shall*** **bind** them as a **sign** on your **hand**
And they ***shall*** **be** as **frontlets** between your **eyes**.
And you ***shall*** **write** them on the **doorposts** of your house
And on your **gates**."
Debarim 6:4-9 Page 243 & Mattithyahu 22:37-39 Page 1048
Mark 12:29-30 Page 1076 & Wayyiqra 19:18 Page 172
Do this and you ***shall*** **live!**
Luke 10:28 Page 1100

If you **wish** to have **everlasting life** and enter into **life**,
Guard the **commands**!
Mattithyahu 19:16-17 Page 1043

"See, the days are **coming**", **declares** **יהוה**,
When I ***shall*** make a new **covenant** with the house of Yisra'el
And with the house of Yahudah,
Not like the **covenant** I made with their fathers in the days when
I took them by the **hand** to bring them out of the land of Mitsrayim,
My covenant
Which they broke, through I was a husband to them,"**Declare**s **יהוה**.
For this is the **covenant**
I ***shall*** **make** with the house of Yisra'el **after those days**,
Declares **יהוה**;
I ***shall*** **put My Torah** in their **inward parts** and **write it** on their **hearts**.
And I ***shall*** **be** their **Elohim** and they ***shall*** **be My people**.
YirmeYahu 31:31-33 Page 566 & Ibrim 8:10-13 Page 1275
Ibrim 10:14-17 Page & Rev.13:16 Page 1311

Take a look at the following pages and see if this Covenant is written on your heart.

IYHVH ELOAH-OF-YOU WHO BROUGHT YOU FROM-LAND-OF MITSRAYIM FROM-HOUSE-OF
SLAVERIES. NOT HE-SHALL-BE TO-YOU ELOHIM OTHER-ONES BEFORE FACE-OF-ME.
NOT YOU-MAKE FOR-SELF IDOL OR-ANY IMAGE THAT IN-SKIES FROM-ABOVE OR-THAT
ON-EARTH FROM-BENEATH OR-THAT IN-WATERS FROM-BENEATH TO-EARTH NOT YOU-BOW
TO-THEM AND-NOT YOU-WORSHIP-THEM FOR I YHVH EL-OF-YOU EL JEALOUS, PUNISHING
SIN-OF FATHERS ON CHILDREN TO THIRDS AND-TO FOURTHS TO-ONES-HATING-ME BUT-SHOWING LOVE
TO-THOUSANDS TO-ONES-LOVING-ME AND-TO-ONES-KEEPING-OF COMMANDMENTS-OF-ME. NOT YOU-TAKE NAME YHVH
ELOHIM-OF-YOU FOR-MISUSE FOR NOT HE-HOLD-GUILTLESS YHVH WHO HE-TAKES NAME-OF-HIM
FOR-MISUSE. TO-REMEMBER DAY-OF THE-SHABBAT TO-SEPARATE; SIX-OF DAYS YOU-SHALL-LABOR
AND-YOU-SHALL-DO ALL-OF WORK-OF-YOU BUT-DAY-OF THE-SEVENTH SHABBAT TO-YHVH ELOHIM-OF-YOU
NOT YOU-DO ANY-OF WORK YOU OR-SON-OF-YOU OR-DAUGHTER-OF-YOU MANSERVANT-OF-YOU
OR-MAIDSERVANT-OF-YOU OR-ANIMAL-OF-YOU OR-ALIEN-OF-YOU WHO WITHIN-GATES-OF-YOU
FOR SIX-OF DAYS HE-MADE YHVH THE-HEAVENS AND THE-EARTH
THE-SEA AND ALL THAT IN-THEM BUT-HE-RESTED ON-THE-DAY THE-SEVENTH
FOR THIS HE-BLESSED YHVH DAY-OF THE-SABBATH AND-HE-MADE-SEPARATE-HIM
HONOR! FATHER-OF-YOU AND MOTHER-OF-YOU THAT THEY-MAY-BE-LONG DAYS-OF-YOU
IN THE-LAND THAT YHVH ELOHIM-OF-YOU GIVING TO-YOU
NOT YOU-MURDER NOT-YOU-COMMIT-ADULTERY NOT YOU-STEAL
NOT YOU-SHALL-GIVE AGAINST-NEIGHBOR-OF-YOU TESTIMONY-OF FALSE
NOT YOU-COVET HOUSE-OF NEIGHBOR-OF-YOU NOT YOU-COVET WIFE-OF NEIGHBOR-OF-YOU
OR-MANSERVANT-OF-HIM OR-MAIDSERVANT-OF-HIM OR-OX-OF-HIM OR-DONKEY-OF-HIM OR-ANYTHING THAT YOUR-NEIGHBOR
EXODUS 20:2-17

Torah of Yahuah
(The Eternal Covenant)

1. I AM **Yahuah** YOUR **Elohim**. HAVE NO OTHER BEFORE MY FACE.
[*NO FOREIGN NAMES*, *RITUALS*, *CUSTOMS* OF PAGANS]
2. *you do not* BOW TO *IMAGES*.
3. *you do not CAST* THE **Name** OF **Yahuah** YOUR **Elohim** TO *RUIN*.
["SHOAH" = *RUIN* - WE ARE NOT TO *DESTROY* HIS **NAME**]
4. ***remember*** SHABBATH, TO KEEP IT QODESH.
(QODESH = SET-APART = DEDICATED)
[SABBATH IS THE **Sign** OF **everlasting Covenant** OF LOVE,
EX. 31:13 Page 137, EZ. 20:16-20 Page 615
IT WAS *changed* (DAN. 7:25 Page 663) BY CONSTANTINE TO HIS "DAY OF THE SUN" IN 321 CE FOR CHRISTIANS, *changed* BY MUHAMMAD TO 6TH DAY, CIRCA 622 CE.
THE SHABBATH ACKNOWLEDGES YAHUAH AS CREATOR.
(HEB. 4.Page 1272 IN THE WORLD BEFORE *SIN* CAME and REMAINS FOR ALL ETERNIT. IS. 66:23 Pg 530, PS. 119:152 Pg798, EX. 31:13 Pg 137)
5. YOU RESPECT YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.
6. *you do not* MURDER.
7. *you do not* BREAK WEDLOCK.
8. *you do not* STEAL.
9. *you do not* BEAR FALSE **witness** AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.
10. *you do not* COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE, WIFE, SERVANTS, OX, ASS, OR ANYTHING THAT BELONGS TO YOUR NEIGHBOR.

THESE ARE TO BE DILIGENTLY **taught** TO YOUR CHILDREN and POSTED ON THE DOORPOSTS OF YOUR HOME. (Dt. 6 Page 243).

"Blessed are those **doing** *His* **Command***s, so that the* **authority** ***shall*** **be** *theirs unto the tree of* **life** *and to enter through the gates into the city."* **Rev. 22:14**
"Great shalom have they which **love** *thy* **TORAH***: and nothing* ***shall*** *offend them."* Psalm 119:165 Page 798
*"****Then*** *the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring-those who* **obey Elohim***'s* **Commandments** *(TORAH) and* **hold** *to the testimony of Yahusha ."* Rev. 12:17 Page1311
*"***Let** *no man therefore* **judge** *you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a* **festival,** *or of the New Moon, or of the* **Sabbath** *days which are a* **shadow of things** *to* **come** ***for*** *the* **body** *of (Mashiach)."* Col 2:16-17 Page 1251

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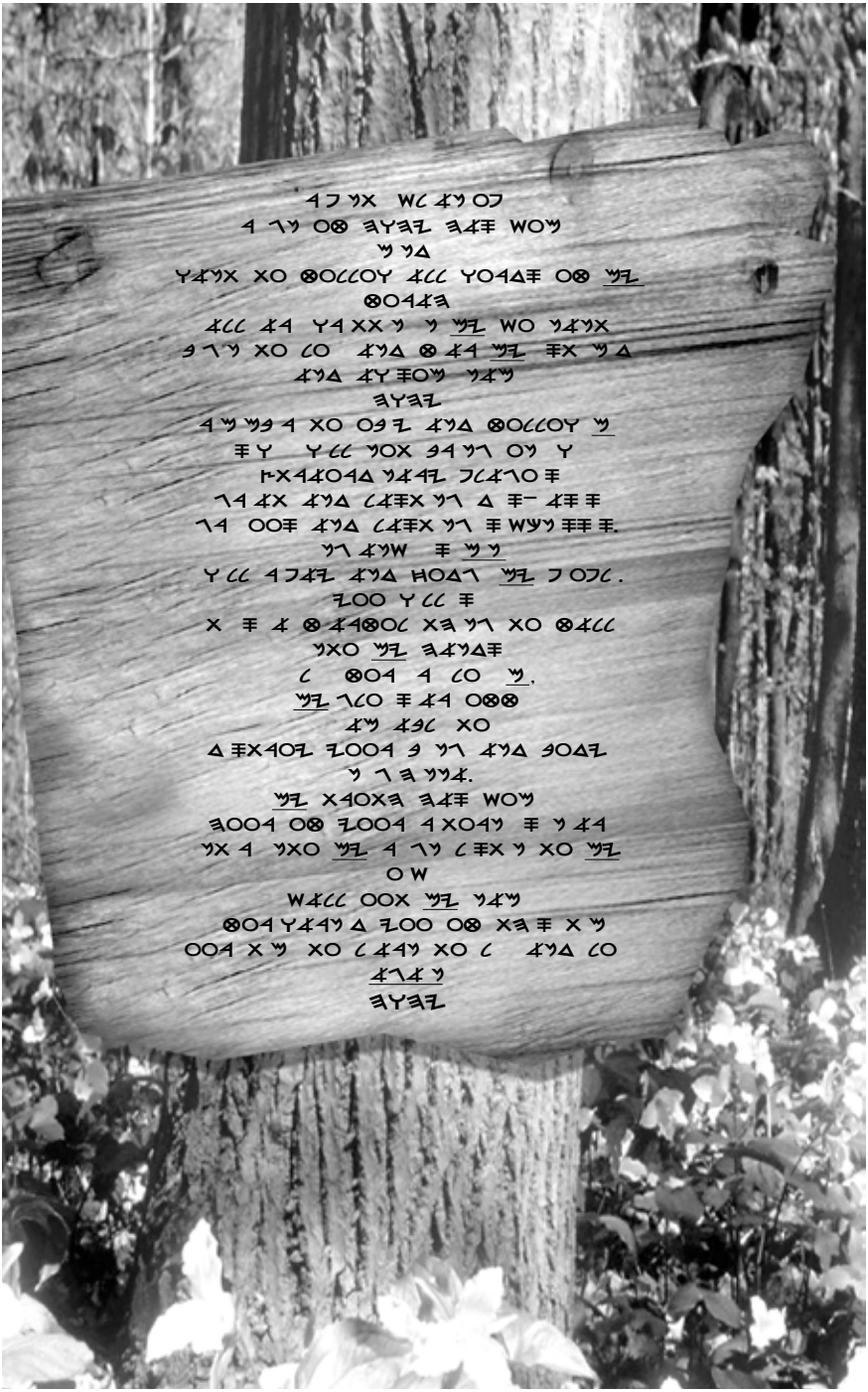
(Eph. 2, Page 1241 & Rom. 11, Page 1203)

"***If*** you **love Me,** keep **My commandments**."
John/Yahuchanon 14:15 Page 1144

Besorah (message, report, news)

Just something to *think* about...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AND THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN!

Let all the ends of the earth ***remember*** and turn to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄! ***What shall*** we do in the **day of** Yahuah's **visitation** and *ruin* **comes** to us from afar? To where will we run? Our **Father** desires us, the **remnant** of Yisra'el, to lean upon **Him** in truth. **He** will be our mighty El ***if*** we will **seek His** face while **He** can be found. This must be done with humility, remorse and **true repentance** as in the days of Jonah.

Yahuah *does not change* and the **reign** belongs to **Him!** Be wise to ***remember*** that it is only a matter of time when **He** will set **His hand,** a second time, to recover the **remnant** of **His** people and bring the two pieces of the House of Yisra'el together to be ***one***. **He *shall* raise** up a banner for the nations and **gather** the outcasts of Yisra'el and **assemble** the *dispersed* of Yahudah from the four corners of the earth. We ***shall*** see that He is eternally **trustworthy** and **true** to ***The Covenant of Yisra'el***.

Will there be a roar to **turn back** our being? 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is gathering an army for battle and they are **coming** from a distant land from **the end** of the heavens from **Him** to destroy **all** the earth. **He** says, 'Go ahead! *Howl*! Call for *your mighty ones*! <u>My</u> day is **near!**' "It" **comes** as ***destruction*** from **Him**, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, the **Almighty** and **all** hands will go *limp* and **every** heart will *melt* because we will be *afraid*. Pangs and *sorrows* will take hold of us and we will be in pain as a woman in labor. We will be amazed at one another when we see faces a flame. **See! His** day is **coming**, fierce, with wrath and *heat* of *displeasure* to lay the earth *waste* and destroy its "*sinners*" from it.

He will lead us in paths of **righteousness** for **His Name's** sake. 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 will *punish* the world for its *evil* and the "**wrong"** for their *crookedness* and will put an end to the *arrogance* of the *proud* and lay low the *pride* of the *ruthless*. **He** will make mortal man scarcer than fine gold and mankind scarcer than the gold in their treasuries <u>because</u> we have ***forgotten*** **His** Laws, **His** Name and **His** Sabbaths. We have inherited ***falsehoods***.

Have we been **"fooled"** again**?** ***Why*** do we not tremble or fear **His Name** or **His Voice? 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 declares** that **He** will make the heavens tremble and the earth *shake* from her place in **His** wrath and in the **day of** the *heat* of **His** displeasure. **He** is presiding over the nations so what will it take to get our attention?

What do we **know** about the **Reign** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄? In Joshua/Yahusha, in <u>The Besorah</u>, we are able to get a glance of what is happening today. Let's explore it with the purpose to **understand** and **perceive** the **reign** of the Heavens. **Yahuah** desires us to **know Him,** be doers of **His Word** and **always encourages** us to *choose* **life** over *death.* Is there a future for us when we read,"A **seed *shall*** serve **Him?**"Psalm 22

As a nation we're *not doing* "good" right **now** but there can be hope <u>if</u> we are to turn and do things **His way.** We must trust in Him to continue to hear the prayers of the **righteous**. Once we are walking in **His Principles**, we'll have a leg to **stand** on. Even better, if we appoint/select righteous leadership we can **speedily** move in **His** planned direction of restoration.

Yisra'el's history of redemption unfolded in **Yahuah's** Torah. **His** redemption, **deliverance,** judgment and **His** compassion for the House of Yisra'el are braided together as a ***scarlet*** thread. Joshua's story is a direct continuation of the story of Yahuah's people and mankind. 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **reveals** how **He**, to whom the whole world belongs, at that point in the history of **re**demption, **re**conquered a portion of the earth from the "powers of this world" that men had *claimed* for themselves. Those ***pagan*** nations defended their *claims* by force of arms and the *reliance* on their *false* "gods".

Yahuah commissioned **His** people, under **His** servant Joshua/Yahusha, to take Canaan in **His Name. His** plan was to take the land out of the hands of the ***idolatrous*** and ***dissolute*** Canaanites who were **completely *full of sin***. They were ***wretched*** and ***beyond redemption*** (Gen 15:16). **Yahuah,** a Man of battle, employed a certain method and the victory contained specific conditions. Because **His** people, under

the arm of Joshua, were in **complete obedience**, the victory resulted in fulfillment of **Yahuah's** ancient pledge. "These **words** are **spoken** to you that in **Me** you might have peace. In the world you have pressure but take courage, *I have overcome the world*." John 16:33

He did, He is and He will!

It is important to peer into the story of Yeriho/Jericho and see. It describes the **Reign** of **Yahuah**, Elohim of Yisra'el, breaking into the world of nations at a time when national and political entities were viewed as the creation of the "*gods*" or "*mighty ones*" and **living** proofs of "*their*" power. Thus, when 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, triumphed over the Canaanites, it testified to the whole world that **He**, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, the Elohim of Yisra'el was, is and will be the **one true and living Elohim** and **His** "claim" on the world was, is and will **always** be **absolute**. **Me and my house we will serve Yahuah! Josh 24:15**

This "war" also served as a **warning** to the nations that the ***irresistible advance*** of **His reign** would ultimately disinherit **all** those who *opposed* **Him**, giving place on **His** earth only to those who ***ac*knowledge** and ***serve* Him**, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, the Elohim of Yisra'el. At that time not only could **His** people **see** this but mankind could **see** that there was an example of an act of redemption and of judgment that gave notice of the outcome of future history and the anticipation of the destiny of mankind and **His** creation.

The battles for Canaan were **Yahuah's** set-apart wars undertaken at a time in **His** plan of redemption. **He** gave **His** people under Joshua/Yahusha *no* **commission** or **license** to conquer the world with the *sword but* a particular, **limited mission**. The conquered land *would not* become Yisra'el's national possession by right of conquest *but* it belonged to **Him,** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, Sovereign of Yisra'el.

What were Yahuah's conditions for **His** People? **His** people were ***in obedience*** to **all His commands** and **all His right-rulings** and **all** offenders were "left behind" in the wilderness. We will **read** about a **command** springing forth that goes **hand** in **hand** with what **His** people had been **taught** and **commanded**. Before *entering* into this land of plenty, Yisra'el had to **know** "the rules", the **blessings** and the *curses* that would cling to their compliance or their *rebellion* to **His Voice**. Actions are **signs** of **belief** and understanding. America, the land of plenty, is visibly ignorant of the **blessings** and the *curses* that are firmly **written** into Yahuah's Covenant.

John Wayne reportedly said: **"Life's tough…it's even tougher if you're stupid!"**

When the House of Yisra'el was unified and entered into Yahuah's land "it" had to be **cleansed** of **all** remnants of paganism. Its people and their wealth were not for Yisra'el to *seize* as booty of war so to enrich them selves but were placed under **Yahuah's** ban so to dispense of it as **He** pleased. On that land, the House of Yisra'el was **established** as a **commonwealth believing** in **Yahuah's righteous** rule and thus became a **witness** and **blessing** to the nations. **Yahuah** sternly **warned** Yisra'el that if "she" herself became *unfaithful* and *conformed* to ***pagan culture*** and *practice*, "she" would in turn lose "her" place in **His** land. Yisra'el almost *lost* her place in His land in "her" days of the **judges**. His Question: Has America's judges ruled in *conflict* with **His Ten Command**s?

America and the whole earth belong to Yahuah with everything that fills it and dwells in it. Here is an item that we haven't been **taught.** War or "the sword" is a terrible **curse** that the human race *brings upon itself* as it seeks to **possess** the earth with its own *unrighteous* ways. ***But*** it pales before the ***curse*** that waits **all** those who *oppose* the rule of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and *reject* **His** offer of grace. Our **Father** continues to reach out to **all** the nations with the news that **He saves His** people from ***sin*** and informs them, through **His prophets,** that they best not *stray* from "His Way" because **He** must **pour out His *wrath*** on *transgressors*. He is **true** to His Word.

The Elite 41 and which **"god"** are we calling upon?

A "scriptural word" was **sent** twice to our President and to America's top notch government, radio, television personalities as well as to popular television evangelists with a sincere peace offer. The **first** was **sent** 2/22/2007 and was true, direct and **very** clear. Sadly, each leader received it as a "joke" **just like in the days of Lot** and *did not* **judge** it "from above". It was not a priority to "return to our Fathers simple truth". Will there be *more* physical and spiritual consequences for our nation? ***Why*** was our Father's **hand writing** laughed at and trashed when The Living Word cried out for us to **repent** and return to His Ways**!**

R**ead** it for yourself. ***Do*** you *think* this is scriptural and hard to do?

1. Remove **all** names of other "gods" from this land and restore **My Name,** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
2. Keep **My Sabbaths** beginning with **Passover 2007.**
3. **understand My** fear and **seek Me** for **My** laws, **My** for**given**ess, **My fresh teaching** and **My** "unleavened" bread.
4. **Set-apart** the ***seventh day*** **Sabbath** and rest in your homes. "Sunday" is not **My Sabbath**. Learn about **Me** and from **Me.** ***Do*** no work. Give **Me** the **same** amount of time that you want from **Me.**
5. Remove **all** evidence of *idolatry* or ***pagan*** *traditions* and ***customs*** from your lips, bodies, homes, businesses and government buildings. **Flee** *idolatry* which is idiot-ry!

***What* is so hard about this request?**

Yahuah uses His **rod** and staff in the Besorah of Yahusha to guide and correct His people. His insistent should enhance our desire to find His **commands** and **quickly** uncover the reality that His **eternal** principles are not "**suggestions."** Each one of us risk the **true** possibility that we can be deemed guilty by *mistake, negligence*, being hood-winked or being just plain busy. ***If*** obedience is "truth" then we must get on the ball, turn ourselves around, start to make "good solid choices" and clearly put distance between us and any **wrong**/sin. We must have wise leadership who put their trust in Yahuah and are clearly **doers** of **His Laws** so to keep us from the trial of evil. This starts at home and we must put our home in order. President John Adams prayed over the home of the President:

"**I pray to Heaven to bestow the best of blessings upon this house and all that *shall* hereafter inhabit it.**
May none but honest and wise men ever rule under this roof."

𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is going to **show** us our *transgressions* and is willing to receive us back if we ac**knowledge** our *wrongs* and **repent** with our **open** hearts. He provided His **Lamb** and His **blood** to be shed for our *sins*. We must **open** our hearts to the **One** who is Love, so that He will **write** His **Words** into our hearts of *flesh* and His Precious **Name** into our minds. No one will be able to take His Words or His Name from us without our permission. As far as our leadership, if we select any who do not **know** and confess **to do ALL** of **His Command**s and right rulings, we have **sealed** our fate and if we appoint leaders who *do not* **call** upon **His Name** yet they *craftily* pledge "allegiance" to something else, we will *suffer* the "not so good" consequences. Today is the **day of** reckoning for this nation. Either we can **judge right** from ***wrong*** or we are as *wretched* and *beyond redemption* as the Canaanites.

John Adams told us: "Power **always** thinks that what it is doing is "*gods*" (Yahuah) service when it is violating **all** His Laws." The **book** of Romans explicitly forewarns us of this exact time in history therefore we have no excuse. We can't ***condone*** *sinful behavior* because The Living Word will declare us just as *guilty*.

Oh Curses! Deut 28:14-15-20-28-34-45-47

John Adams continued: "Our constitution was made for a moral and religious people and it is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." Therefore, we have the **right** to **ask** our leaders:

Who do you **serve** and **what** is the **name** of your **"god"**?

Jacob/Yisra'el asked Him His **Name** and he was blessed. ***If*** we are ***deceived*** by putting our trust in others, who serve other "gods", so to lay "claim" on us, our land and our wealth then we deserve what we get. Yahuah knows, hears and sees everything and will put the Living Word, which is the Spirit of Truth, into our hearts. Truth gives us the ability to **judge** and choose. Even a "**write** in vote" will count in **His** sight. America is doomed if "she" is **wrong** again and we must **earnestly seek** for representation who **knows good** from *evil*, **right** from *wrong*, **clean** from *unclean* and sees "matters" the **same way** our **Father** does. Just who do we have that will **stand** up for **"RIGHTEOUSNESS?"**

The doers of the **His** laws ***shall*** **be** declared **right.** Romans 2:13. At this point in time, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is **completely** justified to *destroy* this land but **He sees** "its" heart. **He** is **trustworthy** to **His** Covenants and **sees** that we have permitted others to *double cross* us time and time again. To **save** us, **His** sheep that are being led to slaughter, **He** has extended **His** awesome mercy and has another grand plan of redemption. The **Besorah of Yahusha** is "**His Voice**" calling out to **His** people and pointing out to us the direction of safety while gathering us **out** of something we shouldn't be in. Yahuah will lay "claim" on America and it will be with someone with "**His blood**", **His rod** and **His staff**. This inspired **Book** includes examples so we can exhibit to Yahuah that we, as a people, want **Him** to **free** us once more from the "entanglement" of *sin* and we direly NEED **Him** to **reign** over us. **Now** that **He** has **given** us the "**key** to **knowledge**", **His Name** and we have **His permission** to use "**it**", we have unlimited access to **Yahusha** and to the **knowledge** and **wisdom** that **He** brings.

𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is going to BLESS us! ***Whoever*** "wins" the "Whitehouse" will bring the "Shepherd of David" and "The Elohim of Yisra'el" to America. **He** said that where **He** has **caused** **His Name** to be **remembered He** will come and bless us. **His Word** is "The Two Edged Sword" so; will **He** come to "**bless** us **good**" or to "**bless** us *bad*"?

John Adams challenged America: "**Let** us tenderly and kindly cherish therefore the means of **knowledge**. **Let** us dare to **read**, **think**, **speak** and **write**!"

What is Yahuah's **desire** and what is our **mission"?** It is for **His** people to proclaim with "urchinsea" **His Name, His Reign** and **His Word.** To **accept His Love Covenant** that He places in our hearts and fortifies with **His Name** and **His Commands.** He wants **love-obedience** to **His** offer of peace as a jump start to *entering* into **His everlasting** dominion. To be good servants and enthusiastically declare **His Awesome Name** to our brothers and sisters while we walk **hand** in **hand** with **Him** to learn and apply **His** ways. Psalms 22:22 Psalms 45:17 John 17:6-10-11-26. **Yahuah's** *sword* of judgment waits in the wings – and **Yahusha** will wield it.

He has been commissioned and **knows** who he is. Rev 19:11-16 2/23/2007

Will we CHOOSE TO walk after 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, the **Elohim of Yisra'el,**
To fear **Him** and guard **His Command**s?
To obey **His** Voice and serve **Him?**
Do **we have the *strength* to cling to Him all** the days of our lives
From **now** on until **forever**?

Will you be found with the quick or with the dead?

Rev. 2:5 & 16 ~ Rev. 3:11 ~ Rev. 22:7,12 & 20

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BERESHITH - In The Beginnings

Hebrew is the "lashon qodesh", or set-apart tongue. Each **word** is not only important, but "breathed" directly from the **mind** and **heart** of the **Creator** of **Shamayim** (heavens, skies) and **Erets** (Earth) into the men who recorded these **words**.

The **word** BERESHITH is made up of these parts:
The root: **RESH** - literally "head" (by extension, beginning, or **first** in place, **time,** order, or rank).
The "**BA**" is a single letter, **BETH**, before the RESH and means "in".
The ending letter is **TAU** and makes the **word** plural.

The revelation of Yahuah's process of creation is provided for us in a series of **beginnings** for the primary particles, energies, objects and organisms so that we may **understand** the grandeur, de**sign** and **power** that **was spoken into existence**. All these things **He** did in a special act of creation, **in order** to find **joy** in the companionship of those **He** created.

Out of water (a molecule of 2 elements) **He** made **all** the other elements, calling it "**mayim**". ***When*** anyone enters **His** Covenant, they are immersed in water. This is the beginning of a new **life** that is lived for **Him** out of their **love** for **Him.** The physical universe is only a part of what Yahuah has created, since **He** was creating long before the "foundations" of the Earth were laid.

He is Life eternal and Spirit.

This **book** you are holding is about **Him** and **His life** which **He** has breathed into **His** creatures.

May you find His Life as these pages speak His
Words into your heart.

BERĔSHITH

GENESIS — 1 MOSHEH

1 In the beginning **Elohim** created the heavens and the earth.
[2]And the earth came to be formless and empty and *darkness* was on the face of the deep. And the **Spirit** of **Elohim** was moving on the face of the waters.
[3]And **Elohim** said, "**Let light come to** be," and **light** came to be.
[4]And **Elohim saw** the **light**, that it was **good**. And **Elohim** separated the **light** from the *darkness*.
[5]And **Elohim** called the **light** 'day' and the *darkness* **He** called 'night.' And there came to be **evening** and there came to be morning, the **first** day.
[6]And **Elohim** said, "**Let** an expanse **come to** be in the **midst** of the waters and let it separate the waters from the waters."
[7]And **Elohim** made the expanse and separated the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse. **And it came to be so**.
[8]And **Elohim** called the expanse 'heavens.' And there came to be **evening** and there came to be morning, the second day.
[9]And **Elohim** said, "**Let** the waters under the heavens be gathered **together** into one place and let the dry land appear." **And it came to be so**.
[10]And **Elohim** called the dry land 'earth,' and the collection of the waters **He** called 'seas.' And **Elohim saw** that it was **good**.
[11]And **Elohim** said, "**Let** the earth bring forth grass, the plant that yields seed and the **fruit** *tree* that yields **fruit according** to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth." **And it came to be so**.
[12]And the earth brought forth grass, the plant that yields seed **according** to its kind and the *tree* that yields **fruit,** whose seed is in itself **according** to its kind. And **Elohim saw** that it was **good**.
[13]And there came to be **evening** and there came to be morning, the third day.
[14]And **Elohim** said, "**Let light**s **come to** be in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night and let them be for **signs** and **appointed times** and for **days** and **years**,
[15]and let them be for **light**s in the expanse of the heavens to give **light** on the earth." **And it came to be so**.
[16]And **Elohim** made two **great light**s: the greater **light** to **rule** the day and the lesser **light** to **rule** the night and the stars.
[17]And **Elohim** set them in the expanse of the heavens to give **light** on the earth,
[18]and to **rule** over the day and over the night and to separate the **light** from the *darkness*. And **Elohim saw** that it was **good**.
[19]And there came to be **evening** and there came to be morning, the fourth day.
[20]And **Elohim** said, "**Let** the waters teem with shoals of **living** creatures and let birds fly above the earth on the face of the expanse of the **heavens.**"
[21]And **Elohim** created **great** sea creatures and **every living** creature that moves, with which the waters teemed, **according** to their kind and **every** winged bird **according** to its kind. And **Elohim saw** that it was **good**.
[22]And **Elohim blessed** them, saying, "**Bear fruit** and **increase** and **fill** the waters in the seas and let the birds

Elohim: The ending "im" is really "YM" (yod-mem) and *makes the* **word** *plural. The Hebrew root "EL" means "strength"* and *is understood to be rendered plural by the ending "YM". Since Yahuah is ONE, this often confuses people. The root "EL" is not being used as a name, but is a pronoun describing "WHAT"* **He** *is. Since the term "EL" means strength, it is really the "strengths" that are many, not the Being.* ***If*** *we only define the* **word** *"EL" as "mighty-one", then we can lose our focus on the root idea* **very** *easily. The strengths are really what are plural.*

increase on the earth."
[23]And there came to be **evening** and there came to be morning, the fifth day.
[24]And **Elohim** said, "**Let** the earth bring forth the **living** creature **according** to its kind: livestock and creeping creatures and beasts of the earth, **according** to its kind." **And it came to be so**.
[25]And **Elohim** made the beast of the earth **according** to its kind, livestock **according** to its kind and **all** that creep on the earth **according** to its kind. And **Elohim saw** that it was **good**.
[26]And **Elohim** said, "**Let** Us make man in Our *image,* **according** to Our likeness and let them **rule** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over **all** the earth and over **all** the creeping creatures that creep on the earth."
[27]And **Elohim** created the man in **His** *image,* in the *image* of **Elohim He** created him – male and female **He** created them.
[28]And **Elohim blessed** them and **Elohim** said to them, "**Bear fruit** and **increase** and **fill** the earth and **subdue** it and **rule** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over **all** creatures moving on the earth."
[29]And **Elohim** said, "**See,** I have **given** you **every** plant that yields seed which is on the face of **all** the earth and **every** *tree* whose **fruit** yields seed, to you it is for food.
[30]"And to **every** beast of the earth and to **every** bird of the heavens and to **every** creeping creature on the earth, in which there is **life**, **every** green plant is for food." **And it came to be so**.
[31]And **Elohim saw all** that **He had made** and **see,** it was **very good**. And there came to be **evening** and there came to be morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed and **all** their array.
[2]And on the **seventh day Elohim completed His work** which **He** had done and **He** rested on the **seventh day** from **all His work** which **He** had made.
[3]And **Elohim blessed** the **seventh day and set it apart**, **<u>because</u>** on it **He** rested from **all His work** which **Elohim** in creating had made.
[4]These are the births of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that **ꓭꓴꓭꓩ Elohim** made earth and **heavens.**
[5]**Now** no shrub of the field was yet on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up, for **ꓭꓴꓭꓩ Elohim** had not **sent** rain on the earth and there was no man to til the ground,
[6]but a mist went up from the earth and watered the entire surface of the ground.
[7]And **ꓭꓴꓭꓩ Elohim** formed the man out of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils breath of **life**. And the man became a **living** being.
[8]And **ꓭꓴꓭꓩ Elohim** planted a garden in Ĕḏen, to the east and there **He** put the man whom **He** had formed.
[9]And out of the ground **ꓭꓴꓭꓩ Elohim** made **every** *tree* grow that is pleasant to the **sight** and **good** for food, with the *tree* of **life** in the **midst** of the garden and the *tree* of the **knowledge** of **good** and *evil*.
[10]And a river went out of Ĕḏen to water the garden and from there it ḏivided and became four riverheads.
[11]The name of the **first** is Pishon, it is the one surrounding the entire land of Ḥawilah, where there is gold.
[12]And the gold of that land is **good**. Bdellium is there and the shoham stone.

Sabbath: Shin-beth-tau in Hebrew means "cease" or rest. In music, we **know** *that "rest" means to stop making sound. This* **word** *is also related to two other* **words***, sheba (seven)* and *shabua (week). It is the only day that was* **given** *a name of itself* and *this day was* **"Blessed***" or commended from the beginning* and set-apart **forever** *by Yahuah* **Himself***. It is the "sign" of the* **eternal** *Covenant (Ez. 20:12-20, Ex. 31:13-17). Hebrews 4:9 informs us there remains a* **Sabbath-***keeping for the people of Yahuah* and *Mt. 24:20* **instructs** *us to pray that our flight not be in winter or on the Sabbath (during the Great Tribulation).*

13And the name of the second river
is Giḥon, it is the one surrounding the
entire land of Kush.
14And the name of the third river is
Ḥiddeqel, it is the one which goes
toward the east of Ashshur. And the
fourth river is the Euphrates.
15And 𐤀𐤉𐤄𐤅 **Elohim** took the man
and put him in the garden of Ĕḏen to
work it and to **guard** it.
16And 𐤀𐤉𐤄𐤅 **Elohim commanded** the
man, saying, "Eat of **every** *tree* of the
garden,
17but *do not* eat of the *tree* of the
knowledge of **good** and *evil*, for in the
day that you eat of it you ***shall*** certainly
die."
18And 𐤀𐤉𐤄𐤅 **Elohim** said, "It is not
good for the man to be alone, **I am**
going to make a **helper** for him, as his
counterpart."
19And from the ground 𐤀𐤉𐤄𐤅 **Elohim**
formed **every** beast of the field and
every bird of the heavens and brought
them to the man to **see** what he would
call them. And ***whatever*** the man called
each **living** creature, that was its name.
20So the man gave names to **all**
livestock and to the birds of the heavens
and to **every** beast of the field. ***But*** for
the man there was not **found** a **helper**
for him, as his counterpart.
21So 𐤀𐤉𐤄𐤅 **Elohim caused** a deep
sleep to *fall* on the man and he slept.
And **He** took one of his ribs and closed
up the *flesh* in its place.
22And the rib which 𐤀𐤉𐤄𐤅 **Elohim**
had taken from the man **He** made into a
woman and **He** brought her to the man.
23And the man said, "This is **now** bone
of my bones and *flesh* of my *flesh.* This
one is called 'woman,' **<u>because</u>** she was
taken out of man."
24For this **cause** a man ***shall*** leave his
father and mother and cleave to his wife
and they ***shall*** become one *flesh.*
25And they were both naked, the man
and his wife, yet they were not ashamed.

3 And the *serpent* was more *crafty*
than any beast of the field which 𐤀𐤉𐤄𐤅
Elohim had made and he said to the
woman, "Is it **true** that **Elohim** has
said, '***Do*** *not* eat of **every** *tree* of the
garden'?"
2And the woman said to the *serpent,*
"We are to eat of the **fruit** of the trees of
the garden,
3but of the **fruit** of the *tree* which is
in the **midst** of the garden, **Elohim** has
said, '***Do*** *not* eat of it, nor touch it, lest
you *die.*' "
4And the *serpent* said to the woman,
"You ***shall*** certainly not *die.*
5"For **Elohim knows** that in the day
you eat of it your eyes ***shall*** **be** opened
and you ***shall*** **be** like **Elohim**, knowing
good and *evil*."
6And the woman **saw** that the *tree* was
good for food, that it was pleasant to the
eyes and a *tree* desirable to make one
wise and she took of its **fruit** and ate.
And she also gave to her husband with
her and he ate.
7***Then*** the eyes of both of them were
opened and they **knew** that they were
naked. And they sewed fig leaves
together and made loin coverings for
themselves.
8And they **heard** the sound of 𐤀𐤉𐤄𐤅
Elohim walking about in the garden in
the cool of the day and Aḏam and his
wife hid themselves from the presence
of 𐤀𐤉𐤄𐤅 **Elohim** among the trees of
the garden.
9And 𐤀𐤉𐤄𐤅 **Elohim** called unto
Aḏam and said to him, "Where are
you?"
10And he said, "I **heard Your voice** in
the garden and I was *afraid* **<u>because</u>** I
was naked, so I hid myself."
11And **He** said, "***Who*** made you **know**
that you were naked? Have you eaten of
the *tree* of which I **commanded** you that
you should not eat?"
12And the man said, "The woman
whom **You** gave to be with me, she gave
me of the *tree* and I ate."
13And 𐤀𐤉𐤄𐤅 **Elohim** said to the
woman, "***What*** is this you have done?"
And the woman said, "The *serpent*
deceived me and ***I ate***."

[14]And **𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 Elohim** said to the *serpent,* "**Because** you have done this, you are *cursed* more than **all** livestock and more than **every** beast of the field. On your belly you are to go and eat dust **all** the days of your **life**.
[15]"And I put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her Seed. **He *shall*** *crush* your head and you ***shall*** *crush* **His** heel."
[16]To the woman **He** said, "I greatly increase your *sorrow* and your conception – bring forth children in pain. And your desire is for your husband and he does **rule** over you."
[17]And to the man **He** said, "**Because** you have **listened** to the **voice** of your wife and have eaten of the *tree* of which I **commanded** you, saying, '***Do*** *not* eat of it': ***"Cursed*** is the ground **because** of you, in toil you are to eat of it **all** the days of your **life**,
[18]and the ground ***shall*** bring forth thorns and thistles for you and you ***shall*** eat the plants of the field.
[19]"By the sweat of your face you are to eat **bread** until you **return** to the ground, for out of it you were taken. For dust you are and to dust you return."
[20]And the man called his wife's name Ḥawwah, **because** she became the mother of **all living**.
[21]And **𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 Elohim** made coats of skin for the man and his wife and dressed them.
[22]And **𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 Elohim** said, "**See,** the man has become like one of Us, **to know good** and *evil*. And **now**, lest he put out his **hand** and take also of the **tree** of **life** and **eat** and **live forever**."
[23]so **𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 Elohim sent** him out of the garden of Ĕḏen to til the ground from which he was taken,
[24]and **He** drove the man out. And **He** placed kerubim at the east of the garden of Ĕḏen and a flaming **sword** which turned **every way,** to **guard** the **way** to the **tree** of **life**.

4 And Aḏam **knew** Ḥawwah his wife and she conceived and bore Qayin, and said, "I have gained a man from **𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄**."
[2]And again, she gave birth to his brother Heḇel. And Heḇel became a keeper of sheep, but Qayin became a tiler of the ground.
[3]And it came to be, in the course of **time,** that Qayin brought an offering of the **fruit** of the ground to **𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄**.
[4]And Heḇel also brought of the first-born of his flock and of their fat. And **𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 looked** to Heḇel and his offering,
[5]but **He** *did not* look to Qayin and his offering. And Qayin was **very** *wroth* and his face fell.
[6]And **𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄** said to Qayin, "***Why*** are you *wroth*? And why is your face fallen?
[7]"***If*** you do well, is there not acceptance? And if *you do not* do well, *sin* is *crouching* at the **door.** And its desire is for you, but you should master it."
[8]And Qayin told Heḇel his brother. And it came to be when they were in the field, that Qayin rose up *against* Heḇel his brother and *killed* him.
[9]And **𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄** said to Qayin, "Where is Heḇel your brother?" And he said, "I *do not* **know.** Am I my brother's guard?"
[10]And **He** said, "***What*** have you done? The **voice** of your brother's **blood** *cries* out to **Me** from the ground.
[11]"And **now** you are *cursed* from the earth, which has opened its **mouth** to receive your brother's **blood** from your **hand.**
[12]"***If*** you til the ground, it ***shall*** no longer yield its strength to you. You ***shall* be** a *fugitive* and a *wanderer* on the earth."
[13]And Qayin said to **𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄**, "My *punishment* is too **great** to bear!

Sin: The Hebrew **word** *is chattath* and *means offense. The old English* **word** *"sin" means to "miss", as in missing the target in archery.* ***If*** *we cease to offend Yahuah, then we are* **living** *according to* **His** *Covenant* and *remain in* **His love.**

14"**See,** You have *driven* me from the face of the ground today and I am *hidden* from **Your** face. I ***shall*** **be** a *fugitive* and a *wanderer* on the earth and it ***shall*** **be** that anyone who finds me *kills* me."
15And יהוה said to him, "Well, if anyone *kills* Qayin, **vengeance** is taken on him sevenfold." And יהוה set up a **sign** for Qayin, lest anyone finding him *kills* him.
16So Qayin went out from the presence of יהוה and dwelt in the land of Nod̲ on the east of Ěd̲en.
17And Qayin **knew** his wife and she conceived and bore Ḥanok̲. And he built a city and called the name of the city after the name of his son, Ḥanok̲.
18And to Ḥanok̲ was born Irad̲. And Irad̲ brought forth Meḥuya'ěl and Meḥuya'ěl brought forth Methusa'ěl and Methusa'ěl brought forth Lemek̲.
19And Lemek̲ took for himself two wives, the name of one was Ad̲ah and the name of the second was Tsillah.
20And Ad̲ah bore Yaḇal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents, with livestock.
21And his brother's name was Yuḇal. He was the father of **all** those who play the lyre and flute.
22As for Tsillah, she also bore TuḇalQayin, a smith of **all** kinds of tools in bronze and iron. And the sister of TuḇalQayin was Na'amah.
23And Lemek̲ said to his wives, "Ad̲ah and Tsillah, **hear** my **voice**! Wives of Lemek̲, **listen** to my **words**! For I have *killed* a man for wounding me, even a young man for hurting me.
24"For Qayin is avenged sevenfold and Lemek̲ seventy-sevenfold."
25And Ad̲am **knew** his wife again and she bore a son and called his name Shĕth, "For **Elohim** has **appointed** me another seed instead of Heḇel, **<u>because</u>** Qayin had *slain* him."
26And to Shĕth, to him also a son was born. And he called his name Enosh. ***Then*** it was begun to **call on** the **Name** of יהוה.

5 This is the **book** of the genealogy of Ad̲am. In the day that **Elohim** created man, **He** made him in the likeness of **Elohim**.
2Male and female **He** created them and **He blessed** them and called their name 'Ad̲am' in the day they were created.
3And Ad̲am lived one hundred and thirty years and brought forth a son in his own likeness, after his *image* and called his name Shĕth.
4And after he brought forth Shĕth, the days of Ad̲am were eight hundred years. And he brought forth sons and daughters.
5So **all** the days that Ad̲am lived were nine hundred and thirty years and he *died.*
6And Shĕth lived one hundred and five years and brought forth Enosh.
7And after he brought forth Enosh, Shĕth lived eight hundred and seven years and brought forth sons and daughters.
8So **all** the days of Shĕth were nine hundred and twelve years and he *died.*
9And Enosh lived ninety years and brought forth Qĕynan.
10And after he brought forth Qĕynan, Enosh lived eight hundred and fifteen years and brought forth sons and daughters.
11So **all** the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years and he *died.*
12And Qĕynan lived seventy years and brought forth Mahalal'ĕl.
13After he brought forth Mahalal'ĕl, Qĕynan lived eight hundred and forty years and brought forth sons and daughters.
14So **all** the days of Qĕynan were nine hundred and ten years and he *died.*
15And Mahalal'ĕl lived sixty-five years and brought forth Yered̲.
16And after he brought forth Yered̲, Mahalal'ĕl lived eight hundred and thirty years and brought forth sons and daughters.
17So **all** the days of Mahalal'ĕl were eight hundred and ninety-five years and

he *died.*
[18]And Yered lived one hundred and sixty-two years and brought forth Ḥanok.
[19]And after he brought forth Ḥanok, Yered lived eight hundred years and brought forth sons and daughters.
[20]So **all** the days of Yered were nine hundred and sixty-two years and he *died.*
[21]And Ḥanok lived sixty-five years and brought forth Methushelaḥ.
[22]And after he brought forth Methushelaḥ, Ḥanok walked with **Elohim** three hundred years and brought forth sons and daughters.
[23]So **all** the days of Ḥanok were three hundred and sixty-five years.
[24]And Ḥanok walked with **Elohim**. ***Then*** he was no more, for **Elohim** took him.
[25]And Methushelaḥ lived one hundred and eighty-seven years and brought forth Lemek.
[26]And after he brought forth Lemek, Methushelaḥ lived seven hundred and eighty-two years and brought forth sons and daughters.
[27]So **all** the days of Methushelaḥ were nine hundred and sixty-nine years and he *died.*
[28]And Lemek lived one hundred and eighty-two years and brought forth a son,
[29]and called his name Noaḥ, saying, "This one does comfort us concerning our **work** and the **toil** of our hands, **<u>because</u>** of the ground which יהוה has *cursed*."
[30]And after he brought forth Noaḥ, Lemek lived five hundred and ninety-five years and brought forth sons and daughters.
[31]So **all** the days of Lemek were seven hundred and seventy-seven years and he *died.*
[32]And Noaḥ was five hundred years old and Noaḥ brought forth Shĕm, Ḥam and Yepheth.

6 And it came to be, when men began to increase on the face of the earth and daughters were born to them,
[2]that the sons of **Elohim saw** the daughters of men, that they were **good**. And they took wives for themselves of **all** whom they **chose.**
[3]And יהוה said, "**My Spirit *shall*** not *strive* with man **forever** in his going *astray*. He is *flesh* and his days ***shall* be** one hundred and twenty years."
[4]The ***Nephilim*** were on the earth in those days and also afterward, when the sons of **Elohim** came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, the men of name.
[5]And יהוה **saw** that the *wickedness* of man was **great** in the earth and that **every** *inclination* of the *thoughts* of his **heart** was only *evil continually*.
[6]And יהוה was *sorry* that **He** had made man on the earth and **He** was *grieved* in **His heart.**
[7]And יהוה said, "**I am** going to wipe off man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping creature and birds of the heavens, for **I am** *sorry* that I have made them."
[8]***But*** Noaḥ **found favour** *in the eyes* of יהוה.
[9]This is the genealogy of Noaḥ. Noaḥ was a **righteous** man, **perfect** in his generations. Noaḥ walked with **Elohim**.
[10]And Noaḥ brought forth three sons: Shĕm, Ḥam and Yepheth.
[11]And the earth was *corrupt* before **Elohim** and the earth was *filled* with *violence*.
[12]And **Elohim looked** upon the earth and **saw** that it was *corrupt* – for **all** *flesh* had *corrupted their way* on the earth –
[13]and **Elohim** said to Noaḥ, "**The end** of **all** *flesh* has **come** before **Me,** for the earth is filled with *violence through them*. **See, I am** going to *destroy them* from the earth.
[14]"Make yourself an **ark** of gopherwood. Make rooms in the **ark** and cover it inside and outside with tar.
[15]"And this is how you are to make it: The length of the **ark** is three hundred

cubits, its width fifty cubits and its height thirty cubits.
16"Make a window for the **ark** and **complete** it to a cubit from above. And set the **door** of the **ark** in its side. Make it with lower, second and third decks.
17"And **see, I am** bringing floodwaters on the earth, to *destroy* ***all*** *flesh* in which is the breath of **life** from under the heavens – **all** that is on the earth is to *die.*
18"And **I *shall* establish My covenant** with you and you ***shall*** **come** into the **ark**, you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.
19"And of **all** the **living** creatures of **all** *flesh,* two of each, you are to bring into the **ark**, to keep them **alive** with you – a male and a female.
20"Of the birds after their kind and of the cattle after their kind and of **all** creeping creatures of the earth after their kind, two of each are to **come to** you, to keep them **alive.**
21"As for you, take of **all food** that is eaten and **gather** it to yourself. And it ***shall*** **be food** for you and for them."
22And Noaḥ did **according** to **all** that **Elohim commanded** him, so he did.

7 And יהוה said to Noaḥ, **"Come** into the ark, you and **all** your household, **<u>because</u> I have seen** that you are **righteous** before **Me** in this generation.
2"Of **all** the **clean** beasts take with you **seven** pairs, a male and his female; and of the beasts that are *unclean* **two**, a male and his female;
3and of birds of the heavens **seven** pairs, male and female, to keep offspring **alive** on the face of **all** the earth.
4"For after seven more days **I am** sending rain on the earth, forty days and forty nights and ***shall*** wipe from the face of the earth **all** that **stand** that I created."
5And Noaḥ did **according** to **all** that **יהוה commanded** him.
6**Now** Noaḥ was six hundred years old when the flood-waters were on the earth.
7And Noaḥ and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives went into the ark **<u>because</u>** of the waters of the flood.
8Of the **clean** beasts and of the beasts that are *unclean* and of birds and of **all** that creep on the earth,
9two by two they went into the ark to Noaḥ, male and female, as **Elohim** had **commanded** Noaḥ.
10And it came to be after seven days that the waters of the *flood* were on the earth.
11In the six hundredth year of Noaḥ's **life**, **in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month**, on that day **all** the fountains of the **great** deep were broken up and the windows of the heavens were opened.
12And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.
13On that **same** day Noaḥ and Shĕm and Ḥam and Yepheth, the sons of Noaḥ and Noaḥ's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, went into the ark,
14they and **every living** creature after its kind and **every** beast after its kind and **every** creeping creature that creeps on the earth after its kind and **every** bird after its kind, **every** bird of **every** sort.
15And they went into the ark to Noaḥ, two by two, of **all** *flesh* in which is the breath of **life**.
16Those going in, **male** and **female** of **all** *flesh,* went in as **Elohim** had **commanded** him and **יהוה shut him in**.
17And the *flood* was on the earth **forty** days and the waters increased and lifted up the ark and it rose high above the earth.
18And the waters were mighty and greatly increased on the earth and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters.
19And the waters were exceedingly mighty on the earth and **all** the high mountains under **all** the heavens were covered.
20The waters became mighty, fifteen cubits upward and the mountains were covered.
21And **all** *flesh died* that moved on the earth – birds and cattle and beasts and **every** creeping creature that creeps on

the earth and **all** mankind.
22All in whose nostrils was the breath
of the spirit of **life**, **all** that was on the
dry land, *died.*
23So **He** wiped off **all** that stand, which
were on the face of the ground – both
man and beast, creeping creature and
bird of the **heavens.** And they were
wiped off from the earth. And only Noaḥ
was left and those with him in the ark.
24And the waters were mighty on the
earth, **one hundred and fifty days**.

8 And **Elohim remembered** Noaḥ
and **all** the beasts and **all** the cattle that
were with him in the **ark**. And **Elohim**
made a *wind* to pass over the earth and
the waters subsided.
2And the fountains of the deep and the
windows of the heavens were *stopped*
and the rain from the heavens was
withheld.
3And the waters *receded* steadily from
the earth and at **the end** of the hundred
and fifty days the waters diminished.
4And in the **seventh month, the
seventeenth day of the month**, the ark
rested on the mountains of Ararat.
5And the waters decreased steadily
until the tenth month. In the **tenth**
month, on the **first** day of the month, the
tops of the mountains became visible.
6And it came to be, at **the end** of forty
days, that Noaḥ opened the window of
the ark which he had made,
7and he **sent** out a raven, which kept
going out and turning back until the
waters had dried up from the earth.
8***Then*** he **sent** out a **dove** from him,
to **see** if the waters had receded from the
face of the ground.
9***But*** the dove **found** no resting place
for its feet and returned into the ark to
him, for the waters were on the face of
all the earth. So he put out his **hand**
and took it and pulled it into the ark to
himself.
10And he waited yet another seven days
and again he **sent** the **dove** out from the
ark.
11And the **dove** came to him in the
evening and **see,** a freshly *plucked* olive
leaf was in its **mouth.** And Noaḥ **knew**
that the waters had receded from the
earth.
12And he waited yet another seven days
and **sent** out the **dove**, which *did not*
return to him again.
13And it came to be in the six hundred
and **first** year, in the **first** month, the
first day of the month, that the waters
were dried up from the earth. And
Noaḥ removed the covering of the ark
and looked and **saw** the surface of the
ground was dry.
14And in the **second** month, on the
twenty-seventh day of the month, the
earth was dry.
15And **Elohim** spoke to Noaḥ, saying,
16"**Go out of the ark**, you and your
wife and your sons and your sons' wives
with you.
17"Bring out with you **every living**
creature of **all** *flesh* that is with you: of
birds, of cattle and **all** creeping creatures
that creep on the earth. And let them
teem on the earth and bear and increase
on the earth."
18So Noaḥ went out and his sons and
his wife and his sons' wives with him,
19every beast, **every** creeping creature
and **every** bird, ***whatever*** creeps on the
earth, **according** to their kinds, went out
of the ark.
20And Noaḥ built an altar to יהוה
and took of **every clean** beast and of
every clean bird and offered burnt
offerings on the altar.
21And יהוה smelled a soothing
fragrance and יהוה said in **His heart,**
"Never again **shall I** *curse the ground*
<u>because</u> of man, although the *inclination*
of man's **heart** is *evil* from his youth and
never again *smite all living creatures*, as
I have done,
22as long as the earth remains, seedtime
and harvest and cold and heat and winter
and summer and day and night ***shall*** not
cease."

9 And **Elohim blessed** Noaḥ and his sons and said to them, "**Bear fruit** and **increase and fill the earth**.
[2]"And the **fear** of you and the *dread* of you is on **every** beast of the earth, on **every** bird of the heavens, on **all** that creeps on the ground and on **all** the fish of the sea – into your **hand** they have been **given**.
[3]"Every moving creature that lives is **food** for you. I have **given** you **all,** as I gave the green plants.
[4]"***But*** *do not* eat *flesh* with its **life**, its ***blood***.
[5]"***But*** only your **blood** for your lives I require, from the **hand** of **every** beast I **require** it and from the **hand** of man. From the **hand** of **every** man's brother I **require** the **life** of man.
[6]"***Whoever*** sheds man's **blood,** by man his **blood** is shed, for in the *image* of **Elohim** has **He** made man.
[7]"As for you, **bear fruit** and **increase**, bring forth teemingly in the earth and increase in it."
[8]And **Elohim** spoke to Noaḥ and to his sons with him, saying,
[9]"And I, **see, I establish My covenant** with **you** and with **your seed** after you,
[10]and with **every living** creature that is with you: of the birds, of the cattle and of **every** beast of the earth with you, of **all** that go out of the ark, **every** beast of the earth.
[11]"**And I *shall* establish My covenant** with you and never again is **all flesh** *cut off* by the waters of the flood and never again is there a *flood* to *destroy* the earth."
[12]And **Elohim** said, "This is the **sign of the covenant** which I make between **Me** and you and **every living** creature that is with you, for **all** generations to **come**:
[13]"I ***shall*** set **My** rainbow in the cloud and it ***shall* be** for the **sign of the covenant** between **Me and the earth**.
[14]"And it ***shall* be,** when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow ***shall* be seen** in the cloud,
[15]and I ***shall remember* My covenant** which is between **Me** and you and **every living** creature of **all flesh** and never again let the waters become a *flood* to *destroy* **all flesh.**
[16]"And the rainbow ***shall* be** in the cloud and **I *shall* see** it, to ***remember*** the **everlasting covenant** between **Elohim** and **every living** creature of **all flesh** that is on the earth."
[17]And **Elohim** said to Noaḥ, "This is the **sign of the covenant** which I have **established** between **Me** and **all flesh** that is on the earth."
[18]And the sons of Noaḥ who went out of the ark were Shĕm and Ḥam and Yepheth. And Ḥam was the father of Kena'an.
[19]These three were the sons of Noaḥ and **all** the earth was overspread from them.
[20]And Noaḥ, a man of the soil, began and planted a vineyard.
[21]And he drank of the **wine** and was drunk and became uncovered in his tent.
[22]And Ḥam, the father of Kena'an, **saw** the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside.
[23]So Shĕm and Yepheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father, but their faces were turned away and they *did not* **see** their father's nakedness.
[24]And Noaḥ awoke from his **wine** and he **knew** *what his younger son had done to him*,
[25]and he said, ***"Cursed*** is Kena'an, let him become a servant of servants to his brothers."
[26]And he said, **"Blessed** be יהוה, the **Elohim** of Shĕm and let Kena'an become his servant.
[27]"**Let Elohim** enlarge Yepheth and let him dwell in the tents of Shĕm. And let Kena'an become his servant."
[28]And Noaḥ lived after the *flood* three hundred and fifty years.
[29]So **all** the days of Noaḥ were nine hundred and fifty years and he *died.*

10 And this is the genealogy of the sons of Noaḥ: Shĕm, Ḥam and Yepheth.

And sons were born to them after the flood.
[2]The sons of Yepheth: Gomer and Maḡoḡ and Maḏai and Yawan and Tuḇal and Mesheḵ and Tiras.
[3]And the sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz and Riphath and Toḡarmah.
[4]And the sons of Yawan: Elishah and Tarshish, Kittim and
[5]From these the coastland peoples of the nations were separated into their lands, everyone **according** to his **language, according** to their clans, into their nations.
[6]And the sons of Ḥam: Kush and Mitsrayim and Put and Kenaʻan.
[7]And the sons of Kush: Seḇa and Ḥawilah and Saḇtah and Raʻmah and Saḇteḵa. And the sons of Raʻmah: Sheḇa and Deḏan.
[8]And Kush brought forth Nimroḏ, he began to be a *mighty one* on the earth.
[9]He was a mighty hunter before יהוה, therefore it is said, "Like Nimroḏ the mighty hunter before יהוה."
[10]And the beginning of his **reign** was Baḇel and Ereḵ and Akkaḏ and Kalnĕh, in the land of Shinʻar.
[11]From that land he went to Ashshur and built Ninewĕh and Reḥoḇoth Ir and Kelaḥ,
[12]and Resen between Ninewĕh and Kelaḥ, the **great** city.
[13]And Mitsrayim brought forth Luḏim and Anamim and Lehaḇim and Naphtuḥim,
[14]and Pathrusim and Kasluḥim, from whom came the Philistines and Kaphtorim.
[15]And Kenaʻan brought forth Tsiḏon his first-born and Ḥĕth,
[16]and the Yeḇusite and the Amorite and the Girgashite,
[17]and the Ḥiwwite and the Arqite and the Sinite,
[18]and the Arwaḏite and the Tsemarite and the Ḥamathite. And afterward the clans of the Kenaʻanites were spread abroad.
[19]And the border of the Kenaʻanites was from Tsiḏon as you go toward Gerar, as far as Azzah, as you go toward Seḏom and Amorah and Aḏmah and Tseḇoyim, as far as Lasha.
[20]These were the sons of Ḥam, **according** to their clans, **according** to their languages, in their lands, in their nations.
[21]And also to Shĕm, the father of **all** the children of Ĕḇer, the brother of Yepheth the elder, children were born.
[22]The sons of Shĕm: Ĕylam and Asshur and Arpaḵshaḏ and Luḏ and Aram.
[23]And the sons of Aram: Uts and Ḥul and Gether and Mash.
[24]And Arpaḵshaḏ brought forth Shelaḥ, and Shelaḥ brought forth Ĕḇer.
[25]And to Ĕḇer were born two sons, the name of one was Peleḡ, for in his days the earth was divided and his brother's name was Yoqtan.
[26]And Yoqtan brought forth Almoḏaḏ and Sheleph and Ḥatsarmaweth and Yeraḥ,
[27]and Haḏoram and Uzal and Diqlah,
[28]and Oḇal and Aḇima'ĕl and Sheḇa,
[29]and Ophir and Ḥawilah and Yoḇaḇ. All these were sons of Yoqtan.
[30]And their dwelling place was from Mĕysha as you go toward Sephar, a mountain of the east.
[31]These were the sons of Shĕm, **according** to their clans, **according** to their languages, in their lands, **according** to their nations.
[32]These were the clans of the sons of Noaḥ, **according** to their generations, in their nations. And from these the nations were divided on the earth after the flood.

11 And **all** the earth had one language/lip and one speech.
[2]And it came to be, as they set out from the east, that they **found** a plain in the land of Shinʻar and they dwelt there.
[3]And they said to each other, **"Come,** let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone and they had asphalt for mortar.

4And they said, **"Come,** let us build ourselves a city and a *tower* whose top is in the heavens and make a *name* for ourselves, lest we be *scattered* over **all** the face of the earth."
5***Then*** יהוה came down to **see** the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.
6And יהוה said, "Look, they are one people and they **all** have one **language** and this is what they begin to do! And **now**, they are not going to be withheld from doing ***whatever*** they plan to do.
7**"Come,** let Us go there and *confuse* their **language,** so that they *do not* **understand** one another's speech."
8And יהוה *scattered* them from there, over the face of **all** the earth and they left off building the city.
9That is why its name was called Baḇel, **because** there יהוה **confused** the **language** of **all** the earth and from there יהוה *scattered* them over the face of **all** the earth.
10This is the genealogy of Shĕm: Shĕm was a hundred years old and brought forth Arpaḵshaḏ, two years after the flood.
11And after he brought forth Arpaḵshaḏ, Shĕm lived five hundred years and brought forth sons and daughters.
12And Arpaḵshaḏ lived thirty-five years and brought forth Shelaḥ.
13And after he brought forth Shelaḥ, Arpaḵshaḏ lived four hundred and three years and brought forth sons and daughters.
14And Shelaḥ lived thirty years and brought forth Ĕḇer.
15And after he brought forth Ĕḇer, Shelaḥ lived four hundred and three years and brought forth sons and daughters.
16And Ĕḇer lived thirty-four years and brought forth Peleḡ.
17And after he brought forth Peleḡ, Ĕḇer lived four hundred and thirty years and brought forth sons and daughters.
18And Peleḡ lived thirty years and brought forth Re'u.
19And after he brought forth Re'u, Peleḡ lived two hundred and nine years and brought forth sons and daughters.
20And Re'u lived thirty-two years and brought forth Seruḡ.
21And after he brought forth Seruḡ, Re'u lived two hundred and seven years and brought forth sons and daughters.
22And Seruḡ lived thirty years and brought forth Naḥor.
23And after he brought forth Naḥor, Seruḡ lived two hundred years and brought forth sons and daughters.
24And Naḥor lived twenty-nine years and brought forth Teraḥ.
25And after he brought forth Teraḥ, Naḥor lived one hundred and nineteen years and brought forth sons and daughters.
26And Teraḥ lived seventy years and brought forth Aḇram, Naḥor and Haran.
27And this is the genealogy of Teraḥ: Teraḥ brought forth Aḇram, Naḥor and Haran. And Haran brought forth Lot.
28And Haran died before his father Teraḥ in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans.
29And Aḇram and Naḥor took wives: the name of Aḇram's wife was Sarai and the name of Naḥor's wife, Milkah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milkah and the father of Yiskah.
30And Sarai was *barren*, she had no child.
31And Teraḥ took his son Aḇram and his grandson Lot, son of Haran and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Aḇram's wife and they went out with them from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Kena'an.
And they came to Ḥaran and dwelt there.
32And the days of Teraḥ came to be two hundred and five years and Teraḥ died in Ḥaran.

12 And יהוה said to Aḇram, "**Go yourself out of your land**, from your relatives and from your father's house, **to a land which I show you**.
2"And I ***shall*** make you a **great** nation and **bless** you and make your name great

and you ***shall*** **be** a **blessing!**
3"**And I *shall* bless those who bless you** and *curse* **him who** *curses* **you**. And in you **all** the clans of the earth ***shall* be blessed**."
4So Abram left, as יהוה had **commanded** him and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran.
5And Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son and **all their possessions** that they had gathered and the beings whom they had acquired in Haran and they set out for the land of Kena'an. And they came to the land of Kena'an.
6And Abram passed through the land to the place of Shekem, as far as the terebinth *tree* of Moreh. At that **time** the Kena'anites were in the land.
7And יהוה appeared to Abram and said, "**To your seed I give this land**." And he built there an altar to יהוה, who had appeared to him.
8And from there he moved to the mountain east of Běyth Ěl and he pitched his tent, with Běyth Ěl on the west and Ai on the east. And he built there an altar to יהוה and **called on the Name** of יהוה.
9And Abram set out, continuing toward the South.
10And a *scarcity of food* came to be in the land and Abram went down to Mitsrayim to dwell there, for the *scarcity of food* was *severe* in the land.
11And it came to be, when he was close to entering Mitsrayim, that he said to Sarai his wife, "**See,** I **know** that you are a fair woman to look at.
12"And it ***shall* be,** when the Mitsrites **see** you, that they ***shall*** say, 'This is his wife.' And they ***shall*** *kill* me, but let you **live.**
13"Please say you are my sister, so that it ***shall* be** well with me for your sake and my **life** be spared **because** of you."
14And it came to be, when Abram came into Mitsrayim, that the Mitsrites **saw** the woman, that she was **very fair**.
15And Pharaoh's officials **saw** her and p**raised** her before Pharaoh and the woman was taken to Pharaoh's house.
16And he treated Abram well for her sake and he had sheep and cattle and male donkeys and male and female servants and female donkeys and camels.
17***But*** יהוה *plagued* Pharaoh and his house with **great** *plagues* **because** of Sarai, Abram's wife.
18And Pharaoh called Abram and said, "***What*** is this you have done to me? ***Why*** did you not inform me that she was your wife?
19"***Why*** did you say, 'She is my sister'? And so I was going to take her for my wife. Look, here is your wife, take her and go."
20And Pharaoh **commanded** his men concerning him and they **sent** him away, with his wife and **all** that he had.

13 And Abram went up from Mitsrayim into the South, he and his wife and **all** that he had and Lot with him.
2And Abram was **very** rich in livestock, in silver and in gold.
3And he went on his journey from the South as far as Běyth Ěl, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Běyth Ěl and Ai,
4to the place of the altar which he had made there at first**.** And there Abram **called on the Name** of יהוה.
5**Now** Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents.
6And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together, for their possessions were great, so that they *could not* dwell together.
7And there was *strife* between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. And at that **time** the Kena'anites and the Perizzites dwelt in the land.
8***Then*** Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no *strife* between you and me and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are brothers.
9"Is not **all** the land before you? Please separate from me. ***If*** you take the left,

then I go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I go to the left."
10And Lot lifted his eyes and **saw all** the plain of the Yarděn, that it was well watered everywhere – before יהוה ***destroyed*** Sedom and Amorah – like the garden of יהוה, like the land of Mitsrayim as you go toward Tso'ar.
11So Lot **chose** for himself **all** the plain of the Yarděn and Lot moved east. Thus they separated from each other,
12Abram dwelling in the land of Kena'an and Lot dwelling in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent as far as Sedom.
13***But*** the men of Sedom were *evil* and *sinned* before יהוה, *exceedingly so*.
14And after Lot had separated from him, יהוה said to Abram, "**Now** lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward,
15for **all the land which you see I shall give to you and your seed forever**.
16"And **I shall make your seed as the dust of the earth, so that, if a man could count the dust of the earth, then your seed also could be counted**.
17"Arise, **walk** in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you."
18So Abram moved his tent and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamrě, which are in Hebron and built an altar there to יהוה.

14 1And it came to be in the days of Amraphel sovereign of Shin'ar, Aryok sovereign of Ellasar, Kedorla'omer sovereign of Ělylam and Tid'al sovereign of Goyim,
2that they *fought <u>against</u>* Bera sovereign of Sedom, Birsha sovereign of Amorah, Shinab sovereign of Admah, Shem'ěber sovereign of Tseboyim and the sovereign of Bela, that is Tso'ar.
3All these joined **together** in the Valley of Siddim, that is the Salt Sea.
4Twelve years they **served** Kedorla'omer and in the thirteenth year they *rebelled*.
5And in the fourteenth year Kedorla'omer and the sovereigns that were with him came and *smote* the Repha'im in Ashteroth Qarnayim and the Zuzim in Ham and the Ěmites in Shawěh Qiryathayim,
6and the Horites in their mountain of Sě'ir, as far as Ěl Paran, which is by the wilderness.
7And they turned back and came to Ěn Mishpat, that is Qaděsh and *smote* **all** the country of the Amalěqites and also the Amorites who dwelt in Hatsetson Tamar.
8And the sovereign of Sedom and the sovereign of Amorah and the sovereign of Admah and the sovereign of Tseboyim and the sovereign of Bela, that is Tso'ar, went out and joined **together** in battle in the Valley of Siddim,
9*<u>against</u>* Kedorla'omer sovereign of Ělylam and Tid'al sovereign of Goyim and Amraphel sovereign of Shin'ar and Aryok sovereign of Ellasar – four sovereigns *<u>against</u>* five.
10And the Valley of Siddim had many tar pits. And the sovereigns of Sedom and Amorah fled and fell there and the remainder fled to the mountains.
11And they took **all the goods** of Sedom and Amorah and **all their food** and went away.
12And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son who dwelt in Sedom and his goods and left.
13And one who had **escaped** came and informed Abram the Hebrew, for he dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamrě the Amorite, brother of Eshkol and brother of Anĕr and they had a **covenant** with Abram.
14And when Abram **heard** that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house and went in pursuit as far as Dan.
15And he and his servants divided *<u>against</u>* them by night and *smote* them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is on the left of Damascus.
16So he brought back **all** the goods and

also brought back his brother Lot and
his goods, as well as the women and the
people.
[17]And after his **return** from the defeat
of Kedorla'omer and the sovereigns who
were with him, the sovereign of Sedom
came out to meet him at the Valley of
Shawĕh, that is, the Sovereign's Valley.
[18]And Malkitsedeq sovereign of Shalĕm
brought out **bread** and **wine**. **Now** he
was the priest of the **Most High** Ĕl.
[19]And he **blessed** him and said,
"Blessed be Abram of the **Most High**
Ĕl, Possessor of the heavens and earth.
[20]"And **blessed** be the **Most High** Ĕl
who has **delivered** your enemies into
your **hand.**" And he gave him a tenth of
all.
[21]And the sovereign of Sedom said to
Abram, "Give me the people and take
the goods for yourself."
[22]***But*** Abram said to the sovereign
of Sedom, "I have lifted my **hand**
to ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, the **Most High** Ĕl**, the**
Possessor of the heavens and earth,
[23]not to take a thread or a sandal strap
or ***whatever*** is yours, lest you should
say, 'I have made Abram rich,'
[24]except only what the young men have
eaten and the portion of the men who
went with me: Aněr, Eshkol and Mamrĕ.
Let them take their portion."

15 After these events the **Word**
of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ came to Abram in a **vision,**
saying, "***Do*** *not* be *afraid*, Abram. I am
your shield, your reward is exceedingly
great."
[2]And Abram said, "**Master** ꓤꓴꓤꓩ,
what would You give me, **seeing** I go
childless and the **heir** of my house is
Eli'ezer of Damascus?"
[3]And Abram said, "**See,** You have
given me no seed and **see,** one born in
my house is my **heir!**"
[4]And **see,** the **Word** of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ came to
him, saying, "This one is not your **heir,**
but he who **comes** from your own body
is your **heir.**"
[5]And **He** brought him outside and
said, "Look **now** toward the heavens and
count the stars if you are able to count
them." And **He** said to him, "So are your
seed."
[6]And he **believed** in ꓤꓴꓤꓩ and **He**
reckoned it to him for **righteousness**.
[7]And **He** said to him, "**I am** ꓤꓴꓤꓩ,
who brought you out of Ur of the
Chaldeans, to give you this land to
inherit it."
[8]And he said, "**Master** ꓤꓴꓤꓩ,
whereby do I **know** that I **possess** it?"
[9]And **He** said to him, "Bring **Me** a
three year-old heifer and a three year-old
female goat and a three year-old ram and
a turtledove and a young pigeon."
[10]And he took **all** these to **Him** and *cut*
them in the middle and placed each half
opposite the other, but he *did not cut* the
birds.
[11]And the birds of prey came down on
the carcasses and Abram drove them
away.
[12]And it came to be, when the sun was
going down and a deep sleep fell upon
Abram, that **see,** a frightening **great**
darkness fell upon him.
[13]And **He** said to Abram, "**Know**
for certain that your seed are to be
sojourners in a land that is not theirs and
shall **serve** them and they ***shall*** *afflict*
them four hundred years.
[14]"***But*** the *nation* whom they **serve I**
am going to judge and afterward let
them **come out** with **great** possessions.
[15]"**Now** as for you, you are to go to
your fathers in peace, you are to be
buried at a **good** old age.
[16]"Then, in the fourth generation they
shall **return** here, for the *crookedness* of
the Amorites is not yet **complete**."
[17]And it came to be, when the sun
went down and it was dark, that **see,**
a smoking oven and a *burning* torch
passing between those pieces.
[18]On the **same** day ꓤꓴꓤꓩ made a
covenant with Abram, saying, "I have
given this land to your seed, from the
river of Mitsrayim to the **great** river,
the River Euphrates,

[19]with the Qĕynite and the Qenizzite and the Qadmonite,
[20]and the Ḥittite and the Perizzite and the Repha'im,
[21]and the Amorite and the Kena'anite and the Girgashite and the Yeḇusite."

16 And Sarai, Aḇram's wife, had borne him no child. And she had a Mitsrite female servant whose name was Haḡar.
[2]And Sarai said to Aḇram, "**See,** ꓤꓴꓤꓵ has kept me from bearing children. Please, go in to my female servant. It might be that I am built up by her." And Aḇram **listened** to the **voice** of Sarai.
[3]And Sarai, Aḇram's wife, took Haḡar her female servant, the Mitsrite and gave her to her husband Aḇram to be his wife, after Aḇram had dwelt ten years in the land of Kena'an.
[4]And he went in to Haḡar and she conceived. And when she **saw** that she had conceived, her ***mistress*** was *despised* in her eyes.
[5]And Sarai said to Aḇram, "My ***wrong*** be upon you! I gave my female servant into your bosom. And when she **saw** that she had conceived, I was *despised* in her eyes. **Let** ꓤꓴꓤꓵ **judge** between you and me."
[6]And Aḇram said to Sarai, "**See,** your female servant is in your **hand,** do to her what is **good** in your eyes." And Sarai treated her harshly and she fled from her presence.
[7]And the Messenger of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ **found** her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the **way** to Shur,
[8]and **He** said, "Haḡar, Sarai's female servant, where have you **come** from and where are you going?" And she said, "I am *fleeing* from the presence of Sarai, my mistress."
[9]And the Messenger of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ said to her, "Return to your mistress and humble yourself under her **hand.**"
[10]And the Messenger of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ said to her, "I am going to increase your seed greatly, too numerous to be counted."
[11]And the Messenger of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ said to her, "**See,** you are conceiving and bearing a son and ***shall*** **call** his name Yishma'ĕl, **<u>because</u>** ꓤꓴꓤꓵ has **heard** your *affliction*.
[12]"And he is to be a wild man, his **hand** *<u>against</u>* **every** one and **every** one's **hand** *<u>against</u>* him and dwell over *<u>against</u>* **all** his brothers."
[13]And she called the **Name** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ who spoke to her, "**You are the** Ĕl **who sees**," for she said, "Even here have I **seen** after **Him** who sees me?"
[14]That is why the well was called Be'ĕr Lahai Ro'i, **see,** it is between Qaḏĕsh and Bereḏ.
[15]And Haḡar bore Aḇram a son and Aḇram called the name of his son, whom Haḡar bore, Yishma'ĕl.
[16]And Aḇram was eighty-six years old when Haḡar bore Yishma'ĕl to Aḇram.

17 And it came to be when Aḇram was ninety-nine years old, that ꓤꓴꓤꓵ appeared to Aḇram and said to him, "**I am** Ĕl **Shaddai** – **walk** before **Me** and be **perfect.**
[2]"And I **give My covenant** between **Me** and you and ***shall*** greatly increase you."
[3]And Aḇram fell on his face and **Elohim** spoke with him, saying,
[4]"As for **Me,** look, **My covenant** is with you and you ***shall*** become a father of many **nations**.
[5]"And no longer is your name called Aḇram, but your name ***shall*** **be** Aḇrahim, **<u>because</u>** I ***shall*** make you a father of many nations.

Slight change in Abrahams name: Abu Ramu (exalted father) was changed to Abrahim (father of nations). The ending "im" is really "ym" (yod-mem) and *makes the* **word** *plural.*

6"And I ***shall*** make you bear **fruit** exceedingly and make nations of you and sovereigns ***shall*** **come** from you.
7"And **I *shall* establish My covenant** between **Me** and you and your **seed** after you in their generations, for an **everlasting** covenant, to be **Elohim** to you and your **seed** after you.
8"And I ***shall*** give to you and your **seed** after you the land of your sojournings, **all** the land of Kena'an, as an **everlasting** possession. And I ***shall*** **be** their **Elohim**."
9And **Elohim** said to Aḇrahim, "As for you, **guard My covenant**, you and your seed after you throughout their generations.
10"This is **My covenant** which you **guard** between **Me** and you and your seed after you: Every male child among you is to be circumcised.
11"And you ***shall*** circumcise the *flesh* of your foreskin and it ***shall*** become a **sign of the covenant** between **Me** and you.
12"And a son of eight days is circumcised by you, **every** male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with silver from any foreigner who is not of your seed.
13"He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your silver, has to be circumcised. So ***shall*** **My covenant** be in your *flesh,* for an **everlasting covenant.**
14"And an *uncircumcised* male child, who is not circumcised in the *flesh* of his foreskin, his **life *shall* be** *cut off* from his people – he has broken **My covenant.**"
15And **Elohim** said to Aḇrahim,"As for Sarai your wife, *do not* **call** her name Sarai, for Sarah is her name.
16"And I ***shall*** **bless** her and also give you a son by her. And I ***shall*** **bless** her and she ***shall*** become nations – sovereigns of peoples are to be from her."
17And Aḇrahim fell on his face and laughed and said in his **heart,** "Is a child born to a man who is a hundred years old? Or is Sarah, who is ninety years old, to bear a child?"
18And Aḇrahim said to **Elohim**, "Oh, let Yishma'ĕl **live** before **You**!"
19And **Elohim** said, "No, Sarah your wife is **truly** bearing a son to you and you ***shall*** **call** his name Yitsḥaq. And **I *shall* establish My covenant** with him for an **everlasting** covenant and with his **seed** after him.
20"And as for Yishma'ĕl, I have **heard** you. **See,** I ***shall*** **bless** him and ***shall*** make him bear **fruit** and greatly increase him. **He** is to bring forth twelve princes and I ***shall*** make him a **great** nation.
21"***But*** **My covenant** I **establish** with **Yitsḥaq**, whom Sarah is to bear to you at this set **time** next year."
22And when **He** had ended speaking with him, **Elohim** went up from Aḇrahim.
23And Aḇrahim took Yishma'ĕl his son and **all** those born in his house and **all** those bought with his silver, **every** male among the men of Aḇraham's house and circumcised the *flesh* of their foreskins that **same** day, as **Elohim** told him.
24And Aḇrahim was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the *flesh* of his foreskin.
25And Yishma'ĕl his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the *flesh* of his foreskin.
26Aḇrahim and his son Yishma'ĕl were circumcised that **same** day.
27And **all** the men of his house, born in the house or bought with silver from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

18 And יהוה appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamrĕ, while he was sitting in the tent **door** in the *heat* of the day.
2So he lifted his eyes and looked and **saw** three men standing opposite him. And when he **saw** them, he ran from the tent **door** to meet them and bowed himself to the ground,
3and said, "יהוה, if I have **now found favour** in **Your** eyes, please *do not* pass **Your** servant by.
4"Please let a *little* water be brought and wash your feet and rest yourselves under the *tree.*

5"And let me bring a piece of **bread** and refresh your **hearts** and then go on, for this is why you have **come to** your servant." And they said, "***Do*** as you have said."
6So Abrahim ran into the tent to Sarah and said, "Hurry, make **ready** three measures of fine flour, knead it and make cakes."
7And Abrahim ran to the herd, took a tender and **good** calf, gave it to a young man and he hurried to **prepare** it.
8And he took curds and milk and the *calf* which he had prepared and set it before them and he stood by them under the *tree* as they ate.
9And they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "**See,** in the tent."
10And **He** said, "I ***shall*** certainly **return** to you **according** to the **time** of **life** and **see,** Sarah your wife is to have a son!" And Sarah was **listen**ing in the tent **door** which was behind him.
11**Now** Abrahim and Sarah were old, well advanced in age and Sarah was past the **way** of women.
12And Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, ***shall*** I have pleasure, my master being old too?"
13And יהוה said to Abrahim,"***Why*** did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I **truly** have a child, since I am old?'
14"Is any matter too hard for יהוה? At the **appointed time** I am going to **return** to you, **according** to the **time** of **life** and Sarah is to have a son."
15***But*** Sarah *denied* it, saying, "I *did not* laugh," for she was *afraid*. And **He** said, "No, but you did laugh!"
16And the men rose up from there and **looked** toward Sedom and Abrahim went with them to send them away.
17And יהוה said, "***Shall*** I hide from Abrahim what I am doing,
18since Abrahim is certainly going to become a **great** and mighty nation and **all** the nations of the earth ***shall*** **be blessed** in him?
19"For I have **known** him, so that he **commands** his children and his household after him, to **guard** the **way** of יהוה, to do **righteousness** and right-ruling, so that יהוה brings to Abrahim what **He** has **spoken** to him."
20And יהוה said, "**Because** the outcry *against* Sedom and Amorah is great and **because** *their sin* is **very** heavy,
21"**I am going down now to see** whether they have done al**together according** to the outcry *against* it that has **come to Me** and if not, **I know.**"
22So the men turned away from there and went toward Sedom, but יהוה still stood before Abrahim.
23And Abrahim drew **near** and said, "Would **You** also *destroy* the **righteous** with the *wrong?*
24"Suppose there are fifty **righteous** within the city, would **You** also *destroy* the place and *not spare* it for the fifty **righteous** that were in it?
25"Far be it from **You** to act in this **way,** to *slay* the **righteous** with the ***wrong,*** so that the **righteous** should be as the *wrong.* Far be it from **You**! Does the **Judge of all the earth** not do right?"
26And יהוה said, "***If*** I find in Sedom fifty **righteous** within the city, then I ***shall*** spare **all** the place for their sakes."
27And Abrahim answered and said, "Look, please, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to **speak** to יהוה,
28"Suppose there are five less than the fifty **righteous,** would **You** *destroy* **all** of the city for lack of five?" And **He** said, "***If*** I find there forty-five, I *do not destroy* it."
29And he spoke to **Him** yet again and said, "Suppose there are **found** forty?" And **He** said, "**I** *would not* **do it** for the sake of forty."
30And he said, "**Let** not יהוה be *displeased* and let me speak: Suppose there are **found** thirty?" And **He** said, "**I** *would not* **do it** if I find thirty there."
31And he said, "Look, please, I have taken it upon myself to **speak** to יהוה: Suppose there are **found** twenty?" And **He** said, "**I** *would not destroy* it

for the sake of twenty."
[32]And he said, "**Let** not יהוה be *displeased* and let me **speak** only this time: Suppose there are **found** ten?" And **He** said, "**I** *would not destroy* it for the sake of ten."
[33]***Then*** יהוה went away as soon as **He** had ended speaking to Abrahim. And Abrahim returned to his place.

19 And the two messengers came to Sedom in the **evening** and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sedom. And when Lot **saw** them, he rose up to meet them and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground,
[2]and he said, "Look, please my masters, please turn in to your servant's house and spend the night and wash your feet and rise early and go your **way.**" And they said, "No, but let us spend the night in the **open** square."
[3]***But*** he urged them strongly and they turned in to him and came into his house. And he made them a feast and baked unleavened bread and they ate.
[4]Before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sedom, both old and young, **all** the people from **every** part, surrounded the house.
[5]And they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us and let us 'know' them."
[6]So Lot went out to them through the **door**way and shut the **door** behind him,
[7]and said, "Please, my brothers, *do not* do *evil*!
[8]"Look, please, I have two daughters who have not **known** a man. Please, let me bring them out to you and do to them as you **wish,** only do no **deed** to these men, **<u>because</u>** they have **come** under the shadow of my roof."
[9]***But*** they said, "Stand back!" And they said, "This one came in to sojourn and should he **always** judge? **Now** we are going to treat you worse than them." So they pressed hard *<u>against</u>* the man Lot and came **near** to *break down* the **door.**
[10]***But*** the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them and shut the **door.**
[11]***Then*** they *struck* the men who were at the doorway of the house with *blindness,* both small and great and they wearied themselves to find the **door.**
[12]And the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? A son-in-law and your sons and your daughters and ***whomever*** you have in the city – bring them out of this place!
[13]"For we are going to *destroy* this place, **<u>because</u>** the cry *<u>against</u>* them has grown **great** before the face of יהוה and יהוה has **sent** us to *destroy* it."
[14]And Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters and said, "Get up, get out of this place, for יהוה is going to *destroy* this city!"***But*** to his sons-in-law he seemed to be as one **joking**.
[15]And when morning dawned, the messengers urged Lot to hurry, saying, "Get up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be *consumed* in the *punishment* of the city."
[16]And while he loitered, the men took hold of his **hand** and his wife's **hand** and the hands of his two daughters, יהוה having **compassion** on him and they brought him out and set him outside the city.
[17]And it came to be, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "**Escape for your life**! ***Do*** *not* look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. **Escape** to the mountains, lest you be *consumed.*"
[18]And Lot said to them,"**Oh no** יהוה!
[19]"Look, please, your servant has **found** favour in your eyes and you have increased your **kindness** which you have shown me by saving my **life**, but I am *unable* to **escape** to the mountains, lest *calamity* overtake me and I *die.*
[20]"Look, please, this city is **near** enough to ***flee*** to and it is small. Please let me **escape** there – is it not a small matter – and let my **life** be **saved**?"
[21]And **He** said to him, "Look, I have favoured you concerning this matter

also, without overthrowing this city for which you have **spoken** .
22"Hurry, **escape** there. For I am not able to do any **deed** until you arrive there." So the name of the city was called Tso'ar.
23The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Tso'ar.
24And יהוה rained sulphur and *fire* on Sedom and Amorah, from יהוה out of the **heavens.**
25So **He** overthrew those cities and **all** the plain and **all** the inhabitants of the cities and what grew on the ground.
26***But* his wife looked back** from behind him and she became a post of **salt.**
27And Abrahim arose early in the morning and went to the place where he had stood before יהוה,
28and he **looked** toward Sedom and Amorah and toward **all** the land of the plain. And he **looked** and **saw** the smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace.
29Thus it came to be, when **Elohim** ***destroyed*** the cities of the plain, that **Elohim remembered** Abrahim and **sent** Lot out of the **midst** of the overthrow, when **He** overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt.
30And Lot went up out of Tso'ar and dwelt in the mountains and his two daughters were with him, for he was *afraid* to dwell in Tso'ar. And he and his two daughters dwelt in a cave.
31And the first-born said to the younger, "Our father is old and there is no man on the earth to **come** in to us, as is the **way** of **all** the earth.
32**"Come,** let us make our father drink **wine** and *lie* with him, so that we **preserve** the seed of our father."
33So they made their father drink **wine** that night. And the first-born went in and lay with her father and he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she arose.
34And it came to be on the next day that the first-born said to the younger, "**See,** I lay with my father last night. **Let** us make him drink **wine** tonight as well and you go in and *lie* with him, so that we keep the seed of our father."
35So they made their father drink **wine** that night as well. And the younger arose and lay with him and he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she arose.
36Thus both the daughters of Lot became pregnant by their father.
37And the first-born bore a son and called his name Mo'ab, he is the father of the Mo'abites to this day.
38And the younger, she also bore a son and called his name Ben-Ammi, he is the father of the children of Ammon to this day.

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1And Abrahim set out from there to the land of the South and dwelt between Qadĕsh and Shur and stayed in Gerar.
2And Abrahim said concerning Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." And Abimelek sovereign of Gerar **sent** and took Sarah.
3***But* Elohim** came to Abimelek in a **dream** by night and said to him, "**See,** you are a *dead* man **<u>because</u>** of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man's wife."
4However, Abimelek had not **come near** her and he said, "יהוה, would **You** *slay* a **righteous** nation also?
5"Did he not say to me, 'She is my sister'? And she, even she herself said, '**He** is my brother.' In the **integrity** of my **heart** and in the **innocence** of my hands I have done this."
6And **Elohim** said to him in a **dream,** "Yea, I **know** that you did this in the **integrity** of your **heart** and so I kept you from *sinning <u>against</u>* **Me.** For this **reason** I *did not* let you touch her.
7"And **now**, **return** the man's wife, for he is a **prophet** and **let** him pray for you and you **live.** ***But*** if *you do not* **return** her, **know** that you ***shall*** certainly *die,* you and **all** that are yours."
8So Abimelek rose early in the morning and called **all** his servants and spoke

all these **words** in their **hearing**.
And the men were greatly frightened.
9And Abimelek called Abrahim and said to him, "***What*** have you done to us? In what have I *sinned <u>against</u>* you, that you have brought on me and on my **reign** a **great** *sin?* You have done matters to me that should not be done."
10And Abimelek said to Abrahim,"***What*** did you have in view, that you have done this matter?"
11And Abrahim said, "Only **<u>because</u>** I said to myself, the **fear** of **Elohim** is not in this place and they ***shall*** *kill* me for the sake of my wife.
12"And yet, she is **truly** my sister. She is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother and she became my wife.
13"And it came to be, when **Elohim caused me** to *wander* from my father's house, that I said to her, 'This is your **kindness** that you should do for me: in **every** place, wherever we go, say of me, "He is my brother." ' "
14***Then*** Abimelek took sheep and cattle and male and female servants and gave them to Abrahim. And he returned Sarah his wife to him.
15And Abimelek said, "**See,** my land is before you, dwell wherever it is **good** in your eyes."
16And to Sarah he said, "**See,** I have **given** your brother a thousand pieces of silver. **See,** it is to you a covering of eyes before **all** who are with you and before **all** others and you are cleared before everyone."
17And Abrahim prayed to **Elohim** and **Elohim healed** Abimelek and his wife and his female servants, so they bore children,
18for **יהוה had closed up all the wombs** of the house of Abimelek **<u>because</u>** of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

21 And **יהוה visited** Sarah as **He** had said and **יהוה** did for Sarah as **He** had **spoken** .
2So Sarah conceived and bore Abrahim a son in his old age, at the **appointed time** of which **Elohim** had **spoken** to him.
3And Abrahim called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Yitshaq.
4And Abrahim circumcised his son Yitshaq when he was eight days old, as **Elohim** had **commanded** him.
5And Abrahim was one hundred years old when his son Yitshaq was born to him.
6And Sarah said, "**Elohim has made** me laugh and everyone **who hears** of it laughs with me."
7And she said, "***Who*** would have said to Abrahim that Sarah would nurse children? For I have borne him a son in his old age."
8And the child grew and was weaned and Abrahim made a **great** feast on the day that Yitshaq was weaned.
9And Sarah **saw** the son of Hagar the Mitsrite, whom she had borne to Abrahim, *mocking*.
10So she said to Abrahim,"Drive out this female servant and her son, for the son of this female servant ***shall*** not inherit with my son, with Yitshaq."
11And the matter was **very** *evil in the eyes* of Abrahim **<u>because</u>** of his son.
12***But*** **Elohim** said to Abrahim,"**Let** it not be *evil* in your eyes **<u>because</u>** of the boy and **<u>because</u>** of your female servant. ***whatever*** Sarah has said to you, **listen** to her **voice**, for in Yitshaq your seed is called.
13"And of the son of the female servant I also make a nation, **<u>because</u>** he is your seed."
14And Abrahim rose early in the morning and took **bread** and a skin of water, which he gave to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, also the boy and **sent** her away. And she left and wandered in the Wilderness of Be'ĕrsheba.
15And the water in the skin was used up and she placed the boy under one of the shrubs.
16And she went and sat down about a bowshot away, for she said,

"**Let** me not **see** the *death* of the boy." And she sat opposite him and lifted her **voice** and wept.
[17]And **Elohim heard** the **voice** of the boy and the messenger of **Elohim called** to Hagar from the heavens and said to her, "***What*** is the matter with you, Hagar? ***Do not*** **fear,** for **Elohim has heard** the **voice** of the boy where he is.
[18]"Arise, lift up the boy and hold him with your **hand,** for I make a **great** nation of him."
[19]And **Elohim opened** her eyes and she **saw** a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.
[20]And **Elohim** was with the boy and he grew and dwelt in the wilderness and became an archer.
[21]And he dwelt in the Wilderness of Paran and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Mitsrayim.
[22]And it came to be at that **time** that Abimelek and Pikol, the commander of his army, spoke to Abrahim, saying, "**Elohim** is with you in **all** that you do.
[23]"And **now**, swear to me by **Elohim**, not to be un**true** to me, to my offspring, or to my descendants. ***Do*** to me **according** to the **kindness** that I have done to you and to the land in which you have dwelt."
[24]And Abrahim said, "I swear."
[25]And Abrahim reproved Abimelek **because** of a well of water which Abimelek's servants had seized.
[26]And Abimelek said, "I *do not* **know** who has done this **deed**. Neither did you inform me, *nor did* I **hear** until today."
[27]So Abrahim took sheep and cattle and gave them to Abimelek and the two of them made a **covenant.**
[28]And Abrahim set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.
[29]And Abimelek asked Abrahim,"***What*** are these seven ewe lambs which you have set by themselves?"
[30]And he said, "Take these seven ewe lambs from my **hand,** to be my **witness** that I have dug this well."
[31]So he called that place Be'ĕrsheba, **because** the two of them **swore** an **oath** there.
[32]Thus they made a **covenant** at Be'ĕrsheba. And Abimelek rose with Pikol, the commander of his army and they returned to the land of the Philistines.
[33]And he planted a tamarisk *tree* in Be'ĕrsheba and there called on the **Name** of יהוה, the **everlasting** Ĕl.
[34]And Abrahim sojourned in the land of the Philistines many days.

22 And it came to be after these events that **Elohim** tried Abrahim and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."
[2]And **He** said, "Take your son, **now**, your only son Yitshaq, whom you **love** and go to the land of Moriyah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains which I **command** you."
[3]And Abrahim rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey and took two of his young men with him and Yitshaq his son. And he split the ***wood*** for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place which **Elohim** had **commanded** him.
[4]And on the third day Abrahim lifted his eyes and **saw** the place from a distance.
[5]So Abrahim said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey while the boy and I go over there and worship and **come back** to you."
[6]And Abrahim took the ***wood*** of the burnt offering and laid it on Yitshaq his son. And he took the *fire* in his **hand** and a knife and the two of them went together.
[7]And Yitshaq spoke to Abrahim his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "**See,** the *fire* and the *wood*! ***But*** where is the **lamb** for a burnt offering?"
[8]And Abrahim said, "**My son, Elohim does provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt** offering." And the two of them went together.
[9]And they came to the place which

Elohim had **commanded** him and Aḇrahim built an altar there and placed the ***wood*** in order. And he *bound* Yitsḥaq his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.
[10]And Aḇrahim **stretched** out his **hand** and took the knife to *slay* his son,
[11]but the Messenger of ЭУЭZ called to him from the heavens and said, "Aḇrahim, Aḇraham!" And he said, "Here I am."
[12]And **He** said, "***Do*** *not* lay your **hand** on the boy, nor touch him. For **now** I **know** that you **fear Elohim**, **seeing** you have not withheld your son, your only son, from **Me.**"
[13]And Aḇrahim lifted his eyes and **looked** and **saw** behind him a ram ***caught*** in a bush by its horns and Aḇrahim went and took the ram and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.
[14]And Aḇrahim called the name of the place, 'ЭУЭZ Yireh,' as it is said to this day, "On the mountain ЭУЭZ provides."
[15]And the Messenger of ЭУЭZ called to Aḇrahim a second **time** from the heavens,
[16]and said, "By **Myself** I have sworn, **declares** ЭУЭZ, **because** you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,
[17]that I ***shall*** certainly **bless** you and I ***shall*** certainly increase your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore and let your seed **possess** the gate of their enemies.
[18]"And in your seed **all** the nations of the earth ***shall*** **be blessed**, **because you have obeyed My voice**."
[19]***Then*** Aḇrahim returned to his young men and they rose up and went **together** to Be'ĕrsheḇa. And Aḇrahim dwelt at Be'ĕrsheḇa.
[20]And it came to be after these events that it was reported to Aḇrahim saying, "**See,** Milkah too has borne children to your brother Naḥor:
[21]"Uts his first-born and Buz his brother and Qemu'ĕl the father of Aram,
[22]and Kesed and Ḥazo and Pildash and Yidlaph and Bethu'ĕl."
[23]And Bethu'ĕl brought forth Riḇqah. These eight Milkah bore to Naḥor, Aḇraham's brother.
[24]And his concubine, whose name was Re'uwmah, also bore Teḇaḥ and Gaḥam and Taḥash and Ma'aḵah.

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And Sarah lived one hundred and twenty-seven years, the years of the **life** of Sarah.
[2]And Sarah died in Qiryath Arba, that is Ḥebron, in the land of Kena'an and Aḇrahim came to *mourn* for Sarah and to *weep* for her.
[3]***Then*** Aḇrahim rose up from beside his *dead,* and spoke to the sons of Ḥĕth, saying,
[4]"I am a foreigner and a sojourner among you. Give me property for a burial site among you, so that I bury my *dead* from my presence."
[5]And the sons of Ḥĕth answered Aḇrahim saying to him,
[6]"**Hear** us, my master: You are a prince of **Elohim** among us. Bury your *dead* in the choicest of our burial places. None of us withholds from you his burial site, from burying your *dead.*"
[7]So Aḇrahim rose and bowed himself to the people of the land, the sons of Ḥĕth.
[8]And he spoke with them, saying, "***If*** it is your desire that I bury my *dead* from my presence, **hear** me and approach Ephron son of Tsoḥar for me,
[9]and let me have the cave of Maḵpĕlah which he has, which is at **the end** of his field. **Let** him give it to me for the **complete** amount of silver, as property for a burial site among you."
[10]And Ephron dwelt among the sons of Ḥĕth. And Ephron the Ḥittite answered Aḇrahim in the **hearing** of the sons of Ḥĕth, **all** who entered at the gate of his city, saying,
[11]"No, my master, **listen** to me! I ***shall*** give you the field and the cave that is in

it. I ***shall*** give it to you in the presence of the sons of my people. I ***shall*** give it to you. Bury your dead!"
[12]And Aḇrahim bowed himself down before the people of the land,
[13]and he spoke to Ephron in the **hearing** of the people of the land, saying, "***If*** only you would **hear** me. I ***shall*** give the amount of silver for the field, take it from me and let me bury my *dead* there."
[14]And Ephron answered Aḇrahim saying to him,
[15]"My master, **listen** to me! The land is worth four hundred sheqels of silver. ***What*** is that between you and me? So bury your *dead.*"
[16]And Aḇrahim **listened** to Ephron and Aḇrahim weighed out the silver for Ephron which he had named in the **hearing** of the sons of Ḥĕth, four hundred sheqels of silver, currency of the merchants.
[17]Thus the field of Ephron which was in Maḵpĕlah, which was before Mamrĕ, the field and the cave which was in it and **all** the trees that were in the field, which were within **all** the surrounding borders, were **deeded**
[18]to Aḇrahim as a possession in the presence of the sons of Ḥĕth, before **all** who went in at the gate of his city.
[19]And after this Aḇrahim buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Maḵpĕlah, before Mamrĕ, that is Ḥeḇron, in the land of Kena'an.
[20]Thus the field and the cave that is in it were **deed**ed to Aḇrahim by the sons of Ḥĕth as property for a burial site.

24 And Aḇrahim was old, advanced in years. And ה׳ had **blessed** Aḇrahim in **every way.**
[2]And Aḇrahim said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over **all** that he had, "Please, put your **hand** under my thigh,
[3]so that I make you swear by ה׳, the **Elohim** of the heavens and the **Elohim** of the earth, that *you do not* take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Kena'anites, among whom I dwell,
[4]but to go to my land and to my relatives and take a wife for my son Yitsḥaq."
[5]And the servant said to him,"***What*** if the woman *refuses* to **follow** me to this land? ***Do*** I then take your son back to the land from which you came?"
[6]And Aḇrahim said to him, "Beware lest you take my son back there!
[7]"ה׳, **Elohim** of the heavens, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my relatives and who spoke to me and **swore** to me, saying, 'To your seed I give this land,' **He sends His** messenger before you and you ***shall*** take a wife for my son from there.
[8]"And if the woman *refuses* to **follow** you, then you ***shall*** **be** released from this oath; only, *do not* take my son back there."
[9]***Then*** the servant put his **hand** under the thigh of Aḇrahim his master and **swore** to him concerning this matter.
[10]And the servant took ten of his master's camels and left, for **all** his master's **good** gifts were in his **hand.** And he arose and went to Aram Naharayim, to the city of Naḥor.
[11]And he made his camels kneel down outside the city by a fountain of water at **evening time,** the **time** when women go out to draw water.
[12]And he said, "ה׳, **Elohim** of my master Aḇrahim, please **cause** her to meet before me this day and **show kindness** to my master Aḇrahim.
[13]"**See,** I am standing here by the fountain of water and the daughters of the men of the city are **coming** out to draw water.
[14]"**Now let it be** that the young woman to whom I say, 'Please let down your jar to let me drink,' and she says, 'Drink and let me water your camels too,' let her be the one whom You have **appointed** for **Your** servant Yitsḥaq.
And let me **know** by this that You have shown **kindness** to my master."
[15]And it came to be, before he had ended speaking, that **see,** Riḇqah, who

was born to Bethu'ĕl, son of Milkah, the wife of Naḥor, Aḇraham's brother, came out with her jar on her shoulder.
[16]And the young woman was **very** goodlooking, a maiden, no man having **known** her. And she went down to the fountain, filled her jar and came up.
[17]And the servant ran to meet her and said, "Please let me drink a *little* water from your jar."
[18]And she said, "Drink, my master." And she hurried and let her jar down to her **hand** and gave him a drink.
[19]And when she had **finished** giving him a drink, she said, "**Let** me draw water for your camels too, until they have **finished** drinking."
[20]And she hurried and emptied her jar into the trough, ran back to the fountain to draw water and drew for **all** his camels.
[21]And watching her, the man remained silent **in order to know** whether ה׳ had prospered his **way** or not.
[22]And it came to be, when the camels had **finished** drinking, that the man took a golden nose ring weighing half a sheqel and two bracelets for her wrists weighing ten sheqels of gold,
[23]and said, "***Whose*** daughter are you? Please inform me, is there room in your father's house for us to spend the night?"
[24]And she said to him, "I am the daughter of Bethu'ĕl, Milkah's son, whom she bore to Naḥor."
[25]And she said to him, "We have both straw and fodder enough and room to spend the night."
[26]And the man bowed down his head and worshipped ה׳.
[27]And he said, **"Blessed** be ה׳ **Elohim** of my master Aḇrahim, who has not ***forsaken*** **His kindness** and **His truth** toward my master. As for me, being on the **way,** ה׳ led me to the house of my master's brothers."
[28]***Then*** the young woman ran and informed those of her mother's house these matters.
[29]And Riḇqah had a brother whose name was Laḇan and Laḇan ran out to the man, to the fountain.
[30]And it came to be, when he **saw** the nose ring and the bracelets on his sister's wrists and when he **heard** the **words** of his sister Riḇqah, saying, "Thus the man spoke to me," that he went to the man and **saw** him standing by the camels at the fountain.
[31]And he said, **"Come in**, O **blessed** of ה׳! ***Why*** do you **stand** outside? I myself have prepared the house and a place for the camels."
[32]So the man came into the house, while he unloaded the camels and provided straw and fodder for the camels and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him,
[33]and set food before him to eat. ***But*** he said, "**Let** me not eat until I have **spoken** my **word.**" And he said, **"Speak** on."
[34]And he said,"I am Aḇraham's servant.
[35]"And ה׳ has **blessed** my master exceedingly and he has become great. And **He** has **given** him flocks and herds and silver and gold and male and female servants and camels and donkeys.
[36]"And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old. And he has **given** to him **all** that he has.
[37]"And my master made me swear, saying, '***Do*** *not* take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Kena'anites, in whose land I dwell,
[38]but go to my father's house and to my relatives and take a wife for my son.'
[39]"And I said to my master, '***What*** if the woman *does not* **follow** me?'
[40]"***But*** he said to me, 'ה׳, before whom I **walk, sends His** messenger with you and ***shall*** prosper your **way.** And you ***shall*** take a wife for my son from my relatives and from my father's house.
[41]'Then, when you go to my relatives, you are to be released from this oath. And if they *do not* give her to you, then you are released from my oath.'
[42]"And this day I came to the fountain and said, 'ה׳, **Elohim** of my master Aḇrahim, please, if You are prospering

the **way** in which I am going,
[43]**See,** I am standing by the fountain of water and when the maiden **comes** out to draw water and I say to her, "Please give me a *little* water from your jar to drink,"
[44]and she says to me, "Drink and let me draw for your camels too," let her be the woman whom יהוה has **appointed** for my master's son.'
[45]"I had not yet ended speaking in my **heart,** then **see,** Riḇqah was **coming** out with her jar on her shoulder. And she went down to the fountain and drew water. And I said to her, 'Please let me drink.'
[46]"And she hurried and let her jar down from her shoulder and said, 'Drink and let me water your camels too.' So I drank and she watered the camels too.
[47]"And I asked her and said, '***Whose*** daughter are you?' And she said, 'The daughter of Bethu'ĕl, Naḥor's son, whom Milkah bore to him.' ***Then*** I put the nose ring on her nose and the bracelets on her wrists.
[48]"And I bowed my head and worshipped יהוה and **blessed** יהוה, **Elohim** of my master Aḇrahim, who had led me in the **true way** to take the daughter of my master's brother for his son.
[49]"And **now**, if you are going to **show kindness** and **truth** to my master, let me **know** and if not, let me **know,** so that I turn to the **right** or to the left."
[50]And Laḇan answered – Bethu'ĕl too – and said, "The matter **comes** from יהוה, we are not able to **speak** to you either *evil* or **good**.
[51]"**See,** Riḇqah is before you. Take her and go and let her be your master's son's wife, as יהוה has **spoken** ."
[52]And it came to be, when Aḇraham's servant **heard** their **words**, that he bowed himself towards the earth before יהוה.
[53]And the servant brought out ornaments of silver and ornaments of gold and garments and gave them to Riḇqah. He also gave costly gifts to her brother and to her mother.
[54]And he and the men who were with him ate and drank and spent the night. ***When*** they arose in the morning he said, "**Let** me go to my master."
[55]***But*** her brother and her mother said, "**Let** the young woman stay with us a **few** days, at least ten, then you go."
[56]And he said to them,"***Do*** *not* delay me since יהוה has prospered my **way. Let** me go so that I go to my master."
[57]And they said, "**Let** us **call** the young woman and **ask** her."
[58]So they called Riḇqah and said to her, "Are you going with this man?" And she said, "I ***shall*** go."
[59]So they let go Riḇqah their sister and her nurse and Aḇraham's servant and his men.
[60]And they **blessed** Riḇqah and said to her, "**Let** our sister become the mother of thousands of ten thousands and let your seed **possess** the gates of those who *hate* them."
[61]And Riḇqah and her young women arose and they rode on the camels and **followed** the man. So the servant took Riḇqah and left.
[62]And Yitsḥaq came from the **way** of Be'ĕr Laḥai Ro'i, for he dwelt in the South.
[63]And Yitsḥaq went out to meditate in the field in the **evening**. And he lifted his eyes and **looked** and **saw** the camels **coming**.
[64]And Riḇqah lifted her eyes and when she **saw** Yitsḥaq she dismounted from her camel,
[65]and she had said to the servant, "***Who*** is this man walking in the field to meet us?" And the servant said, "It is my master." So she took a veil and covered herself.
[66]And the servant told Yitsḥaq **all** the matters he had done.
[67]And Yitsḥaq brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. And he took Riḇqah and she became his wife and he **loved** her. Thus Yitsḥaq was comforted after his mother's *death.*

25 And Aḇrahim took another wife, whose name was Qeturah.

[2]And she bore him Zimran and Yoqshan and Meḏan and Miḏyan and Yishbaq and Shuwaḥ.
[3]And Yoqshan brought forth Sheḇa and Deḏan. And the sons of Deḏan were Asshurim and Letushim and Le'ummim.
[4]And the sons of Miḏyan were Ĕphah and Ĕpher and Ḥanoḵ and Aḇiḏa and Elda'ah. All these were the children of Qeturah.
[5]**Now** Aḇrahim gave **all** that he had to Yitsḥaq,
[6]but to the sons of the concubines whom Aḇrahim had, Aḇrahim gave gifts while he was still **living** and **sent** them away from his son Yitsḥaq, eastward, to the land of the east.
[7]And these are **all** the years of Aḇraham's **life** which he lived: one hundred and seventy-five years.
[8]And Aḇrahim breathed his **last** and died in a **good** old age, aged and satisfied and was gathered to his people.
[9]And his sons Yitsḥaq and Yishma'ĕl buried him in the cave of Maḵpĕlah, which is before Mamrĕ, in the field of Ephron son of Tsoḥar the Ḥittite,
[10]the field which Aḇrahim purchased from the sons of Ḥĕth. There Aḇrahim was buried with Sarah his wife.
[11]And it came to be, after the *death* of Aḇrahim, that **Elohim blessed** his son Yitsḥaq. And Yitsḥaq dwelt at Be'ĕr Laḥai Ro'i.
[12]And this is the genealogy of Yishma'ĕl, Aḇraham's son, whom Haḡar the Mitsrite, Sarah's female servant, bore to Aḇrahim.
[13]And these were the names of the sons of Yishma'ĕl, by their names, **according** to their generations: The first-born of Yishma'ĕl, Neḇayoth; then Qĕḏar and Aḏbe'ĕl and Miḇsam,
[14]and Mishma and Dumah and Massa,
[15]Haḏar and Tĕma, Yetur, Naphish and Qĕḏemah.
[16]These were the sons of Yishma'ĕl and these were their names, by their towns and their settlements, twelve chiefs **according** to their tribes.
[17]And these were the years of the **life** of Yishma'ĕl: one hundred and thirty-seven years. And he breathed his **last** and died and was gathered to his people.
[18]And they dwelt from Ḥawilah as far as Shur, which is east of Mitsrayim as you go toward Ashshur. He settled before **all** his brothers.
[19]And this is the genealogy of Yitsḥaq, Aḇraham's son. Aḇrahim brought forth Yitsḥaq.
[20]And Yitsḥaq was forty years old when he took Riḇqah as wife, the daughter of Bethu'ĕl the Aramean of Paddan Aram, the sister of Laḇan the Aramean.
[21]And Yitsḥaq prayed to יהוה for his wife, **because** she was *barren*. And יהוה answered his prayer and Riḇqah his wife conceived.
[22]And within her the children struggled together and she said, "***If*** **all** is right, why am I this **way?**" So she went to **ask** יהוה.
[23]And יהוה said to her, "Two nations are in your womb and two peoples ***shall*** **be** separated from your body. And one people ***shall*** **be** stronger than the other and the older **serve** the younger."
[24]And when the days were filled for her to give birth and **see,** twins were in her womb!
[25]And the **first** came out red **all** over, like a hairy garment, so they called his name Ĕsaw.
[26]And afterward his brother came out, with his **hand** holding on to Ĕsaw's heel, so his name was called Ya'aqoḇ. And Yitsḥaq was sixty years old when she bore them.
[27]And the boys grew up. And Ĕsaw became a man knowing how to hunt, a man of the field, while Ya'aqoḇ was a **complete** man, dwelling in tents.
[28]And Yitsḥaq **loved** Ĕsaw **because** he ate of his wild game, but Riḇqah **loved** Ya'aqoḇ.
[29]And Ya'aqoḇ cooked a stew and Ĕsaw came in from the field and he was *weary*.

30And Ĕsaw said to Ya'aqoḇ, "Please feed me with that **same** red stew, for I am *weary*." That is why his name was called Eḏom.
31***But*** Ya'aqoḇ said, "Sell me your birthright today."
32And Ĕsaw said, "Look, I am going to *die,* so why should I have birthright?"
33***Then*** Ya'aqoḇ said, "Swear to me today." And he **swore** to him and sold his birthright to Ya'aqoḇ.
34Ya'aqoḇ then gave Ĕsaw **bread** and stew of lentils. And he ate and drank and rose up and left. Thus Ĕ**saw** *despised* **his birthright**.

26 And there was a *scarcity of food* in the land, besides the **first** *scarcity of food* which was in the days of Aḇrahim. And Yitsḥaq went to Aḇimeleḵ, sovereign of the Philistines, in Gerar.
2And יהוה appeared to him and said, "***Do*** *not* go down to Mitsrayim, **live** in the land which I **command** you.
3"Sojourn in this land. And **I *shall* be with you** and **bless** you, for I give **all** these lands to you and your seed. And **I *shall* establish** the **oath** which I **swore** to Aḇrahim your father.
4"And **I *shall*** increase your seed like the stars of the heavens and I ***shall*** give **all** these lands to your seed. And in your seed **all** the nations of the earth ***shall* be blessed**,
5**<u>because</u>** Aḇrahim **obeyed My voice** and **guarded My Charge: My commands**, **My laws** and **My Torot**."
6And Yitsḥaq dwelt in Gerar.
7And when the men of the place asked about his wife, he said, "She is my sister." For he was *afraid* to say, "She is my wife," thinking, "lest the men of the place should *kill* me for Riḇqah, **<u>because</u>** she is goodlooking."
8And it came to be, when he had been there a long **time,** that Aḇimeleḵ sovereign of the Philistines **looked** through a window and he watched and **saw** Yitsḥaq playing with Riḇqah his wife.
9So Aḇimeleḵ called Yitsḥaq and said, "**See, truly** she is your wife! So how could you say, 'She is my sister'?" And Yitsḥaq said to him, "**<u>Because</u>** I said, 'Lest I *die* on account of her.' "
10And Aḇimeleḵ said, "***What*** is this you have done to us? **One** of the people had almost lain with your wife and you would have brought *guilt* on us."
11And Aḇimeleḵ **commanded all** his people, saying, "He who *touches* this man or his wife ***shall*** certainly be put to *death*."
12And Yitsḥaq sowed in that land and reaped in the **same** year a hundredfold and יהוה **blessed** him.
13And the man grew **great** and went forward until he became **very** great.
14And he came to have possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a **great** body of servants and the Philistines *envied* him.
15And the Philistines had *stopped* up **all** the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Aḇrahim his father and filled them with dirt.
16And Aḇimeleḵ said to Yitsḥaq, "Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we."
17So Yitsḥaq went from there and pitched his tent in the wadi Gerar and dwelt there.
18And Yitsḥaq dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Aḇrahim his father, for the Philistines had *stopped* them up after the *death* of Aḇrahim. And he called them by the names which his father had called them.
19***But*** when Yitsḥaq's servants dug in the wadi and **found** a well of running water there,
20the herdsmen of Gerar *strove* with Yitsḥaq's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours." And he called the name of the well Ĕseq, **<u>because</u>** they *strove* with him.
21And they dug another well and they *strove* over that one too and he called its name Sitnah.
22And he moved from there and dug

another well and they *did not strive* over it. And he called its name Reḥoḇoth and said, "For **now** ֱיהוָה has made room for us and we ***shall*** bear **fruit** in the land."

[23]And from there he went up to Be'ĕrsheḇa.

[24]And ֱיהוָה appeared to him the **same** night and said, "**I am** the **Elohim** of your father Aḇrahim. ***Do not*** **fear,** for **I am with you** and ***shall*** **bless** you and increase your seed for **My** servant Abraham's sake."

[25]And he built an altar there and called on the **Name** of ֱיהוָה and he pitched his tent there and the servants of Yitsḥaq dug a well there.

[26]And Aḇimeleḵ came to him from Gerar, with Aḥuzzath, one of his friends and Piḵol the commander of his army.

[27]And Yitsḥaq said to them, "***Why*** have you **come to** me, **seeing** you have *hated* me and have **sent** me away from you?"

[28]***But*** they said, "We have **clearly seen** that ֱיהוָה is with you. And we said, 'Please, let there be an **oath** between us, between you and us. And let us make a **covenant** with you,

[29]that you do no *evil* to us, as we have not touched you and as we have done only **good** toward you and have **sent** you away in peace. You are **now blessed** by ֱיהוָה.' "

[30]And he made them a feast and they ate and drank.

[31]And they rose early in the morning and **swore** an **oath** with one another. And Yitsḥaq let them go and they departed from him in peace.

[32]And on the **same** day it came to be that the servants of Yitsḥaq came and informed him about the well which they had dug and said to him, "We have **found** water."

[33]So he called it Shiḇah. Therefore the name of the city is Be'ĕrsheḇa to this day.

[34]And when Ĕsaw was forty years old, he took as wives Yehuḏith the daughter of Be'ĕri the Ḥittite and Basemath the daughter of Ĕlon the Ḥittite.

[35]And they were a *bitterness* of spirit to Yitsḥaq and Riḇqah.

27 And it came to be, when Yitsḥaq was old and his eyes were too dim to **see,** that he called Ĕsaw his elder son and said to him, "My son." And he answered him, "Here I am."

[2]And he said, "**See now,** I am old, I *do not* **know** the **day of** my *death.*

[3]"**Now** then, please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow and go out to the field and hunt wild game for me.

[4]"And make me a tasty dish, such as I **love** and bring it to me to eat, **in order** that my being does **bless** you before I *die.*"

[5]And Riḇqah **heard** when Yitsḥaq spoke to Ĕsaw his son. And Ĕsaw went to the field to hunt wild game and to bring it.

[6]And Riḇqah spoke to Ya'aqoḇ her son, saying, "**See,** I **heard** your father **speak** to Ĕsaw your brother, saying,

[7]'Bring me wild game and make me a tasty dish to eat and **bless** you in the presence of ֱיהוָה before my *death.*'

[8]"And **now** my son, **listen** to my **voice according** to what I **command** you.

[9]"Please go to the flock and bring me two choice young goats and I make a tasty dish from them for your father, such as he loves.

[10]"And you ***shall*** take it to your father and he ***shall*** eat it, so that he might **bless** you before his *death.*"

[11]Ya'aqoḇ said to Riḇqah his mother, "**See,** Ĕsaw my brother is a hairy man and I am a smooth-skinned man.

[12]"***What*** if my father *touches* me? ***Then*** I ***shall*** **be** like a *deceiver* in his eyes and ***shall*** bring a *curse* on myself and not a **blessing.**"

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

[14]And he went and fetched them and brought them to his mother and his mother made a tasty dish, such as his father **loved**.

[15]And Riḇqah took the best garments of

her elder son Ĕsaw, which were with her in the house and put them on Ya'aqoḇ her younger son.
[16]And she put the skins of the young goats on his hands and on the **smooth** part of his neck.
[17]***Then*** she gave the tasty dish and the bread, which she had prepared, into the **hand** of her son Ya'aqoḇ.
[18]And he went to his father and said, "My father." And he said, "Here I am. ***Who*** are you, my son?"
[19]And Ya'aqoḇ said to his father, "I am Ĕsaw your first-born, I have done as you said to me. Please rise, sit and eat of my wild game, so that your being might **bless** me."
[20]***But*** Yitsḥaq said to his son, "***How*** is it that you have **found** it so **quickly**, my son?" And he said, "**Because** יהוה your **Elohim** brought it to me."
[21]***Then*** Yitsḥaq said to Ya'aqoḇ, "**Please come** near, so that I feel you, my son, whether you **truly** are my son Ĕsaw or not."
[22]And Ya'aqoḇ went **near** to Yitsḥaq his father and he felt him and said, "The **voice** is the **voice** of Ya'aqoḇ, but the hands are the hands of Ĕsaw."
[23]And he *did not* recognise him, for his hands were hairy like his brother Ĕsaw's hands and he **blessed** him.
[24]And he said, "Are you **truly** my son Ĕsaw?" And he said, "I am."
[25]And he said, "Bring it **near** to me and let me eat of my son's wild game, so that my being might **bless** you." So he brought it **near** to him and he ate. And he brought him **wine** and he drank.
[26]And his father Yitsḥaq said to him, "**Please come near** and kiss me, my son."
[27]And he came **near** and kissed him. And he smelled the *smell* of his garments and **blessed** him and said, "**See,** the *smell* of my son is like the *smell* of a field which יהוה has **blessed**.
[28]And **Elohim** give you of the dew of the heavens, of the fatness of the earth and plenty of grain and **wine**.
[29]**Let** peoples **serve** you and nations bow down to you. Be master over your brothers and let your mother's sons bow down to you. *cursed* be those cursing you and **blessed** be those **blessing** you!"
[30]And it came to be, as soon as Yitsḥaq had **finished blessing** Ya'aqoḇ and Ya'aqoḇ had hardly left the presence of Yitsḥaq his father, that Ĕsaw his brother came in from his hunting.
[31]And he too had made a tasty dish and brought it to his father and said to his father, "**Let** my father rise and eat of his son's wild game, so that your being might **bless** me."
[32]And his father Yitsḥaq said to him, "***Who*** are you?" And he said, "I am your son, your first-born, Ĕsaw."
[33]***Then*** Yitsḥaq *trembled* exceedingly and said, "***Who*** was it then who hunted wild game and brought it to me? And I ate **all** of it before you came and I have **blessed** him. Yea, he is **blessed**."
[34]***When*** Ĕsaw **heard** the **words** of his father, he cried with an exceedingly **great** and *bitter* cry and said to his father, "Bless me, me too, O my father!"
[35]And he said, "**Your** brother came with *deceit* and took your **blessing.**"
[36]And Ĕsaw said, "Was his name, then, called Ya'aqoḇ? For he has ***caught*** me by the heel these two times. **He** took my birthright and **see, now** he has taken my **blessing!**" And he said, "Have you not reserved a **blessing** for me?"
[37]***Then*** Yitsḥaq answered and said to Ĕsaw, "**See,** I have made him your master and **all** his brothers I have **given** to him as servants. And I have sustained him with grain and **wine**. And what, then, ***shall*** I do for you, my son?"
[38]And Ĕsaw said to his father, "Have you only one blessing**,** my **Father?** Bless me, me too, O my father!" And Ĕsaw lifted up his **voice** and wept.
[39]And Yitsḥaq his father answered and said to him, "**See,** your dwelling is of the fatness of the earth and of the dew of the heavens from above.
[40]And by your *sword* you are to **live** and **serve** your brother. And it ***shall* be,** when you grow restless, that you ***shall*** *break* his yoke from your neck."

41And Ĕsaw *hated* Ya'aqoḇ **<u>because</u>** of the **blessing** with which his father **blessed** him and Ĕsaw said in his **heart,** "The days of *mourning* for my father draw near, then I am going to *kill* my brother Ya'aqoḇ."

42And the **words** of Ĕsaw her older son were reported to Riḇqah and she **sent** and called Ya'aqoḇ her younger son and said to him, "**See,** your brother Ĕsaw **comforts** himself concerning you, to *kill* you.

43"And **now**, my son, **listen** to my **voice** and rise, ***flee*** to my brother Laḇan in Ḥaran.

44"And stay with him a **few** days, until your brother's *wrath* turns away,

45until your brother's *displeasure* turns away from you and he *forget*s what you have done to him. And **I *shall* send** and bring you from there. ***Why*** should I be bereaved of you both in one day?"

46And Riḇqah said to Yitsḥaq, "I am disgusted with my **life <u>because</u>** of the daughters of Ḥĕth. ***If*** Ya'aqoḇ takes a wife from the daughters of Ḥĕth, like these who are the daughters of the land, what is my **life** to me?"

28 And Yitsḥaq called Ya'aqoḇ and **blessed** him and **commanded** him and said to him, "***Do*** *not* take a wife from the daughters of Kena'an.

2"Arise, go to Paddan Aram, to the house of Bethu'ĕl your mother's father. And take a wife for yourself from there, from the daughters of Laḇan your mother's brother.

3"And Ĕl **Shaddai bless** you and make you bear **fruit** and increase you and you ***shall*** become an assembly of peoples,

4and give you the **blessing** of Aḇrahim, to you and your **seed** with you, so that you inherit the land of your sojournings, which **Elohim** gave to Aḇrahim."

5So Yitsḥaq **sent** Ya'aqoḇ away and he went to Paddan Aram, to Laḇan son of Bethu'ĕl the Aramean, the brother of Riḇqah, the mother of Ya'aqoḇ and Ĕsaw.

6And Ĕsaw **saw** that Yitsḥaq had **blessed** Ya'aqoḇ and **sent** him away to Paddan Aram to take himself a wife from there and that as he **blessed** him he gave him a **command,** saying, "***Do*** *not* take a wife from the daughters of Kena'an,"

7and that Ya'aqoḇ had **obeyed** his father and his mother and had gone to Paddan Aram.

8So Ĕsaw **saw** that the daughters of Kena'an *did not* please his father Yitsḥaq,

9and Ĕsaw went to Yishma'ĕl and took Maḥalath the daughter of Yishma'ĕl, Aḇraham's son, the sister of Neḇayoth, to be his wife, besides the wives he had.

10And Ya'aqoḇ went out from Be'ĕrsheḇa and went toward Ḥaran.

11And he came upon a place and *stopped* over for the night, for the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head and he lay down in that place to sleep.

12And he **dreamed** and **saw** a ladder set up on the earth and its top reached to the heavens and **saw** messengers of **Elohim** going up and **coming** down on it.

13And **see, ֵיהוָה** stood above it and said, "**I am ֵיהוָה Elohim** of Aḇrahim your father and the **Elohim** of Yitsḥaq. **The land on which you are** *lying***, I give it to you and your seed**.

14"And your seed ***shall*** **be** as the dust of the earth and you ***shall*** *break* forth to the west and to the east, to the north and the south. And **all** the clans of the earth ***shall*** **be blessed** in you and in your seed.

15"And **see, I am with you** and ***shall*** **guard** you wherever you go and ***shall*** bring you back to this land. For **I am** not going to leave you until I have done what I have **spoken** to you."

16And Ya'aqoḇ awoke from his sleep and said, "**Truly, ֵיהוָה is in this place** and **I** *did not* **know it**."

17And he was *afraid* and said, "***How*** **awesome** is this place! This is none other than the house of **Elohim** and this is the gate of the heavens!"

18And Ya'aqoḇ rose early in the

morning and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a standing column and poured oil on top of it.
[19]And he called the name of that place Běyth Ěl, however, the name of that city had been Luz previously.
[20]And Ya'aqoḇ made a vow, saying, "**Seeing Elohim is with me** and has kept me in this **way** that I am going and has **given** me **bread** to eat and a garment to put on –
[21]when I have returned to my father's house in peace and יהוה has been my **Elohim**,
[22]then this stone which I have set as a standing column ***shall*** **be Elohim**'s house and of **all** that You give me, I ***shall*** certainly give a tenth to **You.**"

29 And Ya'aqoḇ moved on and came to the land of the people of the East.
[2]And he **looked** and **saw** a well in the field and **saw** three flocks of sheep *lying* by it, for out of that well they watered the flocks and a large stone was on the well's **mouth.**
[3]And **all** the flocks would be gathered there, then they would roll the stone from the well's **mouth** and water the sheep and put the stone back in its place on the well's **mouth.**
[4]So Ya'aqoḇ said to them, "My brothers, where are you from?" And they said, "We are from Ḥaran."
[5]And he said to them, "***Do*** you **know** Laḇan son of Naḥor?" And they said, "We **know** him."
[6]So he said to them, "Is he well?" And they said, "Well. And **see,** his daughter Raḥěl is **coming** with the sheep."
[7]And he said, "**See,** it is still high day, not the **time** for the livestock to be gathered together. Water the sheep and go and feed them."
[8]***But*** they said, "We are not allowed until **all** the flocks are gathered together and they have rolled the stone from the well's **mouth,** then we ***shall*** water the sheep."
[9]While he was still speaking with them, Raḥěl came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess.
[10]And it came to be, when Ya'aqoḇ **saw** Raḥěl the daughter of Laḇan his mother's brother and the sheep of Laḇan his mother's brother, that Ya'aqoḇ went **near** and rolled the stone from the well's **mouth** and watered the flock of Laḇan his mother's brother.
[11]And Ya'aqoḇ kissed Raḥěl and lifted up his **voice** and wept.
[12]And when Ya'aqoḇ told Raḥěl that he was her father's relative and that he was Riḇqah's son, she ran and told her father.
[13]And it came to be, when Laḇan **heard** the report about Ya'aqoḇ his sister's son, that he ran to meet him and embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his house. ***Then*** he told Laḇan **all** these matters.
[14]And Laḇan said to him, "You are indeed my bone and my *flesh*." And he stayed with him for a month.
[15]***Then*** Laḇan said to Ya'aqoḇ, "**Because** you are my relative, should you therefore **serve** me for *naught?* **Let** me **know,** what should your wages be?"
[16]And Laḇan had two daughters, the name of the elder was Lĕ'ah and the name of the younger was Raḥěl.
[17]And Lĕ'ah's eyes were weak, but Raḥěl was lovely of form and appearance.
[18]And Ya'aqoḇ **loved** Raḥěl, so he said, "**Let** me **serve** you seven years for Raḥěl your younger daughter."
[19]And Laḇan said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to another man. Stay with me."
[20]So Ya'aqoḇ **served** seven years for Raḥěl and they seemed to him but a **few** days **because** of the **love** he had for her.
[21]***Then*** Ya'aqoḇ said to Laḇan, "Give me my wife, for my days are completed and let me go in to her."
[22]And Laḇan gathered **all** the men of the place and made a feast.
[23]And it came to be in the **evening**, that he took Lĕ'ah his daughter and brought her to Ya'aqoḇ. And he went in to her.
[24]And Laḇan gave his female servant

Zilpah to his daughter Lĕ'ah as a female servant.
25And in the morning it came to be, that see, it was Lĕ'ah. So he said to Laḇan, "***What*** is this you have done to me? Was it not for Raḥĕl that I **served** you? ***Why*** then have you ***deceived*** me?"
26And Laḇan said, "It is not done this **way** in our place, to give the younger before the first-born.
27"**Complete** the week of this one, then we give you this one too, for the service which you ***shall*** **serve** with me still another seven years."
28And Ya'aqoḇ did so and **completed** her week. ***Then*** he gave him his daughter Raḥĕl too, as wife.
29And Laḇan gave his female servant Bilhah to his daughter Raḥĕl as a female servant.
30And he also went in to Raḥĕl and he also **loved** Raḥĕl more than Lĕ'ah. And he **served** with Laḇan still another seven years.
31And ֵיהוָה **saw** that Lĕ'ah was unloved and **He** opened her womb, but Raḥĕl was *barren*.
32And Lĕ'ah conceived and bore a son and she called his name Re'uḇĕn, for she said, "For ֵיהוָה has **looked** on my *affliction*, **<u>because</u>** **now** my husband is going to **love** me."
33And she conceived again and bore a son and said, "**<u>Because</u>** ֵיהוָה has **heard** that I am unloved, **He** gave me this son too." And she called his name Shim'on.
34And she conceived again and bore a son and said, "**Now** this **time** my husband is joined to me, **<u>because</u>** I have borne him three sons." So his name was called Lĕwi.
35And she conceived again and bore a son and said, "**Now** I **praise** ֵיהוָה." So she called his name Yahuḏah. And she ceased bearing.

30 And when Raḥĕl **saw** that she bore Ya'aqoḇ no children, Raḥĕl *envied* her sister and said to Ya'aqoḇ, "***Give me children, or else I am going to*** *die!*"
2And Ya'aqoḇ's *displeasure burned <u>against</u>* Raḥĕl and he said, "Am I in the place of **Elohim**, **who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb**?"
3And she said, "**See,** my female servant Bilhah; go in to her and let her bear for me and let me be built up from her as well."
4So she gave him Bilhah her female servant as wife and Ya'aqoḇ went in to her.
5And Bilhah conceived and bore Ya'aqoḇ a son.
6And Raḥĕl said, "**Elohim** has **rightly ruled** my case and has also **heard** my **voice** and **given** me a son." So she called his name Dan.
7And Raḥĕl's female servant Bilhah conceived again and bore Ya'aqoḇ a second son.
8And Raḥĕl said, "With **great** wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister and I have overcome." So she called his name Naphtali.
9And Lĕ'ah **saw** that she had ceased bearing and she took Zilpah her female servant and gave her to Ya'aqoḇ as wife.
10And Lĕ'ah's female servant Zilpah bore Ya'aqoḇ a son.
11And Lĕ'ah said, "With Gaḏ!" So she called his name Gaḏ.
12And Lĕ'ah's female servant Zilpah bore Ya'aqoḇ a second son.
13And Lĕ'ah said, "I am **blessed**, for the daughters ***shall*** **call** me **blessed**." So she called his name Asher.
14And Re'uḇĕn went in the days of wheat harvest and **found** love-apples in the field and brought them to his mother Lĕ'ah. And Raḥĕl said to Lĕ'ah, "Please give me some of your son's love-apples."
15***But*** she said to her, "Is it a small matter that you have taken away my husband? Would you take away my son's loveapples too?" And Raḥĕl said, "Therefore let him *lie* with you tonight for your son's love-apples."
16And when Ya'aqoḇ came out of the field in the **evening**, Lĕ'ah went out to meet him and said, "***Do*** **come** in to me,

for indeed, I have hired you with my son's love-apples." And he lay with her that night.
[17]And **Elohim listened** to Lĕ'ah and she conceived and bore Ya'aqoḇ a fifth son.
[18]And Lĕ'ah said, "**Elohim** has **given** me my hire, **because** I have **given** my female servant to my husband." So she called his name Yissasḵar.
[19]And Lĕ'ah conceived again and bore Ya'aqoḇ a sixth son.
[20]And Lĕ'ah said, "**Elohim** has presented me with a **good** present. **Now** my husband is going to dwell with me, **because** I have borne him six sons." So she called his name Zeḇulun.
[21]And afterward she bore a daughter and called her name Dinah.
[22]And **Elohim remembered** Raḥĕl and **Elohim listened** to her and **opened** her womb.
[23]And she conceived and bore a son and said, "**Elohim** has taken away my *reproach.*"
[24]So she called his name Yosĕph and said, "יהוה has **added** to me another son."
[25]And it came to be, when Raḥĕl had borne Yosĕph, that Ya'aqoḇ said to Laḇan, "Send me on my **way,** to go to my own place and to my land.
[26]"Give my wives and my children for whom I have **served** you and let me go, for you yourself **know** my service which I have done for you."
[27]And Laḇan said to him, "***If*** I have **found favour** in your eyes, please stay, for I have **diligently** watched that יהוה has **blessed** me for your sake."
[28]And he said, "Name me your wages and I give it."
[29]So he said to him, "You **know** how I have **served** you and how your livestock has been with me.
[30]"For the *little* you had before I came has increased greatly and יהוה has **blessed** you since my **coming**. ***But* now**, when am I to provide for my own house too?"
[31]And he said, "***What*** do I give you?"
And Ya'aqoḇ said, "Give me naught! ***If*** you do this for me, I ***shall*** again feed and **guard** your flocks:
[32]"**Let** me pass through **all** your flock today, removing from there **all** the speckled and spotted sheep and **all** the black ones among the lambs and the spotted and speckled among the goats. And these ***shall* be** my wages.
[33]"And my **righteousness *shall*** answer for me in **time** to come, when you **come** concerning my wages: **every** one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and black among the lambs, it is *stolen* if it is with me."
[34]And Laḇan said, "**See, let it be according** to your word!"
[35]And on that day he set aside the male goats that were speckled and spotted and **all** the female goats that were speckled and spotted, **every** one that had some white in it and **all** the black ones among the lambs and gave them into the **hand** of his sons.
[36]And he put three days' journey between himself and Ya'aqoḇ and Ya'aqoḇ fed the rest of Laḇan's flocks.
[37]And Ya'aqoḇ took for himself rods of green poplar and of the almond and chestnut trees, peeled white strips in them and exposed the white which was in the rods.
[38]And he set the rods which he had peeled before the flocks in the gutters, in the watering troughs where the flocks came to drink and they conceived when they came to drink.
[39]So the flocks conceived before the rods and the flocks brought forth streaked, speckled and spotted.
[40]And Ya'aqoḇ separated the lambs and made the flocks face toward the streaked and **all** the black in the flock of Laḇan, but he put his own flocks by themselves and *did not* put them with Laḇan's flock.
[41]And it came to be, whenever the **strong** ones of the flock conceived, that Ya'aqoḇ placed the rods before the eyes of the flock in the gutters, so they would conceive among the rods.
[42]***But*** when the flocks were weak, he *did not* put them in, so the weak ones

were Laḇan's and the **strong** ones Ya'aqoḇ's.
43Thus the man increased **very** much and had many flocks and female and male servants and camels and donkeys.

31 And he **heard** the **words** of Laḇan's sons, saying, "Ya'aqoḇ has taken away **all** that was our father's and from what belonged to our father he has made **all** this wealth."
2And Ya'aqoḇ would look at the face of Laḇan and **see** that it was not toward him as before.
3And יהוה said to Ya'aqoḇ, "**Return to the land of your fathers and to your relatives. And I am with you.**"
4And Ya'aqoḇ **sent** and called Raḥĕl and Lĕ'ah to the field, to his flock,
5and said to them, "I **see** your father's face, that it is not toward me as before, but the **Elohim** of my father has been with me.
6"And you **know** that I have **served** your father with **all** my strength.
7"Yet your father has ***deceived*** me and *changed* my wages ten times, but **Elohim** *did not* allow him to do *evil* to me.
8"***When*** he said this, 'The speckled are your wages,' then **all** the flocks bore speckled. And when he said this, 'The streaked are your wages,' then **all** the flocks bore streaked.
9"So **Elohim** has taken away the livestock of your father and **given** them to me.
10"And it came to be, at the **time** when the flocks conceived, that I lifted my eyes and **looked** in a **dream** and **saw** the rams which leaped upon the flocks were streaked, speckled and mottled.
11"And the Messenger of **Elohim** spoke to me in a **dream,** saying, 'Ya'aqoḇ.' And I said, 'Here I am.'
12"And **He** said, 'Lift your eyes **now** and **see, all** the rams which leap on the flocks are streaked, speckled and mottled, for I have **seen all** that Laḇan is doing to you.
13'**I am the** Ĕl **of Bĕyth** Ĕl, where you **anointed** the standing column and where you made a vow to **Me. Now** rise up, get out of this land and **return** to the land of your relatives.' "
14And Raḥĕl and Lĕ'ah answered and said to him, "***Do*** we still have any portion or **inheritance** in our father's house?
15"Are we not reckoned by him as strangers? For he has sold us and also entirely *consumed* our silver.
16"For **all** the wealth which **Elohim** has taken from our father are ours and our children's. **Now** then, do ***whatever*** **Elohim** has told you."
17So Ya'aqoḇ rose and put his sons and his wives on camels,
18and he drove off **all** his livestock and **all** his possessions which he had acquired, his property of the livestock which he had acquired in Paddan Aram, to go to his father Yitsḥaq in the land of Kena'an.
19And when Laḇan had gone to shear his sheep, Raḥĕl stole the house *idols* that were her father's.
20And Ya'aqoḇ ***deceived*** Laḇan the Aramean, **because** he *did not* inform him that he was about to ***flee.***
21And he fled with **all** that he had. And he rose up and passed over the river and headed toward the mountains of Gil'aḏ.
22And on the third day Laḇan was told that Ya'aqoḇ had fled.
23***Then*** he took his brothers with him and pursued him for seven days' journey and he overtook him in the mountains of Gil'aḏ.
24***But*** in a **dream** by night **Elohim** came to Laḇan the Aramean and said to him, "**Guard** yourself, that *you do not* **speak** to Ya'aqoḇ either **good** or *evil*."
25***Then*** Laḇan overtook Ya'aqoḇ. **Now** Ya'aqoḇ had pitched his tent in the mountains and Laḇan with his brothers pitched in the mountains of Gil'aḏ.
26And Laḇan said to Ya'aqoḇ, "***What*** have you done, that you have ***deceived*** me and *driven* my daughters off like captives taken with the sword?
27"***Why*** did you ***flee*** **secretly** and

deceive me and not inform me and I would have **sent** you away with **joy** and songs, with tambourine and lyre?
[28]"And you *did not* allow me to kiss my sons and my daughters. **Now** you have been ***foolish*** to do this.
[29]"It is in the **power** of my **hand** to do *evil* to you, but the **Elohim** of your father spoke to me **last** night, saying, '**Guard** yourself, that *you do not* **speak** to Ya'aqoḇ either **good** or *evil*.'
[30]"And **now** you have gone **because** you greatly long for your father's house, but why did you steal my *mighty ones*?"
[31]And Ya'aqoḇ answered and said to Laḇan, "**Because** I was *afraid*, for I said, 'Lest you *tear* your daughters away from me.'
[32]"With ***whomever*** you find your *mighty ones*, *do not* let him **live.** In the presence of our brothers, **see** for yourself what is with me and take it with you." For Ya'aqoḇ *did not* **know** that Raḥĕl had *stolen* them.
[33]And Laḇan went into Ya'aqoḇ's tent and into Lĕ'ah's tent and into the tents of the two female servants, but he *did not* find them. And he came out of Lĕ'ah's tent and entered Raḥĕl's tent.
[34]**Now** Raḥĕl had taken the *house idols* and put them in the camel's saddle and sat on them. And Laḇan searched **all** about the tent but *did not* find them.
[35]And she said to her father, "**Let** it not displease my master that I am *unable* to rise before you, for the **way** of women is with me." And he searched but *did not* find the house *idols*.
[36]And Ya'aqoḇ was *wroth* and contended with Laḇan and Ya'aqoḇ answered and said to Laḇan, "***What*** is my transgression? ***What*** is my *sin,* that you have hotly pursued me?
[37]"**Now** that you have searched **all** my goods what have you **found** of **all** your household goods? Set it here before my brothers and your brothers and let them decide between the two of us!
[38]"These twenty years I have been with you. Your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried their young and I have not eaten the rams of your sheep.
[39]"That which was *torn* by beasts I *did not* bring to you, I myself bore the loss of it. You required it from my **hand,** whether *stolen* by day or *stolen* by night.
[40]"Thus I was! By day the *heat consumed* me and the frost by night and my sleep fled from my eyes.
[41]"These twenty years I have been in your house. I **served** you fourteen years for your two daughters and six years for your flock and *you have changed* my wages ten times.
[42]"Unless the **Elohim** of my father, the **Elohim** of Aḇrahim and the **Fear** of Yitsḥaq, had been with me, you would **now** have **sent** me away empty-handed. **Elohim** has **seen** my *affliction* and the labour of my hands and rendered *judgement* **last** night."
[43]And Laḇan answered and said to Ya'aqoḇ, "These daughters are my daughters and these children are my children and this flock is my flock and **all** that you **see** is **mine**. ***But*** what ***shall*** I do today to these, my daughters or to their children whom they have borne?
[44]"And **now**, come, let us make a covenant, you and I and it ***shall*** **be** a **witness** between you and me."
[45]So Ya'aqoḇ took a stone and set it up as a standing column.
[46]And Ya'aqoḇ said to his brothers, "**Gather** stones." And they took stones and made a heap and they ate there on the heap.
[47]And Laḇan called it Yeḡar Sahaḏutha, but Ya'aqoḇ called it Gal'ĕḏ.
[48]And Laḇan said, "This heap is a **witness** between you and me today." That is why its name was called Gal'ĕḏ,
[49]also Mitspah, **because** he said, "**Let** יְהוָה **watch** between you and me when we are out of each other's sight.
[50]"***If*** you *afflict* my daughters, or if you take other wives besides my daughters, although no man is with us; **see, Elohim** is **witness** between you and me!"
[51]And Laḇan said to Ya'aqoḇ, "**See** this heap and **see** this standing column, which I have placed between you and

me.
52"This heap is a **witness** and this
standing column is a **witness,** that I *do*
not pass beyond this heap to you and *you*
do not pass beyond this heap and this
standing column to me, for *evil*.
53"**The Elohim** of Aḇrahim, **the**
Elohim of Naḥor and **the Elohim** of
their father **rightly rule** between us!"
And Ya'aqoḇ **swore** by the **Fear** of his
father Yitsḥaq.
54And Ya'aqoḇ brought an offering on
the mountain and called his brothers to
eat bread. And they ate **bread** and spent
the night on the mountain.
55And Laḇan rose up early in the
morning and kissed his sons and
daughters and **blessed** them. And Laḇan
left and returned to his place.

32 And Ya'aqoḇ went on his **way**
and the messengers of **Elohim** met him.
2And when Ya'aqoḇ **saw** them, he said,
"This is the camp of **Elohim**." And
he called the name of that place
Maḥanayim.
3And Ya'aqoḇ **sent** messengers before
him to Ěsaw his brother in the land of
Sě'ir, the field of Eḏom
4and he **commanded** them, saying,
"Say this to my master Ěsaw, '**Your**
servant Ya'aqoḇ said this, "I have
sojourned with Laḇan and stayed there
until *now*.
5"'And I have bulls and donkeys, flocks
and male and female servants. And I
have **sent** to inform my master, to find
favour in your eyes." ' "
6So the messengers returned to
Ya'aqoḇ, saying, "We came to your
brother Ěsaw and he also is **coming** to
meet you and four hundred men with
him."
7And Ya'aqoḇ was greatly *afraid* and
distressed. So he divided the people that
were with him and the flocks and herds
and camels, into two groups,
8and he said, "***If*** Ěsaw **comes** to the
one group and attacks it, then the other
group which is left ***shall*** **escape**."
9And Ya'aqoḇ said, "O **Elohim** of
my father Aḇrahim and **Elohim** of my
father Yitsḥaq, יהוה who said to me,
'**Return to your land and to your**
relatives and **I do good to you**,'
10"I *do not* de**serve** the least of **all** the
kind acts and **all** the **truth** which You
have shown **Your** servant, for I passed
over this Yarděn with my staff and **now** I
have become two groups.
11"Deliver me, I pray, from the **hand** of
my brother, from the **hand** of Ěsaw, for
I **fear** him, lest he **come** and ***shall*** *smite*
me and the mother with the children.
12"For **You** said, 'I ***shall*** certainly do
good to you and ***shall*** make your seed
as the sand of the sea, which are too
numerous to count.' "
13And he spent the night there and took
what came to his **hand** as a present for
Ěsaw his brother –
14two hundred female goats and twenty
male goats, two hundred ewes and
twenty rams,
15thirty milk camels with their colts,
forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female
donkeys and ten foals.
16And he gave into the **hand** of his
servants, **every** drove by itself and said
to his servants, "Pass over before me and
put some distance between drove and
drove."
17And he **commanded** the **first** one,
saying, "***When*** Ěsaw my brother meets
you and asks you, saying, 'To whom do
you belong and where are you going?
And whose are these in front of you?'
18then you ***shall*** say, 'They are your
servant Ya'aqoḇ's. It is a present **sent**
to my master Ēsaw. And **see,** he also is
behind us.' "
19So he **commanded** the second and the
third and **all** who **followed** the droves,
saying, **"Speak** to Ěsaw this **same word**
when you find him,
20and you ***shall*** say, 'Also look, your
servant Ya'aqoḇ is behind us.' " For he
said, "**Let** me appease him with the
present that goes before me and after
that **see** his face. He might **accept** me."
21And the present passed over before
him, but he himself spent the night in the
camp.

[22]And he rose up that night and took his two wives and his two female servants and his eleven sons and passed over the ford of Yabboq.
[23]And he took them and **sent** them over the stream and **sent** over what he had.
[24]And Ya'aqoḇ was left alone. And a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day.
[25]And when **He saw** that **He** *did not* overcome him, **He** touched the socket of his hip. And the socket of Ya'aqoḇ's hip was dislocated as **He** wrestled with him.
[26]And **He** said, "**Let Me** go, for the day breaks." ***But*** he said, "**I am not letting You go until You have blessed me!**"
[27]So **He** asked him, "***What*** is your **name**?" And he said, "Ya'aqoḇ."
[28]And **He** said, "Your name is no longer called Ya'aqoḇ, but **Yisra'ĕl, <u>because</u>** you have **striven** with **Elohim** and with men and have **overcome**."
[29]And Ya'aqoḇ asked **Him,** saying, "**Please let me know Your Name**." And **He** said, "***Why* do you ask about My Name?**" *And* **He blessed** *him there*.
[30]And Ya'aqoḇ called the name of the place Peni'ĕl, "**For I have seen Elohim face to face and my life is preserved.**"
[31]And the sun rose on him as he passed over Penu'ĕl and he limped on his hip.
[32]That is why the children of Yisra'ĕl to this day *do not* eat the sinew of the hip, which is on the socket of the thigh, **<u>because</u> He** touched the socket of the thigh of Ya'aqoḇ, in the sinew of the hip.

33 And Ya'aqoḇ lifted his eyes and **looked** and **saw** Ĕsaw **coming** and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children among Lĕ'ah and Raḥĕl and the two female servants.
[2]And he put the female servants and their children in front and Lĕ'ah and her children behind and Raḥĕl and Yosĕph **last.**
[3]And he himself passed over before them and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came **near** to his brother.
[4]And Ĕsaw ran to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him and they wept.
[5]And he lifted his eyes and **saw** the women and children and said, "***Who*** are these with you?" And he said, "The children with whom **Elohim** has favoured your servant."
[6]***Then*** the female servants came near, they and their children and bowed themselves.
[7]And Lĕ'ah also came **near** with her children and they bowed themselves. And Yosĕph and Raḥĕl came near and they bowed themselves.
[8]***Then*** Ĕsaw said, "***What*** do you mean by **all** this company which I met?" And he said, "To find **favour** *in the eyes* of my master."
[9]***But*** Ĕsaw said, "I have enough, my brother let what you have remain yours."
[10]And Ya'aqoḇ said, "No, please, if I have **now found favour** in your eyes, then receive my present from my **hand, <u>because</u>** I have **seen** your face like **seeing** the face of **Elohim** and you were pleased with me.
[11]"Please, take my **blessing** that is brought to you, **<u>because</u> Elohim** has favoured me and **<u>because</u>** I have **all** I need." And he urged him and he took it.
[12]And he said, "**Let** us depart and go and let me go before you."
[13]***But*** he said to him, "My master **knows** that the children are weak and the flocks and herds which are nursing are with me. And if the men should *drive* them hard one day, **all** the flocks ***shall die.***
[14]"Please let my master go before

*Israel: YISRAEL: This term originated when Yahuah re-named Ya'aqob after wrestling **all** night. It can mean "he who struggles with Elohim", yet there is another layer **seen** in the root "SAR" for "prince"; so it can also mean "prince of Elohim". Some Hebrew **words** have two meanings, as we **see** that "NATSAR" can mean"branch"* and *at the **same time**"watchman".*

his servant and let me lead on slowly **according** to the pace of the livestock that go before me and **according** to the pace of the children, until I **come to** my master in Sĕʿir."
[15]And Ĕsaw said, "Please let me leave with you some of the people who are with me." ***But*** he said, "***Why*** this? **Let** me find **favour** *in the eyes* of my master."
[16]And Ĕsaw returned that day on his **way** to Sĕʿir.
[17]And Yaʿaqoḇ set out to Sukkoth and built himself a house and made booths for his livestock. That is why the name of the place is called Sukkoth.
[18]And Yaʿaqoḇ came safely to the city of Sheḵem, which is in the land of Kenaʿan, when he came from Paddan Aram. And he pitched his tent before the city.
[19]And he bought the portion of the field where he had pitched his tent, from the children of Ḥamor, Sheḵem's father, for one hundred qesitah.
[20]And he set up an altar there and called it Ĕl Elohĕ Yisraʾĕl.

34 And Dinah, the daughter of Leʾah, whom she had borne to Yaʿaqoḇ, went out to **see** the daughters of the land.
[2]And Sheḵem, son of Ḥamor the Ḥiwwite, prince of the land, ***saw*** her, ***took*** her, ***lay*** with her and ***humbled*** her.
[3]And his being *clung* to Dinah the daughter of Yaʿaqoḇ and he **loved** the girl and spoke kindly to the girl.
[4]And Sheḵem spoke to his father Ḥamor, saying, "Take this girl for me for a wife."
[5]And Yaʿaqoḇ **heard** that he had *defiled* Dinah his daughter. **Now** his sons were with his livestock in the field, so Yaʿaqoḇ kept *silent* until they came.
[6]And Ḥamor, the father of Sheḵem, went out to Yaʿaqoḇ to **speak** with him.
[7]And the sons of Yaʿaqoḇ came in from the field when they **heard** it. And the men were *grieved* and **very** *wroth*, **because** he had done a senseless **deed** in Yisraʾĕl by *lying* with Yaʿaqoḇ's daughter, which should not be done.
[8]***But*** Ḥamor spoke with them, saying, "My son Sheḵem's being longs for your daughter. Please give her to him for a wife.
[9]"And intermarry with us, give us your daughters and take our daughters for yourselves,
[10]and dwell with us and let the land be before you. Dwell and move about in it and have possessions in it."
[11]And Sheḵem said to her father and her brothers, "**Let** me find **favour** in your eyes and ***whatever*** you say to me I give.
[12]"**Ask** of me a bride price and gift ever so high and I give **according** to what you say to me, but give me the girl for a wife."
[13]***But*** the sons of Yaʿaqoḇ answered Sheḵem and Ḥamor his father and spoke with *deceit*, **because** he had *defiled* Dinah their sister.
[14]And they said to them, "We are not able to do this matter, to give our sister to one who is *uncircumcised*, for that would be a *reproach* to us.
[15]"Only on this condition would we **agree** to you: ***If*** you become as we are, to have **every** male of you circumcised,
[16]then we ***shall*** give our daughters to you and take your daughters to us. And we ***shall*** dwell with you and ***shall*** become one people.
[17]"***But*** if *you do not* **listen** to us and be circumcised, we ***shall*** take our daughter and go."
[18]And their **words** pleased Ḥamor and Sheḵem, Ḥamor's son.
[19]And the young man *did not* delay to do this **because** he **delighted** in Yaʿaqoḇ's daughter. **Now** he was more respected than **all** the household of his father.
[20]And Ḥamor and Sheḵem his son came to the gate of their city and spoke with the men of their city, saying,
[21]"These men are at **peace** with us, so let them dwell in the land and move about in it. And **see,** the land is large enough for them. **Let** us take their daughters for us for wives

and let us give them our daughters.
22"Only on this condition would the men **agree** to dwell with us, to be one people: if **every** male among us is circumcised as they are circumcised.
23"Their herds and their possessions and **all** their beasts, should they not be ours? Only let us **agree** with them and let them dwell with us."
24And **all** who went out of the gate of his city **listened** to Ḥamor and Shekem his son; **every** male was circumcised, **all** who went out of the gate of his city.
25And it came to be on the third day, when they were in pain, that two of the sons of Ya'aqoḇ, Shim'on and Lĕwi, Dinah's brothers, each took his *sword* and came **boldly** upon the city and *killed* **all** the males.
26And they *killed* Ḥamor and Shekem his son with the edge of the *sword* and took Dinah from Shekem's house and went out.
27The sons of Ya'aqoḇ came upon the slain and plundered the city, **because** they had *defiled* their sister.
28They took their flocks and their herds and their donkeys and that which was in the city and that which was in the field,
29and **all** their wealth. And **all** their *little* ones and their wives they took captive and they plundered **all** that was in the houses.
30And Ya'aqoḇ said to Shim'on and Lĕwi, "You have *troubled* me by making me a *stench* among the inhabitants of the land, among the Kena'anites and the Perizzites. And I am **few** in number, they ***shall* gather** themselves *against* me and ***shall** smite* me and I ***shall* be destroyed**, my household and I."
31***But*** they said,"***Should*** he treat our sister like a *whore?*"

35 And **Elohim** said to Ya'aqoḇ, "Arise, go up to Bĕyth Ěl and dwell there. And make an altar there to Ěl who appeared to you when you fled from the face of Ěsaw your brother."
2And Ya'aqoḇ said to his household and to **all** who were with him, "**Put away the foreign** *mighty ones* **that are among you** and **cleanse yourselves** and *change* **your garments**."
3"And let us arise and go up to Bĕyth Ěl and let me make there an altar to Ěl, who answered me in the **day of** my *distress* and has been with me in the **way** which I have gone."
4So they gave Ya'aqoḇ **all** the *foreign mighty ones* which were in their hands and **all** their *earrings* which were in their **ears.** And Ya'aqoḇ *hid them under the terebinth tree* which was **near** Shekem.
5And they departed and the **fear** of **Elohim** was upon the cities that were **all** around them and they *did not* pursue the sons of Ya'aqoḇ.
6And Ya'aqoḇ came to Luz, that is Bĕyth Ěl, which is in the land of Kena'an, he and **all** the people who were with him.
7And he built there an altar and called the place El Bĕyth Ěl, **because** there **Elohim** appeared to him when he fled from the face of his brother.
8And Deḇorah, Riḇqah's nurse, died and she was buried below Bĕyth Ěl under the terebinth *tree.* So the name of it was called Allon Baḳuth.
9And **Elohim** appeared to Ya'aqoḇ again, when he came from Paddan Aram and **blessed** him.
10And **Elohim** said to him, "Your name is Ya'aqoḇ, your name is no longer called Ya'aqoḇ, but Yisra'ěl is your name." So **He** called his name Yisra'ěl.
11And **Elohim** said to him, "**I am** Ěl **Shaddai.** Bear **fruit** and increase, a nation and a company of nations ***shall* be** from you and sovereigns **come** from your body.
12"And the land which I gave Aḇrahim and Yitsḥaq I give to you. And to your seed after you I give this land."
13And **Elohim** went up from him in the place where **He** had **spoken** with him.
14And Ya'aqoḇ set up a standing column in the place where **He** had **spoken** with him, a monument of stone. And he poured a drink offering on it and he poured oil on it.

[15]And Ya'aqoḇ called the name of the place where **Ĕlohim** spoke with him, Bĕyth Ĕl.
[16]***Then*** they set out from Bĕyth Ĕl. And it came to be, when there was but a *little* distance to go to Ephrath, that Raḥĕl began to give birth and had **great** difficulty giving birth.
[17]And it came to be, as she was having **great** difficulty giving birth, that the midwife said to her, "***Do not*** **fear,** for it is another son for you."
[18]And it came to be, as her **life** was going out – for she died – that she called his name Ben-Oni. ***But*** his father called him Binyamin.
[19]So Raḥĕl died and was buried on the **way** to Ephrath, that is Bĕyth Leḥem.
[20]And Ya'aqoḇ set a standing column on her grave, which is the monument of Raḥĕl's grave to this day.
[21]And Yisra'ĕl set out and pitched his tent beyond the tower of Ĕḏer.
[22]And it came to be, when Yisra'ĕl dwelt in that land, that Re'uḇĕn went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine. And Yisra'ĕl **heard** about it. **Now** the sons of Ya'aqoḇ were twelve:
[23]the sons of Lĕ'ah were Re'uḇĕn, Ya'aqoḇ's first-born and Shim'on and Lĕwi and Yahuḏah and Yissasḵar and Zeḇulun;
[24]the sons of Raḥĕl were Yosĕph and Binyamin;
[25]the sons of Bilhah, Raḥĕl's female servant, were Dan and Naphtali;
[26]and the sons of Zilpah, Lĕ'ah's female servant, were Gaḏ and Ashĕr. These were the sons of Ya'aqoḇ who were born to him in Paddan Aram.
[27]And Ya'aqoḇ came to his father Yitsḥaq at Mamrĕ, or Qiryath Arba, that is Ḥeḇron, where Aḇrahim and Yitsḥaq had dwelt.
[28]And the days of Yitsḥaq were one hundred and eighty years.
[29]So Yitsḥaq breathed his **last** and died and was gathered to his people, aged and **satisfied** of days. And his sons Ĕsaw and Ya'aqoḇ buried him.

36 And this is the genealogy of Ĕsaw, who is Eḏom.
[2]Ĕsaw took his wives from the daughters of Kena'an: Aḏah the daughter of Ĕlon the Ḥittite and Oholiḇamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Tsiḇ'on the Ḥiwwite;
[3]and Basemath, Yishma'ĕl's daughter, sister of Neḇayoth.
[4]And Aḏah bore Eliphaz to Ĕsaw and Basemath bore Re'uw'ĕl.
[5]And Oholiḇamah bore Ye'ush and Ya'lam and Qoraḥ. These were the sons of Ĕsaw who were born to him in the land of Kena'an.
[6]And Ĕsaw took his wives and his sons and his daughters and **all** the beings of his household and his herds and **all** his beasts and **all** his possessions which he had gained in the land of Kena'an and went to a land away from the presence of his brother Ya'aqoḇ.
[7]For their possessions were too **great** for them to dwell together and the land of their sojournings *could not* support them **<u>because</u>** of their herds.
[8]So Ĕsaw dwelt in Mount Sĕ'ir. Ĕsaw is Eḏom.
[9]And this is the genealogy of Ĕsaw the father of the Eḏomites in Mount Sĕ'ir.
[10]These were the names of Ĕsaw's sons: Eliphaz son of Aḏah, wife of Ĕsaw and Re'uw'ĕl son of Basemath, wife of Ĕsaw.
[11]And the sons of Eliphaz were Tĕman, Omar, Tsepho and Gatam and Qenaz.
[12]And Timna was the concubine of Eliphaz, Ĕsaw's son and she bore Amalĕq to Eliphaz. These were the sons of Aḏah, Ĕsaw's wife.
[13]These were the sons of Re'uw'ĕl: Naḥath and Zeraḥ, Shammah and Mizzah. These were the sons of Basemath, Ĕsaw's wife.
[14]These were the sons of Oholiḇamah, Ĕsaw's wife, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Tsiḇ'on. And she bore to Ĕsaw: Ye'ush and Ya'lam and Qoraḥ.
[15]These were the chiefs of the sons of Ĕsaw. The sons of Eliphaz, the first-born son of Ĕsaw, were Chief Tĕman, Chief

Omar, Chief Tsepho, Chief Qenaz,
16Chief Qoraḥ, Chief Gatam, Chief Amalĕq. These were the chiefs of Eliphaz in the land of Eḏom. They were the sons of Aḏah.
17And these were the sons of Re'uw'ĕl, Ĕsaw's son: Chief Naḥath, Chief Zeraḥ, Chief Shammah and Chief Mizzah. These were the chiefs of Re'uw'ĕl in the land of Eḏom. These were the sons of Basemath, Ĕsaw's wife.
18And these were the sons of Oholiḇamah, Ĕsaw's wife: Chief Ye'ush, Chief Ya'lam and Chief Qoraḥ. These were the chiefs descending from Oholiḇamah, Ĕsaw's wife, the daughter of Anah.
19These were the sons of Ĕsaw, who is Eḏom and these were their chiefs.
20These were the sons of Sĕ'ir the Ḥorite who inhabited the land: Lotan and Shoḇal and Tsiḇ'on and Anah,
21and Dishon and Ĕtser and Dishan. These were the chiefs of the Ḥorites, the sons of Sĕ'ir, in the land of Eḏom.
22And the sons of Lotan were Ḥori and Hĕmam. Lotan's sister was Timna.
23And these were the sons of Shoḇal: Alwan and Manaḥath and Ĕyḇal, Shepho and Onam.
24And these were the sons of Tsiḇ'on: both Ayah and Anah. This was the Anah who **found** the water in the wilderness as he fed the donkeys of his father Tsiḇ'on.
25And these were the children of Anah: Dishon and Oholiḇamah the daughter of Anah.
26And these were the sons of Dishon: Ḥemdan and Esh**ban** and Yithran and Ḳeran.
27These were the sons of Ĕtser: Bilhan and Za'awan and Aqan.
28These were the sons of Dishan: Uts and Aran.
29These were the chiefs of the Ḥorites: Chief Lotan, Chief Shoḇal, Chief Tsiḇ'on, Chief Anah,
30Chief Dishon, Chief Ĕtser and Chief Dishan. These were the chiefs of the Ḥorites, **according** to their chiefs in the land of Sĕ'ir.
31And these were the sovereigns who reigned in the land of Eḏom before any sovereign reigned over the children of Yisra'ĕl.
32And Bela the son of Be'or reigned in Eḏom and the name of his city was Dinhaḇah.
33And Bela died and Yoḇaḇ son of Zeraḥ of Botsrah reigned in his place.
34And Yoḇaḇ died and Ḥusham of the land of the Tĕmanites reigned in his place.
35And Ḥusham died and Haḏaḏ son of Beḏaḏ, who *smote* Miḏyan in the field of Mo'aḇ, reigned in his place. And the name of his city was Awith.
36And Haḏaḏ died and Samlah of Masrĕqah reigned in his place.
37And Samlah died and Sha'ul of Reḥoḇoth by the River reigned in his place.
38And Sha'ul died and Ba'al-Ḥanan son of Aḵbor reigned in his place.
39And Ba'al-Ḥanan son of Aḵbor died and Haḏar reigned in his place. And the name of his city was Pa'u. And his wife's name was Mehĕtab'ĕl, the daughter of Matrĕḏ, the daughter of Mĕyzahaḇ.
40And these were the names of the chiefs of Ĕsaw, **according** to their clans and their places, by their names: Chief Timnah, Chief Alwah, Chief Yethĕth,
41Chief Oholiḇamah, Chief Ĕlah, Chief Pinon,
42Chief Qenaz, Chief Tĕman, Chief Miḇtsar,
43Chief Magḏi'ĕl, Chief Iram. These were the chiefs of Eḏom, **according** to their dwelling places in the land of their possession. Ésaw was the father of the Eḏomites.

37 And Ya'aqoḇ dwelt in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Kena'an.
2This is the genealogy of Ya'aqoḇ. Yosĕph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers.

And the young man was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives. And Yosĕph brought an *evil* report of them to his father.

[3]And Yisra'ĕl **loved** Yosĕph more than **all** his children, **because** he was the son of his old age. And he made him a long robe.

[4]***But*** when his brothers **saw** that their father **loved** him more than **all** his brothers, they *hated* him and were not able to **speak** peaceably to him.

[5]And Yosĕph **dreamed** a **dream** and told it to his brothers. So they *hated* him even more.

[6]And he said to them, "Please **listen** to this **dream** which I have **dreamed**:

[7]"**See,** we were binding sheaves in the **midst** of the field and **see,** my sheaf rose up and also stood up. And **see,** your sheaves stood **all** around and bowed down to my sheaf."

[8]And his brothers said to him, "***Shall*** you indeed **reign** over us? ***shall*** you indeed **rule** over us?" So they *hated* him even more for his **dreams** and for his **words**.

[9]And he **dreamed** still another **dream** and related it to his brothers and said, "**See,** I have **dreamed** another **dream** and **see,** the sun and the moon and the eleven stars bowed down to me."

[10]And he related it to his father and his brothers. And his father ***rebuked*** him and said to him, "***What*** is this **dream** that you have **dreamed**? ***shall*** we, your mother and I and your brothers, indeed **come to** bow down to the earth before you?"

[11]And his brothers *envied* him, but his father **guarded** the **word.**

[12]And his brothers went to feed their father's flock in Shekem.

[13]And Yisra'ĕl said to Yosĕph, "Are not your brothers feeding the flock in Shekem? **Come,** I send you to them." So he said to him, "Here I am."

[14]And he said to him, "Please go and **see** if it is well with your brothers and well with the sheep and bring back **word** to me." So he **sent** him out of the Valley of Hebron and he went to Shekem.

[15]And **a certain man found him** and **see,** he was wandering in the field. And the man asked him, saying, "***What*** do you seek?"

[16]And he said, "I am **seeking** my brothers. Please inform me where they are feeding their sheep."

[17]And the man said, "They have left here, for I **heard** them say, '**Let** us go towards Dothan.' " So Yosĕph went after his brothers and **found** them in Dothan.

[18]And they **saw** him from a distance and before he came **near** them, they *plotted against* him, to *kill* him.

[19]And they said to each other, "**See,** this master of **dreams** is **coming**!

[20]"**Now**, then, **come** and let us **now** *kill* him and *throw* him into some pit and ***shall*** say, 'Some wild beast has devoured him.' **Let** us then **see** what **comes** of his **dreams**!"

[21]***But*** Re'ubĕn **heard** and rescued him from their hands and said, "**Let** us not take his **life**."

[22]And Re'ubĕn said to them, "Shed no blood. *throw* him into this pit which is in the wilderness and *do not* lay a **hand** on him" – **in order** to **rescue** him out of their hands and bring him back to his father.

[23]So it came to be, when Yosĕph had **come to** his brothers, that they stripped Yosĕph of his **robe**, the long **robe** which was on him.

[24]And they took him and threw him into a pit. And the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

[25]And they sat down to eat a meal. And they lifted their eyes and **looked** and **saw** a company of Yishma'ĕlites, **coming** from Gil'ad with their camels, bearing spices and balm and myrrh, going to take them down to Mitsrayim.

[26]And Yahudah said to his brothers, "***What*** would we *gain* if we *kill* our brother and *conceal* his blood?

[27]"**Come** and let us sell him to the Yishma'ĕlites and let not our **hand** be upon him, for he is our brother, our *flesh*." And his brothers **listened**.

[28]And men, Midyanite traders passed by, so they pulled Yosĕph up and lifted

him out of the pit and sold him to the Yishma'ĕlites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Yosĕph to Mitsrayim.
[29]And Re'ubĕn returned to the pit and **see,** Yosĕph was not in the pit. And he tore his garments.
[30]And he returned to his brothers and said, "The boy is gone! And I, where am I to go?"
[31]So they took Yosĕph's robe, *killed* a male goat and dipped the **robe** in the **blood,**
[32]and **sent** the long **robe** and brought it to their father and said, "We have **found** this. Please look, is it the **robe** of your son or not?"
[33]And he recognised it and said, "It is my son's robe. An *evil* beast has devoured him. Yosĕph is torn, *torn* to pieces."
[34]And Ya'aqob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his waist and mourned for his son many days.
[35]And **all** his sons and **all** his daughters arose to comfort him, but he *refused* to be comforted and he said, "**Now** let me go down into the grave to my son in mourning." So his father wept for him.
[36]And the Midanites had sold him in Mitsrayim to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh and captain of the guard.

38 And at that **time** it came to be that Yahudah left his brothers and turned aside to a man, an Adullamite whose name was Hirah.
[2]And Yahudah **saw** there a daughter of a certain Kena'anite whose name was Shuwa. And he took her and went in to her.
[3]So she conceived and bore a son and he called his name Ĕr.
[4]And she conceived again and bore a son and she called his name Onan.
[5]And she conceived yet again and bore a son and called his name Shĕlah. And he was at Kezib when she bore him.
[6]And Yahudah took a wife for Ĕr his first-born and her name was Tamar.
[7]***But*** Ĕr, Yahudah's first-born, was *evil in the eyes* of יהוה and יהוה took his **life**.
[8]And Yahudah said to Onan, "Go in to your brother's wife and marry her and **raise** up an **heir** to your brother."
[9]And Onan **knew** that the offspring would not be his. And it came to be, when he went in to his brother's wife, that he spilled on the ground, lest he should give an offspring to his brother.
[10]***But*** what he did *displeased* יהוה, so **He** took his **life** too.
[11]***Then*** Yahudah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, "Remain a widow in your father's house until my son Shĕlah is grown." For he said, "Lest he also *die* as his brothers did." And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house.
[12]And after a long **time** the daughter of Shuwa, Yahudah's wife, *died.* And Yahudah was comforted and went up to his sheep-shearers at Timnah, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.
[13]And it was reported to Tamar, saying, "**See,** your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep."
[14]And she took off her widow's garments and covered herself with a veil and wrapped herself and sat at the entrance to Ĕnayim which was on the **way** to Timnah. For she **saw** that Shĕlah was grown and she was not **given** to him as a wife.
[15]And Yahudah **saw** her and reckoned her for a *whore,* for she had covered her face.
[16]And he turned aside to her by the **way** and said, "**Please** let me **come** in to you," for he *did not* **know** that she was his daughter-in-law. And she said,"***What*** do you give me to **come** in to me?"
[17]And he said, "**Let** me send you a young goat from the flock." And she said, "***Do*** you give me a **pledge** until you send it?"
[18]So he said, "***What*** **pledge** should I give you?" And she said, "**Your seal** and your **cord** and your **staff** that is in your **hand.**" And he gave them to her and went in to her and she conceived by him.
[19]And she arose and went away and removed her veil and put on the

garments of her widowhood.
[20]And Yahuḏah **sent** the young goat by the **hand** of his friend the Aḏullamite, to receive his **pledge** from the woman's **hand,** but he *did not* find her.
[21]And he asked the men of that place, saying, "Where is the cult *prostitute* who was beside the **way** to Ĕnayim?" And they said, "There was no cult *prostitute* in this place."
[22]And he returned to Yahuḏah and said, "I have not **found** her. And the men of the place also said there was no cult *prostitute* in this place."
[23]And Yahuḏah said, "**Let** her take them for herself, lest we become *despised*, for I **sent** this young goat and you have not **found** her."
[24]And it came to be, about three months after, that Yahuḏah was informed, saying, "Tamar your daughter-in-law has *whored* and **see,** she has conceived by *whoring*." And Yahuḏah said, "Bring her out and let her be *burned*!"
[25]***When*** she was brought out, she **sent** to her father-in-law, saying, "By the man to whom these belong, I am pregnant." And she said, "Please examine whose these are: the **seal** and the **cord** and the **staff**."
[26]And Yahuḏah examined and said, "She has been more **righteous** than I, **because** I *did not* give her to Shĕlah my son." And he never **knew** her again.
[27]And it came to be, at the **time** for giving birth, that **see,** twins were in her womb.
[28]And it came to be, when she was giving birth, that the one put out his **hand.** And the midwife took a **scarlet** thread and *bound* it on his **hand,** saying, "This one came out **first.**"
[29]And it came to be, as he drew back his **hand,** that **see,** his brother came out! And she said, "***How*** did you *break* through? This *breach* be upon you!" So his name was called Perets.
[30]And afterward his brother came out who had the **scarlet** thread on his **hand.** So his name was called Zeraḥ.

39 And Yosĕph had been taken down to Mitsrayim. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, a Mitsrite, bought him from the Yishma'ĕlites who had taken him down there.
[2]And it came to be that יהוה was with Yosĕph and he became a prosperous man and was in the house of his master the Mitsrite.
[3]And his master **saw** that יהוה was with him and that יהוה made **all** he did to prosper in his **hand.**
[4]So Yosĕph **found favour** in his eyes and **served** him and he **appointed** him over his house and gave into his **hand all** that he had.
[5]And it came to be, from the **time** that he **appointed** him over his house and **all** that he had, that יהוה **blessed** the Mitsrite's house for Yosĕph's sake. And the **blessing** of יהוה was on **all** that he had in the house and in the field.
[6]And he left in Yosĕph's **hand all** that he had and he *did not* **know** what he had ***except*** for the **bread** which he ate. And Yosĕph was handsome in form and appearance.
[7]And after these events it came to be that his master's wife lifted up her eyes to Yosĕph and said, "Lie with me."
[8]***But*** he *refused* and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master *does not* **know** what is with me in the house and he has **given** into my **hand all** that he has.
[9]"No one is greater in this house than I and he has not withheld ***whatever*** from me but you, **because** you are his wife. And how ***shall*** I do this **great** *evil* and *sin against* **Elohim**?"
[10]And it came to be, as she spoke to Yosĕph day by day, that he *did not* **listen** to her, to *lie* with her, to be with her.
[11]And it came to be on a certain day, when Yosĕph went into the house to do his **work** and none of the men of the house was inside,
[12]that she ***caught*** him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." ***But*** he left his garment in her **hand** and fled and ran

outside.
[13]And it came to be, when she **saw** that he had left his garment in her **hand** and fled outside,
[14]that she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, "**See,** he has brought in to us a Hebrew to *mock* us. **He** came in to me to *lie* with me and I *cried out* with a loud **voice**.
[15]"And it came to be, when he **heard** that I lifted my **voice** and *cried out*, that he left his garment with me and fled and went outside."
[16]And she kept his garment with her until his master came home.
[17]And she spoke to him these **same words**, saying, "The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us came in to me, to *mock* me,
[18]so it came to be, as I lifted my **voice** and *cried out*, that he left his garment with me and fled outside."
[19]And it came to be, when his master **heard** the **words** which his wife spoke to him, saying, "**Your** servant did to me **according** to these **words**," that his *displeasure burned*.
[20]***Then*** Yosĕph's master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the sovereign's prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison.
[21]***But*** יהוה was with Yosĕph and extended **kindness** to him and **He** gave him **favour** *in the eyes* of the prison warden.
[22]And the prison warden gave into the **hand** of Yosĕph **all** the prisoners who were in the prison and ***whatever*** was done there was his doing.
[23]The prison warden *did not* look into any point that was under Yosĕph's **hand, <u>because</u>** יהוה was with him. And ***whatever*** he did, יהוה made it prosper.

40 And after these events it came to be that the cupbearer and the baker of the sovereign of Mitsrayim *sinned <u>against</u>* their master, the sovereign of Mitsrayim.
[2]And Pharaoh was *wroth* with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker.
[3]So he put them in *confinement* in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison, the place where Yosĕph was a prisoner.
[4]And the captain of the **guard** put Yosĕph in charge of them and he **served** them. So they were in *confinement* for some **time.**
[5]***Then*** the cupbearer and the baker of the sovereign of Mitsrayim, who were confined in the prison, **dreamed** a **dream,** both of them, each man's **dream** in one night and each man's **dream** with its own interpretation.
[6]And Yosĕph came in to them in the morning and **looked** at them and **saw** that they were sad.
[7]And he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in *confinement* of his master's house, saying, "***Why*** do you look so sad today?"
[8]And they said to him, "We each have **dreamed** a **dream** and there is no one to interpret it." And Yosĕph said to them, "***Do not*** interpretations belong to **Elohim**? Relate them to me, please."
[9]So the chief cupbearer related his **dream** to Yosĕph and said to him, "**See,** in my **dream** a **vine** was before me,
[10]and in the **vine** were three branches and it was as though it budded – its blossoms shot forth and its clusters brought forth ripe grapes.
[11]"And Pharaoh's **cup** was in my **hand.** So I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's **cup,** and placed the **cup** in Pharaoh's **hand.**"
[12]And Yosĕph said to him, "This is the interpretation of it: **The three branches are three days**.
[13]"Yet, within three days Pharaoh is going to lift up your head and restore you to your place and you ***shall*** put Pharaoh's **cup** in his **hand according** to the former ruling, when you were his cupbearer.
[14]"***But remember*** me when it is well with you and please **show kindness** to me. And mention me to Pharaoh

and get me out of this house.
15"For **truly** I was *stolen* away from the land of the Hebrews. And also I have done naught that they should put me into the dungeon."
16And the chief baker **saw** that the interpretation was **good** and he said to Yosĕph,"I also was in my **dream** and **saw** three white baskets were on my head,
17and in the uppermost basket **all** kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh and the birds ate them out of the basket on my head."
18And Yosĕph answered and said, "This is the interpretation of it: **The three baskets are three days**.
19"Yet, within three days Pharaoh is going to lift off your head from you and hang you on a *tree*. And the birds ***shall*** eat your *flesh* from you."
20And on the third day, Pharaoh's birthday, it came to be that he made a feast for **all** his servants. And he lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and of the chief baker among his servants,
21and he restored the chief cupbearer to his post of cupbearer again and he placed the **cup** in Pharaoh's **hand,**
22but he hanged the chief baker, as Yosĕph had interpreted to them.
23And the chief cupbearer *did not* ***remember*** Yosĕph, but *forgot* him.

41 And it came to be, at **the end** of two years' **time,** that Pharaoh had a **dream** and **saw** him standing by the river,
2and **saw** seven cows **coming** up out of the river, fine looking and fat and they fed amongst the reeds,
3then **saw** seven other cows **coming** up after them out of the river, ugly and lean of *flesh* and stood by the other cows on the bank of the river.
4And the ugly and lean of *flesh* cows ate up the seven fine looking and fat cows. ***Then*** Pharaoh awoke.
5And he slept and **dreamed** a second **time** and **saw** seven heads of grain **coming** up on one stalk, plump and **good**,
6and **saw** seven lean heads, scorched by the east wind, **coming** up after them.
7And the seven lean heads swallowed the seven plump and **complete** heads. ***Then*** Pharaoh awoke and **saw** it was a **dream.**
8And it came to be in the morning that his spirit was moved and he **sent** and called for **all** the *magicians* of Mitsrayim and **all** its **wise** men. And Pharaoh related to them his **dreams**, but there was no one who could interpret them for Pharaoh.
9***Then*** the chief cupbearer spoke to Pharaoh, saying, "I ***remember*** my *crimes* this day.
10"***When*** Pharaoh was *wroth* with his servants and put me in *confinement* in the house of the captain of the guard, both me and the chief baker,
11each one of us **dreamed** a **dream** in one night, he and I. Each of us **dreamed according** to the interpretation of his own **dream.**
12"And there was with us a Hebrew youth, a servant of the captain of the guard. And we related to him and he interpreted our **dreams** for us. To each man he interpreted **according** to his own **dream.**
13"And it came to be, as he interpreted for us, so it came to be. **He** restored me to my office and he hanged him."
14***Then*** Pharaoh **sent** and called Yosĕph and they hurriedly brought him out of the dungeon. And he shaved and *changed* his garments and came to Pharaoh.
15And Pharaoh said to Yosĕph, "I have **dreamed** a **dream** and there is no one to interpret it. **Now** I myself have **heard** it said of you that you **understand** a **dream,** to interpret it."
16And Yosĕph answered Pharaoh, saying, "It is not in me, let **Elohim** answer Pharaoh with peace."
17And Pharaoh said to Yosĕph, "**See,** in my **dream** I stood on the bank of the river
18and **saw** seven cows **coming** up

out of the river, fine looking and fat
and they fed amongst the reeds,
[19]then **saw** seven other cows **coming** up
after them, *poor* and **very** ugly and lean
of *flesh,* such ugliness as I have never
seen in **all** the land of Mitsrayim.
[20]"And the lean of *flesh* and ugly cows
ate up the **first** seven, the fat cows.
[21]"Yet when they had eaten them up,
no one would have **known** that they had
eaten them, for they were as ugly as at
the beginning. ***Then*** I awoke.
[22]"Also, I **looked** in my **dream** and **saw**
seven heads **coming** up on one stalk,
complete and **good**,
[23]then **saw** seven heads, withered, lean,
scorched by the east wind, **coming** up
after them.
[24]"And the lean heads swallowed the
seven **good** heads. And I spoke to the
magicians, but there was no one who
could explain it to me."
[25]And Yosĕph said to Pharaoh, "The
dream of Pharaoh is one. **Elohim** has
shown Pharaoh what **He** is about to do:
[26]"The seven **good** cows are seven
years and the seven **good** heads are
seven years – it is one **dream.**
[27]"And the seven lean and ugly cows
which came up after them are seven
years and the seven *empty* heads
scorched by the east *wind* are seven
years of *scarcity of food*.
[28]"This is the **word** which I spoke to
Pharaoh: **Elohim** has shown Pharaoh
what **He** is about to do.
[29]"**See,** seven years of **great** plenty are
coming in **all** the land of Mitsrayim,
[30]but after them seven years of *scarcity
of food* ***shall*** arise and **all** the plenty be
forgotten in the land of Mitsrayim. And
the *scarcity of food* ***shall*** *destroy* the
land,
[31]and the plenty ***shall*** not be
remembered in the land, **because** of the
scarcity of food **follow**ing, for it is **very**
severe.
[32]"And the **dream** was repeated to
Pharaoh twice **because** the **word is
established by Elohim** and **Elohim is
hastening to do it**.
[33]"And **now**, let Pharaoh look for a
discerning and **wise** man and set him
over the land of Mitsrayim.
[34]"**Let** Pharaoh do this and let him
appoint overseers over the land, to take
up one-fifth of the land of Mitsrayim in
the seven years of plenty.
[35]"And let them **gather all** the food
of those **good** years that are **coming**
and store up grain under the **hand** of
Pharaoh and let them keep food in the
cities.
[36]"And the food ***shall* be** for a store for
the land for the seven years of *scarcity
of food* which ***shall* be** in the land of
Mitsrayim and *do not* let the land be *cut
off* by the *scarcity of food*."
[37]And the **word** was **good** *in the eyes*
of Pharaoh and *in the eyes* of **all** his
servants.
[38]And Pharaoh said to his servants,
"Could we find another like him, a man
in whom is the **Spirit** of **Elohim**?"
[39]***Then*** Pharaoh said to Yosĕph, "Since
Elohim has shown you **all** this, there is
no one as **discerning** and **wise** as you.
[40]"Be over my house, you yourself and
at your **mouth all** my people ***shall*** kiss
– only in the throne I am greater than
you."
[41]And Pharaoh said to Yosĕph, "**See,**
I have set you over **all** the land of
Mitsrayim."
[42]And Pharaoh took his seal-ring off his
hand and put it on Yosĕph's **hand.** And
he dressed him in garments of fine linen
and put a gold chain around his neck.
[43]And he had him ride in the second
chariot which he had. And they *cried out*
before him, "Bow the knee!" And he set
him over **all** the land of Mitsrayim.
[44]And Pharaoh said to Yosĕph, "I am
Pharaoh and without a **word** from you
let no man lift his **hand** or foot in **all** the
land of Mitsrayim."
[45]And Pharaoh called Yosĕph's name
Zaphnath-Pa'nĕah. And he gave him as
a wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-
Pherah priest of On. And Yosĕph went
out over **all** the land of Mitsrayim.
[46]**Now** Yosĕph was thirty years old
when he stood before Pharaoh sovereign
of Mitsrayim. And Yosĕph went out

from the presence of Pharaoh and went throughout **all** the land of Mitsrayim.
47And in the seven years of plenty the ground brought forth generously.
48And he gathered **all** the food of the seven years which were in the land of Mitsrayim and laid up the food in the cities. **He** laid up in **every** city the food of the fields which surrounded them.
49Thus Yosĕph gathered **very** much grain, as the sand of the sea, until he ceased counting, for it was without number.
50And to Yosĕph were born two sons before the years of *scarcity of food* came, whom Asenath, the daughter of PotiPherah priest of On, bore to him.
51And Yosĕph called the name of the first-born Menashsheh, "For **Elohim** has made me *forget* **all** my toil and **all** my father's house."
52And the name of the second he called Ephrayim, "For **Elohim** has **caused** me to bear **fruit** in the land of my *affliction*."
53And the seven years of plenty which were in the land of Mitsrayim came to an end,
54and the seven years of *scarcity of food* began to come, as Yosĕph had said. And the *scarcity of food* was in **all** lands, but in **all** the land of Mitsrayim there was bread.
55***But*** when **all** the land of Mitsrayim hungered and the people cried to Pharaoh for bread, Pharaoh said to **all** the Mitsrites, "Go to Yosĕph, do ***whatever*** he says to you."
56And the *scarcity of food* was over **all** the face of the earth and Yosĕph opened **all** the storehouses and sold to the Mitsrites. And the *scarcity of food* was *severe* in the land of Mitsrayim.
57And **all** the earth came to Yosĕph in Mitsrayim to buy grain, **because** the *scarcity of food* was *severe* in **all** the earth.

42 And when Ya'aqoḇ **saw** that there was grain in Mitsrayim, Ya'aqoḇ said to his sons, "***Why*** do you look at each other?"
2And he said, "**See,** I have **heard** that there is grain in Mitsrayim. Go down to that place and buy for us there and let us **live** and not *die*."
3And Yosĕph's ten brothers went down to buy grain in Mitsrayim.
4***But*** Ya'aqoḇ *did not* send Yosĕph's brother Binyamin with his brothers, for he said, "Lest some harm **come to** him."
5And the sons of Yisra'ĕl went to buy grain among those who journeyed, for the *scarcity of food* was in the land of Kena'an.
6And Yosĕph was the governor over the land, he was the one who sold to **all** the people of the land. And Yosĕph's brothers came and bowed down before him with their faces to the earth.
7And Yosĕph **saw** his brothers and recognised them, but he *acted* as a stranger to them and spoke to them harshly and said to them, "Where do you **come** from?" And they said, "From the land of Kena'an to buy food."
8So Yosĕph recognised his brothers, but they *did not* recognise him.
9And Yosĕph **remembered** the **dreams** which he had **dreamed** about them and said to them, "You are spies! You have **come to see** the nakedness of the land!"
10And they said, "No, my master, but your servants have **come to** buy food.
11"We are **all** one man's sons, we are **trustworthy**, your servants are not spies."
12***But*** he said to them, "No, but you have **come to see** the nakedness of the land."
13And they said, "**Your** servants are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Kena'an. And **see,** the youngest is with our father today and one is no more."
14And Yosĕph said to them, "It is as I spoke to you, saying, 'You are spies!'
15"By this you ***shall*** **be** proven: By the **life** of Pharaoh, *you do not* leave this place ***unless*** your youngest brother

comes here.
16"Send one of you and let him bring your brother, while you are kept in prison. So let your **words** be proven to **see** whether there is any **truth** in you, or else, by the **life** of Pharaoh, you are spies!"
17And he put them **all together** in prison for three days.
18**Now** Yosĕph said to them the third day, "***Do* this and live, for I fear Elohim**:
19"***If*** you are **trustworthy**, let one of your brothers be confined to your prison house and you, go, bring grain for the *scarcity of food* of your houses.
20"And bring your youngest brother to me and let your **words** be confirmed and *you do not die.*" And so they did.
21And they said to each other, "**Truly**, we are *guilty* concerning our brother, for we **saw** the *distress* of his **life** when he pleaded with us, yet we *did not* **listen**, that is why this *distress* has **come** upon us."
22And Re'uḇĕn answered them, saying, "Did I not **speak** to you, saying, '***Do*** *not sin* *against* the boy,' and you *would not* **listen**? And **see,** his **blood** is **now** required of us."
23And they *did not* **know** that Yosĕph understood them, for he spoke to them through an interpreter.
24And he turned himself away from them and wept, but came back to them and spoke to them. And he took Shim'on from them and *bound* him before their eyes.
25And Yosĕph **commanded** and they filled their sacks with grain, also to put back **every** man's silver to his sack and to give them food for the journey. And thus it was done for them.
26So they loaded their donkeys with the grain and went from there.
27And as one of them opened his sack to give his donkey fodder at the lodging place, he **saw** his silver, for there it was in the **mouth** of his sack!
28And he said to his brothers, "My silver has been returned and there it is, in my sack!" And their **hearts** sank and they were *afraid*, saying to each other, "***What*** is this that **Elohim** has done to us?"
29So they came to Ya'aqoḇ their father in the land of Kena'an and reported to him **all** that befell them, saying,
30"The man, the master of the land, spoke to us harshly and took us for spies of the land.
31"***But*** we said to him, 'We are **trustworthy**, we are not spies.
32'We are twelve brothers, sons of our father. **One** is no more and the youngest is today with our father in the land of Kena'an.'
33"And the man, the master of the land, said to us, 'By this I **know** that you are **trustworthy**: Leave one of your brothers here with me and take food for the *scarcity of food* of your households and go.
34'And bring your youngest brother to me, then I **know** that you are not spies, but that you are **trustworthy** – I give your brother to you and you move about in the land.' "
35And it came to be as they emptied their sacks, that look, the bundle of each man's silver was in his sack! And when they and their father **saw** the bundles of silver, they were *afraid*.
36 Ya'aqoḇ their father said to them, "You have bereaved me. Yosĕph is no more, Shim'on is no more and you would take Binyamin! All this is *against* me."
37So Re'uḇĕn spoke to his father, saying, "Take the lives of my two sons if I *do not* bring him back to you. Put him in my hands and I myself bring him back to you."
38***But*** he said, "My son is not going down with you, for his brother is *dead,* and he is left alone. ***If*** any harm should **come to** him along the **way** in which you go, then you would bring down my grey hair with *sorrow* to the grave."

43 ***But*** the *scarcity of food* was

severe in the land.
[2]And it came to be, when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought from Mitsrayim, that their father said to them, "Go back, buy us a *little* food."
[3]***But*** Yahuḏah spoke to him, saying, "The man vehemently **warned** us, saying, 'You *do not* **see** my face ***unless*** your brother is with you.' "
[4]"***If*** you let our brother go with us, we go down and buy you food.
[5]"***But*** if *you do not* let him go, we *do not* go down, **because** the man said to us, 'You *do not* **see** my face ***unless*** your brother is with you.' "
[6]And Yisra'ĕl said, "***Why*** did you do *evil* to me to inform the man that you still had another brother?"
[7]And they said, "The man kept **asking** about us and our relatives, saying, 'Is your father still alive? Have you another brother?' And we informed him **according** to these **words**. ***How*** could we **know** that he would say, 'Bring your brother down'?"
[8]And Yahuḏah said to Yisra'ĕl his father, "Send the boy with me and let us arise and go and **live** and not *die,* both we and you and also our *little* ones.
[9]"I myself ***shall*** **stand** guaranty for him – from my **hand** you are to **require** him. ***If*** I *do not* bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame **forever**.
[10]"For if we had not delayed, **truly** by **now** we could have returned this second **time.** "
[11]And their father Yisra'ĕl said to them, "***If*** so, then do this: Take some of the best **fruit** of the land in your vessels and bring a present down for the man, a *little* balm and a *little* honey, spices and myrrh, nuts and almonds.
[12]"And take double silver in your **hand** and take back in your **hand** the silver that was returned in the **mouth** of your sacks. It could have been a *mistake.*
[13]"And take your brother and arise, go back to the man.
[14]"And Ĕl **Shaddai** give to you **compassion** before the man, so that he ***shall*** release your other brother and Binyamin. And I, if I am bereaved, I am bereaved!"
[15]And the men took that present and Binyamin and they took double the amount of silver in their **hand** and arose and went down to Mitsrayim and stood before Yosĕph.
[16]And Yosĕph **saw** Binyamin with them and said to the one over his house, "Bring the men home and make a **great** slaughter and **prepare,** for these men are to eat with me at noon."
[17]And the man did as Yosĕph said and the man brought the men into Yosĕph's house.
[18]And the men were *afraid* **because** they were brought into Yosĕph's house. And they said, "It is **because** of the silver, which was put back into our sacks the **first time,** that we are brought in, to *throw* himself upon us and *fall* upon us, to take us as slaves, our donkeys too."
[19]So they came **near** to the man over the house of Yosĕph and spoke to him at the **door** of the house,
[20]and said, "O my master, we indeed came down the **first time** to buy food,
[21]but it came to be, when we came to the lodging place, that we opened our sacks and **saw** each man's silver in the **mouth** of his sack, our silver in its weight. And we have brought it back in our **hand.**
[22]"And we have brought down other silver in our hands to buy food. We *do not* **know** who put our silver in our sacks."
[23]***But*** he said, "Peace be with you, *do not* be *afraid*. **Your Elohim** and the **Elohim** of your father has **given** you treasure in your sacks – your silver had **come to** me!" And he brought Shim'on out to them.
[24]And the man brought the men into Yosĕph's house and gave them water and they washed their feet. And he gave their donkeys fodder.
[25]And they made the present **ready** for Yosĕph's **coming** at noon, for they **heard** that they were to eat there.
[26]And when Yosĕph came home, they

brought him the present which was in their **hand,** into the house and bowed down before him to the earth.
[27]And he asked them about their welfare and said, "Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?"
[28]And they said, "**Your** servant our father is in **good** health, he is still **alive.**" And they bowed their heads down and did obeisance.
[29]And he lifted his eyes and **saw** his brother Binyamin, his mother's son and said, "Is this your younger brother of whom you spoke to me?" And he said, "**Elohim show favour** to you, my son."
[30]And Yosĕph hurried, for his emotions were deeply moved towards his brother and he **looked** for a place to weep and went into his room and wept there.
[31]***Then*** he washed his face and came out and controlled himself and said, "Serve the food."
[32]And they set him a place by himself and them by themselves and the Mitsrites who ate with him by themselves, for the Mitsrites *could not* eat food with the Hebrews, for that is an **abomination** to the Mitsrites.
[33]And they sat before him, the first-born **according** to his birthright and the youngest **according** to his youth and the men **looked** at each other in astonishment.
[34]And he took portions to them from before him, but Binyamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. And they feasted and they drank with him.

44 And he **commanded** the one over his house, saying, "Fill the men's sacks with food, as they are able to bear and put each man's silver in the **mouth** of his sack.
[2]"And put my **cup,** the silver **cup,** in the **mouth** of the sack of the youngest and the silver for his grain." And he did **according** to the **word** of Yosĕph which he spoke.
[3]As soon as the morning was **light**, the men were **sent** away, they and their donkeys.
[4]And when they had gone out of the city, not having gone far, Yosĕph said to the one over his house, "Rise up, **follow** the men and when you overtake them, say to them, '***Why*** have you repaid *evil* for **good**?
[5]'Is this not the one from which my master drinks and with which he indeed divines? You have done *evil* in what you have done.' "
[6]So he overtook them and spoke these **words** to them.
[7]And they said to him, "***Why*** does my master say these **words**? Far be it from us that your servants should do **according** to this **word.**
[8]"**See,** we brought back to you from the land of Kena'an the silver which we **found** in the **mouth** of our sacks. ***How*** then should we steal silver or gold from your master's house?
[9]"With ***whomever*** of your servants it is **found** – he ***shall*** *die* and we ***shall*** become my master's slaves as well."
[10]And he said, "**Now** also **let it be according** to your **words**: he with whom it is **found** becomes my slave and you are innocent."
[11]And they hurried, each man let down his sack to the ground and each opened his sack.
[12]And he searched, with the oldest **first** and with the youngest **last,** and the **cup** was **found** in Binyamin's sack.
[13]And they tore their garments and each man loaded his donkey and went back to the city.
[14]And Yahuḏah and his brothers came to Yosĕph's house and he was still there. And they fell before him on the ground.
[15]And Yosĕph said to them, "***What*** **deed** is this you have done? Did you not **know** that a man like me indeed divines?"
[16]And Yahuḏah said, "***What*** do we say to my **Master?** ***What*** do we speak? Or how do we clear ourselves? **Elohim** has **found** out the *crookedness* of your servants. **See,** we are my master's slaves, both we and he also with whom the **cup** was found."

17***But*** he said, "Far be it from me to do this. The man in whose **hand** the **cup** was found, he becomes my slave. And you, go up in **peace** to your father."
18And Yahuḏah came **near** to him and said, "O my master, please let your servant **speak** a **word** in my master's **hearing** and *do not* let your *displeasure* burn *against* your servant, for you are like Pharaoh.
19"'My master asked his servants, saying, 'Have you a father or a brother?'
20"'And we said to my master, 'We have a father, an old man and a young child of his old age and his brother is *dead,* and he alone is left of his mother's children and his father loves him.'
21"'And you said to your servants, 'Bring him down to me and let me set my eyes on him.'
22"'And we said to my master, 'The boy is not able to leave his father, for if he leaves his father, his father ***shall*** *die.*'
23"'***But*** you said to your servants, 'Unless your youngest brother **comes** down with you, *you do not* **see** my face again.'
24"'And it came to be, when we went up to your servant my father, that we told him the **words** of my master.
25"'And our father said, 'Go back and buy us a *little* food.'
26"'***But*** we said, 'We are not able to go down. ***If*** our youngest brother is with us, then we ***shall*** go down, for we are not able to **see** the man's face ***unless*** our youngest brother is with us.'
27"'***Then*** your servant my father said to us, 'You **know** that my wife bore me two sons,
28and the one went out from me and I said, "**Truly**, he is torn, *torn* to pieces!" And I have not **seen** him since.
29'And if you take this one from me too and harm **comes** to him, you ***shall*** bring down my grey hair with *evil* to the grave.'
30"'And **now**, if I **come to** your servant my father and the boy is not with us – since his own **life** is *bound* up in his **life** –
31then it ***shall*** **be,** when he sees that the boy is not with us, that he ***shall*** *die.* So your servants ***shall*** bring down the grey hair of your servant our father with *evil* to the grave.
32"'For your servant went guaranty for the boy to my father, saying, '***If*** I *do not* bring him back to you, then I ***shall*** **be** a *sinner* before my father **forever**.'
33"'And **now**, please let your servant remain instead of the boy as a slave to my master and let the boy go up with his brothers.
34"'For how do I go up to my father if the boy is not with me, lest I **see** the *evil* that would **come** upon my **Father?**"

45 And Yosĕph was *unable* to restrain himself before **all** those who stood by him and he called out, "Have everyone go out from me!" So no one stood with him while Yosĕph made himself **known** to his brothers.
2And he wept aloud and the Mitsrites and the house of Pharaoh **heard** it.
3And Yosĕph said to his brothers, "I am Yosĕph, is my father still alive?" ***But*** his brothers were *unable* to answer him, for they *trembled* before him.
4***Then*** Yosĕph said to his brothers, "**Please come near to me**." And when they came near, he said, "I am Yosĕph your brother, whom you sold into Mitsrayim.
5"'And **now**, *do not* be *grieved* nor *displeased* with yourselves **because** you sold me here, for **Elohim sent** me before you to **preserve life**.
6"'For two years **now** the *scarcity of food* has been in the land and there are still five years in which there is neither ploughing nor harvesting.
7"'And **Elohim sent** me before you to **preserve** for you a **remnant** in the earth and to give **life** to you by a **great escape**.
8"'So then, you *did not* send me here, but **Elohim**. And **He** has set me for a father to Pharaoh and master of **all** his house and a ruler throughout **all** the land

of Mitsrayim.
9"Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Yosĕph, "**Elohim** has made me master of **all** Mitsrayim. **Come** down to me, *do not* delay.
10"And you ***shall*** dwell in the land of Goshen and be **near** to me, you and your children, your children's children, your flocks and your herds and **all** that you have.
11"And I ***shall*** provide for you there, lest you and your household and **all** that you have, **come to** poverty, **because** five years of *scarcity of food* are still to come." '
12"And look, your eyes and the eyes of my brother Binyamin **see** that it is my **mouth** that speaks to you.
13"And you ***shall*** inform my father of **all** my **esteem** in Mitsrayim and of **all** that you have **seen.** And you ***shall*** hurry and bring my father down here."
14And he fell on his brother Binyamin's neck and wept and Binyamin wept on his neck.
15And he kissed **all** his brothers and wept over them and after that his brothers spoke with him.
16And the report of it was **heard** by the house of Pharaoh, saying, "The brothers of Yosĕph have come." And it was **good** *in the eyes* of Pharaoh and *in the eyes* of his servants.
17And Pharaoh said to Yosĕph, "Say to your brothers, '***Do*** this: Load your beasts and go, enter the land of Kena'an,
18and take your father and your households and **come to** me and I give you the best of the land of Mitsrayim and you eat the fat of the land.
19'And you, you have been **commanded**, do this: Take wagons out of the land of Mitsrayim for your *little* ones and your wives. And you ***shall*** bring your father and come.
20'And *do not* be concerned about your goods, for the best of **all** the land of Mitsrayim is yours.' "
21And the sons of Yisra'ĕl did so. And Yosĕph gave them wagons, **according** to the **command** of Pharaoh and he gave them food for the journey.
22**He** gave to **all** of them, to each man, changes of garments, but to Binyamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver and five *change*s of garments.
23And he **sent** to his father this: ten donkeys loaded with the best of Mitsrayim and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and food for his father for the journey.
24So he **sent** his brothers away and they left. And he said to them, "***Do*** *not* quarrel along the **way.**"
25And they went up out of Mitsrayim and came to the land of Kena'an to Ya'aqoḇ their father.
26And they told him, saying, "Yosĕph is still **alive** and he is governor over **all** the land of Mitsrayim." And Ya'aqoḇ's **heart** ceased, for he *did not believe* them.
27***But*** when they spoke to him **all** the **words** which Yosĕph had **spoken** to them and when he **saw** the wagons which Yosĕph had **sent** to transport him, the spirit of Ya'aqoḇ their father revived.
28And Yisra'ĕl said, "Enough! My son Yosĕph is still **alive. Let** me go and **see** him before I *die.*"

46 And Yisra'ĕl set out with **all** that he had and came to Be'ĕrsheḇa and brought offerings to the **Elohim** of his father Yitsḥaq.
2And **Elohim** spoke to Yisra'ĕl in the **visions** of the night and said, "Ya'aqoḇ, Ya'aqoḇ!" And he said, "Here I am."
3And **He** said, "**I am the** Ĕl, **Elohim** of your father. ***Do*** *not* be *afraid* to go down to Mitsrayim, for **I *shall* make you there into a great nation**.
4"**I Myself** am going down with you to Mitsrayim and **I Myself *shall*** certainly bring you up again. And let Yosĕph put his **hand** on your eyes."
5And Ya'aqoḇ rose up from Be'ĕrsheḇa. And the sons of Yisra'ĕl brought their father Ya'aqoḇ and their *little* ones and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had **sent** to transport him.

[6]And they took their livestock and their property which they had acquired in the land of Kena'an and came into Mitsrayim, Ya'aqoḇ and **all** his seed with him.
[7]His sons and his sons' sons, his daughters and his sons' daughters and **all** his seed he brought with him to Mitsrayim.
[8]And these were the names of the children of Yisra'ĕl, Ya'aqoḇ and his sons, who came into Mitsrayim: Re'uḇĕn was Ya'aqoḇ's first-born.
[9]And the sons of Re'uḇĕn: Ḥanoḵ and Pallu and Ḥetsron and Ḵarmi.
[10]And the sons of Shim'on: Yemu'ĕl and Yamin and Ohaḏ and Yaḵin and Tsoḥar and Sha'ul, son of a Ḵena'anite woman.
[11]And the sons of Lĕwi: Gĕreshon, Qehath and Merari.
[12]And the sons of Yahuḏah: Ĕr and Onan and Shĕlah and Perets and Zeraḥ – but Ĕr and Onan died in the land of Kena'an. And the sons of Perets were Ḥetsron and Ḥamul.
[13]And the sons of Yissasḵar: Tola and Puw'ah and Yoḇ and Shimron.
[14]And the sons of Zeḇulun: Sereḏ and Ĕlon and Yahle'ĕl.
[15]These were the sons of Lĕ'ah, whom she bore to Ya'aqoḇ in Paddan Aram, with his daughter Ḏinah. All the beings, his sons and his daughters, were thirty-three.
[16]And the sons of Gaḏ: Tsiphyon and Ḥaggi, Shuni and Etsbon, Ĕri and Aroḏi and Arĕli.
[17]And the sons of Ashĕr: Yimnah and Yishwah and Yishwi and Beri'ah and Seraḥ, their sister. And the sons of Beri'ah: Ḥeḇer and Malki'ĕl.
[18]These were the sons of Zilpah, whom Laḇan gave to Lĕ'ah his daughter. And these she bore to Ya'aqoḇ: sixteen beings.
[19]The sons of Raḥĕl, Ya'aqoḇ's wife: Yosĕph and Binyamin.
[20]And to Yosĕph in the land of Mitsrayim were born Menashsheh and Ephrayim, whom Asenath, the daughter of PotiPherah priest of On, bore to him.
[21]And the sons of Binyamin: Belah and Beḵer and Ashbĕl, Gĕra and Na'aman, Ĕḥi and Rosh, Muppim and Ḥuppim and Ard.
[22]These were the sons of Raḥĕl who were born to Ya'aqoḇ: fourteen beings in **all.**
[23]And the son of Dan: Ḥushim.
[24]And the sons of Naphtali: Yaḥtse'ĕl, and Guni and Yĕtser and Shillĕm.
[25]These were the sons of Bilhah, whom Laḇan gave to Raḥĕl his daughter and she bore these to Ya'aqoḇ: seven beings in **all.**
[26]All the beings who went with Ya'aqoḇ to Mitsrayim, who came from his body, besides Ya'aqoḇ's sons' wives, were sixtysix beings in **all.**
[27]And the sons of Yosĕph who were born to him in Mitsrayim were two beings. All the beings of the house of Ya'aqoḇ who went to Mitsrayim were seventy.
[28]And he **sent** Yahuḏah before him to Yosĕph, to point out before him the **way** to Goshen. And they came to the land of Goshen.
[29]And Yosĕph made **ready** his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Yisra'ĕl. And he appeared to him and fell on his neck and wept on his neck a long **time.**
[30]And Yisra'ĕl said to Yosĕph, "**Now** let me *die,* since I have **seen** your face, that you are still **alive.**"
[31]And Yosĕph said to his brothers and to his father's household, "I am going up to inform Pharaoh and say to him, **'**My brothers and those of my father's house, who were in the land of Kena'an, have **come to** me.
[32]'And the men are shepherds, that they have been men of livestock and they have brought their flocks and their herds and **all** that they have.'
[33]"And it ***shall* be,** when Pharaoh calls you and says, '***What*** is your occupation?'
[34]that you ***shall*** say, '**Your** servants have been men of livestock from our youth even til **now**, both we and also

our fathers,' so that you dwell in the land of Goshen, for **every** shepherd is an **abomination** to the Mitsrites."

47 ***Then*** Yosĕph went and spoke to Pharaoh and said, "My father and my brothers, their flocks and their herds and **all** that they possess, have **come** from the land of Kena'an. And **see,** they are in the land of Goshen."

[2]And he took five men from among his brothers and presented them to Pharaoh.

[3]And Pharaoh said to his brothers, "***What*** is your occupation?" And they said to Pharaoh, "**Your** servants are shepherds, both we and also our fathers."

[4]And they said to Pharaoh, "We have **come to** dwell in the land, **because** there is no pasture for your servant's flocks, for the *scarcity of food* is *severe* in the land of Kena'an. And **now**, please let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen."

[5]And Pharaoh spoke to Yosĕph, saying, "Your father and your brothers have **come to** you.

[6]"The land of Mitsrayim is before you. Settle your father and brothers in the best of the land, let them dwell in the land of Goshen. And if you **know** of capable men among them, then make them chief herdsmen over my livestock."

[7]And Yosĕph brought in his father Ya'aqo̱b and set him before Pharaoh. And Ya'aqo̱b **blessed** Pharaoh.

[8]And Pharaoh said to Ya'aqo̱b, "***How*** old are you?"

[9]And Ya'aqo̱b said to Pharaoh, "The days of the years of my sojournings are one hundred and thirty years. **Few** and *evil* have been the days of the years of my **life** and they have not reached the days of the years of the **life** of my fathers in the days of their sojournings."

[10]And Ya'aqo̱b **blessed** Pharaoh and went out from before Pharaoh.

[11]So Yosĕph settled his father and his brothers and gave them a possession in the land of Mitsrayim, in the best of the land, in the land of Ra'meses, as Pharaoh had **commanded**.

[12]And Yosĕph provided his father and his brothers and **all** his father's household with **bread** for the **mouth** of the *little* ones.

[13]**Now** there was no **bread** in **all** the land, **because** the *scarcity of food* was **very** *severe* and the land of Mitsrayim and **all** the land of Kena'an became exhausted from the *scarcity of food*.

[14]And Yosĕph gathered up **all** the silver that was **found** in the land of Mitsrayim and in the land of Kena'an, for the grain which they bought. And Yosĕph brought the silver into Pharaoh's house.

[15]And when the silver was **all** spent in the land of Mitsrayim and in the land of Kena'an, **all** the Mitsrites came to Yosĕph and said, "Give us bread, for why should we *die* in your presence? For the silver is gone!"

[16]And Yosĕph said, "Give your livestock and I give you **bread** for your livestock, if the silver is gone."

[17]So they brought their livestock to Yosĕph and Yosĕph gave them **bread** in exchange for the horses and for the flocks they owned and for the herds they owned and for the donkeys. Thus he fed them with **bread** in exchange for **all** their livestock that year.

[18]And when that year had ended, they came to him the next year and said to him, "We *do not* hide from my master that our silver is **all** spent and my master also has the livestock we owned. There has not any been left before my master but our bodies and our lands.

[19]"***Why*** should we *die* before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for bread and let us and our land be servants of Pharaoh. And give us seed and let us **live** and not *die* and let the land not *lie waste.*"

[20]And Yosĕph bought the entire land of Mitsrayim for Pharaoh, **because every** man of the Mitsrites sold his field, **because** the *scarcity of food* was *severe* upon them. And the land came to be Pharaoh's.

[21]And as for the people, he moved them into the cities, from one end of the

borders of Mitsrayim to the other end.
[22]Only the ground of the priests he *did not* buy, for the priests had portions allotted to them by Pharaoh and they ate their portions which Pharaoh gave them. Therefore they *did not* sell their ground.
[23]And Yosĕph said to the people, "Look, I have bought you and your land today for Pharaoh. Look, here is seed for you and you ***shall*** sow the land.
[24]"And it ***shall* be** that in the harvest you ***shall*** give one-fifth to Pharaoh. And four-fifths is your own, as seed for the field and for your food, for those of your households and as food for your *little* ones."
[25]And they said, "You have **saved** our **lives. Let** us find **favour** *in the eyes* of my master and we ***shall*** become Pharaoh's servants."
[26]And Yosĕph made it a **law** over the land of Mitsrayim to this day, that Pharaoh should have one-fifth, ***except*** for the ground of the priests only, which *did not* become Pharaoh's.
[27]And Yisra'ĕl dwelt in the land of Mitsrayim, in the land of Goshen. And they had possessions there and bore **fruit** and increased exceedingly.
[28]And Ya'aqoḇ lived in the land of Mitsrayim seventeen years. So the length of Ya'aqoḇ's **life** was one hundred and forty-seven years.
[29]And the **time** for Yisra'ĕl to *die* drew near and he called his son Yosĕph and said to him, "**Now** if I have **found favour** in your eyes, please put your **hand** under my thigh and **show kindness** and **truth** to me. Please *do not* bury me in Mitsrayim,
[30]but I ***shall*** *lie* with my fathers and you ***shall*** take me up out of Mitsrayim and bury me in their burial place." And he said, "I do as you have said."
[31]And he said, "Swear to me." And he **swore** to him and Yisra'ĕl bowed himself on the head of the bed.

48 And after these events it came to be that it was said to Yosĕph, "**See,** your father is *sick,*" And he took with him his two sons, Menashsheh and Ephrayim.
[2]And Ya'aqoḇ was told, "**See,** your son Yosĕph is **coming** to you." And Yisra'ĕl strengthened himself and sat up on the bed.
[3]And Ya'aqoḇ said to Yosĕph, "Ĕl **Shaddai** appeared to me at Luz in the land of Kena'an and **blessed** me,
[4]and said to me, '**See,** I am making you bear **fruit** and ***shall*** increase you and make of you an assembly of peoples and give this land to your seed after you as an **everlasting possession**.'
[5]"And **now**, your two sons, Ephrayim and Menashsheh, who were born to you in the land of Mitsrayim before I came to you in Mitsrayim, are **mine** – as Re'uḇĕn and Shim'on, they are mine.
[6]"Your offspring whom you ***shall*** bring forth after them are yours and let them be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance.
[7]"And I, when I came from Paddan, Raḥĕl died beside me in the land of Kena'an on the **way,** when there was but a *little* distance to go to Ephrath. And I buried her there on the **way** to Ephrath, that is Bĕyth Leḥem."
[8]And Yisra'ĕl **saw** Yosĕph's sons and said, "***Who*** are these?"
[9]And Yosĕph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom **Elohim** has **given** me in this place." And he said, "Please bring them to me and let me **bless** them."
[10]And the eyes of Yisra'ĕl were dim with age and he was *unable* to **see.**
And he drew them **near** him and he kissed them and embraced them.
[11]And Yisra'ĕl said to Yosĕph, "I had not thought to **see** your face. ***But* see, Elohim** has also shown me your seed!"
[12]So Yosĕph brought them from between his knees and he bowed down with his face to the earth.
[13]And Yosĕph took them both, Ephrayim with his **right hand** toward Yisra'ĕl's left **hand** and Menashsheh with his left **hand** toward Yisra'ĕl's

right hand and brought them **near** him.
[14]And Yisra'ĕl **stretched** out his **right hand** and laid it on Ephrayim's head, who was the younger and his left **hand** on Menashsheh's head, consciously directing his hands, for Menashsheh was the first-born.
[15]And he **blessed** Yosĕph and said, "The **Elohim** before whom my fathers Aḇrahim and Yitsḥaq walked, the **Elohim** who has fed me **all** my **life** long to this day,
[16]the Messenger who has redeemed me from **all** *evil* – **bless** the youths! And let my name be called upon them and the name of my fathers Aḇrahim and Yitsḥaq. And let them increase to a multitude in the **midst** of the earth."
[17]And when Yosĕph **saw** that his father laid his **right hand** on the head of Ephrayim, it was *evil* in his eyes; and he took hold of his father's **hand** to remove it from the head of Ephrayim to the head of Menashsheh.
[18]And Yosĕph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this one is the first-born, put your **right hand** on his head."
[19]***But*** his father *refused* and said, "I **know,** my son, I **know. He** also becomes a people and he also is great. And yet, his younger brother is greater than he and his seed is to become the completeness of the nations."
[20]And he **blessed** them on that day, saying, "In you Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** **bless,** saying, '**Elohim** make you as Ephrayim and as Menashsheh!' " Thus he put Ephrayim before Menashsheh.
[21]And Yisra'ĕl said to Yosĕph, "**See,** I am dying, but **Elohim *shall* be** with you and bring you back to the land of your fathers.
[22]"And I, I have **given** to you one portion above your brothers, which I took from the **hand** of the Amorite with my *sword* and with my bow."

49 And Ya'aqoḇ called his sons and said, "**Gather** together, so that I **declare** to you what is to befall you in the **last** days:
[2]"**Gather together** and **hear,** you sons of Ya'aqoḇ and **listen** to Yisra'ĕl your father.
[3]"Re'uḇĕn, you are my first-born, my **power** and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of exaltation and the excellency of power.
[4]"Boiling like water, *you do not* excel, **<u>because</u>** you went up to your father's bed, then you *defiled* it – he went up to my couch.
[5]"Shim'on and Lĕwi are brothers, their weapons are implements of *violence*.
[6]"**Let** my being not enter their council, let my **esteem** not be united to their assembly; **<u>because</u>** they slew a man in their *displeasure* and they lamed an ox in pleasure.
[7]***"Cursed*** be their *displeasure* for it is **fierce** and their *wrath* for it is cruel! I divide them in Ya'aqoḇ and *scatter* them in Yisra'ĕl.
[8]"You, Yahuḏah, your brothers **praise** you; your **hand** is on the neck of your enemies; your father's children bow down before you.
[9]"Yahuḏah is a lion's cub; from the prey you have gone up, my son! **He** bowed down, he crouched like a lion. And like a lion, who does rouse him?
[10]"The sceptre ***shall*** not turn aside from Yahuḏah, nor a **Lawgiver** from between his feet, until Shiloh comes and to **Him** is the obedience of peoples.
[11]"Binding his donkey to the vine and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he washed his garments in **wine** and his robes in the **blood** of grapes.
[12]"His eyes are darker than **wine** and his *teeth* whiter than milk.
[13]"Zeḇulun dwells at the seashore, he is for a haven for ships and his border is unto Tsiḏon.
[14]"Yissasḵar is a **strong** donkey *lying* down between two burdens,
[15]and he **saw** that a resting place was **good** and that the land was pleasant and he inclined his shoulder to bear a *burden* and became a subject to slave labour.
[16]"Dan **rightly** rules his people as one of the tribes of Yisra'ĕl.

17"Dan is a *serpent* by the **way,** an adder by the path, that bites the horse's heels so that its rider falls backward.
18"I have waited for your **deliverance,** O יהוה!
19"Gaḏ, a raiding band raids him, but he raids its heel.
20"Bread from Ashĕr is rich and he gives delicacies of a sovereign.
21"Naphtali is a deer let loose, he gives **words** of elegance.
22"Yosĕph is an offshoot of a fruit-bearing *tree,* an offshoot of a fruit-bearing *tree* by a fountain, his branches run over a wall.
23"And the archers have *bitterly grieved* him, shot at him and *hated* him.
24"***But*** his bow remained in strength and the arms of his hands were made **strong** by the hands of the **Mighty One** of **Ya'aqoḇ** – from there is the **Shepherd**, the **Stone of Yisra'ĕl** –
25from the Ĕl of your father who helps you and by the **Almighty** who blesses you with **blessings** of the heavens above, **blessings** of the deep that lies beneath, **blessings** of the breasts and of the womb.
26"The **blessings** of your father have excelled the **blessings** of my ancestors, up to the limit of the **everlasting** hills. They are on the head of Yosĕph and on the crown of the head of him who was separated from his brothers.
27"Binyamin is a wolf that tears, in the morning he eats prey and at night he divides the spoil."
28All these are the twelve tribes of Yisra'ĕl and this is what their father spoke to them. And he **blessed** them, he **blessed** each one **according** to his own **blessing.**
29And he **commanded** them and said to them, "I am to be gathered to my people, bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Ḥittite,
30in the cave that is in the field of Maḵpĕlah, which is before Mamrĕ in the land of Kena'an, which Aḇrahim bought with the field of Ephron the Ḥittite as a possession for a burial site.
31There they buried Aḇrahim and Sarah his wife, there they buried Yitsḥaq and Riḇqah his wife and there I buried Lĕ'ah.
32the field purchased and the cave which is in it, from the sons of Ḥĕth."
33And when Ya'aqoḇ ended **commanding** his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed and breathed his **last,** and was gathered to his people.

50 And Yosĕph fell on his father's face and wept over him and kissed him.
2And Yosĕph **commanded** his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Yisra'ĕl.
3And forty days were **completed** for him, for so are **completed** the days of embalming. And the Mitsrites wept for him seventy days.
4And when the days of *weeping* for him were past, Yosĕph spoke to the household of Pharaoh, saying, "If, **now**, I have **found favour** in your eyes, please **speak** in the **hearing** of Pharaoh, saying,
5'My father made me swear, saying, "**See,** I am dying, bury me in my grave which I dug for myself in the land of Kena'an." And **now**, please let me go up and bury my father and return.' "
6And Pharaoh said, "Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear."
7And Yosĕph 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 Mitsrayim,
8and **all** the house of Yosĕph and his brothers and his father's house. Only their *little* ones and their flocks and their herds they left in the land of Goshen.
9And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen and it was a **very great** company.
10And they came to the threshing-floor of Aṭaḏ, which is beyond the Yarděn and they lamented there with a **great** and **very** *heavy* lamentation. And he **observed** seven days of *mourning* for his father.

[11]And when the inhabitants of the land, the Kena'anites, **saw** the *mourning* at the threshing-floor of Atad, they said, "This is a *grievous mourning* for the Mitsrites." That is why its name was called Abĕl Mitsrayim, which is beyond the Yardĕn.
[12]And his sons did to him as he had **commanded** them,
[13]for his sons brought him to the land of Kena'an and buried him in the cave of the field of Makpĕlah, before Mamrĕ, which Abrahim bought with the field from Ephron the Ḥittite as property for a burial site.
[14]And after he had buried his father, Yosĕph returned to Mitsrayim, he and his brothers and **all** who went up with him to bury his father.
[15]And when Yosĕph's brothers **saw** that their father was *dead,* they said, "***What*** if Yosĕph *hates* us and pays us back **all** the *evil* which we did to him?"
[16]And they **sent word** to Yosĕph, saying, "Before your father died he **commanded**, saying,
[17]'This is what you are to say to Yosĕph, "I ***beg*** you, please **forgive,** the *transgression* of your brothers and their *sin,* for they did *evil* to you." ' And **now**, please **forgive** the *transgression* of the servants of the **Elohim** of your father." And Yosĕph wept when they spoke to him.
[18]And his brothers also went and fell down before his face and they said, "**See,** we are your servants."
[19]And Yosĕph said to them, "***Do*** *not* **fear,** for am I in the place of **Elohim**?
[20]"And you, you **intended** *evil* *against* me, but **Elohim intended** it for **good**, **in order** to do it as it is this day, to keep a **great** many people **alive.**
[21]"And **now**, *do not* **fear,** I provide for you and your *little* ones." So he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.
[22]And Yosĕph dwelt in Mitsrayim, he and his father's household. And Yosĕph lived one hundred and ten years.
[23]And Yosĕph **saw** Ephrayim's children to the third generation. The children of Makir, son of Menashsheh, were also brought up on Yosĕph's knees.
[24]And Yosĕph said to his brothers, "I am dying, but **Elohim *shall*** certainly **visit** you and bring you out of this land to the land of which **He swore** to Abrahim, to Yitsḥaq and to Ya'aqob."
[25]And Yosĕph made the children of Yisra'ĕl swear, saying, "**Elohim *shall*** certainly **visit** you and you ***shall*** bring up my bones from here."
[26]And Yosĕph died, being one hundred and ten years old. And they embalmed him and he was placed in a coffin in Mitsrayim.

SHEMOTH

EXODUS — 2 MOSHEH

1 And these are the names of the children of Yisra'ĕl who came to Mitsrayim with Ya'aqoḇ, each one with his household:
[2]Re'uḇĕn, Shim'on, Lĕwi and Yahuḏah;
[3]Yissaśkar, Zeḇulun and Binyamin;
[4]Dan and Naphtali, Gaḏ and Ashĕr.
[5]And **all** those who were descendants of Ya'aqoḇ were seventy beings, as Yosĕph was already in Mitsrayim.
[6]And Yosĕph died and **all** his brothers and **all** that generation.
[7]And the children of Yisra'ĕl bore **fruit** and increased **very** much, multiplied and became **very strong** and the land was filled with them.
[8]***Then*** a new sovereign arose over Mitsrayim, who *did not* **know** Yosĕph,
[9]and he said to his people, "**See,** the people of the children of Yisra'ĕl are more and stronger than we,
[10]come, let us act **wisely** towards them, lest they increase and it ***shall*** **be** when *fighting* befalls us, that they ***shall*** join our enemies and *fight* <u>*against*</u> us and ***shall*** go up out of the land."
[11]So they set slave-masters over them to *afflict* them with their burdens and they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Ra'amses.
[12]***But*** the more they *afflicted* them, the more they increased and grew and they were in *dread* of the children of Yisra'ĕl.
[13]And the Mitsrites made the children of Yisra'ĕl **serve** with harshness,
[14]and they made their lives *bitter* with hard bondage, in mortar and in brick and in **all** kinds of **work** in the field, **all** their **work** which they made them do was with *harshness*.
[15]***Then*** the sovereign of Mitsrayim spoke to the Heḇrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Pu'ah,
[16]and he said, "***When*** you **deliver** the Heḇrew women and **see** them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you ***shall*** put him to *death,* but if it is a daughter, then she ***shall*** **live.**"
[17]***But*** the midwives ***feared*** **Elohim** and *did not* do as the sovereign of Mitsrayim **commanded** them and kept the male children **alive.**
[18]So the sovereign of Mitsrayim called for the midwives and said to them,
"***Why*** have you done this and kept the male children alive?"
[19]And the midwives said to Pharaoh, "<u>**Because**</u> the Heḇrew women are not like the Mitsrite women. For they are lively and give birth before the midwives **come to** them."
[20]So **Elohim** was **good** to the midwives and the people increased and became **very** numerous.
[21]And it came to be, <u>**because**</u> the midwives ***feared*** **Elohim**, that **He** provided households for them.
[22]And Pharaoh **commanded all** his people, saying, "Throw **every** son who is born into the river and keep **alive every** daughter."

2 And a man of the house of Lĕwi went and married a daughter of Lĕwi.
[2]And the woman conceived and bore a son. And she **saw** that he was a lovely child and she hid him three months.
[3]And when she could hide him no longer, she took an ark of wicker for him and coated it with tar and pitch and put the child in it and laid it in the reeds by the edge of the river.
[4]And his sister stood at a distance, **to know** what would be done to him.
[5]And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river and her young women were walking by the riverside. And when she **saw** the ark among the reeds, she **sent** her female servant to get it,

[6]and opened it and **saw** the child and **see,** the baby wept. So she had **compassion** on him and said, "This is one of the children of the Hebrews."
[7]And his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "***Shall*** I go and **call** a nurse for you from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"
[8]And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." And the girl went and called the child's mother.
[9]And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, then I ***shall*** pay your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him.
[10]And the child grew and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. And she called his name Mosheh, saying, "**Because** I have drawn him out of the water."
[11]And in those days it came to be, when Mosheh was grown, that he went out to his brothers and **looked** at their burdens. And he **saw** a Mitsrite *beating* a Hebrew, one of his brothers.
[12]So he turned this **way** and that **way** and when he **saw** no one, he *smote* the Mitsrite and hid him in the sand.
[13]And he went out the second day and **saw** two Hebrew men *fighting* and he said to the one who did the ***wrong,*** "***Why*** do you *smite* your neighbour?"
[14]And he said, "***Who*** made you a head and a **judge** over us? ***Do*** you intend to *slay* me as you slew the Mitsrite?" And Mosheh ***feared*** and said, "**Truly**, the matter is **known**!"
[15]And Pharaoh **heard** of this matter and he sought to *kill* Mosheh. ***But*** Mosheh fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midyan. And he sat down by a well.
[16]And the priest of Midyan had seven daughters. And they came and drew water and they filled the troughs to water their father's flock,
[17]but the shepherds came and drove them away. ***Then*** Mosheh stood up and came to their rescue and watered their flock.
[18]And they came to Re'uw'ĕl their father and he said, "***How*** is it that you have **come** so soon today?"
[19]And they said, "A Mitsrite rescued us from the **hand** of the shepherds and he also drew enough water for us and watered the flock."
[20]And he said to his daughters, "And where is he? ***Why*** did you leave the man? Call him and let him eat bread."
[21]And Mosheh **agreed** to dwell with the man and he gave Tsipporah his daughter to Mosheh.
[22]And she bore him a son and he called his name Gĕreshom, for he said, "I have become a sojourner in a foreign land."
[23]And it came to be after these many days that the sovereign of Mitsrayim *died.* And the children of Yisra'ĕl groaned **because** of the slavery and they *cried out*. And their cry came up to **Elohim because** of the slavery.
[24]And **Elohim heard** their groaning and **Elohim remembered His covenant** with Abrahim, with Yitsḥaq and with Ya'aqob.
[25]And **Elohim looked** on the children of Yisra'ĕl and **Elohim knew**!

3 And Mosheh was shepherding the flock of Yithro his father-in-law, the priest of Midyan. And he led the flock to the back of the wilderness and came to Ḥorĕb, the mountain of **Elohim**.
[2]And the Messenger of יהוה appeared to him in a *flame* of *fire* from the **midst** of a bush. And he **looked** and **saw** the bush *burning* with *fire*, but the bush was not *consumed.*
[3]And Mosheh said, "**Let** me turn aside **now** and **see** this **great** sight, why the bush *does not* burn."
[4]And יהוה **saw** that he turned aside to **see** and **Elohim** called to him from the **midst** of the bush and said, "Mosheh! Mosheh!" And he said, "Here I am."
[5]And **He** said, "***Do not*** **come near** here. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is set-apart ground."
[6]And **He** said, "**I am** the **Elohim** of your father, the **Elohim** of Abrahim, the **Elohim** of Yitsḥaq and the **Elohim** of

Ya'aqoḇ." And Mosheh hid his face, for he was *afraid* to look at **Elohim**.

[7]And said, "**I have** indeed **seen** the *oppression* of **My people** who are in Mitsrayim and **have heard** their cry **because** of their slave-drivers, for **I know their sorrows**.

[8]"And I have **come down** to **deliver** them from the **hand** of the Mitsrites and to bring them up from that land to a **good** and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Kena'anites and the Ḥittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Ḥiwwites and the Yeḇusites.

[9]"And **now**, **see,** the cry of the children of Yisra'ĕl has **come to Me** and I have also **seen** the *oppression* with which the Mitsrites *oppress* them.

[10]"And **now**, come, I am sending you to Pharaoh, to bring **My people**, the children of Yisra'ĕl, out of Mitsrayim."

[11]And Mosheh said to **Elohim**, "***Who*** am I that I should go to Pharaoh and that I should bring the children of Yisra'ĕl out of Mitsrayim?"

[12]And **He** said, "**Because I am with you.** And this is to you the **sign** that I have **sent** you: ***When*** you have brought the people out of Mitsrayim, you are to **serve Elohim** on this mountain."

[13]And Mosheh said to **Elohim**, "**See,** when I **come to** the children of Yisra'ĕl and say to them, 'The **Elohim** of your fathers has **sent** me to you,' and they say to me, '***What* is His Name**?' what ***shall*** I say to them?"

[14]And **Elohim** said to Mosheh, "**I am that which I am**." And **He** said, "Thus you ***shall*** say to the children of Yisra'ĕl, **'I am has sent me to you**.' "

[15]And **Elohim** said further to Mosheh, "Thus you are to say to the children of Yisra'ĕl, '**יהוה Elohim** of your fathers, the **Elohim** of Aḇrahim, the **Elohim** of Yitsḥaq and the **Elohim** of Ya'aqoḇ, **has sent me to you**. This is **My Name forever** and this is **My Remembrance to all generations**.'

[16]"**Go** and you ***shall* gather** the elders of Yisra'ĕl together and say to them, '**יהוה Elohim** of your fathers, the **Elohim** of Aḇrahim, of Yitsḥaq and of Ya'aqoḇ, appeared to me, saying, "I have indeed **visited** you and **seen** what is done to you in Mitsrayim;

[17]and I say: I am bringing you up out of the *affliction* of Mitsrayim to the land of the Kena'anite and the Ḥittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Ḥiwwite and the Yeḇusite, to a land flowing with milk and honey." '

[18]"And they ***shall* listen** to your **voice**. And you ***shall*** come, you and the elders of Yisra'ĕl, to the sovereign of Mitsrayim and you ***shall*** say to him, '**יהוה Elohim** of the Heḇrews has met with us. And **now**, please, let us go three days' journey into the wilderness to slaughter to **יהוה** our **Elohim**.'

[19]"***But*** I **know** that the sovereign of Mitsrayim is not going to let you go, not even by a **strong hand.**

[20]"And I ***shall*** stretch out **My hand** and *smite* Mitsrayim with **all My wonders** which I ***shall*** do in its **midst**. And after that he ***shall*** let you go.

[21]"And I ***shall*** give this people **favour** *in the eyes* of the Mitsrites. And it ***shall*** be, that when you go, you ***shall*** not go empty-handed.

[22]"***But* every** woman ***shall* ask** from her neighbour and from the stranger in her house, objects of silver and objects of gold and garments. And you ***shall*** put them on your sons and on your daughters and ***shall*** plunder the Mitsrites."

4 And Mosheh answered and said, "And if they *do not* **believe** me, nor **listen** to my **voice** and say, '**יהוה** has not appeared to you?' "

[2]And **יהוה** said to him, "***What*** is that in your **hand?**" And he said, "A rod."

[3]And **He** said, "Throw it on the ground."So he threw it on the ground and it became a serpent. And Mosheh fled from it.

[4]And **יהוה** said to Mosheh, "Reach out your **hand** and take it by the tail" – so he reached out his **hand** and ***caught*** it and it became a **rod** in his **hand** –

5so that they **believe** that ֱיהוה **Elohim** of their fathers, the **Elohim** of Abrahim, the **Elohim** of Yitsḥaq and the **Elohim** of Ya'aqoḇ, has appeared to you."

6And ֱיהוה said to him again, "**Now** put your **hand** in your bosom." And he put his **hand** in his bosom and when he took it out and **see,** his **hand** was leprous, like snow.

7And **He** said, "Put your **hand** in your bosom again." So he put his **hand** in his bosom again and drew it out of his bosom and **see,** it was restored like his other *flesh.*

8"And it ***shall*** **be,** if they *do not* **believe** you, nor **listen** to the **voice** of the **first sign,** they ***shall*** **believe** the **voice** of the **latter sign.**

9"And it ***shall*** **be,** if they *do not* **believe** even these two **signs,** or **listen** to your **voice**, that you ***shall*** take water from the river and pour it on the dry land. And the water which you take from the river ***shall*** become **blood** on the dry land."

10And Mosheh said to ֱיהוה, "O ֱיהוה, I am not a man of **words**, neither before nor since **You** have **spoken** to **Your** servant, for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

11And ֱיהוה said to him, "***Who*** has made man's mouth? Or who makes *dumb,* **or deaf, or seeing, or** *blind?* Is it not I, ֱיהוה?

12"And **now**, go and I ***shall*** **be** with your **mouth** and **teach** you what to say."

13***But*** he said, "O ֱיהוה, please send by the **hand** of him whom You would send."

14And the *displeasure* of ֱיהוה *burned <u>against</u>* Mosheh and **He** said, "Is not Aharon the Lĕwite your brother? I **know** that he speaks well and he is also **coming** out to meet you. ***When*** he sees you, he ***shall*** **be glad** in his **heart.**

15"And you ***shall*** **speak** to him and put the **words** in his **mouth.** And **I am** with your **mouth** and with his **mouth** and **I** ***shall*** **teach** you what to do.

16"And he ***shall*** **speak** for you to the people. And it ***shall*** **be** that he ***shall*** **be** a **mouth** for you and you ***shall*** **be** an **Elohim** for him.

17"And take this **rod** in your **hand,** with which you ***shall*** do the **signs**."

18***Then*** Mosheh went and returned to Yithro his father-in-law and said to him, "Please let me go and **return** to my brothers who are in Mitsrayim to **see** whether they are still **alive.**" And Yithro said to Mosheh, "Go in peace."

19And ֱיהוה said to Mosheh in Miḏyan, "Go, **return** to Mitsrayim, for **all** the men are *dead* who sought your **life**."

20So Mosheh took his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey and he returned to the land of Mitsrayim. And Mosheh took the **rod** of **Elohim** in his **hand.**

21And ֱיהוה said to Mosheh, "As you go back to Mitsrayim, **see** that you do **all** those **wonders** before Pharaoh which I have put in your **hand.** ***But*** I am going to *harden* his **heart,** so that he *does not* let the people go.

22"And you ***shall*** say to Pharaoh, 'Thus said ֱיהוה, "Yisra'ĕl is **My** son, **My** first-born,

23so I say to you, let **My** son go to **serve Me.** ***But*** if you *refuse* to let him go, **see, I am killing** your son, your first-born."' "

24And it came to be on the **way,** in the lodging place, that ֱיהוה met him and sought to *kill* him.

25And Tsipporah took a sharp stone and *cut off* the foreskin of her son and threw it at Mosheh's feet and said, "You are indeed a bridegroom of **blood** to me!"

26So **He** let him go. ***Then*** she said, "You are a bridegroom of **blood,**" **<u>because</u>** of the circumcision.

27And ֱיהוה said to Aharon, "Go to meet Mosheh in the wilderness." And he went and met him on the mountain of **Elohim** and kissed him.

28Mosheh then told Aharon **all** the **words** of ֱיהוה who had **sent** him and **all** the **signs** which **He** had **commanded** him.

29And Mosheh went with Aharon and gathered **together all** the elders of the

children of Yisra'ĕl.
[30]And Aharon spoke **all** the **words** which 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had **spoken** to Mosheh. ***Then*** he did the **signs** before the eyes of the people.
[31]And the people **believed**. And they **heard** that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had **visited** the children of Yisra'ĕl and that **He** had **looked** on their *affliction* and they bowed their heads and did obeisance.

5 And afterwards Mosheh and Aharon went in and said to Pharaoh, "Thus said 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, '**Let My people** go, so that they keep a **festival** to **Me** in the wilderness.' "
[2]And Pharaoh said, "***Who*** is 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, that I should **obey His voice** to let Yisra'ĕl go? I *do not* **know** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, nor am I going to let Yisra'ĕl go."
[3]And they said, "The **Elohim** of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go three days' journey into the wilderness and slaughter to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 our **Elohim**, lest **He** *fall* upon us with *pestilence* or with the *sword*."
[4]***But*** the sovereign of Mitsrayim said to them, "Mosheh and Aharon, why do you take the people from their work? Get back to your burdens."
[5]And Pharaoh said, "**See,** the people of the land are many **now** and you make them cease from their burdens!"
[6]And the **same** day Pharaoh **commanded** the slave-drivers of the people and their foremen, saying,
[7]"You are no longer to give the people straw to make bricks as before. **Let** them go and **gather** straw for themselves.
[8]"And lay on them the required amount of bricks which they made before, *do not* diminish it. For they are idle, that is why they cry out, saying, '**Let** us go and slaughter to our **Elohim**.'
[9]"**Let** more **work** be laid on the men, so that they labour in it and not pay attention to **words** of *falsehood*."
[10]And the slave-drivers of the people and their foremen went out and spoke to the people, saying, "Thus said Pharaoh, 'I *do not* give you straw.
[11]'Go, take straw for yourselves, wherever you find it, for your **work *shall*** not be diminished.' "
[12]And the people were *scattered* in **all** the land of Mitsrayim – to **gather** stubble for straw.
[13]And the slave-drivers were hurrying them on, saying, "**Complete** your **work,** your daily amount, as when there was straw."
[14]Also the foremen of the children of Yisra'ĕl, whom Pharaoh's slave-drivers had set over them, were *beaten* and were asked, "***Why*** have you not **completed** your task in making bricks both yesterday and today, as before?"
[15]And the foremen of the children of Yisra'ĕl came and *cried out* to Pharaoh, saying, "***Why*** do you treat your servants this **way?**
[16]"There is no straw **given** to your servants and they say to us, 'Make bricks!' And **see,** your servants are beaten, but your own people are at fault."
[17]***But*** he said, "You are *idle!* You are *idle!* That is why you say, '**Let** us go and slaughter to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.'
[18]"So **now** go, work. And straw is not **given** to you, but **deliver** the amount of bricks."
[19]And the foremen of the children of Yisra'ĕl **saw** that they were in *trouble* after it was said, "You are not to diminish your daily amount of bricks."
[20]And when they came out from Pharaoh, they met Mosheh and Aharon who stood there to meet them.
[21]And they said to them, "**Let** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 look on you and judge, **because** you have made us loathsome *in the eyes* of Pharaoh and *in the eyes* of his servants, to give a *sword* in their **hand** to *kill* us."
[22]And Mosheh returned to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and said, "𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, why have You done *evil* to this people? ***Why*** did You send me?
[23]"For ever since I came to Pharaoh to **speak** in **Your Name,** he has done *evil* to this people. And **You** have not **delivered Your people** at **all.**"

6 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "**Now see** what I do to Pharaoh, for with a **strong hand** he is going to let them go and with a **strong hand** he is going to *drive* them out of his land."

[2]And **Elohim** spoke to Mosheh and said to him, "**I am יהוה**.

[3]"'And I appeared to Aḇrahim, to Yitsḥaq and to Ya'aqoḇ, as Ěl **Shaddai.** And by **My Name, יהוה**, was I not **known** to them?

[4]"'And I also **established My covenant** with them, to give them the land of Kena'an, the land of their sojournings, in which they have sojourned.

[5]"'And I have also **heard** the groaning of the children of Yisra'ěl whom the Mitsrites are enslaving and I have **remembered My covenant.**

[6]"'Say, therefore, to the children of Yisra'ěl, **'I am יהוה** and I ***shall*** bring you out from under the burdens of the Mitsrites and ***shall* deliver** you from their enslaving and ***shall* redeem** you with an outstretched arm and with **great** judgments,

[7]and ***shall*** take you as **My people** and I ***shall* be** your **Elohim**. And **you *shall* know that I am יהוה** your **Elohim** who is bringing you out from under the burdens of the Mitsrites.

[8]'And I ***shall*** bring you into the land which I **swore** to give to Aḇrahim, to Yitsḥaq and to Ya'aqoḇ, to give it to you as an inheritance. I am יהוה.' "

[9]And Mosheh spoke thus to the children of Yisra'ěl, but they *did not* **listen** to Mosheh, **because** of *shortness* of *spirit* and from *hard slavery*.

[10]And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

[11]"Go in, **speak** to Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim, to let the children of Yisra'ěl go out of his land."

[12]And Mosheh spoke before יהוה, saying, "The children of Yisra'ěl have *not listened* to me and why would Pharaoh **listen** to me, for I am of *uncircumcised* lips?"

[13]And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon and gave them a **command** for the children of Yisra'ěl and for Pharaoh, sovereign of Mitsrayim, to bring the children of Yisra'ěl out of the land of Mitsrayim.

[14]These are the heads of their fathers' houses: The sons of Re'uḇěn, the first-born of Yisra'ěl: Ḥanoḵ and Pallu, Ḥetsron and Karmi. These are the clans of Re'uḇěn.

[15]And the sons of Shim'on: Yemu'ěl and Yamin and Ohaḏ and Yaḵin and Tsoḥar and Sha'ul the son of a Kena'anite woman. These are the clans of Shim'on.

[16]These are the names of the sons of Lěwi **according** to their generations: Gěreshon and Qehath and Merari. And the years of the **life** of Lěwi were one hundred and thirty-seven.

[17]The sons of Gěreshon: Liḇni and Shim'i **according** to their clans.

[18]And the sons of Qehath: Amram and Yitshar and Ḥeḇron and Uzzi'ěl. And the years of the **life** of Qehath were one hundred and thirty-three.

[19]And the sons of Merari: Maḥli and Mushi. These are the clans of Lěwi **according** to their generations.

[20]And Amram took for himself Yoḵeḇeḏ, his father's sister, as wife. And she bore him Aharon and Mosheh. And the years of the **life** of Amram were one hundred and thirty-seven.

[21]And the sons of Yitshar: Qoraḥ and Nepheḡ and Ziḵri.

[22]And the sons of Uzzi'ěl: Misha'ěl and Eltsaphan and Sithri.

[23]Aharon took to himself Elisheḇa, daughter of Amminaḏaḇ, sister of Naḥshon, as wife. And she bore him Naḏaḇ and Aḇihu, El'azar and Ithamar.

[24]And the sons of Qoraḥ: Assir, Elqanah and Aḇiyasaph. These are the clans of the Qorḥites.

[25]And El'azar, Aharon's son, took for himself one of the daughters of Puti'ěl as wife. And she bore him Pineḥas. These are the heads of the fathers of the Lěwites **according** to their clans.

[26]This is Aharon and Mosheh, to whom יהוה said, "Bring out the children of Yisra'ěl from the land of Mitsrayim

according to their divisions."
[27]They were the ones who spoke to Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim, to bring out the children of Yisra'ĕl from Mitsrayim. This is Mosheh and Aharon.
[28]And it came to be, on the day when ꓤꓴꓤꓩ spoke to Mosheh in the land of Mitsrayim,
[29]that ꓤꓴꓤꓩ spoke to Mosheh, saying, "**I am** ꓤꓴꓤꓩ. **Speak** to Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim **all** that I say to you."
[30]And Mosheh said before ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, "**See,** I am of *uncircumcised* lips and why would Pharaoh **listen** to me?"

7 So ꓤꓴꓤꓩ said to Mosheh, "**See,** I have made you an **Elohim** to Pharaoh and Aharon your brother is your **prophet.**
[2]"You ***shall*** **speak all** that I **command** you and Aharon your brother ***shall*** **speak** to Pharaoh, to let the children of Yisra'ĕl go out of his land.
[3]"***But*** I am going to *harden* the **heart** of Pharaoh and ***shall*** increase **My signs** and **My wonders** in the land of Mitsrayim.
[4]"And Pharaoh is not going to **listen** to you and **I *shall* lay My hand** on Mitsrayim and bring **My** division**s** and **My people**, the children of Yisra'ĕl, out of the land of Mitsrayim by **great** *judgments*.
[5]"And the Mitsrites ***shall*** **know** that I am ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, when I stretch out **My hand** on Mitsrayim. And I ***shall*** bring the children of Yisra'ĕl out from among them."
[6]And Mosheh and Aharon did as ꓤꓴꓤꓩ **commanded** them, so they did.
[7]**Now** Mosheh was eighty years old and Aharon eighty-three years old when they spoke to Pharaoh.
[8]And ꓤꓴꓤꓩ spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, saying,
[9]"***When*** Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, 'Show a miracle for yourselves,' then you ***shall*** say to Aharon, 'Take your **rod** and *throw* it before Pharaoh and let it become a *serpent*.' "
[10]So Mosheh and Aharon went in to Pharaoh and they did so, as ꓤꓴꓤꓩ **commanded**. And Aharon threw his **rod** before Pharaoh and before his servants and it became a *serpent*.
[11]***But*** Pharaoh also called the **wise** men and the *practisers* of *witchcraft*. And they, the *magicians* of Mitsrayim, also did so with their *magic*.
[12]And they, each one, threw down his rod and they became *serpents*. ***But*** the **rod** of Aharon swallowed up their rods.
[13]And Pharaoh's **heart** was hardened and he *did not* **listen** to them, as ꓤꓴꓤꓩ had said.
[14]And ꓤꓴꓤꓩ said to Mosheh, "The **heart** of Pharaoh is hard, he *refuses* to let the people go.
[15]"Go to Pharaoh in the morning, as he goes out to the water and you ***shall*** **stand** by the river's bank to meet him. And take in your **hand** the **rod** which was turned into a *serpent*.
[16]"And you ***shall*** say to him, 'ꓤꓴꓤꓩ the **Elohim** of the Hebrews has **sent** me to you, saying, "**Let My people** go, so that they **serve Me** in the wilderness," but **see,** until **now** you have *not listened*!
[17]'Thus said ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, "By this you **know** that I am ꓤꓴꓤꓩ. **See,** I am striking the waters which are in the river with the **rod** that is in my **hand** and they ***shall*** **be** turned to **blood,**
[18]and the fish in the river ***shall*** *die.* And the river ***shall*** stink and the Mitsrites ***shall*** find it *impossible* to drink the water of the river." ' "
[19]And ꓤꓴꓤꓩ spoke to Mosheh, "Say to Aharon, 'Take your **rod** and stretch out your **hand** over the waters of Mitsrayim, over their streams, over their rivers, over their ponds and over **all** their pools of water, that they become blood. And there ***shall*** **be blood** in **all** the land of Mitsrayim, both in wooden and in stone containers.' "
[20]And Mosheh and Aharon did so, as ꓤꓴꓤꓩ **commanded**. And he lifted up the **rod** and *struck* the waters that were in the river, *in the eyes* of Pharaoh and *in the eyes* of his servants. And **all** the waters that were in the river were turned

to blood.
[21]And the fish that were in the river died and the river stank and the Mitsrites were *unable* to drink the water of the river. And the **blood** was in **all** the land of Mitsrayim.
[22]And the *magicians* of Mitsrayim did the **same** with their *magic*. And the **heart** of Pharaoh was *hardened* and he *did not* **listen** to them, as יהוה had said.
[23]And Pharaoh turned and went into his house and his **heart** was not moved by this either.
[24]And **all** the Mitsrites dug **all** around the river for water to drink, for they were *unable* to drink the water of the river.
[25]And seven days were **completed** after יהוה had *struck* the river.

8 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus said יהוה, "**Let My people** go, so that they **serve Me.**
[2]"***But*** if you *refuse* to let them go, **see,** I am smiting **all** your border with frogs.
[3]"And the river ***shall*** swarm with frogs, which ***shall*** go up and ***shall*** **come** into your house and into your bedroom and on your bed and into the houses of your servants and on your people and into your ovens and into your kneading bowls,
[4]and the frogs ***shall*** **come** up on you and on your people and on **all** your servants." ' "
[5]And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Say to Aharon, 'Stretch out your **hand** with your **rod** over the streams, over the rivers and over the ponds and **cause** frogs to **come** up on the land of Mitsrayim.' "
[6]So Aharon **stretched** out his **hand** over the waters of Mitsrayim and the frogs came up and covered the land of Mitsrayim.
[7]And the *magicians* did so with their *magic* and brought up frogs on the land of Mitsrayim.
[8]Pharaoh then called for Mosheh and Aharon and said, "Pray to יהוה to take away the frogs from me and from my people and I ***shall*** let the people go to slaughter to יהוה."
[9]And Mosheh said to Pharaoh, "Explain yourself to me: ***When*** am I to pray for you and for your servants and for your people, to *destroy* the frogs from you and your houses and remain only in the river?"
[10]So he said, "**Tomorrow**." And he said, "**Let** it be **according** to your **word,** so that you **know** that there is no one like יהוה **Your Elohim**.
[11]"And the frogs ***shall turn*** aside from you and from your houses and from your servants and from your people – they ***shall*** remain in the river only."
[12]And Mosheh and Aharon went out from Pharaoh. And Mosheh *cried out* to יהוה concerning the frogs which **He** had brought *against* Pharaoh.
[13]And יהוה did **according** to the **word** of Mosheh. And the frogs died out of the houses, out of the courtyards and out of the fields.
[14]And they gathered them **together** in heaps and the land stank.
[15]And when Pharaoh **saw** that there was relief, he *hardened* his **heart** and *did not* **listen** to them, as יהוה had said.
[16]And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Say to Aharon, 'Stretch out your rod and *strike* the dust of the land, so that it becomes gnats in **all** the land of Mitsrayim.' "
[17]And they did so and Aharon **stretched** out his **hand** with his **rod** and *struck* the dust of the earth and it became gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the land became gnats in **all** the land of Mitsrayim.
[18]And the *magicians* did similarly with their *magic* to bring forth gnats, but they were *unable*. And there were gnats on man and beast.
[19]The *magicians* then said to Pharaoh, "This is the **finger** of **Elohim**!" ***But*** the **heart** of Pharaoh was *hardened* and he *did not* **listen** to them, as יהוה had said.
[20]And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Rise early in the morning and **stand** before Pharaoh as he **comes** out to the water

and say to him, 'Thus said יהוה, "**Let My people** go, so that they **serve Me.**
21"Or else, if *you do not* let **My people** go, **see,** I am sending swarms of flies on you and your servants and on your people and into your houses. And the houses of the Mitsrites ***shall*** **be** filled with swarms of flies and also the ground on which they stand.
22"And in that day I ***shall*** separate the land of Goshen, in which **My people** dwell, that no swarms of flies ***shall*** **be** there, so that you **know** that I am יהוה in the **midst** of the land.
23"And I ***shall*** put a **distinction** between **My people** and your people. **Tomorrow** this **sign *shall* be.**" ' "
24And יהוה did so and thick swarms of flies came into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants' houses and into **all** the land of Mitsrayim and the land was *ruined* **<u>because</u>** of the swarms of flies.
25Pharaoh then called for Mosheh and Aharon and said, "Go, slaughter to your **Elohim** in the land."
26And Mosheh said, "It is not **right** to do so, for we would be slaughtering the **<u>abomination</u>** of the Mitsrites to יהוה our **Elohim**. **See,** if we slaughter the **<u>abomination</u>** of the Mitsrites before their eyes, would they not stone us?
27"**Let** us go three days' journey into the wilderness, then we ***shall*** slaughter to יהוה our **Elohim**, as **He commands** us."
28And Pharaoh said, "I am letting you go, then you ***shall*** slaughter to יהוה your **Elohim** in the wilderness. Only, *do not* go **very** far away! Pray for me."
29And Mosheh said, "**See,** when I leave you I ***shall*** pray to יהוה and **tomorrow** the swarms of flies ***shall*** depart from Pharaoh, from his servants and from his people. ***But*** *do not* let Pharaoh again *deceive*, not to let the people go to slaughter to יהוה."
30And Mosheh went out from Pharaoh and prayed to יהוה.
31And יהוה did **according** to the **word** of Mosheh and removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants and from his people.
Not one remained.
32***But*** Pharaoh *hardened* his **heart** this **time** too and *did not* let the people go.

9 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Go in to Pharaoh and **speak** to him, 'Thus said יהוה **Elohim** of the Hebrews, "**Let My people** go, so that they **serve Me.**
2"For if you *refuse* to let them go and still hold them,
3see, the **hand** of יהוה is on your livestock in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the cattle and on the sheep – a **very** *grievous pestilence.*
4"And יהוה ***shall*** separate between the livestock of Yisra'ĕl and the livestock of Mitsrayim and let no matter *die* of **all** that belongs to the children of Yisra'ĕl." ' "
5And יהוה set an **appointed time,** saying, "**Tomorrow** יהוה is going to do this **word** in the land."
6And יהוה did this **word** on the next day and **all** the livestock of Mitsrayim died, but of the livestock of the children of Yisra'ĕl, not one *died.*
7***Then*** Pharaoh **sent** and **see,** not even one of the livestock of the Yisra'ĕlites was *dead.* ***But*** the **heart** of Pharaoh was hardened and he *did not* let the people go.
8And יהוה said to Mosheh and Aharon, "Fill your hands with ashes from a furnace and let Mosheh *scatter* it toward the heavens before the eyes of Pharaoh.
9"And it ***shall*** become fine dust in **all** the land of Mitsrayim and it ***shall*** **cause** boils that *break* out in *sores* on man and beast in **all** the land of Mitsrayim."
10So they took ashes from the furnace and stood before Pharaoh and Mosheh *scattered* them toward the **heavens.** And they **caused** *boils*, breaking out in *sores* on man and beast.
11And the *magicians were unable* to **stand** before Mosheh **<u>because</u>** of the boils, for the *boils* were on the *magicians* and on **all** the Mitsrites.
12***But*** יהוה *hardened* the **heart** of

Pharaoh and he *did not* **listen** to them, as יהוה had said to Mosheh.

13And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Rise early in the morning and **stand** before Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus said יהוה **Elohim** of the Hebrews, "**Let My people** go, so that they **serve Me,**

14for at this **time** I am sending **all My** *plagues* unto your **heart** and on your servants and on your people, **so that you know** that there is no one like **Me** in **all** the earth.

15"**Now** if I had **stretched** out **My hand** and *struck* you and your people with pestilence, then you would have been *cut off* from the earth.

16"And for this **reason** I have **raised** you up, **in order** to **show** you **My** power and **in order** to **declare My Name** in **all** the earth.

17"You still **exalt** yourself *against* **My people** in that *you do not* let them go!

18"**See, tomorrow** about this **time** I am causing **very** *heavy hail* to rain down, such as has not been in Mitsrayim, from the **day of** its founding until *now.*

19"And **now** send, bring your livestock to safety and **all** that you have in the field, for the *hail* ***shall*** **come** down on **every** man and **every** beast which is **found** in the field and is not brought home and they ***shall*** *die.*" ' "

20Those among the servants of Pharaoh who ***feared*** the **Word** of יהוה made their servants and livestock ***flee*** to the houses.

21***But*** those who *did not* set their **heart** on the **Word** of יהוה left their servants and livestock in the field.

22***Then*** יהוה said to Mosheh, "Stretch out your **hand** toward the heavens and let there be *hail* in **all** the land of Mitsrayim – on man and on beast and on **every** plant of the field, throughout the land of Mitsrayim."

23***Then*** Mosheh **stretched** out his **rod** toward the **heavens.** And יהוה **sent** *thunder* and *hail* and *fire* came down to the earth. And יהוה rained *hail* on the land of Mitsrayim.

24Thus there came to be *hail* and *fire* flashing continually in the **midst** of the *hail*, **very** heavy, such as had not been in **all** the land of Mitsrayim since it became a nation.

25And the *hail smote* in **all** the land of Mitsrayim **all** that was in the field, both man and beast. And the *hail smote* **every** plant of the field and broke **every** *tree* of the field.

26Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Yisra'ĕl were, there was no *hail*.

27Pharaoh then **sent** and called for Mosheh and for Aharon and said to them, "I have *sinned* this **time.** יהוה is **righteous** and my people and I are *wrong.*

28"Pray to יהוה, for there has been enough of the *thunder* and *hail* of **Elohim**. And I am letting you go, so that you stay no longer."

29And Mosheh said to him, "As soon as I go out of the city, let me spread out my hands to יהוה, let the *thunder* cease and the *hail* be no more, so that you **know** that the earth belongs to יהוה.

30"***But*** as for you and your servants, I **know** that *you do not* yet **fear** before יהוה **Elohim**."

31And the flax and the barley were *smitten* because the barley was in the head and the flax was in bud.

32***But*** the wheat and the spelt were not *smitten* because they were late crops.

33And Mosheh went out of the city from Pharaoh and spread out his hands to יהוה and the *thunder* and the *hail* ceased and the rain was not poured on the earth.

34And Pharaoh **saw** that the rain and the *hail* and the *thunder* had ceased, yet he *sinned* again and he *hardened* his **heart,** he and his servants.

35And the **heart** of Pharaoh was *hardened* and he *did not* let the children of Yisra'ĕl go, as יהוה had said through Mosheh.

10 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Go in to Pharaoh, for I have *hardened* his **heart** and the **hearts** of his servants,

so that I **show** these **signs** of **Mine** before him,
[2]and that you relate in the **hearing** of your son and your son's son what I have done in Mitsrayim and **My signs** which I have done among them. **And you *shall* know that I am** יהוה.”
[3]And Mosheh and Aharon came in to Pharaoh and said to him, “Thus said יהוה **Elohim** of the Hebrews, ‘Til when ***shall*** you *refuse* to humble yourself before **Me? Let My people** go, so that they **serve Me.**
[4]‘Or else, if you *refuse* to let **My people** go, **see, tomorrow** I am bringing locusts within your borders.
[5]‘And they ***shall*** cover the surface of the land, so that no one **is able** to **see** the land. And they ***shall*** eat the rest of what has **escaped**, which remains to you from the hail and they ***shall*** eat **every** *tree* which grows up for you out of the field.
[6]‘And they ***shall*** fill your houses and the houses of **all** your servants and the houses of **all** the Mitsrites, which neither your fathers nor your fathers' fathers have **seen,** since the day that they were on the earth to this day.’ ” ***Then*** he turned and went out from Pharaoh.
[7]And Pharaoh's servants said to him, “Til when would this one be a *snare* to us? **Let** the men go, so that they **serve** יהוה their **Elohim**. ***Do*** you not yet **know** that Mitsrayim is **destroyed**?”
[8]And Mosheh and Aharon were brought back to Pharaoh and he said to them, “Go, **serve** יהוה your **Elohim**. ***Who*** are the ones that are going?”
[9]And Mosheh said, “We are going with our young and our old, with our sons and our daughters, with our flocks and our herds we are going, for we have a **festival** to יהוה.”
[10]And he said to them, “**Let** יהוה be with you as I let you and your *little* ones go! **Watch**, for *evil* is before your face!
[11]“Not so! You men go **now** and **serve** יהוה, for that is what you desired.” And they were *driven* out from the presence of Pharaoh.
[12]And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Stretch out your **hand** over the land of Mitsrayim for the locusts to **come** upon the land of Mitsrayim and eat **every** plant of the land – **all** that the *hail* has left.”
[13]And Mosheh **stretched** out his **rod** over the land of Mitsrayim and יהוה brought an east *wind* on the land **all** that day and **all** that night. Morning came and the east *wind* brought the locusts.
[14]And the locusts went up over **all** the land of Mitsrayim and settled within **all** the borders of Mitsrayim, **very** *grievous.* There had never been locusts like them before, nor would there again be like them.
[15]And they covered the surface of **all** the land, so that the land was darkened. And they ate **every** plant of the land and **all** the **fruit** of the trees which the *hail* had left and no greenness was left on the trees or on the plants of the field, in **all** the land of Mitsrayim.
[16]Pharaoh then called for Mosheh and Aharon in haste and said, “I have *sinned* *against* יהוה your **Elohim** and *against* you.
[17]“And **now**, please **forgive,** my *sin* only this once and pray to יהוה your **Elohim**, that **He** would only turn away this *death* from me.”
[18]And he went out from Pharaoh and prayed to יהוה.
[19]And יהוה turned a **very strong** west wind, which took the locusts away and blew them into the Sea of Reeds. Not one locust was left within **all** the border of Mitsrayim.
[20]However, יהוה *hardened* the **heart** of Pharaoh and he *did not* let the children of Yisra'ĕl go.
[21]And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Stretch out your **hand** toward the heavens and let there be *darkness* over the land of Mitsrayim, even a *darkness* which is felt.”
[22]And Mosheh **stretched** out his **hand** toward the heavens and there was thick *darkness* in **all** the land of Mitsrayim for three days.
[23]They *did not* **see** one another, *nor did* anyone rise from his place for three

days, while **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl had **light** in their dwellings.
[24]And Pharaoh called to Mosheh and said, "Go, **serve** יהוה, only leave your flocks and your herds behind. **Let** your *little* ones go with you too."
[25]***But*** Mosheh said, "You yourself are to provide us with slaughterings and burnt offerings, to **prepare** for יהוה our **Elohim**.
[26]"And our livestock are to go with us too, not a hoof is to be left behind, for we have to take some of them to **serve** יהוה our **Elohim** and we ourselves *do not* **know** with what we are to **serve** יהוה until we **come** there."
[27]However, יהוה *hardened* the **heart** of Pharaoh and he *would not* let them go.
[28]And Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me! **Watch** yourself and **see** my face no more, for in the day you **see** my face you *die!*"
[29]And Mosheh said, "You have **spoken rightly** – never again do I **see** your face!"

11 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "I am bringing yet one more *plague* on Pharaoh and on Mitsrayim. After that he is going to let you go from here. ***When*** he lets you go, he ***shall*** *drive* you out from here altogether.
[2]**"Speak now** in the **hearing** of the people and let **every** man **ask** from his neighbour and **every** woman from her neighbour, objects of silver and objects of gold."
[3]And יהוה gave the people **favour** *in the eyes* of the Mitsrites. And the man Mosheh was **very great** in the land of Mitsrayim, *in the eyes* of Pharaoh's servants and *in the eyes* of the people.
[4]And Mosheh said, "Thus said יהוה, 'About midnight I am going out into the **midst** of Mitsrayim,
[5]and **all** the first-born in the land of Mitsrayim ***shall*** *die,* from the first-born of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the first-born of the female servant who is behind the handmill and **all** the first-born of cattle.
[6]'And there ***shall*** **be** a **great** cry throughout **all** the land of Mitsrayim, such as has never been or ever be again.
[7]'***But*** *against* any of the children of Yisra'ĕl no dog ***shall*** move its tongue, *against* man or *against* beast, so that you **know** that יהוה makes **distinction** between Mitsrayim and Yisra'ĕl.'
[8]"'And **all** these servants of yours ***shall*** **come** down to me and bow down to me, saying, 'Get out, you and **all** the people at your feet!' And after that I ***shall*** go out." And he went out from Pharaoh in **great** *displeasure.*
[9]***But*** יהוה said to Mosheh, "Pharaoh is not going to **listen** to you, **in order** to multiply **My wonders** in the land of Mitsrayim."
[10]And Mosheh and Aharon did **all** these **wonders** before Pharaoh, however, יהוה *hardened* the **heart** of Pharaoh and he *did not* let the children of Yisra'ĕl go out of his land.

12 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon in the land of Mitsrayim, saying,
[2]"This month is the beginning of months for you, it is the **first** month of the year for you.
[3]**"Speak** to **all** the congregation of Yisra'ĕl, saying, 'On the tenth **day of** this month each one of them is to take for himself a lamb, **according** to the house of his father, a **lamb** for a household.
[4]'And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next to his house take it **according** to the number of the beings, **according** to each man's need you make your count for the lamb.
[5]'**Let** the **lamb** be a **perfect** one, a year old male. Take it from the sheep or from the goats.
[6]'And you ***shall*** keep it until the fourteenth **day of** the **same** month. ***Then*** **all** the assembly of the congregation of Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** *kill* it between the

evenings.
7 ‘And they ***shall*** take some of the **blood** and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.
8 ‘And they ***shall*** eat the *flesh* on that night, roasted in *fire* – with unleavened **bread** and with *bitter* herbs they ***shall*** eat it.
9 ‘***Do*** *not* eat it raw, nor boiled at **all** with water, but roasted in *fire*, its head with its legs and its inward parts.
10 ‘And *do not* leave of it until morning and what remains of it until morning you are to burn with *fire*.
11 ‘And this is how you eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your **hand.** And you ***shall*** eat it in haste. It is the **Passover** of יהוה.
12 ‘And I ***shall*** pass through the land of Mitsrayim on that night and ***shall*** *smite* **all** the first-born in the land of Mitsrayim, both man and beast. And on **all** the *mighty ones* of Mitsrayim I ***shall*** *execute* judgment. **I am** יהוה.
13 ‘And the **blood** ***shall*** **be** a **sign** for you on the houses where you are. And when I **see** the **blood,** I ***shall*** pass over you and let the *plague* not **come** on you to *destroy* you when I *smite* the land of Mitsrayim.
14 ‘And this day ***shall*** become to you a **remembrance**. And you ***shall*** **observe** it as a **festival** to יהוה throughout your generations – **observe** it as a **festival,** an **everlasting law**.
15 ‘Seven days you ***shall*** eat **unleavened bread**. Indeed on the **first** day you **cause** *leaven* to cease from your houses. For ***whoever*** eats leavened **bread** from the **first** day until the **seventh day**, that being ***shall*** **be** *cut off* from Yisra’ĕl.
16 ‘And on the **first** day is a set-apart gathering and on the **seventh day** you have a set-apart gathering. No **work** at **all** is done on them, only that which is eaten by **every** being, that alone is prepared by you.
17 ‘And you ***shall*** **guard** the **Festival of Unleavened Bread**, for on this **same** day I brought your division**s** out of the land of Mitsrayim. And you ***shall*** **guard** this day throughout your generations, an **everlasting** law.
18 ‘In the **first** month, on the fourteenth **day of** the month, in the **evening**, you ***shall*** eat **unleavened bread** until the twenty-first **day of** the month in the **evening**.
19 ‘For seven days no *leaven* is to be **found** in your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, that **same** being ***shall*** **be** *cut off* from the congregation of Yisra’ĕl, whether sojourner or native of the land.
20 ‘***Do*** *not* eat that which is leavened – in **all** your dwellings you are to eat unleavened bread.’ ”
21 And Mosheh called for **all** the elders of Yisra’ĕl and said to them, “Go out and take lambs for yourselves **according** to your clans and slaughter the **Passover lamb**.
22 “And you ***shall*** take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the **blood** that is in the basin and *strike* the lintel and the two doorposts with the **blood** that is in the basin and you, none of you ***shall*** go out of the **door** of his house until morning.
23 “And יהוה ***shall*** pass on to *smite* the Mitsrites and ***shall*** **see** the **blood** on the lintel and on the two doorposts and יהוה ***shall*** pass over the **door** and not allow the destroyer to **come** into your houses to *smite* you.
24 “And you ***shall*** **guard** this **word** as a **law** for you and your sons, **forever**.
25 “And it ***shall*** **be,** when you **come to** the land which יהוה gives you, as **He promised**, that you ***shall*** **guard** this service.
26 “And it ***shall*** **be,** when your children say to you, ‘***What*** does this service mean to you?’
27 then you ***shall*** say, ‘It is the **Passover** slaughtering of יהוה, who passed over the houses of the children of Yisra’ĕl in Mitsrayim when **He** *smote* the Mitsrites and **delivered** our households.’ ” And the people bowed their heads and did obeisance.
28 And the children of Yisra’ĕl went away and did so – as יהוה had

commanded Mosheh and Aharon, so they did.
[29]And it came to be at midnight that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 *smote* **all** the first-born in the land of Mitsrayim, from the first-born of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the first-born of the captive who was in the dungeon and **all** the first-born of livestock.
[30]And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and **all** his servants and **all** the Mitsrites. And there was a **great** cry in Mitsrayim, for there was not a house where there was not a *dead* one.
[31]***Then*** he called for Mosheh and Aharon by night and said, "Arise, go out from the **midst** of my people, both you and the children of Yisra'ĕl. And go, **serve** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 as you have said.
[32]"Take both your flocks and your herds, as you have said and go. ***Then*** you ***shall*** **bless** me too."
[33]And the Mitsrites urged the people, to hasten to send them away out of the land. For they said, "We are **all** *dying*!"
[34]And the people took their dough before it was leavened, having their kneading bowls *bound* up in their garments on their shoulders.
[35]And the children of Yisra'ĕl had done **according** to the **word** of Mosheh and they had asked from the Mitsrites objects of silver and objects of gold and garments.
[36]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 gave the people **favour** *in the eyes* of the Mitsrites, so that they gave them what they asked and they plundered the Mitsrites.
[37]And the children of Yisra'ĕl set out from Ra'meses to Sukkoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides the little ones.
[38]And a mixed multitude went up with them too, also flocks and herds, very much livestock.
[39]And they baked **unleavened** cakes of the dough which they had brought out of Mitsrayim, for it was not *leavened*, since they were *driven* out of Mitsrayim and had not been able to delay, nor had they prepared food for themselves.
[40]And the sojourn of the children of Yisra'ĕl who lived in Mitsrayim was four hundred and thirty years.
[41]And it came to be at **the end** of the four hundred and thirty years, on that **same** day it came to be that **all** the division**s** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 went out from the land of Mitsrayim.
[42]It is a night to be **observed** unto 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 for bringing them out of the land of Mitsrayim. This night is unto 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, to be **observed** by **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl throughout their generations.
[43]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 said to Mosheh and Aharon, "This is the **law** of the **Passover**: No son of a stranger is to eat of it,
[44]but any servant a man has bought for silver, when you have circumcised him, then let him eat of it.
[45]"A sojourner and a hired servant *does not* eat of it.
[46]"It is eaten in one house and you are not to take any of the *flesh* outside the house nor are you to *break* **any bone** of it.
[47]"All the congregation of Yisra'ĕl are to perform it.
[48]"And when a stranger sojourns with you and ***shall*** perform the **Passover** to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, let **all** his males be circumcised and then let him **come near** and perform it and he ***shall*** **be** as a native of the land. ***But*** let no *uncircumcised* eat of it.
[49]"There is one **Torah** for the native-born and for the stranger who sojourns among you."
[50]And **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl did as 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **commanded** Mosheh and Aharon, so they did.
[51]And it came to be on that **same** day that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 brought the children of Yisra'ĕl out of the land of Mitsrayim **according** to their divisions.

13 And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 spoke to Mosheh,
[2]"Set apart to **Me all** the first-born, the one opening the womb among the children of Yisra'ĕl, among man and among beast, it is **Mine**."
[3]And Mosheh said to the people,

"**Remember** this day in which you went out of Mitsrayim, out of the house of slavery. For by strength of **hand** יהוה brought you out of this place and ***whatever*** is leavened ***shall*** not be eaten.
4"Today you are going out, in the month Abiḇ.
5"And it ***shall*** **be,** when יהוה brings you into the land of the Kena'anites and the Ḥittites and the Amorites and the Ḥiwwites and the Yeḇusites, which **He swore** to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you ***shall*** keep this service in this month.
6"Seven days you eat **unleavened** bread and on the **seventh day** is a **festival** to יהוה.
7"**Unleavened bread** is to be eaten the seven days and ***whatever*** is *leavened* is not to be **seen** with you and *leaven* is not to be **seen** with you within **all** your border.
8"And you ***shall*** inform your son in that day, saying, 'It is **because** of what יהוה **did for me** when I came up from Mitsrayim.'
9"And it ***shall*** **be** as a **sign** to you on your **hand** and as a reminder between your eyes, that the **Torah** of יהוה is to be in your **mouth,** for with a **strong hand** יהוה has brought you out of Mitsrayim.
10"And you ***shall*** **guard** this **law** at its **appointed time** from year to year.
11"And it ***shall*** **be,** when יהוה brings you into the land of the Kena'anites, as **He swore** to you and your fathers and gives it to you,
12that you ***shall*** pass over to יהוה **every** one opening the womb and **every** first-born that **comes** from your livestock, the males belong to יהוה.
13"***But*** **every** first-born of a donkey you are to ransom with a lamb. And if *you do not* ransom it, then you ***shall*** *break* its neck. And **every** first-born of man among your sons you are to ransom.
14"And it ***shall*** **be,** when your son asks you in **time** to come, saying, '***What*** is this?' then you ***shall*** say to him, 'By strength of **hand** יהוה brought us out of Mitsrayim, out of the house of bondage.
15'And it came to be, when Pharaoh was too *hardened* to let us go, that יהוה *killed* **every** first-born in the land of Mitsrayim, both the first-born of man and the first-born of beast. Therefore I am slaughtering to יהוה **every** male that **open** the womb, but **every** first-born of my sons I ransom.'
16"And it ***shall*** **be** as a **sign** on your **hand** and as frontlets between your eyes, for by strength of **hand** יהוה brought us out of Mitsrayim."
17And it came to be, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that **Elohim** *did not* lead them by **way** of the land of the Philistines, though that was nearer, for **Elohim** said, "Lest the people regret when they **see** *fighting* and **return** to Mitsrayim."
18So **Elohim** led the people around by **way** of the wilderness of the Sea of Reeds. And the children of Yisra'ĕl went up armed from the land of Mitsrayim.
19And Mosheh took the bones of Yosĕph with him, for he certainly made the children of Yisra'ĕl swear, saying, "**Elohim** ***shall*** certainly **visit** you and you ***shall*** bring my bones from here with you."
20And they departed from Sukkoth and camped in Ētham at the edge of the wilderness.
21And יהוה went before them by day in a column of cloud to lead the **way** and by night in a column of *fire* to give them **light**, so as to go by day and night.
22The column of cloud *did not* cease by day, nor the column of *fire* by night, before the people.

14 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh,
2**"Speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl, that they turn and camp before Pi Haḥiroth, between Miḡdol and the sea, opposite Ba'al Tsephon – camp before it by the sea.
3"For Pharaoh ***shall*** say of the children of Yisra'ĕl, 'They are *entangled* in the

land, the wilderness has closed them in.'
4"'And I ***shall*** *harden* the **heart** of Pharaoh and he ***shall*** pursue them. ***But*** I am to be esteemed through Pharaoh and over **all** his army and the Mitsrites ***shall*** **know** that I am ֱיהוה."And they did so.
5And it was reported to the sovereign of Mitsrayim that the people had fled and the **heart** of Pharaoh and his servants was turned *against* the people. And they said, "***Why*** have we done this, that we have let Yisra'ĕl go from serving us?"
6So he made his chariot **ready** and took his people with him.
7And he took six hundred choice chariots and **all** the chariots of Mitsrayim with officers over **all** of them.
8And ֱיהוה *hardened* the **heart** of Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim and he pursued the children of Yisra'ĕl, but the children of Yisra'ĕl went out defiantly.
9And the Mitsrites pursued them and **all** the horses and chariots of Pharaoh and his horsemen and his army and overtook them camping by the sea beside Pi Haḥiroth, before Ba'al Tsephon.
10And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Yisra'ĕl lifted their eyes and **saw** the Mitsrites **coming** up after them. And they were greatly *afraid*, so the children of Yisra'ĕl *cried out* to ֱיהוה.
11And they said to Mosheh, "Did you take us away to *die* in the wilderness **because** there are no *graves* in Mitsrayim? ***What*** is this you have done to us, to bring us up out of Mitsrayim?
12"Is this not the **word** that we spoke to you in Mitsrayim, saying, 'Leave us alone and let us **serve** the Mitsrites?' For it would have been better for us to **serve** the Mitsrites than to *die* in the wilderness."
13And Mosheh said to the people, "***Do*** *not* be *afraid*. **stand** still and **see** the **deliverance** of ֱיהוה, which **He** does for you today. For the Mitsrites whom you **see** today, you are never, never to **see** again.
14"'ֱיהוה does *fight* for you and you keep still."
15And ֱיהוה said to Mosheh, "***Why*** do you cry to **Me? Speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl and let them go forward.
16"'And you, lift up your rod and stretch out your **hand** over the sea and divide it and let the children of Yisra'ĕl go on dry ground through the **midst** of the sea.
17"'And I, **see** I am hardening the **hearts** of the Mitsrites and they ***shall*** **follow** them. And I am to be esteemed through Pharaoh and over **all** his army, his chariots and his horsemen.
18"'And the Mitsrites ***shall*** **know** that I am ֱיהוה, when I am esteemed through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen."
19And the Messenger of **Elohim**, who went before the camp of Yisra'ĕl, moved and went behind them. And the column of cloud went from before them and stood behind them,
20and came between the camp of the Mitsrites and the camp of Yisra'ĕl. And it was the cloud and the *darkness* and it gave **light** by night and the one *did not* **come near** the other **all** the night.
21And Mosheh **stretched** out his **hand** over the sea. And ֱיהוה **caused** the sea to go back by a **strong** east *wind* **all** that night and made the sea into dry land and the waters were divided.
22And the children of Yisra'ĕl went into the **midst** of the sea on dry ground and the waters were a wall to them on their **right** and on their left.
23And the Mitsrites pursued and went after them into the **midst** of the sea, **all** the horses of Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.
24And it came to be, in the morning **watch**, that ֱיהוה **looked** down upon the army of the Mitsrites through the column of *fire* and cloud and **He** brought the army of the Mitsrites into *confusion.*
25And **He** took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty. And the Mitsrites said, "**Let** us ***flee*** from the face of Yisra'ĕl, for ֱיהוה fights for them *against* the Mitsrites."
26***Then*** ֱיהוה said to Mosheh, "Stretch out your **hand** over the sea

and let the waters **come back** upon the Mitsrites, on their chariots and on their horsemen."
[27]And Mosheh **stretched** out his **hand** over the sea and the sea returned to its usual flow, at the *break* of day, with the Mitsrites *fleeing* into it. Thus יהוה overthrew the Mitsrites in the **midst** of the sea,
[28]and the waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen and **all** the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them and not even one was left of them.
[29]And the children of Yisra'ĕl walked on dry ground in the **midst** of the sea and the waters were a wall to them on their **right** and on their left.
[30]Thus יהוה **saved** Yisra'ĕl that day out of the **hand** of the Mitsrites and Yisra'ĕl **saw** the Mitsrites *dead* on the seashore.
[31]And Yisra'ĕl **saw** the **great work** which יהוה had done in Mitsrayim and the people ***feared*** יהוה and **believed** יהוה and **His** servant Mosheh.

15 ***Then*** Mosheh and the children of Yisra'ĕl sang this song to יהוה and spoke, saying, "I sing to יהוה, for **He** is highly exalted! The horse and its rider **He** has *thrown* into the sea!
[2]"Yah is my strength and song and **He** has become my **deliverance**. **He** is my Ĕl and I **praise Him** – **Elohim** of my father and I **exalt Him.**
[3]"**יהוה is a man of battle, יהוה is His Name.**
[4]"He has *cast* Pharaoh's chariots and his army into the sea and his **chosen** officers are drowned in the Sea of Reeds.
[5]"The depths covered them, they went down to the bottom like a stone.
[6]"**Your right hand,** O יהוה, has become **great** in power. **Your right hand,** O יהוה, has crushed the enemy.
[7]"And in the greatness of **Your** excellence You pulled down those who rose up *against* **You.** You **sent** forth **Your** *wrath*, it *consumed* them like stubble.
[8]"And with the *wind* of **Your** nostrils the waters were heaped up, the floods stood like a wall, the depths became stiff in the **heart** of the sea.
[9]"The enemy said, 'I pursue, I overtake, I divide the spoil, my being is **satisfied** on them. I draw out my *sword,* my **hand** destroys them.'
[10]"You did **blow** with **Your** wind, the sea covered them, they sank like lead in the mighty waters.
[11]"***Who*** is like **You,** O יהוה, among the *mighty ones*? ***Who*** is like **You, great** in set-apartness, **awesome** in praises, working **wonders**?
[12]"You **stretched** out **Your right hand,** the earth swallowed them.
[13]"In **Your kindness** You led the people whom You have redeemed, in **Your** strength You guided them to **Your** set-apart dwelling.
[14]"Peoples **heard**, they trembled, anguish gripped the inhabitants of Philistia.
[15]"***Then*** the chiefs of Edom were *troubled,* the mighty men of Mo'ab, *trembling* grips them, **all** the inhabitants of Kena'an melted.
[16]"**Fear** and *dread* fell on them, by the greatness of **Your** arm they are as *silent* as a stone, until **Your people** pass over, O יהוה, until the people, whom **You** have bought, pass over.
[17]"**You** bring them in and plant them in the mountain of **Your** inheritance, in the place, O יהוה, which **You** have made for **Your** own dwelling, the set-apart place, O יהוה, which **Your** hands have prepared.
[18]"יהוה reigns **forever** and **ever.**"
[19]For the horses of Pharaoh went with his chariots and his horsemen into the sea and יהוה brought back the waters of the sea upon them. And the children of Yisra'ĕl went on dry ground in the **midst** of the sea.
[20]And Miryam the **prophetess,** the sister of Aharon, took the timbrel in her **hand.** And **all** the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

[21]And Miryam answered them, "Sing to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, for **He** is highly exalted! The horse and its rider **He** has *thrown* into the sea!"

[22]And Mosheh brought Yisra'ĕl from the Sea of Reeds and they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and **found** no water.

[23]And they came to Marah and they were *unable* to drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. So the name of it was called Marah.

[24]And the people *grumbled* <u>*against*</u> Mosheh, saying, "***What*** are we to drink?"

[25]***Then*** he *cried out* to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 showed him a *tree.* And when he threw it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There **He** made a **law** and a **right-ruling** for them and there **He** tried them.

[26]And **He** said, "***If*** **you diligently obey** the **voice** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** and do what is **right** in **His** eyes and ***shall*** **listen** to **His commands** and ***shall*** **guard all His laws**, **I *shall* bring on you** none of the *diseases* I brought on the Mitsrites, for I am 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 who **heals** you."

[27]And they came to Ĕlim, where there were twelve fountains of water and seventy palm trees. And they camped there by the waters.

16 And they set out from Ĕlim and **all** the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl came to the Wilderness of *Sin,* which is between Ĕlim and Sinai, on the fifteenth **day of** the second month after their going out of the land of Mitsrayim.

[2]And **all** the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl *grumbled* <u>*against*</u> Mosheh and Aharon in the wilderness.

[3]And the children of Yisra'ĕl said to them, "***If*** only we had died by the **hand** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 in the land of Mitsrayim, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate **bread** to satisfaction! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to put **all** this assembly to *death* with hunger."

[4]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 said to Mosheh, "**See,** I am raining **bread** from the heavens for you. And the people ***shall*** go out and **gather** a day's portion **every** day, **in order** to try them, whether they **walk** in **My Torah** or not.

[5]"And it ***shall*** **be** on the sixth day that they ***shall*** **prepare** what they bring in and it ***shall*** **be** twice as much as they **gather** daily."

[6]And Mosheh and Aharon said to **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl, "At **evening you *shall* know** that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 has brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim.

[7]"And in the morning you ***shall*** **see** the **esteem** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, for **He hears** your *grumblings* <u>*against*</u> 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄. And what are we, that you *grumble* <u>*against*</u> us?"

[8]And Mosheh said, "In that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 gives you meat to eat in the **evening** and in the morning **bread** to satisfaction, for 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **hears** your *grumblings* which you make <u>*against*</u> **Him.** And what are we? **Your** *grumblings* are not <u>*against*</u> us but <u>*against*</u> 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄."

[9]And Mosheh said to Aharon, "Say to **all** the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl, **'Come near** before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, for **He has heard** your *grumblings*.' "

[10]And it came to be, as Aharon spoke to **all** the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl, that they **looked** toward the wilderness and **see,** the **esteem** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 appeared in the cloud.

[11]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 spoke to Mosheh, saying,

[12]"I have **heard** the *grumblings* of the children of Yisra'ĕl. **Speak** to them, saying, 'Between the **evening**s you are to eat meat and in the morning you are to be **satisfied** with bread. And **you *shall* know that I am** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**.' "

[13]And it came to be that quails came up at **evening** and covered the camp and in the morning the dew lay **all** around the camp.

[14]And the layer of dew went up and **see,** on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground.

[15]And the children of Yisra'ĕl **saw** and

they said to each other, "***What*** is it?" For they *did not* **know** what it was. And Mosheh said to them, "It is the **bread** which יהוה has **given** you to eat.
16"This is the **word** which יהוה has **commanded**: '**Let every** man **gather** it **according** to each one's need, an omer for each being, **according** to the number of beings. **Let every** man take for those who are in his tent.' "
17And the children of Yisra'ĕl did so and gathered, some more, some less.
18And they measured it by omers and he who gathered much *did not* have too much and he who gathered *little did not* have too little. Each one gathered **according** to his need.
19And Mosheh said, "**Let** no one leave any of it until morning."
20And they *did not* **listen** to Mosheh, so some of them left part of it until morning and it bred worms and stank. And Mosheh was *wroth* with them.
21And they gathered it **every** morning, each one **according** to his need. And when the sun became hot, it melted.
22And it came to be, on the sixth day, that they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one. And **all** the rulers of the congregation came and told Mosheh.
23And he said to them, "This is what יהוה has said, '**Tomorrow** is a rest, a **Sabbath** set-apart to יהוה. That which you bake, bake; and that which you cook, cook. And lay up for yourselves **all** that is left over, to keep it until morning.' "
24And they laid it up til morning, as Mosheh **commanded**. And it *did not* stink and no worm was in it.
25And Mosheh said, "Eat it today, for today is a **Sabbath** to יהוה, today *you do not* find it in the field.
26"**Gather** it six days, but on the **seventh day**, which is the **Sabbath,** there is none."
27And it came to be that some of the people went out on the **seventh day** to gather, but they **found** none.
28And יהוה said to Mosheh, "***How*** long ***shall*** you *refuse* to **guard My commands** and **My Torot**?
29"**See, <u>because</u>** יהוה has **given** you the **Sabbath,** therefore **He** is giving you **bread** for two days on the sixth day. **Let** each one stay in his place, *do not* let anyone go out of his place on the **seventh day.**"
30So the people rested on the seventh day.
31And the house of Yisra'ĕl called its name Manna. And it was like white coriander seed and the taste of it was like thin cakes made with honey.
32And Mosheh said, "This is the **word** which יהוה has **commanded**: 'Fill an omer with it, to keep for your generations, so that they **see** the **bread** with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim.' "
33And Mosheh said to Aharon, "Take a pot and put an omer of manna in it and set it down before יהוה, to keep for your generations."
34As יהוה **commanded** Mosheh, so did Aharon set it down before the Witness, to keep.
35And the children of Yisra'ĕl ate manna forty years, until they came to an inhabited land. They ate manna until they came to the border of the land of Kena'an.
36And an omer is one-tenth of an ĕphah.

17 And **all** the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl set out on their journey from the Wilderness of *Sin,* **according** to the **command** of יהוה and camped in Rephiḏim. And there was no water for the people to drink.
2Therefore the people *strove* with Mosheh and said, "Give us water to drink." And Mosheh said to them, "***Why*** do you *strive* with me? ***Why*** do you try יהוה?"
3And the people thirsted there for water and the people *grumbled <u>against</u>* Mosheh and said, "***Why*** did you bring us out of Mitsrayim, to *kill* us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"

4***Then*** Mosheh *cried out* to ֱיְהֹוָה, saying, "***What*** am I to do with this people? Yet a *little* and they ***shall*** stone me!"
5And ֱיְהֹוָה said to Mosheh, "Pass over before the people and take with you some of the elders of Yisra'ĕl. And take in your **hand** your **rod** with which you *smote* the river and go.
6"**See,** I am standing before you there on the rock in Ḥorēḇ. And you ***shall*** *smite* the rock and water ***shall*** **come out** of it and the people ***shall*** drink." And Mosheh did so before the eyes of the elders of Yisra'ĕl.
7And he called the name of the place Massah and Meriḇah, **because** of the 'strife' of the children of Yisra'ĕl and **because** they 'tried' ֱיְהֹוָה, saying, "Is ֱיְהֹוָה in our **midst** or not?"
8And Amalĕq came and fought with Yisra'ĕl in Rephiḏim.
9And Mosheh said to Yahusha, "Choose for us men and go out, *fight* with Amalĕq. **Tomorrow** I am stationing myself on the top of the hill with the **rod** of **Elohim** in my **hand.**"
10And **Yahusha** did as Mosheh said to him, to *fight* with Amalĕq. And Mosheh, Aharon and Ḥur went up to the top of the hill.
11And it came to be, when Mosheh held up his **hand,** that Yisra'ĕl prevailed. And when he let down his **hand,** Amalĕq prevailed.
12***But*** Mosheh's hands were heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. And Aharon and Ḥur supported his hands, one on one side and the other on the other side. And his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.
13And **Yahusha** defeated Amalĕq and his people with the edge of the *sword.*
14And ֱיְהֹוָה said to Mosheh, "**Write** this for a **remembrance** in the **book** and recite it in the **hearing** of Yahusha, that I ***shall*** **completely** *blot* out the **remembrance** of Amalĕq from under the **heavens.**"

15And Mosheh built an altar and called its name, ֱיְהֹוָה Nissi,
16for he said, "**Because** a **hand** is on the throne of Yah, ֱיְהֹוָה is to *fight against* Amalĕq, from generation to generation."

18 And Yithro, the priest of Miḏyan, Mosheh's father-in-law, **heard** of **all** that **Elohim** had done for Mosheh and for Yisra'ĕl **His** people, that ֱיְהֹוָה had brought Yisra'ĕl out of Mitsrayim.
2And Yithro, Mosheh's father-in-law, took Tsipporah, the wife of Mosheh – after he had **sent** her back,
3and her two sons, of whom the name of one was Gĕreshom, for he said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land,"
4and the name of the other was Eli'ezer, for he said, "The **Elohim** of my father was my help and **delivered** me from the *sword* of Pharaoh."
5Yithro, Mosheh's father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Mosheh in the wilderness, where he was encamped at the mountain of **Elohim**.
6And he had said to Mosheh, "I, your father-in-law Yithro, am **coming** to you with your wife and her two sons with her."
7And Mosheh went out to meet his father-in-law and bowed down and kissed him. And they asked each other about their welfare and they went into the tent.
8And Mosheh told his father-in-law **all** that ֱיְהֹוָה had done to Pharaoh and to the Mitsrites for Yisra'ĕl's sake, **all** the hardship that had **come** upon them on the **way** and how ֱיְהֹוָה had **delivered** them.
9And Yithro rejoiced for **all** the **good** which ֱיְהֹוָה had done for Yisra'ĕl, whom **He** had **delivered** out of the **hand** of the Mitsrites.
10And Yithro said, **"Blessed** be ֱיְהֹוָה, who has **delivered** you out of the **hand** of the Mitsrites and out of the **hand** of Pharaoh and who has **delivered** the people from under the **hand** of the Mitsrites.
11"**Now** I **know** that ֱיְהֹוָה is greater

than **all** the *mighty ones*, indeed in the matter in which they *acted proud*ly, above them."

12***Then*** Yithro, the father-in-law of Mosheh, brought a burnt offering and other slaughterings unto **Elohim**. And Aharon came with **all** the elders of Yisra'ĕl to eat **bread** with the father-in-law of Mosheh before **Elohim**.

13And it came to be, on the next day, that Mosheh sat to **rightly rule** the people. And the people stood before Mosheh from morning until **evening**.

14And when the father-in-law of Mosheh **saw all** that he did for the people, he said, "***What*** is this that you are doing for the people? ***Why*** do you sit by yourself and **all** the people **stand** before you from morning until **evening**?"

15And Mosheh said to his father-in-law, "**Because** the people **come to Me** to **seek Elohim**.

16"***When*** they have a matter, they **come to** me and I **rightly rule** between one and another and make **known** the **laws** of **Elohim** and **His Torot**."

17And the father-in-law of Mosheh said to him, "***What*** you are doing is not **good**.

18"Both you and these people with you ***shall*** certainly wear yourselves out. For the matter is too *heavy* for you. You are not able to do it by yourself.

19"**Now listen** to my **voice**. **Let** me counsel you and **Elohim** be with you: **stand** before **Elohim** for the people and you ***shall*** bring the matters to **Elohim**.

20"And you ***shall*** **enlighten** them concerning the **laws** and the **Torot** and **show** them the **way** in which they should **walk** and the **work** which they do.

21"***But*** you yourself, **seek** out from **all** the people able men, who **fear Elohim**, men of **truth**, *hating unfair gain.* And place these over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties and rulers of tens.

22"And they ***shall*** **rightly rule** the people at **all** times. And it ***shall*** **be** that they bring **every great** matter to you, but they themselves **rightly rule every** small matter. So, make it lighter for yourself, for they ***shall*** bear with you.

23"***If*** you do this **word and Elohim *shall* command** you, then you ***shall*** **be** able to **stand** and **all** this people also go to their place in peace."

24And Mosheh **listened** to the **voice** of his father-in-law and did **all** that he said.

25And Mosheh **chose** able men out of **all** Yisra'ĕl and made them heads over the people: rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties and rulers of tens.

26And they **rightly ruled** the people at **all** times – the hard matters they brought to Mosheh, but they **rightly ruled every** small matter themselves.

27And Mosheh **sent** off his father-in-law and he went away to his own land.

19 In the third month after the children of Yisra'ĕl had **come out** of the land of Mitsrayim, on this day they came to the Wilderness of Sinai.

2For they set out from Rephidim and had **come to** the Wilderness of Sinai and camped in the wilderness. So Yisra'ĕl camped there before the mountain.

3And Mosheh went up to **Elohim** and **יהוה** called to him from the mountain, saying, "This is what you are to say to the house of Ya'aqoḇ and **declare** to the children of Yisra'ĕl:

4"You have **seen** what I did to the Mitsrites and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to **Myself**.

5"And **now**, **if you diligently obey My voice** and ***shall*** **guard My covenant**, then you ***shall*** **be My** treasured possession above **all** the peoples – for **all** the earth is **Mine** –

6"and you ***shall*** **be** to **Me** a **reign** of priests and a set-apart nation.' Those are the **words** which you are to **speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl."

7And Mosheh came and called for the elders of the people and set before them **all** these **words** which **יהוה commanded** him.

8And **all** the people answered **together** and said, "All that **יהוה** has **spoken**

we ***shall*** do." So Mosheh brought back the **words** of the people to יהוה.
[9]And יהוה said to Mosheh, "**See,** I am **coming** to you in the thick cloud, so that the people **hear** when I **speak** with you, and **believe** you **forever**." And Mosheh reported the **words** of the people to יהוה.
[10]And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Go to the people and set them apart today and **tomorrow**. And they ***shall*** wash their garments,
[11]and ***shall*** **be** prepared by the third day. For on the third day יהוה ***shall*** **come** down upon Mount Sinai before the eyes of **all** the people.
[12]"And you ***shall*** make a border for the people **all** around, saying, 'Take **heed** to yourselves that *you do not* go up to the mountain or touch the border of it. ***Whoever*** *touches* the mountain ***shall*** certainly be put to *death.*
[13]'Not a **hand** is to touch it, but he ***shall*** certainly be stoned or shot with an arrow, whether man or beast, he ***shall*** not **live.**' ***When*** the trumpet sounds long, let them **come near** the mountain."
[14]And Mosheh came down from the mountain to the people and set the people apart and they washed their garments.
[15]And he said to the people, "Be prepared by the third day. ***Do*** *not* **come near** a wife."
[16]And it came to be, on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain. And the sound of the ram's horn was **very** loud and **all** the people who were in the camp trembled.
[17]And Mosheh brought the people out of the camp to meet with **Elohim** and they stood at the foot of the mountain.
[18]And Mount Sinai was in smoke, **all** of it, **because** יהוה descended upon it in *fire*. And its smoke went up like the smoke of a furnace and **all** the mountain *trembled* exceedingly.
[19]And when the blast of the ram's horn sounded long and became louder and louder, Mosheh spoke and **Elohim** answered him by **voice**.
[20]And יהוה came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And יהוה called Mosheh to the top of the mountain and Mosheh went up.
[21]And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Go down and **warn** the people, lest they *break* through unto יהוה to **see** and many of them fall.
[22]"And let the priests who **come near** יהוה set themselves apart too, lest יהוה *break* out *against* them."
[23]And Mosheh said to יהוה, "The people are not able to **come** up to Mount Sinai, for You **warned** us, saying, 'Make a border around the mountain and set it apart.' "
[24]And יהוה said to him, **"Come,** go down and then **come** up, you and Aharon with you. ***But*** *do not* let the priests and the people *break* through to **come** up to יהוה, lest **He** *break* out *against* them."
[25]And Mosheh went down to the people and spoke to them.

20 And **Elohim** spoke **all** these **Words**, saying,
[2]"I am יהוה your **Elohim**, who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, out of the house of slavery.
[3]"You have no other *mighty ones against* **My** face.
[4]"You *do not* make for yourself a *carved image,* or any likeness of that which is in the heavens above, or which is in the earth beneath, or which is in the waters under the earth,
[5]you *do not* bow down to them nor **serve** them. For I, יהוה your **Elohim** am a ***jealous*** Ěl, visiting the *crookedness* of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who *hate* **Me,**
[6]but showing **kindness** to thousands, to those who **love Me** and **guard My commands**.
[7]"You *do not* bring the **Name** of יהוה your **Elohim** to *naught,* ***Because*** יהוה *does not* leave the one *unpunished* who brings **His Name**

to *ruin.*
[8]"**Remember** the **Sabbath** day, to set it apart.
[9]"Six days you labour and ***shall*** do **all** your **work,**
[10]but the **seventh day** is a **Sabbath** of יהוה your **Elohim**. *you do not* do any **work** – you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.
[11]"For in six days יהוה made the heavens and the earth, the sea and **all** that is in them and rested the **seventh day.** Therefore יהוה **blessed** the **Sabbath** day and set it apart.
[12]"Respect your father and your mother, so that your days are prolonged upon the soil which יהוה your **Elohim** is giving you.
[13]"You *do not* murder.
[14]"You *do not commit* adultery.
[15]"You *do not* steal.
[16]"You *do not* bear *false* **witness** *against* your neighbour.
[17]"You *do not* covet your neighbour's house, *you do not* covet your neighbour's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, or ***whatever*** belongs to your neighbour."
[18]And **all** the people **saw** the thunders, the lightning flashes, the sound of the ram's horn and the mountain smoking. And the people **saw** it and they *trembled* and stood at a distance,
[19]and said to Mosheh, "You **speak** with us and we **hear,** but let not **Elohim** **speak** with us, lest we *die.*"
[20]And Mosheh said to the people, "***Do*** *not* **fear,** for **Elohim** has **come to** prove you and **in order** that **His fear** be before you, so that *you do not sin.*"
[21]So the people stood at a distance, but Mosheh drew **near** the thick *darkness* where **Elohim** was.
[22]And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Say this to the children of Yisra'ĕl: 'You yourselves have **seen** that I have **spoken** to you from the **heavens.**
[23]'You *do not* make besides **Me** *mighty ones* of silver and *you do not* make *mighty ones* of gold for yourselves.
[24]'Make an altar of earth for **Me** and you ***shall*** slaughter on it your burnt offerings and your **peace** offerings, your sheep and your cattle. In **every** place where I **cause My Name** to be **remembered** I ***shall*** **come to** you and **bless** you.
[25]'And if you make **Me** an altar of stone, *do not* build it of *cut* stone, for if you use your chisel on it, you have it.
[26]'Nor do you go up by steps to **My** altar, lest your nakedness be exposed on it.'

21 "These are the **right-rulings** which you are to set before them:
[2]"***When*** you buy a Hebrew servant, he serves six years and in the seventh he goes out **free,** for naught.
[3]"***If*** he **comes** in by himself, he goes out by himself; if he **comes** in married, then his wife ***shall*** go out with him.
[4]"***If*** his master has **given** him a wife and she has borne him sons or daughters, the wife and her children are her master's and he goes out by himself.
[5]"And if the servant **truly** says, 'I **love** my master, my wife and my children, let me not go out **free,**'
[6]then his master ***shall*** bring him before **Elohim** and ***shall*** bring him to the **door,** or to the doorpost and his master ***shall*** pierce his ear with an awl. And he ***shall*** **serve** him **forever**.
[7]"And when a man sells his daughter to be a female servant, she *does not* go out as the male servants do.
[8]"***If*** she is displeasing *in the eyes* of her master who has engaged her to himself, then he ***shall*** let her be ransomed. **He *shall*** have no **authority** to sell her to a foreign people, **<u>because</u>** of him *deceiving* her.
[9]"And if he has engaged her to his son, he is to do to her as is the **right** of daughters.
[10]"***If*** he takes another wife, her food, her covering and her marriage rights are not to be diminished.
[11]"And if he *does not* do these three for

her, then she ***shall*** go out for *naught,* without silver.
[12]"He who strikes a man so that he dies ***shall*** certainly be put to *death.*
[13]"***But*** if he *did not lie* in wait, but **Elohim delivered** him into his **hand,** then I ***shall*** **appoint** for you a place where he is to ***flee.***
[14]"***But*** when a man acts presumptuously *against* his neighbour, to *kill* him by treachery, you are to take him even from **My** altar to *die.*
[15]"And he who smites his father or his mother ***shall*** certainly be put to *death.*
[16]"And he who kidnaps a man and sells him, or if he is **found** in his **hand,** ***shall*** certainly be put to *death.*
[17]"And he who *curses* his father or his mother ***shall*** certainly be put to *death.*
[18]"And when men *strive* together and one smites the other with a stone or with his fist and he *does not die* but is confined to his bed,
[19]if he rises again and walks about outside with his staff, then he who *smote* him ***shall*** **be** innocent. **He** only pays for *lost* **time** and sees to it that he is **completely healed**.
[20]"And when a man smites his male or female servant with a rod, so that he dies under his **hand,** he ***shall*** certainly be punished.
[21]"***But*** if he remains **alive** a day or two, he is not punished; for he is his property.
[22]"And when men *strive* and they ***shall*** *smite* a pregnant woman and her children **come** out, yet there is no injury, he ***shall*** certainly be punished accordingly as the woman's husband lays upon him. And he ***shall*** give through the judges.
[23]"***But*** if there is injury, then you ***shall*** give **life** for **life**,
[24]eye for eye, tooth for tooth, **hand** for **hand,** foot for foot,
[25]burn for burn, wound for wound, lash for lash.
[26]"And when a man smites the eye of his male or female servant and destroys it, he is to let him go **free** for the sake of his eye.
[27]"And if he **knocks** out the tooth of his male or female servant, he is to let him go **free** for the sake of his tooth.
[28]"And when an ox gores a man or a woman to *death,* then the ox ***shall*** certainly be stoned and its *flesh* is not eaten and the owner of the ox is innocent.
[29]"However, if the ox was previously in the habit of goring and its owner has been warned and he has not kept it confined, so that it has *killed* a man or a woman, the ox is stoned and its owner also is put to *death.*
[30]"***If*** a sin-covering is laid upon him, then he ***shall*** give the ransom of his **life**, ***whatever*** is laid on him.
[31]"Whether it has gored a son or gored a daughter, **according** to this **right-ruling** it is done to him.
[32]"***If*** the ox gores a male or female servant, he is to give to their master thirty sheqels of silver and the ox is stoned.
[33]"And when a man opens a pit, or if a man digs a pit and *does not* cover it and an ox or a donkey falls in it,
[34]the owner of the pit is to repay, he is to give silver to their owner and the *dead* beast is his.
[35]"And when the ox of a man smites the ox of his neighbour and it dies, then they ***shall*** sell the **live** ox and divide the silver from it and also divide the *dead* ox.
[36]"Or if it was **known** that the ox was previously in the habit of goring and its owner has not kept it confined, he ***shall*** certainly **repay** ox for ox, while the *dead* beast is his.

22 "***When*** a man steals an ox or a sheep and ***shall*** slaughter it or sell it, he **repays** five cattle for an ox and four sheep for a sheep.
[2]"***If*** the *thief* is **found** breaking in and he is *smitten* so that he dies, there is *no guilt* for his bloodshed.
[3]"***If*** the sun has risen on him, there is *guilt* for his bloodshed, he ***shall*** certainly repay. ***If*** he has not the means, then he ***shall*** **be** sold for his theft.
[4]"***If*** the theft is indeed **found alive** in his **hand,** whether it is an ox or donkey

or sheep, he **repays** double.
5"***When*** a man lets a field or vineyard be grazed bare and lets loose his livestock and it feeds in another man's field, he **repays** from the best of his own field and the best of his own vineyard.
6"***When*** *fire* breaks out and spreads to thorn bushes, so that stacked grain, or standing grain, or the field is *consumed,* he who kindled the *fire* ***shall*** certainly repay.
7"***When*** a man gives silver or goods to his neighbour to guard and it is *stolen* out of the man's house, if the *thief* is found, he **repays** double.
8"***If*** the *thief* is not found, then the master of the house ***shall*** **be** brought before **Elohim** to **see** whether he has put his **hand** into his neighbour's goods.
9"For **every** matter of *transgression,* for ox, for donkey, for sheep, for garment, or for ***whatever*** is *lost* which another claims to be his, let the matter of them both **come** before **Elohim**. And ***whomever*** **Elohim declares** ***wrong*** **repays** double to his neighbour.
10"***When*** a man gives to his neighbour a donkey, or ox, or sheep, or any beast to **watch** over and it dies, or is injured, or is *driven* away while no one is looking,
11let an **oath** of יהוה be between them both, that he has not put his **hand** into his neighbour's goods. And the owner of it ***shall*** **accept** that and he *does not* repay.
12"***But*** if it is indeed *stolen* from him, he **repays** to its owner.
13"***If*** it is *torn* to pieces, then let him bring it for evidence, he *does not* **repay** what was torn.
14"And when a man borrows from his neighbour and it is injured or dies while the owner of it is not present, he ***shall*** certainly repay.
15"***But*** if its owner was with it, he *does not* repay. ***If*** it was hired, he is entitled to the hire.

16"And when a man entices a maiden who is not engaged and lies with her, he ***shall*** certainly pay the bride-price for her to be his wife.
17"***If*** her father absolutely *refuses* to give her to him, he pays **according** to the brideprice of maidens.
18"***Do*** *not* allow a practiser of *witchcraft* to **live.**
19"Anyone *lying* with a beast ***shall*** certainly be put to *death.*
20"He who slaughters to a *mighty one*, ***except*** to יהוה only, is put under the **ban.**
21"***Do*** *not* tread down a sojourner or *oppress* him, for you were sojourners in the land of Mitsrayim.
22"***Do*** *not afflict* any widow or fatherless child.
23"***If*** you do *afflict* them at **all** – if they cry out to **Me** at **all,** I ***shall*** certainly **hear** their cry,
24and **My** *wrath* ***shall*** *burn* and I ***shall*** *slay* you with the *sword,* your wives ***shall*** **be** widows and your children fatherless.
25"***If*** you do lend silver to any of **My people**, the *poor* among you, you are not to be like one that lends on interest to him. ***Do*** *not* lay interest on him.
26"***If*** you take your neighbour's garment
as a **pledge** at **all,** you are to **return** it to him before the sun goes down.
27"For that is his only covering, it is his garment for his skin. ***What*** does he sleep in? And it ***shall*** **be** that when he cries to **Me,** I ***shall*** **hear,** for I **show favour.**
28"***Do*** *not revile* **Elohim**, nor *curse* a ruler of your people.
29"***Do*** *not* delay giving your harvest and your vintage. Give **Me** the first-born of your sons.
30"Likewise you are to do with your oxen, with your sheep. It is to be with its mother seven days. On the eighth day you give it to **Me.**
31"And you are set-apart men to **Me** and *you do not* eat any meat which is *torn* to pieces in the field, you *throw* it to the dogs.

23 "***Do*** *not* bring a *false* report. ***Do*** *not* put your **hand** with the ***wrong***

to be a malicious **witness.**
2"***Do** not* **follow** a crowd to do *evil*, nor bear **witness** in a strife so as to turn aside after many, to turn aside what is right.
3"And *do not* **favour** a *poor* man in his strife.
4"***When*** you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going *astray*, you ***shall*** certainly **return** it to him.
5"***When*** you **see** the donkey of him who *hates* you *lying* under its*burden,* you ***shall*** refrain from leaving it to him, you ***shall*** certainly help him.
6"***Do** not* turn aside the **right-ruling** of your *poor* in his *strife*.
7"Keep yourself far from a *false* matter and *do not kill* the **innocent** and the **righteous,** for I *do not* **declare** the ***wrong*** right.
8"And *do not* take a *bribe,* for a *bribe* blinds the **seeing** one and *twists* the **words** of the righteous.
9"And *do not oppress* a sojourner, as you yourselves **know** the **heart** of a sojourner, **because** you were sojourners in the land of Mitsrayim.
10"And for six years you are to sow your land and ***shall*** **gather** its increase,
11but the seventh year you are to let it rest and ***shall*** leave it and the *poor* of your people ***shall*** eat. And what they leave, the beasts of the field eat. ***Do*** the **same** with your vineyard and your oliveyard.
12"Six days you are to do your **work** and on the **seventh day** you rest, **in order** that your ox and your donkey might rest and the son of your female servant and the sojourner be refreshed.
13"And in **all** that I have said to you take **heed**. And make no mention of the name of other *mighty ones*, let it not be **heard** from your **mouth.**
14"*Three times* in the year you are to **observe** a **festival** to **Me:**
15"**Guard** the **Festival of Unleavened Bread.** Seven days you eat **unleavened** bread, as I **commanded** you, at the **time appointed** in the month of Aḇiḇ – for in it you came out of Mitsrayim – and *do not* appear before **Me** empty-handed;
16and the **Festival of the Harvest,** the **first-fruits** of your labours which you have sown in the field; and the **Festival of the Ingathering** at the outgoing of the year, when you have gathered in the **fruit** of your labours from the field.
17"**Three times** in the year **all** your males are to appear before the **Master** יהוה.
18"***Do** not* offer the **blood** of **My** slaughtering with leavened bread and the fat of **My** offering ***shall*** not remain until morning.
19"Bring the **first** of the **first-fruits** of your land into the House of יהוה your **Elohim**. ***Do** not* cook a young goat in its mother's milk.
20"**See,** I am sending a Messenger before you to **guard** you in the **way** and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.
21"Be on **guard** before **Him** and **obey His voice**. ***Do** not* ***rebel*** *against* **Him,** for **He** *is not going to pardon* your *transgression,* for **My Name is in Him.**
22"***But*** **if you diligently obey His voice** and ***shall*** do **all** that I speak, then I ***shall*** **be** an enemy to your enemies and a distresser to those who *distress* you.
23"For **My** Messenger ***shall*** go before you and ***shall*** bring you in to the Amorites and the Ḥittites and the Perizzites and the Kena'anites and the Ḥiwwites and the Yeḇusites and I ***shall*** ***cut*** them off.
24"***Do** not* bow down to their *mighty ones*, nor **serve** them, nor do **according** to their **works,** but without fail *overthrow* them and without fail *break down* their *pillars*.
25"And you ***shall*** **serve** יהוה your **Elohim** and **He** ***shall*** **bless** your **bread** and your water. And I ***shall*** remove *sickness* from your **midst**.
26"None ***shall*** miscarry or be *barren* in your land. I ***shall*** fill the number of your days.
27"**I** ***shall*** **send My fear** before you and **cause** *confusion* among **all** the people to whom you come and make **all** your enemies turn their backs to you.
28"And **I** ***shall*** **send** hornets before you,

which ***shall*** *drive* out the Ḥiwwite, the Kena'anite and the Ḥittite from before you.
29"I ***shall*** not *drive* them out from before you in one year, lest the land become a *waste* and the beast of the field become too numerous for you.
30"Little by *little* I ***shall*** *drive* them out from before you, until you have increased and you inherit the land.
31"And I ***shall*** set your border from the Sea of Reeds to the Sea of the Philistines and from the wilderness to the River, for I ***shall*** give the inhabitants of the land into your **hand** and you ***shall*** *drive* them out before you.
32"***Do*** *not* make a **covenant** with them nor with their *mighty ones*.
33"**Let** them not dwell in your land, lest they make you *sin* *against* **Me** when you **serve** their *mighty ones*, when it becomes a *snare* to you."

24 And to Mosheh **He** said, **"Come** up to ֵיהוָה, you and Aharon, Naḏaḇ and Aḇihu and seventy of the elders of Yisra'ĕl and you ***shall*** bow yourselves from a distance.
2"***But*** Mosheh ***shall*** draw **near** to ֵיהוָה by himself and let them not draw near, nor let the people go up with him."
3And Mosheh came and related to the people **all** the **Words** of ֵיהוָה and **all** the **right-rulings**. And **all** the people answered with one **voice** and said, "All the **Words** which ֵיהוָה has **spoken** we ***shall*** do."
4And Mosheh **wrote** down **all** the **Words** of ֵיהוָה and rose up early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and twelve standing columns for the twelve tribes of Yisra'ĕl.
5And he **sent** young men of the children of Yisra'ĕl and they offered burnt offerings and slaughtered **peace** slaughterings of bulls to ֵיהוָה.
6And Mosheh took half the **blood** and put it in basins and half the **blood** he sprinkled on the altar.
7And he took the **Book** of the **Covenant** and **read it** in the **hearing** of the people. And they said, "All that ֵיהוָה has **spoken** we ***shall*** do and **obey.**"
8And Mosheh took the **blood** and sprinkled it on the people and said, "**See,** the **blood** of the **covenant** which ֵיהוָה has made with you concerning **all** these **Words**."
9And Mosheh went up, also Aharon, Naḏaḇ and Aḇihu and seventy of the elders of Yisra'ĕl,
10and they **saw** the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl and under **His** feet like a paved **work** of sapphire stone and like the heavens for brightness.
11Yet **He** *did not* stretch out **His hand** *against* the chiefs of the children of Yisra'ĕl! And they **saw Elohim** and they ate and drank.
12And ֵיהוָה said to Mosheh, **"Come** up to **Me** on the mountain and be there, while I give you tablets of stone and the **Torah** and the **command** which I have **written**, to **teach** them."
13And Mosheh arose with his assistant **Yahusha** and Mosheh went up to the mountain of **Elohim**.
14And said to the elders,"Wait here for us until we **come back** to you and **see,** Aharon and Ḥur are with you. ***Whoever*** has matters, let him go to them."
15And Mosheh went up into the mountain and a cloud covered the mountain.
16And the **esteem** of ֵיהוָה dwelt on Mount Sinai and the cloud covered it for six days. And on the **seventh day He** called to Mosheh out of the **midst** of the cloud.
17And the appearance of the **esteem** of ֵיהוָה was like a *consuming fire* on the top of the mountain, before the eyes of the children of Yisra'ĕl.
18And Mosheh went into the **midst** of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And it came to be that Mosheh was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

25 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh,
2"**Speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl, that they take up a contribution for **Me.** From everyone whose **heart** moves him you ***shall*** take up **My** contribution.
3"And this is the contribution which you take up from them: gold and silver and bronze,
4and blue and purple and **scarlet** material and fine linen and goats' hair,
5and rams' skins dyed red and fine leather and acacia wood,
6oil for the **light**, spices for the anointing oil and for the **sweet** incense,
7shoham stones and stones to be set in the shoulder garment and in the breastplate.
8"And they ***shall*** make **Me** a **Set-apart Place** and I ***shall*** dwell in their **midst**.
9"According to **all** that I **show** you – the pattern of the **Dwelling Place** and the pattern of **all** its furnishings – make it exactly so.
10"And they ***shall*** make an ark of acacia ***wood*** two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide and a cubit and a half high.
11"And you ***shall*** overlay it with **clean** gold, inside and outside you ***shall*** overlay it. And you ***shall*** make on it a moulding of gold **all** around.
12"And you ***shall*** *cast* four rings of gold for it and put them in its four corners, two rings on one side and two rings on the other side.
13"And you ***shall*** make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold,
14and ***shall*** put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to lift up the ark by them.
15"The poles are in the rings of the ark, they are not taken from it.
16"And into the ark you ***shall*** put the **witness** which I give you.
17"And you ***shall*** make a lid of atonement of **clean** gold, two and a half cubits long and a cubit and a half wide.
18"And you ***shall*** make two kerubim of gold, make them of *beaten* **work,** at the two ends of the lid of atonement.
19"And make one kerub at one end and the other kerub at the other end. Make the kerubim from the lid of atonement, at its two ends.
20"And the kerubim ***shall*** **be** spreading out their wings above, covering the lid of atonement with their wings, with their faces toward each other, the faces of the kerubim turned toward the lid of atonement.
21"And you ***shall*** put the lid of atonement on top of the ark and put into the ark the **witness** which I give you.
22"And I ***shall*** meet with you there and from above the lid of atonement, from between the two kerubim which are on the ark of the Witness, I ***shall*** **speak** to you **all** that which I **command** you concerning the children of Yisra'ĕl.
23"And you ***shall*** make a table of acacia ***wood*** two cubits long, a cubit wide and a cubit and a half high.
24"And you ***shall*** overlay it with **clean** gold and ***shall*** make a moulding of gold **all** around,
25and ***shall*** make for it a rim of a handbreadth **all** around and ***shall*** make a gold moulding for the rim **all** around.
26"And you ***shall*** make for it four rings of gold and put the rings on the four corners that are at its four legs.
27"The rings are close to the rim, as holders for the poles to lift the table.
28"And you ***shall*** make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold and the table ***shall*** **be** lifted with them.
29"And you ***shall*** make its dishes and its ladles and its jars and its bowls for pouring. Make them of **clean** gold.
30"And you ***shall*** put the showbread on the table before **Me,** continually.
31"And you ***shall*** make a **lampstand** of **clean** gold – the **lampstand** is made of *beaten* work. Its base and its shaft, its cups, its ornamental knobs and blossoms are from it,
32and six branches ***shall*** **come out** of its sides: three branches of the **lampstand** out of one side and three branches of the **lampstand** out of the other side;
33three cups made like almond flowers on one branch, with ornamental knob

and blossom and three cups made like almond flowers on the other branch, with ornamental knob and blossom – so for the six branches **coming** out of the **lampstand.**

34"And on the **lampstand** itself are four cups made like almond flowers, with ornamental knob and blossom,

35and a knob under the **first** two branches of the **same** and a knob under the second two branches of the **same** and a knob under the third two branches of the **same, according** to the six branches **coming** out of the **lampstand.**

36"Their knobs and their branches are of the **same** – **all** of it one *beaten* **work** of **clean** gold.

37"And you ***shall*** make seven **lamps** for it and they ***shall*** mount its **lamps** so that they give **light** in front of it.

38"And its snuffers and their trays are of **clean** gold.

39"It is made of a talent of **clean** gold, with **all** these utensils.

40"So **see** and do **according** to the pattern which was shown to you on the mountain.

26 "And make the **Dwelling Place** with ten curtains of fine woven linen and blue and purple and **scarlet** material. Make them, with kerub̲im, the **work** of a skilled workman.

2"The length of each curtain is twenty eight cubits and the width of each curtain four cubits, **all** the curtains having one measure.

3"Five curtains are joined to each other and five curtains are joined to each other.

4"And you ***shall*** make loops of blue on the edge of **the end** curtain on one set and do the **same** on the edge of **the end** curtain of the second set.

5"Make fifty loops in the one curtain and make fifty loops on the edge of **the end** curtain of the second set, the loops being opposite to each other.

6"And you ***shall*** make fifty hooks of gold and ***shall*** join the curtains **together** with the hooks and the **Dwelling Place** ***shall*** **be** one.

7"And you ***shall*** make curtains of goats' hair, for a tent over the **Dwelling Place,** make eleven curtains.

8"The length of each curtain is thirty cubits and the width of each curtain four cubits, one measure to the eleven curtains.

9"And you ***shall*** join the five curtains by themselves and the six curtains by themselves and you ***shall*** double over the six curtains at the front of the **Tent**.

10"And you ***shall*** make fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in one set and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain of the second set.

11"And you ***shall*** make fifty bronze hooks and put the hooks into the loops and join the tent together and it ***shall*** **be** one.

12"And the overlapping part of the rest of the curtains of the **Tent**, the half curtain that remains, ***shall*** hang over the back of the **Dwelling Place.**

13"And a cubit on one side and a cubit on the other side, of what remains of the length of the curtains of the **Tent**, is to hang over the sides of the **Dwelling Place,** on this side and on that side, to cover it.

14"And you ***shall*** make a covering of ram skins dyed red for the **Tent** and a covering of fine leather above that.

15"And for the **Dwelling Place** you ***shall*** make the boards of acacia wood, standing up.

16"Ten cubits is the length of a board and a cubit and a half the width of each board,

17two tenons in each board for binding one to another. ***Do*** the **same** for **all** the boards of the **Dwelling Place.**

18"And you ***shall*** make the boards for the **Dwelling Place,** twenty boards for the south side,

19and make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards, two sockets under each of the boards for its two tenons.

20"And for the second side of the **Dwelling Place,** on the north side, twenty boards,

[21]and their forty sockets of silver, two sockets under each of the boards.
[22]"And for the extreme parts of the **Dwelling Place,** westward, make six boards,
[23]and make two boards for the two back corners of the **Dwelling Place.**
[24]"And they are double beneath and similarly they are **complete** to the top, to the one ring. So it is for both of them, they are for the two corners.
[25]"And they ***shall* be** eight boards and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets – two sockets under the one board and two sockets under the other board.
[26]"And you ***shall*** make bars of acacia wood, five for the boards on one side of the **Dwelling Place,**
[27]and five bars for the boards on the other side of the **Dwelling Place** and five bars for the boards of the side of the **Dwelling Place,** for the extreme parts westward,
[28]with the middle bar in the **midst** of the boards, going through from end to end.
[29]"And overlay the boards with gold and make their rings of gold as holders for the bars and overlay the bars with gold.
[30]"And you ***shall* raise** up the **Dwelling Place according** to its pattern which you were shown on the mountain.
[31]"And you ***shall*** make a veil of blue and purple and **scarlet** material and fine woven linen, the **work** of a skilled workman, made with kerubim.
[32]"And you ***shall*** put it on the four columns of acacia ***wood*** overlaid with gold, their hooks of gold, upon four sockets of silver.
[33]"And you ***shall*** hang the veil from the hooks and ***shall*** bring the ark of the **witness** there, behind the veil. And the veil ***shall*** make a separation for you between the **Set-apart** and the Most Set-apart **Place.**
[34]"And you ***shall*** put the lid of atonement upon the ark of the **witness** in the Most **Set-apart Place.**
[35]"And you ***shall*** set the table outside the veil and the **lampstand** opposite the table on the side of the **Dwelling Place** toward the south and put the table on the north side.
[36]"And you ***shall*** make a covering for the **door** of the **Tent**, of blue and purple and **scarlet** material and fine woven linen, made by a weaver.
[37]"And you ***shall*** make for the covering five columns of acacia wood and overlay them with gold, their hooks of gold and you ***shall*** *cast* five sockets of bronze for them.

27 "And you ***shall*** make an altar of acacia wood, five cubits long and five cubits wide – the altar is square – and its height three cubits.
[2]"And you ***shall*** make its horns on its four corners, its horns are of the **same.** And you ***shall*** overlay it with bronze.
[3]"And you ***shall*** make its pots to receive its ashes and its shovels and its basins and its forks and its *fire* holders. Make **all** its utensils of bronze.
[4]"And you ***shall*** make a grating for it, a bronze network and ***shall*** make on the network four bronze rings at its four corners,
[5]and ***shall*** put it under the rim of the altar beneath, so that the network is halfway up the altar.
[6]"And you ***shall*** make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood and ***shall*** overlay them with bronze.
[7]"And the poles ***shall* be** put in the rings and the poles ***shall* be** on the two sides of the altar for lifting it.
[8]"Make it hollow with boards. As it was shown to you on the mountain, so they are to make it.
[9]"And you ***shall*** make the courtyard of the **Dwelling Place**: for the south side screens for the courtyard made of fine woven linen, one hundred cubits long for one side,
[10]and its twenty columns and their twenty sockets of bronze, the hooks of the columns and their bands of silver,
[11]and so for the north side in length, screens one hundred cubits long, with its

twenty columns and their twenty sockets of bronze and the hooks of the columns and their bands of silver.
12"And the width of the courtyard on the west side screens of fifty cubits, with their ten columns and their ten sockets.
13"And the width of the courtyard on the east side fifty cubits.
14"And the screens on one side of the gate fifteen cubits, with their three columns and their three sockets.
15"And on the other side screens of fifteen cubits, with their three columns and their three sockets.
16"And for the gate of the courtyard a covering twenty cubits long, of blue and purple and **scarlet** material and fine woven linen, made by a weaver – four columns and four sockets.
17"All the columns around the courtyard have bands of silver, their hooks silver and their sockets bronze.
18"The length of the courtyard is one hundred cubits and the width fifty by fifty and the height five cubits, woven of fine linen thread and its sockets of bronze.
19"All the utensils of the **Dwelling Place** for **all** its service, **all** its pegs and **all** the pegs of the courtyard, are bronze.
20"And you, you are to **command** the children of Yisra'ĕl to bring you clear oil of pressed olives for the **light**, to **cause** the **lamp** to burn continually.
21"In the **Tent** of Meeting, outside the veil which is before the Witness, Aharon and his sons are to tend it from **evening** until morning before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 – **a law forever** to their generations, from the children of Yisra'ĕl.

28 "And you, bring **near** Aharon your brother and his sons with him, from among the children of Yisra'ĕl, for serving as priest to **Me:** Aharon, Naḏaḇ and Aḇihu, El'azar and Ithamar, the sons of Aharon.
2"And you ***shall*** make set-apart garments for Aharon your brother, for **esteem** and for comeliness.
3"And you, **speak** to **all** the **wise** of **heart,** whom I have filled with a spirit of **wisdom** and they ***shall*** make the garments of Aharon, to set him apart, for him to **serve** as priest to **Me.**
4"And these are the garments which they make: a breastplate, a shoulder garment, a robe, an embroidered long shirt, a turban and a girdle. And they ***shall*** make set-apart garments for Aharon your brother and his sons, for him to **serve** as priest to **Me.**
5"And they ***shall*** take the gold and the blue and the purple and the **scarlet** material and the fine linen,
6and ***shall*** make the shoulder garment of gold, of blue and purple and **scarlet** material and fine woven linen, the **work** of a skilled workman.
7"It is to have two shoulder pieces joined at its two edges and so it is joined together.
8"And the embroidered band of the shoulder garment, which is on it, is of the **same** workmanship, made of gold, of blue and purple and **scarlet** material and fine woven linen.
9"And you ***shall*** take two shoham stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Yisra'ĕl,
10six of their names on one stone and the remaining six names on the other stone, **according** to their birth.
11"With the **work** of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a **signet,** engrave the two stones with the names of the sons of Yisra'ĕl. Set them in settings of gold.
12"And you ***shall*** put the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the shoulder garment as stones of **remembrance** for the sons of Yisra'ĕl. And Aharon ***shall*** bear their names before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 on his two shoulders, for a **remembrance**.
13"And you ***shall*** make settings of gold,
14and two chains of **clean** gold like braided cords and fasten the braided chains to the settings.
15"And you ***shall*** make a breastplate of right-ruling, a **work** of a skilled workman, like the **work** of the shoulder garment. Make it of gold, of blue and

purple and **scarlet** material and fine woven linen.
16"It is square, doubled, a span its length and a span its width.
17"And you ***shall*** put settings of stones in it, four rows of stones: The **first** row is a ruby, a topaz and an emerald;
18and the second row is a turquoise, a sapphire and a diamond;
19and the third row is a jacinth, an agate and an amethyst;
20and the fourth row is a beryl and a shoham and a jasper. They are set in gold settings.
21"And the stones are **according** to the names of the sons of Yisra'ĕl, twelve **according** to their names, like the engravings of a **signet,** each one with its own name, for the twelve tribes.
22"And you ***shall*** make braided chains of corded **work** for the breastplate at **the end,** of **clean** gold.
23"And you ***shall*** make two rings of gold for the breastplate and ***shall*** put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate.
24"And you ***shall*** put the two cords of gold in the two rings which are on the ends of the breastplate,
25and the other two ends of the two cords you fasten to the two settings and put them on the shoulder pieces of the shoulder garment in the front.
26"And you ***shall*** make two rings of gold and ***shall*** put them on the two ends of the breastplate, on the edge of it, which is on the inner side of the shoulder garment.
27"And you ***shall*** make two rings of gold and put them on the two shoulder pieces, underneath the shoulder garment, on the front of it, close to the seam above the embroidered band of the shoulder garment,
28and they bind the breastplate by means of its rings to the rings of the shoulder garment, using a blue cord, so that it is above the embroidered band of the shoulder garment, so that the breastplate *does not* **come** loose from the shoulder garment.
29"And Aharon ***shall*** bear the names of the sons of Yisra'ĕl on the breastplate of **right-ruling** over his **heart,** when he goes into the set-apart place, for a **remembrance** before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, continually.
30"And into the breastplate of **right-ruling** you ***shall*** put the Urim and the Tummim and they ***shall*** **be** on the **heart** of Aharon when he goes in before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄. And Aharon ***shall*** bear the **right-ruling** of the children of Yisra'ĕl on his **heart** before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, continually.
31"And you ***shall*** make the **robe** of the shoulder garment **all** of blue.
32"And the opening for his head ***shall*** **be** in the middle of it, a woven binding **all** around its opening, like the opening in a scaled armour, so that it *does not* tear.
33"And on its hem you ***shall*** make pomegranates of blue and purple and **scarlet** material, **all** around its hem and bells of gold between them **all** around:
34a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, on the hem of the **robe all** around.
35"And it ***shall*** **be** upon Aharon to attend in and its sound ***shall*** **be heard** when he goes into the set-apart place before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and when he **comes** out, so that he *does not die.*
36"And you ***shall*** make a plate of **clean** gold and engrave on it, like the engraving of a **signet:**
SET-APARTNESS TO 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
37"And you ***shall*** put it on a blue cord and it ***shall*** **be** on the turban – it is to be on the front of the turban**.**
38"And it ***shall*** **be** on the forehead of Aharon and Aharon ***shall*** bear the *guilt* of the set-apart gifts which the children of Yisra'ĕl set-apart in **all** their set-apart gifts. And it ***shall*** **always** be on his forehead, for acceptance for them before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
39"And you ***shall*** weave the long shirt of fine linen and ***shall*** make the turban of fine linen and you ***shall*** make the girdle of woven work.
40"And make long shirts for Aharon's sons. And you ***shall*** make girdles for them and you ***shall*** make turbans for

them, for **esteem** and comeliness.
41"And you ***shall*** put them on Aharon your brother and on his sons with him and ***shall*** **anoint** them and ***shall*** ordain them and ***shall*** set them apart and they ***shall*** **serve** as priests to **Me.**
42"And make linen trousers for them, to cover their nakedness, reaching from the waist to the thighs.
43"And they ***shall*** **be** on Aharon and on his sons when they **come** into the **Tent** of Meeting, or when they **come near** the altar to attend in the **Set-apart Place,** so that they *do not* bear *crookedness* and *die* – a **law forever** to him and to his seed after him.

29 "And this is the task you ***shall*** do to them to set them apart to **serve Me** as priests: Take one young bull and two rams, **perfect** ones,
2and unleavened bread and unleavened cakes mixed with oil and unleavened wafers **anointed** with oil – make these of wheat flour.
3"And you ***shall*** put them in one basket and bring them in the basket, along with the bull and the two rams.
4"***Then*** you ***shall*** bring Aharon and his sons to the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting and wash them with water.
5"And you ***shall*** take the garments and ***shall*** put on Aharon the long shirt and the **robe** of the shoulder garment and the shoulder garment and the breastplate and ***shall*** gird him with the embroidered band of the shoulder garment,
6and ***shall*** put the turban on his head and ***shall*** put the set-apart **sign** of **dedication** on the turban**,**
7and ***shall*** take the anointing oil and pour it on his head and **anoint** him.
8"***Then*** you ***shall*** bring his sons and put long shirts on them,
9and ***shall*** gird them with girdles – Aharon and his sons – and put the turbans on them. And the priesthood ***shall*** **be** theirs for an **everlasting** law. So you ***shall*** ordain Aharon and his sons.
10"And you ***shall*** bring **near** the bull before the **Tent** of Meeting and Aharon and his sons ***shall*** lay their hands on the head of the bull.
11"And you ***shall*** slaughter the bull before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, by the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting,
12and take some of the **blood** of the bull and put it on the horns of the altar with your **finger** and pour **all** the **blood** beside the base of the altar.
13"And you ***shall*** take **all** the fat that covers the entrails and the appendage on the liver and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them and burn them on the altar.
14"***But*** the *flesh* of the bull and its skin and its dung, you ***shall*** *burn* with *fire* outside the camp. It is a *sin* offering.
15"And take one ram and Aharon and his sons ***shall*** lay their hands on the head of the ram,
16and you ***shall*** slaughter the ram and you ***shall*** take its **blood** and sprinkle it **all** around on the altar.
17"And *cut* the ram in pieces and wash its entrails and its legs and place them upon its pieces and on its head.
18"And you ***shall*** *burn* the entire ram on the altar. It is a burnt offering to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, it is a **sweet** fragrance, an offering made by *fire* to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
19"And you ***shall*** take the second ram and Aharon and his sons ***shall*** lay their hands on the head of the ram,
20and you ***shall*** slaughter the ram and take some of its **blood** and put it on the tip of the **right** ear of Aharon and on the tip of the **right** ear of his sons, on the thumb of their **right hand** and on the big toe of their **right** foot and sprinkle the **blood all** around on the altar.
21"And you ***shall*** take some of the **blood** that is on the altar and some of the anointing oil and sprinkle it on Aharon and on his garments, on his sons and on the garments of his sons with him. And he and his garments ***shall*** **be** set-apart and his sons and the garments of his sons with him.
22"And you ***shall*** take the fat of the ram and the fat tail and the fat that covers the entrails and the appendage on the liver

and the two kidneys and the fat on them and the **right** thigh – it is for a ram of ordination –
[23]and one loaf of bread and one cake made with oil and one thin cake from the basket of the unleavened **bread** that is before יהוה.
[24]"And you ***shall*** put **all** these in the hands of Aharon and in the hands of his sons and you ***shall*** wave them – a wave offering before יהוה.
[25]"***Then*** you ***shall*** take them from their hands and burn them on the altar as a burnt offering, as a **sweet** fragrance before יהוה.
It is an offering made by *fire* to יהוה.
[26]"And you ***shall*** take the breast of the ram of Aharon's ordination and wave it – a wave offering before יהוה and it ***shall*** **be** your portion.
[27]"And from the ram of ordination you ***shall*** set-apart the breast of the wave offering which is waved and the thigh of the contribution which is **raised,** of that which is for Aharon and of that which is for his sons.
[28]"And it ***shall*** **be** from the children of Yisra'ĕl for Aharon and his sons by a **law forever**, for it is a contribution. And it is a contribution from the children of Yisra'ĕl from their **peace** offerings – their contribution to יהוה.
[29]"And the set-apart garments of Aharon are for his sons after him, to be **anointed** in them and to be ordained in them.
[30]"The priest from his sons in his place, puts them on for seven days, when he enters the **Tent** of Meeting to attend in the set-apart place.
[31]"And take the ram of ordination and cook its *flesh* in a set-apart place.
[32]"And Aharon and his sons ***shall*** eat the *flesh* of the ram and the **bread** that is in the basket, by the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting,
[33]and they ***shall*** eat those offerings with which the atonement was made, to ordain them, to set them apart. ***But*** let a stranger not eat them, **because** they are set-apart.
[34]"And if any of the *flesh* of the ordination offerings, or of the bread, be left over until the morning, then you ***shall*** *burn* up what is left over. It is not eaten, **because** it is set-apart.
[35]"And so you ***shall*** do to Aharon and his sons, **according** to **all** I have **commanded** you. Seven days you ***shall*** ordain them,
[36]and **prepare** a bull each day as a *sin* offering for atonement. And you ***shall*** **cleanse** the altar when you make atonement for it and you ***shall*** **anoint** it to set it apart.
[37]"For seven days you ***shall*** make atonement for the altar and set it apart. And the altar ***shall*** **be** most set-apart – ***whatever*** *touches* the altar is to be set-apart.
[38]"And this is what you **prepare** on the altar: two lambs, a year old, daily, continually.
[39]"**Prepare** the one **lamb** in the morning and the other **lamb** you **prepare** between the **evening**s,
[40]and one-tenth of an ĕphah of flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of pressed oil and one-fourth of a hin of **wine** as a drink offering, with the one lamb.
[41]"And **prepare** the other **lamb** between the **evening**s. And with it **prepare** the grain offering and the drink offering, as in the morning, for a **sweet** fragrance, an offering made by *fire* to יהוה–
[42]a continual burnt offering for your generations at the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting before יהוה, where I ***shall*** meet with you to **speak** with you.
[43]"And there I ***shall*** meet with the children of Yisra'ĕl and it ***shall*** **be** set-apart by **My** esteem.
[44]"And I ***shall*** set-apart the **Tent** of Meeting and the altar. And Aharon and his sons I set-apart to **serve** as priests to **Me.**
[45]"And I ***shall*** dwell in the **midst** of the children of Yisra'ĕl and ***shall*** **be** their **Elohim**.
[46]"And they ***shall*** **know** that **I am** יהוה their **Elohim**, who brought them up out of the land of Mitsrayim, to

dwell in their **midst**. **I am** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 their **Elohim**.

30 "And you ***shall*** make an altar to burn incense on, make it of acacia wood,
2a cubit long and a cubit wide – it is a square – and two cubits high, its horns of the **same.**
3"And you ***shall*** overlay its top and its sides **all** around and its horns with **clean** gold. And you ***shall*** make for it a moulding of gold **all** around.
4"And make two gold rings for it, under the moulding on both its sides. Make them on its two sides and they ***shall*** **be** holders for the poles to lift it with.
5"And you ***shall*** make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold.
6"And you ***shall*** put it before the veil that is before the ark of the Witness, before the lid of atonement that is over the Witness, where **I am** to meet with you.
7"And Aharon ***shall*** *burn* on it **sweet** incense, morning by morning. As he tends the lamps, he ***shall*** *burn* incense on it.
8"And when Aharon **light**s the **lamps** between the **evening**s, he ***shall*** *burn* incense on it – a continual incense before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 throughout your generations.
9"***Do*** *not* offer *strange* incense on it, or a burnt offering, or a grain offering and *do not* pour a drink offering on it.
10"And Aharon ***shall*** make atonement upon its horns once a year with the **blood** of the *sin* offering of atonement – once a year he makes atonement upon it throughout your generations. It is most set-apart to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄."
11And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 spoke to Mosheh,
12"***When*** you take the census of the children of Yisra'ĕl, to register them, then each one ***shall*** give an atonement for his **life** to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, when you register them, so that there is no *plague* among them when you register them.
13"Everyone among those who are registered is to give this: half a sheqel **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place, twenty gĕrahs being a sheqel. The half-sheqel is the contribution to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
14"Everyone passing over to be registered, from twenty years old and above, gives a contribution to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
15"The rich *does not* give more and the *poor does not* give less than half a sheqel, when you give a contribution to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, to make atonement for yourselves.
16"And you ***shall*** take the silver for the atonement from the children of Yisra'ĕl and give it for the service of the **Tent** of Meeting. And it ***shall*** **be** to the children of Yisra'ĕl for a **remembrance** before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, to make atonement for yourselves."
17And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 spoke to Mosheh,
18"And you ***shall*** make a basin of bronze, with its **stand** also of bronze, for washing. And you ***shall*** put it between the **Tent** of Meeting and the altar and ***shall*** put water in it.
19"And Aharon and his sons ***shall*** wash from it their hands and their feet.
20"***When*** they go into the **Tent** of Meeting, or when they **come near** the altar to attend, to burn an offering made by *fire* to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, they wash with water, lest they *die.*
21"And they ***shall*** wash their hands and their feet, lest they *die.* And it ***shall*** **be** a **law forever** to them, to him and his seed throughout their generations."
22And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 spoke to Mosheh,
23"And take for yourself choice spices, five hundred sheqels of liquid myrrh and half as much – two hundred and fifty – of sweet-smelling cinnamon and two hundred and fifty of sweet-smelling cane,
24and five hundred of cassia, **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place and a hin of olive oil.
25"And you ***shall*** make from these a set-apart anointing oil, a compound, blended, the **work** of a perfumer. It is a set-apart anointing oil.
26"And with it you ***shall*** **anoint** the

Tent of Meeting and the ark of the Witness,
[27]and the table and **all** its utensils and the **lampstand** and its utensils and the altar of incense,
[28]and the altar of burnt offering with **all** its utensils and the basin and its stand.
[29]"And you ***shall*** set them apart and they ***shall*** **be** most set-apart. ***whatever*** *touches* them is to be set-apart.
[30]"And you ***shall*** **anoint** Aharon and his sons and set them apart, to **serve** as priests to **Me.**
[31]"And **speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl, saying, 'This is a set-apart anointing oil to **Me** throughout your generations.
[32]'It ***shall*** not be poured on the *flesh* of a man and make no other like it, **according** to its composition. It is set-apart, it is set-apart to you.
[33]***'Whoever*** compounds any like it, or whoever puts any of it on a stranger, ***shall*** **be** *cut off* from his people.' "
[34]And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Take **sweet** spices, fragrant gum and cinnamon and galbanam and clear frankincense with these **sweet** spices, **all** in equal amounts.
[35]"***Then*** you ***shall*** make of these an incense, a compound, **work** of a perfumer, salted, **clean,** set-apart.
[36]"And you ***shall*** beat some of it **very** fine and put some of it before the **witness** in the **Tent** of Meeting where I meet with you, it is most set-apart to you.
[37]"And the incense which you make, *do not* make any for yourselves, **according** to its composition, it is set-apart to you for יהוה.
[38]"***Whoever*** makes any like it, to *smell* it, he ***shall*** **be** *cut off* from his people."

31 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh,
[2]"**See,** I have called by name Betsal'ĕl son of Uri, son of Ḥur, of the tribe of Yahuḏah, [3]and I have filled him with the **Spirit** of **Elohim** in **wisdom** and in **understanding** and in **knowledge** and in **all work,**
[4]to make **designs** for **work** in gold and in silver and in bronze,
[5]and in cutting stones for setting and in carving wood and to **work** in **all** work.
[6]"And I, look I have **appointed** with him Oholiaḇ son of Aḥisamaḵ, of the tribe of Dan. And I have put **wisdom** in the **hearts** of everyone who is wise-hearted and they ***shall*** make **all** that I have **commanded** you:
[7]the **Tent** of Meeting and the ark of the **witness** and the lid of atonement that is on it and **all** the utensils of the **Tent**,
[8]and the table and its utensils and the **clean** gold **lampstand** with **all** its utensils and the altar of incense,
[9]and the altar of burnt offering with **all** its utensils and the basin and its stand,
[10]and the woven garments and the set-apart garments for Aharon the priest and the garments of his sons, for serving as priests,
[11]and the anointing oil and **sweet** incense for the **Set-apart Place.** According to **all** that I have **commanded** you, they are to do."
[12]And יהוה spoke to Mosheh,
[13]"And you, **speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl, saying, **'My Sabbaths** you are to guard, by **all** means, for it is a sign between **Me** and you throughout your generations, **to know** that I, יהוה, am setting you apart.
[14]'And you ***shall*** **guard** the **Sabbath,** for it is set-apart to you. Everyone who *profanes* it ***shall*** certainly be put to *death,* for anyone who does **work** on it, that being ***shall*** **be** *cut off* from among his people.
[15]'Six days **work** is done and on the seventh is a **Sabbath** of rest, set-apart to יהוה. Everyone doing **work** on the **Sabbath** day ***shall*** certainly be put to *death.*
[16]'And the children of Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** **guard** the **Sabbath,** to **observe** the **Sabbath** throughout their generations as an **everlasting covenant.**
[17]***'Between*** **Me** and the children of Yisra'ĕl it is a **sign forever**.
For in six days יהוה made the

heavens and the earth and on the **seventh day He** rested and was refreshed.' "
[18]And when **He** had ended speaking with him on Mount Sinai, **He** gave Mosheh two tablets of the Witness, tablets of stone, **written** with the **finger** of **Elohim**.

32 And when the people **saw** that Mosheh was so long in **coming** down from the mountain, the people gathered **together** to Aharon and said to him, "Arise, make us *mighty ones* who go before us. For this Mosheh, the man who brought us up out of the land of Mitsrayim, we *do not* **know** what has become of him."
[2]And Aharon said to them, "Take off the golden earrings which are *in the* **ears** of your wives, your sons and your daughters and bring them to me."
[3]"And **all** the people took off the golden earrings which were in their **ears** and brought them to Aharon.
[4]And he took *this* from their **hand** and he formed it with an engraving tool and made a *moulded* calf. And they said, "This is your *mighty one*, O Yisra'ĕl, that brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim!"
[5]And Aharon **saw** and built an altar before it and he called out and said, "**Tomorrow** is a **festival** to יהוה."
[6]And they rose early on the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought **peace** offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.
[7]And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Mitsrayim have *corrupted* themselves.
[8]"They have turned aside **quickly** out of the **way** which I **commanded** them. They have made themselves a *moulded* calf and have *bowed* themselves to it and slaughtered to it and said, 'This is your *mighty one*, O Yisra'ĕl, who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim!' "
[9]And יהוה said to Mosheh, "I have **seen** this people and **see,** it is a *stiff-necked* people!
[10]"And **now**, let **Me** alone, that **My** *wrath* might burn *against* them and I *consume* them and I make of you a **great** nation."
[11]***But*** Mosheh pleaded with יהוה his **Elohim** and said, "יהוה, why does **Your** *wrath* burn *against* **Your people** whom You have brought out of the land of Mitsrayim with **great power** and with a **strong hand?**
[12]"***Why*** should the Mitsrites speak and say, 'For *evil* **He** brought them out to *kill* them in the mountains and to *consume* them from the face of the earth'? Turn from the *heat* of **Your** *wrath* and relent from this *evil* to **Your people**.
[13]"**Remember** Aḇrahim, Yitsḥaq and Yisra'ĕl, **Your** servants, to whom You **swore** by **Yourself** and said to them, 'I increase your seed like the stars of the **heavens.** And **all** this land that I have **spoken** of I give to your seed and they ***shall*** inherit it **forever**.' "
[14]And יהוה **relented** from the *evil* which **He** said **He** would do to **His** people.
[15]And Mosheh turned and went down from the mountain and in his **hand** were the two tablets of the Witness, tablets **written** on both their sides, **written** on the one and on the other.
[16]And the tablets were the **work** of **Elohim** and the **writing** was the **writing** of **Elohim** engraved on the tablets.
[17]And **Yahusha heard** the noise of the people as they *shouted* and he said to Mosheh, "A noise of battle in the camp!"
[18]***But*** he said, "It is not the sound of those who shout of might, nor is it the sound of those who cry out in *weakness* , but the sound of singing that I **hear.**"
[19]And it came to be, as soon as he came **near** the camp, that he **saw** the *calf* and the *dancing*. And Mosheh's *displeasure burned* and he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.
[20]And he took the *calf* which they had made and *burned* it in the *fire* and ground it into powder and *scattered* it

on the face of the water and made the children of Yisra'ĕl drink it.
[21]And Mosheh said to Aharon, "***What*** did this people do to you that you have brought so **great** a *sin* upon them?"
[22]And Aharon said, "***Do*** *not* let the *displeasure* of my master burn. You **know** the people, that it is in *evil*.
[23]"And they said to me, 'Make us *mighty ones* who go before us. For this Mosheh, the man who brought us out of the land of Mitsrayim, we *do not* **know** what has become of him.'
[24]"And I said to them, '***Whoever*** has gold, let them take it off.' And they gave it to me and I threw it into the *fire* and this *calf* came out."
[25]And Mosheh **saw** that the people were let loose, for Aharon had let them loose, to their *shame* among their enemies.
[26]And Mosheh stood in the entrance of the camp and said, "***Who*** is for יהוה? **Come to** me." And **all** the sons of Lĕwi gathered themselves to him.
[27]And he said to them, "Thus said יהוה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl: 'Each one put his *sword* on his side and pass over to and fro from gate to gate in the camp and each one *slay* his brother and each one his friend and his relative.' "
[28]And the sons of Lĕwi did **according** to the **word** of Mosheh. And about three thousand men of the people fell that day.
[29]And Mosheh said, "You are ordained for יהוה today – since each one has been *against* his son and his brother – so as to bring upon you a **blessing** today."
[30]And it came to be on the next day that Mosheh said to the people, "You, you have *sinned* a **great** *sin.* And **now** I am going up to יהוה – if I might atone for your *sin.*"
[31]And Mosheh returned to יהוה and said, "Oh, these people have *sinned* a **great** *sin* and have made for themselves a *mighty one* of gold!
[32]"And **now**, if You would **forgive,** their *sin,* but if not, please *blot* me out of **Your book** which You have **written**."
[33]And יהוה said to Mosheh, "***Whoever*** has *sinned against* **Me,** I *blot* him out of **My book**.
[34]"And **now**, go, lead the people to the place of which I have **spoken** to you. **See, My** Messenger goes before you. And in the **day of My visitation** I ***shall*** **visit** *their sin* upon them."
[35]And יהוה *plagued* the people **because** they made the calf, which Aharon made.

33 And יהוה said to Mosheh, **"Come,** go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought out of the land of Mitsrayim, to the land of which I **swore** to Aḇrahim, to Yitsḥaq and to Ya'aqoḇ, saying, 'To your seed I give it.'
[2]"And **I *shall* send My** Messenger before you and I ***shall*** *drive* out the Kena'anite and the Amorite and the Ḥittite and the Perizzite and the Ḥiwwite and the Yeḇusite,
[3]to a land flowing with milk and honey. For I *do not* go up in your **midst** **because** you are a *stiff-necked* people, lest I *consume* you on the **way.**"
[4]And when the people **heard** this *evil* **word,** they mourned and no one put on his ornaments.
[5]And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Say to the children of Yisra'ĕl, 'You are a stiff-necked people. ***Should*** I go up in your **midst** for one moment I ***shall*** *consume* you. And **now**, take off your ornaments and I ***shall*** **know** what to do to you.' "
[6]So the children of Yisra'ĕl took off their ornaments at Mount Ḥoreḇ.
[7]And Mosheh took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp and called it the **Tent** of Meeting. And it came to be that everyone who sought יהוה went out to the **Tent** of Meeting which was outside the camp.
[8]And it came to be, whenever Mosheh went out to the **Tent**, that **all** the people rose and each man stood at his tent **door** and watched Mosheh until he entered the **Tent**.
[9]And it came to be, when Mosheh entered the **Tent**, that the column of

cloud descended and stood at the **door** of the **Tent** and **He** spoke with Mosheh.
[10]And **all** the people **saw** the column of cloud standing at the **Tent door,** and **all** the people rose and bowed themselves, each one at the **door** of his tent.
[11]Thus יהוה spoke to Mosheh face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would **return** to the camp, but his servant **Yahusha** son of Nun, a young man, *did not* leave the **Tent**.
[12]And Mosheh said to יהוה, "**See,** You are saying to me, 'Bring up this people.' ***But*** You have not made **known** to me whom You would send with me, though You have said, 'I **know** you by name and you have also **found favour** in **My** eyes.'
[13]"And **now**, please, if I have **found favour** in **Your** eyes, please **show** me **Your way** and let me **know You,** so that I find **favour** in **Your** eyes. And consider that this nation is **Your people**."
[14]And **He** said, "**My Presence** does go and I ***shall*** give you rest."
[15]And he said to **Him,** "***If*** **Your Presence** is not going, *do not* lead us up from here.
[16]"For how then ***shall*** it be **known** that I have **found favour** in **Your** eyes, I and **Your people**, ***except*** You go with us? ***Then*** we ***shall*** **be** distinguished, I and **Your people**, from **all** the people who are upon the face of the earth."
[17]And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Even this **word** you have **spoken** I ***shall*** do, for you have **found favour** in **My** eyes and I **know** you by Name."
[18]***Then*** he said, "Please, **show** me **Your** esteem."
[19]And **He** said, "I ***shall*** **cause all My goodness** to pass before you and I ***shall*** **proclaim** the **Name** of יהוה before you. And I ***shall*** **favour** him whom I **favour** and ***shall*** have **compassion** on him whom I have **compassion**."
[20]***But*** **He** said, "You are *unable* to **see My** face, for no man does **see Me** and **live.**"
[21]And יהוה said, "**See,** there is a place with **Me!** And you ***shall*** **stand** on the rock.
[22]"And it ***shall*** **be,** while **My esteem** passes by, that I ***shall*** put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with **My hand** while I pass by.
[23]"***Then*** I ***shall*** take away **My hand** and you ***shall*** **see My** back, but **My** face ***shall*** not be **seen.**"

34 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Cut two tablets of stone like the **first** ones and I ***shall*** **write** on these tablets the **Words** that were on the **first** tablets which you broke.
[2]"And be **ready** in the morning. ***Then*** you ***shall*** **come** up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself to **Me** there on the top of the mountain.
[3]"And let no man **come** up with you and let no man be **seen** in **all** the mountain and let not even the flock or the herd feed in front of that mountain."
[4]And he *cut* two tablets of stone like the **first** ones. ***Then*** Mosheh rose early in the morning and went up Mount Sinai, as יהוה had **commanded** him and he took two tablets of stone in his **hand.**
[5]And יהוה came down in the cloud and stood with him there and **proclaimed** the Name, יהוה.
[6]And יהוה passed before him and **proclaimed**, "יהוה, יהוה, an Ěl **compassionate** and showing **favour,** patient and **great** in **kindness** and **truth**,
[7]watching over **kindness** for thousands, forgiving *crookedness* and *transgression* and *sin,* but by no means leaving unpunished, visiting the *crookedness* of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."
[8]And Mosheh hurried and bowed himself toward the earth and did obeisance,
[9]and said, "If, **now**, I have **found favour** in **Your** eyes, O יהוה, I pray, let יהוה go on in our **midst**, even though we are a *stiff-necked* people. And **forgive** our *crookedness* and our *sin* and take us as **Your** inheritance."
[10]And **He** said, "**See,** I am making

a **covenant.** Before **all** your people I am going to do **wonders** such as have not been done in **all** the earth, nor in any nation. And **all** the people among whom you are ***shall*** **see** the **work** of ꞒYHZ. For what I am doing with you is **awesome.**

11"**Guard** what I **command** you today. **See,** I am driving out from before you the Amorite and the Kena'anite and the Ḥittite and the Perizzite and the Ḥiwwite and the Yeḇusite.

12"**Guard** yourself, lest you make a **covenant** with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a *snare* in your **midst**.

13"***But*** *break down* their altars and smash their *pillars* and *cut down* their Ashĕrim –

14for *you do not* bow yourselves to another *mighty one*, for ꞒYHZ, whose **Name** is ***jealous,*** is a ***jealous*** Ĕl –

15lest you make a **covenant** with the inhabitants of the land and they *whore* after their *mighty ones* and slaughter to their *mighty ones* and one of them invites you and you eat of his slaughterings,

16and you take of his daughters for your sons and his daughters *whore* after their *mighty ones* and make your sons *whore* after their *mighty ones*.

17"***Do*** *not* make a *moulded mighty one* for yourselves.

18"**Guard** the **Festival of Unleavened Bread.** For seven days you eat unleavened bread, as I **commanded** you, in the **appointed time** of the month of Aḇiḇ, **because** in the month of Aḇiḇ you came out from Mitsrayim.

19"Everyone opening the womb is **Mine** and **every** male first-born among your livestock, whether bull or sheep.

20"***But*** the first-born of a donkey you ransom with a lamb. And if *you do not* ransom, then you ***shall*** *break* his neck. Every first-born of your sons you ***shall*** ransom. And they ***shall*** not appear before **Me** empty-handed.

21"Six days you **work,** but on the **seventh day** you rest – in ploughing **time** and in harvest you rest.

22"And perform the **Festival of weeks** for yourself, of the **first-fruits** of wheat harvest and the Festival of Ingathering at the turn of the year.

23"**Three times** in the year **all** your men are to appear before the **Master,** ꞒYHZ, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl,

24for I dispossess nations before you and ***shall*** enlarge your borders and let no one covet your land when you go up to appear before ꞒYHZ your **Elohim** *three times* in the year.

25"***Do*** *not* offer the **blood** of **My** slaughtering with *leaven* and *do not* let the slaughtering of the **Festival of the Passover** remain until morning.

26"Bring the **first** of the **first-fruits** of your land to the House of ꞒYHZ your **Elohim**. ***Do*** *not* cook a young goat in its mother's milk."

27And ꞒYHZ said to Mosheh, "**Write** these **Words**, for **according** to the **mouth** of these **Words** I have made a **covenant** with you and with Yisra'ĕl."

28And he was there with ꞒYHZ forty days and forty nights. **He** *did not* eat **bread** and he *did not* drink water. And **He wrote** on the tablets the **Words** of the covenant, the **Ten Words**.

29And it came to be, when Mosheh came down from Mount Sinai, while the two tablets of the **witness** were in Mosheh's **hand** when he came down from the mountain, that Mosheh *did not* **know** that the skin of his face shone since he had **spoken** with **Him.**

30And Aharon and **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl **looked** at Mosheh and **saw** the skin of his face shone and they were *afraid* to **come near** him.

31***But*** Mosheh called out to them and Aharon and **all** the rulers of the congregation returned to him and Mosheh spoke to them.

32And afterward **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl came near and he **commanded** them **all** that ꞒYHZ had **spoken** with him on Mount Sinai.

33And when Mosheh ended speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.

34***But*** whenever Mosheh went in before ꞒYHZ to **speak** with **Him,** he would

remove the veil until he came out.
And when he came out he spoke to the children of Yisra'ĕl what he had been **commanded**,
[35]and the children of Yisra'ĕl would **see** the face of Mosheh, that the skin of Mosheh's face shone and Mosheh would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to **speak** with **Him.**

35 And Mosheh **assembled all** the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl and said to them, "These are the **Words** which 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 has **commanded** you to do:
[2]"Work is done for six days, but on the **seventh day** it ***shall*** **be** set-apart to you, a **Sabbath** of rest to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄. Anyone doing **work** on it is put to *death.*
[3]"***Do*** *not* **kindle** a *fire* in any of your dwellings on the **Sabbath** day."
[4]And Mosheh spoke to **all** the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl, saying, "This is the **word** which 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **commanded**, saying,
[5]'Take from among you a contribution to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄. Everyone whose **heart** so moves him, let him bring it as a contribution to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄: gold and silver and bronze,
[6]and blue and purple and **scarlet** *material* and fine linen and goats' hair,
[7]and ram skins dyed red and fine leather and acacia wood,
[8]and oil for the **light** and spices for the anointing oil and for the **sweet** incense,
[9]and shoham stones and stones to be set in the shoulder garment and in the breastplate.
[10]'And let **all** the wise-hearted among you **come** and make **all** that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 has **commanded**:
[11]the **Dwelling Place,** its tent and its covering, its hooks and its boards, its bars, its columns and its sockets,
[12]the ark and its poles, the lid of atonement and the veil of the covering,
[13]the table and its poles and **all** its utensils and the showbread,
[14]and the **lampstand** for the **light** and its utensils and its lamps and the oil for the **light**,
[15]and the incense altar and its poles and the anointing oil and the **sweet** incense and the covering for the **door** at the entrance of the **Dwelling Place,**
[16]the altar of burnt offering with its bronze grating, its poles and **all** its utensils, the basin and its stand,
[17]the screens of the courtyard, its columns and their sockets and the covering for the gate of the courtyard,
[18]the pegs of the **Dwelling Place** and the pegs of the courtyard and their cords,
[19]the woven garments to do service in the set-apart place, the set-apart garments for Aharon the priest and the garments of his sons to **serve** as priests.'"
[20]And **all** the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl withdrew from the presence of Mosheh.
[21]And everyone whose **heart** lifted him up and everyone whose spirit moved him came and they brought the contribution to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 for the **work** of the **Tent** of Meeting and for **all** its service and for the set-apart garments.
[22]And they came, both men and women, **all** whose **hearts** moved them and brought earrings and nose rings and rings and necklaces, **all** golden goods, even **every** one who made a wave offering of gold to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
[23]And **every** man, with whom was **found** blue and purple and **scarlet** *material* and fine linen and goats' hair and rams' skins dyed red and fine leather, brought them.
[24]Everyone who would make a contribution to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 of silver or bronze, brought it. And everyone with whom was **found** acacia ***wood*** for any **work** of the service, brought it.
[25]And **all** the wise-hearted women spun yarn with their hands and brought what they had spun, the blue and the purple, the **scarlet** *material* and the fine linen.
[26]And **all** the women whose **hearts** lifted them up in **wisdom** spun the goats' hair.
[27]And the rulers brought shoham stones

and the stones to be set in the shoulder garment and in the breastplate,
[28]and the spices and the oil for the **light** and for the anointing oil and for the **sweet** incense.
[29]The children of Yisra'ĕl brought a voluntary offering to ֱיהוה, **all** the men and women whose **hearts** moved them to bring **all** kinds of **work** which ֱיהוה, by the **hand** of Mosheh, had **commanded** to be done.
[30]And Mosheh said to the children of Yisra'ĕl, "**See,** ֱיהוה has called by name Betsal'ĕl son of Uri, son of Ḥur, of the tribe of Yahuḏah,
[31]and **He** has filled him with the **Spirit** of **Elohim**, in **wisdom,** in **understanding** and in **knowledge** and in **all work,**
[32]to make designs, to **work** in gold and in silver and in bronze,
[33]and in cutting of stones for setting and in carving wood and to **work** in **all** workmanship of de**sign.**
[34]"And **He** has put in his **heart** the ability to **teach,** in him and Oholiaḇ son of Aḥisamaḵ, of the tribe of Dan.
[35]"He has filled them with **skill** to do **all** work of the engraver and the designer and embroiderer, in blue and in purple, in **scarlet** *material* and in fine linen and a weaver, doing any **work** and makers of **designs.**

36 "And Betsal'ĕl and Oholiaḇ and **every** wise-hearted man in whom ֱיהוה has **given wisdom** and **understanding**, **to know** how to do **all work** for the service of the set-apart place, ***shall*** do **according** to **all** that ֱיהוה has **commanded**."
[2]And Mosheh called Betsal'ĕl and Oholiaḇ and **every** wise-hearted man in whose **heart** ֱיהוה had **given wisdom,** everyone whose **heart** lifted him up, to **come** and do the work.
[3]And they received from Mosheh **all** the contribution which the children of Yisra'ĕl had brought for the **work** of the service of making the set-apart place. ***But*** they still brought to him voluntary offerings **every** morning,
[4]so **all** the craftsmen who were doing **all** the **work** of the set-apart place came, each from the **work** he was doing,
[5]and they spoke to Mosheh, saying, "The people bring much more than enough for the service of the **work** which ֱיהוה **commanded** us to do."
[6]***Then*** Mosheh **commanded** and they **sent** this **word** throughout the camp, saying, "**Let** neither man nor woman do any more **work** for the contribution of the set-apart place." And the people were withheld from bringing,
[7]for what they had was enough for **all** the **work** to be done, more than enough.
[8]***Then*** **all** the wise-hearted ones among them who worked on the **Dwelling Place** made ten curtains woven of fine linen and blue and purple and **scarlet** *material*. They made them with kerubim, the **work** of a skilled workman.
[9]The length of each curtain was twentyeight cubits and the width of each curtain four cubits, **all** the curtains having one measure.
[10]And he joined five curtains, one to another; and the other five curtains he joined, one to another.
[11]And he made loops of blue on the edge of **the end** curtain of one set, the **same** he did on the edge of **the end** curtain of the other set.
[12]Fifty loops he made on one curtain and fifty loops he made on the edge of **the end** curtain of the second set; the loops held one curtain to another.
[13]And he made fifty hooks of gold and joined the curtains to each other with the hooks and the **Dwelling Place** became one.
[14]And he made curtains of goats' hair for the tent over the **Dwelling Place,** he made eleven curtains.
[15]The length of each curtain was thirty cubits and the width of each curtain four cubits, the eleven curtains having one measure.
[16]And he joined five curtains by themselves and six curtains by themselves.
[17]And he made fifty loops on the edge

of **the end** curtain in one set and fifty loops he made on the edge of the curtain of the second set.
[18]And he made fifty bronze hooks to join the tent, to be one.
[19]And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins, dyed red and a covering of fine leather above that.
[20]And for the **Dwelling Place** he made boards of acacia wood, standing up.
[21]The length of each board was ten cubits and the width of each board a cubit and a half.
[22]Each board had two tenons for binding one to another. So he did to **all** the boards of the **Dwelling Place.**
[23]And he made boards for the **Dwelling Place,** twenty boards for the south side.
[24]And he made forty sockets of silver to go under the twenty boards and two sockets under each of the boards for its two tenons.
[25]And for the other side of the **Dwelling Place,** for the north side, he made twenty boards,
[26]and their forty sockets of silver, two sockets under the one board and two sockets under the other board.
[27]And he made six boards for the west side of the **Dwelling Place.**
[28]And he made two boards for the two back corners of the **Dwelling Place.**
[29]And they were double beneath and similarly they were **complete** to the top by one ring. So he did to both of them for the two corners.
[30]And there were eight boards and their silver sockets, sixteen sockets, two sockets under each of the boards.
[31]And he made bars of acacia wood, five for the boards on one side of the **Dwelling Place,**
[32]and five bars for the boards on the other side of the **Dwelling Place** and five bars for the boards of the **Dwelling Place** at the rear, westward.
[33]And he made the middle bar to pass through the boards from one end to the other.
[34]And he overlaid the boards with gold and their rings he made of gold to be holders for the bars and overlaid the bars with gold.
[35]And he made a veil of blue and purple and **scarlet** *material* and fine worked linen. It was made with kerubim, the **work** of a skilled workman.
[36]And he made four columns of acacia ***wood*** for it and overlaid them with gold, with their hooks of gold. And he *cast* four sockets of silver for them.
[37]And he made a covering for the **Tent door** of blue and purple and **scarlet** *material* and fine woven linen, made by a weaver,
[38]and its five columns with their hooks. And he overlaid their tops and their rings with gold, but their five sockets were of bronze.

37 And Betsal'ĕl made the ark of acacia wood, two and a half cubits long and a cubit and a half wide and a cubit and a half high.
[2]And he overlaid it with **clean** gold inside and outside and made a moulding of gold **all** around it.
[3]And he *cast* four rings of gold for it, for its four feet, two rings on its one side and two rings on its other side.
[4]And he made poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold.
[5]And he put the poles into the rings at the sides of the ark, to lift the ark.
[6]And he made a lid of atonement of **clean** gold, two and a half cubits long and a cubit and a half wide.
[7]And he made two kerubim of *beaten* gold. He made them from the two ends of the lid of atonement,
[8]one kerub at one end on this side and the other kerub at the other end on that side. He made the kerubim from the lid of atonement, from the two ends.
[9]And the kerubim spread out their wings above and covered the lid of atonement with their wings, with their faces toward each other, the faces of the kerubim were *turned* toward the lid of atonement.
[10]And he made the table of acacia wood, two cubits long and a cubit wide

and a cubit and a half high.
[11]And he overlaid it with **clean** gold and made a moulding of gold **all** around it.
[12]And he made a rim of a handbreadth **all** around it and made a moulding of gold for the rim **all** around it.
[13]And he *cast* four rings of gold for it and put the rings on the four corners that were at its four legs.
[14]The rings were next to the rim, as holders for the poles to lift the table.
[15]And he made the poles of acacia ***wood*** to lift the table and overlaid them with gold.
[16]And he made the utensils which were on the table, its dishes and its cups and its bowls and its jars for pouring, of **clean** gold.
[17]And he made the **lampstand** of **clean** gold. He made the **lampstand** of *beaten* **work,** its base and its shaft, its cups, its ornamental knobs and its blossoms were from it.
[18]And six branches came out of its sides: three branches of the **lampstand** out of one side and three branches of the **lampstand** out of the other side.
[19]There were three cups like almond flowers on one branch, with ornamental knob and blossom and three cups like almond flowers on the other branch, a knob and a blossom – so for the six branches **coming** out of the **lampstand.**
[20]And on the **lampstand** were four cups like almond flowers, its knobs and blossoms,
[21]and a knob under the **first** two branches of the **same** and a knob under the second two branches of the **same** and a knob under the third two branches of the **same,** for the six branches **coming** out of it.
[22]Their knobs and their branches were of it, **all** of it was one *beaten* **work** of **clean** gold.
[23]And he made its seven lamps and its snuffers and its trays, of **clean** gold.
[24]He made it of a talent of **clean** gold and **all** its utensils.
[25]And he made the incense altar of acacia wood, a cubit long and a cubit wide, square and two cubits high. Its horns were of it.
[26]And he overlaid it with **clean** gold, its top and its sides **all** around and its horns. And he made a moulding for it of gold **all** around it.
[27]And he made two rings of gold for it under its moulding, at its two corners on both sides, as holders for the poles with which to lift it.
[28]And he made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold.
[29]And he made the set-apart anointing oil and the **clean** incense of **sweet** spices, **according** to the **work** of the perfumer.

38 And he made the altar of burnt offering of acacia wood, five cubits long and five cubits wide, square and three cubits high.
[2]And he made its horns on its four corners, the horns were of it. And he overlaid it with bronze.
[3]And he made **all** the utensils for the altar: the pots and the shovels and the basins and the forks and the *fire* holders. **He** made **all** its utensils of bronze.
[4]And he made a grating for the altar, a bronze network, under its rim, midway from the bottom.
[5]And he *cast* four rings for the four corners of the bronze grating, as holders for the poles.
[6]And he made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with bronze.
[7]And he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the altar, with which to lift it. **He** made the altar hollow with boards.
[8]And he made the basin of bronze and its **stand** of bronze, from the bronze mirrors of the serving women who did service at the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting.
[9]And he made the courtyard: for the south side the screens of the courtyard were of fine woven linen, one hundred cubits long,
[10]their twenty columns and their twenty sockets, of bronze. The hooks of the

columns and their bands were of silver.
[11]And for the north side the screens were one hundred cubits long, their twenty columns and their twenty sockets, of bronze. The hooks of the columns and their bands were of silver.
[12]And for the west side there were screens of fifty cubits, their ten columns and their ten sockets. The hooks of the columns and their bands were of silver.
[13]And for the east side eastward, fifty cubits:
[14]fifty cubits of screens on the one side, with their three columns and their three sockets,
[15]and fifteen cubits of screens the other side of the courtyard gate, on this side and that side, with their three columns and their three sockets.
[16]All the screens of the courtyard **all** around were of fine woven linen.
[17]And the sockets for the columns were of bronze, the hooks of the columns and their bands were of silver and the overlay of their tops was of silver. And **all** the columns of the courtyard had bands of silver.
[18]And the covering for the gate of the courtyard was the **work** of an embroiderer, of blue and purple and **scarlet** *material* and of fine woven linen and twenty cubits long and the height along its width was five cubits, corresponding to the screens of the courtyard.
[19]And the columns were four and their sockets of bronze four, their hooks were of silver and the overlay of their tops and their bands was of silver.
[20]And **all** the pegs of the **Dwelling Place** and of the courtyard **all** around, were of bronze.
[21]These were the appointments of the **Dwelling Place,** the **Dwelling Place** of the Witness, which was **appointed** by the **command** of Mosheh, for the service of the Lĕwites, by the **hand** of Ithamar, son of Aharon the priest.
[22]And Betsal'ĕl son of Uri, son of Ḥur, of the tribe of Yahuḏah, made **all** that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had **commanded** Mosheh.
[23]And with him: Oholiaḇ son of Aḥisamaḵ, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver and designer, an embroiderer in blue and purple and **scarlet** *material* and in fine linen.
[24]All the gold prepared for the **work,** in **all** the **work** of the set-apart place – and it was the gold of the wave offering – came to be twenty-nine talents and seven hundred and thirty sheqels, **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place.
[25]And the silver from the ones counted of the congregation was one hundred talents and one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five sheqels, **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place:
[26]a beqa, half a sheqel for a head, **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place, for everyone passing over to those counted, from twenty years old and above, for six hundred and three thousand, five hundred and fifty *men*.
[27]And the hundred talents of silver were for casting the sockets of the set-apart place and the bases of the veil: one hundred sockets from the hundred talents, a talent for each socket.
[28]And of the one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five sheqels he made hooks for the columns and overlaid their tops and made bands for them.
[29]And the bronze of the wave offering was seventy talents and two thousand four hundred sheqels.
[30]And with it he made the sockets for the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting and the bronze altar and the bronze grating for it and **all** the utensils for the altar,
[31]and the sockets for the courtyard **all** around and the bases for the courtyard gate and **all** the pegs for the **Dwelling Place** and **all** the pegs for the courtyard **all** around.

39 And of the blue and purple and **scarlet** *material* they made woven garments, to do service in the set-apart place. And they made the set-apart garments which were for Aharon, as 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had **commanded** Mosheh.
[2]And he made the shoulder garment

of gold, of blue and purple and **scarlet** *material* and of fine woven linen.
[3]And they beat out sheets of gold and *cut* it into threads, to **work** it in with the blue and purple and **scarlet** *material,* and the fine linen, the **work** of a skilled workman.
[4]They made shoulder pieces for it to join it, it was joined at its two edges.
[5]And the embroidered band of his shoulder garment that was on it was of the **same work** of gold and blue and purple and **scarlet** *material* and of fine woven linen, as 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had **commanded** Mosheh.
[6]And they made the shoham stones, set in plated **work** of gold, engraved as signets are engraved, **according** to the names of the sons of Yisra'ĕl.
[7]And he put them on the shoulders of the shoulder garment, stones of **remembrance** for the sons of Yisra'ĕl, as 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had **commanded** Mosheh.
[8]And he made the breastplate, a **work** of a skilled workman, like the **work** of the shoulder garment, of gold, of blue and purple and **scarlet** *material* and of fine woven linen.
[9]It was square, they made the breastplate double, its length a span, its width a span, doubled.
[10]And they filled it with four rows of stones: a row of ruby, a topaz and an emerald was the **first** row;
[11]and the second row a turquoise, a sapphire and a diamond;
[12]and the third row a jacinth, an agate and an amethyst;
[13]and the fourth row a beryl, a shoham and a jasper – set in plated **work** of gold in their settings.
[14]And the stones were **according** to the names of the sons of Yisra'ĕl, twelve **according** to their names, engraved like a **signet,** each one with its own name **according** to the twelve tribes.
[15]And they made braided chains of corded **work** for the breastplate at the ends, of **clean** gold.
[16]And they made two settings of gold and two gold rings and put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate.
[17]And they put the two cords of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate.
[18]And the two ends of the two cords they fastened in the two settings and put them on the shoulder pieces of the shoulder garment in the front.
[19]And they made two rings of gold and put them on the two ends of the breastplate, on the edge of it, which was on the inward side of the shoulder garment.
[20]And they made two gold rings and put them on the two shoulder pieces, underneath the shoulder garment, on the front of it, close to its seam above the embroidered band of the shoulder garment.
[21]And they *bound* the breastplate by means of its rings to the rings of the shoulder garment with a blue cord, so that it would be above the embroidered band of the shoulder garment and that the breastplate *would not* **come** loose from the shoulder garment, as 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had **commanded** Mosheh.
[22]And he made the **robe** of the shoulder garment of woven **work, all** of blue.
[23]And the opening of the **robe** was in the middle, like the opening in a scaled armour, with a woven binding **all** around the opening, so that it *would not* tear.
[24]And they made on the hem of the **robe** pomegranates of blue and purple and **scarlet** *material*, t**wine**d.
[25]And they made bells of **clean** gold and put the bells between the pomegranates on the hem of the **robe all** around between the pomegranates:
[26]a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, **all** around the hem of the robe, for the service, as 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had **commanded** Mosheh.
[27]And they made the long shirt of fine linen, the **work** of a weaver, for Aharon and his sons,
[28]and a turban of fine linen and the turban ornaments of fine linen and short trousers of fine woven linen,
[29]and a girdle of fine woven linen with blue and purple and **scarlet** *material*, the **work** of an embroiderer, as 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had

commanded Mosheh.
[30]And they made the plate of the set-apart **sign** of **dedication** of **clean** gold and **wrote** on it an inscription like the engraving of a **signet: SET-APARTNESS** TO ꓤYHZ.
[31]And they put on it a blue cord, to fasten it above on the turban**,** as ꓤYHZ had **commanded** Mosheh.
[32]And **all** the **work** of the **Dwelling Place** of the **Tent** of Meeting was completed. And the children of Yisra'ĕl did **according** to **all** that ꓤYHZ had **commanded** Mosheh, so they did.
[33]And they brought the **Dwelling Place** to Mosheh, the tent and **all** its furnishings, its hooks, its boards, its bars and its columns and its sockets,
[34]and the covering of rams' skins dyed red and the covering of fine leather and the veil of the covering,
[35]the ark of the **witness** with its poles and the lid of atonement,
[36]the table and **all** its utensils and the showbread,
[37]the **clean lampstand** with its lamps, the **lamps** to be put in order and **all** its utensils and the oil for **light**,
[38]and the altar of gold and the anointing oil and the **sweet** incense and the covering for the **Tent door,**
[39]the bronze altar and its bronze grating, its poles and **all** its utensils, the basin with its stand,
[40]the screens of the courtyard, its columns and its sockets, the covering for the courtyard gate, its cords and its pegs and **all** the utensils for the service of the **Dwelling Place,** for the **Tent** of Meeting,
[41]the woven garments, to do service in the set-apart place: the set-apart garments for Aharon the priest and his sons' garments, to **serve** as priests.
[42]According to **all** that ꓤYHZ had **commanded** Mosheh, so the children of Yisra'ĕl did **all** the work.
[43]And Mosheh **looked** over **all** the **work** and **saw** they did it as ꓤYHZ had **commanded**, so they had done. And Mosheh **blessed** them.

40 And ꓤYHZ spoke to Mosheh,
[2]"On the **first day of** the **first** month, you are to **raise** up the **Dwelling Place** of the **Tent** of Meeting,
[3]and ***shall*** put in it the ark of the Witness and screen the ark with the veil.
[4]"And you ***shall*** bring in the table and arrange what belongs on it and bring in the **lampstand** and **light** its lamps.
[5]"And you ***shall*** set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of the Witness and put up the covering of the **door** to the **Dwelling Place.**
[6]"And you ***shall*** set the altar of the burnt offering before the **door** of the **Dwelling Place** of the **Tent** of Meeting,
[7]and ***shall*** set the basin between the **Tent** of Meeting and the altar and ***shall*** put water therein.
[8]"And you ***shall*** set up the courtyard **all** around and ***shall*** place the covering of the courtyard gate,
[9]and ***shall*** take the anointing oil and **anoint** the **Dwelling Place** and **all** that is in it and ***shall*** set it and **all** its utensils apart and it ***shall*** **be** set-apart.
[10]"And you ***shall*** **anoint** the altar of the burnt offering and **all** its utensils and set the altar apart and the altar ***shall*** **be** most set-apart.
[11]"And you ***shall*** **anoint** the basin and its stand and set it apart.
[12]"And you ***shall*** bring Aharon and his sons to the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting and wash them with water.
[13]"And you ***shall*** put the set-apart garments on Aharon and **anoint** him and set him apart to **serve** as priest to **Me.**
[14]"And you ***shall*** bring his sons and put long shirts on them,
[15]and ***shall*** **anoint** them, as you **anointed** their father and they ***shall*** **serve** as priests to **Me.** And their anointing ***shall*** **be** for them an **everlasting** priesthood throughout their generations."
[16]And Mosheh did **according** to **all** that ꓤYHZ had **commanded** him, so he did.
[17]And it came to be in the **first** month of the second year, on the **first day of** the month, that the **Dwelling Place** was

raised up.
[18]And Mosheh **raised** up the **Dwelling Place** and placed its sockets and set up its boards and put in its bars and **raised** up its columns,
[19]and spread the tent over the **Dwelling Place** and put the covering of the tent on top of it, as 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had **commanded** Mosheh.
[20]And he took the **witness** and put it into the ark and he put the poles through the rings of the ark and put the lid of atonement on top of the ark,
[21]and brought the ark into the **Dwelling Place** and placed the veil of the covering to screen off the ark of the Witness, as 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had **commanded** Mosheh.
[22]And he put the table in the **Tent** of Meeting, on the north side of the **Dwelling Place,** outside the veil,
[23]and set the **bread in order** upon it before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, as 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had **commanded** Mosheh.
[24]And he put the **lampstand** in the **Tent** of Meeting, opposite the table, on the south side of the **Dwelling Place,**
[25]and lit the **lamps** before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, as 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had **commanded** Mosheh.
[26]And he put the gold altar in the **Tent** of Meeting in front of the veil,
[27]and *burned* **sweet** incense on it, as 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had **commanded** Mosheh.
[28]And he set up the covering to the **door** of the **Dwelling Place.**
[29]And he put the altar of burnt offering before the **door** of the **Dwelling Place** of the **Tent** of Meeting and offered upon it the burnt offering and the grain offering, as 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had **commanded** Mosheh.
[30]And he put the basin between the **Tent** of Meeting and the altar and put water therein for washing.
[31]And Mosheh and Aharon and his sons washed their hands and their feet with water from it,
[32]as they went into the **Tent** of Meeting and as they came **near** the altar. They would wash, as 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had **commanded** Mosheh.
[33]And he **raised** up the courtyard **all** around the **Dwelling Place** and the altar and placed the covering of the courtyard gate. And Mosheh **completed** the work.
[34]And the cloud covered the **Tent** of Meeting and the **esteem** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 filled the **Dwelling Place.**
[35]And Mosheh was not able to **come** into the **Tent** of Meeting, **<u>because</u>** the cloud dwelt on it and the **esteem** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 filled the **Dwelling Place.**
[36]And when the cloud was taken up from above the **Dwelling Place,** the children of Yisra'ĕl went onward in **all** their journeys.
[37]***But*** if the cloud was not taken up, then they *did not* set out til the day that it was taken up.
[38]For the cloud of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 was on the **Dwelling Place** by day and *fire* was on it by night, before the eyes of **all** the house of Yisra'ĕl, in **all** their journeys.

WAYYIQRA

LEVITICUS — 3 MOSHEH

1 And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 called to Mosheh and spoke to him from the **Tent** of Meeting, ,
2 **"Speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl and say to them, '***When*** anyone of you brings an offering to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, you bring your offering of the livestock, of the herd or of the flock.
3 '***If*** his offering is a burnt offering of the herd, let him bring a male, a **perfect** one. **Let** him bring it at the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting, for his acceptance before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
4 'And he ***shall*** lay his **hand** on the head of the burnt offering and it ***shall*** **be** accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him.
5 'And he ***shall*** slaughter the bull before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄. And the sons of Aharon, the priests, ***shall*** bring the **blood** and sprinkle the **blood all** around on the altar which is at the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting.
6 'And he ***shall*** skin the burnt offering and *cut* it into its pieces.
7 'And the sons of Aharon the priest ***shall*** put *fire* on the altar and lay the ***wood*** **in order** on the *fire*.
8 'And the sons of Aharon, the priests, ***shall*** arrange the pieces, with the head and the fat on the ***wood*** which is on the *fire* on the altar.
9 '***But*** its entrails and its legs he washes with water. And the priest ***shall*** *burn* **all** of it on the altar as a burnt offering, an offering made by *fire*, a **sweet** fragrance to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
10 'And if his offering is from the flock, from the sheep or from the goats as a burnt offering, let him bring a male, a **perfect** one.
11 'And he ***shall*** slaughter it on the north side of the altar before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄. And the sons of Aharon, the priests, ***shall*** sprinkle its **blood** on the altar **all** around.
12 'And he ***shall cut*** it into its pieces, with its head and its fat and the priest ***shall*** arrange them on the ***wood*** which is on the *fire* on the altar.
13 '***But*** the entrails and the legs he washes with water. And the priest ***shall*** bring it **all** and burn it on the altar. It is a burnt offering, an offering made by *fire*, a **sweet** fragrance to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
14 'And if the burnt offering of his offering to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is of birds, then he ***shall*** bring his offering of turtledoves or young pigeons.
15 'And the priest ***shall*** bring it to the altar and ***shall*** wring off its head and burn it on the altar and its **blood** ***shall*** **be** drained out at the side of the altar.
16 'And he ***shall*** remove its crop with its feathers and *throw* it beside the altar on the east side, into the place for ashes.
17 'And he ***shall*** split it at its wings, but not sever it. And the priest ***shall*** *burn* it on the altar, on the ***wood*** that is on the *fire*. It is a burnt offering, an offering made by *fire*, a **sweet** fragrance to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.

2 'And when anyone brings a grain offering to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, his offering is to be of fine flour. And he ***shall*** pour oil on it and put frankincense on it,
2 and he ***shall*** bring it to the sons of Aharon, the priests and he ***shall*** take from it his **hand** filled with fine flour and oil with **all** the frankincense. And the priest ***shall*** *burn* it as a **remembrance** portion on the altar, an offering made by *fire*, a **sweet** fragrance to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
3 'And the rest of the grain offering is for Aharon and his sons, most set-apart of the offerings to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 by *fire*.
4 'And when you bring as an offering a grain offering baked in the oven, it is of unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, or unleavened thin cakes

anointed with oil.
5 ‘***But*** if your offering is a grain offering on the griddle, it is of fine flour, unleavened, mixed with oil.
6 ‘Divide it into bits and pour oil on it, it is a grain offering.
7 ‘And if your offering is a grain offering, in a stewing-pot, it is made of fine flour with oil.
8 ‘And you ***shall*** bring to יהוה the grain offering that is made of these and ***shall*** present it to the priest and he ***shall*** bring it to the altar.
9 ‘And the priest ***shall*** take from the grain offering a **remembrance** portion and burn it on the altar, an offering made by *fire*, a **sweet** fragrance to יהוה.
10 ‘And the rest of the grain offering is for Aharon and his sons, most set-apart of the offerings to יהוה made by *fire*.
11 ‘No grain offering which you bring to יהוה is made with leaven, for *you do not* burn any *leaven* or any honey in an offering to יהוה made by *fire*.
12 ‘Bring them to יהוה as an offering of the **first-fruits**, but they are not *burned* on the altar for a **sweet** fragrance.
13 ‘And season with **salt every** offering of your grain offering and *do not* allow the **salt** of the **covenant** of your **Elohim** to be lacking from your grain offering. With **all** your offerings you bring **salt.**
14 ‘And if you bring a grain offering of your **first-fruits** to יהוה, bring for the grain offering of your **first-fruits** green heads of grain roasted on the *fire*, crushed heads of new grain.
15 ‘And you ***shall*** put oil on it and lay frankincense on it. It is a grain offering.
16 ‘And the priest ***shall*** *burn* the **remembrance** portion, from its crushed grain and from its oil, with **all** the frankincense, an offering made by *fire* to יהוה.

3 ‘And if that which he presents is a peace offering, if he is bringing it of the herd, whether male or female, he brings a **perfect** one before יהוה.
2 ‘And he ***shall*** lay his **hand** on the head of his offering and slaughter it at the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting. And the sons of Aharon, the priests, ***shall*** sprinkle the **blood** on the altar **all** around.
3 ‘And from the **peace** offering he ***shall*** bring an offering made by *fire* to יהוה, the fat that covers the entrails and **all** the fat that is on the entrails,
4 and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them by the loins and the appendage on the liver which he removes with the kidneys.
5 ‘And the sons of Aharon ***shall*** *burn* it on the altar upon the burnt offering, which is on the wood, which is on the *fire*, as an offering made by *fire*, a **sweet** fragrance to יהוה.
6 ‘And if that which he presents is from the flock, for a **peace** offering to יהוה, male or female, he brings a **perfect** one.
7 ‘***If*** he is bringing a **lamb** as his offering, then he ***shall*** bring it before יהוה,
8 and ***shall*** lay his **hand** on the head of his offering and slaughter it in front of the **Tent** of Meeting and the sons of Aharon ***shall*** sprinkle its **blood** on the altar round about.
9 ‘And from the **peace** offering he ***shall*** bring **near** – as an offering made by *fire* to יהוה – its fat, **all** the fat tail which he removes close to the backbone and the fat that covers the entrails and **all** the fat that is on the entrails,
10 and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them by the loins and the appendage on the liver, which he removes with the kidneys.
11 ‘And the priest ***shall*** *burn* them on the altar as food, an offering made by *fire* to יהוה.
12 ‘And if his offering is a goat, then he ***shall*** bring it before יהוה,
13 and ***shall*** lay his **hand** on its head and slaughter it before the **Tent** of Meeting. And the sons of Aharon ***shall*** sprinkle its **blood** on the altar **all** around.
14 ‘And from it he ***shall*** bring his offering, as an offering made by *fire* to יהוה, the fat that covers the entrails

and **all** the fat that is on the entrails,
[15]and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them by the loins and the appendage on the liver, which he removes with the kidneys.
[16]‘And the priest ***shall*** *burn* them on the altar as food, an offering made by *fire* for a **sweet** fragrance. All the fat belongs to ֵיהוָה.
[17]‘An **everlasting law** throughout your generations in **all** your dwellings: *you do not* eat any fat or any blood.’ ”

4 And ֵיהוָה spoke to Mosheh,
[2]**“Speak** to the children of Yisra’ĕl, saying, ‘***When*** a being *sins* by *mistake* *against* any of the **commands** of ֵיהוָה, which are not to be done and ***shall*** do any of them:
[3]‘***If*** the **anointed** priest *sins*, bringing *guilt* on the people, then he ***shall*** bring to ֵיהוָה for his *sin* which he has *sinned* a young bull, a **perfect** one, as a *sin* offering,
[4]and he ***shall*** bring the bull to the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting before ֵיהוָה and ***shall*** lay his **hand** on the bull’s head and slaughter the bull before ֵיהוָה.
[5]‘And the **anointed** priest ***shall*** take some of the bull’s **blood** and bring it to the **Tent** of Meeting,
[6]and the priest ***shall*** dip his **finger** in the **blood** and sprinkle some of the **blood** seven times before ֵיהוָה, in front of the veil of the set-apart place.
[7]‘And the priest ***shall*** put some of the **blood** on the horns of the altar of **sweet** incense before ֵיהוָה, which is in the **Tent** of Meeting and pour **all** the **blood** of the bull at the base of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting.
[8]‘***Then*** he takes **all** the fat of the bull as the *sin* offering, the fat that covers the entrails and **all** the fat which is on the entrails,
[9]and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them by the loins and the appendage on the liver, which he removes with the kidneys,
[10]as it was taken from the bull of the **peace** offering. And the priest ***shall*** *burn* them on the altar of the burnt offering.
[11]‘***But*** the skin of the bull and **all** its *flesh,* with its head and legs, its entrails and *dung* –
[12]all of the bull – he ***shall*** bring outside the camp to a **clean** place, where the ashes are poured out and burn it on ***wood*** with *fire*. Where the ashes are **poured out** it is *burned*.
[13]‘And if the entire congregation of Yisra’ĕl *strays* by *mistake* and the matter has been *hidden* from the eyes of the **assembly** and they have done *against* any of the **commands** of ֵיהוָה, which are not to be done and ***shall*** **be** *guilty*,
[14]when the *sin* which they have *sinned* becomes **known**, then the assembly ***shall*** bring a young bull for the *sin* and bring it before the **Tent** of Meeting.
[15]‘And the elders of the congregation ***shall*** lay their hands on the head of the bull before ֵיהוָה and the bull ***shall*** **be** slaughtered before ֵיהוָה.
[16]‘And the **anointed** priest ***shall*** bring some of the bull’s **blood** to the **Tent** of Meeting,
[17]and the priest ***shall*** dip his **finger** in the **blood** and sprinkle it seven times before ֵיהוָה, in front of the veil,
[18]and put some of the **blood** on the horns of the altar which is before ֵיהוָה, which is in the **Tent** of Meeting and pour **all** the **blood** at the base of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting.
[19]‘***Then*** he takes **all** the fat from it and ***shall*** *burn* it on the altar.
[20]‘And he ***shall*** do with the bull as he did with the bull as a *sin* offering – so ***shall*** he do it. And the priest ***shall*** make atonement for them and it ***shall*** **be forgiven** them.
[21]‘And he ***shall*** bring the bull outside the camp and burn it as he *burned* the **first** bull. It is a *sin* offering for the assembly.
[22]‘***When*** a ruler *sins* and by *mistake* has done *against* any of the **commands** of ֵיהוָה his **Elohim** which are not to be done and ***shall*** **be** *guilty*,

[23]or if his *sin* which he has *sinned* is made **known** to him, then he ***shall*** bring as his offering a buck of the goats, a male, a **perfect** one.
[24]‘And he ***shall*** lay his **hand** on the head of the goat and slaughter it at the place where they slaughter the burnt offering before יהוה. It is a *sin* offering.
[25]‘And the priest ***shall*** take some of the blood of the *sin* offering with his **finger** and ***shall*** put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour its **blood** at the base of the altar of burnt offering,
[26]and burn **all** its fat on the altar, like the fat of the slaughtering of the **peace** offering. And the priest ***shall*** make atonement for him for his *sin* and it ***shall*** **be forgiven** him.
[27]‘And if any being of the people of the land *sins* by *mistake* by doing *against* any of the **commands** of יהוה which are not to be done and ***shall*** **be** *guilty*,
[28]or if his *sin* which he has *sinned* ***shall*** **be** made **known** to him, then he ***shall*** bring as his offering a female goat, a **perfect** one, for his *sin* which he has *sinned*.
[29]‘And he ***shall*** lay his **hand** on the head of the *sin* offering and slaughter the *sin* offering at the place of the burnt offering.
[30]‘And the priest ***shall*** take some of its **blood** with his **finger** and ***shall*** put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour **all** the **blood** at the base of the altar,
[31]then remove **all** its fat, as fat is removed from the slaughtering of the **peace** offering. And the priest ***shall*** *burn* it on the altar for a **sweet** fragrance to יהוה. And the priest ***shall*** make atonement for him and it ***shall*** **be forgiven** him.
[32]‘And if he brings a **lamb** as his *sin* offering, he brings a female, a **perfect** one.
[33]‘And he ***shall*** lay his **hand** on the head of the *sin* offering and slaughter it as a *sin* offering at the place where they slaughter the burnt offering.
[34]‘And the priest ***shall*** take some of the **blood** of the *sin* offering with his **finger** and ***shall*** put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour **all** the **blood** at the base of the altar.
[35]‘***Then*** he removes **all** its fat, as the fat of the **lamb** is removed from the slaughtering of the **peace** offering. And the priest ***shall*** *burn* it on the altar, **according** to the offerings made by *fire* to יהוה. So the priest ***shall*** make atonement for his *sin* that he has *sinned* and it ***shall*** **be forgiven** him.

5 ‘And when a being *sins* in that he has **heard** the **voice** of *swearing* and is a **witness,** or has **seen,** or has **known**, but *does not* **reveal** it, he ***shall*** bear his *crookedness*.
[2]‘Or when a being *touches* any *unclean* matter, or the carcass of an *unclean* beast, or the carcass of *unclean* livestock, or the carcass of *unclean* creeping creatures and it has been *hidden* from him, he is *unclean* and *guilty*.
[3]‘Or when he *touches uncleanness* of man, any of his *uncleanness* by which he is *unclean* and it has been *hidden* from him, when he ***shall*** **know** it, then he ***shall*** **be** *guilty*.
[4]‘Or when a being swears, speaking *rashly* with his lips to do *evil* or to do **good**, ***whatever*** it is that a man swears *rashly* with an oath and it has been *hidden* from him, when he ***shall*** **know** it, then he ***shall*** **be** *guilty* of one of these.
[5]‘And it ***shall*** **be,** when he is *guilty* of one of these, that he ***shall*** confess that in which he has *sinned*,
[6]and ***shall*** bring his *guilt* offering to יהוה for his *sin* which he has *sinned*, a female from the flock, a **lamb** or a female goat as a *sin* offering. And the priest ***shall*** make atonement for him, for his *sin*.
[7]‘And if he is *unable* to bring a lamb, then he ***shall*** bring to יהוה, he who has *sinned*, two turtledoves or two young pigeons, one for a *sin* offering and the other for a burnt offering.

[8]‘And he ***shall*** bring them to the priest, who ***shall*** bring **near** that which is for the *sin* offering **first** and wring off its head from its neck, but not sever it.
[9]‘And he ***shall*** sprinkle some of the **blood** of the *sin* offering on the side of the altar and the rest of the **blood** ***shall*** **be** drained out at the base of the altar. It is a *sin* offering.
[10]‘And he ***shall*** **prepare** the second as a burnt offering **according** to the right-ruling and the priest ***shall*** make atonement for him, for his *sin* which he has *sinned* and it ***shall*** **be forgiven** him.
[11]‘***But*** if he is *unable* to bring two turtle doves or two young pigeons, then he who *sinned* ***shall*** bring for his offering oneteenth of an ĕphah of fine flour as a *sin* offering. **He** puts no oil on it, nor does he put any frankincense on it, for it is a *sin* offering.
[12]‘And he ***shall*** bring it to the priest and the priest ***shall*** take his **hand** filled with it as a **remembrance** portion and burn it on the altar **according** to the offerings made by *fire* to ה׳. It is a *sin* offering.
[13]‘And the priest ***shall*** make atonement for him, for his *sin* that he has *sinned* in any of these and it ***shall*** **be forgiven** him. And it ***shall*** **be** the priest’s, like a grain offering.’ ”
[14]And ה׳ spoke to Mosheh,
[15]“***When*** a being commits a *trespass* and has *sinned* by *mistake* <u>*against*</u> the set-apart matters of ה׳, then he ***shall*** bring to ה׳ as his *guilt* offering a ram, a **perfect** one, from the flock, with your valuation in sheqels of silver **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place, as a *guilt* offering.
[16]“And he ***shall*** make **good** for the *sin* that he has done <u>*against*</u> that which is set-apart and ***shall*** add one-fifth to it and give it to the priest. And the priest ***shall*** make atonement for him with the ram of the *guilt* offering and it ***shall*** **be forgiven** him.
[17]“And when any being *sins* and has done what is not to be done, <u>*against*</u> any of the **commands** of ה׳, though he **knew** it not, yet he ***shall*** **be** *guilty* and ***shall*** bear his *crookedness*.
[18]“***Then*** he ***shall*** bring to the priest a ram, a **perfect** one, from the flock, with your valuation, as a *guilt* offering. And the priest ***shall*** make atonement for his *mistake* he committed unintentionally, though he *did not* **know** it and it ***shall*** **be forgiven** him –
[19]it is a *guilt* offering, he was **truly** *guilty* before ה׳.”

6 And ה׳ spoke to Mosheh,
[2]“***When*** any being *sins* and committed a *trespass* <u>*against*</u> ה׳ and has *lied* to his neighbour about a deposit, or about a pledge, or about a robbery, or ***shall*** extort from his neighbour,
[3]or has **found** what was *lost* and has *lied* concerning it, or did swear falsely, so that he *sins* in regard to any one of **all** these that a man does,
[4]then it ***shall*** **be,** when he *sins* and ***shall*** **be** *guilty*, that he ***shall*** **return** what he took by robbery, or what he has extorted, or the deposit which was deposited with him, or the *lost* item which he found,
[5]or **all** that about which he **swore** falsely. **He** ***shall*** **repay** its total value, add one-fifth more to it and give it to whom it belongs, on the **day of** his *guilt* offering.
[6]“***Then*** he brings his *guilt* offering to ה׳, a ram, a **perfect** one, from the flock, with your valuation, as a *guilt* offering, to the priest.
[7]“And the priest ***shall*** make atonement for him before ה׳ and he ***shall*** **be forgiven** for ***whatever*** he did that made him *guilty*.”
[8]And ה׳ spoke to Mosheh,
[9]“**Command** Aharon and his sons, saying, ‘This is the **Torah** of the burnt offering: This is the burnt offering, <u>**because**</u> it is *burned* on the altar **all** night until morning and the *fire* of the altar is kept *burning* on it.
[10]‘And the priest ***shall*** put on his linen garment and put his linen trousers on

his body and ***shall*** take up the ashes of the burnt offering which the *fire* has *consumed* on the altar and ***shall*** put them beside the altar.
11‘And he ***shall*** take off his garments and put on other garments and ***shall*** bring the ashes outside the camp to a **clean** place.
12‘And the *fire* on the altar is kept *burning* on it, it is not put out. And the priest ***shall*** *burn* ***wood*** on it **every** morning and arrange the burnt offering on it and ***shall*** *burn* on it the fat of the **peace** offerings –
13*fire* is continually kept *burning* on the altar, it is not put out.
14‘And this is the **Torah** of the grain offering: The sons of Aharon ***shall*** bring it **near** before ֱיהוה, in front of the altar,
15and ***shall*** take from it with his **hand** from the fine flour of the grain offering and from its oil and **all** the frankincense which is on the grain offering and ***shall*** *burn* it on the altar for a **sweet** fragrance, as its **remembrance** portion to ֱיהוה.
16‘***Then*** Aharon and his sons eat the rest of it. It is eaten with **unleavened** bread, in the set-apart place. They eat it in the court yard of the **Tent** of Meeting.
17‘It is not baked with leaven. I have **given** it to them as their portion of **My** offerings made by *fire*, it is most set-apart, like the *sin* offering and the *guilt* offering.
18‘All the males among the children of Aharon eat it – a **law forever** in your generations concerning the offerings made by *fire* to ֱיהוה. All that *touches* them is to be set-apart.’ ”
19And ֱיהוה spoke to Mosheh,
20“This is the offering of Aharon and his sons, which they bring **near** to ֱיהוה, beginning on the day when he is **anointed**: one-tenth of an ĕphah of fine flour as a daily grain offering, half of it in the morning and half of it at night.
21“It is made on a griddle with oil. Bring it in mixed, bring the baked portions of the grain offering near,a **sweet** fragrance to ֱיהוה.
22“And the **anointed** priest from among his sons, who is in his place, prepares it – a **law forever** to ֱיהוה. All of it has to be *burned*,
23and **every** grain offering for the priest is **completely** *burned*, it is not eaten.”
24And ֱיהוה spoke to Mosheh,
25**“Speak** to Aharon and to his sons, saying, ‘This is the **Torah** of the *sin* offering: In the place where the burnt offering is slaughtered, the *sin* offering is slaughtered before ֱיהוה, it is most set-apart.
26‘The priest who is making atonement eats it, in the set-apart place it is eaten, in the courtyard of the **Tent** of Meeting.
27‘All that *touches* its *flesh* is to be set-apart. And when its **blood** is sprinkled on any garment, you wash that on which it was sprinkled, in a set-apart place.
28‘***But*** the earthen vessel in which it is cooked is to be broken. And if it is cooked in a bronze pot, then it is scoured and rinsed in water.
29‘Every male among the priests eats it, it is most set-apart.
30‘And no *sin* offering from which any of the **blood** is brought into the **Tent** of Meeting, to make atonement in the set-apart place, is eaten, it is *burned* with *fire*.

7 ‘And this is the **Torah** of the *guilt* offering – it is most set-apart.
2‘The *guilt* offering is slaughtered in the place where they slaughter the burnt offering and its **blood** is sprinkled on the altar **all** around.
3‘***Then*** he brings from it **all** its fat: the fat tail and the fat that covers the entrails,
4and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them by the loins and the appendage on the liver, which he removes with the kidneys.
5‘And the priest ***shall*** *burn* them on the altar as an offering made by *fire* to ֱיהוה. It is a *guilt* offering.
6‘Every male among the priests eats it. It is eaten in the set-apart place, it is

most set-apart.
7 ‘The *guilt* offering is like the *sin* offering, there is one **Torah** for them both: the priest who makes atonement with it, it is his.
8 ‘And the priest who brings anyone’s burnt offering, the skin of the burnt offering which he has brought is the priest’s, it is his.
9 ‘And **every** grain offering that is baked in the oven and **all** that is prepared in the stewing-pot, or on a griddle, is the priest’s who brings it, it is his.
10 ‘And **every** grain offering mixed with oil, or dry, is for **all** the sons of Aharon, for **all** alike.
11 ‘And this is the **Torah** of the slaughtering of **peace** offerings which is brought to ֱיהוה:
12 ‘***If*** he brings it for a **thanksgiving**, then he ***shall*** bring with the slaughtering of **thanksgiving** unleavened cakes mixed with oil and unleavened thin cakes **anointed** with oil, or cakes of finely blended flour mixed with oil.
13 ‘Besides the cakes, he brings as his offering leavened **bread together** with the slaughtering of **thanksgiving** of his **peace** offering.
14 ‘And from it he ***shall*** bring one cake from each offering as a contribution to ֱיהוה: to the priest who sprinkles the **blood** of the **peace** offering, it is his.
15 ‘As for the *flesh* of the slaughtering of his **peace** offering for **thanksgiving**, it is eaten the **same** day it is offered, he *does not* leave any of it until morning.
16 ‘***If*** the offering he brings is a vow or a voluntary offering, it is eaten the **same** day that he brings his slaughtering and what is left of it is eaten the next day,
17 but ***whatever*** is left of the *flesh* of the slaughtering on the third day is *burned* with *fire*.
18 ‘However, if any of the *flesh* of his **peace** offering is eaten at **all** on the third day, it is not accepted. It is not reckoned to him who brings it, it is *unclean* to him and the being who eats of it bears his *crookedness*.
19 ‘And the *flesh* that *touches* that which is *unclean* is not eaten, it is *burned* with *fire*. And as for the **clean** *flesh,* **all** who are **clean** eat of it.
20 ‘***But*** the being who eats the *flesh* of the **peace** offering that belongs to ֱיהוה, while he is *unclean,* that being ***shall*** **be** *cut off* from his people.
21 ‘And when a being who *touches* that which is *unclean,* of the *uncleanness* of man, or of the *uncleanness* of beast, or of any *unclean* swarming creature and ***shall*** eat the *flesh* of the **peace** offering that belongs to ֱיהוה, that being ***shall*** **be** *cut off* from his people.’ ”
22 And ֱיהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,
23 **“Speak** to the children of Yisra’ĕl, saying, ‘***Do*** *not* eat any fat, of bull or sheep or goat.
24 ‘And the fat of a *dead* body and the fat of what is torn, is used for any purpose, but *you do not* eat it at **all.**
25 ‘For ***whoever*** eats the fat of the beast of which men bring as an offering made by *fire* to ֱיהוה, even the being who eats it ***shall*** **be** *cut off* from his people.
26 ‘And *do not* eat any **blood** in any of your dwellings, of bird or of beast.
27 ‘Any being who eats any **blood,** even that being ***shall*** **be** *cut off* from his people.’ ”
28 And ֱיהוה spoke to Mosheh,
29 **“Speak** to the children of Yisra’ĕl, saying, ‘He who brings his **peace** offering to ֱיהוה brings his offering to ֱיהוה from the slaughtering of his **peace** offering.
30 ‘With his own hands he brings the offerings made by *fire* to ֱיהוה. He brings the fat with the breast, to be waved as a wave offering before ֱיהוה.
31 ‘And the priest ***shall*** *burn* the fat on the altar, but the breast ***shall*** **be** Aharon’s and his sons.’
32 ‘And the **right** thigh you give to the priest as a contribution from your **peace** offerings.
33 ‘He among the sons of Aharon, who brings the **blood** of the **peace** offering and the fat, the **right** thigh is his for a portion.
34 ‘For the breast of the wave offering

and the thigh of the contribution I have taken from the children of Yisra'ĕl, from their **peace** offerings and I give them to Aharon the priest and to his sons, as a **law forever**, from the children of Yisra'ĕl.' "

35This is the **anointed** portion for Aharon and the **anointed** portion for his sons, from the offerings made by *fire* to ꓤYHZ, on the day when Mosheh presented them to **serve** as priests to ꓤYHZ,

36which ꓤYHZ **commanded** to be **given** to them by the children of Yisra'ĕl, on the day that **He anointed** them, a **law forever** throughout their generations.

37This is the **Torah** of the burnt offering, of the grain offering and of the *sin* offering and of the *guilt* offering and of the ordinations and of the **peace** offering,

38which ꓤYHZ **commanded** Mosheh on Mount Sinai, on the day when **He commanded** the children of Yisra'ĕl to bring their offerings to ꓤYHZ, in the Wilderness of Sinai.

8 And ꓤYHZ spoke to Mosheh,

2"Take Aharon and his sons and the garments and the anointing oil and the bull of the *sin* offering and the two rams and the basket of unleavened bread,

3and **assemble all** the congregation at the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting."

4And Mosheh did as ꓤYHZ **commanded** him and the congregation was **assembled** at the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting.

5And Mosheh said to the congregation, "This is the **word** ꓤYHZ **commanded** to be done."

6So Mosheh brought Aharon and his sons and washed them with water,

7and put the long shirt on him and girded him with the girdle and dressed him in the robe and put the shoulder garment on him and girded him with the embroidered band of the shoulder garment and with it tied the shoulder garment on him,

8and put the breastplate on him and put the Urim and the Tummim in the breastplate,

9and put the turban on his head. And on the turban**,** on its front, he put the golden plate, the set-apart **sign** of **dedication,** as ꓤYHZ had **commanded** Mosheh.

10And Mosheh took the anointing oil and **anointed** the **Dwelling Place** and **all** that was in it and set them apart.

11And he sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times and **anointed** the altar and **all** its utensils and the basin and its base, to set them apart.

12And he poured some of the anointing oil on Aharon's head and **anointed** him, to set him apart.

13And Mosheh brought the sons of Aharon and put long shirts on them and girded them with girdles and put turbans on them, as ꓤYHZ had **commanded** Mosheh.

14And he brought the bull for the *sin* offering and Aharon and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull for the *sin* offering,

15and it was slaughtered. And Mosheh took the **blood** and put some on the horns of the altar **all** around with his **finger** and **cleansed** the altar. And he poured the **blood** at the base of the altar and set it apart, to make atonement for it.

16And he took **all** the fat that was on the entrails and the appendage on the liver and the two kidneys with their fat and Mosheh *burned* them on the altar.

17And the bull and its skin and its *flesh* and its dung, he *burned* with *fire* outside the camp, as ꓤYHZ had **commanded** Mosheh.

18And he brought the ram of the burnt offering and Aharon and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram,

19and it was slaughtered. And Mosheh sprinkled the **blood** on the altar **all** around,

20and he *cut* the ram into pieces. And Mosheh *burned* the head and the pieces and the fat,

21and he washed the entrails and the

legs in water. And Mosheh *burned* the entire ram on the altar. It was a burnt offering for a **sweet** fragrance and an offering made by *fire* to ꓤYHZ, as ꓤYHZ had **commanded** Mosheh.

22And he brought the second ram, the ram of ordination and Aharon and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram,

23and it was slaughtered. And Mosheh took some of its **blood** and put it on the tip of Aharon's **right** ear and on the thumb of his **right hand** and on the big toe of his **right** foot.

24And he brought **near** the sons of Aharon and Mosheh put some of the **blood** on the tips of their **right ears** and on the thumbs of their **right** hands and on the big toes of their **right** feet. And Mosheh sprinkled the **blood** on the altar **all** around,

25and took the fat and the fat tail and **all** the fat that was on the entrails and the appendage on the liver and the two kidneys and their fat and the **right** thigh,

26and from the basket of unleavened **bread** that was before ꓤYHZ he took one unleavened cake and a cake of **bread anointed** with oil and one thin cake and put them on the fat and on the **right** thigh,

27and placed **all** these in the hands of Aharon and in the hands of his sons and waved them as a wave offering before ꓤYHZ.

28Mosheh then took them from their hands and *burned* them on the altar, on the burnt offering. They were ordinations for a **sweet** fragrance. It was an offering by *fire* to ꓤYHZ.

29And Mosheh took the breast and waved it, a wave offering before ꓤYHZ. It was Mosheh's portion of the ram of ordination, as ꓤYHZ had **commanded** Mosheh.

30And Mosheh took some of the **anointing** oil and some of the **blood** which was on the altar and sprinkled it on Aharon, on his garments and on his sons and on the garments of his sons with him. And he set-apart Aharon, his garments and his sons and the garments of his sons with him.

31And Mosheh said to Aharon and his sons, "Cook the *flesh* at the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting and eat it there with the **bread** that is in the basket of the ordinations, as I have **commanded**, saying,'Aharon and his sons are to eat it.'

32"***Then*** burn the rest of the *flesh* and the **bread** with *fire*.

33"And *do not* go outside the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting for seven days, until the days of your ordination are **completed** – for he fills your hands for seven days.

34"ꓤYHZ has **commanded** to do, as he has done this day, to make atonement for you.

35"And stay at the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting day and night for seven days. And you ***shall*** **guard** the duty of ꓤYHZ and not *die,* for so I have been **commanded**."

36And Aharon and his sons did **all** the **words** that ꓤYHZ had **commanded** by the **hand** of Mosheh.

9 And on the eighth day it came to be that Mosheh called Aharon and his sons and the elders of Yisra'ĕl.

2And he said to Aharon, "Take for yourself a young bull as a *sin* offering and a ram as a burnt offering, a **perfect** one and bring them before ꓤYHZ.

3"And **speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl, saying, 'Take a male goat as a *sin* offering and a *calf* and a lamb, both a year old, **perfect** ones, as a burnt offering,

4and a bull and a ram as **peace** offerings, to slaughter before ꓤYHZ and a grain offering mixed with oil. For today ꓤYHZ ***shall*** appear to you.' "

5And they took what Mosheh **commanded** before the **Tent** of Meeting and **all** the congregation drew **near** and stood before ꓤYHZ.

6And Mosheh said, "This is the **word** which ꓤYHZ **commanded** you to do, so that the **esteem** of ꓤYHZ appears to

you."
7And Mosheh said to Aharon, "Go to the altar and **prepare** your *sin* offering and your burnt offering and make atonement for yourself and for the people. And make the offering of the people and make atonement for them, as יהוה has **commanded**."
8So Aharon came **near** to the altar and slaughtered the *calf* of the *sin* offering, which was for himself.
9And the sons of Aharon brought the **blood** to him and he dipped his **finger** in the **blood** and put it on the horns of the altar and poured the **blood** at the base of the altar.
10And the fat and the kidneys and the appendage on the liver of the *sin* offering he *burned* on the altar, as יהוה had **commanded** Mosheh.
11And the *flesh* and the skin he *burned* with *fire* outside the camp.
12And he slaughtered the burnt offering and the sons of Aharon presented to him the **blood,** which he sprinkled on the altar **all** around.
13And they presented the burnt offering to him, with its pieces and head and he *burned* them on the altar.
14And he washed the entrails and the legs and *burned* them with the burnt offering on the altar.
15And he brought the people's offering and took the goat, which was the *sin* offering for the people and slaughtered it and made it a *sin* offering, like the **first** one.
16And he brought the burnt offering and made it, **according** to the right-ruling.
17**He** also brought the grain offering and filled his **hand** with it and *burned* it on the altar, besides the burnt offering of the morning.
18And he slaughtered the bull and the ram as **peace** offerings, which were for the people. And Aharon's sons presented to him the **blood,** which he sprinkled on the altar **all** around,
19and the fat from the bull and the ram, the fat tail and the covering and the kidneys and the appendage on the liver,
20and they placed the fat on the breasts and he *burned* the fat on the altar.
21***But*** the breasts and the **right** thigh Aharon waved as a wave offering before יהוה, as Mosheh had **commanded**.
22Aharon then lifted up his **hand** toward the people and **blessed** them and came down from making the *sin* offering and the burnt offering and the **peace** offerings.
23And Mosheh and Aharon went into the **Tent** of Meeting and came out and **blessed** the people. And the **esteem** of יהוה appeared to **all** the people,
24and *fire* came out from before יהוה and *consumed* the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. And **all** the people **saw** and cried aloud and fell on their faces.

10 And Naḏaḇ and Aḇihu, the sons of Aharon, each took his *fire* holder and put *fire* in it and put incense on it and brought *strange fire* before יהוה, which **He** had not **commanded** them.
2And *fire* came out from יהוה and *consumed* them and they died before יהוה.
3***Then*** Mosheh said to Aharon, "This is what יהוה spoke, saying, 'By those who **come near Me** let **Me** be set-apart! And before **all** the people let **Me** be esteemed!' " And Aharon was silent.
4And Mosheh called to Misha'ĕl and to Eltsaphan, the sons of Uzzi'ĕl the uncle of Aharon and said to them, **"Come** near, take your brothers from before the set-apart place out of the camp."
5So they came **near** and took them by their long shirts out of the camp, as Mosheh had said.
6And Mosheh said to Aharon and to El'azar and to Ithamar, his sons, "***Do*** *not* unbind your heads nor *tear* your garments, lest you *die* and *wrath* **come** upon **all** the people.
But let your brothers, **all** the house of Yisra'ĕl, *bewail* the *burning* which יהוה has kindled.

[7]"And *do not* go out from the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting, lest you *die,* for the anointing oil of ֵיהוָה is upon you." And they did **according** to the **word** of Mosheh.

[8]And ֵיהוָה spoke to Aharon, saying,

[9]"***Do*** *not* drink **wine** or **strong** drink, you, nor your sons with you, when you go into the **Tent** of Meeting, lest you *die* – a **law forever** throughout your generations,

[10]so as to make a **distinction** between the set-apart and the *profane* and between the *unclean* and the **clean,**

[11]and to **teach** the children of Yisra'ĕl **all** the **laws** which ֵיהוָה has **spoken** to them by the **hand** of Mosheh."

[12]And Mosheh spoke to Aharon and to El'azar and Ithamar, his sons who were left, "Take the grain offering that is left over from the offerings made by *fire* to ֵיהוָה and eat it without *leaven* beside the altar, for it is most set-apart.

[13]"And you ***shall*** eat it in a set-apart place, **because** it is yours by **law** and your sons' by **law,** of the offerings made by *fire* to ֵיהוָה, for so I have been **commanded**.

[14]"And the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the contribution you eat in a **clean** place, you and your sons and your daughters with you. For they are yours by **law** and your sons' by **law,** which are **given** from the slaughterings of **peace** offerings of the children of Yisra'ĕl.

[15]"The thigh of the contribution and the breast of the wave offering they bring with the offerings of fat made by *fire*, to bring as a wave offering before ֵיהוָה. And it ***shall*** **be** yours and your sons' with you, by a **law forever**, as ֵיהוָה has **commanded**."

[16]And Mosheh **diligently looked** for the goat of the *sin* offering and **saw** it was *burned* up. And he was *wroth* with El'azar and Ithamar, the sons of Aharon who were left, saying,

[17]"***Why*** have you not eaten the *sin* offering in a set-apart place, since it is most set-apart and **Elohim** has **given** it to you to bear the *crookedness* of the congregation, to make atonement for them before ֵיהוָה?

[18]"**See,** its **blood** was not brought inside the set-apart place. You should have eaten it without fail in a set-apart place, as I have **commanded**."

[19]And Aharon said to Mosheh, "**See,** today they have brought *their sin* offering and their burnt offering before ֵיהוָה and matters like these have **come to** me! ***If*** I had eaten the *sin* offering today, would it have been **right** *in the eyes* of ֵיהוָה?"

[20]And when Mosheh **heard** that, it was **good** in his eyes.

11 And ֵיהוָה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, saying to them,

[2]"**Speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl, saying, 'These are the **living** creatures which you do eat among **all** the beasts that are on the earth:

[3]'***What*****ever** has a split hoof **completely** divided, chewing the cud, among the beasts, that you do eat.

[4]'Only, these *you do not* eat among those that chew the cud or those that have a split hoof: the camel, **because** it chews the cud but *does not* have a split hoof, it is *unclean* to you;

[5]and the rabbit, **because** it chews the cud but *does not* have a split hoof, it is *unclean* to you;

[6]and the hare, **because** it chews the cud but *does not* have a split hoof, it is *unclean* to you;

[7]and the pig, though it has a split hoof, **completely** divided, yet *does not* chew the cud, it is *unclean* to you.

[8]'Their *flesh you do not* eat and their carcasses *you do not* touch. They are *unclean* to you.

[9]'These you do eat of **all** that are in the waters: any one that has fins and scales in the waters, in the seas or in the rivers, that you do eat.

[10]'***But*** **all** that have not fins and scales in the seas and in the rivers, **all** that move in the waters or any **living** creature

which is in the waters, they are an **abomination** to you.
11 ‘They are an **abomination** to you –
of their *flesh you do not* eat and their
carcasses you ***abominate***.
12 ‘All that have not fins or scales in the
waters is an **abomination** to you.
13 ‘And these you do ***abominate*** among
the birds, they are not eaten, they are an
abomination: the eagle and the vulture
and the black vulture,
14 and the hawk and the falcon after its
kind,
15 every raven after its kind,
16 and the ostrich and the nighthawk and
the seagull and the hawk after its kind,
17 and the *little* owl and the fisher owl
and the **great** owl,
18 and the white owl and the pelican and
the carrion vulture,
19 and the stork, the heron after its kind,
and the hoopoe and the bat.
20 ‘All flying insects that creep on **all**
fours is an **abomination** to you.
21 ‘Only, these you do eat of **every**
flying insect that creeps on **all** fours:
those which have jointed legs above
their feet with which to leap on the earth.
22 ‘These of them you do eat: the locust
after its kind and the destroying locust
after its kind and the cricket after its kind
and the grasshopper after its kind.
23 ‘***But*** **all** other flying insects which
have four feet is an **abomination** to you.
24 ‘And by these you are made *unclean,*
anyone touching the carcass of any of
them is *unclean* until **evening**,
25 and anyone picking up part of the
carcass of any of them has to wash his
garments and ***shall*** **be** *unclean* until
evening.
26 ‘Every beast that has a split hoof not
completely divided, or *does not* chew
the cud, is *unclean* to you. Anyone who
touches their carcass is *unclean.*
27 ‘And ***whatever*** goes on its paws,
among **all** the creatures that go on **all**
fours, those are *unclean* to you. Anyone
who *touches* their carcass is *unclean*
until **evening**,
28 and he who picks up their carcass
has to wash his garments and ***shall*** **be**
unclean until **evening**. They are *unclean*
to you.
29 ‘And these are *unclean* to you among
the creeping creatures that creep on the
earth: the mole and the mouse and the
tortoise after its kind,
30 and the gecko and the land crocodile
and the sand reptile and the sand lizard
and the chameleon.
31 ‘These are *unclean* to you among **all**
that creep. Anyone who *touches* them
when they are *dead* becomes *unclean*
until **evening**.
32 ‘And ***whatever*** any of them in its
dead state falls upon, becomes *unclean,*
whether it is any wooden object or
garment or skin or sack, any object in
which **work** is done, it is put in water.
And it ***shall*** **be** *unclean* until **evening**,
then it ***shall*** **be clean.**
33 ‘Any earthen vessel into which any of
them falls, ***whatever*** is in it becomes
unclean and you *break* it.
34 ‘Any of the food which might be
eaten, on which water comes, becomes
unclean and any drink which might be
drunk from it becomes *unclean.*
35 ‘And on ***whatever*** any of their carcass
falls becomes *unclean* – an oven or
cooking range – it is broken down. They
are *unclean* and are *unclean* to you.
36 ‘***But*** a fountain or a well, a collection
of water, is **clean,** but ***whatever*** *touches*
their carcass is *unclean.*
37 ‘And when any of their carcass falls
on any planting seed which is to be
sown, it is **clean.**
38 ‘***But*** when any water is put on the
seed and any part of any such carcass
falls on it, it is *unclean* to you.
39 ‘And when any of the beasts which
are yours for food dies, he who *touches*
its carcass becomes *unclean* until
evening.
40 ‘And he who eats of its carcass has to
wash his garments and ***shall*** **be** *unclean*
until **evening**. And he who picks up its
carcass has to wash his garments
and ***shall*** **be** *unclean* until **evening**.
41 ‘And **every** creeping creature that
creeps on the earth is an **abomination**, it

is not eaten.
42‘***What*ever** crawls on its stomach and ***whatever*** goes on **all** fours and ***whatever*** has many feet among **all** creeping creatures that creep on the earth, these *you do not* eat, for they are an **abomination**.
43‘***Do** not* make yourselves **abominable** with any creeping creature that creeps and *do not* make yourselves *unclean* with them, lest you be *defiled* by them.
44‘For I am יהוה your **Elohim** and you ***shall*** set yourselves apart. And you ***shall*** be set-apart, for I am set-apart. And *do not defile* yourselves with any creeping creature that creeps on the earth.
45‘For I am יהוה who is bringing you up out of the land of Mitsrayim, to be your **Elohim**. And you ***shall* be** set-apart, for I am set-apart.
46‘This is the **Torah** of the beasts and the birds and **every living** creature that moves in the waters and of **every** creature that creeps on the earth,
47to make a **distinction** between the *unclean* and the **clean** and between the **living** creature that is eaten and the **living** creature that is not eaten.’ ”

12 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh,
2**“Speak** to the children of Yisra’ĕl, saying, ‘***When*** a woman has conceived and has **given** birth to a male child, then she ***shall* be** *unclean* seven days, as in the days of her monthly separation she is *unclean.*
3‘And on the eighth day the *flesh* of his foreskin is circumcised.
4‘And she remains in the **blood** of her **cleansing** thirty-three days. She *does not* touch ***whatever*** is set-apart and she *does not* **come** into the set-apart place until the days of her **cleansing** are completed.
5‘***But*** if she gives birth to a female child, then she ***shall* be** *unclean* for two weeks, as in her monthly separation and she remains in the **blood** of her **cleansing** for sixty-six days.
6‘And when the days of her **cleansing** are completed, for a son or for a daughter, she brings to the priest a **lamb** a year old, as a burnt offering and a young pigeon or a turtledove as a *sin* offering, to the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting.
7‘And he ***shall*** bring it before יהוה and make atonement for her and she ***shall* be cleansed** from the flow of her blood. This is the **Torah** for her who has **given** birth to a male or a female.
8‘And if she is not able to bring a lamb, then she ***shall*** bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons, one as a burnt offering and the other as a *sin* offering. And the priest ***shall*** make atonement for her and she ***shall* be clean.**’ ”

13 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, saying,
2“***When*** a man has on the skin of his body a swelling, a scab, or a **bright** spot and it ***shall*** become on the skin of his body like a leprous infection, then he ***shall* be** brought to Aharon the priest or to one of his sons the priests.
3“And the priest ***shall*** look at the infection on the skin of the body. And if the hair on the infection has turned white and the infection appears to be deeper than the skin of his body, it is a leprous infection. And the priest ***shall*** look at him and **pronounce** him *unclean.*
4“***But*** if the **bright** spot is white on the skin of his body and *does not* appear to be deeper than the skin and its hair has not turned white, then the priest ***shall*** shut up the infected one seven days.
5“And the priest ***shall*** look at him on the **seventh day** and **see,** if the infection appears to be as it was and the infection has not spread on the skin, then the priest ***shall*** shut him up another seven days.
6“And the priest ***shall*** look at him again on the **seventh day** and **see,**
if the infection has darkened and the infection has not spread on the skin, then the priest ***shall* pronounce** him **clean.**

It is a scab and he ***shall*** wash his garments and be **clean.**
7"***But*** if the scab spreads further over the skin, after he has been **seen** by the priest for his cleansing, he ***shall*** **be seen** by the priest again.
8"And the priest ***shall*** look and **see,** if the scab has spread on the skin, then the priest ***shall*** **pronounce** him *unclean,* it is leprosy.
9"***When*** the infection of leprosy is on a man, then he ***shall*** **be** brought to the priest.
10"And the priest ***shall*** look and **see,** if the swelling on the skin is white and it has turned the hair white and there is a spot of raw *flesh* in the swelling,
11it is an old leprosy on the skin of his body and the priest ***shall*** **pronounce** him *unclean.* **He** *does not* shut him up, for he is *unclean.*
12"And if leprosy breaks out **all** over the skin and the leprosy ***shall*** cover **all** the skin of the infected one, from his head to his foot, wherever the priest looks,
13then the priest ***shall*** look and **see,** if the leprosy has covered **all** his body, he ***shall*** **pronounce** the infected one **clean.** It has **all** turned white, he is **clean.**
14"***But*** the day raw *flesh* appears on him, he is *unclean.*
15"And the priest ***shall*** look at the raw flesh and **pronounce** him to be *unclean* – the raw *flesh* is *unclean,* it is leprosy.
16"Or when the raw *flesh change*s and turns white again, he ***shall*** **come to** the priest.
17"And the priest ***shall*** look at him and **see,** if the infection has turned white, then the priest ***shall*** **pronounce** the infected one **clean,** he is **clean.**
18"And when the body has a boil in the skin and it is **healed**,
19and in the place of the boil there **comes** a white swelling or a **bright** spot, reddishwhite, then it ***shall*** **be seen** by the priest.
20"And the priest ***shall*** look and **see,** if it appears deeper than the skin and its hair has turned white, the priest ***shall*** **pronounce** him *unclean,* it is a leprous infection which has broken out of the boil.
21"***But*** if the priest looks at it and sees no white hairs in it and it is not deeper than the skin, but has faded, then the priest ***shall*** shut him up seven days;
22and if it has spread further over the skin, then the priest ***shall*** **pronounce** him *unclean,* it is a leprous infection.
23"***But*** if the **bright** spot stays in its place, it has not spread, it is the scar of the boil and the priest ***shall*** **pronounce** him **clean.**
24"Or when the body receives a burn on its skin by *fire* and the raw *flesh* of the burn ***shall*** become a **bright** spot, reddish-white or white,
25then the priest ***shall*** look at it and **see,** if the hair of the **bright** spot has turned white and it appears deeper than the skin, it is leprosy broken out in the burn. And the priest ***shall*** **pronounce** him *unclean,* it is a leprous infection.
26"***But*** if the priest looks at it and sees there are no white hairs in the **bright** spot and it is not deeper than the skin, but has faded, then the priest ***shall*** shut him up seven days.
27"And the priest ***shall*** look at him on the **seventh day.** ***If*** it spreads further over the skin, then the priest ***shall*** **pronounce** him *unclean,* it is a leprous infection.
28"***But*** if the **bright** spot stays in its place and has not spread on the skin, but has faded, it is a swelling from the burn. And the priest ***shall*** **pronounce** him **clean,** for it is the scar from the burn.
29"And when a man, or a woman, has an infection on the head or in the beard,
30then the priest ***shall*** look at the infection and **see,** if it appears deeper than the skin and there is thin yellow hair in it, then the priest ***shall*** **pronounce** him *unclean,* it is an eruption, a leprosy of the head or beard.
31"***But*** when the priest looks at the infection of the eruption and sees that it *does not* appear deeper than the skin and there is no black hair in it, then the priest

shall shut up *the one with* the infection of the eruption seven days.
[32]"And on the **seventh day** the priest ***shall*** look at the infection and **see,** if the eruption has not spread and there is no yellow hair in it and the eruption *does not* appear deeper than the skin,
[33]then he ***shall*** shave himself, but the eruption he *does not* shave. And the priest ***shall*** shut up *the one with* the eruption another seven days.
[34]"And on the **seventh day** the priest ***shall*** look at the eruption and **see,** if the eruption has not spread over the skin and *does not* appear deeper than the skin, then the priest ***shall*** **pronounce** him **clean.** And he ***shall*** wash his garments and he ***shall*** **be clean.**
[35]"***But*** if the eruption spreads further over the skin after his cleansing,
[36]then the priest ***shall*** look at him and **see,** if the eruption has spread over the skin, the priest need not **seek** for yellow hair, he is *unclean.*
[37]"***But*** if the eruption appears to have stayed and there is black hair grown up in it, the eruption has **healed**. **He** is **clean** and the priest ***shall*** **pronounce** him **clean.**
[38]"And when a man or a woman has **bright** spots on the skin of the body, white **bright** spots,
[39]then the priest ***shall*** look and **see,** if the **bright** spots on the skin of the body are dull white, it is a white spot that grows on the skin, he is **clean.**
[40]"And when a man loses the hair of his head, he is bald, he is **clean.**
[41]"And if the hair has fallen from his forehead, he is bald on the forehead, he is **clean.**
[42]"And when there is on the bald head or bald forehead a reddish-white infection, it is leprosy breaking out on his bald head or his bald forehead.
[43]"And the priest ***shall*** look at it and **see,** if the swelling of the infection is reddishwhite on his bald head or on his bald forehead, as the appearance of leprosy on the skin of the body,
[44]he is a leprous man, he is *unclean.* The priest ***shall*** **pronounce** him *unclean,* without fail, his infection is on his head.
[45]"As for the leper who has the infection, his garments are torn and his head is uncovered and he has to cover his upper lip and cry, 'Unclean! Unclean!'
[46]"He is *unclean* – **all** the days he has the infection he is *unclean.* **He** is *unclean,* and he dwells alone, his dwelling place is outside the camp.
[47]"And when a garment has an infection of leprosy in it, in a woollen garment or in a linen garment,
[48]or in the warp or in the weft of linen or wool, or in leather or in any leatherwork,
[49]and the infection ***shall*** **be** greenish or reddish in the garment or in the leather, or in the warp or in the weft, or in any leather object, it is an infection of leprosy and ***shall*** **be** shown to the priest.
[50]"And the priest ***shall*** look at the infection and shut up the infected one seven days.
[51]"And he ***shall*** look at the infection on the **seventh day.** And when the infection has spread in the garment, or in the warp or in the weft, or in the leather or any leatherwork, the infection is an active leprosy, it is *unclean.*
[52]"And he ***shall*** *burn* that garment, or the warp or the weft, in wool or in linen, or any leather object in which the infection is, for it is an active leprosy. It is *burned* with *fire*.
[53]"***But*** if the priest looks and sees that the infection has not spread in the garment, or in the warp or in the weft, or in any leather object,
[54]then the priest ***shall*** give **command** and they ***shall*** wash that in which the infection is. And he ***shall*** shut it up another seven days.
[55]"And the priest ***shall*** look at the infection after it has been washed and **see,** if the infection has not *changed* its appearance, though the infection has not spread, it is *unclean* and burn it in the *fire* – it is eaten away, in its inside or

outside.
56"And if the priest ***shall*** look and **see** that the infection has faded after washing it, then he ***shall*** *tear* it out of the garment, or out of the warp, or out of the weft, or out of the leather.
57"And if it is still **seen** in the garment, or in the warp or in the weft, or in any leather object, it is a spreading infection. Burn it with *fire*, that in which the infection is.
58"And if you wash the garment, or the warp or the weft, or any leather object, if the infection has disappeared from it, then it ***shall*** **be** washed a second **time,** and ***shall*** **be clean.**
59"This is the **Torah** of the infection of leprosy in a garment of wool or linen, or in the warp or in the weft, or in any leather object, to **pronounce** it **clean** or to **pronounce** it *unclean.*"

14 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh,
2"This ***shall*** **be** the **Torah** of the leper for the **day of** his cleansing: **He** ***shall*** **be** brought to the priest,
3and the priest ***shall*** go out of the camp and the priest ***shall*** look and **see,** if the leprosy is **healed** in the leper,
4then the priest ***shall*** **command** and he ***shall*** take for him who is to be **cleansed** two **live** and **clean** birds and cedar wood and **scarlet** and hyssop.
5"And the priest ***shall*** **command** and he ***shall*** *kill* one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water.
6"**Let** him take the **live** bird and the cedar ***wood*** and the **scarlet** and the hyssop and dip them and the **live** bird in the **blood** of the bird that was *killed* over the running water.
7"And he ***shall*** sprinkle it seven times on him who is to be **cleansed** from the leprosy and ***shall*** **pronounce** him **clean** and ***shall*** let the **live** bird loose in the **open** field.
8"And he who is to be **cleansed** ***shall*** wash his garments and ***shall*** shave off **all** his hair and wash himself in water and ***shall*** **be clean.** ***Then*** after that he **comes** into the camp, but ***shall*** stay outside his tent seven days.
9"And on the **seventh day** it ***shall*** **be** that he shaves **all** the hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even **all** his hair he shaves off. And he ***shall*** wash his garments and wash his body in water and ***shall*** **be clean.**
10"And on the eighth day he takes two male lambs, **perfect** ones and one ewe **lamb** a year old, a **perfect** one and three-tenths *of an* ĕphah of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering and one log of oil.
11"And the priest who is **cleansing** ***shall*** present the man who is to be cleansed, with these offerings, before יהוה, at the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting.
12"And the priest ***shall*** take one male **lamb** and bring it as a *guilt* offering and the log of oil and wave them as a wave offering before יהוה.
13"And he ***shall*** slaughter the **lamb** in the place where he slaughters the *sin* offering and the burnt offering, in a set-apart place. For the *guilt* offering, like the *sin* offering, belongs to the priest. It is most set-apart.
14"And the priest ***shall*** take some of the **blood** of the *guilt* offering and the priest ***shall*** put it on the tip of the **right** ear of him who is to be cleansed and on the thumb of his **right hand** and on the big toe of his **right** foot.
15"And the priest ***shall*** take some of the log of oil and pour it into the palm of his own left **hand.**
16"And the priest ***shall*** dip his **right finger** in the oil that is in his left **hand** and ***shall*** sprinkle some of the oil with his **finger** seven times before יהוה.
17"And of the rest of the oil in his **hand,** the priest puts some on the tip of the **right** ear of him who is to be cleansed and on the thumb of his **right hand** and on the big toe of his **right** foot, on the **blood** of the *guilt* offering.
18"And the rest of the oil that is in the priest's **hand** he puts on the head of him who is to be cleansed. And the priest ***shall*** make atonement for him before

יהוה.
19"And the priest ***shall*** make the *sin* offering and make atonement for him who is to be **cleansed** from his *uncleanness.* ***Then*** afterwards he slaughters the burnt offering.
20"And the priest ***shall*** offer the burnt offering and the grain offering on the altar. And the priest ***shall*** make atonement for him and he ***shall*** **be clean.**
21"***But*** if he is *poor* and is *unable* to afford it, then he ***shall*** take one male **lamb** as a *guilt* offering to be waved, to make atonement for him and one-tenth *of an* ĕphah of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering and a log of oil,
22and two turtledoves or two young pigeons, such as he **is able** to afford and one ***shall*** **be** a *sin* offering and the other a burnt offering.
23"And he ***shall*** bring them to the priest on the eighth day for his cleansing, to the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting, before יהוה.
24"And the priest ***shall*** take the **lamb** of the *guilt* offering and the log of oil and the priest ***shall*** wave them as a wave offering before יהוה.
25"And he ***shall*** slaughter the **lamb** of the *guilt* offering and the priest ***shall*** take some of the **blood** of the *guilt* offering and put it on the tip of the **right** ear of him who is to be cleansed and on the thumb of his **right hand** and on the big toe of his **right** foot.
26"***Then*** the priest pours some of the oil into the palm of his own left **hand.**
27"And the priest ***shall*** sprinkle with his **right finger** some of the oil that is in his left **hand** seven times before יהוה.
28"And the priest ***shall*** put some of the oil that is in his **hand** on the tip of the **right** ear of him who is to be cleansed and on the thumb of the **right hand** and on the big toe of his **right** foot, on the place of the **blood** of the *guilt* offering.
29"And the rest of the oil that is in the priest's **hand** he puts on the head of him who is to be cleansed, to make atonement for him before יהוה.
30"And he ***shall*** **prepare** one of the turtledoves or young pigeons, such as he **is able** to afford,
31that which he **is able** to afford, the one as a *sin* offering and the other as a burnt offering, with the grain offering. And the priest ***shall*** make atonement for him who is to be **cleansed** before יהוה.
32"This is the **Torah** for one who had an infection of leprosy, who is *unable* to afford for his cleansing."
33And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, saying,
34"***When*** you **come** into the land of Kena'an, which I am giving you as a possession and I put a *plague* of leprosy in a house in the land of your possession,
35then ***shall*** the one who owns the house **come** and inform the priest, saying, 'It seems to me that there is some *plague* in the house.'
36"And the priest ***shall*** **command** and they ***shall*** *empty* the house, before the priest goes in to look at the *plague,* so that **all** that is in the house is not made *unclean.* And after that the priest goes in to look at the house.
37"And he ***shall*** look at the *plague* and **see,** if the *plague* is on the walls of the house with sunken places, greenish or reddish, which appear to be deep in the wall,
38then the priest ***shall*** go out of the house, to the **door** of the house and shut up the house seven days.
39"And the priest ***shall*** **come** again on the **seventh day** and look and **see,** if the *plague* has spread on the walls of the house,
40then the priest ***shall*** **command** and they ***shall*** remove the stones with the *plague* in them and they ***shall*** *throw* them outside the city, into an *unclean* place,
41while he lets the house be scraped inside, **all** around and the dust that they scrape off they ***shall*** **pour out** in an *unclean* place outside the city.
42"And they ***shall*** take other stones and put them in the place of those stones and take other mortar and plaster the house.
43"And if the *plague* **comes** back and

breaks out in the house, after he has removed the stones, after he has scraped the house and after it is plastered,
44then the priest ***shall*** **come** and look and **see,** if the *plague* has spread in the house, it is an active leprosy in the house, it is *unclean.*
45"And he ***shall*** *break down* the house, its stones and its timber and **all** the plaster of the house and he ***shall*** bring them outside the city to an *unclean* place.
46"And he who goes into the house, **all** the days while it is shut up, becomes *unclean* until **evening**.
47"And he who lies down in the house has to wash his garments and he who eats in the house has to wash his garments.
48"However, if the priest indeed **comes** in and looks at it and sees that the *plague* has not spread in the house after the house was plastered, then the priest ***shall*** **pronounce** the house **clean, <u>because</u>** the *plague* is **healed**.
49"And to **cleanse** the house, he ***shall*** take two birds and cedar wood and **scarlet** and hyssop.
50"And he ***shall*** *kill* one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water,
51and he ***shall*** take the cedar wood and the hyssop and the **scarlet** and the **live** bird and dip them in the **blood** of the *slain* bird and in the running water and ***shall*** sprinkle the house seven times.
52"He ***shall*** thus **cleanse** the house with the **blood** of the bird and the running water and the **live** bird and with the cedar wood and with the hyssop and with the **scarlet,**
53and he ***shall*** let the **live** bird loose outside the city in the **open** field and ***shall*** make atonement for the house and it ***shall*** **be clean.**
54"This is the **Torah** for any infection of leprosy and eruption,
55and for leprosy of a garment and of a house,
56and for a swelling and for a scab and for a **bright** spot,
57to **teach** when it is *unclean* and when it is **clean.** This is the **Torah** of leprosy."

15 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, saying,
2**"Speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl and say to them, '***When*** any man has a discharge from his *flesh,* his discharge is *unclean.*
3'And this is his *uncleanness* in regard to his discharge; whether his *flesh* runs with his discharge, or his *flesh* is *stopped* up by his discharge, it is his *uncleanness.*
4'Any bed becomes *unclean* on which he who has the discharge lies and any object on which he sits becomes *unclean.*
5'And anyone who *touches* his bed has to wash his garments and ***shall*** bathe in water and be *unclean* until **evening**.
6'And he who sits on any object on which he who has the discharge sat, has to wash his garments and ***shall*** bathe in water and be *unclean* until **evening**.
7'And he who *touches* the *flesh* of him who has the discharge has to wash his garments and ***shall*** bathe in water and ***shall*** **be** *unclean* until **evening**.
8'And when he who has the discharge spits on him who is **clean,** then he ***shall*** wash his garments and ***shall*** bathe in water and be *unclean* until **evening**.
9'Any saddle on which he who has the discharge rides becomes *unclean.*
10'And ***whoever*** *touches* any of that which was under him is *unclean* until **evening**. And he who is carrying them up has to wash his garments and ***shall*** bathe in water and be *unclean* until **evening**.
11'And anyone whom he who has the discharge *touches* without rinsing his hands in water, ***shall*** wash his garments and bathe in water and be *unclean* until **evening**.
12'And the earthen vessel which he who has the discharge *touches* has to be *broken* and **every** wooden vessel has to be rinsed in water.
13'And when he who has a discharge is **cleansed** of his discharge, then he ***shall*** count for himself seven days for his cleansing and ***shall*** wash his garments

and ***shall*** bathe his *flesh* in running water and be **clean.**

14 "And on the eighth day he takes for himself two turtledoves or two young pigeons and ***shall*** **come** before יהוה, to the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting and ***shall*** give them to the priest.

15 "And the priest ***shall*** **prepare** them, the one as a *sin* offering and the other as a burnt offering. And the priest ***shall*** make atonement for him before יהוה **because** of his discharge.

16 "And when a man has an emission of semen, then he ***shall*** wash **all** his *flesh* in water and be *unclean* until **evening**.

17 "And any garment and any leather on which there is semen, ***shall*** also be washed with water and be *unclean* until **evening**.

18 "And when a woman lies with a man and there is an emission of semen, they both ***shall*** bathe in water and be *unclean* until **evening**.

19 "And when a woman has a discharge and the discharge from her *flesh* is **blood,** she has to be in her separation for seven days. And ***whoever*** *touches* her is *unclean* until **evening**.

20 "And ***whatever*** she lies on during her separation is *unclean.* And ***whatever*** she sits on is *unclean.*

21 "And anyone who *touches* her bed has to wash his garments and ***shall*** bathe in water and be *unclean* until **evening**.

22 "And ***whoever*** *touches* any object that she sat on has to wash his garments and ***shall*** bathe in water and be *unclean* until **evening**.

23 "And if it is on the bed or on any object on which she sits, when he *touches* it, he is *unclean* until **evening**.

24 "And if any man lies with her at **all** and her monthly flow is on him, he ***shall*** **be** *unclean* seven days. And any bed he lies on is *unclean.*

25 "And when a woman has a discharge of **blood** for many days, other than at the **time** of her monthly separation, or when she discharges beyond her usual **time** of monthly separation, **all** the days of her *unclean* discharge ***shall*** **be** as the days of her monthly separation. She is *unclean.*

26 "Any bed on which she lies **all** the days of her discharge is to her as the bed of her monthly separation. And ***whatever*** she sits on is *unclean,* as the *uncleanness* of her monthly separation.

27 "And anyone who *touches* them is *unclean* and ***shall*** wash his garments and ***shall*** bathe in water and be *unclean* until **evening**.

28 "***But*** if she is **cleansed** of her discharge, then she ***shall*** count for herself seven days and after that she is **clean.**

29 "And on the eighth day she takes for herself two turtledoves or two young pigeons and ***shall*** bring them to the priest, to the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting.

30 "And the priest ***shall*** **prepare** the one as a *sin* offering and the other as a burnt offering and the priest ***shall*** make atonement for her before יהוה for the discharge of her *uncleanness.*

31 "Thus you ***shall*** separate the children of Yisra'ĕl from their uncleanness, lest they *die* in their *uncleanness* when they *defile* **My Dwelling Place** which is in their **midst**.

32 "This is the **Torah** for one who has a discharge and for him who emits semen and is *unclean* thereby,

33 and for her who is *sick* in her monthly separation and for one who has a discharge, either man or woman and for him who lies with an *unclean* woman.' "

16 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh after the *death* of the two sons of Aharon, as they drew **near** before יהוה and *died.*

2 And יהוה said to Mosheh, **"Speak** to Aharon your brother not to **come** in at **all** times to the **Set-apart Place** inside the veil, before the lid of atonement which is on the ark, lest he *die,* **because** I appear in the cloud above the lid of atonement.

3 "With this Aharon should **come** into the **Set-apart** Place: with the **blood** of a young bull as a *sin* offering and of a ram

as a burnt offering.
4"He should put on the set-apart linen long shirt, with linen trousers on his *flesh* and gird himself with a linen girdle and be dressed with the linen turban – they are set-apart garments. And he ***shall*** bathe his body in water and ***shall*** put them on.
5"And from the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl he takes two male goats as a *sin* offering and one ram as a burnt offering.
6"And Aharon ***shall*** bring the bull as a sin offering, which is for himself and make atonement for himself and for his house.
7"And he ***shall*** take the two goats and let them **stand** before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 at the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting.
8"And Aharon ***shall*** *cast* **lots** for the two goats, one **lot** for 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and the other **lot** for Azazel.
9"And Aharon ***shall*** bring the goat on which the **lot** for 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 fell and ***shall*** **prepare** it as a *sin* offering.
10"***But*** the goat on which the **lot** for Azazel fell is **caused** to **stand alive** before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, to make atonement upon it, to send it into the wilderness to Azazel.
11"And Aharon ***shall*** bring the bull of the *sin* offering, which is for himself and make atonement for himself and for his house and ***shall*** slaughter the bull as the *sin* offering which is for himself,
12and ***shall*** take a *fire* holder filled with *burning* coals of *fire* from the altar before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, with his hands filled with **sweet** incense *beaten* fine and ***shall*** bring it inside the veil.
13"And he ***shall*** put the incense on the *fire* before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and the cloud of incense ***shall*** cover the lid of atonement which is on the Witness, lest he *die.*
14"And he ***shall*** take some of the **blood** of the bull and sprinkle it with his **finger** on the lid of atonement on the east side, also in front of the lid of atonement he sprinkles some of the **blood** with his **finger** seven times.
15"And he ***shall*** slaughter the goat of the *sin* offering, which is for the people and ***shall*** bring its **blood** inside the veil and ***shall*** do with that **blood** as he did with the **blood** of the bull and sprinkle it on the lid of atonement and in front of the lid of atonement.
16"And he ***shall*** make atonement for the **Set-apart Place, <u>because</u>** of the *uncleanness* of the children of Yisra'ĕl and **<u>because</u>** of their *transgressions* in **all** *their sins.* And so he does for the **Tent** of Meeting which is dwelling with them in the **midst** of their *uncleanness.*
17"And no man should be in the **Tent** of Meeting when he goes in to make atonement in the **Set-apart Place,** until he **comes** out. And he ***shall*** make atonement for himself and for his household and for **all** the assembly of Yisra'ĕl.
18"And he ***shall*** go out to the altar that is before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and make atonement for it. And he ***shall*** take some of the **blood** of the bull and some of the **blood** of the goat and put it on the horns of the altar **all** around.
19"And he ***shall*** sprinkle some of the **blood** on it with his **finger** seven times and **cleanse** it and set it apart from the *uncleanness* of the children of Yisra'ĕl.
20"And when he has **finished** atoning for the **Set-apart Place** and the **Tent** of Meeting and the altar, he ***shall*** bring the **live** goat.
21"***Then*** Aharon ***shall*** lay both hands on the head of the **live** goat and ***shall*** confess over it **all** the *crookedness*es of the children of Yisra'ĕl and **all** their *transgressions* in **all** their *sins* and ***shall*** put them on the head of the goat and ***shall*** send it away into the wilderness by the **hand** of a fit man.
22"And the goat ***shall*** bear on itself **all** their *crookedness*es, to a land *cut* off. Thus he ***shall*** send the goat away into the wilderness.
23"Aharon ***shall*** then **come** into the **Tent** of Meeting and ***shall*** take off the linen garments which he put on when he went into the **Set-apart Place** and ***shall*** leave them there.
24"And he ***shall*** bathe his body in water in the set-apart place and ***shall***

put on his garments and ***shall*** **come out** and **prepare** his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people and make atonement for himself and for the people,
[25]and burn the fat of the *sin* offering on the altar.
[26]"And he who **sent** away the goat to Azazel washes his garments and ***shall*** bathe his body in water and afterward he **comes** into the camp.
[27]"And the bull for the *sin* offering and the goat for the *sin* offering, whose **blood** was brought in to make atonement in the **Set-apart Place,** is brought outside the camp. And they ***shall*** *burn* their skins and their *flesh* and their *dung* with *fire*.
[28]"And he who burns them washes his garments and ***shall*** bathe his body in water and afterward he **comes** into the camp.
[29]"And this ***shall*** **be** for you a **law forever**: In the seventh month, on the tenth **day of** the month, you *afflict* your beings and do no **work,** the native or the stranger who sojourns among you.
[30]"For on that day he makes atonement for you, to **cleanse** you, to be **clean** from **all** your *sins* before יהוה.
[31]"It is a **Sabbath** of rest for you and you ***shall*** *afflict* your beings – a **law forever**.
[32]"And the priest, who is **anointed** and ordained to **serve** as priest in his father's place, ***shall*** make atonement and ***shall*** put on the linen garments, the set-apart garments,
[33]and he ***shall*** make atonement for the Most **Set-apart Place** and make atonement for the **Tent** of Meeting and for the altar and make atonement for the priests and for **all** the people of the assembly.
[34]"And this ***shall*** **be** for you a **law forever**, to make atonement for the children of Yisra'ĕl, for **all** their *sins*, once a year." And he did as יהוה **commanded** Mosheh.

17 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh,
[2]**"Speak** to Aharon, to his sons and to **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl and say to them, 'This is the **word** which יהוה has **commanded**, saying,
[3]"'Any man from the house of Yisra'ĕl who slaughters a bull or a **lamb** or a goat in the camp, or who slaughters it outside the camp,
[4]and *does not* bring it to the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting, to bring an offering to יהוה before the **Dwelling Place** of יהוה, blood-guilt is reckoned to that man. **He** has shed **blood** and that man ***shall*** **be** *cut off* from among his people,
[5]**in order** that the children of Yisra'ĕl bring their slaughterings which they slaughter in the **open** field. And they ***shall*** bring them to יהוה at the **door** of the **Tent** of meeting, to the priest and slaughter them as **peace** offerings to יהוה.
[6]"And the priest ***shall*** sprinkle the **blood** on the altar of יהוה at the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting and ***shall*** *burn* the fat for a **sweet** fragrance to יהוה.
[7]"And let them no longer slaughter their slaughterings to ***demons,*** after whom they *whored.* This is a **law forever** for them throughout their generations." '
[8]"And say to them, 'Any man of the house of Yisra'ĕl, or of the strangers who sojourn among you, who offers a burnt offering or slaughtering,
[9]and *does not* bring it to the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting, to do it to יהוה, that man ***shall*** **be** *cut off* from among his people.
[10]'And any man of the house of Yisra'ĕl, or of the strangers who sojourn among you, who eats any **blood,** I ***shall*** set **My** face *against* that being who eats **blood** and ***shall cut*** him off from among his people.
[11]'For the **life** of the *flesh* is in the **blood** and I have **given** it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your lives, for it is the **blood** that makes atonement for the **life**.'

12"Therefore I said to the children of Yisra'ĕl, 'No being among you eats **blood,** nor does any stranger who sojourns among you eat blood.'
13"And any man from the children of Yisra'ĕl, or from the strangers who sojourn among you, who hunts and catches any beast or bird, which is eaten, ***shall* pour out** its **blood** and cover it with dust,
14for it is the **life** of **all** *flesh.* Its **blood** is for its **life**. And I said to the children of Yisra'ĕl, '***Do** not* eat the **blood** of any *flesh,* for the **life** of **all** *flesh* is its blood. Anyone eating it is *cut* off.'
15"And any being who eats a carcass or what was *torn by a beast*, be he a native or a stranger, he ***shall*** wash his garments and bathe in water and ***shall* be** *unclean* until **evening**. ***Then*** he ***shall* be clean.**
16"And if he *does not* wash or bathe his body, then he ***shall*** bear his *crookedness*."

18 And ꓤꓽꓤꓩ spoke to Mosheh,
2**"Speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl and say to them, **'I am** ꓤꓽꓤꓩ your **Elohim**.
3'***Do** not* do as they do in the land of Mitsrayim, where you dwelt. And *do not* do as they do in the land of Kena'an, where I am bringing you and *do not* **walk** in their **laws**.
4'***Do*** **My right-rulings** and **guard My laws**, to **walk** in them. I am ꓤꓽꓤꓩ your **Elohim**.
5'And you ***shall* guard My laws** and **My right-rulings**, which a man does and lives by them. I am ꓤꓽꓤꓩ.
6'No one is to approach anyone of his own *flesh* to uncover his nakedness. **I am** ꓤꓽꓤꓩ.
7'The nakedness of your father or the nakedness of your mother *you do not* uncover. She is your mother, *you do not* uncover her nakedness.
8'The nakedness of your father's wife *you do not* uncover, it is your father's nakedness.
9'The nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father, or the daughter of your mother, whether born at home or elsewhere, their nakedness *you do not* uncover.
10'The nakedness of your son's daughter or your daughter's daughter, their nakedness *you do not* uncover, for theirs is your own nakedness.
11'The nakedness of your father's wife's daughter, brought forth by your father, she is your sister, *you do not* uncover her nakedness.
12'The nakedness of your father's sister *you do not* uncover, she is your father's *flesh.*
13'The nakedness of your mother's sister *you do not* uncover, for she is your mother's *flesh.*
14'The nakedness of your father's brother *you do not* uncover, *you do not* approach his wife, she is your aunt.
15'The nakedness of your daughter-inlaw *you do not* uncover, she is your son's wife, *you do not* uncover her nakedness.
16'The nakedness of your brother's wife *you do not* uncover, it is your brother's nakedness.
17'The nakedness of a woman and her daughter *you do not* uncover, nor do you take her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness. They are her relatives – it is *wickedness*.
18'And *do not* take a woman as a rival to her sister, to uncover her nakedness while the other is **alive.**
19'And *do not* approach a woman to uncover her nakedness in her monthly separation of *uncleanness.*
20'And *do not* have intercourse with the wife of your neighbour, to *defile* yourself with her.
21'And *do not* give any of your offspring to pass through to Molek̲. And *do not profane* the **Name** of your **Elohim**. **I am** ꓤꓽꓤꓩ.
22'And *do not lie* with a male as with a woman, it is an **abomination**.
23'And *do not* have intercourse with any beast, to *defile* yourself with it. And a woman *does not* **stand** before a beast to mate with it, it is a perversion.

24‘***Do*** *not defile* yourselves with **all** these, for by **all** these the nations are *defiled*, which **I am** driving out before you.
25‘Thus the land became *defiled*, therefore I punished it for its *crookedness* and the land *vomited* out its inhabitants.
26‘***But*** you, you ***shall*** **guard My laws** and **My right-rulings** and not do any of these **abominations**, the native nor stranger who sojourns among you,
27**because** the men of the land who were before you have done **all** these **abominations** and thus the land became *defiled*,
28‘So let not the land *vomit* you out for defiling it, as it *vomited* out the nations that were before you.
29‘For ***whoever*** does any of these **abominations**, those beings who do them ***shall*** **be** *cut off* from among their people.
30‘And you ***shall*** **guard My Charge,** so as not to do any of these **abominable** *practices* which were done before you, so as not to *defile* yourselves by them. **I am** יהוה your **Elohim**.’ ”

19 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh,
2**“Speak** to **all** the congregation of the children of Yisra’ĕl and say to them, ‘Be set-apart, for I יהוה your **Elohim** am set-apart.
3‘Each one of you should **fear** his mother and his father and **guard My Sabbath**s. **I am** יהוה your **Elohim**.
4‘***Do*** *not* turn to *idols* and *do not* make for yourselves *moulded mighty ones*. **I am** יהוה your **Elohim**.
5‘And when you bring a **peace** offering to יהוה, bring it for your acceptance.
6‘It is eaten the **same** day you slaughter it and on the next day. And that which is left on the third day is *burned* with *fire*.
7‘So if it is eaten at **all** on the third day, it is **abominable,** it is not accepted,
8and he who eats it bears his *crookedness,* **because** he has *profaned* the set-apart offering of יהוה and that being ***shall*** **be** *cut off* from his people.
9‘And when you reap the harvest of your land, *do not* **completely** reap the corners of your field or **gather** the gleanings of your harvest.
10‘And *do not* glean your vineyard or **gather every** grape of your vineyard, leave them for the *poor* and the stranger. **I am** יהוה your **Elohim**.
11‘***Do*** *not* ***steal,*** *do not* lie, *do not* ***deceive*** one another.
12‘And *do not* swear *falsely* by **My Name** and so *profane* the **Name** of your **Elohim**. **I am** יהוה.
13‘***Do*** *not oppress* your neighbour or rob *him*. The wages of him who is hired is not to remain with you **all** night until morning.
14‘***Do*** *not curse* the *deaf* or put a *stumbling-block* before the *blind,* but **fear** your **Elohim**. **I am** יהוה.
15‘***Do*** no *unrighteousness* in right-ruling. ***Do*** *not* be partial to the *poor* or **favour** the face of the great, but **rightly rule** your neighbour in **righteousness**.
16‘***Do*** *not* go *slander*ing among your people. ***Do*** *not* **stand** *against* the **blood** of your neighbour. **I am** יהוה.
17‘***Do*** *not hate* your brother in your **heart.** Reprove your neighbour, for certain and bear no *sin* **because** of him.
18‘***Do*** *not* take **vengeance** or bear a grudge *against* the children of your people. And you ***shall*** **love** your neighbour as yourself. **I am** יהוה.
19‘**Guard My laws**. ***Do*** *not* let your **live** stock mate with another kind. ***Do*** *not* sow your field with mixed seed. And *do not* put a garment woven of two sorts of thread upon you.
20‘And when a man has intercourse with a woman who is a female servant, engaged to a man and who has not at **all** been ransomed nor redeemed, there should be an inquiry. ***But*** they are not put to *death,* **because** she was not **free.**
21‘And he ***shall*** bring his *guilt* offering to יהוה, to the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting, a ram as a *guilt* offering.
22‘And the priest ***shall*** make atonement

for him with the ram of the *guilt* offering before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 for his *sin* which he has done. And the *sin* which he has *sinned* ***shall* be forgiven** him.

23 "And when you **come** into the land, and have planted **all** kinds of trees for food, then you ***shall*** reckon their **fruit** as *uncircumcised*. For three years it is as *uncircumcised* to you, it is not eaten.

24 "And in the fourth year **all** its **fruit** is set-apart – praises to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.

25 "And in the fifth year you eat its **fruit,** so that it increases its yield to you. I am 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**.

26 "***Do*** *not* eat *meat* with the blood. ***Do*** *not* practise divination or *magic.*

27 "***Do*** *not* round the corner of your head, nor *destroy* the corner of your beard.

28 "And *do not* make any cuttings in your *flesh* for the *dead,* nor put tattoo marks on you. I am 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.

29 "***Do*** *not profane* your daughter by making her a *whore,* so that the land *does not whore* and the land becomes filled with *wickedness*.

30 "**Guard My Sabbaths** and **reverence My** set-apart place. I am 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.

31 "***Do*** *not* turn to mediums and *do not* **seek** after spiritists to be *defiled* by them. I am 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**.

32 "Rise up before the grey-headed. And you ***shall*** **favour** the face of an old man and ***shall*** **fear** your **Elohim**. I am 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.

33 "And when a stranger sojourns with you in your land, *do not oppress* him.

34 "**Let** the stranger who dwells among you be to you as the native among you and you ***shall*** **love** him as yourself. For you were strangers in the land of Mitsrayim. I am 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**.

35 "***Do*** no *unrighteousness* in right-ruling, in measurement of length, in weight, or in measuring liquids.

36 "Have **right** scales, **right** weights, a **right** ĕphah and a **right** hin. I am 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**, who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim.

37 "And you ***shall*** **guard all My laws** and **all My right-rulings** and do them. I am 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.' "

20 And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 spoke to Mosheh,

2 "Say to the children of Yisra'ĕl, 'Any man of the children of Yisra'ĕl, or of the strangers who sojourn in Yisra'ĕl, who gives any of his offspring to Molek̲, ***shall*** certainly be put to *death.* The people of the land ***shall*** stone him with stones.

3 "And I, I ***shall*** set **My** face *against* that man and ***shall cut*** him off from the **midst** of his people, **because** he has **given** of his offspring to Molek̲, so as to *defile* **My** set-apart place and to *profane* **My** set-apart **Name**.

4 "And if the people of the land at **all** hide their eyes from the man, as he gives any of his offspring to Molek̲ and they *do not kill* him,

5 then I ***shall*** set **My** face *against* that man and *against* his clan and ***shall cut*** him off – and **all** who go *whoring* after him, even go *whoring* after Molek̲ – from the **midst** of their people.

6 "And the being who turns to mediums and to spiritists, to go *whoring* after them, I ***shall*** set **My** face *against* that being and *cut* him off from the **midst** of his people.

7 "And you ***shall*** set yourselves apart and ***shall*** **be** set-apart, for I am 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**,

8 and you ***shall*** **guard My laws** and do them. I am 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, who sets you apart.

9 "For everyone who *curses* his father or his mother ***shall*** certainly be put to *death* – he has *cursed* his father or his mother, his **blood** is on him.

10 "And a man who commits adultery with the wife of another man, who commits adultery with the wife of his neighbour: the adulterer and the adulteress ***shall*** certainly be put to *death.*

11 "And a man who lies with the wife of his father has uncovered the nakedness of his father, both of them ***shall*** certainly be put to *death,* their **blood** is upon them.

12 "And a man who lies with his

daughter-in-law: both of them ***shall*** certainly be put to *death,* they have made *confusion,* their **blood** is upon them.
[13]‘And a ***man*** who ***lies*** with a ***male*** as he lies with a woman: both of them have done an **abomination**, they ***shall*** certainly be put to *death,* their **blood** is upon them.
[14]‘And a man who marries a woman and her mother: it is *wickedness*, they are *burned* with *fire*, both he and they, that there be no *wickedness* in your **midst**.
[15]‘And a man who has intercourse with a beast: he ***shall*** certainly be put to *death* and the beast you kill.
[16]‘And a woman who approaches any beast and mates with it: you ***shall*** *kill* the woman and the beast, they ***shall*** certainly be put to *death,* their **blood** is upon them.
[17]‘And a man who takes his sister, his father’s daughter or his mother’s daughter and sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness: it is *wickedness* and they ***shall*** **be** *cut off* before the eyes of their people. **He** has uncovered his sister’s nakedness, he bears his *crookedness.*
[18]‘And a man who lies with a woman during her *sickness* and uncovers her nakedness: he has laid bare her flow and she has uncovered the flow of her **blood,** both of them ***shall*** **be** *cut off* from the **midst** of their people.
[19]‘And *do not* uncover the nakedness of your mother’s sister nor of your father’s sister, for that is laying bare one’s own *flesh,* they bear their *crookedness.*
[20]‘And a man who lies with his uncle’s wife: he has uncovered his uncle’s nakedness, they bear their *sin,* they *die* childless.
[21]‘And a man who takes his brother’s wife: it is uncleanness, he has uncovered his brother’s nakedness, they are childless.
[22]‘And you ***shall*** **guard all My laws** and all **My right-rulings** and do them, so that the land where I am bringing you to dwell *does not vomit* you out.
[23]‘And *do not* **walk** in the **laws** of the nation which I am driving out before you, for they do **all** these and therefore I *loathed* them.
[24]‘***But*** I say to you, “You are going to **possess** their land and **I Myself** give it to you to **possess** it, a land flowing with milk and honey.” I am יהוה your **Elohim**, who has separated you from the peoples.
[25]‘And you ***shall*** make a **distinction** between **clean** beasts and *unclean* and between *unclean* birds and **clean.** And *do not* make yourselves **abominable** by beast or by bird, or ***whatever*** creeps on the ground, which I have **separated** from you as *unclean.*
[26]‘And you ***shall*** **be** set-apart to **Me,** for I יהוה am set-apart and have **separated** you from the peoples to be **Mine.**
[27]‘And a man or a woman in whom there is a *medium,* or who are *spiritists*, ***shall*** certainly be put to *death,* they are to stone them with stones. Their **blood** is upon them.’ ”

21 And יהוה said to Mosheh, **“Speak** to the priests, the sons of Aharon and say to them: ‘No one is to be *defiled* for the *dead* among his people,
[2]except for his relatives who are nearest to him: for his mother and for his father and for his son and for his daughter and for his brother;
[3]and for his maiden sister who is **near** to him, who has had no husband – for her he is *defiled*.
[4]‘A leader *does not defile* himself among his people, to *profane* himself;
[5]they *do not* make any bald place on their heads and they *do not* shave the corner of their beard and they *do not* make a cutting in their *flesh.*
[6]‘They are set-apart to their **Elohim** and *do not profane* the **Name** of their **Elohim**, for they bring the offerings of יהוה made by *fire* and the **bread** of their **Elohim** and ***shall*** **be** set-apart.
[7]‘They *do not* take a woman who is a *whore* or a *defiled* woman and they

do not take a woman put away from her husband, for he is set-apart to his **Elohim**.
[8]"And you ***shall*** set him apart, for he brings the **bread** of your **Elohim**, he is set-apart to you. For I, יהוה, setting you apart, am set-apart.
[9]"And when the daughter of any priest *profanes* herself by *whoring,* she *profanes* her father. She is *burned* with *fire*.
[10]"And the high priest among his brothers, on whose head the anointing oil was poured and who is ordained to wear the garments, *does not* unbind his head nor *tear* his garments,
[11]nor **come near** any *dead* body, nor *defile* himself for his father or his mother,
[12]nor go out of the set-apart place, nor *profane* the set-apart place of his **Elohim**, for the **sign** of **dedication** of the anointing oil of his **Elohim** is upon him. I am יהוה.
[13]"And let him take a wife in her maidenhood.
[14]"A widow or one put away or a *defiled* woman or a *whore* – these he *does not* take. ***But*** a maiden of his own people he does take as a wife.
[15]"And he *does not profane* his offspring among his people, for I am יהוה, who sets him apart.' "
[16]And יהוה spoke to Mosheh,
[17]**"Speak** to Aharon, saying, 'No man of your offspring throughout their generations, who has any *defect,* is to draw **near** to bring the **bread** of his **Elohim**.
[18]"For any man who has a defect is not to draw near: a man *blind* or one *lame* or disfigured or deformed,
[19]a man who has a broken foot or broken **hand,**
[20]or is a hunchback or a dwarf, or a man who has a defect in his eye, or eczema or scab, or is a eunuch.
[21]"No man among the offspring of Aharon the priest, who has a *defect,* is to **come near** to bring the offerings made by *fire* to יהוה – he has a *defect,* he *does not* **come near** to bring the **bread** of his **Elohim**.
[22]"**He** does eat the **bread** of his **Elohim**, both the most set-apart and the set-apart,
[23]only, he *does not* go **near** the veil or approach the altar, **<u>because</u>** he has a *defect,* lest he *profanes* **My** set-apart places. For I am יהוה, who sets them apart.' "
[24]Thus Mosheh spoke to Aharon and his sons and to **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl.

22 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh,
[2]**"Speak** to Aharon and his sons, that they separate themselves from the set-apart offerings of the children of Yisra'ĕl and that they *do not profane* **My** set-apart **Name** in what they set-apart to **Me.** I am יהוה.
[3]"Say to them, 'Any man of **all** your offspring throughout your generations who **draws near** the set-apart offerings which the children of Yisra'ĕl set-apart to יהוה, while he has *uncleanness* upon him, that being ***shall* be** *cut off* from before **Me.** I am יהוה.
[4]"Any man of the offspring of Aharon, who is a leper or has a discharge, *does not* eat the set-apart offerings until he is **clean.** And ***whoever*** *touches* what is rendered *unclean* by a corpse, or a man who has had an emission of semen,
[5]or a man who *touches* any creeping creature by which he would be made *unclean,* or any being by whom he would become *unclean,* even any of his uncleanness;
[6]the being who has touched it ***shall* be** *unclean* until **evening** and *does not* eat the set-apart offerings, but ***shall*** bathe his body in water.
[7]"And when the sun goes down he ***shall* be clean** and afterward eat the set-apart offerings, **<u>because</u>** it is his food.
[8]"**He** *does not* eat that which dies or is *torn by beasts*, becoming *unclean* by it. I am יהוה.
[9]"And they ***shall* guard My Charge,** lest they bear *sin* for it and *die* thereby, when they *profane* it. I יהוה set them

apart.
10 ‘And no stranger eats the set-apart offering. A sojourner with the priest, or a hired servant, *does not* eat the set-apart offering.
11 ‘***But*** when the priest buys a being with his money, he does eat of it. And one who is born in his house does eat his food.
12 ‘And when a priest’s daughter is married to a stranger, she *does not* eat of the set-apart offerings.
13 ‘***But*** when a priest’s daughter is a widow or put away and has no child and has returned to her father’s house as in her youth, she does eat her father’s food, but no stranger eats of it.
14 ‘And when a man eats the set-apart offering by *mistake,* then he ***shall*** give a set-apart offering to the priest and add one-fifth to it.
15 ‘And let *the priests* not *profane* the set-apart offerings of the children of Yisra’ĕl, which they lift up to ה׳,
16 or allow them to bear the *crookedness* of *trespass* when they eat their set-apart offerings. For I am ה׳, who sets them apart.’ ”
17 And ה׳ spoke to Mosheh,
18 **“Speak** to Aharon and his sons and to **all** the children of Yisra’ĕl and say to them, ‘Any man of the house of Yisra’ĕl, or of the strangers in Yisra’ĕl, who brings his offering for any of his vows or for any of his voluntary offerings, which they bring to ה׳ as a burnt offering,
19 for your acceptance, is a male, a **perfect** one from the cattle, from the sheep, or from the goats.
20 ‘***What*ever** has a *defect, you do not* bring, for it is not **acceptable** for you.
21 ‘And when a man brings a **peace** offering to ה׳, to **complete** a vow, or a voluntary offering from the cattle or the sheep, it is to be **perfect** to be accepted, let there be no defect in it.
22 ‘Those *blind* or broken or having a cut, or have an ulcer or eczema or scabs, *you do not* bring to ה׳, nor make an offering by *fire* of them on the altar to ה׳.
23 ‘As for a bull or a **lamb** that has any limb deformed or dwarfed you do **prepare** as a voluntary offering, but for a vow it is not accepted.
24 ‘***Do*** *not* bring to ה׳ what is bruised or crushed, or *torn* or cut, nor do it in your land.
25 ‘And from a son of a stranger’s **hand** you *do not* bring any of these as the **bread** of your **Elohim**, for their *corruption* is in them and *defects* are in them, they are not **acceptable** for you.’ ”
26 And ה׳ spoke to Mosheh,
27 “***When*** a bull or a sheep or a goat is born, it ***shall*** **be** seven days with its mother. And from the eighth day and thereafter it is **acceptable** as an offering made by *fire* to ה׳.
28 “***But*** *do not* slaughter a cow or a sheep and its young on the **same** day.
29 “And when you bring a slaughtering of **thanksgiving** to ה׳, bring it for your acceptance.
30 “It is eaten that **same** day, leave none of it til morning. I am ה׳.
31 “And you ***shall*** **guard My commands** and do them. I am ה׳.
32 “And *do not profane* **My** set-apart Name and I ***shall*** **be** set-apart among the children of Yisra’ĕl. I am ה׳, who sets you apart,
33 who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, to be your **Elohim**. I am ה׳.”

23 And ה׳ spoke to Mosheh, saying,
2 **“Speak** to the children of Yisra’ĕl and say to them, ‘The **appointed times** of ה׳, which you are to **proclaim** as set-apart gatherings, **My appointed times,** are these:
3 ‘Six days **work** is done, but the **seventh day** is a **Sabbath** of rest, a set-apart gathering. You do no **work,** it is a **Sabbath** to ה׳ in **all** your dwellings.
4 ‘These are the **appointed times** of ה׳, set-apart gatherings which you are to **proclaim** at their **appointed** times.

5 "In the **first** month, on the fourteenth **day of** the month, between the **evening**s, is the **Passover** to יהוה.
6 "And on the fifteenth **day of** this month is the **Festival of Unleavened Bread** to יהוה – seven days you eat unleavened bread.
7 "On the **first** day you have a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work.
8 "And you ***shall*** bring an offering made by *fire* to יהוה for seven days. On the **seventh day** is a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work.' "
9 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh,
10 **"Speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl and you ***shall*** say to them, '***When*** you **come** into the land which I give you and ***shall*** reap its harvest, then you ***shall*** bring a sheaf of the **first-fruits** of your harvest to the priest.
11 "And he ***shall*** wave the sheaf before יהוה, for your acceptance. On the morrow after the **Sabbath** the priest waves it.
12 "And on that day when you wave the sheaf, you ***shall*** **prepare** a male **lamb** a year old, a **perfect** one, as a burnt offering to יהוה,
13 and its grain offering: two-tenths of an ĕphah of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering made by *fire* to יהוה, a **sweet** fragrance and its drink offering: one-fourth of a hin of **wine**.
14 "And *you do not* eat **bread** or roasted grain or **fresh** grain until the **same** day that you have brought an offering to your **Elohim** – a **law forever** throughout your generations in **all** your dwellings.
15 "And from the morrow after the **Sabbath,** from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, you ***shall*** count for yourselves: seven **completed Sabbath**s.
16 "Until the morrow after the **seventh Sabbath** you count fifty days, then you ***shall*** bring a new grain offering to יהוה.
17 "Bring from your dwellings for a wave offering two *loaves of* bread, of two-tenths of an ĕphah of fine flour they are, baked with leaven, **first-fruits** to יהוה.
18 "And besides the bread, you ***shall*** bring seven lambs a year old, **perfect** ones and one young bull and two rams. They are a burnt offering to יהוה, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, an offering made by *fire* for a **sweet** fragrance to יהוה.
19 "And you ***shall*** offer one male goat as a *sin* offering and two male lambs a year old, as a **peace** offering.
20 "And the priest ***shall*** wave them, besides the **bread** of the **first-fruits**, as a wave offering before יהוה, besides the two lambs. They are set-apart to יהוה for the priest.
21 "And on this **same** day you ***shall*** **proclaim** a set-apart gathering for yourselves, you do no servile **work** on it – a **law forever** in **all** your dwellings throughout your generations.
22 "when you reap the harvest of your land *do not* **completely** reap the corners of your field when you reap and *do not* **gather** any gleaning from your harvest. Leave them for the *poor* and for the stranger. I am יהוה your **Elohim**.' "
23 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh,
24 **"Speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl, saying, 'In the seventh month, on the **first day of** the month, you have a rest, a **remembrance** of blowing of trumpets, a set-apart gathering.
25 "You do no servile **work** and you ***shall*** bring an offering made by *fire* to יהוה.' "
26 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh,
27 "On the tenth **day of** this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. It ***shall*** **be** a set-apart gathering for you. And you ***shall*** *afflict* your beings and ***shall*** bring an offering made by *fire* to יהוה.
28 "And you do no **work** on that **same** day, for it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before יהוה your **Elohim**.
29 "For any being who is not *afflicted* on that **same** day, he ***shall*** **be** *cut off* from his people.
30 "And any being who does any **work** on that **same** day, that being **I** ***shall***

destroy from the **midst** of his people.
31"'You do no **work** – a **law forever** throughout your generations in **all** your dwellings.
32'It is a **Sabbath** of rest to you and you ***shall*** *afflict* your beings. On the ninth **day of** the month at **evening**, from **evening** to **evening**, you **observe** your **Sabbath**."
33And יהוה spoke to Mosheh,
34**"Speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl, saying, 'On the fifteenth **day of** this seventh month is the **Festival of Booths** for seven days to יהוה.
35'On the **first** day is a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work.
36'For seven days you bring an offering made by *fire* to יהוה. On the eighth day there ***shall*** **be** a set-apart gathering for you and you ***shall*** bring an offering made by *fire* to יהוה. It is a closing **festival,** you do no servile work.
37'These are the **appointed times** of יהוה which you **proclaim** as set-apart gatherings, to bring an offering made by *fire* to יהוה, a burnt offering and a grain offering, a slaughtering and drink offerings as **commanded** for **every** day
38besides the **Sabbaths** of יהוה and besides your gifts and besides **all** your vows and besides **all** your voluntary offerings which you give to יהוה.
39'On the fifteenth **day of** the seventh month, when you **gather** in the **fruit** of the land, **observe** the **festival** of יהוה for seven days. On the **first** day is a rest and on the eighth day a rest.
40'And you ***shall*** take for yourselves on the **first** day the **fruit** of **good** trees, branches of palm trees, twigs of leafy trees and willows of the stream and ***shall*** **rejoice** before יהוה your **Elohim** for seven days.
41'And you ***shall*** **observe** it as a **festival** to יהוה for seven days in the year – a **law forever** in your generations. **Observe** it in the seventh month.
42'Dwell in booths for seven days; **all** who are native Yisra'ĕlites dwell in booths,
43so that your generations **know** that I made the children of Yisra'ĕl dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim. I am יהוה your **Elohim**.' "
44Thus did Mosheh **speak** of the **appointed times** of יהוה to the children of Yisra'ĕl.

24 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh,
2"'**Command** the children of Yisra'ĕl that they bring to you clear oil of pressed olives for the **light**, to make the **lamps** burn continually.
3"Outside the veil of the Witness, in the **Tent** of Meeting, Aharon is to arrange it from **evening** until morning before יהוה continually – a **law forever** throughout your generations.
4"He is to arrange the **lamps** on the **clean** gold **lampstand** before יהוה continually.
5"'And you ***shall*** take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it, two-tenths *of an* ĕphah in each cake.
6"'And you ***shall*** set them in two rows, six in a row, on the **clean** table before יהוה.
7"'And you ***shall*** put clear frankincense on each row and it ***shall*** **be** on the **bread** as a **remembrance** portion, an offering made by *fire* to יהוה.
8"'On **every Sabbath** he is to arrange it before יהוה continually, from the children of Yisra'ĕl – an **everlasting covenant.**
9"'And it ***shall*** **be** for Aharon and his sons and they ***shall*** eat it in the set-apart place, **because** it is most set-apart to him from the offerings of יהוה made by *fire* – an **everlasting** law."
10And the son of an Yisra'ĕlite woman, whose father was a Mitsrite, went out among the children of Yisra'ĕl. And the Yisra'ĕlite woman's son and a man of Yisra'ĕl *strove* in the camp.
11And the Yisra'ĕlite woman's son blasphemed the **Name** and *cursed*. So they brought him to Mosheh. **Now** his mother's name was Shelomith the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan.
12And they put him in under guard,

that it might be **declared** to them at the **mouth** of ꓤYHZ.
[13]And ꓤYHZ spoke to Mosheh, saying,
[14]"Bring the one who has *cursed* outside the camp and **all** those **who heard** him ***shall*** lay their hands on his head and **all** the congregation ***shall*** stone him.
[15]"And **speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl, saying, 'Anyone who *curses* his **Elohim** ***shall*** bear his *sin.*
[16]'And he who blasphemes the **Name** of ꓤYHZ ***shall*** certainly be put to *death* and **all** the congregation certainly stone him, the stranger as well as the native. ***When*** he blasphemes the **Name**, he is put to *death.*
[17]'And he who smites the **life** from any man ***shall*** certainly be put to *death.*
[18]'And he who smites a beast **repays** it, body for body.
[19]'And when a man inflicts a blemish upon his neighbour, as he has done so it is done to him:
[20]'Fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he inflicts a blemish upon him, so it is done to him.
[21]'And he who smites a beast **repays** it and he who smites a man *to death* is put to *death.*
[22]'You are to have one right-ruling, for the stranger and for the native, for I am ꓤYHZ your **Elohim**.' "
[23]And Mosheh spoke to the children of Yisra'ĕl and they brought the one who *cursed* outside the camp and stoned him with stones. And the children of Yisra'ĕl did as ꓤYHZ **commanded** Mosheh.

25 And ꓤYHZ spoke to Mosheh on Mount Sinai,
[2]**"Speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl and say to them, '***When*** you **come** into the land which I **give** you, then the land ***shall*** **observe** a **Sabbath** to ꓤYHZ.
[3]'Six years you sow your field and six years you prune your vineyard and **gather** in its **fruit,**
[4]but in the seventh year the land is to have a **Sabbath** of rest, a **Sabbath** to ꓤYHZ. ***Do*** *not* sow your field and *do not* prune your vineyard.
[5]'***Do*** *not* reap what grows of its own of your harvest and *do not* **gather** the grapes of your unpruned vine, for it is a year of rest for the land.
[6]'And the **Sabbath** of the land ***shall*** **be** to you for food, for you and your servant and for your female servant and your hired servant and for the stranger who sojourns with you,
[7]and for your livestock and the beasts that are in your land. All its crops are for food.
[8]'And you ***shall*** count seven **Sabbaths** of years for yourself, seven times seven years. And the **time** of the seven **Sabbaths** of years ***shall*** **be** to you forty-nine years.
[9]'You ***shall*** then sound a ram's horn to pass through on the tenth **day of** the seventh month, on the Day of Atonement **cause** a ram's horn to pass through **all** your land.
[10]'And you ***shall*** set the fiftieth year apart and **proclaim** release throughout **all** the land to **all** its inhabitants, it is a Jubilee for you. And each of you ***shall*** **return** to his possession and each of you **return** to his clan.
[11]'The fiftieth year is a **Jubilee** to you. ***Do*** *not* sow, nor reap what grows of its own, nor **gather** from its unpruned vine.
[12]'It is a **Jubilee**, it is set-apart to you. Eat from the field its crops.
[13]'In the **Year** of this **Jubilee** let each one of you **return** to his possession.
[14]'And when you sell ***whatever*** to your neighbour or buy from the **hand** of your neighbour, *do not exploit* one another.
[15]'According to the number of years after the **Jubilee** you buy from your neighbour and **according** to the number of years of crops he sells to you.
[16]'According to the greater number of years you increase its price and **according** to the fewer number of years you diminish its price, **because** he sells to you **according** to the number of the

years of the crops.
17‘And *do not oppress* one another, but you ***shall*** **fear** your **Elohim**. For I am יהוה your **Elohim**.
18‘And you ***shall*** do **My laws** and **guard My right-rulings** and ***shall*** do them. And you ***shall*** dwell in the land in safety,
19‘and the land ***shall*** yield its **fruit** and you ***shall*** eat to satisfaction and ***shall*** dwell there in safety.
20‘And since you might say, “***What*** do we eat in the seventh year, since we *do not* sow nor **gather** in our crops?”
21‘Therefore I have **commanded My blessing** on you in the sixth year and it ***shall*** bring forth the crop for three years.
22‘You ***shall*** sow in the eighth year and eat of the old crop until the ninth year. Eat of the old until its crop **comes** in.
23‘And the land is not to be sold beyond reclaim, for the land is **Mine,** for you are sojourners and settlers with **Me.**
24‘And provide for a redemption for the land, in **all** the land of your possession.
25‘***When*** your brother becomes *poor* and has sold some of his possession and his redeemer, a close relative **comes** to **redeem** it, then he ***shall*** **redeem** what his brother sold.
26‘And when the man has no one to **redeem** it, but he himself becomes able to **redeem** it,
27then let him count the years since its sale and **return** the remainder to the man to whom he sold it, that he ***shall*** **return** to his possession.
28‘And if his **hand** has not **found** enough to give back to him, then what was sold ***shall*** remain in the **hand** of him who bought it until the **Year** of **Jubilee**. And it ***shall*** **be** released in the **Jubilee** and he ***shall*** **return** to his possession.
29‘And when a man sells a house in a walled city, then his **right** of redemption ***shall*** **be** at **the end** of the year after it is sold. **His right** of redemption lasts a year.
30‘***But*** if it is not redeemed within a **complete** year, then the house in the walled city ***shall*** **be established** beyond reclaim to the buyer of it, throughout his generations. It is not released in the Jubilee.
31‘The houses of villages, however, which have no wall around them are reckoned as the field of the country. A **right** of redemption belongs to it and they are released in the **Jubilee**.
32‘As for the cities of the Lĕwites and the houses in the cities of their possession, the Lĕwites have a **right** of redemption **forever**.
33‘And that which is redeemed from the Lĕwites, both the sale of a house and the city of his possession ***shall*** **be** released in the **Year** of **Jubilee**, **<u>because</u>** the houses in the cities of the Lĕwites are their possession in the **midst** of the children of Yisra’ĕl.
34‘***But*** the field of the **open** land of their cities is not sold, for it is their **everlasting** possession.
35‘And when your brother becomes *poor* and his **hand** has failed with you, then you ***shall*** sustain him and he ***shall*** **live** with you, like a stranger or a sojourner.
36‘Take no interest from him, or profit, but you ***shall*** **fear** your **Elohim** and your brother ***shall*** **live** with you.
37‘***Do*** *not* lend him your silver on interest and *do not* lend him your food for profit.
38‘I am יהוה your **Elohim**, who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, to give you the land of Kena‘an, to be your **Elohim**.
39‘And when your brother who dwells by you becomes *poor* and sells himself to you, *do not* make him **serve** as a slave.
40‘***But*** as a hired servant, as a settler he is with you and serves you until the **Year** of **Jubilee**.
41‘And then he ***shall*** leave you, he and his children with him and ***shall*** **return** to his own clan, even **return** to the possession of his fathers.
42‘For they are **My** servants, whom I brought out of the land of Mitsrayim, they are not sold as slaves.

43 ‘***Do** not* **rule** over him with harshness, but you ***shall* fear** your **Elohim**.
44 ‘And your male and female slaves whom you have from the nations that are around you, from them you buy male and female slaves,
45 and also from the sons of the strangers sojourning among you, from them you buy and from their clans who are with you, which they ***shall*** bring forth in your land and they ***shall* be** your property.
46 ‘And you ***shall*** take them as an **inheritance** for your children after you, to inherit them as a possession, they are your slaves for **all time.** ***But*** over your brothers, the children of Yisra’ĕl, *you do not* **rule** with harshness, one over another.
47 ‘**Now** when a sojourner or a settler with you becomes rich and your brother with him becomes *poor* and sells himself to the settler or sojourner with you, or to a member of the sojourner’s clan,
48 after he has been sold, there is a **right** of redemption to him – one of his brothers does **redeem** him,
49 or his uncle or his uncle’s son does **redeem** him, or anyone who is a close relative to him in his clan does **redeem** him, or if he is able, then he ***shall* redeem** himself.
50 ‘And he ***shall*** reckon with him who bought him: The price of his release ***shall* be according** to the number of years, from the year that he was sold to him until the Year of Jubilee; as the days of a hired servant it is with him.
51 ‘***If*** there are yet many years, **according** to them he **repays** the price of his redemption, from the silver of his purchase.
52 ‘And if **few** years are left until the **Year** of **Jubilee**, then he ***shall*** reckon with him and **according** to his years he **repays** him the price of his redemption.
53 ‘**He** is with him as a yearly hired servant and he *does not* **rule** with harshness over him before your eyes.
54 ‘***If*** he is not redeemed in these years, then he ***shall* be** released in the **Year** of **Jubilee**, he and his children with him.
55 ‘**Because** the children of Yisra’ĕl are servants to **Me,** they are **My servants** whom I brought out of the land of Mitsrayim. I am יהוה your **Elohim**.

26 ‘***Do** not* make *idols* for yourselves and *do not* set up a *carved image* or a pillar for yourselves and *do not* place a *stone image* in your land, to bow down to it. For I am יהוה your **Elohim**.
2 ‘**Guard My Sabbaths** and reverence **My** set-apart place. I am יהוה.
3 ‘***If*** you **walk** in **My laws** and **guard My commands** and ***shall*** do them,
4 then I ***shall* give** you rain in its season and the land ***shall*** yield its crops and the trees of the field yield their **fruit.**
5 ‘And your threshing ***shall* last** til the **time** of the grape harvest and the grape harvest ***shall* last** til the **time** of sowing. And you ***shall*** eat your **bread** until you have enough and ***shall*** dwell in your land safely.
6 ‘And I ***shall* give peace** in the land and you ***shall*** *lie* down and no one make you *afraid*. And I ***shall*** clear the land of *evil* beasts and not let the *sword* go through your land.
7 ‘And you ***shall*** pursue your enemies and they ***shall fall*** by the *sword* before you.
8 ‘And five of you ***shall*** pursue a hundred and a hundred of you pursue ten thousand. And your enemies ***shall fall*** by the *sword* before you.
9 ‘And **I *shall turn*** to you and make you bear **fruit** and ***shall*** increase you and ***shall* establish My covenant** with you.
10 ‘And you ***shall*** eat the old supply and clear out the old **because** of the new.
11 ‘And I ***shall*** set **My Dwelling Place** in your **midst** and **My** being ***shall*** not *reject* you.
12 ‘And I ***shall* walk** in your **midst** and **shall be** your **Elohim** and you ***shall* be My people**.

13 "I am יהוה your **Elohim**,
who brought you out of the land of
Mitsrayim, from being their slaves. And
I have broken the bars of your yoke and
made you **walk upright.**
14 "***But*** if *you do not* ***obey*** **Me** and *do
not* do **all** these **commands**,
15 and if you *reject* **My laws**, or if your
being loathes **My right-rulings**, so that
you do not do **all My commands**, but
break **My covenant**,
16 I also do this to you: And I ***shall***
appoint sudden *alarm* over you,
wasting *disease* and inflammation,
destroying the eyes and *consuming* the
life. And you ***shall*** sow your seed in
vain, for your enemies ***shall*** eat it.
17 "And I ***shall*** set **My** face *against* you
and you ***shall*** **be** *smitten* before your
enemies. And those who *hate* you ***shall***
rule over you and you ***shall flee*** when
no one pursues you.
18 "And after **all** this, if *you do not* ***obey***
Me, then I ***shall*** *punish* you seven times
more for your *sins*.
19 "And **I** ***shall*** *break* the pride of your
power and ***shall*** make your heavens like
iron and your earth like bronze.
20 "And your strength ***shall*** **be** spent in
vain and your land not yield its crops,
nor the trees of the land yield their **fruit.**
21 "And if you **walk** *contrary* to **Me** and
refuse to **obey Me, I *shall* bring on you**
seven times more *plagues*, **according** to
your *sins*,
22 and send wild beasts among you,
which ***shall*** bereave you of your
children. And I ***shall cut*** *off* your
livestock and make you **few** in number
and your highways ***shall*** **be** deserted.
23 "And if you are not **instructed** by **Me**
by these, but **walk** *contrary* to **Me,**
24 then I also ***shall*** **walk** *contrary* to
you and **I Myself *shall*** *smite* you seven
times for your *sins*.
25 "And I ***shall*** bring *against* you a
sword executing the **vengeance**
of **My covenant** and you ***shall*** **gather**
together in your cities and **I *shall* send**
pestilence among you and you ***shall*** **be**
given into the **hand** of the enemy.
26 "***When*** I have *cut off* your supply of
bread, ten women ***shall*** bake your **bread**
in one oven and they ***shall*** bring back to
you your **bread** by weight and you ***shall***
eat and not be satisfied.
27 "And if in spite of this, *you do not*
obey **Me,** but **walk** *contrary* to **Me,**
28 then I ***shall*** **walk** *contrary* to you in
wrath. And **I Myself *shall*** *punish* you
seven times for your *sins*.
29 "And you ***shall*** eat the *flesh* of your
sons and eat the *flesh* of your daughters.
30 "And **I *shall*** *destroy* your *high places*
and *cut down* your ***sun-****pillars* and put
your carcasses on the carcasses of your
idols. And **My** being ***shall*** loathe you.
31 "And **I *shall turn*** your cities into
ruins and lay your set-apart places *waste*
and not *smell* your **sweet** fragrances.
32 "And **I *shall*** **lay** the land *waste* and
your enemies who dwell in it ***shall*** **be**
astonished at it.
33 "And **I *shall*** *scatter* you among the
gentiles and draw out a *sword* after you.
And your land ***shall*** **be** desert and your
cities ruins,
34 and the land enjoy its **Sabbaths** as
long as it lies *waste* and you are in your
enemies' land. ***Then*** the land would rest
and enjoy its **Sabbath**s.
35 "As long as it lies *waste* it rests, for
the **time** it *did not* rest on your **Sabbaths**
when you dwelt in it.
36 "And as for those of you who are left,
I *shall* send faintness into their **hearts** in
the lands of their enemies and the sound
of a *shaken* leaf ***shall*** **cause** them to ***flee.***
And they ***shall flee*** as though retreating
from a *sword* and they ***shall fall*** when
no one pursues.
37 "And they ***shall*** *stumble* over one
another, as from before a *sword,* when
no one pursues. And you ***shall*** **be** *unable*
to **stand** before your enemies.
38 "And you ***shall*** *perish* among the
gentiles and the land of your enemies
shall eat you up,
39 and those of you who are left *rot*
away in their *crookedness* in your
enemies' lands and also in their fathers'
*crooked*nesses *rot* away with them.

40 ‘***But*** if they confess their *crookedness* and the *crookedness* of their fathers, with their *trespass* in which they trespassed *against* **Me** and that they also have walked *contrary* to **Me,**
41 and that I also have walked *contrary* to them and have brought them into the land of their enemies – if their *uncircumcised* **heart** is then humbled and they **accept** the *punishment* of their *crookedness,*
42 then I ***shall remember*** **My covenant** with Ya'aqoḇ and also **My covenant** with Yitsḥaq and also ***remember*** **My covenant** with Aḇrahim and ***remember*** the land.
43 ‘For the land was *abandoned* by them and enjoying its **Sabbaths** while *lying waste* without them and they were paying for their *crookedness,* **because** they *rejected* **My right-rulings** and **because** their being *loathed* **My laws**.
44 ‘And yet for **all** this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I ***shall*** not *reject* them, nor ***shall*** I loathe them so as to *destroy* them and *break* **My covenant** with them. For I am ֵיהוָה their **Elohim**.
45 ‘***Then*** I ***shall remember*** for their sake the **covenant** of the ancestors whom I brought out of the land of Mitsrayim before the eyes of the nations to be their **Elohim**. I am ֵיהוָה.’ ”
46 These are the **laws** and the **right-rulings** and the **Torot** which ֵיהוָה made between **Himself** and the children of Yisra’ĕl on Mount Sinai by the **hand** of Mosheh.

27 And ֵיהוָה spoke to Mosheh,
2 **“Speak** to the children of Yisra’ĕl and say to them, ‘***When*** a man separates a vow, by your evaluation of lives unto ֵיהוָה,
3 when your evaluation is of a male from twenty years old up to sixty years old, then your evaluation ***shall*** **be** fifty sheqels of silver, **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place.
4 ‘And if it is a female, then your evaluation ***shall*** **be** thirty sheqels;
5 and if from five years old up to twenty years old, then your evaluation for a male ***shall*** **be** twenty sheqels and for a female ten sheqels;
6 and if from a month old up to five years old, then your evaluation for a male ***shall*** **be** five sheqels of silver and for a female your evaluation ***shall*** **be** three sheqels of silver;
7 and if from sixty years old and above, if it is a male, then your evaluation ***shall*** be fifteen sheqels and for a female ten sheqels.
8 ‘***But*** if he is too *poor* to pay your evaluation, then he ***shall*** present himself before the priest and the priest ***shall*** set a value for him. According to the ability of him who vowed, the priest ***shall*** value him.
9 ‘And if it is a beast of which they bring an offering to ֵיהוָה, **all** such **given** to ֵיהוָה is set-apart.
10 ‘**He** is not to replace it or exchange it, **good** for spoilt or spoilt for **good**. And if he at **all** exchanges beast for beast, then both it and the one exchanged for it is set-apart.
11 ‘And if it is any *unclean* beast of which they *do not* bring an offering to ֵיהוָה, then he ***shall*** present the beast before the priest;
12 and the priest ***shall*** value it, whether it is **good** or spoilt. According to your evaluation, O priest, so it ***shall*** **be.**
13 ‘***But*** if he indeed redeems it, then he ***shall*** add one-fifth to your evaluation.
14 ‘And when a man sets his house apart, to be set-apart to ֵיהוָה, then the priest ***shall*** value it, whether it is **good** or spoilt. As the priest values it, so it stands.
15 ‘And if he who sets it apart does **redeem** his house, then he ***shall*** add onefifth of the silver of your evaluation to it and it ***shall*** **be** his.

16 ‘And if a man sets apart to ֵיהוָה a field he owns, then your evaluation ***shall*** **be according** to the seed for it – a ḥomer of barley seed at fifty sheqels of silver.

17‘***If*** he sets his field apart from the **Year** of **Jubilee**, **according** to your evaluation it stands.
18‘***But*** if he sets his field apart after the **Jubilee**, then the priest ***shall*** reckon to him the silver due **according** to the years that remain til the **Year** of **Jubilee** and it ***shall*** **be** deducted from your evaluation.
19‘And if he who sets the field apart ever **wishes** to **redeem** it, then he ***shall*** add onefifth of the silver of your evaluation to it and it ***shall*** **be** his.
20‘And if he *does not* **redeem** the field, or if he has sold the field to another man, it is no longer redeemed,
21but the field, when it is released in the **Jubilee**, is set-apart to יהוה as a **dedicated** field, to be the possession of the priest.
22‘And if a man sets apart to יהוה a field which he has bought, which is not the field of his possession,
23then the priest ***shall*** reckon to him the amount of your evaluation, up to the **Year** of **Jubilee** and he ***shall*** give your evaluation on that day, set-apart to יהוה.
24‘In the **Year** of **Jubilee** the field returns to him from whom he bought it, to him whose is the possession of the land.
25‘And **all** your evaluations is to be **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place: twenty gĕrahs to the sheqel.
26‘However, a first-born of the beasts, which is first-born to יהוה, no man sets it apart – whether bull or sheep, it belongs to יהוה.
27‘And if among the *unclean* beasts, then he ***shall*** ransom it **according** to your evaluation and ***shall*** add one-fifth to it. And if it is not redeemed, then it ***shall*** **be** sold **according** to your evaluation.
28‘However, ***whatever*** a man lays under **ban** for יהוה of **all** that he has, man and beast, or the field of his possession, is not sold or redeemed. ***whatever*** is laid under **ban** is most set-apart to יהוה.
29‘No one under the **ban,** under the **ban** among men, is ransomed, but ***shall*** certainly be put to *death.*
30‘And **all** the tithe of the land – of the seed of the land or of the **fruit** of the *tree* – belongs to יהוה. It is set-apart to יהוה.
31‘***If*** a man indeed redeems any of his tithes, he adds one-fifth to it.
32‘And the entire tithe of the herd and of the flock, **all** that passes under the rod, the tenth one is set-apart to יהוה.
33‘**He** *does not* **inquire** whether it is **good** or spoilt, nor does he exchange it. And if he exchanges it at **all,** then both it and the one exchanged for it are set-apart, it is not redeemed.’ ”
34These are the **commands** which יהוה **commanded** Mosheh for the children of Yisra’ĕl on Mount Sinai.

BEMIḎBAR

NUMBERS — 4 MOSHEH

1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh in the Wilderness of Sinai, in the **Tent** of Meeting, on the **first day of** the second month, in the second year after they had **come out** of the land of Mitsrayim, saying,

2"Take a census of **all** the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, **according** to the number of names, **every** male, head by head,

3from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army in Yisra'ĕl. Number them by their divisions, you and Aharon.

4"And a man from **every** tribe should be with you, each one the head of his father's house.

5"And these are the names of the men who **stand** with you. From Re'uḇĕn: Elitsur, son of Sheḏĕy'ur.

6"From Shim'on: Shelumi'ĕl, son of Tsurishaddai.

7"From Yahuḏah: Naḥshon, son of Amminaḏaḇ.

8"From Yissasḵar: Nethanĕ'l, son of Tsu'ar.

9"From Zeḇulun: Eliyaḇ, son of Ḥĕlon.

10"From the sons of Yosĕph: From Ephrayim: Elishama, son of Ammihuḏ. From Menashsheh: Gamli'ĕl, son of Peḏahtsur.

11"From Binyamin: Aḇiḏan, son of Giḏ'oni.

12"From Dan: Aḥi'ezer, son of Ammishaddai.

13"From Ashĕr: Paḡ'i'ĕl, son of Oḵran.

14"From Gaḏ: Elyasaph, son of Deu'ĕl.

15"From Naphtali: Aḥira, son of Ĕnan."

16These are the ones called from the congregation, leaders of their fathers' tribes, heads of the thousands of Yisra'ĕl.

17And Mosheh and Aharon took these men who were called by name,

18and they **assembled all** the congrega tion **together** on the **first day of** the second month. And they **declared** their ancestry by clans, by their fathers' houses, **according** to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, each one head by head.

19As יהוה **commanded** Mosheh, so he registered them in the Wilderness of Sinai.

20And the children of Re'uḇĕn, Yisra'ĕl's first-born, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, **according** to the number of names, **every** male head by head, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,

21those who were registered of the tribe of Re'uḇĕn were forty-six thousand five hundred.

22From the children of Shim'on, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, of those who were registered, **according** to the number of names, **every** male head by head, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,

23those who were registered of the tribe of Shim'on were fifty-nine thousand three hundred.

24From the children of Gaḏ, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, **according** to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,

25those who were registered of the tribe of Gaḏ were forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty.

26From the children of Yahuḏah, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, **according** to the number

of names, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,
[27]those who were registered of the tribe of Yahuḏah were seventy-four thousand six hundred.
[28]From the children of Yissasḵar, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, **according** to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,
[29]those who were registered of the tribe of Yissasḵar were fifty-four thousand four hundred.
[30]From the children of Zeḇulun, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, **according** to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,
[31]those who were registered of the tribe of Zeḇulun were fifty-seven thousand four hundred.
[32]From the sons of Yosĕph, the children of Ephrayim, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, **according** to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,
[33]those who were registered of the tribe of Ephrayim were forty thousand five hundred.
[34]From the children of Menashsheh, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, **according** to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,
[35]those who were registered of the tribe of Menashsheh were thirty-two thousand two hundred.
[36]From the children of Binyamin, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, **according** to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,
[37]those who were registered of the tribe of Binyamin were thirty-five thousand four hundred.
[38]From the children of Dan, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, **according** to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,
[39]those who were registered of the tribe of Dan were sixty-two thousand seven hundred.
[40]From the children of Asher, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, **according** to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,
[41]those who were registered of the tribe of Asher were forty-one thousand five hundred.
[42]From the children of Naphtali, their genealogies by their clans, by their fathers' house, **according** to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army,
[43]those who were registered of the tribe of Naphtali were fifty-three thousand four hundred.
[44]These were those registered, whom Mosheh and Aharon registered, with the leaders of Yisra'ĕl, twelve men, each one for his father's house.
[45]And **all** those that were registered of the children of Yisra'ĕl, by their fathers' houses, from twenty years old and above, everyone going out to the army in Yisra'ĕl,
[46]all those that were registered were six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty.
[47]***But*** the Lĕwites were not registered among them by their fathers' tribe,
[48]**because** יהוה had **spoken** to Mosheh, saying,
[49]"Only the tribe of Lĕwi *you do not* register, nor take a census of them among the children of Yisra'ĕl.
[50]"Instead, **appoint** the Lĕwites over the **Dwelling Place** of the Witness, over **all** its furnishings and over **all** that belongs to it. They bear the **Dwelling Place** and **all** its furnishings and they attend to it and camp around the **Dwelling Place.**
[51]"And when the **Dwelling Place** is to go forward, the Lĕwites take it down. And when the **Dwelling Place** is to be set up, the Lĕwites set it up. And the stranger who **comes near** is put to *death.*

52"And the children of Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** pitch their tents, everyone by his own camp, everyone by his own banner, **according** to their divisions,
53but let the Lĕwites camp around the **Dwelling Place** of the Witness, so that there be no *wrath* on the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl. And the Lĕwites ***shall*** **guard** the duty of the **Dwelling Place** of the **witness.**"
54And the children of Yisra'ĕl did **according** to **all** that יהוה **commanded** Mosheh, so they did.

2 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, saying,
2"The children of Yisra'ĕl are to camp, each one by his own banner, beside the **sign** of his father's house. **Let** them camp around the **Tent** of Meeting at a distance."
3And on the east side, towards sunrise: those of the banner of the camp of Yahuḏah camp **according** to their divisions. And the leader of the children of Yahuḏah: Naḥshon, son of Amminaḏaḇ.
4And his army with their registered ones: seventy-four thousand six hundred.
5And those camping next to him is the tribe of Yissasḵar and the leader of the children of Yissasḵar: Nethanĕ'l, son of Tsu'ar.
6And his army with its registered ones: fifty-four thousand four hundred.
7***Then*** the tribe of Zeḇulun and the leader of the children of Zeḇulun: Eliyaḇ, son of Ḥĕlon.
8And his army with its registered ones: fifty-seven thousand four hundred.
9All the registered ones of the camp of Yahuḏah, **according** to their divisions: one hundred and eighty-six thousand four hundred. These depart **first.**
10On the south side: the banner of the camp of Re'uḇĕn **according** to their divisions and the leader of the children of Re'uḇĕn: Elitsur, son of Sheḏĕy'ur.
11And his army with its registered ones: forty-six thousand five hundred.
12And those who camp next to him: the tribe of Shim'on and the leader of the children of Shim'on: Shelumi'ĕl, son of Tsurishaddai.
13And his army with their registered ones: fifty-nine thousand three hundred.
14***Then*** the tribe of Gaḏ and the leader of the children of Gaḏ: Ĕlyasaph, son of Re'uw'ĕl.
15And his army with their registered ones: forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty.
16All the registered ones of the camp of Re'uḇĕn, **according** to their divisions: one hundred and fifty-one thousand four hundred and fifty. And they are the second to depart.
17And the **Tent** of Meeting, the camp of the Lĕwites, ***shall*** move out in the middle of the camps. As they camp, so they move out, everyone in his place, by their banners.
18On the west side: the banner of the camp of Ephrayim **according** to their divisions and the leader of the children of Ephrayim: Elishama, son of Ammihuḏ.
19And his army with their registered ones: forty thousand five hundred.
20And next to him the tribe of Menashsheh and the leader of the children of Menashsheh: Gamli'ĕl, son of Peḏahtsur.
21And his army with their registered ones: thirty-two thousand two hundred.
22***Then*** the tribe of Binyamin and the leader of the children of Binyamin: Aḇiḏan, son of Giḏ'oni.
23And his army with their registered ones: thirty-five thousand four hundred.
24All the registered ones of the camp of Ephrayim, **according** to their divisions: one hundred and eight thousand one hundred. And they are the third to depart.
25On the north side: the banner of the camp of Dan, **according** to their divisions and the leader of the children of Dan: Aḥi'ezer, son of Ammishaddai.
26And his army with their registered ones: sixty-two thousand seven hundred.

[27]And those who camp next to him: the tribe of Asher and the leader of the children of Asher: Paḡ'i'ĕl, son of Okran.
[28]And his army with their registered ones: forty-one thousand five hundred.
[29]***Then*** the tribe of Naphtali and the leader of the children of Naphtali: Aḥira, son of Ĕnan.
[30]And his army with their registered ones: fifty-three thousand four hundred.
[31]All the registered ones of the camp of Dan: one hundred and fifty-seven thousand six hundred. They depart **last,** with their banners.
[32]These were registered ones of the children of Yisra'ĕl by their fathers' houses. All who were registered **according** to their division**s** of the camps: six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty.
[33]***But*** the Lĕwites were not registered among the children of Yisra'ĕl, as **꓎YHZ commanded** Mosheh.
[34]And the children of Yisra'ĕl did **according** to **all** that **꓎YHZ commanded** Mosheh. So they camped by their banners and so they departed, each one by his clan, **according** to their fathers' houses.

3 And these are the generations of Aharon and Mosheh when **꓎YHZ** spoke with Mosheh on Mount Sinai.
[2]And these are the names of the sons of Aharon: Naḏaḇ, the first-born and Aḇihu, El'azar and Ithamar.
[3]These are the names of the sons of Aharon, the **anointed** priests, whom he ordained to act as priests.
[4]And Naḏaḇ and Aḇihu had died before **꓎YHZ** when they brought *strange fire* before **꓎YHZ** in the Wilderness of Sinai. And they had no children. So El'azar and Ithamar *acted* as priests in the presence of Aharon their father.
[5]And **꓎YHZ** spoke to Mosheh,
[6]"Bring the tribe of Lĕwi near and set them before Aharon the priest and they ***shall*** **serve** him,
[7]and ***shall*** **guard** his duty and the duty of **all** the congregation before the **Tent** of Meeting, to do the service of the **Dwelling Place.**
[8]"And they ***shall*** **guard all** the furnishings of the **Tent** of Meeting and the duty of the children of Yisra'ĕl, to do the service of the **Dwelling Place.**
[9]"And you ***shall*** give the Lĕwites to Aharon and his sons. They are the **given** ones, **given** to him from among the children of Yisra'ĕl.
[10]"And **appoint** Aharon and his sons and they ***shall*** **guard** their priesthood. And the stranger who **comes near** ***shall*** **be** put to *death.*"
[11]And **꓎YHZ** spoke to Mosheh,
[12]"**Now** look, **I Myself** have taken the Lĕwites from among the children of Yisra'ĕl instead of **every** first-born who opens the womb among the children of Yisra'ĕl. And the Lĕwites ***shall*** **be Mine,**
[13]**<u>because</u> all** the first-born are **Mine.** On the day that I *struck* **all** the first-born in the land of Mitsrayim, I set-apart to **Myself all** the first-born in Yisra'ĕl, both man and beast. They are **Mine,** I am **꓎YHZ**."
[14]And **꓎YHZ** spoke to Mosheh in the Wilderness of Sinai, saying,
[15]"Register the children of Lĕwi by their fathers' houses, by their clans. Register **every** male from a month old and above."
[16]So Mosheh registered them **according** to the **Word** of **꓎YHZ**, as he had been **commanded**.
[17]And these were the sons of Lĕwi by their names: Gĕreshon and Qehath and Merari.
[18]And these are the names of the sons of Gĕreshon by their clans: Liḇni and Shim'i.
[19]And the sons of Qehath by their clans: Amram and Yitshar, Ḥeḇron and Uzzi'ĕl.
[20]And the sons of Merari by their clans: Maḥli and Mushi. These are the clans of the Lĕwites by their fathers' houses.
[21]From Gĕreshon came the clan of the Liḇnites and the clan of the Shim'ites. These were the clans of the

Gĕreshonites.
[22]Their registered ones, **according** to the number of **all** the males from a month old and above, their registered ones were seven thousand five hundred.
[23]The clans of the Gĕreshonites were to camp westward, behind the **Dwelling Place,**
[24]and the leader of the fathers' house of the Gĕreshonites: Elyasaph, son of La'ĕl.
[25]And the duty of the children of Gĕreshon in the **Tent** of Meeting was the **Dwelling Place** and the tent with its covering and the covering of the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting,
[26]and the screens of the courtyard and the covering of the **door** of the courtyard, which is around the **Dwelling Place** and the altar and their cords, **according** to **all** its service.
[27]And from Qehath came the clan of the Amramites and the clan of the Yitsharites and the clan of the Ḥeḇronites and the clan of the Uzzi'ĕlites. These were the clans of the Qehathites.
[28]In number, **all** the males, from a month old and above, were eight thousand six hundred, **guarding** the duty of the set-apart place.
[29]The clans of the children of Qehath were to camp on the south side of the **Dwelling Place.**
[30]And the leader of the fathers' house of the clans of the Qehathites was Elitsaphan, son of Uzzi'ĕl.
[31]And their duty was the ark and the table and the lampstand and the altars and the utensils of the set-apart place used in the service and the covering and **all** its service.
[32]And El'azar, son of Aharon the priest, was to be chief over the leaders of the Lĕwites, with oversight of those who **guard** the duty of the set-apart place.
[33]From Merari came the clan of the Maḥlites and the clan of the Mushites. These were the clans of Merari.
[34]And the number of their registered ones, **all** the males from a month old and above, were six thousand two hundred.
[35]And the leader of the fathers' house of the clans of Merari was Tsuri'ĕl, son of Aḇiḥayil. These were to camp on the north side of the **Dwelling Place.**
[36]And the **appointed** duty of the children of Merari was the boards of the **Dwelling Place** and its bars and its columns and its sockets and its utensils and **all** its service,
[37]and the columns of the courtyard **all** around, with their sockets and their pegs and their cords.
[38]And those who were to camp before the **Dwelling Place** on the east, before the **Tent** of Meeting, were Mosheh and Aharon and his sons, **guarding** the duty of the set-apart place and the duty of the children of Yisra'ĕl. ***But*** the stranger who came **near** was to be put to *death.*
[39]All the registered ones of the Lĕwites, whom Mosheh and Aharon registered at the **command** of יהוה, by their clans, **all** the males from a month old and above, were twenty-two thousand.
[40]And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Register **all** the first-born males of the children of Yisra'ĕl from a month old and above and take the number of their names.
[41]"And you ***shall*** take the Lĕwites for **Me** – I am יהוה – instead of **all** the first-born among the children of Yisra'ĕl and the livestock of the Lĕwites instead of **all** the first-born among the livestock of the children of Yisra'ĕl."
[42]And Mosheh registered **all** the first-born among the children of Yisra'ĕl as יהוה had **commanded** him.
[43]And **all** the first-born males, by the number of names, from one month old and above of their registered ones, were twenty-two thousand two hundred and seventy-three.
[44]And יהוה spoke to Mosheh,
[45]"Take the Lĕwites instead of **all** the first-born among the children of Yisra'ĕl and the livestock of the Lĕwites instead of their livestock. And the Lĕwites ***shall*** **be Mine,** I am יהוה.

46"And for the ransom of the two hundred and seventy-three of the first-born of the children of Yisra'ĕl, who are more than the number of the Lĕwites,
47you ***shall*** take five sheqels for each one, head by head – take it by the sheqel of the set-apart place, the sheqel of twenty gĕrahs.
48"And you ***shall*** give the silver, the ransom of those who are in excess among them, to Aharon and his sons."
49And Mosheh took the ransom silver from those who were over and above those who were ransomed by the Lĕwites.
50From the first-born of the children of Yisra'ĕl he took the silver, one thousand three hundred and sixty-five pieces, **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place.
51And Mosheh gave their ransom silver to Aharon and to his sons, **according** to the **Word** of יהוה, as יהוה had **commanded** Mosheh.

4 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, saying,
2"Take a census of the sons of Qehath from among the children of Lĕwi, by their clans, by their fathers' house,
3from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, **all** who enter the service to do the **work** in the **Tent** of Meeting.
4"This is the service of the sons of Qehath in the **Tent** of Meeting, the most set-apart matters:
5"At the breaking of camp, Aharon and his sons ***shall*** come and they ***shall*** take down the covering veil and cover the ark of the **witness** with it,
6and ***shall*** put on it a covering of fine leather and spread over that an all-blue wrapper and ***shall*** insert its poles.
7"And on the table of showbread they ***shall*** spread a blue wrapper and ***shall*** put on it the dishes and the ladles and the bowls and the jars for pouring and the showbread on it.
8"And they ***shall*** spread over them a **scarlet** wrapper and cover the **same** with a covering of fine leather and ***shall*** insert its poles,
9and ***shall*** take a blue wrapper and cover the **lampstand** of the **light**, with its lamps and its snuffers and its trays and **all** its oil vessels, by which they **serve** it.
10"And they ***shall*** put it with **all** its utensils in a covering of fine leather and put it on a bar.
11"And over the golden altar they ***shall*** spread a blue wrapper and cover it with a covering of fine leather and ***shall*** insert its poles,
12and ***shall*** take **all** the utensils of service with which they **serve** in the set-apart place and ***shall*** put them in a blue wrapper, cover them with a covering of fine leather and put them on a bar,
13and ***shall*** remove the ashes from the altar and spread a purple wrapper over it,
14and ***shall*** put on it **all** its utensils by which they **serve** there: the *fire* holders, the forks and the shovels and the basins and **all** the utensils of the altar and ***shall*** spread on it a covering of fine leather and insert its poles.
15"And when Aharon and his sons have **finished** covering the set-apart objects and **all** the furnishings of the **Set-apart Place** at the breaking of camp, then the sons of Qehath ***shall*** **come to** lift them, but let them not touch that which is set-apart, lest they *die.* These matters are the *burden* of the sons of Qehath in the **Tent** of Meeting.
16"And the oversight of El'azar, son of Aharon the priest, is the oil for the **light** and the **sweet** incense and the daily grain offering and the anointing oil and the oversight of **all** the **Dwelling Place** and **all** that is in it, with the set-apart place and its furnishings."
17And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, saying,
18"***Do*** *not cut off* the tribe of the clans of the Qehathites from among the Lĕwites,
19but do this to them and they ***shall*** **live** and not *die* when they approach the most

set-apart objects: Aharon and his sons ***shall*** go in and **appoint** each of them to his service and his *burden.*

[20]"They are not, however, to go in to **watch** while the set-apart objects are being covered, lest they *die.*"

[21]And יהוה spoke to Mosheh,saying,

[22]"Take a census also of the sons of Gĕreshon, by their fathers' house, by their clans.

[23]"Register them, from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, **all** who enter to perform the service, to do the service in the **Tent** of Meeting.

[24]"This is the service of the clans of the Gĕreshonites, in serving and in bearing burdens:

[25]"And they ***shall*** bear the curtains of the **Dwelling Place** and the **Tent** of Meeting with its covering, the covering of fine leather that is on it, the covering for the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting,

[26]and the screens of the courtyard and the covering for the **door** of the gate of the courtyard, which is around the **Dwelling Place** and altar and their cords, **all** the equipment for their service and **all** that is made for them – so ***shall*** they serve.

[27]"Aharon and his sons are to **command all** the service of the sons of the Gĕreshonites, **all** their *burden* and **all** their service. And you ***shall*** **appoint** to them **all** the duty of **all** their *burden.*

[28]"This is the service of the clans of the sons of Gĕreshon in the **Tent of Meeting**. And let their duties be under the **hand** of Ithamar, son of Aharon the priest.

[29]"As for the sons of Merari, register them by their clans and by their fathers' house.

[30]"Register them, from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, **all** who enter the service to do the **work** of the **Tent of Meeting**.

[31]"And this is the duty of their *burden,* **according** to **all** their service for the **Tent of Meeting**: the boards of the **Dwelling Place** and its bars and its columns and its sockets,

[32]and the columns around the courtyard with their sockets and their pegs and their cords, with **all** their equipment and **all** their service. And assign to each by name the equipment of the duty of their *burden.*

[33]"This is the service of the clans of the sons of Merari, as **all** their service for the **Tent of Meeting**, under the **hand** of Ithamar, son of Aharon the priest."

[34]So Mosheh and Aharon and the leaders of the congregation registered the sons of the Qehathites by their clans and by their fathers' house,

[35]from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, **all** who entered the service for **work** in the **Tent of Meeting**.

[36]And their registered ones, by their clans, were two thousand seven hundred and fifty.

[37]These were the registered ones of the clans of the Qehathites, **all** those serving in the **Tent of Meeting**, whom Mosheh and Aharon registered **according** to the **command** of יהוה by the **hand** of Mosheh.

[38]And those registered ones of the sons of Gĕreshon, by their clans and by their fathers' house,

[39]from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, **all** who entered the service for **work** in the **Tent of Meeting**,

[40]the registered ones, by their clans, by their fathers' house, were two thousand six hundred and thirty.

[41]These were the registered ones of the clans of the sons of Gĕreshon, of **all** who **serve** in the **Tent of Meeting**, whom Mosheh and Aharon registered **according** to the **command** of יהוה.

[42]And those of the clans of the sons of Merari who were registered, by their clans, by their fathers' house,

[43]from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, **all** who entered the service for **work** in the **Tent of Meeting**,

[44]the registered ones, by their clans were three thousand two hundred.

[45]These were the registered ones of the clans of the sons of Merari, whom Mosheh and Aharon registered

according to the **command** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 by the **hand** of Mosheh.
[46]All the registered ones of the Lĕwites, whom Mosheh and Aharon and the leaders of Yisra'ĕl registered, by their clans and by their fathers' houses,
[47]from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, **all** who came to do the **work** of service and the **work** of bearing burdens in the **Tent of Meeting**,
[48]their registered ones were eight thousand five hundred and eighty.
[49]According to the **command** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 they were registered by the **hand** of Mosheh, each **according** to his service and **according** to his *burden,* thus were they registered by him, as 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **commanded** Mosheh.

5 And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 spoke to Mosheh,
[2]"**Command** the children of Yisra'ĕl to send out of the camp **every** *leper*, and everyone who has a *discharge* and ***whoever*** becomes *defiled* for a being.
[3]"Send out both male and female, send them outside the camp, so that they *do not defile* their camps in the **midst** of which I dwell."
[4]And the children of Yisra'ĕl did so, to send them outside the camp. As 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had **spoken** to Mosheh, so the children of Yisra'ĕl did.
[5]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 spoke to Mosheh,
[6]**"Speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl, '***When*** a man or woman commits any *sin* that men *commit* in *trespass* <u>*against*</u> 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and that being is *guilty*,
[7]then they ***shall*** confess *their sin* which they have done. And he ***shall*** restore his *guilt* in its principal, plus one-fifth of it and give it to whom he has been *guilty*.
[8]'***But*** if the man has no relative to restore the *guilt* to, the *guilt* which is restored goes to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, for the priest, in addition to the ram of the atonement with which atonement is made for him.
[9]'And **every** contribution of **all** the set-apart gifts of the children of Yisra'ĕl, which they bring to the priest, becomes his.
[10]'And **every** man's set-apart gifts becomes his, ***whatever*** any man gives the priest becomes his.' "
[11]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 spoke to Mosheh,
[12]**"Speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl and say to them, '***When*** any man's wife turns aside and has committed a *trespass* <u>*against*</u> him,
[13]and a man has intercourse with her and it is *hidden* from the eyes of her husband and it is *concealed* that she has *defiled* herself and there was no **witness** <u>*against*</u> her, nor was she caught,
[14]and a spirit of *jealousy* **comes** upon him and he becomes ***jealous*** of his wife who has *defiled* herself, or a spirit of *jealousy* **comes** upon him and he becomes ***jealous*** of his wife although she has not *defiled* herself,
[15]then the man ***shall*** bring his wife to the priest. And he ***shall*** bring the offering for her, one-tenth of an ĕphah of barley flour. **He** is not to pour oil on it or put frankincense on it, <u>**because**</u> it is a grain offering of *jealousy*, an offering for remembering, for bringing *crookedness* to **remembrance**.
[16]'And the priest ***shall*** bring her near and ***shall*** make her **stand** before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
[17]'And the priest ***shall*** take set-apart water in an earthen vessel and take some of the dust that is on the floor of the **Dwelling Place** and put it into the water.
[18]'And the priest ***shall*** make the woman stand before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and ***shall*** uncover the woman's head and put the offering for remembering in her hands, which is the grain offering of *jealousy*, while the priest holds in his **hand** the *bitter* water that brings a *curse.*
[19]'And the priest ***shall*** make her swear and say to the woman, "***If*** no man has lain with you and if you have not turned aside to *uncleanness* under your husband's authority, be **free** from this *bitter* water that brings a *curse.*
[20]"***But*** if you have turned aside under your husband's authority and if you have *defiled* yourself and some man other than

your husband has lain with you” –
[21]then the priest ***shall*** make the woman swear with the **oath** of the *curse* and he ***shall*** say to the woman – “יהוה make you a *curse* and an **oath** among your people, when יהוה makes your thigh *waste* away and your belly swell,
[22]and this water that **causes** the *curse* ***shall*** go into your inward parts and make your belly swell and your thigh *waste* away.” And the woman ***shall*** say, “Aměn, aměn.”
[23]‘And the priest ***shall*** **write** these *curses* in a **book** and ***shall*** wipe them off into the *bitter* water,
[24]and ***shall*** make the woman drink the *bitter* water that brings the *curse* and the water that brings the *curse* ***shall*** enter her to become bitter.
[25]‘And the priest ***shall*** take the grain offering of *jealousy* from the woman’s **hand** and ***shall*** wave the offering before יהוה and bring it to the altar.
[26]‘And the priest ***shall*** take a **hand** filled with the offering, as its **remembrance** offering and burn it on the altar and afterward make the woman drink the water.
[27]‘And when he has made her drink the water, then it ***shall*** **be,** if she has *defiled* herself and has committed a *trespass* <u>*against*</u> her husband, that the water that brings the *curse* ***shall*** enter her and become bitter and her belly ***shall*** swell and her thigh ***shall*** *waste* away and the woman ***shall*** become a *curse* among her people.
[28]‘***But*** if the woman has not *defiled* herself and is **clean,** then she ***shall*** **be** clear and ***shall*** conceive children.
[29]‘This is the **Torah** of *jealousy*, when a wife turns aside under her husband’s authority and defiles herself,
[30]or when a spirit of *jealousy* **comes** upon a man and he becomes ***jealous*** of his wife. ***Then*** he ***shall*** make the woman **stand** before יהוה and the priest ***shall*** do to her **all** this **Torah**.
[31]‘And the man ***shall*** **be** clear from *crookedness,* but the woman bear her *crookedness*.’ ”

6 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, say
[2]**“Speak** to the children of Yisra’ĕl and say to them, ‘***When*** a man or woman does separate, by making a vow of a Nazirite, to be separate to יהוה,
[3]he separates *himself* from **wine** and **strong** drink – he drinks neither vinegar of **wine** nor vinegar of **strong** drink, neither does he drink any grape juice, nor eat grapes or raisins.
[4]‘All the days of his separation he *does not* eat ***whatever*** is made of the grapevine, from seed to skin.
[5]‘All the days of the vow of his separation a razor *does not* **come** upon his head. Until the days are **completed** for which he does separate himself to יהוה, he is set-apart. **He *shall*** let the locks of the hair of his head grow long.
[6]‘All the days of his separation to יהוה he *does not* go **near** a *dead* body.
[7]‘**He** *does not* make himself *unclean* for his father, or for his mother, for his brother or his sister, when they *die,* <u>**because**</u> his separation to **Elohim** is on his head.
[8]‘All the days of his separation he is set-apart to יהוה.
[9]‘And when anyone dies beside him in an instant, **suddenly** and he has *defiled* the head of his separation, then he ***shall*** shave his head on the **day of** his **cleansing** – on the **seventh day** he shaves it.
[10]‘And on the eighth day he brings two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest, to the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting,
[11]and the priest ***shall*** **prepare** one as a *sin* offering and the other as a burnt offering and ***shall*** make atonement for him, <u>**because**</u> he *sinned* by **reason** of the *dead* body. And he ***shall*** set-apart his head on that day,
[12]and ***shall*** separate to יהוה the days of his separation and ***shall*** bring a male **lamb** a year old, as a *guilt* offering. ***But*** the former days are not counted, <u>**because**</u> his separation was *defiled*.

13‘And this is the **Torah** of the Nazirite: ***When*** the days of his separation are completed, he is brought to the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting,
14and he ***shall*** bring his offering to ϡϒϡϗ: one male **lamb** a year old, a **perfect** one, as a burnt offering and one ewe **lamb** a year old, a **perfect** one, as a *sin* offering and one ram, a **perfect** one, as a **peace** offering,
15and a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mixed with oil and unleavened thin cakes **anointed** with oil and their grain offering with their drink offerings.
16‘And the priest ***shall*** bring them before ϡϒϡϗ and **prepare** his *sin* offering and his burnt offering.
17‘And he ***shall*** **prepare** the ram as a **peace** offering to ϡϒϡϗ, **together** with the basket of unleavened bread. And the priest ***shall*** **prepare** its grain offering and its drink offering.
18‘And the Nazirite ***shall*** shave the head of his separation at the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting and ***shall*** take the hair from the head of his separation and ***shall*** put it on the *fire* which is under the slaughtering of the **peace** offering.
19‘And the priest ***shall*** take the boiled shoulder of the ram and one unleavened cake from the basket and one unleavened thin cake and put them upon the hands of the Nazirite after he has shaved his hair of separation.
20‘***Then*** the priest ***shall*** wave them, a wave offering before ϡϒϡϗ. It is set-apart for the priest, besides the breast of the wave offering and besides the thigh of the contribution. And afterwards the Nazirite ***shall*** drink **wine**.’
21“This is the **Torah** of the Nazirite who vows to ϡϒϡϗ the offering for his separation and besides that, ***whatever*** else his **hand is able** to provide. According to the vow which he takes, so he ***shall*** do **according** to the **Torah** of his separation.”
22And ϡϒϡϗ spoke to Mosheh,saying,
23**“Speak** to Aharon and his sons, saying,

‘This is how you **bless** the children of Yisra’ĕl. **Say** to them:
24**“ϡϒϡϗ bless you and guard you;**
25**ϡϒϡϗ make His face shine upon you** and **show favour to you;**
26**ϡϒϡϗ lift up His face upon you** and **give you peace.” ’**
27**“Thus they *shall* put My Name on the children of Yisra’ĕl** and **I Myself *shall* bless them.”**

7 And it came to be, when Mosheh **finished** setting up the **Dwelling Place,** that he **anointed** it and set it apart and **all** its furnishings, as well as the altar and **all** its utensils. Thus he **anointed** them and set them apart.
2And the leaders of Yisra’ĕl, heads of their fathers’ houses who were the leaders of the tribes and over the ones registered, drew near,
3and they brought their offering before ϡϒϡϗ: six covered wagons and twelve cattle, a wagon for **every** two of the leaders and for each one a bull. And they brought them **near** before the **Dwelling Place.**
4And ϡϒϡϗ spoke to Mosheh,
5“Accept these from them and they ***shall*** **be** used in doing the service of the **Tent** of Meeting. And you ***shall*** give them to the Lĕwites, each one **according** to his service.”
6And Mosheh took the wagons and the cattle and gave them to the Lĕwites.
7**He** gave two wagons and four cattle to the sons of Gĕreshon, **according** to their service.
8And he gave four wagons and eight cattle to the sons of Merari, **according** to their service, under the **hand** of Ithamar, son of Aharon the priest.
9***But*** to the sons of Qehath he gave none, **<u>because</u>** theirs was the service of the set-apart objects, which they bore on their shoulders.
10And the leaders brought the **dedication** offering of the altar in the day it was **anointed**. So the leaders brought their offering before the altar.

[11]And יהוה said to Mosheh, "**Let** them bring their offering, one leader each day, for the **dedication** of the altar."

[12]And the one who brought his offering on the **first** day was Naḥshon, son of Amminaḏaḇ, from the tribe of Yahuḏah.

[13]And his offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty sheqels, one silver bowl of seventy sheqels, **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

[14]one gold ladle of ten sheqels, filled with incense;

[15]one young bull, one ram, one male **lamb** a year old, as a burnt offering;

[16]one male goat as a *sin* offering;

[17]and as a **peace** offering: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Naḥshon, son of Amminaḏaḇ.

[18]On the second day Nethanĕ'l, son of Tsu'ar, leader of Yissasḵar, brought **near.**

[19]**He** brought his offering, one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty sheqels, one silver bowl of seventy sheqels, **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

[20]one gold ladle of ten sheqels, filled with incense;

[21]one young bull, one ram, one male **lamb** a year old, as a burnt offering;

[22]one male goat as a *sin* offering;

[23]and as a **peace** offering: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Nethanĕ'l, son of Tsu'ar.

[24]On the third day Eliyaḇ, son of Ḥĕlon, leader of the children of Zeḇulun:

[25]his offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty sheqels, one silver bowl of seventy sheqels, **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

[26]one gold ladle of ten sheqels, filled with incense;

[27]one young bull, one ram, one male **lamb** a year old, as a burnt offering;

[28]one male goat as a *sin* offering;

[29]and as a **peace** offering: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Eliyaḇ, son of Ḥĕlon.

[30]On the fourth day Elitsur, son of Sheḏĕy'ur, leader of the children of Re'uḇĕn:

[31]his offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty sheqels, one silver bowl of seventy sheqels, **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

[32]one gold ladle of ten sheqels, filled with incense;

[33]one young bull, one ram, one male **lamb** a year old, as a burnt offering;

[34]one male goat as a *sin* offering;

[35]and as a **peace** offering: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Elitsur, son of Sheḏĕy'ur.

[36]On the fifth day Shelumi'ĕl, son of Tsurishaddai, leader of the children of Shim'on:

[37]his offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty sheqels, one silver bowl of seventy sheqels, **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

[38]one gold ladle of ten sheqels, filled with incense;

[39]one young bull, one ram, one male **lamb** a year old, as a burnt offering;

[40]one male goat as a *sin* offering;

[41]and as a **peace** offering: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Shelumi'ĕl, son of Tsurishaddai.

[42]On the sixth day Elyasaph, son of Deu'ĕl, leader of the children of Gaḏ:

[43]his offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and

thirty sheqels, one silver bowl of seventy sheqels, **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;
[44]one gold ladle of ten sheqels, filled with incense;
[45]one young bull, one ram, one male **lamb** a year old, as a burnt offering;
[46]one male goat as a *sin* offering;
[47]and as a **peace** offering: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Elyasaph, son of Deu'ĕl.
[48]On the **seventh day** Elishama, son of Ammihuḏ, leader of the children of Ephrayim:
[49]his offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty sheqels, one silver bowl of seventy sheqels, **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;
[50]one gold ladle of ten sheqels, filled with incense;
[51]one young bull, one ram, one male **lamb** a year old, as a burnt offering;
[52]one male goat as a *sin* offering;
[53]and as a **peace** offering: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Elishama, son of Ammihuḏ.
[54]On the eighth day Gamli'ĕl, son of Peḏahtsur, leader of the children of Menashsheh:
[55]his offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty sheqels, one silver bowl of seventy sheqels, **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;
[56]one gold ladle of ten sheqels, filled with incense;
[57]one young bull, one ram, one male **lamb** a year old, as a burnt offering;
[58]one male goat as a *sin* offering;
[59]and as a **peace** offering: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Gamli'ĕl, son of Peḏahtsur.
[60]On the ninth day Aḇiḏan, son of Giḏ'oni, leader of the children of Binyamin:
[61]his offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty sheqels, one silver bowl of seventy sheqels, **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;
[62]one gold ladle of ten sheqels, filled with incense;
[63]one young bull, one ram, one male **lamb** a year old, as a burnt offering;
[64]one male goat as a *sin* offering;
[65]and as a **peace** offering: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Aḇiḏan, son of Giḏ'oni.
[66]On the tenth day Aḥi'ezer, son of Ammishaddai, leader of the children of Dan:
[67]his offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty sheqels, one silver bowl of seventy sheqels, **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;
[68]one gold ladle of ten sheqels, filled with incense;
[69]one young bull, one ram, one male **lamb** a year old, as a burnt offering;
[70]one male goat as a *sin* offering;
[71]and as a **peace** offering: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Aḥi'ezer, son of Ammishaddai.
[72]On the eleventh day Paḡi'ĕl, son of Okran, leader of the children of Asher:
[73]his offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty sheqels, one silver bowl of seventy sheqels, **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;
[74]one gold ladle of ten sheqels, filled with incense;
[75]one young bull, one ram, one male

lamb a year old, as a burnt offering;
[76]one male goat as a *sin* offering;
[77]and as a **peace** offering: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Paḡ'i'ĕl, son of Oḵran.
[78]On the twelfth day Aḥira, son of Ĕnan, leader of the children of Naphtali:
[79]his offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty sheqels, one silver bowl of seventy sheqels, **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;
[80]one gold ladle of ten sheqels, filled with incense;
[81]one young bull, one ram, one male **lamb** a year old, as a burnt offering;
[82]one male goat as a *sin* offering;
[83]and as a **peace** offering: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Aḥira, son of Ĕnan.
[84]This was the **dedication** of the altar from the leaders of Yisra'ĕl, when it was **anointed**: twelve silver dishes, twelve silver bowls, twelve gold ladles.
[85]Each silver dish was one hundred and thirty sheqels and each bowl seventy sheqels. All the silver of the vessels was two thousand four hundred sheqels, **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place.
[86]The twelve gold ladles filled with incense was ten sheqels each, **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place. All the gold of the ladles was one hundred and twenty sheqels.
[87]All the cattle for the burnt offering were twelve young bulls, the rams twelve, the male lambs a year old twelve, with their grain offering and the male goats as a *sin* offering twelve.
[88]And **all** the cattle for the **peace** offerings were twenty-four bulls, the rams sixty, the male goats sixty, the lambs a year old sixty. This was the **dedication** of the altar after it was **anointed**.
[89]And when Mosheh went into the **Tent of Meeting** to **speak** with **Him,** he **heard** the **voice** of **One** speaking to him from above the lid of atonement that was on the ark of the Witness, from between the two keruḇim. Thus **He** spoke to him.

8 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh,
[2]**"Speak** to Aharon and say to him, '***When*** you set up the lamps, let the seven **lamps** give **light** in front of the **lampstand.**' "
[3]And Aharon did so. He set up the **lamps** to face toward the front of the lampstand, as יהוה **commanded** Mosheh.
[4]And this is the **work** of the lampstand: *beaten* **work** of gold, from its base to its blossoms it is *beaten* work. According to the pattern which יהוה had shown Mosheh, so he made the **lampstand.**
[5]And יהוה spoke to Mosheh,
[6]"'Take the Lĕwites from among the children of Yisra'ĕl and you ***shall*** **cleanse** them,
[7]and do this to them to **cleanse** them: Sprinkle water of *sin* offering on them, and they ***shall*** shave **all** their body and ***shall*** wash their garments and **cleanse** themselves,
[8]and ***shall*** take a young bull with its grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil, while you take another young bull as a *sin* offering.
[9]"'And you ***shall*** bring the Lĕwites before the **Tent of Meeting** and you ***shall*** **assemble all** the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl.
[10]"'And you ***shall*** bring the Lĕwites before יהוה and the children of Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** lay their hands on the Lĕwites,
[11]and Aharon ***shall*** wave the Lĕwites before יהוה, a wave offering from the children of Yisra'ĕl – so ***shall*** they be for doing the service of יהוה.
[12]"'And the Lĕwites ***shall*** lay their hands on the heads of the young bulls. And one ***shall*** **be** prepared as a *sin* offering and the other as a burnt offering

to ꓤYHZ, to make atonement for the Lĕwites.
13"And you ***shall*** have the Lĕwites **stand** before Aharon and his sons and then wave them, a wave offering to ꓤYHZ.
14"Thus you ***shall*** separate the Lĕwites from among the children of Yisra'ĕl and the Lĕwites ***shall*** **be Mine.**
15"***Then*** after that the Lĕwites ***shall*** go in to do service in the **Tent** of Meeting, when you have **cleansed** them and waved them as a wave offering.
16"For they are **given** ones, **given** to **Me** from among the children of Yisra'ĕl. I have taken them for **Myself** instead of **all** who **open** the womb, the first-born of **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl.
17"For **all** the first-born among the children of Yisra'ĕl are **Mine,** both man and beast. On the day that I *smote* **all** the first-born in the land of Mitsrayim I set them apart unto **Myself**.
18"And I have taken the Lĕwites instead of **all** the first-born of the children of Yisra'ĕl.
19"And I have **given** the Lĕwites as a gift to Aharon and his sons from among the children of Yisra'ĕl, to do the service of the children of Yisra'ĕl in the **Tent** of Meeting and to make atonement for the children of Yisra'ĕl, that there be no *plague* among the children of Yisra'ĕl when the children of Yisra'ĕl **come near** the set-apart place."
20Thus Mosheh and Aharon and **all** the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl did to the Lĕwites **according** to **all** that ꓤYHZ **commanded** Mosheh concerning the Lĕwites, so the children of Yisra'ĕl did to them.
21And the Lĕwites **cleansed** themselves and washed their garments and Aharon waved them, a wave offering before ꓤYHZ and Aharon made atonement for them to **cleanse** them.
22***Then*** after that the Lĕwites went in to do their service in the **Tent** of Meeting before Aharon and his sons as ꓤYHZ **commanded** Mosheh concerning the Lĕwites, so they did to them.
23And ꓤYHZ spoke to Mosheh, saying,
24"This applies to the Lĕwites: From twenty-five years old and above let him **come** into active service in the service of the **Tent of Meeting**,
25and at the age of fifty years they retire from active service of the service and **serve** no more,
26but they ***shall*** attend with their brothers in the **Tent** of Meeting, to **guard** the duty, but ***shall*** do no service. Thus you ***shall*** do to the Lĕwites regarding their duties."

9 And ꓤYHZ spoke to Mosheh in the Wilderness of Sinai, in the **first** month of the second year after they had **come out** of the land of Mitsrayim, saying,
2"**Now**, let the children of Yisra'ĕl perform the **Passover** at its **appointed time.**
3"On the fourteenth **day of** this month, between the **evening**s, perform it at its **appointed time.** According to **all** its **laws** and **right-rulings** you perform it."
4And Mosheh spoke to the children of Yisra'ĕl to perform the **Passover**.
5So they performed the **Passover** on the fourteenth **day of** the **first** month, between the **evening**s, in the Wilderness of Sinai. According to **all** that ꓤYHZ **commanded** Mosheh, so the children of Yisra'ĕl did.
6***But*** there were men who were *defiled* for a being of a man, so that they were not able to perform the **Passover** on that day. So they came before Mosheh and Aharon that day,
7and those men said to him, "We are *defiled* for the being of a man. ***Why*** are we withheld from bringing **near** the offering of ꓤYHZ at its **appointed time** among the children of Yisra'ĕl?"
8And Mosheh said to them, "Wait, let me **hear** what ꓤYHZ **commands** concerning you."
9And ꓤYHZ spoke to Mosheh,
10**"Speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl, saying, '***When*** any male of you or your

generations is *unclean* for a being, or is far away on a journey, he ***shall*** still perform the **Passover** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ.
[11]"On the fourteenth **day of** the second month, between the **evening**s, they perform it – with **unleavened bread** and *bitter* herbs they eat it.
[12]"They *do not* leave of it until morning and they *do not break* a bone of it. According to **all** the **laws** of the **Passover** they perform it.
[13]"***But*** the man who is **clean** and is not on a journey and has failed to perform the **Passover**, that **same** being ***shall*** **be** *cut off* from among his people, **because** he *did not* bring the offering of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ at its **appointed time** – that man bears his *sin*.
[14]"And when a stranger sojourns among you, then he ***shall*** perform the **Passover** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ. **He** ***shall*** do so **according** to the **law** of the **Passover** and **according** to its right-ruling. You have one **law,** both for the stranger and the native of the land.' "
[15]And on the day that the **Dwelling Place** was **raised** up, the cloud covered the **Dwelling Place,** the **Tent** of the **witness.** From **evening** until morning it was above the **Dwelling Place** like the appearance of *fire*.
[16]Thus it was continually: the cloud covered it by day and the appearance of *fire* by night.
[17]And whenever the cloud was taken up from above the **Tent**, after that the children of Yisra'ĕl would depart. And in the place where the cloud dwelt, there the children of Yisra'ĕl would camp.
[18]At the **command** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ the children of Yisra'ĕl departed and at the **command** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ they camped. They remained camped as long as the cloud dwelt above the **Dwelling Place.**
[19]Even when the cloud lingered many days above the **Dwelling Place,** the children of Yisra'ĕl **guarded** the Charge of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ and *did not* depart.
[20]And so it was, when the cloud was above the **Dwelling Place** a **few** days: **according** to the **command** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ they camped and **according** to the **command** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ they would depart.
[21]And so it was, when the cloud dwelt only from **evening** until morning: when the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they departed. Whether by day or by night, whenever the cloud was taken up, they departed.
[22]Whether two days, or a month, or a year that the cloud lingered above the **Dwelling Place** to dwell upon it, the children of Yisra'ĕl camped and *did not* depart. ***But*** when it was taken up, they departed.
[23]At the **command** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ they camped and at the **command** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ they departed. They **guarded** the Charge of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ, at the **command** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ by the **hand** of Mosheh.

10 And ꓤꓴꓤꓵ spoke to Mosheh,
[2]"Make two silver trumpets for yourself, make them of *beaten* work. And you ***shall*** use them for calling the congregation and for breaking camp.
[3]"And when they **blow** both of them, **all** the congregation ***shall*** meet before you at the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting.
[4]"And if they **blow** one, then the leaders, the heads of the thousands of Yisra'ĕl, ***shall*** **gather** to you.
[5]"And when you **blow** a shout, the camps that *lie* on the east side ***shall*** depart.
[6]"And when you **blow** a shout the second **time,** then the camps that *lie* on the south side ***shall*** depart – they **blow** a shout for them to depart.
[7]"And when the assembly is to be **assembled**, you blow, but *do not* shout.
[8]"And the sons of Aharon, the priests, **blow** with the trumpets. And it ***shall*** **be** to you for a **law forever** throughout your generations.
[9]"And when you go into battle in your land *against* the enemy that *distresses* you, then you ***shall*** shout with the trumpets and you ***shall*** **be remembered** before ꓤꓴꓤꓵ your **Elohim** and you ***shall*** **be saved** from your enemies.
[10]"And in the **day of** your **gladness**

and in your **appointed times** and at the beginning of your months, you ***shall*** **blow** the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over your **peace** offerings. And they ***shall*** **be** a **remembrance** for you before your **Elohim**. I am ꓤYHWH your **Elohim**."

[11]And it came to be on the twentieth **day of** the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from above the **Dwelling Place** of the **witness.**

[12]And the children of Yisra'ĕl departed, setting out from the Wilderness of Sinai. And the cloud dwelt *on it* in the Wilderness of Paran.

[13]Thus they departed the **first time, according** to the **command** of ꓤYHWH by the **hand** of Mosheh.

[14]And the banner of the camp of the children of Yahuḏah departed **first according** to their divisions. And over their army was Naḥshon, son of Amminaḏaḇ.

[15]And over the army of the tribe of the children of Yissasḵar was Nethanĕ'l, son of Tsu'ar.

[16]And over the army of the tribe of the children of Zeḇulun was Eliyaḇ, son of Ḥĕlon.

[17]And the **Dwelling Place** was taken down. And the sons of Gĕreshon and the sons of Merari departed, bearing the **Dwelling Place.**

[18]And the banner of the camp of Re'uḇĕn departed **according** to their divisions. And over their army was Elitsur, son of Sheḏĕy'ur.

[19]And over the army of the tribe of the children of Shim'on was Shelumi'ĕl, son of Tsurishaddai.

[20]And over the army of the tribe of the children of Gaḏ was Elyasaph, the son of Deu'ĕl.

[21]And the Qehathites departed, bearing the set-apart objects, while the **Dwelling Place** was set up before they came.

[22]And the banner of the camp of the children of Ephrayim departed **according** to their divisions. And over their army was Elishama, son of Ammihuḏ.

[23]And over the army of the tribe of the children of Menashsheh was Gamli'ĕl, son of Peḏahtsur.

[24]And over the army of the tribe of the children of Binyamin was Aḇiḏan, son of Giḏ'oni.

[25]***Then*** the banner of the camp of the children of Dan, which formed the rear **guard** of **all** the camps, departed **according** to their divisions. And over their army was Aḥi'ezer, son of Ammishaddai.

[26]And over the army of the tribe of the children of Asher was Paḡ'i'ĕl, the son of Oḵran.

[27]And over the army of the tribe of the children of Naphtali was Aḥira, the son of Ĕnan.

[28]Such was the order of setting out of the children of Yisra'ĕl, **according** to their divisions, when they departed.

[29]And Mosheh said to Ḥoḇaḇ, the son of Re'uw'ĕl the Miḏyanite, Mosheh's father-in-law, "We are setting out for the place of which ꓤYHWH said, 'I give it to you.' **Come** with us and we ***shall*** do **good** to you, for ꓤYHWH has **spoken good** concerning Yisra'ĕl."

[30]And he replied to him, "I am not going, but I am going to my own land and to my relatives."

[31]***Then*** he said, "Please *do not* leave us, **<u>because</u>** you **know** how we are to camp in the wilderness and you ***shall*** **be** our eyes.

[32]"And it ***shall*** **be,** when you go with us, then it ***shall*** **be** that ***whatever*** **good** ꓤYHWH does to us, the **same** we ***shall*** do to you."

[33]So they set out from the mountain of ꓤYHWH on a journey of three days. And the ark of the **covenant** of ꓤYHWH went before them for the three days' journey, to **seek** out a resting place for them.

[34]And the cloud of ꓤYHWH was above them by day when they went out from the camp.

[35]And it came to be, whenever the ark set out, that Mosheh said, "Rise up, O ꓤYHWH! And let **Your** enemies be *scattered* and let those who *hate* You

flee before **You.**"
[36]And when it rested, he said, "**Return,** O ֱיְהֹוָה, to the countless thousands of Yisra'ĕl."

11 And it came to be, when the people were as complainers, it was *evil in the* **ears** of ֱיְהֹוָה. And ֱיְהֹוָה **heard** it and **His** *displeasure burned*. And the *fire* of ֱיְהֹוָה *burned* among them and *consumed* those in the outskirts of the camp.
[2]And the people *cried out* to Mosheh and Mosheh prayed to ֱיְהֹוָה and the *fire* died down.
[3]***Then*** he called the name of the place Tab'ĕrah, **because** the *fire* of ֱיְהֹוָה had *burned* among them.
[4]And the mixed multitude who were in their **midst** lusted greatly, so the children of Yisra'ĕl also wept again and said, "***Who*** is giving us meat to eat?
[5]"We ***remember*** the fish which we ate without cost in Mitsrayim, the cucumbers and the melons and the leeks and the onions and the garlic,
[6]but **now** our throat is dried up. There is naught to look at but this manna!"
[7]**Now** the manna was like coriander seed and its appearance like the appearance of bdellium.
[8]The people went about and gathered it, ground it on millstones or beat it in the mortar and cooked it in a pot and made cakes of it. And its taste was as the taste of cakes baked with oil.
[9]And when the dew fell on the camp at night, the manna fell on it.
[10]And Mosheh **heard** the people *weeping* throughout their clans, each man at the **door** of his tent. And the *displeasure* of ֱיְהֹוָה *burned* exceedingly. And *in the eyes* of Mosheh it was *evil*,
[11]so Mosheh said to ֱיְהֹוָה, "***Why*** have You done *evil* to **Your** servant? And why have I not **found favour** in **Your** eyes, to put the *burden* of **all** these people on me?
[12]"Was it I who conceived **all** these people? Was it I who brought them forth, that You should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as the foster father carries a nursing child,' to the land which You **swore** to their fathers?
[13]"Where am I to get meat to give to **all** these people? For they *weep* before me, saying, 'Give us meat to eat.'
[14]"I am *unable* to bear **all** these people alone, **because** the *burden* is too *heavy* for me.
[15]"And if You are doing this to me, please *slay* me altogether, if I have **found favour** in **Your** eyes and let me not **see** my *evil*!"
[16]***Then*** ֱיְהֹוָה said to Mosheh, "**Gather** to **Me** seventy men of the elders of Yisra'ĕl, whom you **know** to be the elders of the people and officers over them. Bring them to the **Tent** of Meeting and let them **stand** there with you.
[17]"And I ***shall*** **come** down and **speak** with you there and ***shall*** take of the **Spirit** that is on you and put on them. And they ***shall*** bear the *burden* of the people with you, so that *you do not* bear it yourself alone.
[18]"And say to the people, 'Set yourselves apart for **tomorrow** and you ***shall*** eat meat, **because** you have wept in the **hearing** of ֱיְהֹוָה, saying, "***Who*** is giving us meat to eat? For it was well with us in Mitsrayim." And ֱיְהֹוָה ***shall*** give you meat and you ***shall*** eat.
[19]'You are going to eat, not one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days,
[20]but for a month of days, until it **comes** out of your nostrils and becomes an **abomination** to you, **because** you have *rejected* ֱיְהֹוָה who is among you and have wept before **Him,** saying, "***Why*** did we **come** up out of Mitsrayim?"
[21]And Mosheh said, "The people in whose **midst** I am are six hundred thousand men on foot and **You, You** have said, 'I give them meat to eat for a month of days.'
[22]"Could flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, to be sufficient for them? Or could **all** the fish of the sea be gathered **together** for them, to be

sufficient for them?"
[23]And ꓤꓴꓤꓵ said to Mosheh, "Is the arm of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ too short? **Now see** whether **My word** meets you or not!"
[24]And Mosheh went out and spoke to the people the **words** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ and he gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the **Tent**.
[25]And ꓤꓴꓤꓵ came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took of the **Spirit** that was upon him and placed the **same** upon the seventy elders. And it came to be, when the **Spirit** rested upon them, that they **prophesied,** but *did not* continue.
[26]However, two men had remained in the camp. The name of one was Eldaḏ and the name of the other Měyḏaḏ. And the **Spirit** rested upon them. **Now** they were among those listed, but *did not* go out to the **Tent**. And they prophesied in the camp.
[27]And a young man ran and informed Mosheh and said, "Eldaḏ and Měyḏaḏ are prophesying in the camp."
[28]And Yahusha son of Nun, Mosheh's assistant from his youth, answered and said, "Mosheh my master, forbid them!"
[29]***Then*** Mosheh said to him, "Are you ***jealous*** for my sake? Oh, that **all** the people of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ were **prophets,** that ꓤꓴꓤꓵ would put **His Spirit** upon them!"
[30]And Mosheh returned to the camp, both he and the elders of Yisra'ĕl.
[31]And a *wind* went forth from ꓤꓴꓤꓵ and it brought quail from the sea and let them *fall* beside the camp, about a day's journey on this side and about a day's journey on the other side, **all** around the camp and about two cubits above the surface of the ground.
[32]And the people were up **all** that day and **all** that night and **all** the next day and gathered the quail. **He** who has least gathered ten ḥomers. And they spread them out for themselves **all** around the camp.
[33]The meat was still between their *teeth*, before it was chewed and the *wrath* of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ *burned* *against* the people and ꓤꓴꓤꓵ *smote* the people with an exceeding **great** *plague.*
[34]***Then*** he called the name of that place Qiḇroth Hatta'awah, **because** there they buried the people who had lusted.
[35]From Qiḇroth Hatta'awah the people set out for Ḥatsĕroth – and they were at Ḥatsĕroth.

12 **Now** Miryam and Aharon spoke *against* Mosheh **because** of the Kushite woman whom he had taken, for he had taken a Kushite woman.
[2]And they said, "Has ꓤꓴꓤꓵ **spoken** only through Mosheh? Has **He** not also **spoken** through us?"And ꓤꓴꓤꓵ **heard** it.
[3]And the man Mosheh was **very** humble, more than *all men* who were on the face of the earth.
[4]And **suddenly** ꓤꓴꓤꓵ said to Mosheh and Aharon and Miryam, "You three, **come out** to the **Tent** of Meeting!" So the three came out.
[5]And ꓤꓴꓤꓵ came down in the column of cloud and stood in the **door** of the **Tent** and called Aharon and Miryam. And they both went forward.
[6]And **He** said, **"Hear now My words**: ***If*** your **prophet** is of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ, I make **Myself known** to him in a **vision** and I **speak** to him in a **dream.**
[7]"Not so with **My** servant Mosheh, he is **trustworthy** in **all My** house.
[8]"I **speak** with him **mouth** to **mouth** and plainly and not in riddles. And he sees the form of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ. So why were you not *afraid* to **speak** *against* **My** servant Mosheh?"
[9]And the *displeasure* of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ *burned* *against* them and **He** left.
[10]And the cloud turned away from above the **Tent** and look: Miryam was leprous, as white as snow! And Aharon turned toward Miryam and look: a leper!
[11]And Aharon said to Mosheh, "Oh, my **Master!** Please *do not* hold *against* us the *sin* in which we have done *foolishly* and in which we have *sinned*.

[12]"Please *do not* let her be as one *dead* when **coming** out of its mother's womb, with our *flesh* half *consumed*!"
[13]And Mosheh *cried out* to ֵיהוָה, saying, "O Ěl, please **heal** her, please!"
[14]And ֵיהוָה said to Mosheh, "***If*** her father had but spit in her face, would she not be *ashamed* seven days? **Let** her be shut out of the camp seven days and after that let her be readmitted."
[15]And Miryam was shut out of the camp seven days and the people *did not* set out until Miryam was readmitted.
[16]And afterward the people departed from Ḥatsěroth and they camped in the Wilderness of Paran.

13 And ֵיהוָה spoke to Mosheh, saying,
[2]"Send men to spy out the land of Kena'an, which I am giving to the children of Yisra'ěl. Send one man from each tribe of their fathers, **every** one a leader among them."
[3]And by the **command** of ֵיהוָה Mosheh **sent** them from the Wilderness of Paran, **all** of them men who were heads of the children of Yisra'ěl.
[4]And these were their names. From the tribe of Re'uḇěn: Shammua, son of Zakkur.
[5]From the tribe of Shim'on: Shaphat, son of Ḥori.
[6]From the tribe of Yahuḏah: Kalěḇ, son of Yephunneh.
[7]From the tribe of Yissasḵar: Yiḡ'al, son of Yosěph.
[8]From the tribe of Ephrayim: Hosheă, son of Nun.
[9]From the tribe of Binyamin: Palti, son of Raphu.
[10]From the tribe of Zeḇulun: Gaddi'ěl, son of Soḏi.
[11]From the tribe of Yosěph, from the tribe of Menashsheh: Gaddi, son of Susi.
[12]From the tribe of Dan: Ammi'ěl, son of Gemalli.
[13]From the tribe of Asher: Shěthur, son of Miḵa'ěl.
[14]From the tribe of Naphtali: Naḥbi, son of Wophsi.
[15]From the tribe of Gaḏ: Geu'ěl, son of Maḵi.
[16]These are the names of the men whom Mosheh **sent** to spy out the land. And Mosheh called Hoshěa the son of Nun, Yahusha.
[17]And Mosheh **sent** them to spy out the land of Kena'an and said to them, "Go up here into the South and go up to the mountains,
[18]and **see** what the land is like and the people who dwell in it, whether **strong** or weak, whether **few** or many,
[19]and whether the land they dwell in is **good** or *evil*, whether the cities they inhabit are in camps or *strongholds*,
[20]and whether the land is rich or *poor* and whether there are forests there or not. And you ***shall* be strong** and bring some of the **fruit** of the land." **Now** the **time** was the season of the **first-fruits** of grapes.
[21]So they went up and spied out the land from the Wilderness of Tsin as far as Reḥoḇ, **near** the entrance of Ḥamath.
[22]And they went up through the South and came to Ḥeḇron. And Aḥiman, Shěshai and Talmai, the descendants of Anaq, were there. **Now** Ḥeḇron had been built seven years before Tso'an in Mitsrayim.
[23]And they came to the wadi Eshkol and *cut down* from there a branch with one cluster of grapes. And they bore it between two of them on a pole, also of the pomegranates and of the figs.
[24]That place was called the wadi Eshkol, **<u>because</u>** of the cluster which the men of Yisra'ěl *cut down* from there.
[25]And they returned from spying out the land after forty days.
[26]And they went and came to Mosheh and Aharon and **all** the congregation of the children of Yisra'ěl in the Wilderness of Paran, at Qaḏěsh. And they brought back **word** to them and to **all** the congregation and showed them the **fruit** of the land.
[27]And they reported to him and said,

"We went to the land where you **sent** us. And **truly**, it flows with milk and honey and this is its **fruit.**

[28]"***But*** the people who dwell in the land are **strong** and the cities are walled, **very** great. And we **saw** the descendants of Anaq there too.

[29]"The Amalĕqites dwell in the land of the South, while the Ḥittites and the Yeḇusites and the Amorites dwell in the mountains. And the Kena'anites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Yarděn."

[30]And Kalĕḇ silenced the people before Mosheh and said, "**Let** us go up at once and take possession, for we are certainly able to overcome it."

[31]***But*** the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up *against* the people, for they are stronger than we."

[32]And they gave the children of Yisra'ĕl an *evil* report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land eating up its inhabitants and **all** the people whom we **saw** in it are men of **great** size.

[33]"And we **saw** there the Nephilim, sons of Anaq, of the Nephilim. And we were like grasshoppers in our own eyes and so we were in their eyes."

14 ***Then*** **all** the congregation lifted up their **voice**s and cried and the peo ple wept that night.

[2]And **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl *grumbled* *against* Mosheh and *against* Aharon and **all** the congregation said to them, "***If*** only we had died in the land of Mitsrayim! Or if only we had died in this wilderness!

[3]"And why is **יהוה** bringing us to this land to *fall* by the *sword,* that our wives and children should become a prey? Would it not be better for us to **turn back** to Mitsrayim?"

[4]And they said to each other, "**Let** us **appoint** a leader and let us **turn back** to Mitsrayim."

[5]***Then*** Mosheh and Aharon fell on their faces before **all** the assembly of the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl.

[6]And Yahusha son of Nun and Kalĕḇ son of Yephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their garments,

[7]and they spoke to **all** the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl, saying, "The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly **good** land.

[8]"***If*** **יהוה** has **delighted** in us, then **He** ***shall*** bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which is flowing with milk and honey.'

[9]"Only, *do not* ***rebel*** *against* **יהוה**, nor **fear** the people of the land, for they are our bread. Their defence has turned away from them and **יהוה** is with us. ***Do*** *not* **fear** them."

[10]***But*** **all** the congregation said to stone them with stones. ***Then*** the **esteem** of **יהוה** appeared in the **Tent of Meeting** before **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl.

[11]And **יהוה** said to Mosheh, "***How*** long ***shall*** I be *scorned* by these people? And how long ***shall*** I not be **trusted** by them, with **all** the **signs** which I have done in their **midst**?

[12]"**Let Me** *smite* them with the *pestilence* and *disinherit* them and make of you a nation greater and mightier than they."

[13]And Mosheh said to **יהוה**, "***Then*** the Mitsrites ***shall*** **hear** it, for by **Your power** You brought these people up from their **midst**,

[14]and they ***shall*** say to the inhabitants of this land they have **heard** that **You, יהוה**, are in the **midst** of these people, that **You, יהוה**, are **seen** eye to eye and that **Your** cloud stands above them and **You** go before them in a column of cloud by day and in a column of *fire* by night.

[15]"**Now** if **You** ***shall*** *kill* these people as one man, then the nations which have **heard** of **Your** report ***shall*** speak, saying,

[16]'**Because** **יהוה** was not able to bring this people to the land which **He swore** to give them, therefore **He** *killed*

them in the wilderness.'
17"And **now**, I pray, let the **power** of **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** be great, as **You** have **spoken** , saying,
18'**꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** is **patient** and of **great kindness**, **forgiving** *crookedness* and *transgression,* but by no means leaving unpunished; visiting the *crookedness* of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.'
19"Please **forgive** the *crookedness* of this people, **according** to the greatness of **Your kindness**, as **You** have **forgiven** this people, from Mitsrayim even until *now.*"
20And **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** said, "I ***shall*** **forgive, according** to your **word,**
21but **truly**, **as** I **live** and **all** the earth is filled with the **esteem** of **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**,
22for none of these men who have **seen My esteem** and the **signs** which I did in Mitsrayim and in the wilderness and have tried **Me now** these ten times and have ***disobeyed*** **My voice**,
23shall **see** the land of which I **swore** to their fathers, nor any of those who *scorned* **Me see** it.
24"***But*** **My** servant Kalěḇ, **<u>because</u>** he has a different spirit in him and has **followed Me completely**, I ***shall*** bring into the land where he went and his seed ***shall*** inherit it.
25"Since the Amalěqites and the Kena'anites are dwelling in the valley, **turn back tomorrow** and set out into the wilderness by **the Way** of the Sea of Reeds."
26And **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, saying,
27"***How*** long ***shall*** this *evil* congregation have this *grumbling <u>against</u>* **Me?** I have **heard** the *grumblings* which the children of Yisra'ěl are *grumbling <u>against</u>* **Me.**
28"Say to them, '**As I live**,' **declares ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**, 'as you have **spoken** in **My hearing**, so I do to you:
29'The carcasses of you who have *grumbled <u>against</u>* **Me** are going to *fall* in this wilderness, **all** of you who were registered, **according** to your entire number, from twenty years old and above.
30'None of you ***except*** Kalěḇ son of Yephunneh and Yahusha son of Nun, ***shall*** enter the land which I **swore** I would make you dwell in.
31'***But*** your little ones, whom you said would become a prey, I ***shall*** bring in and they ***shall*** **know** the land which you have *rejected*.
32'***But*** as for you, your carcasses are going to *fall* in this wilderness.
33'And your sons ***shall*** **be** wanderers in the wilderness forty years and ***shall*** bear your *whorings*, until your carcasses are *consumed* in the wilderness.
34'According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days – a day for a year, a day for a year – you are to bear your *crookedness*es forty years and **you *shall* know My** breaking off.
35'I am **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**, I have **spoken**, I ***shall*** do this to **all** this *evil* congregation who are meeting *<u>against</u>* **Me:** In this wilderness they are *consumed* and there they *die.*' "
36And the men whom Mosheh **sent** to spy out the land, who returned and made **all** the congregation *grumble <u>against</u>* him by bringing an *evil* report of the land,
37even those men who brought the *evil* report about the land, died by the *plague* before **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**.
38Of those men who went to spy out the land, only Yahusha son of Nun and Kalěḇ son of Yephunneh remained **alive.**
39And when Mosheh spoke these **words** to **all** the children of Yisra'ěl, the people mourned greatly.
40And they rose up early in the morning and went up to the top of the mountain, saying, "**See,** we have indeed *sinned,* but we ***shall*** go up to the place which **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** had **spoken** of!"
41***But*** Mosheh said, "***Why*** do you **now** *transgress* the **command** of **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**, since it *does not* prosper?
42"***Do*** *not* go up, lest you be *smitten* by your enemies, for **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** is not in your **midst**.

43"**Because** the Amalĕqites and the Kena'anites are there before you and you ***shall fall*** by the *sword.* **Because** you have turned away from ꓎YHWH, ꓎YHWH is not with you."
44***But*** they presumed to go up to the mountaintop, but neither the ark of the **covenant** of ꓎YHWH nor Mosheh left the camp.
45So the Amalĕqites and the Kena'anites who dwelt in that mountain came down and *smote* them and beat them down, even to Ḥormah.

15 And ꓎YHWH spoke to Mosheh, saying,
2**"Speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl and say to them, '***When*** you have **come** into the land of your dwellings, which I am giving you,
3and you make an offering by *fire* to ꓎YHWH, a burnt offering or a slaughtering, to **accomplish** a vow or as a voluntary offering or in your **appointed times,** to make a **sweet** fragrance to ꓎YHWH, from the herd or the flock,
4then he who brings **near** his offering to ꓎YHWH ***shall*** bring **near** a grain offering of one-tenth *of an* ĕphah of fine flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of oil,
5and one-fourth of a hin of **wine** as a drink offering you **prepare** with the burnt offering or the slaughtering, for each lamb.
6'Or for a ram you **prepare** as a grain offering two-tenths *of an* ĕphah of fine flour mixed with one-third of a hin of oil,
7and as a drink offering you bring onethird of a hin of **wine** as a **sweet** fragrance to ꓎YHWH.
8'And when you **prepare** a young bull as a burnt offering, or as a slaughtering to **accomplish** a vow, or as a **peace** offering to ꓎YHWH,
9then ***shall*** **be** brought with the young bull a grain offering of three-tenths *of an* ĕphah of fine flour mixed with half a hin of oil,
10and bring as the drink offering half a hin of **wine** as an offering made by *fire*, a **sweet** fragrance to ꓎YHWH.
11'This is what is done for each young bull, for each ram, or for each **lamb** or young goat.
12'According to the number that you **prepare,** so you do for each one **according** to their number.
13'**Let all** who are native do so with them, in bringing **near** an offering made by *fire*, a **sweet** fragrance to ꓎YHWH.
14'And when a stranger sojourns with you, or ***whoever*** is among you throughout your generations and would make an offering made by *fire*, a **sweet** fragrance to ꓎YHWH, as you do, so he does.
15'One **law** is for you of the assembly and for the stranger who sojourns with you – a **law forever** throughout your generations. As you are, so is the stranger before ꓎YHWH.
16'One **Torah** and one **right-ruling** is for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you.' "
17And ꓎YHWH spoke to Mosheh, saying,
18**"Speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl and say to them, '***When*** you **come** into the land to which I bring you,
19then it ***shall*** **be,** when you eat of the **bread** of the land, that you present a contribution to ꓎YHWH.
20'Pre**sent** a cake of the **first** of your dough as a contribution – as a contribution of the threshing-floor you present it.
21'Of the **first** of your dough you are to give to ꓎YHWH a contribution throughout your generations.
22'And when you *sin* by *mistake* and *do not* do **all** these **commands** which ꓎YHWH has **spoken** to Mosheh,
23all that ꓎YHWH has **commanded** you by the **hand** of Mosheh, from the day ꓎YHWH gave **command** and onward throughout your generations,
24then it ***shall*** **be,** if it is done by *mistake,* without the **knowledge** of the

congregation, that **all** the congregation ***shall*** **prepare** one young bull as a burnt offering, as a **sweet** fragrance to יהוה, with its grain offering and its drink offering, **according** to the right-ruling and one male goat as a *sin* offering.

25 "***Then*** the priest ***shall*** make atonement for **all** the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl and it ***shall*** **be forgiven** them, for it was by *mistake.* And they ***shall*** bring their offering, an offering made by *fire* to יהוה and *their sin* offering before יהוה, for their *mistake.*

26 "And it ***shall*** **be forgiven all** the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl and the stranger who sojourns in their **midst**, **because** **all** the people did it by *mistake.*

27 "And if a being *sins* by *mistake,* then he ***shall*** bring a female goat a year old as a *sin* offering.

28 "And the priest ***shall*** make atonement for the being who *strays* by *mistake,* when he *sins* by *mistake* before יהוה, to make atonement for him and it ***shall*** **be forgiven** him.

29 "For him who does ***whatever*** by *mistake* there is one **Torah**, both for him who is native among the children of Yisra'ĕl and for the stranger who sojourns in their **midst**.

30 "***But*** the being who does ***whatever*** defiantly, whether he is native or a stranger, he *reviles* יהוה and that being ***shall*** **be** *cut off* from among his people.

31 "**Because** he has *despised* the **Word** of יהוה and has broken **His command,** that being ***shall*** certainly be *cut* off, his *crookedness* is upon him.' "

32 And while the children of Yisra'ĕl were in the wilderness, they **found** a man gathering sticks on the **Sabbath** day.

33 And those who **found** him gathering sticks brought him to Mosheh and to Aharon and to **all** the congregation.

34 And they put him in under guard, **because** it had not been **declared** what should be done to him.

35 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "The man ***shall*** certainly be put to *death,* **all** the congregation stoning him with stones outside the camp."

36 And **all** the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him with stones, as יהוה **commanded** Mosheh and he *died.*

37 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

38 **"Speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl and you ***shall*** say to them to make tzitziyot on the corners of their garments throughout their generations and to put a blue cord in the tzitzit of the corners.

39 "And it ***shall*** **be** to you for a tzitzit and you ***shall*** **see** it and ***shall remember*** **all the commands** of יהוה and ***shall*** do them and not **search** after your own **heart** and your own eyes after which you went *whoring,*

40 so that you **remember** and ***shall*** do **all My commands** and be set-apart unto your **Elohim**.

41 "I am יהוה your **Elohim**, who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, to be your **Elohim**. I am יהוה your **Elohim**."

16 And Qoraḥ, son of Yitshar, son of Qehath, son of Lĕwi, took both Dathan and Aḇiram the sons of Eliyaḇ and On, son of Peleth, sons of Re'uḇĕn,

2 and they rose up before Mosheh with some of the children of Yisra'ĕl, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, called ones of the meeting, men of name.

3 And they **assembled** *against* Mosheh and *against* Aharon and said to them, "Enough of you! For **all** the congregation is set-apart, **all** of them and יהוה is in their **midst**. ***Why*** then do you lift up yourselves above the assembly of יהוה?"

4 And when Mosheh **heard**, he fell on his face,

5 and spoke to Qoraḥ and **all** his company, saying, "**Tomorrow** morning

YHWH ***shall*** make **known** who is **His** and who is set-apart and bring *him* **near** to **Him.** And let **Him** bring **near** to **Him** the one whom **He chooses**.

6"***Do*** this: Take *fire* holders, Qoraḥ and **all** your company,

7and put *fire* in them and put incense in them before **YHWH tomorrow**. And it ***shall*** **be** that the one whom **YHWH chooses** is the set-apart one. Enough of you, sons of Lĕwi!"

8And Mosheh said to Qoraḥ, **"Hear now**, you sons of Lĕwi:

9"Is it *little* to you that the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl has separated you from the congregation of Yisra'ĕl, to bring you **near** to **Himself**, to perform the service of the **Dwelling Place** of **YHWH** and to **stand** before the congregation to **serve** them,

10and that **He** has brought you **near** to **Himself**, you and **all** your brothers, the sons of Lĕwi, with you? Yet you **seek** the priesthood as well?

11"Therefore you and **all** your company are set *against* **YHWH**. And Aharon, what is he that you *grumble against* him?"

12And Mosheh **sent** to **call** Dathan and Aḇiram the sons of Eliyaḇ, but they said, "We are not **coming** up!

13"Is it *little* that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to *kill* us in the wilderness, that you would also *seize* total **rule** over us?

14"Also, you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor **given** us **inheritance** of fields and vineyards. Would you bore out the eyes of these men? We are not **coming** up!"

15And Mosheh became **very** *displeased* and said to **YHWH**, "***Do*** *not* respect their offering. I have not taken one donkey from them, nor have I done harm to any of them."

16***Then*** Mosheh said to Qoraḥ, "**Tomorrow**, you and **all** your company ***shall*** **be** there before **YHWH**, you and they and Aharon.

17"And take each one his *fire* holder and you ***shall*** put incense in it. And let each one bring his *fire* holder before **YHWH**, two hundred and fifty *fire* holders and you and Aharon, each one with his *fire* holder."

18So each one took his *fire* holder and put *fire* in it and laid incense on it and stood at the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting with Mosheh and Aharon.

19And Qoraḥ **assembled all** the congregation *against* them at the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting. ***Then*** the **esteem** of **YHWH** appeared to **all** the congregation.

20And **YHWH** spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, saying,

21"Separate yourselves from the **midst** of this congregation and let **Me** *consume* them in a moment."

22***But*** they fell on their faces and said, "O Ĕl, **Elohim** of the spirits of **all** flesh! ***When*** one man *sins*, are You *wroth* with **all** the congregation?"

23And **YHWH** spoke to Mosheh, saying,

24**"Speak** to the congregation, saying, 'Move away from around the tents of Qoraḥ, Dathan and Aḇiram.' "

25So Mosheh rose up and went to Dathan and Aḇiram and the elders of Yisra'ĕl **followed** him.

26And he spoke to the congregation, saying, "Please turn away from the tents of these ***wrong*** men! ***Do*** *not* touch ***whatever*** belongs to them, lest you be *consumed* in **all** *their sins.* "

27***Then*** they moved away from around the tents of Qoraḥ, Dathan and Aḇiram. And Dathan and Aḇiram came out and stood at the **door** of their tents, with their wives and their sons and their *little* children.

28And Mosheh said, "By this you **know** that **YHWH** has **sent** me to do **all** these **works,** that *they are* not from my own **heart.**

29"***If*** these *die* as *all men* do, or if they are **visited** as *all men* are **visited**, then **YHWH** has not **sent** me.

30"***But*** if **YHWH** creates what is unheard of and the earth opens its **mouth** and swallows them up with **all** that belongs to them and they go down

alive into the grave, then **you *shall* know** that these men have *scorned* יהוה."
31And it came to be, as he ended speaking **all** these **words**, that the ground under them split apart,
32and the earth opened its **mouth** and swallowed them up, with their households and **all** the men with Qoraḥ, with **all** their goods.
33So they and **all** those with them went down **alive** into the grave and the earth closed over them and they *perished* from the **midst** of the assembly.
34And **all** Yisra'ĕl who were round about them fled at their cry, for they said, "Lest the earth swallow us up!"
35And a *fire* came out from יהוה and consumed the two hundred and fifty men who were offering incense.
36And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,
37"Say to El'azar, son of Aharon the priest, to pick up the *fire* holders out of the blaze, for they are set-apart and *scatter* the *fire* some distance away.
38"The *fire* holders of these men who *sinned* <u>*against*</u> their own lives, let them be made into *beaten* plates as a covering for the altar. **<u>Because</u>** they brought them before יהוה, therefore they are set-apart. And let them become a **sign** to the children of Yisra'ĕl."
39And El'azar the priest took the bronze *fire* holders, which those who were *burned* up had brought and they were *beaten* out as a covering on the altar –
40a **remembrance** to the children of Yisra'ĕl that no stranger who is not of the seed of Aharon, should **come near** to offer incense before יהוה and not be like Qoraḥ and his company – as יהוה had said to him through Mosheh.
41***But* all** the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl *grumbled* <u>*against*</u> Mosheh and <u>*against*</u> Aharon on the next day, saying, "You, you have *killed* the people of יהוה."
42And it came to be, when the congregation **assembled** <u>*against*</u> Mosheh and <u>*against*</u> Aharon, that they turned toward the **Tent** of Meeting. And **see,** the cloud covered it and the **esteem** of יהוה appeared.
43And Mosheh and Aharon came before the **Tent** of Meeting.
44And יהוה spoke to Mosheh,
45"**Arise** from a**midst** this congregation and let **Me** *consume* them in a moment." And they fell on their faces.
46So Mosheh said to Aharon, "Take the *fire* holder and put *fire* in it from the altar and lay incense on and go, hurry to the congregation and make atonement for them, for *wrath* has gone out from יהוה, the *plague* has begun."
47And Aharon took it as Mosheh **commanded** and ran into the **midst** of the **assembly** and **saw** that the *plague* had begun among the people. And he laid on the incense and made atonement for the people,
48and stood between the *dead* and the **living**. And the *plague* was *stopped*.
49And those who died in the *plague* were fourteen thousand seven hundred, besides those who died on account of Qoraḥ.
50***Then*** Aharon returned to Mosheh at the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting, for the *plague* had *stopped*.

17 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,
2**"Speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl and take from them a **rod** from each father's house, **all** their leaders **according** to their fathers' houses, twelve rods. **Write** each one's name on his rod,
3and **write** Aharon's name on the **rod** of Lĕwi, for there is one **rod** for the head of each father's house.
4"You ***shall*** then place them in the **Tent** of Meeting before the Witness, where I meet with you.
5"And it ***shall* be** that the **rod** of the man whom I choose buds and I ***shall*** rid **Myself** of the *grumblings* of the children of Yisra'ĕl, which they *grumble* <u>*against*</u> you."
6And Mosheh spoke to the children of

Yisra'ĕl and **all** their leaders gave him a **rod** each, for each leader **according** to their fathers' houses, twelve rods. And the **rod** of Aharon was among their rods.

[7]So Mosheh placed the rods before יהוה in the **Tent** of the **witness.**

[8]And it came to be on the next day that Mosheh went into the **Tent** of the **witness** and **saw** that the **rod** of Aharon, of the house of Lĕwi, had budded and brought forth buds and blossomed and bore ripe almonds.

[9]And Mosheh brought out **all** the rods from before יהוה to **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl. And they looked and each man took his rod.

[10]And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Bring Aharon's **rod** back before the Witness, to be kept as a **sign** *against* the rebels, so that you put an end to their *grumblings against* **Me,** lest they *die.*"

[11]And Mosheh did as יהוה had **commanded** him, so he did.

[12]And the children of Yisra'ĕl spoke to Mosheh, saying, "**See,** we ***shall*** *die,* we ***shall*** *perish,* we ***shall*** **all** perish!

[13]"Anyone who **comes near** the **Dwelling Place** of יהוה dies. ***shall*** we be *consumed* – to *die?*"

18 And יהוה said to Aharon, "You and your sons and your father's house with you are to bear the *crookedness against* the set-apart place and you and your sons with you are to bear the *crookedness against* your priesthood.

[2]"***But*** bring with you your brothers of the tribe of Lĕwi too, the tribe of your father to join you and **serve** you while you and your sons are with you before the **Tent** of the **witness.**

[3]"And they ***shall*** **guard** your charge and the duty of **all** the **Tent**, but they *do not* **come near** the furnishings of the set-apart place and the altar, lest they *die,* both they and you.

[4]"And they ***shall*** **be** joined with you and **guard** the duty to the **Tent** of Meeting, for **all** the service of the **Tent**, but a stranger *does not* **come near** you.

[5]"And you ***shall*** **guard** the duty of the set-apart place and the duty of the altar, so that there be no more *wrath* on the children of Yisra'ĕl.

[6]"And **see, I Myself** have taken your brothers the Lĕwites from the **midst** of the children of Yisra'ĕl – a gift to you, **given** by יהוה, to do the service of the **Tent** of Meeting.

[7]"***But*** you and your sons with you are to **guard** your priesthood for **all** matters at the altar and behind the veil and you ***shall*** serve. I have **given** you the priesthood as a gift for service, but the stranger who **comes near** is put to *death.*"

[8]And יהוה spoke to Aharon, "And **see, I Myself** have also **given** you the charge of **My** contributions, **all** the set-apart gifts of the children of Yisra'ĕl. I have **given** them to you for the anointing and to your sons, as a **law forever**.

[9]"This is yours of the most set-apart gifts, from the *fire*: **all** their offerings, **all** their grain offerings and **all** *their sin* offerings and **all** their *guilt* offerings which they render to **Me,** are most set-apart for you and your sons.

[10]"Eat it in the most set-apart place – every male eats it. It is set-apart to you.

[11]"This also is yours: the contribution of their gift, with **all** the wave offerings of the children of Yisra'ĕl. I have **given** them to you and your sons and daughters with you, as a **law forever**. Everyone who is **clean** in your house eats it.

[12]"All the best of the oil and **all** the best of the **new wine** and the grain – their firstfruits which they give to יהוה – I have **given** them to you.

[13]"The **first-fruits** of **all** that is in their land, which they bring to יהוה,are yours. Everyone who is **clean** in your house eats it.

[14]"All that is **dedicated** in Yisra'ĕl is yours.

[15]"Everyone opening a womb of **all** *flesh,* which they bring to יהוה, whether man or beast, is yours. ***But*** the first-born of man you ***shall*** certainly

ransom and the first-born of the *unclean* beast you ransom.
16"And ransom their ransomed ones when one month old, **according** to your valuation, five sheqels of silver, **according** to the sheqel of the set-apart place, which is twenty gĕrahs.
17"***But*** the first-born of a cow, or the first-born of a sheep, or the first-born of a goat *you do not* ransom, they are set-apart. Sprinkle their **blood** on the altar and burn their fat as an offering made by *fire* for a **sweet** fragrance to ֵיהוָה.
18"And their *flesh* is yours, as the wave breast and as the **right** thigh, it is yours.
19"All the contributions of the set-apart gifts, which the children of Yisra'ĕl present to ֵיהוָה, I have **given** to you and your sons and daughters with you as a **law forever**. It is a **covenant** of **salt forever** before ֵיהוָה with you and your seed with you."
20And ֵיהוָה said to Aharon, "You are not to have an **inheritance** in their land, nor have any portion in their **midst**. I am your portion and your **inheritance** among the children of Yisra'ĕl.
21"And **see,** I have **given** the children of Lĕwi **all** the tithes in Yisra'ĕl as an **inheritance** in **return** for the service which they are serving, the service of the **Tent** of Meeting.
22"And let the children of Yisra'ĕl no more **come near** the **Tent** of Meeting, lest they bear *sin* and *die,*
23**<u>because</u>** the Lĕwites ***shall*** do the service of the **Tent** of Meeting, so they themselves bear their *crookedness*. A **law forever**, throughout your generations: that among the children of Yisra'ĕl they are to have no inheritance,
24but the tithes of the children of Yisra'ĕl, which they present as a contribution to ֵיהוָה, I have **given** to the Lĕwites as an inheritance. That is why I have said to them, 'Among the children of Yisra'ĕl they have no inheritance.' "
25And ֵיהוָה spoke to Mosheh, saying,
26**"Speak** to the Lĕwites and say to them, '***When*** you take from the children of Yisra'ĕl the tithes which I have **given** you from them as your inheritance, then you ***shall*** present a contribution of it to ֵיהוָה, a tenth of the tithe.
27'And your contribution ***shall*** **be** reckoned to you as grain from the threshing-floor and as filling from the winepress.
28'Thus you also present a contribution unto ֵיהוָה from **all** your tithes which you receive from the children of Yisra'ĕl. And you ***shall*** give from it the contribution to ֵיהוָה to Aharon the priest.
29'From **all** your gifts you present **every** contribution due to ֵיהוָה, from **all** the best of them, the set-apart part of them.'
30"And you ***shall*** say to them, '***When*** you have presented the best of it, then the rest ***shall*** **be** reckoned to the Lĕwites as the yield of the threshing-floor and as the yield of the winepress.
31'And you ***shall*** eat it in any place, you and your households, for it is your reward for your service in the **Tent** of Meeting,
32and bear no *sin* **<u>because</u>** of it, when you have presented the best of it and *do not profane* the set-apart gifts of the children of Yisra'ĕl, lest you *die.*' "

19 And ֵיהוָה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, saying,
2"This is a **law** of the **Torah** which ֵיהוָה has **commanded**, saying, 'Speak to the children of Yisra'ĕl, that they bring you a red heifer, a **perfect** one, in which there is no blemish and on which a yoke has never come.
3'And you ***shall*** give it to El'azar the priest and he ***shall*** bring it outside the camp and ***shall*** slaughter it before him.
4'And El'azar the priest ***shall*** take some of its **blood** with his **finger** and sprinkle some of its **blood** seven times toward the front of the **Tent** of Meeting.
5'And the heifer ***shall*** **be** *burned* before his eyes – he burns its hide and its *flesh* and its **blood** and its dung.

6 "And the priest ***shall*** take cedar ***wood*** and hyssop and **scarlet** and *throw* them into the **midst** of the *fire burning* the heifer.
7 "The priest ***shall*** then wash his garments and ***shall*** bathe his body in water and afterward **come** into the camp, but the priest is *unclean* until **evening**.
8 "And he who is *burning* it washes his garments in water and ***shall*** bathe his body in water and is *unclean* until **evening**.
9 "And a **clean** man ***shall* gather** up the ashes of the heifer and ***shall*** place them outside the camp in a **clean** place. And they ***shall* be** kept for the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl for the water for uncleanness, it is for **cleansing** from *sin.*
10 "And he who gathers the ashes of the heifer ***shall*** wash his garments and is *unclean* until **evening**. And it ***shall* be** a **law forever** to the children of Yisra'ĕl and to the stranger who sojourns in their **midst**.
11 "**He** who *touches* the *dead* of any human being is *unclean* for seven days.
12 "**He** is to **cleanse** himself with the water on the third day and on the **seventh day** he is **clean.** ***But*** if he *does not* **cleanse** himself on the third day, then on the **seventh day** he is not **clean.**
13 "Anyone who *touches* the *dead* of a human being and *does not* **cleanse** himself, defiles the **Dwelling Place** of יהוה. And that being ***shall* be** *cut off* from Yisra'ĕl. **He** is *unclean,* for the water for *uncleanness* was not sprinkled on him, his *uncleanness* is still upon him.
14 "This is the **Torah** when a man dies in a tent: All who **come** into the tent and **all** who are in the tent are *unclean* for seven days,
15 and **every open** vessel which has no cover fastened on it, is *unclean.*
16 "Anyone in the **open** field who *touches* someone *slain* by a *sword* or who has died, or a bone of a man, or a grave, is *unclean* for seven days.
17 "And for the *unclean* being they ***shall*** take some of the ashes of the heifer burnt for **cleansing** from *sin* and running water ***shall* be** put on them in a vessel.
18 "And a **clean** man ***shall*** take hyssop and dip it in the water and ***shall*** sprinkle it on the tent and on **all** the vessels and on the beings who were there, or on the one who touched a bone, or the slain, or the *dead,* or a grave.
19 "And the **clean** one ***shall*** sprinkle the *unclean* on the third day and on the **seventh day.** And on the **seventh day** he ***shall* cleanse** himself and ***shall*** wash his garments and bathe in water and ***shall* be clean** in the **evening**.
20 "***But*** the man who is *unclean* and *does not* **cleanse** himself, that being ***shall* be** *cut off* from among the **assembly, <u>because</u>** he has *defiled* the set-apart place of יהוה – water for *uncleanness* has not been sprinkled on him, he is *unclean.*
21 "And it ***shall* be** a **law** for them **forever**. And the one who sprinkles the water for *uncleanness* washes his garments. And the one who *touches* the water for *uncleanness* is *unclean* until **evening**.
22 "And ***whatever*** the *unclean* being *touches* is *unclean.* And the being who *touches* it is *unclean* until **evening**.' "

20 And the children of Yisra'ĕl, **all** the congregation, came into the Wilderness of Tsin in the **first** month and the people stayed in Qaḏĕsh. And Miryam died there and was buried there.
2 **Now** there was no water for the congregation and they **assembled** <u>*against*</u> Mosheh and <u>*against*</u> Aharon.
3 And the people contended with Mosheh and spoke, saying,
"***If*** only we had died when our brothers died before יהוה!
4 "'***Why*** have you brought up the assem bly of יהוה into this wilderness, that we and our livestock should *die* here?
5 "'And why have you brought us up out of Mitsrayim, to bring us to this *evil*

place? – not a place of grain or figs or vines or pomegranates and there is no water to drink."

6***Then*** Mosheh and Aharon went from the presence of the assembly to the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting and they fell on their faces. And the **esteem** of ה׳ appeared to them.

7And ה׳ spoke to Mosheh, saying,

8"Take the **rod** and **assemble** the congregation, you and your brother Aharon. And you ***shall*** **speak** to the rock before their eyes and it ***shall*** give its water. And you ***shall*** bring water for them out of the rock and give drink to the congregation and their livestock."

9And Mosheh took the **rod** from before ה׳ as **He commanded** him.

10And Mosheh and Aharon **assembled** the assembly before the rock. And he said to them, **"Hear now**, you rebels, ***shall*** we bring water for you out of this rock?"

11***Then*** Mosheh lifted his **hand** and *struck* the rock twice with his rod. And much water came out and the congregation and their livestock drank.

12***But*** ה׳ spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, "**Because** you *did not believe* **Me,** to set **Me** apart *in the eyes* of the children of Yisra'ĕl, therefore *you do not* bring this assembly into the land which I have **given** them."

13These were the waters of Meriḇah, **because** the children of Yisra'ĕl contended with ה׳ and **He** was set-apart among them.

14And Mosheh **sent** messengers from Qaḏĕsh to the sovereign of Eḏom. "This is what your brother Yisra'ĕl said, 'You **know all** the hardship that has befallen us,

15that our fathers went down to Mitsrayim and we dwelt in Mitsrayim a long **time,** and the Mitsrites did *evil* to us and our fathers.

16'And we *cried out* to ה׳ and **He** heard our **voice** and **sent** the Messenger and brought us up out of Mitsrayim. And see, we are in Qaḏĕsh, a city on the edge of your border.

17'Please let us pass over, through your land. We ***shall*** not pass over through fields or vineyards, nor drink water from wells, we ***shall*** go along the sovereign's highway. We ***shall*** not turn aside, **right** or left, until we have passed over your border.' "

18***But*** Eḏom said to him, "You *do not* pass over through me, lest I **come out** *against* you with the *sword.*"

19And the children of Yisra'ĕl said to him, "We ***shall*** go by the highway and if I or my livestock drink any of your water, then I ***shall*** pay for it. **Let** me only pass over on foot, without a **word.**"

20***But*** he said, "You *do not* pass over." And Eḏom came out *against* them with many men and with a **strong hand.**

21So when Eḏom *refused* to let Yisra'ĕl pass over through his border, Yisra'ĕl turned away from him.

22And the children of Yisra'ĕl, **all** the company, departed from Qaḏĕsh and came to Mount Hor.

23And ה׳ spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon in Mount Hor **near** the border of the land of Eḏom, saying,

24"Aharon is to be gathered to his people, for he is not to enter the land which I have **given** to the children of Yisra'ĕl, **because** you *rebelled against* **My mouth** at the water of Meriḇah.

25"Take Aharon and El'azar his son and bring them up to Mount Hor,

26and strip Aharon of his garments and put them on El'azar his son, for Aharon is to be gathered to his people and *die* there."

27And Mosheh did as ה׳ **commanded** and they went up to Mount Hor before the eyes of **all** the congregation.

28And Mosheh stripped Aharon of his garments and put them on El'azar his son. And Aharon died there on the top of the mountain. And Mosheh and El'azar came down from the mountain.

29And when **all** the congregation **saw**

that Aharon was *dead,* **all** the house of Yisra'ĕl wept for Aharon, thirty days.

21 And the sovereign of Arad, the Kena'anite, who dwelt in the South, **heard** that Yisra'ĕl was **coming** on the **way** to Atharim and he fought *against* Yisra'ĕl and took some of them captive.
2 ***Then*** Yisra'ĕl made a vow to יהוה and said, "***If*** You **deliver** this people into my **hand** indeed, then I ***shall*** put their cities under the **ban.**"
3 And יהוה **listened** to the **voice** of Yisra'ĕl and gave up the Kena'anites and they put them and their cities under the **ban.** So the name of that place was called Ḥormah.
4 And they departed from Mount Hor by **the Way** of the Sea of Reeds, to go around the land of Eḏom. ***But*** the being of the people grew impatient **because** of the **way.**
5 And the people spoke *against* **Elohim** and *against* Mosheh, "***Why*** have you brought us up out of Mitsrayim to *die* in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water and our being *loathes* this **light** bread."
6 And יהוה **sent** fiery *serpents* among the people and they bit the people. And many of the people of Yisra'ĕl *died.*
7 ***Then*** the people came to Mosheh and said, "We have *sinned*, for we have **spoken** *against* יהוה and *against* you. Pray to יהוה to take away the *serpents* from us." So Mosheh prayed on behalf of the people.
8 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Make a fiery *serpent* and set it on a pole. And it ***shall*** **be** that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, ***shall*** **live.**"
9 So Mosheh made a bronze *serpent* and put it on a pole. And it came to be, if a *serpent* had bitten anyone, when he **looked** at the bronze *serpent,* he lived.
10 And the children of Yisra'ĕl set out and camped in Oḇoth.
11 And they departed from Oḇoth and camped at Iyĕ Ha-Aḇarim, in the wilderness which is east of Mo'aḇ, toward sunrise.
12 From there they set out and camped at the wadi Zereḏ.
13 From there they set out and camped on the other side of the Arnon, which is in the wilderness that extends from the border of the Amorites, for the Arnon is the border of Mo'aḇ, between Mo'aḇ and the Amorites.
14 Therefore it is said in the **Book** of the Battles of יהוה, "Waheḇ in Suphah, the wadi Arnon,
15 and the slope of the wadi that turns aside to the dwelling of Ar and lies on the border of Mo'aḇ."
16 And from there on to Be'ĕr, which is the well where יהוה said to Mosheh, "**Gather** the people and let **Me give** them water."
17 Yisra'ĕl then sang this song:
"Spring up, O well! Sing to it,
18 a well the leaders sank which the nobles of the people dug with their staves, by the Word of the **Law-giver.**
Then from the wilderness on to Mattanah,
19 from Mattanah to Naḥali'ĕl, from Naḥali'ĕl to Bamoth,
20 and from Bamoth, in the valley that is in the country of Mo'aḇ, to the top of Pisgah which looks down on the wasteland.
21 And Yisra'ĕl **sent** messengers to Siḥon sovereign of the Amorites, saying,
22 "**Let** me pass through your land. We ***shall*** not turn off into fields or vineyards, we ***shall*** not drink water from wells, but go by the sovereign's highway until we have passed over your border."
23 ***But*** Siḥon *would not* allow Yisra'ĕl to pass through his border. So Siḥon gathered **all** his people **together** and went out *against* Yisra'ĕl in the wilderness and he came to Yahats and fought *against* Yisra'ĕl.
24 And Yisra'ĕl *smote* him with the edge of the *sword* and took possession of his land from the Arnon to the Yabboq, as far as the children of Ammon, for the border of the children of Ammon was strong.

[25]And Yisra'ĕl took **all** these cities and Yisra'ĕl dwelt in **all** the cities of the Amorites – in Ḥeshbon and in **all** its villages,
[26]for Ḥeshbon was the city of Siḥon the sovereign of the Amorites, who had fought *against* the former sovereign of Mo'aḇ and had taken **all** his land from his **hand** as far as the Arnon.
[27]That is why those who **speak** in proverbs say, **"Come to** Ḥeshbon, let the city of Siḥon be built and **established**.
[28]"For *fire* went out from Ḥeshbon, a *flame* from the city of Siḥon. It *consumed* Ar of Mo'aḇ, the masters of the heights of the Arnon.
[29]"**Woe** to you, Mo'aḇ! You have perished, O people of Ḵemosh! **He** has **given** his sons as fugitives and his daughters into captivity, to Siḥon the sovereign of the Amorites.
[30]"***Then*** we shot them – Ḥeshbon has *perished* as far as Diḇon. And we laid *waste* as far as Nophaḥ, which reaches to Mĕyḏeḇa."
[31]So Yisra'ĕl dwelt in the land of the Amorites.
[32]And Mosheh **sent** to spy out Ya'zĕr. And they took its villages and drove out the Amorites who were there,
[33]and turned and went up by the **way** to Bashan. And Oḡ sovereign of Bashan went out *against* them, he and **all** his people, to battle at Eḏre'i.
[34]And ꓤꓬꓤꓩ said to Mosheh, "***Do*** *not* **fear** him, for I have **given** him into your **hand,** with **all** his people and his land. And you ***shall*** do to him as you did to Siḥon sovereign of the Amorites, who dwelt at Ḥeshbon."
[35]And they *smote* him and his sons and **all** his people, until no **remnant** was left to him. And they took possession of his land.

22 And the children of Yisra'ĕl set out and camped in the desert plains of Mo'aḇ beyond the Yarděn of Yeriḥo.
[2]And Balaq son of Tsippor **saw all** that Yisra'ĕl had done to the Amorites.
[3]And Mo'aḇ was exceedingly *afraid* of the people **because** they were many and Mo'aḇ was in *dread* **because** of the children of Yisra'ĕl.
[4]And Mo'aḇ said to the elders of Miḏyan, "**Now** this company is licking up **all** that is around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the field." **Now** Balaq son of Tsippor was sovereign of the Mo'aḇites at that **time,**
[5]and he **sent** messengers to Bil'am son of Be'or at Pethor, which is **near** the River in the land of the sons of his people, to **call** him, saying, "**See,** a people has **come** from Mitsrayim. **See,** they have covered the surface of the land and are settling next to me!
[6]"And **now**, please **come** at once, *curse* this people for me, for they are too **strong** for me. It might be that I *smite* them and *drive* them out of the land, for I **know** that he whom you **bless** is **blessed** and he whom you *curse* is *cursed*."
[7]And the elders of Mo'aḇ and the elders of Miḏyan left with *the fees for* divination in their **hand** and they came to Bil'am and spoke the **words** of Balaq to him.
[8]And he said to them, "Spend the night here and I ***shall*** bring back **word** to you, as ꓤꓬꓤꓩ speaks to me." So the heads of Mo'aḇ stayed with Bil'am.
[9]And **Ĕlohim** came to Bil'am and said, "***Who*** are these men with you?"
[10]And Bil'am said to **Elohim**, "Balaq, son of Tsippor, sovereign of Mo'aḇ, has **sent** to me, saying,
[11]'**See,** a people has **come out** of Mitsrayim and cover the surface of the land. **come now**, *curse* them for me. It might be that I am able to *fight against* them and *drive* them out.'"
[12]And **Elohim** said to Bil'am, "***Do*** *not* go with them. *you do not curse* the people, for they are **blessed**."
[13]And Bil'am rose in the morning and said to the heads of Balaq, "Go back to your land, for ꓤꓬꓤꓩ has *refused* to allow me to go with you."
[14]And the heads of Mo'aḇ arose and

went to Balaq and said, “Bil'am *refuses* to **come** with us.”
15***Then*** Balaq again **sent** heads, more numerous and more esteemed than they.
16And they came to Bil'am and said to him, “This is what Balaq son of Tsippor said: ‘***Do*** *not* be withheld from **coming** to me, please,
17for I **esteem** you **very** greatly and ***whatever*** you say to me, I do. Therefore please come, *curse* this people for me.’ ”
18And Bil'am answered and said to the servants of Balaq, “Though Balaq were to give me his house filled with silver and gold, I am *unable* to go beyond the **Word** of ꓎YHWH my **Elohim**, to do less or more.
19“And **now**, please, you also stay here tonight and let me find out what more ꓎YHWH says to me.”
20And **Elohim** came to Bil'am at night and said to him, “***If*** the men **come to call** you, rise and go with them, but only the **word** which I **speak** to you that you do.”
21And Bil'am rose in the morning and saddled his donkey and went with the heads of Mo’aḇ.
22***But*** the *displeasure* of **Elohim** *burned* **<u>because</u>** he went and the Messenger of ꓎YHWH stationed **Himself** in the **way** as an adversary *<u>against</u>* him. And he was riding on his donkey and his two servants were with him.
23And the donkey **saw** the Messenger of ꓎YHWH standing in the **way** with **His** drawn *sword* in **His hand** and the donkey turned aside out of the **way** and went into the field. So Bil'am beat the donkey to turn her back onto the **way.**
24***Then*** the Messenger of ꓎YHWH stood in a **narrow** passage between the vineyards, with a wall on this side and a wall on that side.
25And when the donkey **saw** the Messenger of ꓎YHWH, she pushed herself *<u>against</u>* the wall and crushed Bil'am’s foot *<u>against</u>* the wall, so he beat her again.
26And the Messenger of ꓎YHWH went further and stood in a **narrow** place where there was *no way* to turn aside, **right** or left.
27And when the donkey **saw** the Messenger of ꓎YHWH, she lay down under Bil'am. So Bil'am’s *displeasure burned* and he beat the donkey with his staff.
28***Then*** ꓎YHWH opened the **mouth** of the donkey and she said to Bil'am, “***What*** have I done to you, that you have *beaten* me these **Three times**?”
29And Bil'am said to the donkey, “**<u>Because</u>** you have *mocked* me. I **wish** there were a *sword* in my **hand,** for I would have *killed* you by **now!**”
30And the donkey said to Bil'am, “Am I not your donkey on which you have ridden, ever since I became yours, to this day? Was I ever **known** to do so to you?” And he said, “No.”
31***Then*** ꓎YHWH opened Bil'am’s eyes and he **saw** the Messenger of ꓎YHWH standing in the **way** with **His** drawn *sword* in **His hand.** And he bowed his head and fell on his face.
32And the Messenger of ꓎YHWH said to him, “***Why*** have you *beaten* your donkey these **Three times**? **See,** I have **come out** to **stand** *<u>against</u>* you, **<u>because</u>** *your way* is reckless before **Me.**
33“And the donkey **saw Me** and turned aside from **Me** these **Three times**. ***If*** she had not turned aside from **Me,** I certainly would have *killed* you by **now** and let her **live.**”
34And Bil'am said to the Messenger of ꓎YHWH, “I have *sinned*, for I *did not* **know** You stood in the **way** *<u>against</u>* me. And **now**, if *evil* is in **Your** eyes, let me turn back.”
35And the Messenger of ꓎YHWH said to Bil'am, “Go with the men, but only the **word** that I **speak** to you, that you speak.” Bil'am then went with the heads of Balaq.
36And when Balaq **heard** that Bil'am was **coming**, he went out to meet him at the city of Mo’aḇ, which is on the border at the Arnon, which was in the extremity of the border.
37And Balaq said to Bil'am, “Did I not

urgently send to you, calling for you? ***Why*** did you not **come to** me? Am I not able to **esteem** you?"

[38]And Bil'am said to Balaq, "**See,** I have **come to** you! **Now**, am I at **all** able to say somewhat? The **word** that **Elohim** puts in my **mouth,** that I speak."

[39]And Bil'am went with Balaq and they came to Qiryath Ḥutsoth.

[40]And Balaq slaughtered cattle and sheep and he **sent** some to Bil'am and to the heads who were with him.

[41]And it came to be the next day, that Balaq took Bil'am and brought him up to the *high places* of Ba'al and from there he **saw** the extremity of the camp.

23 And Bil'am said to Balaq, "Build seven altars for me here and **prepare** seven bulls and seven rams for me here."

[2]And Balaq did as Bil'am had **spoken** and Balaq and Bil'am offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

[3]Bil'am then said to Balaq, "Stand by your burnt offering and let me go on. It might be that ꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ does **come to** meet me and ***whatever*** **He** shows me I ***shall*** **declare** to you." And he went to a bare height.

[4]And **Elohim** came to Bil'am and he said to **Him,** "I have prepared the seven altars and I have offered on each altar a bull and a ram."

[5]And ꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ put a **word** in the **mouth** of Bil'am and said, "Return to Balaq and this is what you say."

[6]And he returned to him and **saw** him standing by his burnt offering, he and **all** the heads of Mo'aḇ.

[7]And he took up his proverb and said, "Balaq the sovereign of Mo'aḇ has brought me from Aram, from the mountains of the east. '**Come,** *curse* Ya'aqoḇ for me and come,

rage at Yisra'ĕl!'

[8]"***How*** do I *curse* whom Ĕl has not *cursed*? And how do I *rage* at whom ꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ has not *raged?*

[9]"For from the top of the rocks I **see** him and from the hills I **observe** him. Look, a people dwelling alone, not reckoning itself among the nations.

[10]"***Who shall*** count the dust of Ya'aqoḇ and the number of one-fourth of Yisra'ĕl? **Let** me *die* the *death* of the **upright** and let my end be like his!"

[11]And Balaq said to Bil'am, "***What*** have you done to me? I took you to *curse* my enemies and look, you have kept on **blessing!**"

[12]And he answered and said, "***Should*** I not take **heed** to **speak** what ꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ has put in my mouth?"

[13]And Balaq said to him, "Please **come** with me to another place from where you **see** them. You only **see** the extremity but not **all** of them. *Curse* them for me from there."

[14]And he took him to the field of Tsophim, to the top of Pisgah and built seven altars and offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

[15]And he said to Balaq, "Stand here by your burnt offering while I meet over there."

[16]And ꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ came to Bil'am and put a **word** in his **mouth** and said, "Go back to Balaq and say this."

[17]So he went to him and **saw** him standing by his burnt offering and the heads of Mo'aḇ with him. And Balaq asked him, "***What*** did ꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ say?"

[18]And he took up his proverb and said, "Rise up, Balaq and **hear! Listen** to me, son of Tsippor!

[19]"Ĕl is not a man, to lie; nor a son of man, to **repent!** Has **He** said and would **He** not do it; or **spoken** and *would not* **confirm** it?

[20]"**See,** I have received, to **bless.** And **He** has **blessed** and I *do not* reverse it.

[21]"He has not **looked** upon *wickedness* in Ya'aqoḇ, nor has **He seen** *trouble* in Yisra'ĕl. ꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ his **Elohim** is with him and the shout of a Sovereign is in him.

[22]"Ĕl who brought them out of Mitsrayim, is for them like the horns of a wild ox.

[23]"For there is no sorcery *<u>against</u>* Ya'aqoḇ, nor is there any divination *<u>against</u>* Yisra'ĕl. **Now** it is said to

Ya'aqoḇ and to Yisra'ĕl, '***What*** has Ĕl done!'
24"'Look, a people rises like a lioness and lifts itself up like a lion; it lies not down until it devours the prey and drinks the **blood** of the slain."
25And Balaq said to Bil'am, "***Do*** *not curse* them at **all,** nor **bless** them at **all!**"
26And Bil'am answered and said to Balaq, "Have I not **spoken** to you, saying, 'All that ꓎YHWH speaks, that I do'?"
27And Balaq said to Bil'am, "Please come, let me take you to another place. It might be **right** *in the eyes* of **Elohim** that you *curse* them for me from there."
28And Balaq took Bil'am to the top of Pe'or, that overlooks the wasteland.
29And Bil'am said to Balaq, "Build seven *alters* for me here and **prepare** seven bulls and seven rams for me here."
30And Balaq did as Bil'am had said and offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

24 And when Bil'am **saw** that it pleased ꓎YHWH to **bless** Yisra'ĕl, he *did not* go as at other times, to **seek** to use sorcery, but he set his face toward the wilderness.
2And Bil'am lifted up his eyes and **saw** Yisra'ĕl encamped **according** to their tribes. And the **Spirit** of **Elohim** came upon him.
3And he took up his proverb and said, "The saying of Bil'am, son of Be'or and the saying of the man whose eyes are opened,
4the saying of him **who hears** the **words** of Ĕl, who sees the **vision** of the **Almighty,** who falls down, with eyes opened wide:
5"'***How*** **good** are your tents, O Ya'aqoḇ, your dwellings, O Yisra'ĕl!
6"'Like wadis that stretch out, like gardens by a river, like aloes planted by ꓎YHWH, like cedars beside waters.
7"He makes water flow from his buckets and his seed is in many waters. *His* sovereign is higher than Aḡaḡ and his **reign** is exalted.
8"'Ĕl who brought him out of Mitsrayim is for them like the horns of a wild ox; he devours nations, his enemies; and he breaks their bones and with his arrows he *smites*.
9"He bowed down, he lay down like a lion. And, like a lion, who would rouse him? **Blessed** is he who blesses you and *cursed* is he who *curses* you."
10***Then*** the *displeasure* of Balaq *burned against* Bil'am and he *struck* his hands together. Balaq then said to Bil'am, "I summoned you to *curse* my enemies and **see,** you have kept on blessing**,** these **three times**!
11"'And **now** ***flee*** to your place. I said I would greatly **esteem** you and **see,** ꓎YHWH has kept you back from esteem."
12And Bil'am said to Balaq, "Did I not also **speak** to your messengers whom you **sent** to me, saying,
13'***If*** Balaq should give me his house filled with silver and gold, I am *unable* to go beyond the **Word** of ꓎YHWH, to do either **good** or *evil* of my own **heart.** ***What*** ꓎YHWH speaks, that I speak'?
14"'And **now**, **see,** I am going to my people. **Come,** let me advise you what this people is going to do to your people in the **latter** days."
15And he took up his proverb and said, "The saying of Bil'am, son of Be'or and the saying of the man whose eyes are opened,
16the saying of him **who hears** the **words** of Ĕl and **knows** the **knowledge** of the **Most High,** who sees the **vision** of the **Almighty,** who falls down, with eyes opened wide:
17"'I **see Him,** but not **now**; I **observe Him,** but not **near.** A **Star** ***shall*** **come out** of Ya'aqoḇ and a **Sceptre** ***shall*** rise out of Yisra'ĕl and ***shall*** *smite* the corners of Mo'aḇ and ***shall*** *destroy* **all** the sons of Shĕth.
18"'And Eḏom ***shall*** **be** a possession; and Sē'ir ***shall*** **be** a possession – enemies – and Yisra'ĕl is doing mightily.
19"'And out of Ya'aqoḇ **One** ***shall*** **rule** and *destroy* the **remnant** from Ar."
20He then **looked** on Amalĕq and he

took up his proverb and said, “Amalĕq was **first** among the nations, but his **latter** end is to *perish* **forever**.”
[21]He then **looked** on the Qĕynites and he took up his proverb and said, “Firm is your dwelling place and your nest is set in the rock,
[22]but Qayin is to be *burned*. Til when does Asshur keep you captive?”
[23]And he took up his proverb and said, “Oh, who does **live** when Ĕl does this?
[24]And ships ***shall* come** from the coast of Kittim and they ***shall*** *afflict* Asshur and *afflict* Ĕḇer and so ***shall*** Amalĕq and he also perishes.”
[25]And Bil'am arose and left and returned to his place. And Balaq also went his way**.**

25 And Yasra’ĕl dwelt in Shittim and the people began to *whore* with the daughters of Mo’aḇ,
[2]and they invited the people to the slaughterings of their *mighty ones* and the people ate and bowed down to their *mighty ones*.
[3]Thus Yisra’ĕl was joined to Ba'al Pe'or and the *displeasure* of ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ *burned <u>against</u>* Yisra’ĕl.
[4]And ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ said to Mosheh, “Take **all** the leaders of the people and hang them up before ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ, before the sun, so that the *burning displeasure* of ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ turns away from Yisra’ĕl.”
[5]And Mosheh said to the judges of Yisra’ĕl, “Each one of you *slay* his men who were joined to Ba'al Pe'or.”
[6]And **see,** one of the children of Yisra’ĕl came and brought to his brothers a Miḏyanite woman before the eyes of Mosheh and before the eyes of **all** the congregation of the children of Yisra’ĕl, who were *weeping* at the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting.
[7]And when Pineḥas, son of El'azar, son of Aharon the priest, **saw** it, he rose up from among the congregation and took a spear in his **hand,**
[8]and he went after the man of Yisra’ĕl into the tent and ***thrust*** both of them through, the man of Yisra’ĕl and the woman through her belly. Thus the *plague* among the children of Yisra’ĕl came to a stop.
[9]And those who died in the *plague* were twenty-four thousand.
[10]And ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ spoke to Mosheh, saying,
[11]“Pineḥas, son of El'azar, son of Aharon the priest, has turned back **My** *wrath* from the children of Yisra’ĕl, **<u>because</u>** he was **ardent** with **My ardour** in their **midst**, so that I *did not consume* the children of Yisra’ĕl in **My ardour.**
[12]“Therefore say, ‘**See, I am giving** him **My covenant** of peace,
[13]and it ***shall* be** to him and to his seed after him a **covenant** of an **everlasting** priesthood, **<u>because</u>** he was **ardent** for his **Elohim** and made atonement for the children of Yisra’ĕl.’ ”
[14]And the name of the Yisra’ĕlite who was *killed*, who was *killed* with the Miḏyanite woman, was Zimri, son of Salu, a leader of a father’s house among the Shim'onites.
[15]And the name of the Miḏyanite woman who was *killed* was Kozbi the daughter of Tsur. He was head of the people of a father’s house in Miḏyan.
[16]And ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ spoke to Mosheh,
[17]“Distress the Miḏyanites! And you ***shall*** *smite* them,
[18]for they *distressed* you with their tricks with which they ***deceived*** you in the matter of Pe'or and in the matter of Kozbi, the daughter of a leader of Miḏyan, their sister, who was *killed* in the **day of** the *plague* **<u>because</u>** of Pe'or.”

26 And it came to be, after the *plague,* that ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ spoke to Mosheh and El'azar, son of Aharon the priest, saying,
[2]“Take a census of **all** the congregation of the children of Yisra’ĕl from twenty years old and above, by their fathers’ houses, everyone going out to the army

in Yisra'ĕl."
[3]So Mosheh and El'azar the priest spoke with them in the desert plains of Mo'aḇ by the Yarděn of Yeriḥo, saying,
[4]"Take a census of the people from twenty years old and above, as יהוה **commanded** Mosheh and the children of Yisra'ĕl who came out of the land of Mitsrayim."
[5]Re'uḇĕn, first-born of Yisra'ĕl, sons of Re'uḇĕn: of Ḥanoḵ, the clan of the Ḥanoḵites; of Pallu, the clan of the Palluites;
[6]of Ḥetsron, the clan of the Ḥetsronites; of Karmi, the clan of the Karmites.
[7]These are the clans of the Re'uḇĕnites and their registered ones were forty-three thousand seven hundred and thirty.
[8]And the son of Pallu: Eliyaḇ.
[9]And the sons of Eliyaḇ: Nemu'ĕl and Dathan and Aḇiram. This Dathan and Aḇiram, were the called ones of the congregation, who contended *against* Mosheh and *against* Aharon in the company of Qoraḥ, when they contended *against* יהוה,
[10]and the earth opened its **mouth** and swallowed them up **together** with Qoraḥ when that company died, when the *fire* consumed two hundred and fifty men. And they became a **sign,**
[11]but the sons of Qoraḥ *did not die.*
[12]Sons of Shim'on **according** to their clans: of Nemu'ĕl, the clan of the Nemu'ĕlites; of Yamin, the clan of the Yaminites; of Yaḵin, the clan of the Yaḵinites;
[13]of Zeraḥ, the clan of the Zarḥites; of Sha'ul, the clan of the Sha'ulites.
[14]These are the clans of the Shim'onites: twenty-two thousand two hundred.
[15]Sons of Gaḏ **according** to their clans: of Tsephon, the clan of the Tsephonites; of Ḥaggi, the clan of the Ḥaggites; of Shuni, the clan of the Shunites;
[16]of Ozni, the clan of the Oznites; of Ĕri, the clan of the Ĕrites;
[17]of Aroḏ, the clan of the Aroḏites; of Arĕli, the clan of the Arĕlites.
[18]These are the clans of the sons of Gaḏ **according** to their registered ones: forty thousand five hundred.
[19]Sons of Yahuḏah: Ĕr and Onan. And Ĕr and Onan died in the land of Kena'an.
[20]And sons of Yahuḏah **according** to their clans: of Shĕlah, the clan of the Shĕlanites; of Perets, the clan of the Partsites; of Zeraḥ, the clan of the Zarḥites.
[21]And sons of Perets: of Ḥetsron, the clan of the Ḥetsronites; of Ḥamul, the clan of the Ḥamulites.
[22]These are the clans of Yahuḏah **according** to their registered ones: seventy-six thousand five hundred.
[23]Sons of Yissasḵar **according** to their clans: of Tola, the clan of the Tolaites; of Puwwah, the clan of the Punites;
[24]of Yashuḇ, the clan of the Yashuḇites; of Shimron, the clan of the Shimronites.
[25]These are the clans of Yissasḵar **according** to their registered ones: sixtyfour thousand three hundred.
[26]Sons of Zeḇulun **according** to their clans: of Sereḏ, the clan of the Sardites; of Ĕlon, the clan of the Ĕlonites; of Yaḥle'ĕl, the clan of the Yaḥle'ĕlites.
[27]These are the clans of the Zeḇulunites **according** to their registered ones: sixty thousand five hundred.
[28]Sons of Yosĕph **according** to their clans, by Menashsheh and Ephrayim:
[29]Sons of Menashsheh: of Maḵir, the clan of the Maḵirites. And Maḵir brought forth Gil'aḏ; of Gil'aḏ, the clan of the Gil'aḏites.
[30]These are sons of Gil'aḏ: of Iyezer, the clan of the Iyezerites; of Ḥĕleq, the clan of the Ḥĕleqites;
[31]of Asri'ĕl, the clan of the Asri'ĕlites; of Sheḵem, the clan of the Sheḵemites;
[32]of Shemiḏa, the clan of the Shemiḏaites; of Ḥĕpher, the clan of the Ḥĕpherites.
[33]And Tselophḥaḏ son of Ḥĕpher had no sons, but daughters. And the names of the daughters of Tselophḥaḏ: Maḥlah and No'ah, Ḥoḡlah, Milkah and Tirtsah.
[34]These are the clans of Menashsheh and their registered ones: fifty-two thousand seven hundred.

[35]These are the sons of Ephrayim **according** to their clans: of Shuthelaḥ, the clan of the Shuthalḥites; of Beḳer, the clan of the Baḳrites; of Taḥan, the clan of the Taḥanites.
[36]And these are sons of Shuthelaḥ: of Ĕran, the clan of the Ĕranites.
[37]These are the clans of the sons of Ephrayim **according** to their registered ones: thirty-two thousand five hundred. These are the sons of Yosĕph **according** to their clans.
[38]Sons of Binyamin **according** to their clans: of Bela, the clan of the Belaites; of Ashbĕl, the clan of the Ashbĕlites; of Aḥiram, the clan of the Aḥiramites;
[39]of Shephupham, the clan of the Shephuphamites; of Ḥupham, the clan of the Ḥuphamites.
[40]And sons of Bela were Ard and Na'aman: of Ard, the clan of the Ardites; of Na'aman, the clan of the Na'amites.
[41]These are sons of Binyamin **according** to their clans and their registered ones: forty-five thousand six hundred.
[42]These are sons of Dan **according** to their clans: of Shuḥam, the clan of the Shuḥamites. These are the clans of Dan **according** to their clans.
[43]All the clans of the Shuḥamites, **according** to their registered ones: sixtyfour thousand four hundred.
[44]Sons of Ashĕr **according** to their clans: of Yimna, the clan of the Yimnahites; of Yishwi, the clan of the Yishwites; of Beri'ah, the clan of the Beri'ites.
[45]Of the sons of Beri'ah: of Ḥeber, the clan of the Ḥeberites; of Malki'ĕl, the clan of the Malki'ĕlites.
[46]And the name of the daughter of Ashĕr was Seraḥ.
[47]These are the clans of the sons of Ashĕr **according** to their registered ones: fiftythree thousand four hundred.
[48]Sons of Naphtali **according** to their clans: of Yaḥtse'ĕl, the clan of the Yaḥtse'ĕlites; of Guni, the clan of the Gunites;
[49]of Yĕtser, the clan of the Yĕtserites; of Shillĕm, the clan of the Shillĕmites.
[50]These are the clans of Naphtali **according** to their clans and their registered ones: forty-five thousand four hundred.
[51]These are the registered ones of the children of Yisra'ĕl: six hundred and one thousand seven hundred and thirty.
[52]And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,
[53]"The land is to be divided to these as an inheritance, **according** to the number of names.
[54]"To the large one you give a larger inheritance and to the small one you give a smaller inheritance. Each ***shall*** **be given** its **inheritance according** to their registered ones.
[55]"***But*** the land is divided by **lot,** they inherit **according** to the names of the tribes of their fathers.
[56]"According to the **lot** their **inheritance** is divided between the larger and the smaller."
[57]And these are the registered ones of the Lĕwites **according** to their clans: of Gĕreshon, the clan of the Gĕreshonites; of Qehath, the clan of the Qehathites; of Merari, the clan of the Merarites.
[58]These are the clans of the Lĕwites: the clan of the Liḇnites, the clan of the Ḥeḇronites, the clan of the Maḥlites, the clan of the Mushites and the clan of the Qorḥites. And Qehath brought forth Amram.
[59]And the name of Amram's wife was Yoḳeḇeḏ the daughter of Lĕwi, who was born to Lĕwi in Mitsrayim. And to Amram she bore Aharon and Mosheh and their sister Miryam.
[60]And to Aharon were born Naḏaḇ and Aḇihu, El'azar and Ithamar.
[61]And Naḏaḇ and Aḇihu died when they brought *strange fire* before יהוה.
[62]And their registered ones were twenty three thousand, **every** male from a month old and above. For they were not registered among the other children of Yisra'ĕl, **<u>because</u>** there was no **inheritance given** to them among the children of Yisra'ĕl.

[63]These are the ones registered by Mosheh and El'azar the priest, who registered the sons of Yisra'ĕl in the desert plains of Mo'aḇ by the Yarděn of Yeriḥo.
[64]***But*** among these there was not a man of those registered by Mosheh and Aharon the priest when they registered the sons of Yisra'ĕl in the Wilderness of Sinai.
[65]For יהוה had said of them, "They ***shall*** certainly *die* in the wilderness." And not a man was left of them, ***except*** Kalĕḇ son of Yephunneh and Yahusha son of Nun.

27 ***Then*** came the daughters of Tselophḥaḏ, son of Ḥĕpher, son of Gil'aḏ, son of Maḵir, son of Menashsheh, from the clans of Menashsheh, son of Yosĕph. And these were the names of his daughters: Maḥlah, No'ah and Ḥoglah and Milkah and Tirtsah.
[2]And they stood before Mosheh and before El'azar the priest and before the leaders and **all** the congregation, by the **door**way of the **Tent** of Meeting, saying,
[3]"Our father died in the wilderness, yet he was not in the company of those who were met **together** *against* יהוה, in company with Qoraḥ, but he died in his own *sin.* And he had no sons.
[4]"***Why*** should the name of our father be removed from among his clan **because** he had no son? Give us a possession among the brothers of our father."
[5]Mosheh then brought their case before יהוה.
[6]And יהוה spoke to Mosheh,
[7]"The daughters of Tselophḥaḏ **speak** what is right. You should certainly give them a possession of **inheritance** among their father's brothers and **cause** the **inheritance** of their father to pass to them.
[8]"And **speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl, saying, '***When*** a man dies and has no son, then you ***shall*** **cause** his **inheritance** to pass to his daughter.
[9]'And if he has no daughter, then you ***shall*** give his **inheritance** to his brothers.
[10]'And if he has no brothers, then you ***shall*** give his **inheritance** to his father's brothers.
[11]'And if his father has no brothers, then you ***shall*** give his **inheritance** to the nearest relative in his clan and he ***shall*** **possess** it.' " And it ***shall*** **be** to the children of Yisra'ĕl a **law** of right-ruling, as יהוה **commanded** Mosheh.
[12]And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Go up into this Mount Aḇarim and **see** the land which I have **given** to the children of Yisra'ĕl.
[13]"And when you have **seen** it, you also ***shall*** **be** gathered to your people as Aharon your brother was gathered,
[14]**<u>because</u>** you *rebelled <u>against</u>* **My mouth** in the Wilderness of Tsin, in the strife of the congregation, to set **Me** apart at the waters before their eyes." These were the waters of Meriḇah, at Qaḏĕsh in the Wilderness of Tsin.
[15]And Mosheh spoke to יהוה, saying,
[16]"**Let** יהוה, the **Elohim** of the spirits of **all** *flesh,* **appoint** a man over the congregation,
[17]who goes out before them and **comes** in before them, who leads them out and brings them in, so that the congregation of יהוה be not like sheep without a shepherd."
[18]And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Take Yahusha son of Nun with you, a man in whom is the **Spirit.** And you ***shall*** lay your **hand** on him,
[19]and ***shall*** set him before El'azar the priest and before **all** the congregation and give him charge before their eyes,
[20]and ***shall*** put some of your **esteem** upon him, so that **all** the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl **obey** *him*.
[21]"And he is to **stand** before El'azar the priest, who ***shall*** **inquire** before יהוה for him by the **right-ruling** of the Urim. At his **word** they go out and at his **word** they **come** in, both he and **all** the

children of Yisra'ĕl with him, **all** the congregation."
[22]And Mosheh did as ꓎YHWH **commanded** him and took Yahusha and set him before El'azar the priest and before **all** the congregation,
[23]and laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as ꓎YHWH **commanded** by the **hand** of Mosheh.

28 And ꓎YHWH spoke to Mosheh, saying,
[2]"**Command** the children of Yisra'ĕl and you ***shall*** say to them, 'Take **heed** to bring **My** offering, **My** food for **My** offerings made by *fire* as a **sweet** fragrance to **Me,** at their **appointed time.** '
[3]"And you ***shall*** say to them, 'This is the offering made by *fire* which you bring to ꓎YHWH: two male lambs a year old, **perfect** ones, daily, a continual burnt offering.
[4]'The one **lamb** you **prepare** in the morning and the other **lamb** you **prepare** between the **evening**s,
[5]with one-tenth of an ĕphah of fine flour as a grain offering mixed with one-fourth of a hin of pressed oil,
[6]a continual burnt offering which was offered at Mount Sinai for a **sweet** fragrance, an offering made by *fire* to ꓎YHWH,
[7]and its drink offering, one-fourth of a hin for each lamb. Pour out the drink to ꓎YHWH as an offering in the set-apart place.
[8]'And the other **lamb** you **prepare** between the **evening**s. As the morning grain offering and its drink offering, you **prepare** it as an offering made by *fire*, a **sweet** fragrance to ꓎YHWH.
[9]'And on the **Sabbath** day two lambs a year old, **perfect** ones and two-tenths *of an* ĕphah of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, with its drink offering,
[10]the burnt offering for **every Sabbath,** besides the continual burnt offering with its drink offering.
[11]'And on the beginnings of your months you bring **near** a burnt offering to ꓎YHWH: two young bulls and one ram and seven lambs a year old, **perfect** ones;
[12]three-tenths *of an* ĕphah of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, for each bull; two-tenths *of an* ĕphah of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, for the one ram;
[13]and one-tenth *of an* ĕphah of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering for each lamb, as a burnt offering of **sweet** fragrance, an offering made by *fire* to ꓎YHWH.
[14]'And their drink offering is half a hin of **wine** for a bull and one-third of a hin for a ram and one-fourth of a hin for a lamb. This is the burnt offering for each month throughout the months of the year,
[15]and one male goat as a *sin* offering to ꓎YHWH is prepared, besides the continual burnt offering and its drink offering.
[16]'And in the **first** month, on the fourteenth day, is the **Passover** of ꓎YHWH,
[17]and on the fifteenth **day of** this month is a **festival.** For seven days **unleavened bread** is eaten.
[18]'On the **first** day is a set-apart gathering, you do **no** servile work.
[19]'And you ***shall*** bring **near** an offering made by *fire* as a burnt offering to ꓎YHWH: two young bulls and one ram and seven lambs a year old, **perfect** ones they are for you,
[20]and their grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil. **Prepare** three-tenths *of an* ĕphah for a bull and two-tenths for a ram.
[21]'**Prepare** one-tenth *of an* ĕphah for each of the seven lambs,
[22]and one goat as a *sin* offering, to make atonement for you.
[23]'**Prepare** these besides the burnt offering of the morning, which is for a continual burnt offering.
[24]'According to these you are to **prepare** the food of the offering made by *fire* daily for seven days, as a **sweet** fragrance to ꓎YHWH. It is prepared

besides the continual burnt offering and its drink offering.
25‘And on the **seventh day** you have a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work.
26‘And on the **day of** the **first-fruits**, when you bring a new grain offering to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 at your **Festival of weeks**, you have a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work.
27‘And you ***shall*** bring **near** a burnt offering as a **sweet** fragrance to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄: two young bulls, one ram and seven lambs a year old,
28with their grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths *of an* ĕphah for each bull, two-tenths for the one ram,
29one-tenth for each of the seven lambs,
30one male goat to make atonement for you,
31**perfect** ones they are for you. **Prepare** them with their drink offerings, besides the continual burnt offering with its grain offering.

29 ‘And in the **seventh month**, on the **first day of** the month, you have a set-apart gathering, you do **no** servile **work,** it is a day of blowing the trumpets for you.
2‘And you ***shall*** **prepare** a burnt offering as a **sweet** fragrance to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄: one young bull, one ram, seven lambs a year old, **perfect** ones,
3and their grain offering: fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths *of an* ĕphah for the bull, two-tenths for the ram,
4and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs,
5and one male goat as a *sin* offering, to make atonement for you,
6besides the burnt offering with its grain offering for the **New Moon,** the continual burnt offering with its grain offering and their drink offerings, **according** to their right-ruling, as a **sweet** fragrance, an offering made by *fire* to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
7‘And on the **tenth day of this seventh month** you have a set-apart gathering and you ***shall*** *afflict* your beings, you do no work.
8‘And you ***shall*** bring **near** a burnt offering to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, a **sweet** fragrance: one young bull, one ram, seven lambs a year old, **perfect** ones they are for you,
9and their grain offering: fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths *of an* ĕphah for the bull, two-tenths for the one ram,
10one-tenth for each of the seven lambs,
11one male goat as a *sin* offering, besides the *sin* offering for atonement, the continual burnt offering with its grain offering and their drink offerings.
12‘And on the fifteenth **day of** the seventh month you have a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work. And you ***shall*** **observe** a **festival** to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 seven days,
13and you ***shall*** bring **near** a burnt offering, an offering made by *fire*, a **sweet** fragrance to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄: thirteen young bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs a year old, **perfect** ones they are,
14and their grain offering: fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths *of an* ĕphah for each of the thirteen bulls, two-tenths for each of the two rams,
15and one-tenth for each of the fourteen lambs,
16and one male goat as a *sin* offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its drink offering.
17‘***Then*** on the second day: twelve young bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs a year old, **perfect** ones,
18and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number, **according** to the right-ruling,
19and one male goat as a *sin* offering, besides the continual burnt offering with its grain offering and their drink offerings.
20‘And on the third day eleven bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs a year old, **perfect** ones,
21and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number, **according** to the right-ruling,

[22]and one goat as a *sin* offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its drink offering.
[23]‘***Then*** on the fourth day: ten bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs a year old, **perfect** ones,
[24]and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number, **according** to the right-ruling,
[25]and one male goat as a *sin* offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its drink offering.
[26]‘***Then*** on the fifth day: nine bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs a year old, **perfect** ones,
[27]and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number, **according** to the right-ruling,
[28]and one goat as a *sin* offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its drink offering.
[29]‘***Then*** on the sixth day: eight bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs a year old, **perfect** ones,
[30]and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number, **according** to the right-ruling,
[31]and one goat as a *sin* offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its drink offering.
[32]‘***Then*** on the **seventh day**: seven bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs a year old, **perfect** ones,
[33]and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number, **according** to the right-ruling,
[34]and one goat as a *sin* offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its drink offering.
[35]‘On the eighth day you have an **assembly,** you do no servile **work,**
[36]and you ***shall*** bring **near** a burnt offering, an offering made by *fire*, a **sweet** fragrance to **ꓢꓴꓢꓩ**: one bull, one ram, seven lambs a year old, **perfect** ones,
[37]their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bull, for the ram and for the lambs, by their number, **according** to the right-ruling,
[38]and one goat as a *sin* offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its drink offering.
[39]‘These you **prepare** to **ꓢꓴꓢꓩ** at your **appointed times,** besides your vowed offerings and your voluntary offerings, as your burnt offerings and your grain offerings, as your drink offerings and your **peace** offerings.’ ”
[40]And Mosheh spoke to the children of Yisra’ĕl **according** to **all** **ꓢꓴꓢꓩ** had **commanded** Mosheh.

30 And Mosheh spoke to the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Yisra’ĕl, saying, “This is the **word** which **ꓢꓴꓢꓩ** has **commanded**:
[2]“***When*** a man vows a vow to **ꓢꓴꓢꓩ**, or swears an **oath** to bind himself by some agreement, he *does not break* his **word,** he does **according** to **all** that **comes** out of his **mouth.**
[3]“Or if a woman vows a vow to **ꓢꓴꓢꓩ** and binds herself by some agreement while in her father’s house in her youth,
[4]and her father **hears** her vow and the agreement by which she has *bound* herself and her father has kept *silent* towards her, then **all** her vows ***shall*** stand and **every** agreement with which she has *bound* herself stands.
[5]“***But*** if her father forbids her on the day that he **hears**, then none of her vows nor her agreements by which she has *bound* herself stand.
And **ꓢꓴꓢꓩ** pardons her, **<u>because</u>** her father has ***forbidden*** her.
[6]“***But*** if she at **all** belongs to a husband, while *bound* by her vows or by a rash utterance from her lips by which she *bound* herself,
[7]and her husband **hears** it and he has kept *silent* towards her on the day that he **hears**, then her vows ***shall*** stand and her agreements by which she *bound* herself

do stand.
8"***But*** if her husband forbids her on the day that he **hears** it, then he has nullified her vow which she vowed and the rash utterance of her lips by which she *bound* herself and ꓤYHZL pardons her.
9"***But*** any vow of a widow or a divorced woman, by which she has *bound* herself, stands *against* her.
10"And if she vowed in her husband's house, or *bound* herself by an agreement with an oath,
11and her husband **heard** it and has kept *silent* towards her and *did not* forbid her, then **all** her vows ***shall*** stand and **every** agreement by which she *bound* herself stands.
12"***But*** if her husband clearly nullified them on the day he **heard** them, then ***whatever*** came from her lips concerning her vows or concerning the agreement binding her, it *does not* **stand** – her husband has nullified them and ꓤYHZL pardons her.
13"Every vow and **every** binding **oath** to *afflict* her being, let her husband **confirm** it, or let her husband nullify it.
14"***But*** if her husband is al**together** *silent* at her from day to day, then he confirms **all** her vows or **all** the agreements that bind her – he confirms them, **because** he kept *silent* towards her on the day that he **heard**.
15"***But*** if he nullifies them after he has **heard**, then he ***shall*** bear her *crookedness*."
16These are the **laws** which ꓤYHZL **commanded** Mosheh, between a man and his wife and between a father and his daughter in her youth in her father's house.

31 And ꓤYHZL spoke to Mosheh, saying,
2"Take **vengeance** for the children of Yisra'ĕl on the Miḏyanites. After that you are to be gathered to your people."
3And Mosheh spoke to the people, saying, "Arm some of yourselves for the campaign and let them go *against* the Miḏyanites to take **vengeance** for ꓤYHZL on Miḏyan.
4"Send a thousand from each tribe of **all** the tribes of Yisra'ĕl for the campaign."
5So there were supplied from the tribes of Yisra'ĕl one thousand from each tribe, twelve thousand armed ones for the campaign.
6And Mosheh **sent** them on the campaign, one thousand from each tribe, them and Pineḥas son of El'azar the priest on the campaign, with the set-apart utensils and the trumpets for sounding in his **hand.**
7And they fought *against* the Miḏyanites, as ꓤYHZL **commanded** Mosheh and slew **all** the males.
8And they slew the sovereigns of Miḏyan with the rest of those who were pierced: Ewi and Reqem and Tsur and Ḥur and Reḇa, the five sovereigns of Miḏyan. And they slew Bil'am son of Be'or with the *sword.*
9And the sons of Yisra'ĕl took **all** the women of Miḏyan captive, with their *little* ones and took as spoil **all** their livestock and **all** their possessions.
10And they *burned* with *fire* **all** the cities where they dwelt and **all** their settlements.
11And they took **all** the spoil and **all** the booty, both of man and beast.
12And they brought the captives and the booty and the spoil to Mosheh and to El'azar the priest and to the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl, to the camp in the desert plains of Mo'aḇ by the Yardĕn of Yeriḥo.
13And Mosheh and El'azar the priest and **all** the leaders of the congregation, went to meet them outside the camp.
14***But*** Mosheh was *wroth* with the officers of the army, with the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, who had **come** from the campaign.
15And Mosheh said to them, "Have you kept **all** the women alive?
16"Look, they are the ones who **caused** the children of Yisra'ĕl, through the

word of Bil'am, to *trespass <u>against</u>* יהוה in the matter of Pe'or and there was a *plague* among the congregation of יהוה.

17"And **now**, *slay* **every** male among the *little* ones. And **every** woman who has **known** a man by *lying* with a man you ***shall*** *slay*.

18"***But*** keep **alive** for yourselves **all** the female children who have not **known** a man by *lying* with a man.

19"And you, camp outside the camp seven days. ***Whoever*** has *slain* any being and ***whoever*** has touched any slain, **cleanse** yourselves and your captives on the third day and on the **seventh day.**

20"And **cleanse every** garment and **every** object of leather and **all** the **work** of goats' hair and **every** object of wood."

21And El'azar the priest said to the men of the campaign who went to the battle, "This is the **law** of the **Torah** which יהוה **commanded** Mosheh:

22"Only the gold and the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin and the lead,

23every object that passes through *fire*, you put through the *fire* and it ***shall*** **be** clean; only, **let it be cleansed** with the water for *uncleanness*. And ***whatever*** *does not* pass through *fire* you pass through water.

24"And you ***shall*** wash your garments on the **seventh day** and be **clean** and afterwards **come** into the camp."

25And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

26"Count up the plunder that was taken, of man and of beast, you and El'azar the priest and the heads of the fathers of the congregation.

27"And you ***shall*** divide the plunder into two parts, between those who took part in the battle, who went out on the campaign and **all** the congregation.

28"And set aside a levy for יהוה on the men of battle who went out on the campaign: one out of **every** five hundred, of man and of the cattle and of the donkeys and of the sheep.

29"Take it from their half and give it to El'azar the priest as a contribution to יהוה.

30"And from the children of Yisra'ĕl's half you ***shall*** take one of **every** fifty, of man, of the cattle, of the donkeys and of the sheep, of **all** the livestock and give them to the Lĕwites **guarding** the duty of the **Dwelling Place** of יהוה."

31And Mosheh and El'azar the priest did as יהוה **commanded** Mosheh.

32And the booty remaining from the plunder, which the people of the campaign had taken, was six hundred and seventyfive thousand sheep,

33and seventy-two thousand cattle,

34and sixty-one thousand donkeys,

35and thirty-two thousand human beings in **all,** of women who had not **known** a man by *lying* with a man.

36And the half, the portion for those who went out on the campaign, was in number three hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep,

37and the levy unto יהוה of the sheep was six hundred and seventy-five.

38And the cattle were thirty-six thousand, of which the levy unto יהוה was seventy-two.

39And the donkeys were thirty thousand five hundred, of which the levy unto יהוה was sixty-one.

40And the human beings were sixteen thousand, of which the levy unto יהוה was thirty-two beings.

41So Mosheh gave the levy which was the contribution unto יהוה to El'azar the priest, as יהוה **commanded** Mosheh.

42And from the children of Yisra'ĕl's half, which Mosheh divided from the men who campaigned:

43now the half belonging to the congregation was three hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep,

44and thirty-six thousand cattle,

45and thirty thousand five hundred donkeys,

46and sixteen thousand human beings.

47***Then*** Mosheh took from the children of Yisra'ĕl's half: one out of **every** fifty,

drawn from man and beast and gave them to the Lĕwites, who **guarded** the duty of the **Dwelling Place** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, as ꓤꓰꓤꓶ **commanded** Mosheh.

[48]And the officers who were over thousands of the campaign, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, came **near** to Mosheh,

[49]and they said to Mosheh, "Your servants have taken a count of the *fighting* men under our **command** and not a man of us is missing.

[50]"So we have brought an offering for ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, what **every** man **found** of ornaments of gold: armlets and bracelets and **signet** rings and earrings and necklaces, to make atonement for ourselves before ꓤꓰꓤꓶ."

[51]And Mosheh and El'azar the priest received the gold from them, **all** the fashioned ornaments.

[52]And **all** the gold of the offering that they presented to ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, from the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty sheqels.

[53]The men of the campaign had taken spoil, **every** man for himself.

[54]And Mosheh and El'azar the priest received the gold from the commanders of thousands and of hundreds and brought it into the **Tent of Meeting** as a **remembrance** for the children of Yisra'ĕl before ꓤꓰꓤꓶ.

32 And the children of Re'uḇĕn and the children of Gaḏ had much **live** stock, a large number. And they **saw** the land of Ya'zĕr and the land of Gil'aḏ and **saw** that the place was a place for livestock.

[2]So the children of Gaḏ and the children of Re'uḇĕn came and spoke to Mosheh and to Ēl'azar the priest and to the leaders of the congregation, saying,

[3]"Ataroth and Diḇon and Ya'zĕr and Nimrah and Ḥeshbon and El'alĕh and Seḇam and Neḇo and Be'on,

[4]the land which ꓤꓰꓤꓶ had *smitten* before the congregation of Yisra'ĕl, is a land for livestock and your servants have livestock."

[5]And they said, "***If*** we have **found favour** in your eyes, let this land be **given** to your servants as a possession and *do not* let us pass over the Yarděn."

[6]And Mosheh said to the children of Gaḏ and to the children of Re'uḇĕn, "Are your brothers to go into the battle while you yourselves sit here?

[7]"**Now** why do you discourage the **heart** of the children of Yisra'ĕl from passing over into the land which ꓤꓰꓤꓶ has **given** them?

[8]"Thus your fathers did when I **sent** them away from Qaḏĕsh Barnĕa to **see** the land.

[9]"For when they went up to the wadi Eshkol and **saw** the land, they discouraged the **heart** of the children of Yisra'ĕl, so that they *did not* go into the land which ꓤꓰꓤꓶ had **given** them.

[10]"***Then*** the *displeasure* of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ *burned* on that day and **He swore** an oath, saying,

[11]'Not one of the men who came up from Mitsrayim, from twenty years old and above, is to **see** the land of which I **swore** to Aḇrahim, Yitsḥaq and Ya'aqoḇ, **because** they *did not* **follow Me completely**,

[12]except Kalĕḇ son of Yephunneh, the Qenizzite and Yahusha son of Nun, for they have **followed** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ **completely.**'

[13]"So the *displeasure* of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ *burned against* Yisra'ĕl and **He** made them *wander* in the wilderness forty years, until **all** the generation that had done *evil in the eyes* of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ was **destroyed**.

[14]"And **see,** you have risen in your father's place, an increase of men, *sinners,* to add still more the *burning displeasure* of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ *against* Yisra'ĕl.

[15]"For if you turn away from **following Him, He *shall*** once again leave them in the wilderness and you ***shall*** *destroy* **all** these people."

[16]***Then*** they came **near** to him and said, "**Let** us build sheep-enclosures here for our livestock and cities for our *little*

ones,
[17]but let us ourselves be armed, hastening before the children of Yisra'ĕl until we have brought them to their place. And our *little* ones ***shall*** dwell in the walled cities **because** of the inhabitants of the land.
[18]"We ***shall*** not **return** to our homes until **every** one of the children of Yisra'ĕl has received his inheritance.
[19]"For we ***shall*** not inherit with them on the other side of the Yarděn and beyond, **because** our **inheritance** has fallen to us on this eastern side of the Yarděn."
[20]And Mosheh said to them, "***If*** you make this promise: if you arm yourselves before ֵיהוָה for battle,
[21]and **all** your armed ones pass over the Yarděn before ֵיהוָה until **He** has *driven* out **His** enemies from before **Him,**
[22]and the land has been subdued before ֵיהוָה, then afterward you ***shall*** **return** and be guiltless before ֵיהוָה and before Yisra'ĕl. And this land ***shall*** **be** your possession before ֵיהוָה.
[23]"***But*** if *you do not* do so, then **see,** you ***shall*** *sin against* ֵיהוָה and know: your *sin* is going to find you out.
[24]"Build cities for your *little* ones and enclosures for your sheep and do what you have **promised**."
[25]And the children of Gaḏ and the children of Re'uḇĕn spoke to Mosheh, saying, "**Your** servants are going to do as my master **commands**.
[26]"Our *little* ones, our wives, our flocks and **all** our livestock are going to be there in the cities of Gil'aḏ,
[27]but your servants are passing over, **every** armed one of the army, before ֵיהוָה, to battle, as my master says."
[28]And Mosheh gave **command** concern ing them to El'azar the priest, to Yahusha son of Nun and to the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Yisra'ĕl.
[29]And Mosheh said to them, "***If*** the children of Gaḏ and the children of Re'uḇĕn pass over the Yarděn with you, **every** man armed for battle before ֵיהוָה and the land has been subdued before you, then you ***shall*** give them the land of Gil'aḏ as a possession.
[30]"***But*** if they *do not* pass over armed with you, they ***shall*** have possessions among you in the land of Kena'an."
[31]***Then*** the children of Gaḏ and the children of Re'uḇĕn answered, saying, "As ֵיהוָה has said to your servants, so we do.
[32]"We ourselves are passing over armed before ֵיהוָה into the land of Kena'an, but the possession of our **inheritance** remains with us beyond the Yarděn."
[33]So Mosheh gave to the children of Gaḏ, to the children of Re'uḇĕn and to half the tribe of Menashsheh, son of Yosĕph, the **reign** of Siḥon sovereign of the Amorites and the **reign** of Oḡ sovereign of Bashan, the land with its cities within the borders, the cities of the land round about.
[34]And the children of Gaḏ built Diḇon and Ataroth and Aro'ĕr,
[35]and Atroth, Shophan and Ya'zĕr and Yoḡbehah,
[36]and Bĕyth Nimrah and Bĕyth Haran, walled cities and enclosures for sheep.
[37]And the children of Re'uḇĕn built Ḥeshbon and El'alĕh and Qiryathayim,
[38]Neḇo and Ba'al Me'on – the names being *changed* – and Shiḇmah. And they gave other names to the cities which they built.
[39]And the sons of Maḵir son of Menashsheh went to Gil'aḏ and took it and dispossessed the Amorites who were in it.
[40]So Mosheh gave Gil'aḏ to Maḵir, son of Menashsheh and he dwelt in it.
[41]And Ya'ir son of Menashsheh went and took its small towns and called them Ḥawoth Ya'ir.
[42]And Noḇaḥ went and took Qenath and its villages and he called it Noḇaḥ, after his own name.

33 These are the departures of the children of Yisra'ĕl, who went out of

the land of Mitsrayim by their divisions under the **hand** of Mosheh and Aharon.
[2]And Mosheh **wrote** down the starting points of their departures at the **command** of ꓤꓰꓤꓩ and these are their departures **according** to their starting points:
[3]So they departed from Ra'meses in the **first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month, on the morrow of the Passover** the children of Yisra'ĕl went out with boldness before the eyes of all the Mitsrites,
[4]and the Mitsrites were burying **all** their first-born, whom ꓤꓰꓤꓩ had *smitten* among them. Also on their *mighty ones* ꓤꓰꓤꓩ had *executed* judgments.
[5]***Then*** the children of Yisra'ĕl departed from Ra'meses and camped at Sukkoth.
[6]And they departed from Sukkoth and camped at Ĕtham, which is on the edge of the wilderness.
[7]And they departed from Ĕtham and turned back to Pi Haḥiroth, which is east of Ba'al Tsephon. And they camped near Miḡdol.
[8]And they departed from before Haḥiroth and passed over through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, went three days' journey in the Wilderness of Ĕtham and camped at Marah.
[9]And they departed from Marah and came to Ĕlim. And at Ĕlim were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, so they camped there.
[10]And they departed from Ĕlim and camped by the Sea of Reeds.
[11]And they departed from the Sea of Reeds and camped in the Wilderness of Sin.
[12]And they departed from the Wilderness of *sin* and camped at Dophqah.
[13]And they departed from Dophqah and camped at Alush.
[14]And they departed from Alush and camped at Rephiḏim and there was no water for the people to drink.
[15]And they departed from Rephiḏim and camped in the Wilderness of Sinai.
[16]And they departed from the Wilderness of Sinai and camped at Qiḇroth Hatta'awah.
[17]And they departed from Qiḇroth Hatta'awah and camped at Ḥatsĕroth.
[18]And they departed from Ḥatsĕroth and camped at Rithmah.
[19]And they departed from Rithmah and camped at Rimmon Perets.
[20]And they departed from Rimmon Perets and camped at Liḇnah.
[21]And they departed from Liḇnah and camped at Rissah.
[22]And they departed from Rissah and camped at Qehĕlathah.
[23]And they departed from Qehĕlathah and camped at Mount Shapher.
[24]And they departed from Mount Shapher and camped at Ḥaraḏah.
[25]And they departed from Ḥaraḏah and camped at Maqhĕloth.
[26]And they departed from Maqhĕloth and camped at Taḥath.
[27]And they departed from Taḥath and camped at Teraḥ.
[28]And they departed from Teraḥ and camped at Mithqah.
[29]And they departed from Mithqah and camped at Ḥashmonah.
[30]And they departed from Ḥashmonah and camped at Mosĕroth.
[31]And they departed from Mosĕroth and camped at Beneĕi Ya'aqan.
[32]And they departed from Beneĕi Ya'aqan and camped at Ḥor Haggiḏgaḏ.
[33]And they departed from Ḥor Haggiḏgaḏ and camped at Yoṭḇathah.
[34]And they departed from Yoṭḇathah and camped at Aḇronah.
[35]And they departed from Aḇronah and camped at Etsyon Geḇer.
[36]And they departed from Etsyon Geḇer and camped in the Wilderness of Tsin, which is Qaḏĕsh.
[37]And they departed from Qaḏĕsh and camped at Mount Hor, on the boundary of the land of Eḏom.
[38]***Then*** Aharon the priest went up to Mount Hor at the **command** of ꓤꓰꓤꓩ, and died there in the fortieth year after the children of Yisra'ĕl had **come out** of the land of Mitsrayim, on the **first day of the fifth month**.

[39]**Now** Aharon was one hundred and twenty-three years old when he died on Mount Hor.
[40]And the sovereign of Arad̲, the Kena'anite, who dwelt in the South in the land of Kena'an, **heard** of the **coming** of the children of Yisra'ĕl.
[41]So they departed from Mount Hor and camped at Tsalmonah.
[42]And they departed from Tsalmonah and camped at Punon.
[43]And they departed from Punon and camped at Oḇoth.
[44]And they departed from Oḇoth and camped at Iyĕ Ha-Aḇarim, at the border of Mo'aḇ.
[45]And they departed from Iyim and camped at Diḇon Gad̲.
[46]And they departed from Diḇon Gad̲ and camped at Almon Diḇlathayemah.
[47]And they departed from Almon Diḇlathayemah and camped in the mountains of Aḇarim, before Neḇo.
[48]And they departed from the mountains of Aḇarim and camped in the desert plains of Mo'aḇ by the Yarděn of Yeriḥo.
[49]And they camped by the Yarděn, from Bĕyth Yeshimoth as far as the Aḇĕl Shittim in the desert plains of Mo'aḇ.
[50]And יהוה spoke to Mosheh in the desert plains of Mo'aḇ by the Yarděn of Yeriḥo, saying,
[51]**"Speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl and say to them, '***When*** you have passed over the Yarděn into the land of Kena'an,
[52]then you ***shall*** *drive* out **all** the inhabitants of the land from before you and ***shall*** *destroy* **all** their *engraved* stones and ***shall*** *destroy* **all** their *moulded* images and *lay waste* **all** their *high places*,
[53]and you ***shall*** **possess** the land and dwell in it, for I have **given** you the land to possess.
[54]'And you ***shall*** divide the land by **lot** as an **inheritance** among your clans. To the larger you give a larger inheritance and to the smaller you give a smaller inheritance. Wherever the **lot** falls to anyone, that is his. You inherit **according** to the tribes of your fathers.
[55]'And if *you do not drive* out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it ***shall*** **be** that those whom you let remain ***shall*** **be** pricks in your eyes and thorns in your sides and they ***shall*** *trouble* you in the land where you dwell.
[56]'And it ***shall*** **be** that I do to you as I thought to do to them.' "

34 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,
[2]"**Command** the children of Yisra'ĕl and say to them, '***When*** you **come** into the land of Kena'an, this is the land which falls to you as an inheritance, the land of Kena'an to its boundaries:
[3]'***Then*** your southern border ***shall*** **be** from the Wilderness of Tsin along the border of Eḏom and your southern border ***shall*** **be** eastward from **the end** of the Salt Sea.
[4]'***Then*** your border ***shall turn*** from the southern side of the Ascent of Aqrabbim, continue to Tsin and be on the south of Qad̲ĕsh Barnĕa and it ***shall*** go on to Ḥatsar Addar and continue to Atsmon.
[5]'And the border ***shall turn*** from Atsmon to the wadi of Mitsrayim and it ***shall*** end at the Sea.
[6]'As for the western border, you ***shall*** have the Great Sea for a border, this is your western border.
[7]'And this is your northern border: From the Great Sea you mark out your borderline to Mount Hor,
[8]from Mount Hor you mark out your border to the entrance of Ḥamath and the edge of the border ***shall*** **be** toward Tsed̲ad̲,
[9]and the border ***shall*** proceed to Ziphron and it ***shall*** end at Ḥatsar Ĕnan. This is your northern border.
[10]'And you ***shall*** mark out your eastern border from Ḥatsar Ĕnan to Shepham,
[11]and the border ***shall*** go down from Shepham to Riḇlah on the east side of Ayin and the border ***shall*** go down and reach to the eastern side of the Sea of

Kinnereth.
12"And the border ***shall*** go down
along the Yarděn and it ***shall*** end at
the Salt Sea. This is your land with its
surrounding boundaries.' "
13And Mosheh **commanded** the
children of Yisra'ěl, saying, "This is the
land which you inherit by **lot,** which
ꓤYHZ has **commanded** to give to the
nine tribes and to the half-tribe.
14"For the tribe of the children of
Re'uḇěn **according** to the house of their
fathers and the tribe of the children of
Gaḏ **according** to the house of their
fathers, have received their inheritance.
And the half-tribe of Menashsheh has
received its inheritance.
15"The two tribes and the half-tribe
have received their **inheritance** beyond
the Yarděn of Yeriḥo eastward, toward
the sunrise."
16And ꓤYHZ spoke to Mosheh,
saying,
17"These are the names of the men
who divide the land among you as
an inheritance: El'azar the priest and
Yahusha son of Nun.
18"And take one leader of **every** tribe to
divide the land for the inheritance.
19"And these are the names of the men.
From the tribe of Yahuḏah: Kalěḇ son of
Yephunneh.
20"And from the tribe of the children of
Shim'on: Shemu'ěl son of Ammihuḏ.
21"From the tribe of Binyamin: Eliḏaḏ
son of Kislon.
22"And a leader from the tribe of the
children of Dan: Buqqi son of Yoglí.
23"From the sons of Yosěph: a leader
from the tribe of the children of
Menashsheh, Ḥanni'ěl son of Ěphoḏ.
24"And a leader from the tribe of the
children of Ephrayim: Qemu'ěl son of
Shiphtan.
25"And a leader from the tribe of the
children of Zeḇulun: Elitsaphan son of
Parnaḵ.
26"And a leader from the tribe of the
children of Yissasḵar: Palti'ěl son of
Azzan.
27"And a leader from the tribe of
the children of Ashěr: Aḥihuḏ son of
Shelomi.
28"And a leader from the tribe of the
children of Naphtali: Peḏah'ěl son of
Ammihuḏ."
29These are the ones ꓤYHZ
commanded to divide the **inheritance**
among the children of Yisra'ěl in the
land of Kena'an.

35 And ꓤYHZ spoke to Mosheh in
the desert plains of Mo'aḇ by the
Yarděn of Yeriḥo, saying,
2"**Command** the children of Yisra'ěl
that they ***shall*** give the Lěwites cities to
dwell in from the **inheritance** of their
possession. Also give the Lěwites **open**
land around the cities.
3"And they ***shall*** have the cities to
dwell in and their **open** land for their
cattle and for their herds and for **all** their
livestock.
4"And the **open** land of the cities
which you give the Lěwites are from
the wall of the city outward a thousand
cubits **all** around.
5"And you ***shall*** measure outside the
city on the east side two thousand cubits
and on the south side two thousand
cubits and on the west side two thousand
cubits and on the north side two
thousand cubits. And the city is in the
middle. This is to them the **open** land for
the cities.
6"And the cities which you give to
the Lěwites are the six cities of refuge,
which you give to him who *killed*
someone to ***flee*** to and to these you add
forty-two cities.
7"All the cities which you give to the
Lěwites are forty-eight, these with their
open land.
8"And the cities which you give are
from the possession of the children of
Yisra'ěl. From the larger *tribe* you give
many, from the smaller you give few,
each one gives some of its cities to the

Lĕwites, in proportion to the **inheritance** that each inherits."

9And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

10**"Speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl and say to them, '***When*** you pass over the Yarděn into the land of Kena'an,

11then you ***shall*** choose cities to be cities of **refuge** for you, that the one who accidentally *killed* someone ***shall flee*** there.

12'And they ***shall*** **be** cities of **refuge** for you from the revenger and the one who *killed* someone is not to *die* until he stands before the congregation in right-ruling.

13'And of the cities which you give, six are to be cities of refuge.

14'Give three cities beyond the Yarděn, and give three cities in the land of Kena'an, as cities of refuge.

15'These six cities are for **refuge** for the children of Yisra'ĕl and for the sojourner and for the settler in their **midst**, for anyone who accidentally *kills* someone to ***flee*** there.

16'***But*** if he has *smitten* him with an instrument of iron, so that he dies, he is a murderer. The murderer ***shall*** certainly be put to *death.*

17'And if he has *smitten* him with a stone in the **hand,** by which one could *die* and he does *die,* he is a murderer. The murderer ***shall*** certainly be put to *death.*

18'Or if he has *smitten* him with a wooden instrument that could *kill* and he does *die,* he is a murderer. The murderer ***shall*** certainly be put to *death.*

19'The *revenger* of **blood** himself puts the murderer to *death. **When*** he meets him, he puts him to *death.*

20'And if he thrusts him through in hatred, or throws *an object* at him while *lying* in wait, so that he dies,

21or in enmity he smites him with his **hand** so that he dies, the one who *smote* him ***shall*** certainly be put to *death,* for he is a murderer. The *revenger* of **blood** puts the murderer to *death* when he meets him.

22'***But*** if he pushes him **suddenly** without enmity, or throws *an object* at him without *lying* in wait,

23or uses a stone, by which a man could *die,* throwing it at him without **seeing** him, so that he dies, while he was not his enemy or **seeking** his harm,

24then the congregation ***shall*** **judge** between him who *killed* someone and the *revenger* of **blood, according** to these **right-rulings**.

25'And the congregation ***shall*** **rescue** the one who *killed* someone from the **hand** of the *revenger* of **blood** and the congregation ***shall*** **return** him to the city of **refuge** where he had fled and he ***shall*** remain there until the *death* of the high priest who was **anointed** with the set-apart oil.

26'***But*** if the one who *killed* someone at any **time** goes outside the limits of the city of **refuge** where he fled,

27and the *revenger* of **blood** finds him outside the limits of his city of refuge and the *revenger* of **blood** *kills* him who *killed* someone, he is not *guilty* of **blood,**

28**<u>because</u>** he should have remained in his city of **refuge** until the *death* of the high priest. ***But*** after the *death* of the high priest he who *killed* someone is to **return** to the land of his possession.

29'And these ***shall*** **be** for a **law** of **right-ruling** to you throughout your generations in **all** your dwellings.

30'***Whoever*** *kills* someone has to be put to *death* as a murderer by the **mouth** of **witnesses,** but *only* one **witness** *does not* bear **witness** *<u>against</u>* someone to *die.*

31'And take no ransom for the **life** of a murderer who is *guilty* of *death,* but he ***shall*** certainly be put to *death.*

32'And take no ransom for him who has fled to his city of **refuge** to **return** to dwell in the land before the *death* of the priest.

33'And *do not profane* the land where you are, for **blood** *profanes* the land and the land is *not pardoned* for the **blood** that is shed on it, ***except*** by the **blood** of him who shed it.

34'And *do not defile* the land which you inhabit, in the **midst** of which I dwell,

for I, יהוה, am dwelling in the **midst** of the children of Yisra'ĕl.' "

36 And the heads of the fathers of the clans of the children of Gil'aḏ, son of Maḵir, son of Menashsheh, of the clans of the sons of Yosĕph, came **near** and spoke before Mosheh and before the leaders, the heads of the fathers of the children of Yisra'ĕl,

2 and said, "יהוה **commanded** my master to give the land as an **inheritance** by **lot** to the children of Yisra'ĕl and my master was **commanded** by יהוה to give the **inheritance** of our brother Tselophḥaḏ to his daughters.

3 "**Now** if they are married to any of the sons of the other tribes of the children of Yisra'ĕl, then their **inheritance** ***shall*** **be** taken from the **inheritance** of our fathers,
and ***shall*** **be added** to the **inheritance** of the tribe into which they marry and taken from the **lot** of our inheritance.

4 "And if the Jubilee of the children of Yisra'ĕl takes place, then their **inheritance** ***shall*** **be added** to the **inheritance** of the tribe into which they marry and their **inheritance** taken away from the **inheritance** of the tribe of our fathers."

5 And Mosheh **commanded** the children of Yisra'ĕl **according** to the **Word** of יהוה, saying, "***What*** the tribe of the sons of Yosĕph speaks is right.

6 "This is the **word** which יהוה has **commanded**, for the daughters of Tselophḥaḏ, saying, '**Let** them marry who is **good** in their eyes,
but let them marry only within the clan of their father's tribe.'

7 "And the **inheritance** of the children of Yisra'ĕl is not to *change* hands from tribe to tribe, for **every** one of the children of Yisra'ĕl is to **cling** to the **inheritance** of the tribe of his fathers.

8 "And **every** daughter possessing an **inheritance** in any tribe of the children of Yisra'ĕl is to be the wife of one of the clan of her father's tribe, so that the children of Yisra'ĕl **possess** each the **inheritance** of his fathers.

9 "Thus the **inheritance** is not to *change* hands from one tribe to another, but **every** tribe of the children of Yisra'ĕl is to **cling** to its own inheritance."

10 As יהוה **commanded** Mosheh, so did the daughters of Tselophḥaḏ.

11 For Maḥlah, Tirtsah and Ḥoḡlah and Milkah and No'ah, the daughters of Tselophḥaḏ, were married to the sons of their father's brothers.

12 And they were married into the clans of the children of Menashsheh, the son of Yosĕph and their **inheritance** remained in the tribe of their father's clan.

13 These are the **commands** and the **right-rulings** which יהוה **commanded** the children of Yisra'ĕl by the **hand** of Mosheh in the desert plains of Mo'aḇ by the Yarděn of Yeriḥo.

DEḆARIM

DEUTERONOMY — 5 MOSHEH

1 These are the **words** which Mosheh spoke to **all** Yisra'ĕl beyond the Yarděn in the wilderness, in the desert plain opposite Suph, between Paran and Tophel and Laḇan and Ḥatsĕroth and DiZahaḇ,

[2]eleven days' *journey* from Ḥoreḇ by **way** of Mount Sĕ'ir to Qaḏēsh Barnĕa.

[3]And it came to be in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the **first day of** the month, that Mosheh spoke to the children of Yisra'ĕl **according** to **all** that ꓤꓡꓤꓩ had **commanded** him concerning them,

[4]after he had *smitten* Sihon sovereign of the Amorites, who dwelt in Ḥeshbon and Oḡ sovereign of Bashan, who dwelt at Ashtaroth in Eḏre'i.

[5]Beyond the Yarděn, in the land of Mo'aḇ, Mosheh undertook to **declare** this **Torah**, saying,

[6]"'ꓤꓡꓤꓩ our **Elohim** spoke to us in Ḥoreḇ, saying, 'You have dwelt long enough at this mountain.

[7]'Turn and set out on your **way** and go into the mountains of the Amorites and to **all** the neighbouring places in the desert plain, in the mountains and in the low country and in the Negeḇ and on the seacoast, to the land of the Kena'anites and to Leḇanon, as far as the **great** river, the River Euphrates.

[8]'**See,** I have set the land before you. Go in and **possess** the land which ꓤꓡꓤꓩ **swore** to your fathers, to Aḇrahim, to Yitsḥaq and to Ya'aqoḇ, to give to them and their seed after them.'

[9]"And I spoke to you at that **time,** saying, **'**I am *unable* to bear you by myself.

[10]'ꓤꓡꓤꓩ your **Elohim** has increased you and **see,** you are today as numerous as the stars of the **heavens.**

[11]'ꓤꓡꓤꓩ **Elohim** of your fathers is going to add to you a thousand times more than you are and **bless** you as **He** has **spoken** to you!

[12]'***How*** do I bear your *pressure* and your *burden* and your *strife,* by myself?

[13]'Choose men, **wise** and **understanding** and **known** to your tribes and let me **appoint** them as your heads.'

[14]"And you answered me and said, 'The **word** which you have **spoken** to us to do is **good**.'

[15]"And I took the heads of your tribes, **wise** men and **known** and made them heads over you, leaders of thousands and leaders of hundreds and leaders of fifties and leaders of tens and officers for your tribes.

[16]"And I **commanded** your judges at that **time,** saying, '***When*** **hearing** between your brothers, **judge righteously** between a man and his brother or the stranger who is with him.

[17]'***Do*** *not* **show** *partiality* in right-ruling, **hear** the small as well as the great. ***Do*** *not* be *afraid* of anyone's face, for the **right-ruling** belongs to **Elohim**. And the case which is too hard for you, bring it to me and I ***shall*** **hear** it.'

[18]"And I **commanded** you at that **time all** the **words** which you should do.

[19]"***Then*** we set out from Ḥoreḇ and went through **all** that **great** and **awesome** wilderness which you **saw** on the **way** to the mountains of the Amorites, as ꓤꓡꓤꓩ our **Elohim** had **commanded** us. And we came to Qaḏēsh Barnĕa.

[20]"And I said to you, 'You have **come to** the mountains of the Amorites, which ꓤꓡꓤꓩ our **Elohim** is giving us.

[21]'**See,** ꓤꓡꓤꓩ your **Elohim** has set the land before you. Go up and **possess** it, as ꓤꓡꓤꓩ **Elohim** of your fathers has **spoken** to you. ***Do*** *not* **fear** nor be discouraged.'

22"And **all** of you came **near** to me and said, 'Let us send men before us and let them **search** out the land for us and bring back **word** to us of the **way** by which we should go up and of the cities into which we would come.'
23"And the matter was **good** in my eyes, so I took twelve of your men, one man from each tribe.
24"And they turned and went up into the mountains and came to the wadi Eshkol and spied it out.
25"And they took some of the **fruit** of the land in their hands and brought it down to us. And they brought back **word** to us, saying, 'The land which ꓤYꓤZ our **Elohim** is giving us is **good**.'
26"***But*** you *would not* go up and *rebelled against* the **mouth** of ꓤYꓤZ your **Elohim**,
27and *grumbled* in your tents and said, '**Because** ꓤYꓤZ was hating us, **He** has brought us out of the land of Mitsrayim to give us into the **hand** of the Amorites, to *destroy* us.
28'Where are we going to? Our brothers have made our **hearts** melt, saying, "The people are greater and taller than we, the cities are **great** and walled up to the heavens and we **saw** the sons of the Anaqim there too." '
29"***Then*** I said to you, 'Have no *dread* or **fear** of them.
30'ꓤYꓤZ your **Elohim**, who is going before you, **He** does *fight* for you, **according** to **all He** did for you in Mitsrayim before your eyes,
31and in the wilderness, where you **saw** how ꓤYꓤZ your **Elohim** has borne you, as a man bears his son, in **all** the **way** that you went until you came to this place.'
32"Yet in this matter you are putting no **trust** in ꓤYꓤZ your **Elohim**,
33who is going before you in the **way** to **seek** out a place for you to pitch your tents, to **show** you the **way** you should go, in *fire* by night and in a cloud by day.
34"And ꓤYꓤZ **heard** the **voice** of your **words** and was *wroth* and took an oath, saying,
35'Not one of these men of this *evil* generation ***shall* see** that **good** land of which I **swore** to give to your fathers,
36except Kaleḇ son of Yephunneh. **He *shall* see** it and to him and his children I give the land on which he walked, **because** he **followed** ꓤYꓤZ **completely.**'
37"And ꓤYꓤZ was **enraged** with me for your sakes, saying, 'You *do not* go in there, either.
38'Yahusha the son of Nun, who stands before you, he ***shall*** go in there. Strengthen him, for he ***shall* cause** Yisra'ĕl to inherit.
39'And your *little* ones and your children, who you say are for a prey, who today have no **knowledge** of **good** and *evil*, they are going in there. And to them I give it and they are to **possess** it.
40'***But*** you, turn and take your journey into the wilderness by **the Way** of the Sea of Reeds.'
41"***Then*** you answered and said to me, 'We have *sinned against* ꓤYꓤZ. We ourselves are going up and we ***shall*** fight, as ꓤYꓤZ our **Elohim commanded** us.' And when each one of you had girded on his battle gear, you were **ready** to go up into the mountain.
42"And ꓤYꓤZ said to me, 'Say to them, "***Do*** *not* go up nor fight, for I am not in your **midst**, lest you be *smitten* before your enemies." '
43"So I spoke to you, but you *would not* **listen** and *rebelled against* the **mouth** of ꓤYꓤZ and *acted proud*ly and went up into the mountain.
44"***Then*** the Amorites who dwelt in that mountain came out *against* you and chased you as bees do and drove you back from Sĕ'ir to Ḥormah.
45"And you returned and wept before ꓤYꓤZ, but ꓤYꓤZ *would not* **listen** to your **voice** nor give ear to you.
46"So you dwelt in Qaḏĕsh many days, **according** to the days that you dwelt.

2 "***Then*** we turned and set out into the wilderness, the **way** of the Sea of Reeds, as ꓤYꓤZ spoke to me and we

went round Mount Sĕʿir, many days.
[2]"And ꓤYHWH spoke to me, saying,
[3]'You have gone around this mountain long enough, turn northward.
[4]'And **command** the people, saying, "You are about to pass over into the border of your brothers, the descendants of Ĕsaw, who **live** in Sĕʿir and they are *afraid* of you. So be on your guard.
[5]"***Do*** *not strive* with them, for I *do not* give you any of their land, no, not so much as one footstep, **because** I have **given** Mount Sĕʿir to Ĕsaw as a possession.
[6]"***What*** food you buy from them with silver you ***shall*** eat. And also, what water you buy from them with silver you ***shall*** drink.
[7]"For ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** has **blessed** you in **all** the **work** of your **hand. He** has **known** your wandering through this **great** wilderness. These forty years ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** has been with you, you have not lacked any matter." '
[8]"And when we passed beyond our brothers, the descendants of Ĕsaw who dwell in Sĕʿir, away from the **way** of the desert plain, away from Ĕylath and Etsyon Geḇer, we turned and passed over by **way** of the Wilderness of Moʾaḇ.
[9]"And ꓤYHWH said to me, '***Do*** *not distress* Moʾaḇ, nor stir yourself up *against* them in battle, for I *do not* give you any of their land as a possession, **because** I have **given** Ar to the descendants of Lot as a possession.' "
[10]The Ĕmites had dwelt there formerly, a people as **great** and numerous and tall as the Anaqim.
[11]They were also reckoned as Repha'ites, like the Anaqim, but the Moʾaḇites **call** them Ĕmites.
[12]And the Ḥorites formerly dwelt in Sĕʿir, but the descendants of Ĕsaw dispossessed them and ***destroyed*** them from before them and dwelt in their place, as Yisra'ĕl did to the land of their possession which ꓤYHWH gave them.
[13]" 'Now rise up and pass over the wadi Zereḏ.' So we passed over the wadi Zereḏ.
[14]"And the **time** we took to **come** from Qaḏĕsh Barnĕa until we passed over the wadi Zereḏ was thirty-eight years, until **all** the generation of the men of battle was *consumed* from the **midst** of the camp, as ꓤYHWH had sworn to them.
[15]"And also, the **hand** of ꓤYHWH was *against* them, to *destroy* them from the **midst** of the camp until they were *consumed.*
[16]"And it came to be, when **all** the men of battle had finally *perished* from among the people,
[17]that ꓤYHWH spoke to me, saying,
[18]'This day you are to pass over at Ar, the boundary of Moʾaḇ.
[19]'And when you **come near** the children of Ammon, *do not distress* them nor stir yourself up *against* them, for I *do not* give you any of the land of the children of Ammon as a possession, **because** I have **given** it to the descendants of Lot as a possession.'
[20]That was also reckoned as a land of Repha'ites. Repha'ites formerly dwelt there. ***But*** the Ammonites **call** them Zamzummim,
[21]a people as **great** and numerous and tall as the Anaqim. ***But*** ꓤYHWH ***destroyed*** them before them and they dispossessed them and dwelt in their place,
[22]as **He** had done for the descendants of Ĕsaw, who dwelt in Sĕʿir, when **He** ***destroyed*** the Ḥorites from before them. They dispossessed them and dwelt in their place, even to this day.
[23]And the Awwim who dwelt in villages as far as Azzah, the Kaphtorim who came from Kaphtor, ***destroyed*** them and dwelt in their place).
[24]'Arise, set out and pass over the wadi Arnon. **See,** I have **given** into your **hand** Siḥon the Amorite, sovereign of Ḥeshbon and his land. Begin to **possess** it and stir up yourself *against* him in battle.
[25]'This day I begin to put the *dread* and **fear** of you upon the peoples under **all** the heavens, who, when they **hear** the report of you, ***shall*** *tremble* and *shake*

<u>because</u> of you.'
[26]"***Then*** I **sent** messengers from the Wilderness of Qeḏĕmoth to Siḥon sovereign of Ḥeshḇon, with **words** of peace, saying,
[27]'**Let** me pass over through your land on the highway. I ***shall*** go on the highway and turn neither to the **right** nor to the left.
[28]'***What*** food you sell me for silver I ***shall*** eat and what water you give me for silver I ***shall*** drink. Only let me pass over on foot,
[29]as the descendants of Ĕsaw who dwell in Sĕ'ir and the Mo'aḇites who dwell in Ar did for me – until I pass over the Yarḏĕn to the land ꓤꓰꓤꓩ our **Elohim** is giving us.'
[30]"***But*** Siḥon sovereign of Ḥeshḇon *would not* let us pass over, for ꓤꓰꓤꓩ your **Elohim** *hardened* his spirit and strengthened his **heart,** to give him into your **hand,** as it is this day.
[31]"And ꓤꓰꓤꓩ said to me, '**See,** I have begun to give Siḥon and his land over to you. Begin to **possess** – **in order** to **possess** his land.'
[32]"And Siḥon and **all** his people came out <u>*against*</u> us to *fight* at Yahats,
[33]and ꓤꓰꓤꓩ our **Elohim** gave him over to us, so we *smote* him and his sons and **all** his people.
[34]"And we took **all** his cities at that **time,** and we put the men, women and *little* ones of **every** city under the **ban,** we left none remaining.
[35]"Only the livestock we took as plunder for ourselves and the spoil of the cities which we captured.
[36]"From Aro'ĕr, which is on the edge of the wadi Arnon and the city that is by the wadi, as far as Gil'aḏ, there was not one city too high for us. ꓤꓰꓤꓩ our **Elohim** gave **all** to us.
[37]"Only you *did not* go **near** the land of the children of Ammon – anywhere along the wadi Yabboq, or to the cities of the mountains, or wherever ꓤꓰꓤꓩ our **Elohim** had ***forbidden*** us.

3 "***Then*** we turned and went up the **way** to Bashan. And Oḡ sovereign of Bashan came out <u>*against*</u> us, he and **all** his people, to battle at Eḏre'i.
[2]"And ꓤꓰꓤꓩ said to me, '***Do not*** **fear** him, for I have **given** him and **all** his people and his land into your **hand.** And you ***shall*** do to him as you did to Siḥon sovereign of the Amorites, who dwelt at Ḥeshḇon.'
[3]"So ꓤꓰꓤꓩ our **Elohim** also gave into our hands Oḡ sovereign of Bashan, with **all** his people and we *smote* him until he had no survivors remaining.
[4]"And we captured **all** his cities at that time. There was not a city which we *did not* take from them: sixty cities, **all** the district of Argoḇ, the **reign** of Oḡ in Bashan.
[5]"All these cities were fenced with high walls, gates and bars, besides a **great** many unwalled towns.
[6]"And we put them under the **ban,** as we did to Siḥon sovereign of Ḥeshḇon, putting the men, the women and the children of **every** city under the **ban.**
[7]"***But*** **all** the livestock and the spoil of the cities we took as booty for ourselves.
[8]"And at that **time** we took the land, from the **hand** of the two sovereigns of the Amorites, that was beyond the Yarḏĕn, from the wadi Arnon to Mount Ḥermon
[9]"Tsiḏonians **call** Ḥermon, Siryon – and the Amorites **call** it Senir,
[10]all the cities of the plain, **all** Gil'aḏ and **all** Bashan, as far as Salḵah and Eḏre'i, cities of the **reign** of Oḡ in Bashan.
[11]"For only Oḡ sovereign of Bashan was left of the **remnant** of the Repha'ites. **See,** his bedstead was an iron bedstead. Is it not in Rabbah of the children of Ammon? Nine cubits is its length and four cubits its width, **according** to the cubit of a man.
[12]"And this land, which we possessed at that **time,** from Aro'ĕr, which is by the wadi Arnon and half the mountains of Gil'aḏ and its cities,

I gave to the Re'uḇĕnites and the Gaḏites.
13"And the rest of Gil'aḏ and **all** Bashan, the **reign** of Oḡ, I gave to half the tribe of Menashsheh – **all** the district of Argoḇ, with **all** Bashan, called the land of the Repha'ites.
14"Ya'ir son of Menashsheh had taken **all** the district of Argoḇ, as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Ma'aḵathites and called them after his own name: the Bashan of Hawoth Ya'ir, to this day.
15"And to Maḵir I **gave** Gil'aḏ.
16"And to the Re'uḇĕnites and the Gaḏites I **gave** from Gil'aḏ as far as the waḏi Arnon, the middle of the wadi as the border, as far as the wadi Yabboq, the border of the children of Ammon,
17and the desert plain, with the Yarděn as the border, from Kinnereth as far as the Sea of the Araḇah, the Salt Sea, below the slopes of Pisgah on the east.
18"And I **commanded** you at that **time,** saying, 'ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** has **given** you this land to possess. All you sons of might, pass over armed before your brothers, the children of Yisra'ĕl.
19'***But*** let your wives and your *little* ones and your livestock – I **know** that you have much livestock – stay in your cities which I have **given** you,
20until ꓤYHWH has **given** rest to your brothers as to you and they also **possess** the land which ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** is giving them beyond the Yarděn. ***Then*** you ***shall*** **return,** each man to his possession which I have **given** you.'
21"And I **commanded** Yahusha at that **time,** saying, '**Your** eyes have **seen all** that ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** has done to these two sovereigns. ꓤYHWH does the **same** to **all** the reigns which you are passing over.
22'***Do not*** **fear** them, for ꓤYHWH your **Elohim Himself fights** for you.'
23"And I pleaded with ꓤYHWH at that **time,** saying,
24'O **Master** ꓤYHWH, **You** have begun to **show Your** servant **Your** greatness and **Your strong hand,** for who is a *mighty one* in the heavens or on earth who does **according** to **Your works** and **according** to **Your might**?
25'I pray, let me pass over and **see** the **good** land beyond the Yarděn, this **good** hill country and Leḇanon.'
26"***But*** ꓤYHWH was **enraged** with me, for your sake and *would not* **listen** to me and ꓤYHWH said to me, 'Enough of that! **Speak** no more to **Me** about this matter.
27'Go up to the top of Pisgah and lift up your eyes westward and northward and southward and eastward and look with your eyes, for *you do not* pass over this Yarděn.
28'***But*** charge Yahusha and strengthen him and make him brave, for he ***shall*** pass over before this people and **causes** them to inherit the land which you **see.**'
29"And we dwelt in the valley opposite Bĕyth Pe'or.

4 "And **now**, O Yisra'ĕl, **listen** to the **laws** and the **right-rulings** which I am **teaching** you to do, so that you **live** and ***shall*** go in and **possess** the land which ꓤYHWH **Elohim** of your fathers is giving you.
2"***Do not*** **add** to the **Word** which I **command** you and *do not take away* from it, so as to **guard** the **commands** of ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** which I am **commanding** you.
3"Your eyes have **seen** what ꓤYHWH did at Ba'al Pe'or, for ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** has ***destroyed*** from your **midst all** the men who **followed** *Ba'al* Pe'or.
4"***But*** you who are **clinging** to ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** are **alive** today, **every** one of you.
5"**See,** I have **taught** you **laws** and **right-rulings**, as ꓤYHWH my **Elohim commanded** me, to do thus in the land which you go to possess.
6"And you ***shall*** **guard** and do them, for this is your **wisdom** and your **understanding** before the eyes of

the peoples **who hear all** these **laws** and they ***shall*** say, 'Only a **wise** and **understanding** people is this **great** nation!'

[7]"For what **great** nation is there which has **Elohim** so **near** to it, as ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓶ our **Elohim** is to us, whenever we **call on** Him?

[8]"And what **great** nation is there that has such **laws** and **righteous right-rulings** like **all** this **Torah** which I set before you this day?

[9]"Only, **guard** yourself and **guard** your **life diligently**, lest you *forget* the **Words** your eyes have **seen** and lest they turn aside from your **heart all** the days of your **life**. And you ***shall*** make them **known** to your children and your grandchildren.

[10]"The day when you stood before ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓶ your **Elohim** in Ḥorēḇ, ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓶ said to me, '**Assemble** the people to **Me** and I make them **hear My Words**, so that they **learn** to **fear Me all** the days they **live** on the earth and **teach** *them to* their children.'

[11]"And you came **near** and stood at the foot of the mountain and the mountain *burned* with *fire* to the **heart** of the heavens – *darkness*, cloud and thick *darkness*.

[12]"And ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓶ spoke to you out of the **midst** of the *fire*. You **heard** a **voice** of **words**, but **saw** no *form*, you only **heard** a **voice**.

[13]"And **He** made **known** to you **His covenant** which **He commanded** you to do, the **Ten Words** and **He wrote** them on two tablets of stone.

[14]"And ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓶ **commanded** me at that **time** to **teach** you **laws** and **right-rulings**, for you to do them in the land which you pass over to possess.

[15]"Therefore, **diligently guard** yourselves, for you **saw** no form when ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓶ spoke to you at Ḥorēḇ out of the **midst** of the *fire*,

[16]lest you should do *corruptly* and ***shall*** make for yourselves a *carved image* in the *form* of any figure – the likeness of *male* or *female*,

[17]the *likeness* of any beast that is on the earth or the *likeness* of any winged bird that flies in the heavens,

[18]the *likeness* of any creature that creeps on the ground or the *likeness* of any ***fish*** that is in the water under the earth;

[19]and ***lest*** you lift up your eyes to the heavens and ***shall*** **see** the sun and the moon and the stars – **all** the host of the heavens – and you be drawn away into bowing down to them and serving them, which ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓶ your **Elohim** has allotted to **all** the peoples under **all** the **heavens.**

[20]"***But*** ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓶ has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Mitsrayim, to be **His** people, an inheritance, as it is today.

[21]"And ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓶ was **enraged** with me **<u>because</u>** of your **words** and **swore** that I *would not* pass over the Yarděn and that I *would not* enter the **good** land which ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓶ your **Elohim** is giving you as an inheritance.

[22]"For I am to *die* in this land, I am not passing over the Yarděn, but you are passing over and ***shall*** **possess** that **good** land.

[23]"**Guard** yourselves, lest you *forget* the **covenant** of ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓶ your **Elohim** which **He** made with you and ***shall*** make for your selves a *carved image* in the form of ***whatever*** ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓶ your **Elohim** has ***forbidden*** you.

[24]"For ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓶ your **Elohim** is a *consuming fire*, a ***jealous*** Ěl.

[25]"***When*** you bring forth children and grandchildren and ***shall*** grow old in the land and ***shall*** do *corruptly* and make a *carved image* in the form of **whatever** and ***shall*** do what is *evil in the eyes* of ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓶ your **Elohim** to ***provoke*** **Him,**

[26]"I ***shall*** **call** the heavens and earth to **witness** *<u>against</u>* you on that day, that you soon **completely** *perish* from the land which you pass over the Yarděn to **possess** – *you do not* prolong your days in it but are **completely destroyed**.

[27]"And ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓶ ***shall*** *scatter* you among the peoples and you ***shall*** **be** left **few** in number among the *gentiles* where

יהוה drives you.
28"And there you ***shall*** **serve** *mighty ones*, the **work** of men's hands, ***wood*** and stone, which neither **see** nor **hear** nor *eat* nor *smell*.
29"***But*** from there you ***shall*** **seek** יהוה your **Elohim** and ***shall*** find, when you **search** for **Him** with **all** your **heart** and with **all** your being.
30"In your *distress,* when **all** these **words** ***shall*** **come** upon you in the **latter** days, then you ***shall*** **return** to יהוה your **Elohim** and ***shall*** **obey** **His voice**.
31"For יהוה your **Elohim** is a **compassionate** Ěl, **He** *does not forsake* you, nor *destroy* you, nor *forget* the **covenant** of your fathers which **He swore** to them.
32"For **ask now** of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that **Elohim** created man on the earth and **ask** from one end of the heavens to the other end of the heavens, whether there has been a **Word** as **great** as this, or has been **heard** like it.
33"Has a people **heard** the **voice** of **Elohim** speaking out of the **midst** of the *fire*, as you have **heard** and live?
34"Or has **Elohim** tried to go and take for **Himself** a nation from the **midst** of a nation by trials and by **signs** and by **wonders** and by battle and by a **strong hand** and an outstretched arm and by **great fear**some **deeds**, **according** to **all** that יהוה your **Elohim** did for you in Mitsrayim before your eyes?
35"You have been shown it, **to know** that יהוה **Himself** is **Elohim**; there is **no one** beside **Him.**
36"From the heavens **He** let you **hear** **His voice**, to **instruct** you and on earth **He** showed you **His great** *fire* and you **heard** **His words** out of the **midst** of the *fire*.
37"And **because** **He loved** your fathers, therefore **He chose** their seed after them and brought you out of Mitsrayim with **His** Presence, with **His great power**,
38to *drive* out from before you nations greater and stronger than you, to bring you in, to give you their land as an inheritance, as it is today.
39"And **you** ***shall*** **know** today and ***shall*** recall to your **heart** that יהוה **Himself** is **Elohim** in the heavens above and on the earth beneath; there is **none** else.
40"And you ***shall*** **guard** **His laws** and **His commands** which I **command** you today, so that it is well with you and with your children after you and so that you prolong your days on the soil which יהוה your **Elohim** is giving you for **all time.** "
41***Then*** Mosheh separated three cities beyond the Yarděn, toward the rising of the sun,
42for him who *killed* someone to ***flee*** there, he who *kills* his neighbour unintentionally, without having *hated* him in **time** past and might ***flee*** to one of these cities and live:
43Betser in the wilderness in the level land for the Re'uḇěnites and Ramoth in Gil'aḏ for the Gaḏites and Golan in Bashan for the Menashshites.
44And this is the **Torah** which Mosheh set before the children of Yisra'ěl.
45These are the **witnesses** and the **laws** and the **right-rulings** which Mosheh spoke to the children of Yisra'ěl after they came out of Mitsrayim,
46beyond the Yarděn, in the valley opposite Běyth Pe'or, in the land of Siḥon sovereign of the Amorites, who dwelt at Ḥeshbon, whom Mosheh and the children of Yisra'ěl had *smitten* after they came out of Mitsrayim.
47And they took possession of his land and the land of Oğ sovereign of Bashan, two sovereigns of the Amorites, who were beyond the Yarděn, toward the rising of the sun,
48from Aro'ěr, which is on the bank of the wadi Arnon, even to Mount Siyon, which is Ḥermon,
49and **all** the desert plain beyond the Yarděn as far as the Sea of the Araḇah, below the slopes of Pisgah.

5 And Mosheh called **all** Yisra'ěl and said to them, **"Hear,** O Yisra'ěl, the

laws and **right-rulings** which I **speak** in your **hearing** today. And you ***shall*** **learn** them and **guard** to do them.

[2]"יהוה our **Elohim** made a **covenant** with us in Ḥorĕḇ.

[3]"יהוה *did not* make this **covenant** with our fathers, but with us, those who are here today, **all** of us who are **alive.**

[4]"יהוה spoke with you face to face on the mountain from the **midst** of the *fire*.

[5]"I stood between יהוה and you at that **time,** to **declare** to you the **Word** of יהוה – for you were *afraid* **<u>because</u>** of the *fire* and you *did not* go up the mountain – saying:

[6]"I am יהוה your Elohim who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, out of the house of bondage.

[7]'You have no other *mighty ones* *<u>against</u>* **My** face.

[8]'You *do not* make for yourself a *carved image* of any *likeness* of which is in the heavens above, or which is in the earth beneath, or which is in the waters under the earth,

[9]you *do not* bow down to them nor **serve** them. For I, יהוה your **Elohim**, am a ***jealous*** Ěl, visiting the *crookedness* of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who *hate* **Me,**

[10]but showing **kindness** to thousands, to those who **love Me** and **guard My commands**.

[11]'You *do not* bring the **Name** of יהוה your **Elohim** to *ruin,* for יהוה *does not* leave him *unpunished* who brings **His Name** to *ruin.*

[12]'**Guard** the **Sabbath** day, to set it apart, as יהוה your **Elohim commanded** you.

[13]'Six days you labour and ***shall*** do **all** your **work,**

[14]but the **seventh day** is a **Sabbath** of יהוה your **Elohim**. *you do not* do any **work** – you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates, so that your male servant and your female servant rest as you do.

[15]'And you ***shall remember*** that you were a slave in the land of Mitsrayim and that יהוה your **Elohim** brought you out from there by a **strong hand** and by an outstretched arm. Therefore יהוה your **Elohim commanded** you to **observe** the **Sabbath** day.

[16]'Respect your father and your mother, as יהוה your **Elohim** has **commanded** you, so that your days are prolonged and so that it is well with you on the soil which יהוה your **Elohim** is giving you.

[17]'You *do not* murder.

[18]'You *do not commit* adultery.

[19]'You *do not* steal.

[20]'You *do not* bear *false* **witness** *<u>against</u>* your neighbour.

[21]'You *do not* covet your neighbour's wife, nor do you desire your neighbour's house, his field, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, his ox, nor his donkey, or ***whatever*** belongs to your neighbour.'

[22]"These **Words** יהוה spoke to **all** your **assembly,** in the mountain from the **midst** of the *fire*, of the cloud and of the thick *darkness* with a loud **voice** and **He added** no more. **He wrote** them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.

[23]"And it came to be, when you **heard** the **voice** from the **midst** of the *darkness*, while the mountain was *burning* with *fire*, that you came **near** to me, **all** the heads of your tribes and your elders,

[24]and said, '**See,** יהוה our **Elohim** has shown us **His esteem** and **His** greatness and we have **heard His voice** from the **midst** of the *fire*. Today we have **seen** that **Elohim** speaks with man – and he lives!

[25]'And **now** why should we *die?* For this **great** *fire* is *consuming* us. ***If*** we **hear** the **voice** of יהוה our **Elohim** any more, then we ***shall*** *die.*

[26]'For who is there of **all** *flesh* who has **heard** the **voice** of the **living Elohim** speaking from the **midst** of the *fire*, as

we have and does live?
[27]‘You go **near** and **hear all** that
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 our **Elohim** says and **speak** to
us **all** that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 our **Elohim** says to
you and we ***shall*** **hear** and do it.’
[28]“And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **heard** the **voice** of
your **words** when you spoke to me and
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 said to me, ‘I have **heard** the
voice of the **words** of this people which
they have **spoken** to you. They have
done well in **all** that they have **spoken** .
[29]‘Oh, that they had such a **heart** in
them, to **fear Me** and to **guard all My**
commands always, so that it might be
well with them and with their children
forever!
[30]‘Go, say to them, “Return to your
tents.”
[31]‘***But*** you, **stand** here by **Me** and let
Me speak to you **all the commands** and
the **laws** and the **right-rulings** which
you are to **teach** them. And they ***shall***
do them in the land which I am giving
them to possess.’
[32]“And you ***shall*** **guard** to do as
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** has **commanded**
you – *do not* turn aside, to the **right** or
to the left.
[33]“**Walk** in **all** the **way** which 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄
your **Elohim** has **commanded** you, so
that you **live** and it be well with you.
And you ***shall*** prolong your days in the
land which you possess.

6 “And this is the **command,** the **laws**
and **right-rulings** which 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your
Elohim has **commanded**, to **teach** you
to do in the land which you are passing
over to possess,
[2]so that you **fear** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your
Elohim, to **guard all His laws** and **His**
commands which I **command** you, you
and your son and your grandson, **all** the
days of your **life** and that your days be
prolonged.
[3]“And you ***shall*** **hear,** O Yisra’ĕl and
shall **guard** to do, that it might be well
with you and that you increase greatly
as 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **Elohim** of your fathers has
spoken to you, *in* a land flowing with
milk and honey.
[4]“**Hear,** O Yisra’ĕl: 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 our
Elohim, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is **one**!
[5]“And you ***shall*** **love** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your
Elohim with **all** your **heart** and with **all**
your being and with **all** your might.
[6]“And these **Words** which I am
commanding you today ***shall*** **be** in your
heart,
[7]and you ***shall*** impress them upon
your children and ***shall*** **speak** of them
when you sit in your house and when
you **walk** by the **way** and when you *lie*
down and when you rise up,
[8]and ***shall*** bind them as a **sign** on
your **hand** and they ***shall*** **be** as frontlets
between your eyes.
[9]“And you ***shall*** **write** them on the
doorposts of your house and on your
gates.
[10]“And it ***shall*** **be,** when 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄
your **Elohim** brings you into the land
of which **He swore** to your fathers, to
Aḇrahim, to Yitsḥaq and to Ya'aqoḇ, to
give you **great** and **good** cities which
you *did not* build,
[11]and houses filled with **all** kinds of
goods, which you *did not* fill and wells
dug which you *did not* dig, vineyards
and olive trees which you *did not* plant
and you ***shall*** eat and be **satisfied** –
[12]be on guard, lest you *forget* 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄
who brought you out of the land of
Mitsrayim, from the house of bondage.
[13]“**Fear** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** and **serve**
Him and swear by **His Name.**
[14]“***Do*** *not* go after other *mighty ones*,
the *mighty ones* of the peoples who are
all around you,
[15]for 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** is a ***jealous***
Ĕl in your **midst**, lest the *displeasure* of
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** burn *against* you,
then **He *shall*** *destroy* you from the face
of the earth.
[16]“***Do*** *not* try 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** as
you tried **Him** in Massah.
[17]“Diligently **guard** the **commands** of
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**, **His witnesses** and
His laws which **He** has **commanded**
you.

[18]"And you ***shall*** do what is **right** and **good** *in the eyes* of ֵאיהוה, that it might be well with you and you ***shall*** go in and **possess** the **good** land of which ֵאיהוה **swore** to your fathers,
[19]to *drive* out **all** your enemies from before you, as ֵאיהוה has **spoken** .
[20]"***When*** your son asks you in **time** to come, saying, '***What*** is the meaning of the **witnesses** and the **laws** and the **right-rulings** which ֵאיהוה our **Elohim** has **commanded** you?'
[21]then you ***shall*** say to your son, 'We were slaves of Pharaoh in Mitsrayim and ֵאיהוה brought us out of Mitsrayim with a **strong hand,**
[22]and ֵאיהוה **sent signs** and **wonders**, **great** and grievous, upon Mitsrayim, upon Pharaoh and upon **all** his household, before our eyes.
[23]'And **He** brought us out from there, to bring us in, to give us the land of which **He swore** to our fathers.
[24]'And ֵאיהוה **commanded** us to do **all** these **laws**, to **fear** ֵאיהוה our **Elohim**, for our **good** always, to keep us **alive,** as it is today.
[25]'And it is **righteousness** for us when we **guard** to do **all** this **command** before ֵאיהוה our **Elohim**, as **He** has **commanded** us.'

7 "***When*** ֵאיהוה your **Elohim** brings you into the land which you go to possess, **He** ***shall*** also clear away many nations before you: the Ḥittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Kena'anites and the Perizzites and the Ḥiwwites and the Yeḇusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you.
[2]"And when ֵאיהוה your **Elohim** gives them over to you, you ***shall*** *smite* them and *put* them under the **ban, completely.** Make no **covenant** with them and **show** them no **favour.**
[3]"And *do not* intermarry with them – *you do not* give your daughter to his son and *you do not* take his daughter for your son,
[4]because he turns your sons away from **following Me,** to **serve** other *mighty ones*. ***Then*** the *displeasure* of ֵאיהוה ***shall*** *burn* <u>*against*</u> you and promptly *destroy* you.
[5]"***But*** this is what you do to them: Break down their *altars* and *smash* their *pillars* and *cut down* their *Ashĕrim* and burn their *carved images* with *fire*.
[6]"For you are a set-apart people to ֵאיהוה your **Elohim**. ֵאיהוה your **Elohim** has **chosen** you to be a people for **Himself**, a treasured possession above **all** the peoples on the face of the earth.
[7]"ֵאיהוה *did not* set **His love** on you nor choose you **<u>because</u>** you were more numerous than any other people, for you were the least of **all** peoples,
[8]but **<u>because</u>** of ֵאיהוה **loving** you and **<u>because</u>** of **Him guarding** the **oath** which **He swore** to your fathers, ֵאיהוה has brought you out with a **strong hand** and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the **hand** of Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim.
[9]"And **you *shall* know** that ֵאיהוה your **Elohim**, **He** is **Elohim**, the **trustworthy** Ěl **guarding covenant** and **kindness** for a thousand generations with those who **love Him** and those who **guard His commands**,
[10]but **repaying** those who *hate* **Him** to their face, to *destroy* them. **He** *does not* delay *to do so* with him who *hates* **Him, He repays** him to his face.
[11]"And you ***shall*** **guard** the **command,** the **laws** and the **right-rulings** which I **command** you today so to **do** them.
[12]"And it ***shall*** **be, <u>because</u>** you **hear** these **right-rulings** and ***shall*** **guard** and **do** them, that ֵאיהוה your **Elohim** ***shall*** **guard** with you **the covenant** and the **kindness** which **He swore** to your fathers,
[13]and ***shall*** **love** you and **bless** you and **increase** you and ***shall*** **bless** the **fruit** of your womb and the **fruit** of your land, your grain, **new wine** and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which **He swore** to your fathers to give you.

14**"Blessed** are you above **all** peoples – there is not going to be a *barren* man or a *barren* woman among you or among your livestock.
15"And **ꓤYꓤZ** ***shall turn*** away from you **all** *sickness* and put on you none of the *evil diseases* of Mitsrayim which you have **known**, but **He** ***shall*** put them on **all** those who *hate* you.
16"And you ***shall*** *consume* **all** the peoples whom **ꓤYꓤZ** your **Elohim** is delivering over to you – your eye ***shall*** not pardon them. And *do not* **serve** their *mighty ones*, for that is a *snare* to you.
17"***When*** you say in your **heart,** 'These nations are greater than I, I am *unable* to *drive* them out,'
18*do not* be *afraid* of them. ***remember*** well what **ꓤYꓤZ** your **Elohim** did to Pharaoh and to **all** Mitsrayim,
19the **great** trials which your eyes **saw** and the **signs** and the **wonders**, the **strong hand** and the outstretched arm, by which **ꓤYꓤZ** your **Elohim** brought you out. **ꓤYꓤZ** your **Elohim** does so to **all** the peoples of whom you are *afraid*.
20"And **ꓤYꓤZ** your **Elohim** also **sends** the hornet among them until those who are left, who hide themselves from you, are **destroyed**.
21"***Do*** *not* be *afraid* of them, for **ꓤYꓤZ** your **Elohim**, the **great** and **awesome** Ěl, is in your **midst**.
22"And **ꓤYꓤZ** your **Elohim** ***shall*** *drive* out those nations before you, *little* by little. You are *not allowed* to *destroy* them at once, lest the beasts of the field become too numerous for you.
23"***But*** **ꓤYꓤZ** your **Elohim** ***shall*** **deliver** them over to you and *destroy* them with a **great** ***destruction*** until they are *consumed.*
24"And **He** ***shall*** give their sovereigns into your **hand** and you ***shall*** *destroy* their name from under the **heavens.** No one is going to be able to **stand** *against* you until you have ***destroyed*** them.
25"The *carved images* of their *mighty ones* you are to ***burn*** with *fire*. ***Do*** *not covet* the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, lest you be *snared* by it, for it is an **abomination** to **ꓤYꓤZ** your **Elohim**.
26"And *do not* bring an **abomination** into your house, lest you be *accursed* like it. *Utterly loathe* it and *utterly hate* it **because** it is *accursed*.

8 "**Guard** to do **every command** which I **command** you today, that you might **live** and ***shall*** **increase** and go in and ***shall*** **possess** the land of which **ꓤYꓤZ swore** to your fathers.
2"And you ***shall remember*** that **ꓤYꓤZ** your **Elohim** led you **all** the **way** these forty years in the wilderness, to *humble* you, prove you, **to know** what is in your **heart,** whether you **guard His commands** or ***not***.
3"And **He** *humbled* you and let you *suffer hunger* and fed you with manna which you *did not* **know** *nor did* your fathers **know,** to make you **know** that man *does not* **live** by **bread** alone but by **every Word** that **comes** from the **mouth** of **ꓤYꓤZ**.
4"Your garments *did not* wear out on you, *nor did* your foot swell these forty years.
5"Thus **you** ***shall*** **know** in your **heart** that as a man disciplines his son, so **ꓤYꓤZ** your **Elohim** disciplines you,
6therefore you ***shall*** **guard** the **commands** of **ꓤYꓤZ** your **Elohim**, to **walk** in **His ways** and to **fear Him.**
7"For **ꓤYꓤZ** your **Elohim** is bringing you into a **good** land, a land of streams of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills,
8a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey,
9a land in which you eat **bread** without scarcity, in which *you do not* lack at **all,** a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you dig copper.
10"And you ***shall*** eat and be **satisfied** and ***shall*** **bless** **ꓤYꓤZ** your **Elohim** for the **good** land which **He** has **given** you.
11"Be on guard, lest you *forget* **ꓤYꓤZ** your **Elohim** by not **guarding His**

commands and **His right-rulings** and **His laws** which I **command** you today,
[12]lest you eat and ***shall*** **be** satisfied and build lovely houses and ***shall*** dwell in them,
[13]and your herds and your flocks increase and your silver and your gold are increased and **all** that you have is increased,
[14]that your **heart** then becomes lifted up and you *forget* ꓤꓴꓤꓵ your **Elohim** who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, from the house of bondage,
[15]who led you through that **great** and **awesome** wilderness – fiery *serpents* and scorpions and thirst – where there was no water, who brought water for you out of the flinty rock,
[16]who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers *did not* **know, in order** to humble you and to try you, to do you **good** in **the end,**
[17]you then ***shall*** say in your **heart, 'My power** and the strength of my **hand** have made for me this wealth!'
[18]"***But*** you ***shall remember*** ꓤꓴꓤꓵ your **Elohim**, for it **is He** who gives you **power** to get wealth, **in order** to **establish His covenant** which **He swore** to your fathers, as it is today.
[19]"And it ***shall*** **be,** if you by any means *forget* ꓤꓴꓤꓵ your **Elohim** and **follow** other *mighty ones* and **serve** them and bow yourself to them, I have **warned** you this day that you ***shall*** certainly *perish.*
[20]"Like the nations which ꓤꓴꓤꓵ is destroying before you, so you are to *perish,* **because** you *did* ***not obey*** the **voice** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ your **Elohim**.

9 **"Hear,** O Yisra'ĕl: You are passing over the Yarděn today, to go in to dispossess nations greater and stronger than yourself, cities **great** and walled up to the heavens,
[2]a people **great** and tall, the descendants of the Anaqim, whom you **know** and of whom you **heard** it said, '***Who*** does **stand** before the descendants of Anaq?'
[3]"And **you *shall* know** today that ꓤꓴꓤꓵ your **Elohim is He** who is passing over before you as a *consuming fire* – **He** does *destroy* them and subdue them before you. So you ***shall*** dispossess them and *destroy* them **quickly**, as ꓤꓴꓤꓵ has said to you.
[4]"***Do*** *not think* in your **heart,** after ꓤꓴꓤꓵ your **Elohim** has *driven* them out before you, saying, '**Because** of my **righteousness** ꓤꓴꓤꓵ has brought me in to **possess** this land.' ***But*** it is **because** of the ***wrong*** of these nations that ꓤꓴꓤꓵ is driving them out from before you.
[5]"It is not **because** of your **righteousness** or the **uprightness** of your **heart** that you go in to **possess** their land, but **because** of the ***wrong*** of these nations that ꓤꓴꓤꓵ your **Elohim** drives them out from before you, **in order** to **establish** the **word** which ꓤꓴꓤꓵ **swore** to your fathers, to Aḇrahim, to Yitsḥaq and to Ya'aqoḇ.
[6]"And **you *shall* know** that ꓤꓴꓤꓵ your **Elohim** is not giving you this **good** land to **possess because** of your **righteousness**, for you are a *stiff-necked* people.
[7]"**Remember,** *do not forget* how you *provoked* to *wrath* ꓤꓴꓤꓵ your **Elohim** in the wilderness. From the day that you came out of the land of Mitsrayim until you came to this place, you have been *rebellious against* ꓤꓴꓤꓵ.
[8]"Even in Ḥorĕḇ you made ꓤꓴꓤꓵ *wroth*, so that ꓤꓴꓤꓵ was **enraged** with you, to *destroy* you.
[9]"***When*** I went up into the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the **covenant** which ꓤꓴꓤꓵ made with you, then I stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights. I *did not* eat **bread** *nor did* I drink water.
[10]"***Then*** ꓤꓴꓤꓵ gave me the two tablets of stone **written** with the **finger** of **Elohim** and on them were **all** the **Words** which ꓤꓴꓤꓵ had **spoken** to you on the mountain from the **midst** of the *fire* in the **day of** the assembly.

11"And it came to be, at **the end** of forty days and forty nights, that **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ** gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the **covenant.**
12"***Then*** **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ** said to me, 'Arise, go down **quickly** from here, for your people whom you brought out of Mitsrayim have *acted corruptly*. They have **quickly** turned aside from the **way** which I **commanded** them, they have made themselves a *moulded image.*'
13"And **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ** spoke to me, saying, 'I have **seen** this people and look, they are a *stiff-necked* people.
14'Leave **Me** alone, so that I *destroy* them and *blot* out their name from under the heavens and make of you a nation stronger and greater than they.'
15"So I turned and came down from the mountain and the mountain *burned* with *fire*. And the two tablets of the **covenant** were in my two hands.
16"And I **looked** and **saw** that you had *sinned <u>against</u>* **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ** your **Elohim** and had made for yourselves a *moulded* calf! You had **quickly** turned aside from the **way** which **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ** had **commanded** you.
17"And I took the two tablets and threw them out of my two hands and broke them before your eyes,
18"and I fell down before **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ**, as at the **first,** forty days and forty nights. I *did not* eat **bread** and I *did not* drink water, **<u>because</u>** of **all** your *sins* which *you committed* in doing *evil in the eyes* of **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ**, to ***provoke*** **Him.**
19"For I was *afraid* of the *displeasure* and *rage* with which **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ** was *wroth* with you, to *destroy* you. ***But*** **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ listened** to me that **time** once more.
20"And **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ** was **very enraged** with Aharon, to *destroy* him, so I prayed for Aharon at that **time** also.
21"And I took your *sin,* the *calf* which you had made and *burned* it with *fire* and crushed it and ground it **very** small, until it was as fine as dust. And I threw its dust into the stream that came down from the mountain.
22"And at Tab̲ʿĕrah and at Massah and at Qibroth Hatta'awah you made **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ** *wroth*.
23"And when **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ sent** you from Qaḏ̲ĕsh Barnĕa, saying, 'Go up and **possess** the land which I have **given** you,' then you *rebelled <u>against</u>* the **mouth** of **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ** your **Elohim** and you neither **trusted Him** nor **listened** to **His voice**.
24"You have been *rebellious <u>against</u>* **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ** from the day that I **knew** you.
25"So I fell down before **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ** the forty days and forty nights, for I fell down **<u>because</u>** **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ** had said **He** would *destroy* you.
26"And I prayed to **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ** and said, 'O **Master** **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ**, *do not destroy* **Your people** and **Your inheritance** whom **You** have redeemed in **Your** greatness, whom **You** have brought out of Mitsrayim with a **strong hand.**
27'**Remember Your** servants, Aḇrahim, Yitsḥaq and Ya'aqoḇ. ***Do*** *not* look on the *stubbornness* of this people, or on their ***wrong*** or on their *sin,*
28lest the land from which You brought us should say, "**<u>Because</u>** **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ** was not able to bring them to the land which **He promised** them and **<u>because</u>** **He** *hated* them, **He** has brought them out to *kill* them in the wilderness."
29'And they are **Your people** and **Your** inheritance, whom You brought out by **Your great power** and by **Your outstretched** arm.'

10 "At that **time** **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ** said to me, 'Hew for yourself two tablets of stone like the **first** and **come** up to **Me** on the mountain. And you ***shall*** make yourself an ark of wood,
2then I **write** on the tablets the **Words** that were on the **first** tablets, which you broke and you ***shall*** put them in the ark.'
3"So I made an ark of acacia wood, hewed two tablets of stone like the **first** and went up the mountain, with the two tablets in my **hand.**
4"And **He wrote** on the tablets **according** to the **first writing,**

the **Ten Words**, which 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had **spoken** to you in the mountain from the **midst** of the *fire* in the **day of** the assembly. ***Then*** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 gave them to me,

[5]and I turned and came down from the mountain and put the tablets in the ark which I had made. And they are there, as 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **commanded** me."

[6]**Now** the children of Yisra'ĕl set out from the wells of Beněi Ya'aqan to Mosĕrah. Aharon died there and he was buried there. And El'azar his son became priest in his place.

[7]From there they set out to Guḏgoḏah and from Guḏgoḏah to Yotḇathah, a land of rivers of water.

[8]At that **time** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 separated the tribe of Lĕwi to bear the ark of the **covenant** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, to **stand** before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, to **serve Him** and to **bless** in **His Name,** to this day.

[9]Therefore Lĕwi has no portion nor **inheritance** with his brothers. 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is his inheritance, as 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim promised** him.

[10]"And I stayed in the mountain for forty days and forty nights and 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **heard** me at that **time** and 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **chose** not to *destroy* you.

[11]"And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 said to me, 'Arise, go before the people, to set out and let them go in and **possess** the land which I **swore** to their fathers to give them.'

[12]"And **now**, Yisra'ĕl, what is 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim asking** of you, but to **fear** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**, to **walk** in **all His ways** and to **love Him** and to **serve** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** with **all** your **heart** and with **all** your being,

[13]to **guard** the **commands** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and **His laws** which I **command** you today for your **good**?

[14]"**See,** the heavens and **the heavens** of heavens belong to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**, also the earth with **all** that is in it.

[15]"𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **delighted** only in your fathers, to **love** them. And **He chose** their seed after them, you above **all** peoples, as it is today.

[16]"And you ***shall*** **circumcise** the foreskin of your **heart** [a]nd *harden* your *neck* no more.

[17]"For 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** is **Elohim** of *mighty ones* and **Master** of masters, the **great** Ĕl, **mighty** and **awesome,** who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.

[18]"He **executes right-ruling** for the fatherless and the widow and loves the stranger, giving him food and a garment.

[19]"And you ***shall*** **love** the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Mitsrayim.

[20]"**Fear** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**. **Serve Him** and **cling** to **Him** and **swear** by **His Name.**

[21]"**He** is your praise and **He** is your **Elohim**, who has done for you these **great** and **awesome deeds** which your eyes have **seen.**

[22]"**Your** fathers went down to Mitsrayim with seventy beings and **now** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** has made you as numerous as the stars of the **heavens.**

11 "And you ***shall*** **love** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** and **guard His Charge:** even **His laws** and **His right-rulings** and **His commands**, always.

[2]"And **you** ***shall*** **know** today, it is not your children who have not **known** and who have not **seen** the **discipline** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**, **His** greatness, **His strong hand** and **His** outstretched arm,

[3]and **His signs** and **His works** which **He** had done in the **midst** of Mitsrayim, to Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim and to **all** his land;

[4]and that which **He** had done to the army of Mitsrayim, to their horses and their chariots, when **He** made the waters of the Sea of Reeds overflow them as they pursued you and how 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 has ***destroyed*** them to this day;

[5]and what **He** had done for you in the wilderness til you came to this place;

[6]and what **He** had done to Dathan and Aḇiram the sons of Eliyaḇ, son of Re'uḇĕn, when the earth opened its

mouth and *swallowed* them up and their households and their tents and **all** the **living** creatures that were in their possession, in the **midst** of **all** Yisra'ĕl.
[7]"For yours are the eyes that **saw all** the **great work** of ꓤYHWH, which **He** did.
[8]"And you ***shall* guard every command** which I **command** you today, so that you are **strong** and ***shall*** go in and ***shall* possess** the land which you are passing over to possess,
[9]and to prolong your days in the land which ꓤYHWH **swore** to give your fathers, to them and their descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey.
[10]"For the land which you are going in to **possess** is not like the land of Mitsrayim from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it by foot, as a vegetable garden,
[11]but the land which you are passing over to **possess** is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of the heavens,
[12]a land which ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** looks after. The eyes of ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** are **always** on it, from the beginning of the year to the **latter** end of the year.
[13]And it ***shall* be** that **if you diligently obey My commands** which I **command** you today, to **love** ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** and to **serve Him** with **all** your **heart** and with **all** your being,
[14]then I ***shall*** give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the **latter** rain and you ***shall* gather** in your grain and your new **wine** and your oil.
[15]And I ***shall*** give grass in your fields for your livestock and you ***shall*** eat and be satisfied.
[16]**Guard** yourselves, lest your **heart** be *deceived* and you turn aside and **serve** other *mighty ones* and bow down to them.
[17]***Then*** the *displeasure* of ꓤYHWH ***shall*** burn <u>*against*</u> you and **He *shall*** *shut* up the heavens and there be no rain and the land not give its increase. And you ***shall*** *perish* **quickly** from the **good** land which ꓤYHWH is giving you.
[18]And you ***shall*** lay up these **Words** of **Mine** in your **heart** and in your being and ***shall*** bind them as a **sign** on your **hand** and they ***shall* be** as frontlets between your eyes.
[19]And you ***shall* teach** them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house and when you **walk** by the **way** and when you *lie* down and when you rise up,
[20]and ***shall* write** them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,
[21]so that your days and the days of your children are increased on the soil of which ꓤYHWH **swore** to your fathers to give them, as the days of the heavens on the earth.
[22]For if you **diligently guard all** these **commands** which I **command** you, to do it, to **love** ꓤYHWH your **Elohim**, to **walk** in **all His** ways and to **cling** to **Him,**
[23]then ꓤYHWH ***shall*** *drive* out **all** these nations before you and you ***shall*** dispossess greater and stronger nations than you.
[24]Every place on which the sole of your foot treads is yours: from the wilderness and Leḇanon, from the river, the River Euphrates, even to the Western Sea is your border.
[25]No man ***shall* stand** <u>*against*</u> you. ꓤYHWH your **Elohim *shall*** put the *dread* of you and the **fear** of you upon **all** the land where you tread, as **He** has **spoken** to you.
[26]**See,** I am setting before you today a **blessing** and a *curse:*
[27]the **blessing,** when you **obey** the **commands** of ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** which I **command** you today;
[28]and the *curse,* if *you do not* ***obey*** the **commands** of ꓤYHWH your **Elohim**, but turn aside from the **way** which I **command** you today, to go after other *mighty ones* which you have not **known**.
[29]And it ***shall* be,** when ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** has brought you into the land which you go to possess, that you ***shall*** put the **blessing** on Mount Gerizim and

the *curse* on Mount Ěyḇal.
30"Are they not beyond the Yarděn,
toward the setting sun, in the land of the
Kena'anites who dwell in the desert plain
opposite Gilgal, beside the terebinth
trees of Moreh?
31"For you are passing over the Yarděn
to go in to **possess** the land which
ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** is giving you and
you ***shall*** **possess** it and dwell in it,
32and ***shall*** **guard** to do **all** the **laws**
and **right-rulings** which I am setting
before you today.'

12 "These are the **laws** and
right- rulings which you **guard** to do in
the land which ꓤYHWH **Elohim** of your
fathers is giving you to possess, **all** the
days that you **live** on the soil.
2"Completely *destroy* **all** the places
where the nations which you are
dispossessing **served** their *mighty ones*,
on the high mountains and on the hills
and under **every** *green tree.*
3"And you ***shall*** *break down* their
altars and smash their *pillars* and burn
their Ashěrim with *fire*. And you ***shall***
cut *down* the *carved images* of their
mighty ones and ***shall*** *destroy* their name
out of that place.
4"***Do*** *not* do so to ꓤYHWH your
Elohim,
5but **seek** the place which ꓤYHWH your
Elohim chooses, out of **all** your tribes,
to put **His Name** there, for **His Dwelling
Place** and there you ***shall*** enter.
6"And there you ***shall*** take your burnt
offerings and your offerings and your
tithes and the contributions of your **hand**
and your vowed offerings and your
voluntary offerings and the firstlings of
your herd and of your flock.
7"And there you ***shall*** eat before
ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** and ***shall*** **rejoice**
in **all** that you put your **hand** to, you and
your households, in which ꓤYHWH your
Elohim has **blessed** you.
8"***Do*** *not* do as we are doing here
today – each one *doing* ***whatever*** is
right in his own eyes.
9"**Because** you have not yet entered
the rest and the **inheritance** which
ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** is giving you.
10"***But*** you ***shall*** pass over the Yarděn,
and ***shall*** dwell in the land which
ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** is giving you to
inherit and **He *shall*** give you rest from
all your enemies round about and you
shall dwell in safety.
11"And it ***shall*** **be,** that unto the place
which ꓤYHWH your **Elohim chooses** to
make **His Name** dwell there, there you
are to bring **all** that I **command** you:
your burnt offerings and your offerings
and your tithes and the contributions of
your **hand** and **all** your choice offerings
which you vow to ꓤYHWH.
12"And you ***shall*** **rejoice** before ꓤYHWH
your **Elohim**, you and your sons and
your daughters and your male servants
and your female servants and the Lěwite
who is within your gates, since he has no
portion nor **inheritance** with you.
13"**Guard** yourself that *you do not* offer
your burnt offerings in **every** place that
you **see,**
14except in the place which ꓤYHWH
chooses, in one of your tribes, there you
are to offer your burnt offerings and
there you are to do **all** that I **command**
you.
15"Only, ***whatever*** your being desires
you ***shall*** slaughter and eat, **according**
to the **blessing** of ꓤYHWH your **Elohim**
which **He** has **given** you, within **all** your
gates. The *unclean* and the **clean** do eat
of it, of the gazelle and the deer alike.
16"Only, the **blood** *you do not* eat, pour
it on the earth like water.
17"You are not allowed to eat within
your gates the tithe of your grain, or of
your new **wine**, or of your oil, or of the
firstlings of your herd or your flock, or
of any of your offerings which you vow,
or of your voluntary offerings, or of the
contribution of your **hand.**
18"***But*** eat them before ꓤYHWH your
Elohim, in the place which ꓤYHWH your
Elohim chooses, you and your son and
your daughter and your male servant and
your female servant and the Lěwite who
is within your gates.

And you ***shall*** **rejoice** before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** in **all** that you put your hands to.

19"**Guard** yourself that *you do not forsake* the Lĕwite as long as you **live** in your land.

20"***When*** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** enlarges your border as **He** has **promised** you and you say, '**Let** me eat meat,' **because** you long to eat meat, you eat as much meat as your being desires.

21"***When*** the place where 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim chooses** to put **His Name** is too far from you, then you ***shall*** slaughter from your herd and from your flock which 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 has **given** you, as I have **commanded** you and you ***shall*** eat within your gates as much as your being desires.

22"Only, as the gazelle and the deer are eaten, so you are to eat of it. The *unclean* and the **clean** alike eat of it.

23"Only, be firm not to eat the **blood,** for the **blood** is the **life**, *do not* eat the **life** with the meat.

24"***Do*** *not* eat it, you pour it on the earth like water.

25"***Do*** *not* eat it, that it might be well with you and your children after you, when you do what is **right** *in the eyes* of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.

26"Only, the set-apart gifts which you have and your vowed offerings, you are to take up and go to the place which 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **chooses**.

27"And you ***shall*** make your burnt offerings, the meat and the **blood,** on the altar of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**. And the **blood** of your offerings is **poured out** on the altar of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** and you eat the meat.

28"**Guard** and **obey all** these **words** which I **command** you, that it might be well with you and your children after you **forever**, when you do what is **good** and **right** *in the eyes* of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**.

29"***When*** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** does *cut off* from before you the nations which you go to dispossess and you dispossess them and dwell in their land,

30guard yourself that you are not *ensnared* to **follow** them, after they are ***destroyed*** from before you and that *you do not* **inquire** about their *mighty ones*, saying, '***How*** did these nations **serve** their *mighty ones*? And *let* me do so too.'

31"***Do*** *not* do so to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**, for **every** **abomination** which 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 *hates* they have done to their *mighty ones*, for they even *burn* their sons and daughters in the *fire* to their *mighty ones*.

32"All the **words** I am **commanding** you, **guard** to do it – *do not* add to it nor take away from it.

13 "***When*** there arises among you a **prophet** or a **dreamer** of **dreams** and he ***shall*** give you a **sign** or a **wonder,**

2and the **sign** or the **wonder** ***shall*** **come true,** of which he has **spoken** to you, saying, '**Let** us go after other *mighty ones* – which you have not **known** – and **serve** them,'

3*do not* **listen** to the **words** of that **prophet** or that **dreamer** of **dreams**, for 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** is *trying* you **to know** whether you **love** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** with **all** your **heart** and with **all** your being.

4"**Walk** after 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** and **fear Him** and **guard His commands** and **obey His voice** and **serve Him** and **cling** to **Him.**

5"And that **prophet** or that **dreamer** of **dreams** is put to *death,* **because** he has **spoken** apostasy *against* 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** – who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim and redeemed you from the house of bondage – to make you *stray* from the **way** in which 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim commanded** you to **walk.** Thus you ***shall*** *purge* the *evil* from your **midst**.

6"***When*** your brother, the son of your mother, or your son or your daughter, or the wife of your bosom, or your friend who is as your own being, *entices* you *secretly*, saying, '**Let** us go and **serve** other *mighty ones*'– which you have not

known, neither you nor your fathers,
[7]of the *mighty ones* of the people which are **all** around you, **near** to you or far off from you, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth –
[8]*do not* **agree** with him or **listen** to him, nor ***shall*** your eye pardon him, nor spare him or *conceal* him,
[9]but you ***shall*** certainly *kill* him. **Your hand** is **first** *against* him to put him to *death* and afterward the **hand** of **all** the people,
[10]and you ***shall*** stone him with stones until he dies, **because** he sought to entice you away from ꓤꓰꓤꓶ your **Elohim**, who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, from the house of bondage.
[11]"And let **all** Yisra'ĕl **hear** and **fear** and not again do any such *evil* matter as this in your **midst**.
[12]"***When*** you **hear** someone in one of your cities, which ꓤꓰꓤꓶ your **Elohim** gives you to dwell in, saying,
[13]'Some men, sons of Beliya'al, have gone out of you **midst** and led the inhabitants of their city *astray*, saying, "Let's go and **serve** other *mighty ones*" ' – *mighty ones* whom you have not **known** –
[14]then you ***shall*** inquire, **search** out and **ask diligently**. And **see** if the matter is **true** and **established** that this **abomination** was done in your **midst**,
[15]you ***shall*** certainly *smite* the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the *sword,* putting it under the **ban** and **all** that is in it and its livestock, with the edge of the *sword.*
[16]"And **gather all** its plunder into the middle of the street and **completely** burn with *fire* the city and **all** its plunder, before ꓤꓰꓤꓶ your **Elohim**. It ***shall*** **be** a heap **forever**, never to be built again.
[17]"And none of that which is put under the **ban** is to **cling** to your **hand,** so that ꓤꓰꓤꓶ turns from the **fierceness** of **His** *displeasure* and ***shall*** **show** you **compassion**, **love** you and increase you, as **He swore** to your fathers,
[18]when you **obey** the **voice** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ your **Elohim**, to **guard all His** **commands** which I **command** you today, to do what is **right** *in the eyes* of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ your **Elohim**.

14 "You are the children of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ your **Elohim**. ***Do*** *not cut* yourselves nor shave the front of your head for the *dead,*
[2]for you are a set-apart people to ꓤꓰꓤꓶ your **Elohim** and ꓤꓰꓤꓶ has **chosen** you to be a people for **Himself**, a treasured possession above **all** the peoples who are on the face of the earth.
[3]"***Do*** *not* eat ***whatever*** is **abominable**.
[4]"These are the **living** creatures which you do eat: ox, sheep and goat,
[5]deer and gazelle and roebuck and wild goat and mountain goat and antelope and mountain sheep.
[6]"And **every** beast that has a split hoof divided in two, chewing the cud, among the beasts, you do eat.
[7]"***But*** of those chewing the cud or those having a split hoof **completely** divided, *you do not* eat, such as these: the camel and the hare and the rabbit, for they chew the cud but *do not* have a split hoof, they are *unclean* for you.
[8]"And the ***pig*** is *unclean* for you, **because** it has a split hoof, but *does not* chew the cud. ***Do not eat*** their *flesh* or touch their *dead* carcasses.
[9]"These you do eat of **all** that are in the waters: **all** that have fins and scales you do eat.
[10]" ***whatever*** *does not* have fins and scales you ***don't*** eat, it is *unclean* for you.
[11]"Any **clean** bird you do eat,
[12]but these *you do not* eat: the eagle and the vulture and the black vulture,
[13]and the red kite and the falcon and the buzzard after their kinds,
[14]and **every** raven after its kind,
[15]and the ostrich and the nighthawk and the seagull and the hawk after their kinds,
[16]the *little* owl and the **great** owl and the white owl,

[17]and the pelican and the carrion vulture and the fisher owl,
[18]and the stork and the heron after its kind and the hoopoe and the bat.
[19]"And **every** creeping *insect* that flies is *unclean* for you, they are ***not*** eaten.
[20]"Any **clean** bird you do eat.
[21]"***Do*** *not* eat ***whatever*** dies of itself. Give it to the stranger who is within your gates, to eat it, or sell it to a foreigner. For you are a set-apart people to ꓤYHꓤZ your **Elohim**. ***Do*** *not* cook a young goat in its mother's milk.
[22]"You ***shall*** tithe without fail **all** the yield of your grain that the field brings forth year by year.
[23]"And you ***shall*** eat before ꓤYHꓤZ your **Elohim**, in the place where **He chooses** to make **His Name** dwell, the tithe of your grain and your **new wine** and your oil and of the firstlings of your herds and your sheep, so that you **learn** to **fear** ꓤYHꓤZ your **Elohim** always.
[24]"***But*** when the **way** is too long for you, so that you are not able to bring the tithe, or when the place where ꓤYHꓤZ your **Elohim chooses** to put **His Name** is too far from you, when ꓤYHꓤZ your **Elohim** is **blessing** you,
[25]then you ***shall*** give it in silver and ***shall*** take the silver in your **hand** and go to the place which ꓤYHꓤZ your **Elohim chooses**.
[26]"And you ***shall*** use the silver for ***whatever*** your being desires: for cattle or sheep, for **wine** or **strong drink**, for ***whatever*** your being desires. And you ***shall*** eat there before ꓤYHꓤZ your **Elohim** and you ***shall*** **rejoice,** you and your household.
[27]"And *do not forsake* the Lĕwite who is within your gates, for he has no part nor **inheritance** with you.
[28]"At **the end** of **every** third year you bring out **all** the tithe of your increase of that year and store it up within your gates.
[29]"And the Lĕwite, **because** he has no portion nor **inheritance** with you and the sojourner and the fatherless and the widow who are within your gates, ***shall*** **come** and eat and be satisfied, so that ꓤYHꓤZ your **Elohim** does **bless** you in **all** the **work** of your **hand** which you do.

15 "At **the end** of **every** seven years you make a release *of debts*.
[2]"And this is the **Word** of the release: Every creditor is to release what he has loaned to his neighbour, he *does not* **require** it of his neighbour or his brother, **because** it is called the release of ꓤYHꓤZ.
[3]"Of a foreigner you could **require** it, but your **hand** is to release ***whatever*** is owed by your brother.
[4]"Only, there should be no *poor* among you. For ꓤYHꓤZ does greatly **bless** you in the land which ꓤYHꓤZ your **Elohim** is giving you to **possess** as an inheritance,
[5]only **if you diligently obey** the **voice** of ꓤYHꓤZ your **Elohim**, to **guard** to do **all** these **commands** which I am **commanding** you today.
[6]"For ꓤYHꓤZ your **Elohim** ***shall*** **bless** you as **He promised** you. And you ***shall*** lend to many nations, but you ***shall*** not borrow. And you ***shall*** **rule** over many nations, but they *do not* **rule** over you.
[7]"***When*** there is a *poor* man with you, one of your brothers, within any of the gates in your land which ꓤYHꓤZ your **Elohim** is giving you, *do not harden* your **heart** nor shut your **hand** from your *poor* brother,
[8]for you ***shall*** certainly **open** your **hand** to him and certainly lend him enough for his need, ***whatever*** he needs.
[9]"Be on **guard** lest there be a thought of Beliya'al in your **heart,** saying, 'The seventh year, the year of release, is near,' and your eye is *evil* *<u>against</u>* your *poor* brother and you give him naught. And he ***shall*** cry out to ꓤYHꓤZ *<u>against</u>* you and it ***shall*** **be** a *sin* in you.
[10]"You ***shall*** certainly give to him and your **heart** should not be *grieved* when you give to him, **because** for this **reason** ꓤYHꓤZ your **Elohim** does **bless** you in

all your **works** and in **all** to which you put your **hand.**
[11]"**Because** the *poor* one *does not* cease from the land. Therefore I am **commanding** you, saying, 'You ***shall*** certainly **open** your **hand** to your brother, to your *poor* and to your needy one, in your land.'
[12]"***When*** your brother is sold to you, a Heḇrew man or a Heḇrew woman and ***shall*** **serve** you six years, then let him go **free** from you in the seventh year.
[13]"And when you send him away **free** from you, let him not go away emptyhanded.
[14]"You ***shall*** richly supply him from your flock and from your threshing-floor and from your winepress. With that which ֱיְהוָה has **blessed** you with, give to him.
[15]"And you ***shall remember*** that you were a slave in the land of Mitsrayim and ֱיְהוָה your **Elohim** redeemed you. Therefore I am **commanding** you this **word** today.
[16]"And it ***shall*** **be,** when he says to you, 'I *do not* go away from you,' **because** he loves you and your house, **because** it is **good** for him with you,
[17]then you ***shall*** take an awl and ***thrust*** it through his ear to the **door,** and he ***shall*** **be** your servant **forever**. ***Do*** the **same** to your female servant.
[18]"**Let** it not be hard in your eyes when you send him away **free** from you, for he has been worth a double hired servant in serving you six years. And ֱיְהוָה your **Elohim** ***shall*** **bless** you in **all** that you do.
[19]"Set apart to ֱיְהוָה your **Elohim all** the first-born males that **come** from your herd and your flock. ***Do*** no **work** with the first-born of your herd, nor shear the first-born of your flock.
[20]"You and your household are to eat it before ֱיְהוָה your **Elohim** year by year in the place which ֱיְהוָה **chooses**.
[21]"***But*** when there is any defect in it, *lame* or *blind,* or has any *evil defect, do not* slaughter it to ֱיְהוָה your **Elohim**.
[22]"Eat it within your gates – the *unclean* and the **clean** alike – as the gazelle and as the deer.
[23]"Only, *do not* eat its **blood,** pour it on the ground like water.

16 "**Guard** the month of Aḇiḇ and perform the **Passover** to ֱיְהוָה your **Elohim**, for in the month of Aḇiḇ ֱיְהוָה your **Elohim** brought you out of Mitsrayim by night.
[2]"And you ***shall*** slaughter the **Passover** to ֱיְהוָה your **Elohim**, from the flock and the herd, in the place where ֱיְהוָה **chooses** to put **His Name.**
[3]"Eat no leavened **bread** with it. For seven days you eat unleavened **bread** with it, **bread** of *affliction*, **because** you came out of the land of Mitsrayim in haste – so that you ***remember*** the day in which you came out of the land of Mitsrayim, **all** the days of your **life**.
[4]"And no *leaven* should be **seen** with you in **all** your border for seven days, neither should any of the meat which you slaughter in the **evening** on the **first** day stay **all** night until morning.
[5]"You are not allowed to slaughter the **Passover** within any of your gates which ֱיְהוָה your **Elohim** gives you,
[6]but at the place where ֱיְהוָה your **Elohim chooses** to make **His Name** dwell, there you slaughter the **Passover** in the **evening**, at the going down of the sun, at the **appointed time** you came out of Mitsrayim.
[7]"And you ***shall*** roast and eat it in the place which ֱיְהוָה your **Elohim chooses** and in the morning you ***shall turn*** and go to your tents.
[8]"Six days you eat unleavened bread and on the **seventh day** there is a closing **festival** to ֱיְהוָה your **Elohim** – you do **no** work.
[9]"Count seven weeks for yourself. Begin to count seven weeks from the **time** you begin to put the sickle to the grain.

10"And you ***shall*** perform the **Festival of weeks** to ꓤYHZ your **Elohim**, **according** to the voluntary offering from your **hand,** which you give as ꓤYHZ your **Elohim** blesses you.
11"And you ***shall*** **rejoice** before ꓤYHZ your **Elohim**, you and your son and your daughter and your male servant and your female servant and the Lĕwite who is within your gates and the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who are in your **midst**, at the place where ꓤYHZ your **Elohim chooses** to make **His Name** dwell.
12"And you ***shall remember*** that you were a slave in Mitsrayim and you ***shall*** **guard** and do these **laws**.
13"**Perform** the **Festival of Booths** for seven days after the ingathering from your threshing-floor and from your winepress,
14and you ***shall*** **rejoice** in your **festival,** you and your son and your daughter and your male servant and your female servant and the Lĕwite and the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who are within your gates.
15"For seven days you ***shall*** **observe** a **festival** to ꓤYHZ your **Elohim** in the place which ꓤYHZ **chooses**, **because** ꓤYHZ your **Elohim** does **bless** you in **all** your increase and in **all** the **work** of your hands and you ***shall*** **be** only **rejoicing**!
16"**Three times** a year **all** your males appear before ꓤYHZ your **Elohim** in the place which **He chooses**: at the **Festival of Unleavened Bread** and at the Festival of Weeks and at the **Festival of Booths**. And none should appear before ꓤYHZ empty-handed,
17*but* each one with the gift of his **hand, according** to the **blessing** of ꓤYHZ your **Elohim** which **He** has **given** you.
18"Appoint judges and officers within **all** your gates, which ꓤYHZ your **Elohim** is giving you, **according** to your tribes. And they ***shall*** **judge** the people with **righteous** right-ruling.
19"***Do*** *not distort* **right-ruling**. ***Do*** *not* **show** *partiality*, nor take a *bribe,* for a *bribe* blinds the eyes of the **wise** and *twists* the **words** of the righteous.
20"**Follow righteousness**, **righteousness** *alone*, so that you **live** and **inherit** the land which ꓤYHZ your **Elohim** is giving you.
21"***Do*** *not* plant for yourself any *tree* as an ***Ashĕrah*** **near** the altar of ꓤYHZ your **Elohim** that you make for yourself.
22"And *do not* set up a ***pillar***, which ꓤYHZ your **Elohim** *hates*.

17 "***Do*** *not* slaughter to ꓤYHZ your **Elohim** a bull or sheep which has any blemish, any *evil* matter, for that is an **abomination** to ꓤYHZ your **Elohim**.
2"***When*** there is **found** in your **midst**, in any of your cities which ꓤYHZ your **Elohim** is giving you, a man or a woman who does what is *evil in the eyes* of ꓤYHZ your **Elohim**, in *transgressing* **His** covenant,
3and has *gone* and ***served*** other *mighty ones* and ***bowed*** down to them, or to the sun or to the moon or to any of the host of the heavens, which I have ***not*** **commanded**,
4and it has been made **known** to you and you have **heard** and has searched **diligently**. ***Then*** **see,** if true: the matter is **confirmed** that such an **abomination** has been done in Yisra'ĕl,
5then you ***shall*** bring out to your gates that man or woman who has done this *evil matter* and you ***shall*** stone to *death* that man or woman with stones.
6"At the **mouth** of two or three **witnesses** ***shall*** he that is to *die* be put to *death.* **He** is not put to *death* by the **mouth** of one **witness.**
7"The **hand** of the **witnesses** ***shall*** **be first** *against* him to put him to *death* and the **hand** of **all** the people **last.** So you ***shall*** *purge* the *evil* from your **midst**.
8"***When*** any matter arises which is too hard for you to judge, between **blood** and **blood,** between plea and plea, or between stroke and stroke – matters of *strife* within your gates –

then you ***shall*** rise and go up to the place which ֵיהוָה your **Elohim** **chooses**,

[9]and ***shall*** **come to** the priests, the Lĕwites and to the **judge** who is in those days and ***shall*** **inquire**. And they ***shall*** **declare** to you the **Word** of right-ruling,

[10]and you ***shall*** do **according** to the **word** which they **declare** to you from that place which ֵיהוָה **chooses**. And you ***shall*** **guard** to do **according** to **all** that they **instruct** you.

[11]"***Do*** **according** to the **Torah** in which they **teach** you, **according** to the **right-ruling** which they say to you. *you do not* turn to the **right** or to the left from the **word** which they **declare** to you.

[12]"And the man who acts *arrogantly*, so as not to **listen** to the priest who stands to **serve** there before ֵיהוָה your **Elohim**, or to the judge, that man ***shall*** *die.* So you ***shall*** *purge* the *evil* from Yisra'ĕl.

[13]"And let **all** the people **hear** and **fear** and no longer do *arrogantly*.

[14]"***When*** you **come to** the land which ֵיהוָה your **Elohim** is giving you and ***shall*** **possess** it and ***shall*** dwell in it and you ***shall*** say, '**Let** me set a sovereign over me like **all** the *gentiles* that are around me,'

[15]you ***shall*** certainly set a sovereign over you whom ֵיהוָה your **Elohim** ***shall*** **choose**. Set a sovereign over you from among your brothers, you are ***not allowed*** to set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.

[16]"Only, he is not to increase horses for himself, nor **cause** the people to **return** to Mitsrayim to increase horses, for ֵיהוָה has said to you, '***Do not*** **return** that **way** *again*.'

[17]"And he is not to increase wives for himself, lest his **heart** turn away, nor is he to greatly increase silver and gold for himself.

[18]"And it ***shall*** **be,** when he sits on the throne of his reign, that he ***shall*** **write** for himself a copy of this **Torah** in a **book**, from the one before the priests, the Lĕwites.

[19]"And it ***shall*** **be** with him and he ***shall*** **read** it **all** the days of his **life**, so that he learns to **fear** ֵיהוָה his **Elohim** and **guard all** the **Words** of this **Torah** and these **laws**, **to do them**,

[20]so that his **heart** is not lifted up above his brothers and so as not to turn aside from the **command, right** or left, so that he prolongs his days in his reign, he and his children, in the **midst** of Yisra'ĕl.

18 "The priests, the Lĕwites, **all** the tribe of Lĕwi, have no part nor **inheritance** with Yisra'ĕl. They are to eat the offerings of ֵיהוָה made by *fire* and **His** inheritance.

[2]"***But*** among his brothers *Lĕwi* has no inheritance. ֵיהוָה is his inheritance, as **He** has **spoken** to him.

[3]"And this is the priest's **right** from the people, from those who bring an offering, whether it is bull or sheep: they ***shall*** give to the priest the shoulder and the two cheeks and the stomach;

[4]the **first-fruits** of your grain and your **new wine** and your oil and the **first** of the fleece of your sheep, you give to him.

[5]"For ֵיהוָה your **Elohim** has **chosen** him out of **all** your tribes to **stand** to **serve** in the **Name** of ֵיהוָה, him and his sons **forever**.

[6]"And when the Lĕwite **comes** from one of your gates, from where he has sojourned among **all** Yisra'ĕl and ***shall*** **come** with **all** the desire of his being to the place which ֵיהוָה **chooses**,

[7]then he ***shall*** **serve** in the **Name** of ֵיהוָה his **Elohim**, like **all** his brothers the Lĕwites, who are standing there before ֵיהוָה.

[8]"They are to have portion for portion to eat, besides what **comes** from the sale of his inheritance.

[9]"***When*** you **come** into the land which ֵיהוָה your **Elohim** is giving you, *do not* **learn** to do **according** to the **abominations** of those *gentiles*.

[10]"**Let** no one be **found** among you who makes his son or his daughter pass

through the *fire*, or one who *practises divination,* or a *user* of *magic,* or one who interprets *omens* or a *sorcerer*,
[11]or one who *conjures spells,* or a *medium*, or a *spiritist,* or one who calls up the *dead.*
[12]"Because ***whoever does these are*** an **abomination** to **ꓤYHZ** and **because** of these **abominations** **ꓤYHZ** your **Elohim** drives them out from before you.
[13]"**Be perfect** before **ꓤYHZ** your **Elohim**,
[14]for these nations whom you are possessing do **listen** to those using *magic* and to *diviners.* ***But*** as for you, **ꓤYHZ** your **Elohim** has not **appointed** such for you.
[15]"**ꓤYHZ** your **Elohim** ***shall*** **raise** up for you a **Prophet** like me from your **midst**, from your brothers. **Listen** to **Him,**
[16]according to **all** you asked of **ꓤYHZ** your **Elohim** in Ḥorĕḇ in the **day of** the **assembly,** saying, '**Let** me not **hear** again the **voice** of **ꓤYHZ** my **Elohim**, nor let me **see** this **great** *fire* any more, lest I *die.*'
[17]"And **ꓤYHZ** said to me, '***What*** they have **spoken** is **good**.
[18]'I ***shall*** **raise** up for them a **Prophet** like you out of the **midst** of their brothers. And I ***shall*** put **My Words** in **His mouth** and **He *shall* speak** to them **all** that I **command Him.**
[19]'And it ***shall*** **be,** the man who *does not* **listen** to **My Words** which **He** speaks in **My Name,** I **require** it of him.
[20]'***But*** the **prophet** who presumes to **speak** a **word** in **My Name,** which I have not **commanded** him to speak, or who speaks in the **Name** of other *mighty ones*, even that **prophet *shall*** *die.*'
[21]"And when you say in your **heart,** '***How*** do we **know** the **word** which **ꓤYHZ** has not **spoken** ?' –
[22]when the **prophet** speaks in the **Name** of **ꓤYHZ** and the **word** is not, or **comes** not, that is the **word** which **ꓤYHZ** has not **spoken** .

The **prophet** has **spoken** it presumptuously. ***Do*** *not* be *afraid* of him.

19 "***When*** **ꓤYHZ** your **Elohim** *cuts* off the nations whose land **ꓤYHZ** your **Elohim** is giving you and you dispossess them and dwell in their cities and in their houses,
[2]separate three cities for yourself in the **midst** of your land which **ꓤYHZ** your **Elohim** is giving you to possess.
[3]"**Prepare** a **way** for yourself and divide into three parts the border of your land which **ꓤYHZ** your **Elohim** is giving you to inherit, that anyone who *killed* someone ***shall flee*** there.
[4]"And this is the matter of the one who *killed* someone who flees there and live: **He** who smites his neighbour unintentionally, not having *hated* him in **time** past,
[5]even he who goes to the forest with his neighbour to *cut* timber and his **hand** swings a stroke with the axe to *cut down* the *tree* and the head slips from the handle and strikes his neighbour so that he dies – let him ***flee*** to one of these cities and **live,**
[6]lest the *revenger* of **blood,** while his *displeasure* is hot, pursue the one who *killed* someone and overtake him, **because** the **way** is long and ***shall*** *smite* him, though he was not **worthy** of *death,* since he had not *hated* him before.
[7]"Therefore I am **commanding** you, saying, 'Separate three cities for yourself.'
[8]"And if **ꓤYHZ** your **Elohim** enlarges your border, as **He swore** to your fathers and has **given** you the land which **He promised** to give to your fathers –
[9]when you **guard all** this **command** to do it, which I am **commanding** you today, to **love** **ꓤYHZ** your **Elohim** and to **walk** in **His ways all** the days – then you ***shall*** add three more cities for yourself besides these three,
[10]so that **innocent blood** is not shed in

the **midst** of your land which ꓤꓴꓤꓩ your **Elohim** is giving you as an inheritance, or blood-guilt ***shall*** **be** upon you.

11"***But*** when anyone *hates* his neighbour and ***shall*** *lie* in wait for him and rise *against* him and *smite* the **life** from him so that he dies, then he ***shall flee*** to one of these cities,

12and the elders of his city ***shall*** send and bring him from there and give him into the **hand** of the *revenger* of **blood** and he ***shall*** *die.*

13"**Your** eye ***shall*** not pardon him, but you ***shall*** *purge* the **blood** of **innocent blood** from Yisra'ĕl, so that it might be well with you.

14"***Do*** *not* remove your neighbour's boundary, which those in the past have set, in your **inheritance** which you inherit in the land that ꓤꓴꓤꓩ your **Elohim** is giving you to possess.

15"One **witness** *does* ***not rise*** up *against* a man concerning any *crookedness* or any *sin* that he commits. At the **mouth** of two **witnesses** or at the **mouth** of three **witnesses** a matter is **established**.

16"***When*** a malicious **witness** rises up *against* any man to *accuse* him of turning aside,

17then both men who have the *dispute* ***shall*** **stand** before ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, before the priests and the judges who **serve** in those days.

18"And the judges ***shall*** **diligently search** and **see** if the **witness** is a *false* **witness,** who has *falsely accused* his brother,

19then you ***shall*** do to him as he thought to have done to his brother. Thus you ***shall*** *purge* the *evil* from your **midst**.

20"And let the rest **hear** and **fear**and never again do this *evil* matter in your **midst**.

21"And let your eye not pardon,**life** for **life**, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, **hand** for **hand,** foot for foot.

20 "***When*** you go out to battle *against* your enemies and ***shall*** **see** horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, *do not* be *afraid* of them, for ꓤꓴꓤꓩ your **Elohim**, who brought you up from the land of Mitsrayim, is with you.

2"And it ***shall*** **be,** when you draw **near** to the battle, that the priest ***shall*** **come** and **speak** to the people,

3and ***shall*** say to them, '**Hear,** O Yisra'ĕl: You are drawing **near** today to battle with your enemies. ***Do*** *not* let your **heart** faint, *do not* **fear** or *tremble,* or be *afraid* before them,

4for ꓤꓴꓤꓩ your **Elohim is He** who goes with you, to *fight* for you *against* your enemies, to **save** you.'

5"And the officers ***shall*** **speak** to the people, saying, '***Who*** is the man who has built a new house and has not **dedicated** it? **Let** him go and **return** to his house, lest he *die* in the battle and another man dedicate it.

6'And who is the man who has planted a vineyard and has not begun to use it? **Let** him also go and **return** to his house, lest he *die* in the battle and another man should begin to use it.

7'And who is the man who is engaged to a woman and has not taken her? **Let** him go and **return** to his house, lest he *die* in the battle and another man take her.'

8"And the officers ***shall*** **speak** further to the people and say, '***Who*** is the man who is *afraid* and tender of heart? **Let** him go and **return** to his house, lest the **heart** of his brothers faint like his **heart.**'

9"And it ***shall*** **be,** when the officers have **finished** speaking to the people, that they ***shall*** **appoint** commanders of the division**s** to lead the people.

10"***When*** you draw **near** to a city to *fight against* it, then you ***shall*** make a **call** for **peace** to it.

11"And it ***shall*** **be** that if it accepts your **call** for peace and ***shall*** **open** to you, then **all** the people **found** in it are to be your compulsory labour and **serve** you.

12"***But*** if it *does not* make **peace** with you and ***shall*** *fight* *against* you, then you ***shall*** besiege it,
13and ֵיהוָה your **Elohim** ***shall*** give it into your hands and you ***shall*** *smite* **every** male in it with the edge of the *sword*.
14"Only the women and the *little* ones and the livestock and **all** that is in the city, **all** its spoil, you take as plunder for yourself. And you ***shall*** eat the enemies' plunder which ֵיהוָה your **Elohim** gives you.
15"***Do*** so to **all** the cities which are **very** far from you, which are not of the cities of these nations.
16"Only, of the cities of these peoples which ֵיהוָה your **Elohim** gives you as an inheritance, *you do not* keep **alive** any that breathe,
17but you ***shall*** certainly put them under the ban: the Ḥittite and the Amorite and the Kena'anite and the Perizzite and the Ḥiwwite and the Yeḇusite, as ֵיהוָה your **Elohim** has **commanded** you,
18lest they **teach** you to do **according** to **all** their **abominations** which they have done for their *mighty ones* and you *sin* *against* ֵיהוָה your **Elohim**.
19"***When*** you besiege a city for a long **time** by *fighting* *against* it to take it, *you do not destroy* its trees by wielding an axe *against* them. ***If*** you do eat of them, *do not cut* them down. For is the *tree* of the field a man to be besieged by you?
20"Only the trees which you **know** are not trees for food you do *destroy* and *cut down*, to build siege-works *against* the city that is *fighting* *against* you, until it falls.

21 "***When*** anyone is **found** slain, *lying* in the field in the land which ֵיהוָה your **Elohim** is giving you to possess and it is not **known** who *smote* him,
2then your elders and your judges ***shall*** go out and they ***shall*** measure the distance from the *slain* man to the cities round about.
3"And it ***shall*** **be** that the elders of the city nearest to the *slain* man ***shall*** take a heifer which has not been worked and which has not pulled with a yoke,
4and the elders of that city ***shall*** bring the heifer down to a wadi with flowing water, which is neither ploughed nor sown and they ***shall*** *break* the heifer's neck there in the wadi.
5"And the priests, the sons of Lĕwi, ***shall*** **come** near, for ֵיהוָה your **Elohim** has **chosen** them to **serve Him** and to **bless** in the **Name** of ֵיהוָה and by their **mouth every** strife and **every** stroke is *tried*.
6"And let **all** the elders of that city nearest to the *slain* man wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the wadi.
7"And they ***shall*** answer and say, 'Our hands have not shed this **blood,** nor have our eyes **seen** it.
8'O ֵיהוָה, **forgive Your people** Yisra'ĕl, whom You have redeemed and *do not* allow **innocent blood** in the **midst** of **Your people** Yisra'ĕl.' And the blood-guilt ***shall*** **be** pardoned to them.
9"Thus you *purge* the *guilt* of **innocent blood** from your **midst** when you do what is **right** *in the eyes* of ֵיהוָה.
10"***When*** you go out to *fight* *against* your enemies and ֵיהוָה your **Elohim** ***shall*** give them into your **hand** and you ***shall*** take them captive,
11and ***shall*** **see** among the captives a woman fair of form and ***shall*** **delight** in her and take her for your wife,
12then you ***shall*** bring her home to your house and she ***shall*** shave her head and trim her nails,
13and put aside the mantle of her captivity and ***shall*** dwell in your house and *mourn* her father and her mother a month of days. And after that you ***shall*** go in to her and be her husband and she ***shall*** **be** your wife.
14"And it ***shall*** **be,** if you are *not pleased* with her, then you ***shall*** let her go at her desire, but *you do not* sell her at **all** for silver. ***Do*** *not* treat her harshly, since you have humbled her.

15"***When*** a man has two wives, one **loved** and the other unloved and they have borne him children, both the **loved** and the unloved and the first-born son is of her who is unloved,
16then it ***shall*** **be,** on the day he makes his sons to inherit his possessions, he is not allowed to treat the son of the beloved wife as first-born in the face of the son of the unloved, who is **truly** the first-born.
17"***But*** he is to ac**knowledge** the son of the unloved wife as the first-born by giving him a double portion of **all** that he has, for he is the beginning of his strength – the **right** of the first-born is his.
18"***When*** a man has a wayward and *rebellious* son who is not **listen**ing to the **voice** of his father or the **voice** of his mother and who, when they have disciplined him, *does not* **listen** to them,
19then his father and his mother ***shall*** take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city,
20and ***shall*** say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is *wayward* and *rebellious*. **He** is *not* ***listening*** to our **voice**, he is a *glutton* and a *drunkard*.'
21"***Then*** **all** the men of his city ***shall*** stone him to *death* with stones. Thus you ***shall*** *purge* the *evil* from your **midst**. And let **all** Yisra'ĕl **hear** and **fear.**
22"And when a man has *committed* a *sin* **worthy** of *death,* then he ***shall*** **be** put to *death* and you ***shall*** hang him on a *tree.*
23"**Let** his body not remain overnight on the *tree,* for you ***shall*** certainly bury him the **same** day – for he who is hanged is <u>*accursed*</u> of **Elohim** – so that *you do not defile* the land which ה'ו'ה your **Elohim** is giving you as an inheritance.

22 "***When*** you **see** your brother's ox or his sheep are *straying* away, you ***shall*** not hide yourself from them. **Return** them to your brother without fail.
2"And if your brother is not **near** you, or if *you do not* **know** him, then you ***shall*** bring it to your own house and it ***shall*** **be** with you until your brother seeks it, then you ***shall*** **return** it to him.
3"And so you do with his donkey and so you do with his garment and so you do with ***whatever*** your brother loses, which he has *lost* and you have found. You are not allowed to hide yourself.
4"***When*** you **see** your brother's donkey or his ox *fall* down on the **way,** you ***shall*** not hide yourself from them. Help him **raise** them without fail.
5"A woman *does not* wear that which ***pertains*** to a man, nor does a man put on a woman's garment, for ***whoever*** does this is an **<u>abomination</u>** to ה'ו'ה your **Elohim**.
6"***When*** you **come** upon a bird's nest along the **way,** in any *tree* or on the ground, with young ones or eggs, with the mother sitting on the young or on the eggs, *do not* take the mother with the young –
7let the mother go without fail and take the young for yourself, so that it might be well with you and that you ***shall*** prolong *your* days.
8"***When*** you build a new house, then you ***shall*** make a parapet for your roof, so that *you do not* bring blood-guilt on your house when one falls from it.
9"***Do*** *not* sow your vineyard with different kinds of seed, lest the yield of the seed which you have sown and the **fruit** of your vineyard be *defiled*.
10"***Do*** *not* plough with an ox and a donkey together.
11"***Do*** *not* put on a garment of different kinds, of wool and linen together.
12"Make tassels on the four corners of the garment with which you cover yourself.
13"***When*** any man takes a wife and ***shall*** go in to her and ***shall*** *hate* her,
14and ***shall*** make *abusive charges* <u>*against*</u> her and bring an *evil* name on her and say, 'I took this woman and when I came to her I *did not* find her a maiden,'

15then the father and mother of the young woman ***shall*** take and bring out the *proof* of the girl's maidenhood to the elders of the city at the gate.
16"And the girl's father ***shall*** say to the elders, 'I gave my daughter to this man as wife and he *hates* her.
17'And **see,** he has made *abusive* charges *against* her, saying, "I *did not* find your daughter a maiden," and yet these are the *proofs* of my daughter's maidenhood.' And they ***shall*** spread the garment before the elders of the city.
18"And the elders of that city ***shall*** take that man and *punish* him,
19and fine him one hundred pieces of silver and give them to the father of the young woman, **because** he has brought an *evil* name on a maiden of Yisra'ĕl. And she is to be his wife, he is not allowed to put her away **all** his days.
20"***But*** if the matter is **true,** that the girl was not **found** a maiden,
21then they ***shall*** bring out the girl to the **door** of her father's house and the men of her city ***shall*** stone her to *death* with stones, **because** she has done *wickedness* in Yisra'ĕl, to *whore* in her father's house. Thus you ***shall*** *purge* the *evil* from your **midst**.
22"***When*** a man is **found** *lying* with a woman married to a husband, then both of them ***shall*** *die,* both the man that lay with the woman and the woman. Thus you ***shall*** *purge* the *evil* from Yisra'ĕl.
23"***When*** a girl who is a maiden is engaged to a husband and a man finds her in the city and lies with her,
24then you ***shall*** bring them both out to the gate of that city and ***shall*** stone them to *death* with stones, the girl **because** she *did not* cry out in the city and the man **because** he has humbled his neighbour's wife. Thus you ***shall*** *purge* the *evil* from your **midst**.
25"***But*** if a man finds the girl who is engaged in the field and the man seizes her and lies with her, then only the man who lay with her ***shall*** *die.*
26"***But*** you ***shall*** do no matter to the girl. The girl has no *sin* **worthy** of *death* – for the matter is like a man who rises *against* his neighbour and *kills* him –
27for he **found** her in the field and she *cried out*, the engaged girl, but without anyone to **save** her.
28"***When*** a man finds a girl who is a maiden, who is not engaged and he seizes her and lies with her and they are **found** out,
29then the man who lay with her ***shall*** give to the girl's father fifty pieces of silver and she is to be his wife **because** he has humbled her. He is not allowed to put her away **all** his days.
30"A man *does not* take his father's wife, nor uncover his father's skirt.

23 "No one wounded, crushed or whose member is *cut off* does enter the assembly of ꓤYHWH.

2"No one of illegitimate birth does enter the assembly of ꓤYHWH, even a tenth generation of his *does not* enter the assembly of ꓤYHWH.

3"An Ammonite or Mo'aḇite *does not* enter the assembly of ꓤYHWH, even a tenth generation of them *does not* ever enter the assembly of ꓤYHWH,

4**because** they *did not* meet you with **bread** and water on the **way** when you came out of Mitsrayim and **because** they hired *against* you Bil'am son of Be'or from Pethor of Aram Naharayim, to *curse* you.
5"***But*** ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** *refused* to **listen** to Bil'am and ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** turned the *curse* into a **blessing** for you, **because** ꓤYHWH your **Elohim loves** you.
6"***Do*** *not* **seek** their **peace** nor their **good**, **all** your days, **forever**.
7"***Do*** *not* loathe an Eḏomite, for he is your brother. ***Do*** *not* loathe a Mitsrite, **because** you were a stranger in his land.
8"The children of the third generation born to them do enter the assembly of ꓤYHWH.

9"***When*** the army goes out *against* your enemies, then you ***shall*** **guard** yourself from **every** *evil* matter.
10"***When*** there is any man among you who is not **clean** **because** of an emission in the night, then he ***shall*** go outside the camp. **Let** him not **come** into the **midst** of the camp.
11"And it ***shall*** **be,** when **evening** comes, that he bathes with water. And when the sun sets let him **come** into the **midst** of the camp.
12"And you ***shall*** have a place outside the camp, where you ***shall*** go out,
13and you ***shall*** have a sharp implement among your equipment and when you sit down outside, you ***shall*** dig with it and turn and cover your excrement.
14"For יהוה your **Elohim** walks in the **midst** of your camp, to **deliver** you and give your enemies over to you. Therefore your camp ***shall*** **be** set-apart, so that **He** *does not* **see** *unclean* matter among you and ***shall turn*** away from you.
15"You *do not* **hand** over to his master the slave who has **escaped** from his master to you.
16"**Let** him dwell with you in your **midst**, in the place which he **chooses** within one of your gates, where it is pleasing to him. ***Do*** *not oppress* him.
17"None of the daughters of Yisra'ĕl is to be a *cult prostitute*, nor any of the sons of Yisra'ĕl be a *cult prostitute*.
18"***Do*** *not* bring the gift of a *whore* or the pay of a ***dog*** to the House of יהוה your **Elohim** for any vowed offering, for both of these are an **abomination** to יהוה your **Elohim**.
19"***Do*** *not* lend at **interest** to your brother, **interest** of silver, **interest** of food, or **interest** of ***whatever*** is ***lent*** at ***interest***.
20"To a foreigner you lend at interest, but to your brother *you do not* lend at interest, so that יהוה your **Elohim** might **bless** you in **all** that you put your **hand** to in the land which you are *entering* to possess.
21"***When*** you make a vow to יהוה your **Elohim**, *do not* delay to pay it, for יהוה your **Elohim** is certainly requiring it of you and it ***shall*** **be** *sin* in you.
22"***But*** when you abstain from vowing, it is not *sin* in you.
23"That which has gone from your lips you ***shall*** **guard** and do, for you voluntarily vowed to יהוה your **Elohim** what you have **promised** with your **mouth.**
24"***When*** you **come** into your neighbour's vineyard, you ***shall*** eat to the satisfaction of your desire, but *do not* put any in a receptacle of yours.
25"***When*** you **come** into your neighbour's standing grain, you ***shall*** pluck the heads with your **hand,** but *do not* use a sickle on your neighbour's standing grain.

24 "***When*** a man takes a wife and ***shall*** marry her, then it ***shall*** **be,** if she finds no **favour** in his eyes **because** he has **found** a matter of uncoveredness in her and he ***shall*** **write** her a certificate of divorce and put it in her **hand** and send her out of his house,
2and if she left his house and went and became another man's wife,
3and the **latter** husband ***shall*** *hate* her and **write** her a certificate of divorce and put it in her **hand** and send her out of his house, or when the **latter** husband dies who took her to be his wife,
4then her former husband who **sent** her away is not allowed to take her back to be his wife after she has been *defiled*, for that would be an **abomination** before יהוה. And *do not* bring *sin* on the land which יהוה your **Elohim** is giving you as an inheritance.
5"***When*** a man has taken a new wife, let him not go out into the army nor let any matter be imposed upon him. **He** ***shall*** **be** exempt one year for the sake of his home, to **rejoice** with his wife whom he has taken.

6"No one takes in **pledge** the lower or the upper millstone, for he would be taking a **life** in pledge.
7"***When*** a man is **found** *kidnapping* any of his brothers of the children of Yisra'ĕl and treats him *harshly* or sells him, then that *kidnapper* ***shall*** *die.* Thus you ***shall*** *purge* the *evil* from your **midst**.
8"Take **heed**, in an outbreak of leprosy, to **diligently guard** and do **according** to **all** that the priests, the Lĕwites, **teach** you. As I have **commanded** them, so you ***shall*** **guard** to do.
9"**Remember** what ֱיהוה your **Elohim** did to Miryam on the **way** when you came out of Mitsrayim.
10"***When*** you lend your brother a loan, *do not* go into his house to get his pledge.
11"Stand outside and let the man to whom you lend bring the **pledge** out to you.
12"And if the man is *poor*, *do not* sleep with his pledge.
13"By **all** means **return** the **pledge** to him at sundown and he ***shall*** sleep in his own garment and ***shall*** **bless** you. And it ***shall*** **be righteousness** to you before ֱיהוה your **Elohim**.
14"***Do*** *not oppress* a hired servant who is *poor* and needy, of your brothers or of the strangers who is in your land within your gates.
15"Give him his wages on the **same** day and *do not* let the sun go down on it, for he is *poor* and lifts up his being to it, so that he *does not* cry out *against* you to ֱיהוה and it ***shall*** **be** *sin* in you.
16"Fathers are not put to *death* for their children and children are not put to *death* for their fathers, each is to *die* for his own *sin.*
17"***Do*** *not twist* the **right-ruling** of a stranger or the fatherless, nor take the garment of a widow.
18"***But*** you ***shall remember*** that you were a slave in Mitsrayim and that ֱיהוה your **Elohim** redeemed you from there. Therefore I am **commanding** you to do this **word.**
19"***When*** you reap your harvest in your field and have *forgotten* a sheaf in the field, *do not* go back to get it. **Let** it be for the stranger, for the fatherless and for the widow, so that ֱיהוה your **Elohim** might **bless** you in **all** the **work** of your hands.
20"***When*** you beat your olive trees, *do not* examine the branch behind you. **Let** it be for the stranger, for the fatherless and for the widow.
21"***When*** you **gather** the grapes of your vineyard, *do not* glean behind you. **Let** it be for the stranger, for the fatherless and for the widow.
22"And you ***shall remember*** that you were a slave in the land of Mitsrayim. Therefore I am **commanding** you to do this **word.**

25 "***When*** there is a *dispute* between men, then they ***shall*** **come** unto judgment and they ***shall*** **be** judged and the **righteous declared righteous** and the ***wrongdoer*** **declared** *wrong.*
2"And it ***shall*** **be,** if the ***wrongdoer*** is to be beaten, that the **judge** ***shall*** **cause** him to *lie* down and be *beaten* in his presence with the number of blows **according** to his *wrong.*
3"Forty blows he gives him but no more, lest he *beat him* with many more blows than these and your brother be degraded before your eyes.
4"***Do*** *not* muzzle an ox while it is threshing.
5"***When*** brothers dwell together and one of them has died and has no son, the widow of the *dead* man ***shall*** not become a stranger's outside. Her husband's brother does go in to her and ***shall*** take her as his wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her.
6"And it ***shall*** **be** that the first-born son which she bears does rise up for the name of his *dead* brother, so that his name is not blotted out of Yisra'ĕl.
7"***But*** if the man *does not* desire to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate to the

elders and say, **'My** husband's brother *refuses* to **raise** up a name to his brother in Yisra'ĕl, he *does not* **agree** to perform the duty of my husband's brother.'

8"The elders of his city ***shall*** then **call** him and **speak** to him and he ***shall*** **stand** and say, 'I have no desire to take her,'

9then his brother's wife ***shall*** **come to** him in the presence of the elders and remove his sandal from his foot and ***shall*** spit in his face and answer and say, 'Thus it is done to the man who *does not* build up his brother's house.'

10"And in Yisra'ĕl his name ***shall*** **be** called, 'The house of him who had his sandal removed.'

11"***When*** men *fight* with one another and the wife of one ***shall*** draw **near** to **rescue** her husband from the **hand** of the one attacking him and ***shall*** put out her **hand** and *seize* him by the genitals,

12then you ***shall cut*** *off* her **hand** – your eye *does not* pardon.

13"You ***shall*** not have in your bag differing weights, a *heavy* and a **light**.

14"You ***shall*** not have in your house differing measures, a large and a small.

15"You ***shall*** have a **perfect** and **right** weight, a **perfect** and **right** measure, so that they prolong your days on the soil which יהוה your **Elohim** is giving you.

16"For **all** who do these and **all** who do *unrighteously*, are an **abomination** to יהוה your **Elohim**.

17"**Remember** what Amalĕq did to you on the **way** as you were **coming** out of Mitsrayim,

18how he met you on the **way** and attacked your back, **all** the feeble ones in your rear, when you were tired and *weary*. And he *did not* **fear Elohim**.

19"Therefore it ***shall*** **be,** when יהוה your **Elohim** has **given** you rest from your enemies **all** around, in the land which יהוה your **Elohim** is giving you to **possess** as an inheritance, that you *blot* out the **remembrance** of Amalĕq from under the **heavens.** ***Do*** *not forget*!

26 "And it ***shall*** **be,** when you **come** into the land which יהוה your **Elohim** is giving you as an inheritance and you **possess** it and dwell in it,

2that you ***shall*** take some of the **first** of **all** the fruits of the soil which you bring from your land that יהוה your **Elohim** is giving you and ***shall*** put it in a basket and go to the place where יהוה your **Elohim chooses** to make **His Name** dwell there.

3"And you ***shall*** **come to** the one who is priest in those days and say to him, 'I ***shall*** **declare** today to יהוה your **Elohim** that I have **come to** the land which יהוה **swore** to our fathers to give us.'

4"And the priest ***shall*** take the basket from your **hand** and place it before the altar of יהוה your **Elohim**.

5"And you ***shall*** answer and say before יהוה your **Elohim**, **'My** father was a *perishing* Aramean and he went down to Mitsrayim and sojourned there with **few** men. And there he became a nation, great, mighty and numerous.

6'***But*** the Mitsrites did *evil* to us and *afflicted* us and imposed hard labour on us.

7'***Then*** we *cried out* to יהוה **Elohim** of our fathers and יהוה **heard** our **voice** and **saw** our *affliction* and our *toil* and our *oppression*.

8'And יהוה brought us out of Mitsrayim with a **strong hand** and with an outstretched arm, with ***great fear*** and with **signs** and **wonders**.

9'And **He** brought us to this place and has **given** us this land, "a land flowing with milk and honey."

10'And **now**, **see,** I have brought the first-fruits of the land which **You,** O יהוה, have **given** me.' ***Then*** you ***shall*** place it before יהוה your **Elohim** and bow down before יהוה your **Elohim**,

11and ***shall*** **rejoice** in **all** the **good** which יהוה your **Elohim** has **given** to you and your house, you and the Lĕwite and the stranger who is among you.

12"***When*** you have **completed** tithing **all** the tithe of your increase in the **third year**, which is the **year** of **tithing** and have **given** it to the Lĕwite, to the stranger, to the fatherless and to the widow and they have eaten within your gates and have been satisfied,
13then you ***shall*** say before ꓤYHWH your **Elohim**, 'I have put away the set-apart *portion* from my house and also have **given** it to the Lĕwite and to the stranger and to the fatherless and to the widow, **according** to **all Your command** which You have **commanded** me. I have not *transgressed* **Your commands**, nor have I *forgotten*.
14"I have not eaten any of it when in mourning, nor have I removed any of it for any *unclean* use, nor **given** any of it for the *dead.* I have **obeyed** the **voice** of ꓤYHWH my **Elohim**, I have done **according** to **all** that **You** have **commanded** me.
15"Look from **Your** set-apart dwelling place, from the heavens and **bless Your people** Yisra'ĕl and the land which You have **given** us, as You **swore** to our fathers, "a land flowing with milk and honey." '
16"Today ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** is **commanding** you to do these **laws** and **right-rulings**. And you ***shall*** **guard** and do them with **all** your **heart** and with **all** your being.
17"You have today **caused** ꓤYHWH to **proclaim** to be your **Elohim** and to **walk** in **His ways** and **guard His laws** and **His commands** and **His right-rulings** and to **obey His voice**.
18"And ꓤYHWH has **caused** you to **proclaim** today to be **His** people, a treasured possession, as **He** has **spoken** to you and to **guard all His commands**,
19so as to set you high above **all** nations which **He** has made, for a praise and for a name and for esteem and for you to be a set-apart people to ꓤYHWH your **Elohim**, as **He** has **spoken** ."

27 And Mosheh, with the elders of Yisra'ĕl, **commanded** the people, saying, "**Guard all the commands** which I am **commanding** you today.
2"And it ***shall*** **be,** on the day when you pass over the Yarděn to the land which ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** is giving you, that you ***shall*** set up for yourselves large stones and plaster them with plaster,
3and **write** on them **all** the **Words** of this **Torah**, when you have passed over, so that you go into the land which ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** is giving you, 'a land flowing with milk and honey,' as ꓤYHWH **Elohim** of your fathers has **spoken** to you.
4"And it ***shall*** **be,** when you have passed over the Yarděn, that on Mount Ěyḇal you set up these stones, which I **command** you today and you ***shall*** plaster them with plaster,
5and build an altar to ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** there, an altar of stones – *do not* use an iron *tool* on them.
6"Build the altar of ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** with **complete** stones and you ***shall*** offer burnt offerings on it to ꓤYHWH your **Elohim**,
7and ***shall*** offer **peace** offerings and eat there and **rejoice** before ꓤYHWH your **Elohim**.
8"You ***shall*** **write all** the **Words** of this **Torah** on the stones, plainly and well."
9And Mosheh and the priests, the Lĕwites, spoke to **all** Yisra'ĕl, saying, "Be *silent* and **hear,** O Yisra'ĕl: This day you have become the people of ꓤYHWH your **Elohim**,
10and you ***shall*** **obey** the **voice** of ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** and do **His commands** and **His laws** which I **command** you today."
11And Mosheh **commanded** the people on that day, saying,
12"These are to **stand** on Mount Gerizim to **bless** the people, when you have passed over the Yarděn: Shim'on and Lĕwi and Yahuḏah and Yissasḵar

and Yosĕph and Binyamin.
13"And these are to **stand** on Mount Ĕyḇal to *curse:* Re'uḇĕn, Gaḏ and Ashĕr and Zeḇulun, Dan and Naphtali.
14"The Lĕwites ***shall*** **speak** with a loud **voice** and say to **all** the men of Yisra'ĕl:
15***'Cursed*** is the man who makes a *carved* or *moulded image,* an **abomination** to ꓤꓰꓤꓩ, the **work** of the hands of the craftsman and sets it up in **secret.**' And **all** the people ***shall*** answer and say, 'Amĕn!'
16***'Cursed*** is he who makes **light** of his father or his mother.' And **all** the people ***shall*** say, 'Amĕn!'
17***'Cursed*** is he who moves his neighbour's boundary.' And **all** the people ***shall*** say, 'Amĕn!'
18***'Cursed*** is he who misleads the *blind* in the **way.**' And **all** the people ***shall*** say, 'Amĕn!'
19***'Cursed*** is he who *twists* the **right-ruling** of the stranger, the fatherless and widow.' And **all** the people ***shall*** say, 'Amĕn!'
20***'Cursed*** is he who lies with his father's wife, **because** he has uncovered his father's bed.' And **all** the people ***shall*** say, 'Amĕn!'
21***'Cursed*** is he who lies with any beast.' And **all** the people ***shall*** say, 'Amĕn!'
22***'Cursed*** is he who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother.' And **all** the people ***shall*** say, 'Amĕn!'
23***'Cursed*** is he who lies with his motherin-law.' And **all** the people ***shall*** say, 'Amĕn!'
24***'Cursed*** is he who smites his neighbour secretly.' And **all** the people ***shall*** say, 'Amĕn!'
25***'Cursed*** is he who takes a *bribe* to *slay* an **innocent** being.' And **all** the people ***shall*** say, 'Amĕn!'
26***'Cursed*** is he who *does not* **establish** the **Words** of this **Torah**.' And **all** the people ***shall*** say, 'Amĕn!'

28 "And it ***shall*** **be, *if*** **you diligently obey** the **voice** of ꓤꓰꓤꓩ your **Elohim**, to **guard** to do **all His commands** which I **command** you today, that ꓤꓰꓤꓩ your **Elohim** ***shall*** set you high above **all** nations of the earth.
2"And **all** these **blessings** ***shall*** **come** upon you and overtake you, ***if*** you **obey** the **voice** of ꓤꓰꓤꓩ your **Elohim**:
3**"Blessed** are you in the city and **blessed** are you in the field.
4**"Blessed** is the **fruit** of your body and the **fruit** of your ground and the **fruit** of your livestock – the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.
5**"Blessed** is your basket and your kneading bowl.
6**"Blessed** are you when you **come** in and **blessed** are you when you **go** out.
7"ꓤꓰꓤꓩ **causes** your enemies who rise *against* you to be *smitten* before your face – they **come out** *against* you one **way** and ***flee*** before you seven ways.
8"ꓤꓰꓤꓩ **commands** the **blessing** on you in your storehouses and in **all** to which you set your **hand** and ***shall*** **bless** you in the land which ꓤꓰꓤꓩ your **Elohim** is giving you.
9"ꓤꓰꓤꓩ does **establish** you as a set-apart people to **Himself**, as **He** has sworn to you, if you **guard** the **commands** of ꓤꓰꓤꓩ your **Elohim** and **walk** in **His ways**.
10"And **all** peoples of the earth ***shall*** **see** that **the Name** of ꓤꓰꓤꓩ is called upon you and they ***shall*** **be** *afraid* of you.
11"And ꓤꓰꓤꓩ ***shall*** make you to have **plenty** of what is **good**, in the **fruit** of your body, in the **fruit** of your livestock and in the **fruit** of your ground, in the land of which ꓤꓰꓤꓩ **swore** to your fathers to give you.
12"ꓤꓰꓤꓩ **opens** to you **His good treasure**, the heavens, to give the **rain** to your land in its season and to **bless all** the **work** of your **hand.** And you ***shall*** lend to many nations, but *you do not* borrow.
13"And ꓤꓰꓤꓩ ***shall*** make you the head and not the tail. And you ***shall*** **be** only on top and not be beneath, ***if*** you

obey the **commands** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**, which I **command** you today, to **guard** and **do**.
[14]"And *do not* turn aside from ***any*** of the **Words** which I am **commanding** you today, right or left, to go after other *mighty ones* to **serve** them.
[15]"And it ***shall* be,** if *you do not* ***obey*** the **voice** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**, to **guard** to do **all His commands** and **His laws** which I **command** you today, that **all** these *curses* ***shall come*** upon you and overtake you:
[16]***"Cursed*** are you in the city and *cursed* are you in the field.
[17]***"Cursed*** is your basket and your kneading bowl.
[18]***"Cursed*** is the **fruit** of your body and the **fruit** of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.
[19]***"Cursed*** are you when you **come** in and *cursed* are you when you **go out**.
[20]"𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **sends** on you the *curse,* the *confusion* and the ***rebuke*** in **all** that you set your **hand** to do, ***until*** you are ***destroyed*** and ***until*** you *perish* **quickly**, **<u>because</u>** of the *evil* of your ***doings*** by which you have ***forsaken* Me.**
[21]"𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 makes the *plague* **cling** to you until **He** has *consumed* you from the land which you are going to possess.
[22]"𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 *smites* you with *wasting* ***disease*** and with *inflammation* and with *burning* and with *extreme heat* and with the *sword* and with *blight* and with *mildew*. And they ***shall*** *pursue* you until you *perish.*
[23]"And your heavens which are over your head ***shall* be** bronze and the earth which is under you iron.
[24]"𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 makes the rain of your land powder and dust; from the heavens it **comes** down on you until you are **destroyed**.
[25]"𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **causes** you to be defeated before your enemies – you go out one **way** *<u>against</u>* them and ***flee*** seven **ways** before them. And you ***shall*** become a *horror* to **all** the reigns of the earth.
[26]"And your carcasses ***shall* be** food for **all** the birds of the heavens and the beasts of the earth, with no one to frighten them away.
[27]"𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 ***shall*** *smite* you with the *boils* of Mitsrayim, with *tumours,* with the *scab* and with the *itch,* from which you are *unable* to be **healed**.
[28]"𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 ***shall*** *smite* you with *madness* and *blindness* and *bewilderment* of **heart.**
[29]"And you ***shall* be** *groping* at noon, as a *blind* man *gropes* in *darkness* and not prosper in your ways. And you ***shall* be** only *oppressed* and *plundered* **all** the days, with no one to **save** you.
[30]"You become engaged to a wife, but another man does *lie* with her. You build a house, but *do not* dwell in it. You plant a vineyard, but *do not* use its **fruit.**
[31]"**Your** ox is slaughtered before your eyes, but *you do not* eat of it. **Your** donkey is *violently* taken from before you and it is not **given** back to you. **Your** sheep are **given** to your enemies, with no one to **save** them.
[32]"**Your** sons and your daughters are **given** to another people and your eyes look and fail for them **all** day long and your **hand** *powerless*.
[33]"A people whom you have not **known** eat the **fruit** of your land and **all** your labours. And you ***shall* be** only *oppressed* and *crushed* **all** the days.
[34]"And you ***shall* be *maddened*** **<u>because</u>** of the **sight** which your eyes **see.**
[35]"𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 *smites* you in the knees and on the legs with *evil boils* of which you are *unable* to be **healed** and from the sole of your foot to the top of your head.
[36]"𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 brings you and the sovereign whom you set over you to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have **known** and there you ***shall* serve** other *mighty ones*, ***wood*** and *stone*.
[37]"Thus you ***shall*** become an *astonishment*, a *proverb* and a *mockery* among **all** the peoples to which 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 drives you.
[38]"You take much seed out into the field but **gather** *little* in, for the locust *consumes* it.

39"You plant vineyards and ***shall*** labour, but you neither drink of the **wine** nor gather, for the worm eats it.
40"You have olive trees in **all** your border, but *do not* **anoint** with oil, for your olives drop off.
41"You bring forth sons and daughters, but they are not with you, for they go into captivity.
42"Locusts **possess all** your trees and the **fruit** of your ground.
43"The ***sojourner*** who is among you rises higher and higher above you, ***but*** you **come** down lower and lower.
44"He lends to you, but *you do not* lend to him. He is the head and you are the tail.
45"And **all** these *curses* ***shall*** **come** upon you and they ***shall*** pursue and overtake you, ***until*** you are **destroyed**, **because** you *did* ***not obey*** the **voice** of ה׳א׳ו׳ה your **Elohim**, to **guard His commands** and **His laws** which **He commanded** you.
46"And they ***shall*** **be** upon *you* for a **sign** and for a **wonder** and on your *seed*, **forever**.
47"**Because** you *did not* **serve** ה׳א׳ו׳ה your **Elohim** with **joy** and **gladness** of **heart** for **all** the **plenty**,
48you ***shall*** **serve** your enemies whom ה׳א׳ו׳ה **sends** *against* you, in *hunger* and in *thirst*, in *nakedness* and in *need* of **all.** And he ***shall*** put a yoke of iron on your neck ***until*** he has ***destroyed*** you.
49"ה׳א׳ו׳ה brings a nation *against* you from afar, from **the end** of the earth, as *swift* as the eagle flies, a nation whose **language** you ***shall*** not *understand,*
50a fierce-looking nation, which shows *no regard* for the elderly *nor* **show** *favour* to the young,
51and they ***shall*** eat the **fruit** of your livestock and the **fruit** of your land, until you are **destroyed**. They leave you no grain, nor new **wine**, nor oil, nor the increase of your cattle or the offspring of your flocks, ***until*** they have ***destroyed*** you.
52"And they ***shall*** *besiege* you at **all** your gates til your high and fenced walls, in which you are **trusting**, **come** down in **all** your land. And they ***shall*** besiege you at **all** your gates in **all** your land which ה׳א׳ו׳ה your **Elohim** has **given** you.
53"And you ***shall*** eat the **fruit** of your own body, the *flesh* of your sons and daughters whom ה׳א׳ו׳ה your **Elohim** has **given** you, in the *siege* and *distress* in which your enemies *distress* you.
54"The man among you who is tender, and who is **very** delicate, his eye is *evil* *against* his brother, *against* the wife of his bosom and *against* the rest of his children whom he leaves behind,
55*against* giving any of them the *flesh* of his children that he eats, **because** it is **all** that has been left to him in the *siege* and *distress* with which your enemy *distresses* you in **all** your gates.
56"The tender and the delicate woman among you, who have not tried to set the sole of her foot on the ground **because** of her delicateness and tenderness, her eye is *evil* *against* the husband of her bosom and *against* her son and *against* her daughter,
57and *against* her seed which **comes** out from between her feet and her children whom she bears, for she ***eats*** them in **secret** for lack of **all,** in the *siege* and *distress* with which your enemy *distresses* you in **all** your gates.
58"***If*** *you do not* **guard** to do **all** the **Words** of this **Torah** that are **written** in this **book**, to **fear** this **esteemed** and **awesome Name**, ה׳א׳ו׳ה your **Elohim**,
59***then*** ה׳א׳ו׳ה ***shall*** bring upon you and your descendants *extraordinary plagues*, **great** and *lasting plagues* and *grievous* and *lasting sicknesses*.
60"And **He** ***shall*** bring *back* on you **all** the *diseases* of Mitsrayim, of which you were *afraid* and they ***shall*** **cling** to you,
61also **every** *sickness* and **every** *plague,* which is not **written** in the **book** of this **Torah**, ה׳א׳ו׳ה does bring *upon* you ***until*** you are **destroyed**.
62"And you ***shall*** **be** left with **few** men, although you had become as numerous as the stars of the heavens, **because** you *did* ***not obey*** the **voice** of ה׳א׳ו׳ה your **Elohim**.

63"And it ***shall*** **be,** that as ֱיְהֹוָה rejoiced over you to do you **good** and increase you, so ֱיְהֹוָה does **rejoice** over you to *destroy* you and ***lay you*** *waste.* And you ***shall*** **be** *plucked* from *off* the land which you go to possess.
64"And ֱיְהֹוָה ***shall*** *scatter* you among **all** peoples, from one end of the earth to the other and there you ***shall*** **serve** other *mighty ones*, which neither you nor your fathers have **known**, ***wood*** and ***stone***.
65"And among those nations you are to find *no rest* nor have a *resting place* for the sole of your foot. ***But*** there ֱיְהֹוָה ***shall*** give you a *trembling* **heart** and failing eyes and *sorrow* of being.
66"And your **life** ***shall*** **be** *hanging* in *suspense* before you and you ***shall*** **fear** day and night not being certain of your **life**.
67"In the morning you say, 'Oh, that it were **evening**!' And at **evening** you say, 'Oh, that it were morning!' **because** of the **fear** of your **heart,** with which you **fear** and **because** of the **sight** which your eyes **see.**
68"And ֱיְהֹוָה ***shall*** bring you back to Mitsrayim in ships, by a **way** of which I said to you, 'You are never to **see** it again.' And there you ***shall*** **be** *sold* to your enemies as male and female slaves, but no one to buy."

29 These are the **words** of the **covenant** which ֱיְהֹוָה **commanded** Mosheh to make with the children of Yisra'ĕl in the land of Mo'aḇ, besides the **covenant** which **He** made with them in Ḥorĕḇ.
2And Mosheh called **all** Yisra'ĕl and said to them, "You yourselves **saw all** that ֱיְהֹוָה did before your eyes in the land of Mitsrayim, to Pharaoh and to **all** his servants and to **all** his land.
3"**Your** eyes **saw** the **great** *trials*, the **signs** and those **great wonders**.
4"***But*** ֱיְהֹוָה has not **given** you a **heart to know** and **eyes** to **see** and **ears** to **hear,** til this day.
5"And I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your garments have not worn out on you and your sandals have not worn out on your feet.
6"You ate no **bread** and drank no **wine** nor **strong** drink, so that you might **know** that I am ֱיְהֹוָה your **Elohim**.
7"And when you came to this place, Siḥon sovereign of Ḥeshbon and Oḡ sovereign of Bashan came out *against* us to battle and we *smote* them,
8and took their land and gave it as an **inheritance** to the Re'uḇĕnites and to the Gaḏites and to half the tribe of Menashsheh.
9"Therefore you ***shall*** **guard** the **words** of **this covenant** and **do them** so that you **prosper** in **all** that you do.
10"All of you are standing today before ֱיְהֹוָה your **Elohim**: your leaders, your tribes, your elders and your officers, **all** the men of Yisra'ĕl,
11your *little* ones, your wives and your sojourner who is in the **midst** of your camp, from the one who *cuts* your ***wood*** to the one who **draws** your water,
12so that you should **enter** into **covenant** with ֱיְהֹוָה your **Elohim** and into **His** oath, which ֱיְהֹוָה your **Elohim** makes with you today,
13**in order** to **establish** you today as a people for **Himself** and **He Himself** be your **Elohim**, as **He** has **spoken** to you and as **He** has sworn to your fathers, to Aḇrahim, to Yitsḥaq and to Ya'aqoḇ.
14"And not with you alone I am making this **covenant** and this **oath**,
15but with him who stands here with us today before ֱיְהֹוָה our **Elohim**, as well as with him who is **not here** with us today.
16"For you **know** how we dwelt in the land of Mitsrayim and how we passed through the nations which you passed through,
17and you **saw** their **abominations** and their *idols,* ***wood*** and *stone*, *silver* and *gold*, which were with them,
18lest there should be among you a man or woman or clan or tribe, whose **heart** *turns away* today from ֱיְהֹוָה our **Elohim**, to go and **serve** the *mighty*

ones of these nations, lest there should be among you a *root* bearing *bitterness* or wormwood.
19"And it ***shall* be,** when he **hears** the **words** of this *curse,* that he should **bless** himself in his **heart,** saying, 'I have **peace** though I **walk** in the *stubbornness* of my **heart,**' **in order** to add *drunkenness* to thirst.
20"**꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** *would not* **forgive** him, but rather, the *displeasure* of **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** and **His** *jealousy* ***shall*** *burn against* that man and **every** *curse* that is **written** in this **book** ***shall*** settle on him and **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** ***shall*** *blot* out his name from under the **heavens.**
21"And **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** ***shall*** *separate* him for *evil*, out of **all** the tribes of Yisra'ĕl, **according** to **all** the *curses* of the **covenant** that are **written** in this **Book** of the **Torah**.
22"And the generation to **come** of your children who rise up after you and the foreigner who **comes** from a far land, ***shall*** say when they **see** the *plagues* of that land and the *sicknesses* which **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** has **sent** into it:
23'All its land is sulphur, salt and burning; it is not sown, nor does it bear, nor does any grass grow there, like the *overthrow* of Seḏom and Amorah, Aḏmah and Tseḇoyim, which **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** *overthrew* in **His** *displeasure* and **His** *wrath*.'
24"And **all** nations ***shall*** say, '***Why*** has **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** done so to this land? ***What*** does the *heat* of this **great** *displeasure* mean?'
25"And it ***shall* be** said, '**Because** they have ***forsaken*** the **covenant** of **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ Elohim** of their fathers which **He** made with them when **He** brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim.
26'And they *went* and **served** other *mighty ones* and ***bowed*** themselves to them, *mighty ones* that they *did not* **know** and that **He** had not **given** to them,
27therefore the *displeasure* of **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** *burned against* this land, to bring on it **every** *curse* that is **written** in this **book**.
28'And **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** *uprooted* them from their land in *displeasure,* in *wrath* and in **great** *rage* and *cast* them into another land, as it is today.'
29"The **secret** matters belong to **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** our **Elohim** but what is **revealed** belongs to us and to our children **forever**, to do **all** the **Words** of **this Torah**.

30 "And it ***shall* be,** when **all** these **words come** upon you, the **blessing** and the *curse* which I have set before you and you ***shall*** bring them back to your **heart** among **all** the *gentiles* where **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** your **Elohim** drives you,
2and ***shall turn*** **back** to **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** your **Elohim** and **obey His voice**, **according** to **all** that I **command** you today, with **all** your **heart** and with **all** your **being**, you and your children,
3***then*** **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** your **Elohim** ***shall turn*** **back** your captivity and ***shall*** have **compassion** on you and **He** ***shall turn*** **back** and **gather** you from **all** the peoples where **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** your **Elohim** has *scattered* you.
4"***If*** any of you are *driven* out to the farthest parts under the heavens, from there **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** your **Elohim** does **gather** you and from there **He** does take you.
5"And **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** your **Elohim** ***shall*** bring you to the land which your fathers possessed and you ***shall*** **possess** it. **He** ***shall*** do **good** to you and increase you more than your fathers.
6"And **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** your **Elohim** ***shall*** circumcise your **heart** and the **heart** of your seed, to **love** **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** your **Elohim** with **all** your **heart** and with **all** your being, so that you might **live,**
7and **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** your **Elohim** ***shall*** put **all** these *curses* on your enemies and on those who *hate* you, who *persecuted* you.
8"And you ***shall turn*** **back** and **obey** the **voice** of **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** and do **all His commands** which I **command** you today.
9"And **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** your **Elohim** ***shall*** **make** you have **excess** in **all** the **work**

of your **hand,** in the **fruit** of your body and in the **fruit** of your livestock and in the **fruit** of your ground for **good**. For ꓤYꓤZ turns back to **rejoice** over you for **good** as **He** rejoiced over your fathers,

[10]***if*** you **obey** the **voice** of ꓤYꓤZ your **Elohim**, to **guard His commands** and **His laws** which are **written** in this **Book** of the **Torah**, ***if*** you **turn back** to ꓤYꓤZ your **Elohim** with **all** your **heart** and with **all** your **being**.

[11]"For this **command** which I am **commanding** you today, it is not too hard for you, nor is it far off.

[12]"It is not in the heavens, to say, '***Who shall* ascend** into the heavens for us and **bring it** to us and **cause** us to **hear it** so that we do **it**?'

[13]"Nor is it beyond the sea, to say, '***Who shall* go** over the sea for us and **bring it** to us and **cause** us to **hear it** so that we do **it**?'

[14]"For the **Word** is **very near** you, in your **mouth** and in your **heart** – to **do** it.

[15]"**See,** I have set before you today **life** and **good** and *death* and *evil*,

[16]in that I am **commanding** you today to **love** ꓤYꓤZ your **Elohim**, to **walk** in **His ways** and to **guard His commands** and **His laws** and **His right-rulings**. And you ***shall* live** and increase and ꓤYꓤZ your **Elohim *shall* bless** you in the land which you go to possess.

[17]"***But*** if your **heart** *turns away* and *you do not* **obey** and ***shall* be** *drawn away* and ***shall*** bow down to other *mighty ones* and **serve** them,

[18]"I have **declared** to you today that you ***shall* certainly** *perish,* you ***shall*** not prolong your days in the land which you are passing over the Yardĕn to enter and possess.

[19]"I have called the heavens and the earth as **witnesses** today <u>*against*</u> you: I have set before you **life** and *death,* the **blessing** and the *curse.* Therefore you ***shall*** choose **life**, so that you **live,** both you and your seed,

[20]to **love** ꓤYꓤZ your **Elohim**, to **obey His voice** and to **cling** to **Him** – for **He** is your **life** and the **length** of your days – to dwell in the land which ꓤYꓤZ **swore** to your fathers, to Aḇrahim, to Yitsḥaq and to Ya'aqoḇ, to give them."

31 And Mosheh went and spoke these **words** to **all** Yisra'ĕl,

[2]and he said to them, "I am one hundred and twenty years old today. I am no longer able to go out and **come** in. And ꓤYꓤZ has said to me, 'You *do not* pass over this Yarděn.'

[3]"ꓤYꓤZ your **Elohim Himself** is passing over before you. **He *shall*** *destroy* these nations from before you and you **possess** them. Yahusha himself is passing over before you, as ꓤYꓤZ has **spoken** .

[4]"And ꓤYꓤZ ***shall*** do to them as **He** did to Siḥon and to Oḡ, the sovereigns of the Amorites and their land, when **He *destroyed*** them.

[5]"And ꓤYꓤZ ***shall give*** them over to you and you ***shall do*** to them **according** to **all** the **command** which I have **commanded** you.

[6]"Be **strong and courageous,** *do not* **fear** nor be *afraid* of them. For it is ꓤYꓤZ your **Elohim** who is going with you. **He** *does not fail* you nor *forsake* you."

[7]And Mosheh called Yahusha and said to him before the eyes of **all** Yisra'ĕl, "**Be strong and courageous,** for you are going with this people to the land which ꓤYꓤZ has sworn to their fathers to give them and you are to **let** them inherit it.

[8]"And it is ꓤYꓤZ who is going before you, **He Himself** is with you. **He** *does not fail* you nor *forsake* you. ***Do not*** **fear** nor be *discouraged*."

[9]And Mosheh **wrote** this **Torah** and gave it to the priests, the sons of Lĕwi, who bore the ark of **the covenant** of ꓤYꓤZ and to **all** the elders of Yisra'ĕl.

[10]And Mosheh **commanded** them, saying, "At **the end** of seven years, at the **appointed time,** the year of release, at the **Festival of Booths**,

[11]when **all** Yisra'ĕl **comes** to appear before **יהוה** your **Elohim** in the place which **He chooses**, **read** this **Torah** before **all** Yisra'ĕl in their **hearing**.
[12]"**Assemble** the people, the men and the women and the *little* ones and your sojourner who is within your gates, so that they **hear** and so that they **learn** to **fear** **יהוה** your **Elohim** and **guard** to **do all** the **Words** of this **Torah**.
[13]"And their children, who have not **known** it, should **hear** and **learn** to **fear** **יהוה** your **Elohim** as long as you **live** in the land you are passing over the Yarděn to possess."
[14]And **יהוה** said to Mosheh, "**See,** the days have drawn **near** for you to *die.* Call Yahusha and present yourselves in the **Tent** of Meeting, so that I **command** him." And Mosheh and Yahusha went and presented themselves in the **Tent** of **Meeting**.
[15]And **יהוה** appeared at the **Tent** in a column of a cloud and the column of a cloud stood above the **door** of the **Tent**.
[16]And **יהוה** said to Mosheh, "**See,** you are about to sleep with your fathers. And this people ***shall*** rise and *whore* after the *mighty ones* of the strangers of the land into the **midst** of which they ***shall*** enter and *forsake* **Me** and *break* **My covenant** which I have made with them.
[17]"***Then*** **My** *displeasure* ***shall*** *burn* *against* them in that day and I ***shall*** forsake them and hide **My** face from them and they ***shall*** **be** *consumed.* And many *evil*s and *distresses* ***shall*** **come** upon them and it ***shall*** **be** said in that day, 'Is it not **because** our **Elohim** is not in our **midst** that these *evil*s have **come** upon us?'
[18]"And I ***shall*** certainly hide **My** face in that day, **because** of **all** the *evil* which they have done, for they ***shall turn*** to other *mighty ones*.
[19]"And **now** **write** down this song for yourselves and **teach** it to the children of Yisra'ĕl. **Put** it in their **mouths** so that this **song** is to **Me** for a **witness** *against* the children of Yisra'ĕl.
[20]"And I ***shall*** bring them to the land flowing with milk and honey, of which I **swore** to their fathers and they ***shall*** eat and be **satisfied** and be fat, ***then*** they ***shall turn*** to other *mighty ones* and they ***shall*** **serve** *them* and *scorn* **Me** and *break* **My covenant.**
[21]"And it ***shall*** **be,** when many *evil*s and *distresses* **come** upon them, that this song ***shall*** answer before them as a **witness.** For it is not to be *forgotten* in the mouths of their seed, for I **know** their *thoughts* which they are forming today, even before I bring them to the land of which I **swore** to give them."
[22]And Mosheh **wrote** this song the **same** day and **taught** it to the children of Yisra'ĕl.
[23]And **He commanded** Yahusha son of Nun and said, "**Be strong and courageous,** for you are to bring the children of Yisra'ĕl into the land of which I **swore** to them and **I Myself** am with you."
[24]And it came to be, when Mosheh had **completed writing** the **Words** of this **Torah** in a **book**, until their completion,
[25]that Mosheh **commanded** the Lĕwites, who bore the ark of the **covenant** of **יהוה**, saying,
[26]"Take this **Book** of the **Torah** and you ***shall*** place it beside the ark of the **covenant** of **יהוה** your **Elohim** and it ***shall*** **be** there as a **witness** *against* you,
[27]for I myself **know** your *rebellion* and your *stiff neck*. **See,** while I am still **alive** with you today, you have been *rebellious* *against* **יהוה**, then how much more after my death?
[28]"**Assemble** unto me **all** the elders of your tribes and your officers, so that I **speak** these **words** in their **hearing** and **call** the **heavens** and the **earth** to **witness** *against* them.
[29]"For I **know** that after my *death* you ***shall*** do **very** *corruptly* and *turn aside* from **the way** which I have **commanded** you. And *evil* ***shall*** **come to** you in the **latter** days, **because** you do what is *evil in the eyes* of **יהוה**, to ***provoke*** **Him** through the **work** of your hands."

30So Mosheh spoke in the **hearing** of **all** the assembly of Yisra'ĕl the **words** of this song until their completion:

32 "Give ear, O heavens and let me speak; And **hear,** O earth,
The words of my **mouth.**
2"**Let** my **instruction** *fall* as rain,
My speech drop down as dew,
As fine rain on the tender plants,
And as showers on the grass.
3"For I **proclaim** the **Name** of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ,
Ascribe greatness to our **Elohim**.
4"**The Rock**! **His work** is **perfect,**
For **all His ways** are right-ruling,
An Ĕl of **truth** and without *unrighteousness,*
righteous and **straight is He.**
5"A *twisted* and *crooked* generation
has *corrupted* itself,
Their blemish, *they are* not
His children.
6"***Do*** you *do* ***this*** to ꓤꓴꓤꓩ,
O ***foolish*** and ***unwise*** people?
Is **He** not your **Father,** who bought you, ***Who*** created you and **established** you?
7"**Remember** the days of old,
Consider the years of many generations.
ask your father and let him **show** you,
Your elders and **let** them say to you:
8"***When*** the **Most High** gave the nations their inheritance
When **He** separated the sons of Aḏam,
He set the boundaries of the peoples
According to the number of the
children of Yisra'ĕl.
9"For the portion of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ is **His** people,
Ya'aqoḇ **His** allotted inheritance.
10"He **found** him in a wilderness,
And in a wasted, *howling* desert.
He encompassed him,
He made him *understand,*
He watched over him as the apple of
His eye. *(See Zek.2:8)*
11"As an eagle stirs up its nest,
Flutters over its young,
Spreading out its wings taking them up,
Bearing them on its wings.
12"ꓤꓴꓤꓩ alone led him,
And there was ***no*** *strange mighty one* with him.
13"He made him ride in the heights of the earth,
And he ate the **fruit** of the fields,
And **He** made him to draw honey from the rock and oil from the flinty rock,
14"Curds from the cattle,
And milk of the flock,
With fat of lambs,
And rams of the breed of Bashan,
And goats, with the choicest wheat;
And you drank **wine**, the **blood** of the grapes.
15"***But*** Yeshurun grew fat and kicked;
You grew fat and you grew thick,
You are covered with fat;
So he ***forsook*** Eloah who made him,
And *scorned* the **Rock** of his **deliverance**.
16"They moved **Him** to *jealousy* with foreign ***matters***,
With **abominations** they *provoked* **Him.**
17"They slaughtered to ***demons*** – not Eloah –
Mighty ones they *did not* **know,**
New ones who came lately,
Which your fathers *did not* **fear.**
18"You ***neglected*** the **Rock** who brought you forth,
And *forgot* the Ĕl who fathered you.
19"And ꓤꓴꓤꓩ **saw** and *despised*,
Because of the provocation of
His sons and **His** daughters.
20"And **He** said, '**Let Me** hide **My** face from them,
Let Me see what their **end** is,
For they are a ***perverse*** generation,
Children in whom there is ***no*** **trusting**.

[21]"They made **Me** ***jealous*** by what is ***not*** Ěl,
They *provoked* **Me** with their *worthless matters*.
But I make them ***jealous*** by those who are no people, I ***provoke*** them with a ***foolish*** nation.
[22]"For a *fire* was *kindled* in **My** *wrath*
And burns to the bottom of She'ol,
And *consumes* the earth and its increase,
And sets on *fire* the foundations of mountains.
[23]"I **gather** *evil*s upon them, I use up **My** arrows upon them –
[24]"*Wasted* by *scarcity of food*,
And *consumed* by *heat* and *bitter* ***destruction*** and the *teeth* of beasts
I send upon them,
With the ***poison*** of *serpents* of the dust.
[25]"The *sword bereaves* from the outside and **fear** from within,
Both young man and maiden, nursing child with the man of grey hairs.
[26]"I said, 'I should **blow** them away, I should make the **remembrance** of them To cease from among men,
[27]'***If*** I *did not* **fear** the enemy's taunt, Lest their adversaries misunderstand, Lest they say, "Our **hand** is high,
And ֏ֵ֏ֵ֫ has not done **all** this." '
[28]"For they are a nation *lost* to counsel, And there is no **understanding** in them.
[29]"***If*** they were **wise,**
They would **understand** this,
They would consider their **latter end**!
[30]"***How*** would one chase a thousand, And two put ten thousand to f**light**, ***unless*** their Rock had sold them, And ֏ֵ֏ֵ֫ had **given** them up?
[31]"For their rock is not like our Rock, Even our enemies are judges.
[32]"Their **vine** is of the **vine** of Seḏom
And of the fields of Amorah;
Their grapes are grapes of *gall*,
Their clusters are *bitter*.
[33]"Their **wine** is the ***poison*** of *serpents*, And the **fierce** venom of cobras.
[34]'Is it not stored up with **Me,**
Sealed up among **My** treasures?
[35]'**Vengeance** is **Mine** and **repayment**, At the **time** their foot slips; For **near** is the **day of** their *calamity*, And the matters prepared are *hastening* to them.'
[36]"For ֏ֵ֏ֵ֫ **rightly rules His** people And has **compassion** on **His** servants, ***When*** **He sees** that their **power** is gone, And there is no one remaining,
Shut up or at large.
[37]"And **He** ***shall*** say,
'*Where* are their *mighty ones*,
The rock in whom they *sought refuge*?
[38]'***Who*** ate the fat of their slaughterings and drank the **wine** of their drink offering?
Let them arise and help you,
Let ***it*** be a hiding-place for you!
[39]'See **now** that I, **I am He,**
And there is no **Elohim** besides **Me.**
I put to *death* and I make **alive.**
I have *wounded* and I **heal.**
And from **My hand** *no one* delivers!
[40]'For I lift **My hand** to the heavens, And ***shall*** say: As **I live forever**,
[41]'***If*** I have sharpened **My** flashing *sword,*
And **My hand** takes hold on judgment, I ***shall*** **return vengeance** to **My** enemies,
And **repay** those who *hate* **Me.**
[42]'I make **My** arrows *drunk* with **blood,**
And **My** *sword devours flesh,*
With the **blood** of the *slain* and the captives,
From the long-haired enemy chiefs.'
[43]"O nations, acclaim **His** people! For **He** *avenges* the **blood** of **His** servants,
And *returns* **vengeance** to **His** adversaries,
And ***shall*** pardon **His** land,
His people."
[44]***Then*** Mosheh came, with Yahusha son of Nun and spoke **all** the **words** of this song in the **hearing** of the people.

45And when Mosheh ended speaking **all** these **words** to **all** Yisra'ĕl,
46he said to them, "**Set** your **heart** on **all** the **words** with which I **warn** you today so that you **command** your children to **guard** to **do all** the **Words** of **this Torah**.
47"For it is not a *worthless* **Word** for you **<u>because</u>** it is your **life** and by this **Word** you prolong your days on the soil which you pass over the Yarděn to possess."
48And ה׳ spoke to Mosheh that **same** day, saying,
49"Go up this mountain of the Aḇarim, Mount Neḇo, which is in the land of Mo'aḇ, which is opposite Yeriḥo and look at the land of Kena'an, which I give to the children of Yisra'ĕl as a possession,
50and *die* on the mountain which you ascend and be gathered to your people, as Aharon your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people,
51**<u>because</u>** you *trespassed <u>against</u>* **Me** in the **midst** of the children of Yisra'ĕl at the waters of Meriḇah Qaḏĕsh, in the Wilderness of Tsin, **<u>because</u>** you *did not* set **Me** apart in the **midst** of the children of Yisra'ĕl.
52"For you are to look at the land before you, but not enter there, into the land which I am giving to the children of Yisra'ĕl."

33 And this is the **blessing** with which Mosheh the man of **Elohim blessed** the **children of Yisra'**ĕl before his *death.*
2And he said, "ה׳ came from Sinai and rose from Sĕ'ir for them. **He** shone forth from Mount Paran and came with ten thousands of set-apart ones – at **His right hand** a **law** of *fire* for them.
3Indeed, **He** loves the peoples, **all His** set-apart ones are in **Your hand.** And they, they sat down at **Your** feet, receiving **Your Words**.
4Mosheh **commanded** us a **Torah**, an inheritance of the assembly of Ya'aqoḇ.
5And **He** was Sovereign in Yeshurun, when the heads of the people were gathered, the tribes of Yisra'ĕl.
6"**Let** Re'uḇĕn **live** and not *die* and let his men be numbered."
7And this of Yahuḏah and he said, **"Hear,** ה׳, the **voice** of Yahuḏah and bring him to his people. **His** hands ***shall** fight* for him and **You** be a help *<u>against</u>* his enemies."
8And of Lĕwi he said, "**Your** Tummim and **Your** Urim belong to **Your kind** one, whom **You** tried at Massah, with whom **You** contended at the waters of Meriḇah,
9who said of his father and mother, 'I have not **seen** them.' And he *did not* acknowledge his brothers, or **know** his own children, for they have **guarded Your Word** and **watched** over **Your covenant.**
10"***They*** **teach Your right-rulings** to Ya'aqoḇ and **Your Torah** to Yisra'ĕl. They put incense before **You** and a **complete** burnt offering on **Your** altar.
11"O ה׳, **bless** his strength and **accept** the **work** of his hands. *Smite* the loins of those who rise *<u>against</u>* him and of those who *hate* him, that they rise no more."
12Of Binyamin he said, "**Let** the beloved of ה׳ dwell in safety by **Him,** shielding him **all** the day, as he dwells between **His** shoulders."
13And of Yosĕph he said, **"Blessed** of ה׳ is his land, with the **choicest** from the heavens, with the dew and the deep *lying* beneath,
14with the **choice** fruits of the sun, with the **choice** yield of the months,
15with the finest of the ancient mountains, with the **choicest** of the **everlasting** hills,
16with the choicest of the earth and **all** that fills it and the **good** pleasure of **Him** who dwelt in the bush. **Let** it **come** on the head of Yosĕph and on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers.
17"**His** splendour is like a first-born bull and his horns are like the horns

of the wild ox. With them he pushes
the peoples to the ends of the earth.
And they are the ten thousands of
Ephrayim and they are the thousands of
Menashsheh."
[18]And of Zeḇulun he said, "Rejoice, O
Zeḇulun, in your going out and Yissasḵar
in your tents!
[19]"They **call** peoples to the mountain,
there they bring offerings of
righteousness, for they draw from the
riches of the seas and treasures *hidden* in
the sand."
[20]Of Gaḏ he said, **"Blessed** is he who
enlarges Gaḏ. **He** dwells as a lion and
***shall** tear* off the arm, also the crown.
[21]"And he **chose** the best for himself,
for there the portion of the lawgiver was
hidden. And he came with the heads
of the people. The **righteousness** of
ꓤYHWH he did and **His right-rulings**
with Yisra'ĕl."
[22]And of Dan he said, "Dan is a lion's
cub that leaps from Bashan."
[23]Of Naphtali he said, "O Naphtali,
satisfied with pleasure and filled with
the **blessing** of ꓤYHWH, **possess** the west
and the south."
[24]And of Ashĕr he said, "Ashĕr is most
blessed of sons. **Let** him be accepted by
his brothers and dip his foot in oil.
[25]"**Your** sandals are iron and bronze
and your strength as your days.
[26]"O Yeshurun, there is no one like Ěl,
riding the heavens to help you and on
the clouds, in **His** excellency.
[27]"The **Elohim** of **old** is a **refuge** and
beneath are **everlasting arms**. And **He**
drives out the enemy from before you
and says, '**Destroy**!'
[28]"Thus Yisra'ĕl dwells in safety, the
fountain of Ya'aqoḇ alone, in a land of
grain and **new wine**. **His** heavens also
drop down dew.
[29]**"Blessed** are you, **O Yisra'ĕl**! ***Who***
is like you, a **people saved** by ꓤYHWH,
the shield of your **help** and **He** who is
the *sword* of your **excellency**! And your
enemies are subdued for you and you
tread down their *high places*."

34 And Mosheh went up from the
desert plains of Mo'aḇ to Mount Neḇo,
to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite
Yeriḥo. And ꓤYHWH **showed** him **all** the
land of Gil'aḏ as far as Dan,
[2]and **all** Naphtali and the land of
Ephrayim and Menashsheh, **all** the land
of Yahuḏah as far as the Western Sea,
[3]and the Negeḇ and the plain of the
Valley of Yeriḥo, the city of palm trees,
as far as Tso'ar.
[4]And ꓤYHWH said to him, "This is the
land of which I **swore** to Aḇrahim, to
Yitsḥaq and to Ya'aqoḇ, saying, 'To your
seed I give it.' I have let you look at it
with your eyes, but *you do not* pass over
there."
[5]And Mosheh the servant of ꓤYHWH
died there in the land of Mo'aḇ,
according to the **mouth** of ꓤYHWH.
[6]And **He** buried him in a valley in the
land of Mo'aḇ, opposite Bĕyth Pe'or and
no one **knows** his burial place to this
day.
[7]And Mosheh was one hundred and
twenty years old when he *died.* **His** eyes
were not dim nor his freshness gone.
[8]And the children of Yisra'ĕl wept for
Mosheh in the desert plains of Mo'aḇ
thirty days. And the days of *weeping* and
mourning for Mosheh were completed.
[9]And Yahusha son of Nun was filled
with the spirit of **wisdom,** for Mosheh
had laid his hands on him. And the
children of Yisra'ĕl **listened** to him
and **did** as ꓤYHWH had **commanded**
Mosheh.
[10]And since then no **prophet** has arisen
in Yisra'ĕl like Mosheh, whom ꓤYHWH
knew face to face,
[11]for **all** the **signs** and **wonders** which
ꓤYHWH **sent** him to do in the land of
Mitsrayim, before Pharaoh and before
all his servants and in **all** his land,
[12]and for **all** that **strong hand** and **all**
the **great fearsome deeds** which
Mosheh did before the eyes of **all**
Yisra'ĕl.

YAHUSHA

JOSHUA

1 And it came to be, after the *death* of Mosheh the servant of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 spoke to Yahusha son of Nun, the assistant of Mosheh, saying,

2"Mosheh **My** servant is *dead,* so **now**, arise, pass over this Yarděn, you and **all** this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the children of Yisra'ĕl.

3"Every place on which the sole of your foot treads I have **given** you, as I spoke to Mosheh.

4"From the wilderness and this Leḇanon even as far as the **great** river, the River Euphrates, **all** the land of the Ḥittites and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, is your border.

5"No man is going to **stand** before you **all** the days of your **life**. As I was with Mosheh, so **I am with you.** I *do not fail* you nor *forsake* you.

6"**Be strong and courageous,** for you are to let this people inherit the land which I **swore** to their fathers to give them.

7"**Only be strong** and **very courageous** to **guard** to **do according** to **all** the **Torah** which Mosheh **My** servant **commanded** you. ***Do** not* turn from it right or left, so that you act **wisely** wherever you go.

8"***Do** not* let this **Book** of the **Torah** depart from your **mouth,** but you ***shall*** meditate on it day and night, so that you **guard** to do **according** to **all** that is **written** in it. For then you ***shall*** make *your way* **prosperous** and act **wisely**.

9"Have I not **commanded** you? **Be strong and courageous**. ***Do** not* be *afraid*, nor be *discouraged*, for 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** is with you wherever you go."

10And Yahusha **commanded** the officers of the people, saying,

11"Pass through the **midst** of the camp and **command** the people, saying, '**Prepare** food for yourselves, for within three days you are passing over this Yarděn, to go in to **possess** the land which 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** is giving you to possess.' "

12And Yahusha spoke to the Re'uḇĕnites and to the Gaḏites and to half the tribe of Menashsheh, saying,

13"**Remember** the **word** which Mosheh, servant of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, **commanded** you, saying, '𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** is giving you rest and **He *shall*** give you this land.'

14"**Let** your wives, your *little* ones and your livestock stay in the land which Mosheh gave you beyond the Yarděn. ***But*** you ***shall*** pass before your brothers armed, **all** your brave fighters and ***shall*** help them,

15until 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 has **given** your brothers rest, as unto you. So ***shall*** they also take possession of the land which 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** is giving them. ***Then*** you ***shall*** **return** to the land of your possession and ***shall*** **possess** that which Mosheh the servant of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 gave you beyond the Yarděn toward the rising of the sun."

16And they answered Yahusha, saying, "All that you have **commanded** us we do and wherever you send us we go.

17"According to **all** that we **obeyed** Mosheh, so we **obey** you. Only, let 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** be with you, as **He** was with Mosheh.

18"***Whoever rebels*** *against* your **command** and *does* ***not obey*** your **words**, in **all** that you **command** him, is put to *death.* **Only be strong and courageous**."

2 And Yahusha son of Nun **secretly sent** out two men from Shittim to spy, saying, "Go, **see** the land and Yeriḥo."

And they went and came to the house of a woman, a *whore* and her name was Raḥaḇ and they lay down there.
2***But*** it was reported to the sovereign of Yeriḥo, saying, "**See,** men from the children of Yisra'ĕl have **come** here tonight to **search** out the land."
3And the sovereign of Yeriḥo **sent** to Raḥaḇ, saying, "Bring out the men who have **come to** you, who have entered your house, for they have **come to search** out **all** the land."
4***But*** the woman had taken the two men and hid them. So she said, "The men **came to me,** but I *did not* **know** where they were from.
5"***Then*** it came to be as the gate was being shut, when it was dark, that the men went out. I *do not* **know** where the men went. Pursue them **quickly**, so that you overtake them."
6***But*** she had brought them up to the roof and *hidden* them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid out on the roof.
7And the men pursued them by the **way** to the Yarděn, to the fords. And they shut the gate afterwards as soon as the pursuers had gone out.
8And before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof,
9and she said to the men, "I **know** that ה'יהוה has **given** you the land and that the **fear** of you has fallen on us and that **all** the inhabitants of the land melt away **because** of you.
10"For we have **heard** how ה'יהוה dried up the water of the Sea of Reeds for you when you came out of Mitsrayim and what you did to the two sovereigns of the Amorites who were beyond the Yarděn, Siḥon and Oḡ, whom you put under the **ban.**
11"And when we **heard**, our **hearts** melted and there was no spirit left in anyone **because** of you, for ה'יהוה your **Elohim**, **He** is **Elohim** in the heavens above and on earth beneath.
12"And **now**, please swear to me by ה'יהוה, since I have shown you **kindness**, that you also **show kindness** to my father's house and ***shall*** give me a **true** token,
13and ***shall*** spare my father and my mother and my brothers and my sisters and **all** that they have and ***shall*** **deliver** our lives from *death.*"
14And the men said to her, "Our lives for yours, if *you do not* expose this matter of ours, then it ***shall*** **be,** when ה'יהוה has **given** us the land, that we ***shall*** treat you in **kindness** and **truth**."
15So she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the city wall and she dwelt on the wall.
16And she said to them, "Go to the mountain, lest the pursuers **come** upon you. And you ***shall*** hide there three days, until the pursuers have returned and afterwards go on your **way.**"
17And the men said to her, "We are released from this **oath** of yours which you have made us swear,
18unless, when we **come** into the land, you bind this line of **scarlet** cord in the window through which you let us down and ***unless*** you bring your father and your mother and your brothers and **all** your father's household to your own home.
19"And it ***shall*** **be** that anyone who goes outside the **doors** of your house into the street, his **blood** is on his own head and we are innocent. And anyone who is with you in the house, his **blood** is on our head if a **hand** is laid on him.
20"And if you expose this matter of ours, then we ***shall*** **be** released from your **oath** which you made us swear."
21And she said, "**Let** it be **according** to your **words**." And she **sent** them away and they went. And she *bound* the **scarlet** cord in the window.
22So they left and came to the mountain and stayed there three days until the pursuers returned. And the pursuers sought them in **all** the **way,** but *did not* find them.
23***Then*** the two men returned and came down from the mountain and passed over. And they came to Yahusha son of Nun and related to him **all** that had befallen them.

[24]And they said to Yahusha, "**Truly** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 has **given all** the land into our hands and also, **all** the inhabitants of the land have melted away **because** of us."

3 And Yahusha rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim and came to the Yarděn, he and **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl and stayed there before they passed over.

[2]And it came to be, after three days, that the officers went into the **midst** of the camp,

[3]and they **commanded** the people, saying, "***When*** you **see** the ark of the **covenant** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** and the priests, the Lĕwites, bearing it, then you ***shall*** set out from your place and **follow** it.

[4]"Only, keep a distance between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. ***Do*** *not* **come near** it, so that you **know** which **way** to go, for you have not passed over this **way** before."

[5]And Yahusha said to the people, "Set yourselves apart, for **tomorrow** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is doing **wonders** in your **midst**."

[6]And Yahusha spoke to the priests, saying, "Take up the ark of the **covenant** and pass over before the people." So they took up the ark of the **covenant** and went before the people.

[7]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 said to Yahusha, "This day I begin to make you **great** before the eyes of **all** Yisra'ĕl, so that they **know** that **I am with you** as I was with Mosheh.

[8]"And you, **command** the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, saying, '***When*** you **come to** the edge of the water of the Yarděn, **stand** in the Yarděn.' "

[9]And Yahusha said to the children of Yisra'ĕl, **"Come** near and **hear** the **words** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**."

[10]And Yahusha said, "By this **you** ***shall*** **know** that the **living** Ĕl is in your **midst** and that **He** is certainly driving out from before you the Kena'anites and the Ḥittites and the Ḥiwwites and the Perizzites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Yeḇusites:

[11]"**See,** the ark of the **covenant** of the **Master** of **all** the earth is passing over before you into the Yarděn.

[12]"And **now**, take for yourselves twelve men from the tribes of Yisra'ĕl, one man from **every** tribe.

[13]"And it ***shall*** **be,** as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, the **Master** of **all** the earth, **come to** rest in the waters of the Yarděn, that the waters of the Yarděn are *cut* off, the waters that **come** down from upstream and **stand** as a heap."

[14]And it came to be, when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Yarděn, with the priests bearing the ark of the **covenant** before the people,

[15]and as those bearing the ark came to the Yarděn and the feet of the priests bearing the ark dipped in the edge of the water – **now** the Yarděn overflows **all** its banks during **all** the **time** of harvest –

[16]that the waters which came down from upstream stood still and rose in a heap **very** far away at Aḏam, the city that is beside Tsarethan. And the waters going down into the Sea of the Araḇah, the Salt Sea, were **completely** *cut* off. And the people passed over opposite Yeriḥo.

[17]And the priests bearing the ark of the **covenant** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 stood firm on dry ground in the **midst** of the Yarděn. And **all** Yisra'ĕl **passed over on dry ground**, until **all** the nation had **completely** passed over the Yarděn.

4 And it came to be, when the entire nation had **completely** passed over the Yarděn, that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 spoke to Yahusha, saying,

[2]"Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from **every** tribe,

[3]and **command** them, saying, 'Take for yourselves twelve stones from here, out of the **midst** of the Yarděn, from the place where the priests' feet stood firm. And you ***shall*** bring them with you and

leave them in the camp in which you spend the night.' "
4And Yahusha called the twelve men whom he had **appointed** from the children of Yisra'ĕl, one man from **every** tribe,
5and Yahusha said to them, "Pass over before the ark of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** into the **midst** of the Yarděn and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder, **according** to the number of the tribes of the children of Yisra'ĕl,
6so that this ***shall*** **be** a **sign** in your **midst** when your children **ask** in **time** to come, saying, '***What*** do these stones mean to you?'
7"***Then*** you ***shall*** answer them that the waters of the Yarděn were *cut off* before the ark of the **covenant** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄. ***When*** it passed over the Yarděn, the waters of the Yarděn were *cut* off. And these stones ***shall*** **be** for a **remembrance** to the children of Yisra'ĕl **forever**."
8And the children of Yisra'ĕl did so, as Yahusha **commanded** and took up twelve stones from the **midst** of the Yarděn, as 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had **spoken** to Yahusha, **according** to the number of the tribes of the children of Yisra'ĕl and took them over with them to their camp and laid them down there.
9Yahusha also set up twelve stones in the **midst** of the Yarděn, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the **covenant** stood. And they are there to this day.
10And the priests who bore the ark stood in the **midst** of the Yarděn until **every** matter was **finished** that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had **commanded** Yahusha to **speak** to the people, **according** to **all** that Mosheh had **commanded** Yahusha . And the people hastened and passed over.
11And it came to be, when **all** the people had **completely** passed over, that the ark of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and the priests passed over in the presence of the people.
12And the sons of Re'uḇĕn and the sons of Gaḏ and half the tribe of Menashsheh passed over armed before the children of Yisra'ĕl, as Mosheh had **spoken** to them.
13About forty thousand armed ones of the army passed over before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 for battle, to the desert plains of Yeriḥo.
14On that day 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 made Yahusha **great** before the eyes of **all** Yisra'ĕl. And they ***feared*** him, as they had ***feared*** Mosheh, **all** the days of his **life**.
15And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 spoke to Yahusha,
16"**Command** the priests who bear the ark of the Witness and let them **come** up from the Yarděn."
17And Yahusha **commanded** the priests, saying, **"Come** up from the Yarděn."
18And it came to be, when the priests who bore the ark of the **covenant** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had **come** from the **midst** of the Yarděn and the soles of the priests' feet touched the dry land, that the waters of the Yarděn returned to their place and flowed over **all** its banks as before.
19And the people came up from the Yarděn on the tenth **day of** the **first** month and they camped in Gilgal on the east border of Yeriḥo.
20And those twelve stones which they took out of the Yarděn, Yahusha set up in Gilgal.
21And he said to the children of Yisra'ĕl, saying, "***When*** your children **ask** their fathers in **time** to come, saying, '***What*** are these stones?'
22then you ***shall*** let your children **know,** saying, 'Yisra'ĕl passed over this Yarděn on dry land,'
23for 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** dried up the waters of the Yarděn before you until you had passed over, as 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** did to the Sea of Reeds, which **He** dried up before us until we had passed over,
24so that **all** the peoples of the earth ***shall*** **know** the **hand** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, that it is **strong,** so that you ***shall*** **fear** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim forever**."

5 And it came to be, when **all** the sovereigns of the Amorites who were beyond the Yarděn westward and **all** the sovereigns of the Kena'anites who were by the sea, **heard** that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had dried up the waters of the Yarděn from before

the children of Yisra'ĕl until we had passed over, that their **heart** melted. And there was no spirit in them any longer, **because** of the children of Yisra'ĕl.

[2]At that **time** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 said to Yahusha, "Make knives of flint for yourself and **circumcise** the sons of Yisra'ĕl again the **second time.** "

[3]So Yahusha made knives of flint for himself and circumcised the sons of Yisra'ĕl at the Hill of Foreskins.

[4]And this is why Yahusha circumcised them: All the people who came out of Mitsrayim who were males, **all** the men of battle, had died in the wilderness on the **way,** after they had **come out** of Mitsrayim.

[5]For **all** the people who came out had been circumcised, but **all** the people who were born in the wilderness on the **way** as they came out of Mitsrayim had not been circumcised.

[6]For the children of Yisra'ĕl walked forty years in the wilderness, til **all** the nation – the men of battle who came out of Mitsrayim – were *consumed,* **because** they *did* ***not obey*** the **voice** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, to whom 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **swore** not to **show** them the land which 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had sworn to their fathers that **He** would give us, "a land flowing with milk and honey."

[7]And Yahusha circumcised their sons whom **He raised** up in their place; for they were *uncircumcised*, **because** they had not been circumcised on the **way.**

[8]And it came to be, when they had **completed** circumcising **all** the nation, that they stayed in their places in the camp til they were **healed**.

[9]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 said to Yahusha, "Today I have rolled away the *reproach* of Mitsrayim from you." So the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day.

[10]And the children of Yisra'ĕl camped in Gilgal and performed the **Passover** on the fourteenth **day of** the month at **evening** on the desert plains of Yeriḥo.

[11]And they ate of the stored grain of the land on the morrow after the **Passover**, **unleavened bread** and roasted grain on this **same** day.

[12]And the manna ceased on the day after they had eaten the stored grain of the land. And the children of Yisra'ĕl no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Kena'an that year.

[13]And it came to be, when Yahusha was by Yeriḥo, that he lifted his eyes and **looked** and **saw** a Man standing opposite him with **His** *sword* drawn in **His hand.** And Yahusha went to **Him** and said to **Him,** "Are You for us or for our adversaries?"

[14]And **He** said, "No, for I have **now come** as Captain of the host of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄." And Yahusha fell on his face to the earth and did obeisance and said to **Him,** "***What*** is my **Master** saying to **His** servant?"

[15]And the Captain of the host of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 said to Yahusha, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you **stand** is set-apart." And Yahusha **did** so.

6 And Yeriḥo was shut up tight **because** of the presence of the sons of Yisra'ĕl – none going out and none **coming** in.

[2]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 said to Yahusha, "**See**! I have **given** Yeriḥo and its sovereign, mighty brave men, into your **hand.**

[3]"And you ***shall*** go around the city, **all** the men of battle going around the city once. ***Do*** this for six days.

[4]"And let seven priests bear seven rams' horns before the ark and on the **seventh day** go around the city seven times while the priests **blow** the horns.

[5]"And it ***shall*** **be,** when they make a long blast with the ram's horn and when you **hear** the sound of the horn, that **all** the people shout with a **great** shout. And the wall of the city ***shall fall*** down flat and the people ***shall*** go up **every** man **straight** before him."

[6]And Yahusha son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant and let seven priests bear seven rams' horns before the ark of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄."

[7]And he said to the people,

"Pass over and go around the city

and let him who is armed pass over before the ark of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.”

8And it came to be, when Yahusha had **spoken** to the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven rams’ horns before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 passed over and blew the horns and the ark of the **covenant** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 went after them.

9And the armed men went before the priests who blew the horns and the rear **guard** came after the ark, going on and blowing the horns.

10***But*** Yahusha had **commanded** the people, saying, “***Do*** *not* shout or **cause** your **voice** to be **heard**, nor let any **word come out** of your **mouth,** until the day I say to you, ‘Shout!’ ***Then*** you ***shall*** shout.”

11And the ark of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 went around the city, going around once. And they came into the camp and stayed in the camp.

12And Yahusha rose early in the morning and the priests took up the ark of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.

13And seven priests bearing seven rams’ horns before the ark of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 were walking, going on and they blew the horns and the armed men went before them. ***But*** the rear guard came after the ark of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, going on and blowing the horns.

14And the second day they went around the city once and returned to the camp. Thus they did six days.

15And it came to be on the **seventh day** that they rose early, about the dawning of the day and went around the city seven times in this **way.** Only on that day they went around the city seven times.

16And it came to be at the seventh **time,** when the priests blew the horns, that Yahusha said to the people, “Shout, for 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 has **given** you the city!

17“And the city ***shall*** **be** put under the **ban,** it and **all** that is in it belongs to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄. Only Raḥaḇ the *whore* is to **live,** she and **all** who are with her in the house, **<u>because</u>** she hid the messengers that we **sent**.

18“And you, by **all** means **guard** yourselves from that which is under the **ban,** lest you **come** under the **ban** when you take of that which is under the **ban** and make the camp of Yisra’ĕl a *curse* and ***shall*** *trouble* it.

19“***But*** **all** the silver and gold and the vessels of bronze and iron are set-apart to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, they go into the treasury of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.”

20And the people *shouted* when the priests blew the horns. And it came to be when the people **heard** the sound of the horn and the people *shouted* with a **great** shout, that the wall fell down flat. And the people went up into the city, **every** man **straight** before him and they captured the city.

21And they put under the **ban all** that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old and ox and sheep and donkey, with the edge of the *sword.*

22And to the two men who had spied out the land Yahusha said, “Go into the house of the woman, the *whore* and from there bring out the woman and **all** that she has, as you **swore** to her.”

23And the young men, the spies, went in and brought out Raḥaḇ and her father and her mother and her brothers and **all** that she had. So they brought out **all** her relatives and set them outside the camp of Yisra’ĕl.

24And they *burned* the city and **all** that was in it with *fire*. Only the silver and gold and the vessels of bronze and of iron, they put into the treasury of the House of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.

25However, Yahusha kept **alive** Raḥaḇ the *whore* and her father’s household and **all** that she had. And she dwelt in the **midst** of Yisra’ĕl to this day, **<u>because</u>** she hid the messengers whom Yahusha **sent** to spy out Yeriḥo.

26And Yahusha **warned** them at that **time,** saying, ***“Cursed*** is the man before 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 who rises up and builds this city Yeriḥo – he lays its foundation with his first-born and with his youngest he sets up its gates.”

27And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 was with Yahusha and a report about him was in **all** the land.

7 ***But*** the children of Yisra'ĕl *committed* a *trespass* regarding that which is under the **ban,** for Aḵan son of Karmi, son of Zaḇdi, son of Zĕraḥ, of the tribe of Yahuḏah, took of that which is under the **ban.** And the *displeasure* of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ *burned <u>against</u>* the children of Yisra'ĕl.

2**Now** Yahusha **sent** men from Yeriḥo to Ai, which is beside Bĕyth Awen, on the east side of Bĕyth Ĕl and spoke to them, saying, "Go up and spy out the land." And the men went up and spied out Ai.

3And they returned to Yahusha and said to him, "**Let** not **all** the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and *smite* Ai. ***Do*** *not* make **all** the people toil up there, for the people of Ai are few."

4And about three thousand men went up there from the people, but they fled before the men of Ai.

5And the men of Ai *smote* about thirtysix men, for they pursued them from before the gate as far as Sheḇarim and *smote* them on the descent. So the **hearts** of the people melted and became like water.

6And Yahusha tore his garments and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ until **evening**, both he and the elders of Yisra'ĕl and they put dust on their heads.

7And Yahusha said, "Oh **Master** ꓤꓴꓤꓵ, why have You brought this people over the Yarděn at **all,** to give us into the **hand** of the Amorites, to *destroy* us? ***If*** only we had been content to stay beyond the Yarděn!

8"O ꓤꓴꓤꓵ, what do I say when Yisra'ĕl turns its back before its enemies,

9and the Kena'anites and **all** the inhabitants of the land **hear** and ***shall*** surround us and *cut off* our name from the earth. ***What*** then do **You** do for **Your great Name**?"

10And ꓤꓴꓤꓵ said to Yahusha, "Rise up! ***Why*** are you *lying* on your face?

11"Yisra'ĕl has *sinned* and they have also *transgressed* **My covenant** which I **commanded** them. And they have even taken some of that which is under the **ban** and have both *stolen* and *deceived* and also put it among their own goods.

12"And the sons of Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** not be able to **stand** before their enemies. They are going to turn their backs before their enemies, for they have become *<u>accursed</u>*. I am not with you any more, ***unless*** you *destroy* that which is under the **ban** from your **midst**.

13"Rise up, set the people apart and you ***shall*** say, 'Set yourselves apart for **tomorrow**, **<u>because</u>** thus said ꓤꓴꓤꓵ **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, "That which is under the **ban** is in your **midst**, O Yisra'ĕl. You are not able to **stand** before your enemies until you put away that which is under the **ban** out of your **midst**."

14'And you ***shall*** **be** brought **near** in the morning, **according** to your tribes. And it ***shall*** **be,** the tribe which ꓤꓴꓤꓵ takes **comes according** to clans. And the clan which ꓤꓴꓤꓵ takes **comes** by households. And the household which ꓤꓴꓤꓵ takes **comes** by men.

15'And it ***shall*** **be** that he who is taken with that which is under the **ban** is *burned* with *fire*, he and **all** that he has, **<u>because</u>** he has *transgressed* the **covenant** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ and **<u>because</u>** he has committed *wickedness* in Yisra'ĕl.' "

16So Yahusha arose early in the morning and brought Yisra'ĕl by their tribes and the tribe of Yahuḏah was taken,

17and he brought the clan of Yahuḏah, and he took the clan of the Zarḥites. And he brought the clan of the Zarḥites by men and Zaḇdi was taken.

18And he brought his household by men and Aḵan son of Karmi, son of Zaḇdi, son of Zĕraḥ, of the tribe of Yahuḏah, was taken.

19***Then*** Yahusha said to Aḵan, "My son, **now** give **esteem** to ꓤꓴꓤꓵ **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl and make *confession* to **Him.** And please **declare** to me what you have done, *do not* hide it from me."

20So Aḵan answered Yahusha and said, "**Truly**, I have *sinned <u>against</u>* ꓤꓴꓤꓵ

Elohim of Yisra'ĕl and this is what I did:
21"***When*** I **saw** among the spoil a lovely garment from Shin'ar and two hundred sheqels of silver and a wedge of gold weighing fifty sheqels, I coveted them and took them. And **see,** they are *hidden* in the ground in the **midst** of my tent, with the silver under it."
22And Yahusha **sent** messengers and they ran to the tent. And **see,** it was *hidden* in his tent, with the silver under it.
23And they took them from the **midst** of the tent, brought them to Yahusha and to **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl and laid them out before ꓤꓰꓤꓵ.
24***Then*** Yahusha and **all** Yisra'ĕl with him, took Aḵan son of Zeraḥ and the silver and the garment and the wedge of gold and his sons and his daughters and his oxen and his donkeys and his sheep and his tent and **all** that he had and they brought them to the Valley of Aḵor.
25And Yahusha said, "***Why*** have you *troubled* us? ꓤꓰꓤꓵ does *trouble* you today!" ***Then*** **all** Yisra'ĕl stoned him with stones. And they *burned* them with *fire* after they had stoned them with stones.
26And they **raised** over him a **great** heap of stones, which remains to this day. ***Then*** ꓤꓰꓤꓵ turned from the **fierceness** of **His** *displeasure.* Therefore the name of that place has been called the Valley of Aḵor to this day.

8 And ꓤꓰꓤꓵ said to Yahusha, "***Do*** *not* be *afraid*, nor be discouraged. Take **all** the soldiers with you and arise, go up to Ai. **See,** I have **given** into your **hand** the sovereign of Ai and his people and his city and his land.
2"So you ***shall*** do to Ai and its sovereign as you did to Yeriḥo and its sovereign. Only its spoil and its livestock you take as plunder for yourselves. Set for yourselves an ambush for the city, behind it."
3And Yahusha and **all** the soldiers rose up, to go up to Ai. And Yahusha **chose** thirty thousand mighty brave men and **sent** them away by night,
4and **commanded** them, saying, "**See,** you are going to *lie* in ambush *against* the city, behind the city. ***Do*** *not* go **very** far from the city, but **all** of you ***shall*** **be** prepared,
5while I and **all** the people who are with me approach the city. And it ***shall*** **be,** when they **come out** *against* us, as formerly, that we ***shall flee*** before them,
6and they ***shall*** **come out** after us til we have drawn them from the city, as though saying, 'They are *fleeing* before us as formerly.' And we ***shall flee*** before them,
7then you ***shall*** rise from the ambush and *seize* the city. And ꓤꓰꓤꓵ your **Elohim** ***shall*** give it into your **hand.**
8"And it ***shall*** **be,** when you capture the city, that you burn the city with *fire*. ***Do*** **according** to the **Word** of ꓤꓰꓤꓵ. **See,** I have **commanded** you."
9And Yahusha **sent** them out. And they went to *lie* in ambush and stayed between Bĕyth Ĕl and Ai, on the west side of Ai. ***But*** Yahusha stayed that night in the **midst** of the people.
10And Yahusha rose up early in the morning and inspected the people and went up, he and the elders of Yisra'ĕl, before the people to Ai.
11And **all** the soldiers who were with him went up and drew near and came before the city and camped on the north side of Ai, with the valley between them and Ai.
12And he took about five thousand men and set them in ambush between Bĕyth Ĕl and Ai, on the west side of the city.
13So they stationed the people, **all** the army that was on the north of the city and its rear **guard** on the west of the city and Yahusha went that night into the **midst** of the valley.
14And it came to be, when the sovereign of Ai **saw** it, that the men of the city hastened and rose up early and went out *against* Yisra'ĕl to battle,
he and **all** his people, at an **appointed** place before the desert plain. ***But*** he *did not* **know** that there was an ambush *against* him behind the city.

15And Yahusha and **all** Yisra'ĕl let themselves be *beaten* before them and fled by the **way** of the wilderness.
16And **all** the people who were in Ai were called **together** to pursue them. And they pursued Yahusha and were drawn away from the city.
17So there was not a man left in Ai or Bĕyth Ĕl who *did not* go out after Yisra'ĕl and they left the city **open** and pursued Yisra'ĕl.
18And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 said to Yahusha, "Stretch out the spear that is in your **hand** toward Ai, for I give it into your **hand.**" And Yahusha **stretched** out the spear that he had in his **hand** toward the city,
19and the ambush rose up **quickly** from their place and they ran at the stretching out of his **hand** and entered the city and took it and hastened to burn the city with *fire*.
20And the men of Ai **looked** behind them and **saw** the smoke of the city rising to the **heavens.** And there was no **power** in them to ***flee*** this **way** or that **way,** for the people who had fled to the wilderness turned back on the pursuers.
21For when Yahusha and **all** Yisra'ĕl **saw** that the ambush had captured the city and that the smoke of the city went up, they turned back and *smote* the men of Ai.
22The others also came out of the city *against* them, so they were in the **midst** of Yisra'ĕl, some on this side and some on that side. And they *smote* them until none were left and none had **escaped**.
23***But*** the sovereign of Ai they ***caught*** **alive** and brought him to Yahusha .
24And it came to be, when Yisra'ĕl ended *slay*ing **all** the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness where they pursued them and when they **all** had fallen by the edge of the *sword* until they were *consumed,* that **all** the Yisra'ĕlites returned to Ai and *smote* it with the edge of the *sword.*
25And it came to be that **all** who fell that day, both men and women, were twelve thousand – *all men* of Ai.
26And Yahusha *did not* draw back his **hand,** with which he **stretched** out the spear, until he had put **all** the inhabitants of Ai under the **ban.**
27Only the livestock and the spoil of that city Yisra'ĕl took as booty for themselves, **according** to the **Word** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 which **He** had **commanded** Yahusha.
28And Yahusha *burned* Ai and made it a heap **forever**, a *ruin* to this day.
29And he hanged the sovereign of Ai on a *tree* until **evening**. And at sunset Yahusha **commanded** that they should take his corpse down from the *tree* and *throw* it at the entrance of the gate of the city and **raise** over it a **great** heap of stones, to this day.
30And Yahusha built an altar to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl in Mount Ĕybal,
31as Mosheh the servant of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had **commanded** the children of Yisra'ĕl, as it is **written** in the **Book** of the **Torah** of Mosheh, "an altar of unhewn stones over which no man has wielded iron." And they offered on it burnt offerings to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and slaughtered **peace** offerings.
32And there, in the presence of the children of Yisra'ĕl, he **wrote** on the stones a copy of the **Torah of Mosheh**, which he had **written**.
33And **all Yisra'ĕl** – the sojourner as well as the native – with their elders and officers and judges, stood on either side of the ark before the priests, the Lĕwites, who bore the ark of the **covenant** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄. Half of them were in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ĕybal, as Mosheh the servant of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had **commanded** before, that they should **bless** the people of Yisra'ĕl.
34And afterward he **read all** the **words** of the **Torah**, the **blessings** and the cursings, **according** to **all** that is **written** in the **Book** of the **Torah**.
35There was not a **Word** of **all** that Mosheh had **commanded** which Yahusha *did not* **read** before **all** the assembly of Yisra'ĕl, with the women and the *little* ones and the sojourners who accompanied them.

9 And it came to be, when **all** the sovereigns who were beyond the Yarděn, in the hills and in the low country and in **all** the coasts of the Great Sea toward Leḇanon – the Ḥittite and the Amorite, the Kena'anite and the Perizzite, the Ḥiwwite and the Yeḇusite – **heard**,

[2]they gathered **together** to *fight* with Yahusha and Yisra'ĕl with one accord.

[3]And the inhabitants of Giḇ'on **heard** what Yahusha had done to Yeriḥo and Ai,

[4]and they *acted slyly* and went and *pretended* to be envoys. And they took old sacks on their donkeys, *old wineskins torn* and mended,

[5]and old and patched sandals on their feet and old garments on themselves. And **all** the **bread** of their pro**vision** was dry, it was crumbs.

[6]And they went to Yahusha, to the camp at Gilgal and said to him and to the men of Yisra'ĕl, "We have **come** from a far land and **now**, make a **covenant** with us."

[7]***But*** the men of Yisra'ĕl said to the Ḥiwwites, "It could be that you dwell in our **midst**, so how would we make a **covenant** with you?"

[8]And they said to Yahusha, "We are your servants." And Yahusha said to them, "***Who*** are you and where do you **come** from?"

[9]So they said to him, "From a land **very** far off your servants have come, **because** of the **Name** of ֱיְהוָה your **Elohim**. For we have **heard** the report of **Him** and **all** that **He** did in Mitsrayim,

[10]and **all** that **He** had done to the two sovereigns of the Amorites who were beyond the Yarděn, to Siḥon sovereign of Ḥeshbon and Oḡ sovereign of Bashan, who was at Ashtaroth.

[11]"So our elders and **all** the inhabitants of our land spoke to us, saying, 'Take food with you for the journey and go to meet them and say to them, "We are your servants and **now**, make a **covenant** with us." '

[12]"This **bread** of ours we took hot for our pro**vision** from our houses on the day that we left to **come to** you. ***But*** **now**, **see,** it is dry and it is crumby.

[13]"And these *wineskins* which we filled were new and **see,** they are torn. And these our garments and our sandals have become old **because** of the **very** long journey."

[14]And the men of Yisra'ĕl took some of their food, but they *did not* **ask** the **mouth** of ֱיְהוָה.

[15]And Yahusha made **peace** with them and made a **covenant** with them to let them **live** and the rulers of the congregation **swore** to them.

[16]And it came to be at **the end** of three days, after they had made a **covenant** with them, that they **heard** that they were their neighbours who dwelt **near** them.

[17]And the children of Yisra'ĕl set out and came to their cities on the third day. **Now** their cities were Giḇ'on and Kephirah and Be'ĕroth and Qiryath Ye'arim.

[18]***But*** the children of Yisra'ĕl *did not smite* them, **because** the rulers of the congregation had sworn to them by ֱיְהוָה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl. And **all** the congregation *grumbled against* the rulers.

[19]***But*** **all** the rulers said to **all** the congregation, "We have sworn to them by ֱיְהוָה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl and we are *unable* to touch them *now.*

[20]"**Let** us do this to them: We ***shall*** keep them **alive,** lest *wrath* be upon us **because** of the **oath** which we **swore** to them."

[21]And the rulers said to them, "**Let** them **live,** but let them be woodcutters and drawers of water for **all** the congregation, as the rulers had **promised** them."

[22]***Then*** Yahusha called for them and he spoke to them, saying, "***Why*** have you ***deceived*** us, saying, 'We are **very** far from you,' yet you are dwelling in our **midst**?

[23]"And **now** you are *cursed* and you ***shall*** not cease from being slaves and

woodcutters and drawers of water for the House of my **Elohim**."
[24]And they answered Yahusha and said, "**Your** servants were clearly told that ꓤꓰꓤꓶ your **Elohim commanded His** servant Mosheh to give you **all** the land and to *destroy* **all** the inhabitants of the land from before you. So we were **very** much *afraid* for our lives **<u>because</u>** of you and have done this **deed**.
[25]"And **now**, **see,** we are in your hands. ***Do*** with us as it seems **good** and **right** to do to us."
[26]And he did so to them and **delivered** them out of the **hand** of the children of Yisra'ĕl and they *did not kill* them.
[27]And that day Yahusha made them woodcutters and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, even to this day, at the place that **He** should choose.

10 And it came to be when Aḏoni Tseḏeq sovereign of Yerushalayim **heard** that Yahusha had captured Ai and had put it under the **ban,** that he had done to Ai and its sovereign as he had done to Yeriḥo and its sovereign and that the inhabitants of Giḇ'on had made **peace** with Yisra'ĕl and were in their **midst**,
[2]that they ***feared*** greatly, **<u>because</u>** Giḇ'on was a **great** city, as one of the royal cities and **<u>because</u>** it was greater than Ai and **all** its men were mighty.
[3]And Aḏoni-Tseḏeq sovereign of Yerushalayim **sent** to Hoham sovereign of Ḥeḇron and to Piram sovereign of Yarmuth and to Yaphiya sovereign of Laḵish and to Deḇir sovereign of Eḡlon, saying,
[4]**"Come** up to me and help me and let us *smite* Giḇ'on, for it has made **peace** with Yahusha and with the children of Yisra'ĕl."
[5]So the five sovereigns of the Amorites – the sovereign of Yerushalayim, the sovereign of Ḥeḇron, the sovereign of Yarmuth, the sovereign of Laḵish, the sovereign of Eḡlon – gathered **together** and went up, they and **all** their armies and camped before Giḇ'on and fought <u>*against*</u> it.
[6]And the men of Giḇ'on **sent** to Yahusha at the camp at Gilgal, saying, "***Do*** *not* withdraw your **hand** from your servants. **come** up to us **quickly** and **save** us and help us, for **all** the sovereigns of the Amorites who dwell in the mountains have **assembled** <u>*against*</u> us."
[7]And Yahusha went up from Gilgal, he and **all** the soldiers with him and **all** the mighty brave men.
[8]And ꓤꓰꓤꓶ said to Yahusha, "***Do*** *not* **fear** them, for I have **given** them into your **hand.** Not one of them does **stand** before you."
[9]So then Yahusha came upon them **suddenly**, having gone up **all** night from Gilgal.
[10]And ꓤꓰꓤꓶ threw them into *confusion* before Yisra'ĕl and they *smote* them with a **great** slaughter at Giḇ'on and pursued them along the **way** that goes to Bĕyth Ḥoron and *smote* them as far as Azĕqah and Maqqĕḏah.
[11]And it came to be, as they fled before Yisra'ĕl and were on the descent of Bĕyth Ḥoron, that ꓤꓰꓤꓶ threw down large *hailstones* from the heavens on them as far as Azĕqah and they *died.* There were more who died from the *hailstones* than those whom the sons of Yisra'ĕl had *slain* with the *sword.*
[12]***Then*** Yahusha spoke to ꓤꓰꓤꓶ in the day when ꓤꓰꓤꓶ gave the Amorites over to the children of Yisra'ĕl and he said before the eyes of Yisra'ĕl, "Sun, **stand** still over Giḇ'on; and moon, in the Valley of Ayalon."

Jerusalem: IR SHALOM, or YERUSHALAYIM; The Hebrew spelling is yod-resh-uau-shin-lamed-mem. The **first** *two letters, yod-mem, mean "city". The* **word** *literally means "city of peace". Sometimes we* **see** *the yod-resh* **written** *as "UR", as we* **see** *Abrahym was from. The modern* **words** *"IRAN" and "IRAQ" stem from the Hebrew term for city, IR.*

13So the sun stood still and the moon *stopped*, til the nation avenged itself upon their enemies. Is this not **written** in the **Book** of Yashar? Thus the sun *stopped* in the **midst** of the heavens and *did not* hasten to go down for an entire day.

14And there has been no day like that, before it or after it, that **ꓰꓬꓰꓩ listened** to the **voice** of a man, **because ꓰꓬꓰꓩ** fought for Yisra'ĕl.

15So Yahusha returned and **all** Yisra'ĕl with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

16**Now** these five sovereigns had fled and *hidden* themselves in a cave at Maqqĕḏah.

17And it was reported to Yahusha, saying, "The five sovereigns have been **found** *hidden* in the cave at Maqqĕḏah."

18And Yahusha said, "Roll large stones *against* the **mouth** of the cave and set men by it to **guard** them.

19"And you, *do not* **stand** still, but pursue your enemies. And you ***shall*** *smite* them in the rear. ***Do*** *not* allow them to enter their cities, for **ꓰꓬꓰꓩ** your **Elohim** has **given** them into your **hand.**"

20And it came to be, when Yahusha and the children of Yisra'ĕl had ended *smiting* them with a **very great** slaughter, til they had **finished** – but those who **escaped** went into walled cities –

21that **all** the people returned to the camp, to Yahusha at Maqqĕḏah, in peace. No one moved his tongue *against* any of the sons of Yisra'ĕl.

22***Then*** Yahusha said, "Open the **mouth** of the cave and bring out those five sovereigns to me from the cave."

23And they did so and brought those five sovereigns to him from the cave: the sovereign of Yerushalayim, the sovereign of Ḥeḇron, the sovereign of Yarmuth, the sovereign of Laḵish, the sovereign of Eḡlon.

24And it came to be, when they brought out those sovereigns to Yahusha,that Yahusha called for **all** the men of Yisra'ĕl and said to the chiefs of the men of battle who went with him, **"Come** near, put your feet on the necks of these sovereigns." And they drew **near** and put their feet on their necks.

25***Then*** Yahusha said to them, "***Do*** *not* be *afraid* nor be *discouraged*, **be strong and courageous,** for this is what **ꓰꓬꓰꓩ** is going to do to **all** your enemies whom you are fighting."

26And afterward Yahusha *smote* them and *killed* them and hanged them on five trees. And they were *hanging* on the trees until **evening**.

27And it came to be, at the **time** of the going down of the sun, that Yahusha **commanded** and they took them down from the trees and threw them into the cave where they had been *hidden* and laid large stones *against* the cave's **mouth,** to this day.

28And on that day Yahusha captured Maqqĕḏah and he *smote* it with the edge of the *sword* and he put its sovereign under the **ban** – them and **all** the people who were in it, he left no survivor. And he did to the sovereign of Maqqĕḏah as he had done to the sovereign of Yeriḥo.

29***Then*** Yahusha passed over and **all** Yisra'ĕl with him, from Maqqĕḏah to Liḇnah. And they fought *against* Liḇnah.

30And **ꓰꓬꓰꓩ** also gave it and its sovereign into the **hand** of Yisra'ĕl. And he *smote* it and **all** the people who were in it with the edge of the *sword,* he left no survivor in it. And he did to its sovereign as he had done to the sovereign of Yeriḥo.

31***Then*** Yahusha passed over and **all** Yisra'ĕl with him, from Liḇnah to Laḵish and encamped *against* it and fought *against* it.

32And **ꓰꓬꓰꓩ** gave Laḵish into the **hand** of Yisra'ĕl, who captured it on the second day and *smote* it and **all** the people who were in it with the edge of the *sword,* **according** to **all** that he had done to Liḇnah.

33***Then*** Horam sovereign of Gezer came up to help Laḵish. And Yahusha *smote* him and his people, until he left him no survivor.

34***Then*** Yahusha passed over and **all** Yisra'ĕl with him, from Laḵish to Eḡlon.

And they encamped *against* it and fought *against* it,
35and captured it on that day and *smote* it with the edge of the *sword.* And **all** the beings who were in it he put under the **ban** that day, **according** to **all** that he had done to Lakish.
36***Then*** Yahusha went up and **all** Yisra'ĕl with him, from Eglon to Hebron and they fought *against* it,
37and captured it and *smote* it with the edge of the *sword* and its sovereign and **all** its cities and **all** the people who were in it. **He** left no survivor, **according** to **all** that he had done to Eglon, but put it and **all** the people who were in it under the **ban.**
38***Then*** Yahusha returned and **all** Yisra'ĕl with him, to Debir and fought *against* it,
39and captured it and its sovereign and **all** its cities. And they *smote* them with the edge of the *sword* and put **all** the people who were in it under the **ban,** he left no survivor. As he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir and its sovereign, as he had done also to Libnah and its sovereign.
40Thus Yahusha *smote* **all** the land: the mountain country and the South and the low country and the wilderness slopes and **all** their sovereigns. **He** left no survivor, but put **all** that breathed under the **ban,** as **YHWH Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl had **commanded**.
41And Yahusha *smote* them from Qadĕsh Barnĕa as far as Azzah and **all** the land of Goshen, even as far as Gib'on.
42And Yahusha captured **all** these sovereigns and their land at one **time, because YHWH Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl fought for Yisra'ĕl.
43And Yahusha returned and **all** Yisra'ĕl with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

11 And it came to be, when Yabin sovereign of Hatsor **heard**, that he **sent** to Yobab sovereign of Madon and to the sovereign of Shimron and to the sovereign of Akshaph,
2and to the sovereigns who were from the north, in the mountains and in the desert plain south of Kinneroth and in the low country and in the heights of Dor on the west –
3the Kena'anites in the east and in the west and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Yebusite in the mountains and the Hiwwite below Hermon in the land of Mitspah.
4And they went out, they and **all** their armies with them, as many people as numerous as the sand on the seashore, with **very** many horses and chariots.
5And **all** these sovereigns met together and they came and camped **together** at the waters of Mĕrom to *fight against* Yisra'ĕl.
6And **YHWH** said to Yahusha,"***Do*** *not* be *afraid* of their presence, for **tomorrow** about this **time** I am giving **all** of them over to Yisra'ĕl, slain. Hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with *fire*."
7And Yahusha and **all** the soldiers with him, came *against* them **suddenly** by the waters of Mĕrom and they fell on them.
8And **YHWH** gave them into the **hand** of Yisra'ĕl and they *smote* them and pursued them to Great Tsidon and to Misrephoth Mayim and to the Valley of Mitspeh eastward. And they *smote* them until no survivor was left to them.
9And Yahusha did to them as **YHWH** said to him: he hamstrung their horses and *burned* their chariots with *fire*.
10And Yahusha turned back at that **time** and captured Hatsor and *smote* its sovereign with the *sword,* for Hatsor was formerly the head of **all** those reigns.
11And they *smote* **all** the people who were in it with the edge of the *sword,* putting them under the **ban. He** *did not* leave anyone breathing. ***Then*** he *burned* Hatsor with *fire*.
12And Yahusha captured **all** the cities of those sovereigns and **all** their sovereigns and he *smote* them with the edge of the *sword.*
He put them under the **ban,** as Mosheh the servant of **YHWH commanded**.

[13]However, Yisra'ĕl *did not* burn any cities that stood on their mounds, but Yahusha *burned* only Ḥatsor.
[14]And **all** the spoil of these cities and the livestock, the children of Yisra'ĕl took as booty for themselves. ***But*** they *smote* **every** man with the edge of the *sword* until they had ***destroyed*** them and they *did not* leave anyone breathing.
[15]As יהוה had **commanded** Mosheh his servant, so Mosheh **commanded** Yahusha and so Yahusha did. He *did not* turn aside a **Word** of **all** that יהוה had **commanded** Mosheh.
[16]Thus Yahusha took **all** this land: the mountain country and **all** the South and **all** the land of Goshen and the low country and the desert plain and the mountains of Yisra'ĕl and its low lands,
[17]from Mount Ḥalaq that goes up to Sĕ'ir and as far as Ba'al Gaḏ in the Valley of Leḇanon below Mount Ḥermon. And he captured **all** their sovereigns and *smote* them and *killed* them.
[18]Yahusha fought with **all** those sovereigns for a long **time.**
[19]There was not a city that made **peace** with the children of Yisra'ĕl, ***except*** the Ḥiwwites, the inhabitants of Giḇ'on. All the others they took in battle.
[20]For it was of יהוה to *harden* their **hearts**, that they should **come** *against* Yisra'ĕl in battle, **in order** to put them under the **ban,** so that they might have no **favour,** but that **He** might annihilate them, as יהוה had **commanded** Mosheh.
[21]And at that **time** Yahusha came and *cut off* the Anaqim from the mountains, from Ḥeḇron, from Deḇir, from Anaḇ and from **all** the mountains of Yahuḏah and from **all** the mountains of Yisra'ĕl. Yahusha put them with their cities under the **ban.**
[22]There were none of the Anaqim left in the land of the children of Yisra'ĕl; only in Azzah, in Gath and in Ashdoḏ some remained.
[23]Thus Yahusha took the entire land, **according** to **all** that יהוה had said to Mosheh. And Yahusha gave it as an **inheritance** to Yisra'ĕl **according** to their division**s** by their tribes. And the land rested from fighting.

12 And these are the sovereigns of the land whom the children of Yisra'ĕl *smote* and whose land they possessed beyond the Yarděn towards the ***sun-***rising, from the wadi Arnon to Mount Ḥermon and **all** the desert plain eastward:
[2]Siḥon sovereign of the Amorites, who dwelt in Ḥeshbon, ruling from Aro'ĕr, which is on the bank of the wadi Arnon, from the middle of that wadi and half Gil'aḏ, even as far as the wadi Yabboq, the border of the children of Ammon,
[3]and the desert plain from the Sea of Kinneroth eastward as far as the Sea of the Araḇah, the Salt Sea, the **way** to Bĕyth Yeshimoth and southward below the slopes of Pisgah,
[4]and the border of Oḡ, sovereign of Bashan, who was of the **remnant** of the Repha'ites, who dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Eḏre'i,
[5]and ruled in Mount Ḥermon and in Salḵah and in **all** Bashan, as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Ma'aḵathites and the half of Gil'aḏ as far as the border of Siḥon sovereign of Ḥeshbon.
[6]Mosheh the servant of יהוה and the children of Yisra'ĕl had *smitten* them. And Mosheh the servant of יהוה had **given** it as a possession to the Re'uḇĕnites and to the Gaḏites and to half the tribe of Menashsheh.
[7]And these are the sovereigns of the land which Yahusha and the children of Yisra'ĕl *smote* beyond the Yarděn, on the west, from Ba'al Gaḏ in the Valley of Leḇanon as far as Mount Ḥalaq that goes up to Sĕ'ir, which Yahusha gave to the tribes of Yisra'ĕl as a possession **according** to their divisions,
[8]in the mountain country and in the low country and in the desert plain and in the slopes and in the wilderness and in the South, the Ḥittites, the Amorites and the Kena'anites,

the Perizzites, the Ḥiwwites and the Yeḇusites:
[9]the sovereign of Yeriḥo, one; the sovereign of Ai, which is beside Bĕyth Ĕl, one;
[10]the sovereign of Yerushalayim, one; the sovereign of Ḥeḇron, one;
[11]the sovereign of Yarmuth, one; the sovereign of Laḵish, one;
[12]the sovereign of Eḡlon, one; the sovereign of Gezer, one;
[13]the sovereign of Deḇir, one; the sovereign of Geḏer, one;
[14]the sovereign of Ḥormah, one; the sovereign of Araḏ, one;
[15]the sovereign of Liḇnah, one; the sovereign of Aḏullam, one;
[16]the sovereign of Maqqĕḏah, one; the sovereign of Bĕyth Ĕl, one;
[17]the sovereign of Tappuwaḥ, one; the sovereign of Ḥĕpher, one;
[18]the sovereign of Aphĕq, one; the sovereign of Sharon, one;
[19]the sovereign of Maḏon, one; the sovereign of Ḥatsor, one;
[20]the sovereign of Shimron Mĕron, one; the sovereign of Aḵshaph, one;
[21]the sovereign of Ta'anaḵ, one; the sovereign of Meḡiddo, one;
[22]the sovereign of Qeḏesh, one; the sovereign of Yoqne'am in Karmel, one;
[23]the sovereign of Dor in the heights of Dor, one; the sovereign of the nations of Gilgal, one;
[24]the sovereign of Tirtsah, one – thirty one sovereigns in all.

13 And Yahusha was old, advanced in years. And ꓤꓴꓤꓩ said to him, "You are old, advanced in years and still much of the land remains to be possessed.
[2]"This is the land that remains: **all** the districts of the Philistines and **all** the Geshurites,
[3]from Shiḥor which is in front of Mitsrayim and up to the border of Eqron northward, are considered as Kena'anite – the five princes of the Philistines, the Azzathites and the Ashdoḏites, the Eshqelonites, the Gittites and the Eqronites; also the Awwites
[4]on the south; **all** the land of the Kena'anites and Me'arah that belongs to the Tsiḏonians as far as Aphĕq, to the border of the Amorites;
[5]and the land of the Geḇalites and **all** Leḇanon, toward the sunrise, from Ba'al Gaḏ below Mount Ḥermon as far as the entrance to Ḥamath;
[6]all the inhabitants of the mountains from Leḇanon as far as Misrephoth Mayim and **all** the Tsiḏonians. **I Myself** *drive* them out from before the children of Yisra'ĕl. Only, divide it by **lot** to Yisra'ĕl as an inheritance, as I have **commanded** you.
[7]"And **now**, divide this land as an **inheritance** to the nine tribes and half the tribe of Menashsheh."
[8]With them the other half tribe the Re'uḇĕnites and the Gaḏites received their inheritance, which Mosheh had **given** them, beyond the Yarděn eastward, as Mosheh the servant of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ had **given** them:
[9]from Aro'ĕr which is on the bank of the wadi Arnon and the city that is in the middle of the wadi and **all** the plain of Mĕyḏeḇa as far as Diḇon;
[10]and **all** the cities of Siḥon sovereign of the Amorites, who reigned in Ḥeshbon, as far as the border of the children of Ammon;
[11]and Gil'aḏ and the border of the Geshurites and of the Ma'aḵathites and **all** Mount Ḥermon and **all** Bashan as far as Salḵah;
[12]all the **reign** of Oḡ in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and Eḏre'i, who remained of the **remnant** of the Repha'ites, for Mosheh had *smitten* and dispossessed them.
[13]However, the children of Yisra'ĕl *did not drive* out the Geshurites nor the Ma'aḵathites, so the Geshurites and the Ma'aḵathites dwell in the **midst** of Yisra'ĕl to this day.
[14]Only to the tribe of Lĕwi he had **given** no **inheritance** – the offerings made by *fire* to ꓤꓴꓤꓩ **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl were their inheritance, as **He** said to them.

15And Mosheh gave to the tribe of the children of Re'uḇĕn, for their clans:
16and their border was from Aro'ĕr, which is on the bank of the wadi Arnon and the city that is in the middle of the wadi and **all** the plain by Mĕyḏeḇa,
17Ḥeshbon and **all** its cities that are in the plain: Diḇon and Bamoth Ba'al and Bĕyth Ba'al Me'on,
18and Yahtsah and Qeḏĕmoth and Mĕpha'ath,
19and Qiryathayim and Siḇmah and Tsereth Shaḥar on the mountain of the valley,
20and Bĕyth Pe'or and the slopes of Pisgah and Bĕyth Yeshimoth;
21and **all** the cities of the tableland and **all** the **reign** of Siḥon sovereign of the Amorites, who reigned in Ḥeshbon, whom Mosheh had *smitten* with the princes of Miḏyan: Ewi and Reqem and Tsur and Ḥur and Reḇa, princes of Siḥon dwelling in the land.
22And the sons of Yisra'ĕl *killed* with the *sword* Bil'am son of Be'or, the diviner, among those who were *killed* by them.
23And the border of the children of Re'uḇĕn was the bank of the Yarděn. This was the **inheritance** of the children of Re'uḇĕn for their clans, the cities and their villages.
24And Mosheh gave to the tribe of Gaḏ, to the children of Gaḏ for their clans:
25and their border was Ya'zĕr and **all** the cities of Gil'aḏ and half the land of the children of Ammon as far as Aro'ĕr, which is before Rabbah,
26and from Ḥeshbon to Ramath Mitspeh and Betonim and from Maḥanayim to the border of Deḇir,
27and in the valley Bĕyth Haram and Bĕyth Nimrah and Sukkoth and Tsaphon, the rest of the **reign** of Siḥon sovereign of Ḥeshbon, the Yarděn being its border, as far as the edge of the Sea of Kinnereth, beyond the Yarděn eastward.
28This is the **inheritance** of the children of Gaḏ for their clans, the cities and their villages.
29And Mosheh gave to half the tribe of Menashsheh and it was for half the tribe of the children of Menashsheh for their clans:
30and their border was from Maḥanayim, **all** Bashan, **all** the **reign** of Oḡ sovereign of Bashan and **all** the small towns of Ya'ir which are in Bashan, sixty cities;
31and the half of Gil'aḏ and Ashtaroth and Eḏre'i, cities of the **reign** of Oḡ in Bashan, were for the children of Maḵir son of Menashsheh, to the half of the children of Maḵir for their clans.
32These Mosheh gave as an **inheritance** in the desert plains of Mo'aḇ beyond the Yarděn, by Yeriḥo eastward.
33***But*** to the tribe of Lĕwi Mosheh gave no inheritance. ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓩ, **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, **He** was their inheritance,as **He** had said to them.

14 **Now** these the children of Yisra'ĕl inherited in the land of Kena'an, which El'azar the priest and Yahusha son of Nun and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Yisra'ĕl **caused** them to inherit.
2Their **inheritance** was by **lot,** as ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓩ had **commanded** by the **hand** of Mosheh, for the nine tribes and the half-tribe.
3For Mosheh had **given** the **inheritance** of the two tribes and the half-tribe beyond the Yarděn, but to the Lĕwites he gave no **inheritance** in their **midst**.
4For the children of Yosĕph had become two tribes: Menashsheh and Ephrayim. And they gave no part to the Lĕwites in the land, ***except*** cities to dwell in, with their **open** land for their livestock and their possessions.
5As ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓩ had **commanded** Mosheh, so the children of Yisra'ĕl did and they divided the land.
6And the children of Yahuḏah came to Yahusha in Gilgal and Kalĕḇ son of Yephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You **know** the **word** which ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓩ said to Mosheh the man of **Elohim** concerning you

and me in Qaḏēsh Barnĕa.
7"I was forty years old when Mosheh the servant of ЯHWH **sent** me from Qaḏēsh Barnĕa to spy out the land and I brought back **word** to him as it was in my **heart.**
8"***But*** my brothers who went up with me made the **heart** of the people melt, but I **followed** ЯHWH my **Elohim completely.**
9"So Mosheh **swore** on that day, saying, 'The land on which your foot has trodden is your **inheritance** and your children's **forever**, **because** you have **followed** ЯHWH my **Elohim completely.**'
10"And **now**, **see,** ЯHWH has kept me **alive,** as **He** said, these forty-five years since ЯHWH spoke this **word** to Mosheh while Yisra'ĕl walked in the wilderness. And **now**, **see,** I am eighty-five years old today.
11"Yet I am still as **strong** today as I was on the day that Mosheh **sent** me. As my strength was then, so my strength is **now**, for battle and for going out and for **coming** in.
12"And **now**, give me this mountain of which ЯHWH spoke in that day, for you **heard** in that day how the Anaqim were there and that the cities were **great** and walled. ***If*** ЯHWH is with me, then I ***shall*** dispossess them, as ЯHWH said."
13Yahusha then **blessed** him and gave Ḥeḇron to Kalēḇ son of Yephunneh as an inheritance.
14So Ḥeḇron became the **inheritance** of Kalēḇ son of Yephunneh the Qenizzite to this day, **because** he **followed** ЯHWH **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl **completely.**
15**Now** the name of Ḥeḇron was formerly Qiryath Arba (*Arba was* the greatest man among the Anaqim). And the land had rest from fighting.

15 And the **lot** of the tribe of the children of Yahuḏah for their clans was to the border of Ēḏom, the Wilderness of Tsin southward in the extreme south.
2And their southern border began at the edge of the Salt Sea, from the bay that faces southward.
3And it went out to the southern side of the Ascent of Aqrabbim, passed over to Tsin and went up on the south side of Qaḏēsh Barnĕa and passed over to Ḥetsron, went up to Aḏar and went around to Qarqa,
4and passed over to Atsmon and went out to the wadi of Mitsrayim and the border ended at the sea. This is your southern border.
5And the east border was the Salt Sea as far as the end of the Yarděn. And the border on the northern quarter began at the bay of the sea at the end of the Yarděn.
6And the border went up to Bĕyth Ḥoḡlah and passed over north of Bĕyth Araḇah. And the border went up to the stone of Bohan son of Re'uḇĕn.
7And the border went up toward Deḇir from the Valley of Aḵor and it turned northward toward Gilgal, which is before the Ascent of Aḏummim, which is south of the wadi. And the border passed over to the waters of Ĕn Shemesh and ended at Ĕn Roḡĕl.
8And the border went up by the Valley of the **Son** of Hinnom to the southern slope of the Yeḇusite city, that is Yerushalayim. And the border went up to the top of the mountain that lies before the Valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the end of the Valley of Repha'im northward.
9And the border went around from the top of the hill to the fountain of the water of Nephtowaḥ and went up to the cities of Mount Ephron. And the border went around to Ba'alah, that is Qiryath Ye'arim.
10And the border turned around from Ba'alah westward to Mount Sĕ'ir and passed over to the side of Mount Ye'arim on the north, that is Kesalon and went down to Bĕyth Shemesh and passed over to Timnah.
11And the border went out to the side of Eqron northward. And the border went around to Shikkeron and passed over to Mount Ba'alah and went out to Yaḇne'ĕl.

And the border ended at the sea.
12And the west border was the coastline of the Great Sea. This is the boundary of the children of Yahuḏah **all** around for their clans.
13And to Kalĕḇ son of Yephunneh he gave a portion in the **midst** of the children of Yahuḏah, **according** to the **command** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 to Yahusha: Qiryath Arba, that is Ḥeḇron – *Arba was* the father of Anaq.
14And Kalĕḇ drove out the three sons of Anaq from there: Shĕshai and Aḥiman and Talmai, the children of Anaq.
15And he went up from there to the inhabitants of Deḇir and the name of Deḇir formerly was Qiryath Sĕpher.
16And Kalĕḇ said, "He who smites Qiryath Sĕpher and ***shall*** capture it, to him I ***shall*** give Aḵsah my daughter as wife."
17And Othni'ĕl son of Qenaz, the brother of Kalĕḇ, did capture it, so he gave him Aḵsah his daughter as wife.
18And it came to be, when she came to him, that she persuaded him to **ask** her father for a field. And when she got off from the donkey, Kalĕḇ said to her, "***What*** is the matter?"
19And she said, "Give me a **blessing.** Since you have **given** me land in the South, give me also fountains of water." And he gave her the upper fountains and the lower fountains.
20This was the **inheritance** of the tribe of the children of Yahuḏah for their clans:
21And the cities at the furthest border of the tribe of the children of Yahuḏah, toward the border of Eḏom in the South, were Qaḇtse'ĕl and Ĕḏer and Yaḡur,
22and Qinah and Dimonah and Aḏaḏah,
23and Qeḏesh and Ḥatsor and Yithnan,
24Ziph and Telem and Be'aloth,
25and Ḥatsor, Ḥaḏattah and Qeriyoth, Ḥetsron, that is Ḥatsor,
26Amam and Shema and Moladah,
27and Ḥatsar Gaddah and Ḥeshmon and Bĕyth Pelet,
28and Ḥatsar Shu'al and Be'ĕrsheḇa and Bizyothyah,
29Ba'alah and Iyim and Etsem,
30and Eltolaḏ and Kesil and Ḥormah,
31and Tsiqlaḡ and Maḏmannah and Sansannah,
32and Leḇa'oth and Shilḥim and Ayin and Rimmon. All the cities were twentynine, with their villages.
33In the low country: Eshta'ol and Tsor'ah and Ashnah,
34and Zanowaḥ and Ĕn Gannim, Tappuwaḥ and Ĕnam,
35Yarmuth and Aḏullam, Soḵoh and Azĕqah,
36and Sha'arayim and Aḏithayim and Geḏĕrah and Geḏĕrothayim – fourteen cities with their villages.
37Tsenan and Ḥaḏashah and Miḡdal Gaḏ,
38and Dil'an and Mitspeh and Yoqthe'ĕl,
39Laḵish and Botsqath and Eḡlon, 40and Kabbon and Laḥmam and Kithlish,
41and Geḏĕroth, Bĕyth Daḡon and Na'amah and Maqqĕḏah – sixteen cities with their villages.
42Liḇnah and Ether and Ashan,
43and Yiphtaḥ and Ashnah and Netsiḇ,
44and Qe'ilah and Aḵziḇ and Marĕshah – nine cities with their villages.
45Eqron with its towns and its villages,
46from Eqron to the sea, **all** that were by the side of Ashdoḏ, with their villages.
47Ashdoḏ, its towns and its villages; Azzah, its towns and its villages; as far as the wadi of Mitsrayim and the Great Sea with its coastline.
48And in the mountain country: Shamur and Yattir and Soḵoh,
49and Dannah and Qiryath Sannah, that is Deḇir,
50and Anaḇ and Eshtemoh and Anim,
51and Goshen and Ḥolon and Giloh – eleven cities with their villages.
52Araḇ and Dumah and Esh'an,
53and Yanim and Bĕyth Tappuwaḥ and Aphĕqah,
54and Ḥumtah and Qiryath Arba, that is Ḥeḇron and Tsi'or – nine cities with their villages.
55Ma'on, Karmel and Ziph and Yutah,
56and Yizre'ĕl and Yoqḏe'am and Zanowaḥ,
57Qayin, Giḇ'ah and Timnah – ten cities

with their villages.
[58]Halḥul, Bĕyth Tsur and Gedor,
[59]and Ma'arath and Bĕyth Anoth and Elteqon – six cities with their villages.
[60]Qiryath Ba'al, that is Qiryath Ye'arim and Rabbah – two cities with their villages.
[61]In the wilderness: Bĕyth Arabah, Middin and Sekakah,
[62]and Nibshan and the City of Salt and Ĕn Gedi – six cities with their villages.
[63]As for the Yebusites, the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, the children of Yahudah were *unable* to *drive* them out, so the Yebusites have dwelt with the children of Yahudah at Yerushalayim to this day.

16 And the **lot** for the children of Yosĕph went out from the Yardĕn, by Yeriḥo, to the waters of Yeriḥo on the east, to the wilderness going up from Yeriḥo through the mountains to Bĕyth Ĕl,
[2]and went out from Bĕyth Ĕl to Luz and passed over to the border of the Arkites at Ataroth,
[3]and went down westward to the boundary of the Yaphlĕtites, as far as the boundary of Lower Bĕyth Ḥoron to Gezer and it ended at the sea.
[4]Thus the children of Yosĕph, Menashsheh and Ephrayim, inherited.
[5]And the border of the children of Ephrayim, **according** to their clans, was: The border of their **inheritance** on the east side was Ataroth Addar as far as Upper Bĕyth Ḥoron.
[6]And the border went out toward the sea, to Mikmethath on the north, then the border went around eastward to Ta'anath Shiloh and passed over it on the east of Yanoḥah,
[7]and went down from Yanoḥah to Ataroth and Na'arah, reached to Yeriḥo and came out at the Yardĕn.
[8]From Tappuwah the border went west ward to the wadi Qanah and it ended at the sea. This was the **inheritance** of the tribe of the children of Ephrayim for their clans.
[9]And the separate cities for the children of Ephrayim were in the **midst** of the **inheritance** of the children of Menashsheh, **all** the cities with their villages.
[10]And they *did not drive* out the Kena'anites who dwelt in Gezer, so the Kena'anites dwell among the Ephrayimites to this day and have become compulsory labour.

17 And the **lot** for the tribe of Menashsheh, for he was the first-born of Yosĕph, was: for Makir the first-born of Menashsheh, father of Gil'ad, **because** he was a man of battle, therefore he had Gil'ad and Bashan.
[2]And for the rest of the children of Menashsheh for their clans there was: for the children of Abi'ezer and for the children of Ḥĕleq and for the children of Asri'ĕl and for the children of Shekem and for the children of Ḥĕpher and for the children of Shemida. These were the male children of Menashsheh son of Yosĕph **according** to their clans.
[3]***But*** Tselophhad son of Ḥĕpher, son of Gil'ad, son of Makir, son of Menashsheh, had no sons, but only daughters. And these were the names of his daughters: Maḥlah and No'ah, Ḥoglah, Milkah and Tirtsah.
[4]And they came **near** before El'azar the priest, before Yahusha son of Nun and before the rulers, saying, "יהוה **commanded** Mosheh to give us an **inheritance** among our brothers." So he gave them an **inheritance** among their father's brothers, **according** to the **command** of יהוה.
[5]And ten portions fell to Menashsheh, besides the land of Gil'ad and Bashan, which were beyond the Yardĕn,
[6]**because** the daughters of Menashsheh received an **inheritance** among his sons. And the rest of Menashsheh's sons had the land of Gil'ad.
[7]And the border of Menashsheh was from Ashĕr to Mikmethath,

which faces Shekem. And the border went up to the **right** to the inhabitants of Ěn Tappuwaḥ.
[8]The land of Tappuwaḥ belonged to Menashsheh, but Tappuwaḥ on the border of Menashsheh belonged to the children of Ephrayim.
[9]And the border went down to the wadi Qanah, southward to the wadi. These cities of Ephrayim were in the **midst** of the cities of Menashsheh, but the border of Menashsheh was north of the wadi and it ended at the sea.
[10]Southward it was Ephrayim's and northward it was Menashsheh's and the sea was its border and they reached to Ashĕr on the north and to Yissasḵar on the east.
[11]And in Yissasḵar and in Ashĕr, Menashsheh had Bĕyth She'an and its towns and Yiḇle'am and its towns and the inhabitants of Dor and its towns and the inhabitants of Ěn Dor and its towns and the inhabitants of Ta'anaḵ and its towns and the inhabitants of Mĕgiddo and its towns – three of the heights.
[12]***But*** the children of Menashsheh were *unable* to *drive* out the inhabitants of those cities, for the Kena'anites desired to dwell in that land.
[13]And it came to be, when the children of Yisra'ĕl grew **strong,** that they put the Kena'anites to compulsory labour, but *did not utterly drive* them out.
[14]And the children of Yosĕph spoke to Yahusha, saying,"***Why*** have you **given** us but one **lot** and one portion to inherit, **seeing** we are a **great** people whom ϢϒϢϗ has **blessed** until **now**?"
[15]And Yahusha said to them, "***If*** you are a **great** people, go up to the forest and clear a place for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and the Repha'ites, since the hill country of Ephrayim is too **narrow** for you."
[16]***Then*** the children of Yosĕph said, "The hill country is not enough for us and **all** the Kena'anites who dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both those who are of Bĕyth She'an and its towns and those who are of the Valley of Yizre'ĕl."
[17]And Yahusha spoke to the house of Yosĕph, to Ephrayim and to Menashsheh, saying, "You are a **great** people and have **great** power, you are not to have one **lot,**
[18]for the hill country ***shall*** **be** yours. For though it is a forest, you ***shall cut*** it down and its farthest limits ***shall*** **be** yours. For you are to *drive* out the Kena'anites, though they have iron chariots and are strong."

18 And **all** the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl **assembled** at Shiloh and they let the **Tent** of Meeting dwell there. And the land was subdued before them.
[2]And seven tribes were left among the children of Yisra'ĕl who had not yet shared their inheritance.
[3]So Yahusha said to the children of Yisra'ĕl, "Til when are you going to fail to go in and **possess** the land which ϢϒϢϗ **Elohim** of your fathers has **given** you?
[4]"'Appoint three men from each tribe and let me send them out to go through the land and describe it **according** to their inheritance and **come back** to me.
[5]"'And they ***shall*** divide it into seven portions – Yahuḏah stays within their border on the south and the house of Yosĕph stays within their border on the north –
[6]and you ***shall*** describe the land in seven portions and ***shall*** bring it to me. ***Then*** I ***shall*** *cast* **lots** for you here before ϢϒϢϗ our **Elohim**.
[7]"'***But*** the Lĕwites have no portion among you, for the priesthood of ϢϒϢϗ is their inheritance. And Gaḏ and Re'uḇĕn and half the tribe of Menashsheh have received their **inheritance** beyond the Yarděn on the east, which Mosheh the servant of ϢϒϢϗ gave them."
[8]So the men rose up and went. And Yahusha **commanded** those who went to describe the land, saying, "Go, **walk** through the land and describe it and

come back to me and let me *cast* **lots** for you here before יהוה in Shiloh."
[9]So the men went and passed through the land and described it in a **book** in seven portions by cities. And they came to Yahusha at the camp in Shiloh.
[10]And Yahusha *cast* **lots** for them in Shiloh before יהוה and there Yahusha divided the land to the children of Yisra'ĕl **according** to their portions.
[11]And the **lot** of the tribe of the children of Binyamin came up for their clans and the border of their **lot** came out between the children of Yahuḏah and the children of Yosĕph.
[12]And their border was on the north side from the Yarděn and the border went up to the side of Yeriḥo on the north and went up through the mountains westward and ended at the Wilderness of Bĕyth Awen.
[13]And the border went over from there toward Luz, to the side of Luz, that is Bĕyth Ĕl, southward. And the border went down to Ataroth Aḏar, by the hill that lies on the south side of Lower Bĕyth Ḥoron.
[14]And the border was drawn and went around the west side to the south, from the hill that faces Bĕyth Ḥoron southward and it ended at Qiryath Ba'al, that is Qiryath Ye'arim, a city of the children of Yahuḏah. This was the west side.
[15]And the south side was from **the end** of Qiryath Ye'arim and the border went out westward and went out to the fountain of the waters of Nephtowaḥ.
[16]And the border came down to **the end** of the mountain that faces the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, which is in the Valley of the Repha'im on the north and went down to the Valley of Hinnom, to the side of the Yeḇusite city on the south and went down to Ĕn Roḡĕl.
[17]And it was drawn from the north, went out to Ĕn Shemesh and went out toward Geliloth, which is opposite the Ascent of Aḏummim and went down to the stone of Bohan son of Re'uḇĕn,
[18]and passed over to the side opposite Araḇah northward and went down to Araḇah.
[19]And the border passed over to the side of Bĕyth Ḥoḡlah northward and the border ended at the north bay at the Salt Sea, at the south end of the Yarděn. This was the southern boundary,
[20]and the Yarděn borders it on the east side. This was the **inheritance** of the children of Binyamin, **according** to its boundaries **all** around, for their clans.
[21]And the cities for the tribe of the children of Binyamin, for their clans, were Yeriḥo and Bĕyth Ḥoḡlah and Ĕmeq Qetsits,
[22]and Bĕyth Araḇah and Tsemarayim and Bĕyth Ĕl,
[23]and Awwim and Parah and Ophrah,
[24]and Kephar Ha'ammoni and Ophni and Gaḇa – twelve cities with their villages.
[25]Giḇ'on and Ramah and Be'ĕroth,
[26]and Mitspeh and Kephirah and Motsah,
[27]and Reqem and Yirpe'ĕl and Taralah,
[28]and Tsela, Eleph and the Yeḇusite, that is Yerushalayim, Giḇ'ath and Qiryath – fourteen cities with their villages. This was the **inheritance** of the children of Binyamin for their clans.

19 And the second **lot** came out for Shim'on, for the tribe of the children of Shim'on for their clans. And their **inheritance** was within the **inheritance** of the children of Yahuḏah.
[2]And they had in their **inheritance** Be'ĕrsheḇa, or Sheḇa and Moladah,
[3]and Ḥatsar Shu'al and Balah and Etsem,
[4]and Eltolaḏ and Bethul and Ḥormah,
[5]and Tsiqlaḡ and Bĕyth Markaḇoth and Ḥatsar Susah,
[6]and Bĕyth Leḇa'oth and Sharuḥen – thirteen cities and their villages.
[7]Ayin, Rimmon and Ether and Ashan – four cities and their villages;
[8]and **all** the villages that were **all** around these cities as far as Ba'alath Be'ĕr, Ramath Neḡeḇ. This was the **inheritance** of the tribe of the children

of Shim'on for their clans.
[9]The **inheritance** of the children of Shim'on was out of the portion of the children of Yahuḏah, for the portion of the children of Yahuḏah was too much for them. So the children of Shim'on had their **inheritance** within their inheritance.
[10]And the third **lot** came up for the children of Zeḇulun for their clans and the border of their **inheritance** was as far as Sariḏ.
[11]And their border went toward the sea and Maralah and reached to Dabbesheth and reached to the wadi that faced Yoqne'am,
[12]and turned back from Sariḏ eastward toward the sunrise, to the border of Kisloth Taḇor and went out toward Daḇerath and went up to Yaphiya.
[13]And from there it passed over eastward, to the east of Gath Ḥĕpher, toward Eth Qatsin and went out to Rimmon, which borders on Nĕ'ah.
[14]And the border went around it on the north side of Ḥannathon and it ended in the Valley of Yiphthaḥ Ĕl;
[15]also Qattath and Naḥalal and Shimron and Yiḏalah and Bĕyth Leḥem – twelve cities with their villages.
[16]This was the **inheritance** of the children of Zeḇulun for their clans, these cities with their villages.
[17]The fourth **lot** came out to Yissasḵar, for the children of Yissasḵar, for their clans.
[18]And their border was toward Yizre'ĕl and Kesulloth and Shuněm,
[19]and Ḥapharayim and Shiyon and Anaḥarath,
[20]and Rabbith and Qishyon and Ebets,
[21]and Remeth and Ĕn Gannim and Ĕn Ḥaddah and Bĕyth Patstsĕts.
[22]And the border reached to Taḇor and Shaḥatsimah and Bĕyth Shemesh and their border ended at the Yarděn – sixteen cities with their villages.
[23]This was the **inheritance** of the tribe of the children of Yissasḵar for their clans, the cities and their villages.
[24]And the fifth **lot** came out for the tribe of the children of Ashĕr for their clans.
[25]And their border was Ḥelqath and Ḥali and Beten and Akshaph,
[26]and Allammelek and Amaḏ and Mish'al. And it reached to Mount Karmel westward and to Brook Shiḥor Liḇnath,
[27]and turned toward the sunrise, to Bĕyth Daḡon and reached to Zeḇulun and to the Valley of Yiphthaḥ Ĕl, then northward beyond Bĕyth Ĕmeq and Ne'i'ĕl and went out to Kaḇul which was on the left,
[28]and Ḥeḇron and Reḥoḇ and Ḥammon and Qanah, as far as Great Tsiḏon.
[29]And the border turned to Ramah and to the **strong** city Tsor and the border turned to Ḥosah and ended at the sea, from the coast to Akzib.
[30]And Ummah and Aphĕq and Reḥoḇ were included – twenty-two cities with their villages.
[31]This was the **inheritance** of the tribe of the children of Ashĕr for their clans, these cities with their villages.
[32]The sixth **lot** came out to the children of Naphtali, for the children of Naphtali for their clans.
[33]And their border was from Ḥeleph, from the terebinth *tree* in Tsa'anannim and Aḏami Neqeḇ and Yaḇne'ĕl, as far as Laqqum and it ended at the Yarděn.
[34]And the border turned westward to Aznoth Taḇor and went out from there toward Ḥuqqoq and reached to Zeḇulun on the south side and Ashĕr on the west side and ended at Yahuḏah by the Yarděn toward the sunrise.
[35]And the cities of defence were Tsiddim, Tsĕr and Ḥammath, Raqqath and Kinnereth,
[36]and Aḏamah and Ramah and Ḥatsor,
[37]and Qeḏesh and Eḏre'i and Ĕn Ḥatsor,
[38]and Yiron and Miḡdal Ĕl, Ḥorĕm and Bĕyth Anath and Bĕyth Shemesh – nineteen cities with their villages.
[39]This was the **inheritance** of the tribe of the children of Naphtali for their clans, the cities with their villages.
[40]The seventh **lot** came out for the tribe of the children of Dan for their clans.
[41]And the border of their **inheritance** was Tsor'ah and Eshta'ol and

Ir Shemesh,
[42]and Sha'alabbin and Ayalon and Yithlah,
[43]and Ělon and Timnathah and Eqron,
[44]and Elteqěh and Gibbethon and Ba'alath,
[45]and Yehuḏ and Beněi Beraq and Gath Rimmon,
[46]and Měy Yarqon and Raqqon, with the border before Yapho.
[47]And the border of the children of Dan went out from them. And the children of Dan went up to *fight against* Leshem and captured it. And they *smote* it with the edge of the *sword* and possessed it and dwelt in it and called it Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father.
[48]This is the **inheritance** of the tribe of the children of Dan for their clans, these cities with their villages.
[49]And when they had ended dividing the land as an **inheritance according** to their borders, the children of Yisra'ĕl gave an **inheritance** to Yahusha son of Nun in their **midst**.
[50]According to the **mouth** of ꓤꓰꓤꓩ they gave him the city which he asked for, Timnath Seraḥ in the mountains of Ephrayim. And he built the city and dwelt in it.
[51]These were the inheritances which El'azar the priest and Yahusha son of Nun and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Yisra'ĕl divided as an **inheritance** by **lot** in Shiloh before ꓤꓰꓤꓩ, at the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting. And they ended dividing the country.

20 And ꓤꓰꓤꓩ spoke to Yahusha, saying,
[2]**"Speak** to the children of Yisra'ĕl, saying, 'Appoint for yourselves cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you through Mosheh,
[3]for the slayer who *kills* any being accidentally, unintentionally, to ***flee*** there. And they ***shall* be** your **refuge** from the *revenger* of blood.
[4]'And he ***shall flee*** to one of those cities and **stand** at the entrance of the gate of the city and **declare** his case in the **hearing** of the elders of that city. And they ***shall*** take him into the city as one of them and give him a place and he ***shall*** dwell among them.
[5]'And when the *revenger* of **blood** pursues him, they *do not* give the slayer into his **hand, because** he *smote* his neighbour unintentionally and *did not hate* him beforehand.
[6]'And he ***shall*** dwell in that city until he stands before the congregation for right-ruling and until the *death* of the one who is high priest in those days. ***Then*** let the slayer **return** and **come to** his own city and his own house, to the city from which he fled.' "
[7]So they set-apart Qeḏesh in Galil, in the mountains of Naphtali and Sheḵem in the mountains of Ephrayim and Qiryath Arba, that is Heḇron, in the mountains of Yahuḏah.
[8]And beyond the Yarděn, by Yeriḥo eastward, they **appointed** Betser in the wilderness on the plain, from the tribe of Re'uḇěn and Ramoth in Gil'aḏ, from the tribe of Gaḏ and Golan in Bashan, from the tribe of Menashsheh.
[9]These were the cities **appointed** for **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl and for the stranger who sojourned in their **midst**, for anyone accidentally killing any being, to ***flee*** there and not *die* by the **hand** of the *revenger* of **blood** until he stood before the congregation.

21 And the heads of the fathers of the Lĕwites came **near** to El'azar the priest, to Yahusha son of Nun and to the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Yisra'ĕl.
[2]And they spoke to them at Shiloh in the land of Kena'an, saying, "ꓤꓰꓤꓩ **commanded** through Mosheh to give us cities to dwell in, with their **open** land for our livestock."
[3]So the children of Yisra'ĕl gave to the Lĕwites from their inheritance, at the **command** of ꓤꓰꓤꓩ, these cities and

their **open** land:
[4]And the **lot** came out for the clans of the Qehathites. And the children of Aharon the priest, who were of the Lĕwites, had thirteen cities by **lot** from the tribe of Yahuḏah, from the tribe of Shim'on and from the tribe of Binyamin.
[5]And the rest of the children of Qehath had ten cities by **lot** from the clans of the tribe of Ephrayim, from the tribe of Dan and from the half-tribe of Menashsheh.
[6]And the children of Gĕreshon had thirteen cities by **lot** from the clans of the tribe of Yissasḵar, from the tribe of Ashĕr, from the tribe of Naphtali and from the half-tribe of Menashsheh in Bashan.
[7]The children of Merari for their clans had twelve cities from the tribe of Re'uḇĕn and from the tribe of Gaḏ and from the tribe of Zeḇulun.
[8]Thus the children of Yisra'ĕl gave these cities with their **open** land by **lot** to the Lĕwites, as ꓤꓰꓤꓵ had **commanded** by the **hand** of Mosheh.
[9]So from the tribe of the children of Yahuḏah and from the tribe of the children of Shim'on they gave these cities which are mentioned by name,
[10]and they were for the children of Aharon, one of the clans of the Qehathites, who were of the children of Lĕwi, for the **lot** was theirs **first.**
[11]And they gave them Qiryath Arba, that is Ḥeḇron – *Arba was* the father of Anaq – in the mountains of Yahuḏah, with the **open** land surrounding it.
[12]And the fields of the city and its villages they gave to Kalĕḇ son of Yephunneh as his possession.
[13]***But*** to the children of Aharon the priest they gave Ḥeḇron with its **open** land – a city of **refuge** for the slayer – and Liḇnah with its **open** land,
[14]and Yattir with its **open** land and Eshtemoa with its **open** land,
[15]and Ḥolon with its **open** land and Deḇir with its **open** land,
[16]and Ayin with its **open** land and Yuttah with its **open** land and Bĕyth Shemesh with its **open** land – nine cities from those two tribes.
[17]And from the tribe of Binyamin, Giḇ'on with its **open** land, Geḇa with its **open** land,
[18]Anathoth with its **open** land and Almon with its **open** land – four cities.
[19]All the cities of the children of Aharon, the priests, were thirteen cities with their **open** lands.
[20]And the clans of the children of Qehath, the Lĕwites, the rest of the children of Qehath, even they had the cities of their **lot** from the tribe of Ephrayim.
[21]And they gave them Sheḵem with its **open** land in the mountains of Ephrayim as a city of **refuge** for the slayer and Gezer with its **open** land,
[22]and Qiḇtsayim with its **open** land and Bĕyth Ḥoron with its **open** land – four cities.
[23]And from the tribe of Dan, Elteqĕh with its **open** land, Gibbethon with its **open** land,
[24]Ayalon with its **open** land and Gath Rimmon with its **open** land – four cities.
[25]And from the half-tribe of Menashsheh, Ta'naḵ with its **open** land and Gath Rimmon with its **open** land – two cities.
[26]All the ten cities with their **open** lands were for the rest of the clans of the children of Qehath.
[27]And to the children of Gĕreshon, of the clans of the Lĕwites, from the other halftribe of Menashsheh, they gave Golan in Bashan with its **open** land as a city of **refuge** for the slayer and Be'eshterah with its **open** land – two cities.
[28]And from the tribe of Yissasḵar, Qishyon with its **open** land, Daḇerath with its **open** land,
[29]Yarmuth with its **open** land and Ĕn Gannim with its **open** land – four cities.
[30]And from the tribe of Ashĕr, Mish'al with its **open** land, Aḇdon with its **open** land,
[31]Ḥelqath with its **open** land and Reḥoḇ with its **open** land – four cities.
[32]And from the tribe of Naphtali, Qeḏesh in Galil with its **open** land as a city of **refuge** for the slayer and

Ḥammoth Dor with its **open** land and Qartan with its **open** land – three cities.
[33]All the cities of the Gĕreshonites for their clans were thirteen cities with their **open** land.
[34]And to the clans of the children of Merari, the rest of the Lĕwites, from the tribe of Zeḇulun, Yoqne'am with its **open** land, Qartah with its **open** land,
[35]Dimnah with its **open** land, Nahalal with its **open** land – four cities.
[36]And from the tribe of Re'uḇĕn, Betser with its **open** land, Yahtsah with its **open** land,
[37]Qeḏĕmoth with its **open** land and Mĕpha'ath with its **open** land – four cities.
[38]And from the tribe of Gaḏ, Ramoth in Gil'aḏ with its **open** land as a city of **refuge** for the slayer and Maḥanayim with its **open** land,
[39]Heshbon with its **open** land, Ya'zĕr with its **open** land – four cities in **all.**
[40]All the cities for the children of Merari for their clans, the rest of the clans of the Lĕwites, were by their **lot** twelve cities.
[41]All the cities of the Lĕwites within the possession of the children of Yisra'ĕl were forty-eight cities with their **open** lands.
[42]Each of these cities had its **open** land surrounding it. So it was with **all** these cities.
[43]Thus ЯҮЯZ gave to Yisra'ĕl **all** the land of which **He** had sworn to give to their fathers and they took possession of it and dwelt in it.
[44]And ЯҮЯZ gave them rest **all** around, **according** to **all** that **He** had sworn to their fathers. And not a man of **all** their enemies stood *against* them, ЯҮЯZ gave **all** their enemies into their **hand.**
[45]Not a **word** *failed* of any **good word** which ЯҮЯZ had **spoken** to the house of Yisra'ĕl – **all came in**.

22 ***Then*** Yahusha called for the Re'uḇĕnites and the Gaḏites and half the tribe of Menashsheh,
[2]and said to them, "You, you have **guarded all** that Mosheh the servant of ЯҮЯZ **commanded** you and have **obeyed** my **voice** in **all** that I **commanded** you.
[3]"You have not left your brothers these many days, up to this day, but have **guarded** the **Charge,** the **command** of ЯҮЯZ your **Elohim**.
[4]"And **now** ЯҮЯZ your **Elohim** has **given** rest to your brothers, as **He promised** them. So **now**, **return** and go to your tents and to the land of your possession, which Mosheh the servant of ЯҮЯZ gave you beyond the Yarděn.
[5]"Only, **diligently guard** to do the **command** and the **Torah** which Mosheh the servant of ЯҮЯZ **commanded** you, to **love** ЯҮЯZ your **Elohim** and to **walk** in **all His ways** and to **guard His commands** and to **cling** to **Him** and to **serve Him** with **all** your **heart** and with **all** your **being**."
[6]And Yahusha **blessed** them and **sent** them away and they went to their tents.
[7]And to half the tribe of Menashsheh Mosheh had **given** a possession in Bashan, but to the other half of it Yahusha gave land among their brothers beyond the Yarděn, westward. So when Yahusha **sent** them away to their tents, he also **blessed** them,
[8]and spoke to them, saying, "Return to your tents with **great** riches and with **very** much livestock and with silver and with gold and with bronze and with iron and with countless garments. Divide the spoil of your enemies with your brothers."
[9]And the children of Re'uḇĕn and the children of Gaḏ and half the tribe of Menashsheh returned and left the children of Yisra'ĕl at Shiloh, which is in the land of Kena'an, to go to the land of Gil'aḏ, to the land of their possession, which they possessed **according** to the **command** of ЯҮЯZ by the **hand** of Mosheh.
[10]And they came to the districts of the Yarděn which is in the land of Kena'an and the children of Re'uḇĕn and the

children of Gaḏ and half the tribe of Menashsheh built an altar there by the Yarděn, a **great** conspicuous altar.
[11]And the children of Yisra'ĕl **heard** it said, "**See,** the children of Re'uḇĕn and the children of Gaḏ and half the tribe of Menashsheh have built an altar opposite the land of Kena'an, in the districts of the Yarděn, at the border of the children of Yisra'ĕl."
[12]And when the children of Yisra'ĕl **heard**, **all** the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl **assembled** at Shiloh to go to *fight* <u>*against*</u> them.
[13]So the children of Yisra'ĕl **sent** Pinehas son of El'azar the priest to the children of Re'uḇĕn and to the children of Gaḏ and to half the tribe of Menashsheh, into the land of Gil'aḏ,
[14]and ten rulers with him, one ruler each from the chief house of **every** tribe of Yisra'ĕl. And each one was the head of the house of his father among the division**s** of Yisra'ĕl.
[15]And they came to the children of Re'uḇĕn and to the children of Gaḏ and to half the tribe of Menashsheh, to the land of Gil'aḏ and spoke with them, saying,
[16]"Thus says **all** the congregation of **ꓢꓴꓢꓶ**, '***What*** is this *trespass* you have *committed* <u>*against*</u> the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, to turn away this day from **following ꓢꓴꓢꓶ**, in that you have built for yourselves an altar, to ***rebel*** <u>*against*</u> **ꓢꓴꓢꓶ** this day?
[17]'Is the *crookedness* of Pe'or not enough for us, from which we have not been **cleansed** til this day, although there was a *plague* in the congregation of **ꓢꓴꓢꓶ**,
[18]that you *turn away* today *from* **following ꓢꓴꓢꓶ**? And it ***shall* be,** if you ***rebel*** today <u>*against*</u> **ꓢꓴꓢꓶ**, that **tomorrow He** is *wroth* with **all** the congregation of Yisra'ĕl.
[19]'And indeed, if the land of your possession is *unclean,* then pass over to the land of the possession of **ꓢꓴꓢꓶ**, where the **Dwelling Place** of **ꓢꓴꓢꓶ** dwells and take possession among us. ***But*** *do not* ***rebel*** <u>*against*</u> **ꓢꓴꓢꓶ**, nor ***rebel*** <u>*against*</u> us, by building yourselves an altar besides the altar of **ꓢꓴꓢꓶ** our **Elohim**.
[20]'Did not Aḵan son of Zeraḥ *commit* a *trespass* in that which is under the **ban** and *wrath* fell on **all** the congregation of Yisra'ĕl? And he was not the only one to *die* in his *crookedness*.' "
[21]***Then*** the children of Re'uḇĕn and the children of Gaḏ and half the tribe of Menashsheh answered and said to the heads of the division**s** of Yisra'ĕl,
[22]"Ĕl **Elohim ꓢꓴꓢꓶ**, Ĕl **Elohim ꓢꓴꓢꓶ**, **He** knows and let Yisra'ĕl itself **know.** ***If*** this has been in *rebellion* or if in *trespass* <u>*against*</u> **ꓢꓴꓢꓶ**, *do not* **save** us this day.
[23]"***If*** we have built ourselves an *altar* to turn *from* **following ꓢꓴꓢꓶ** or ***if*** to offer burnt offerings or grain offerings on it or ***if*** to make **peace** offerings on it, **let ꓢꓴꓢꓶ Himself require** it.
[24]"***But* truly**, from **fear,** for a **reason** we did this, saying, 'In **time** to **come** your sons might **speak** to our sons, saying, "***What*** have you to do with **ꓢꓴꓢꓶ Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl?
[25]"For **ꓢꓴꓢꓶ** has made the Yarděn a border between you and us, you children of Re'uḇĕn and children of Gaḏ. You have no portion with **ꓢꓴꓢꓶ**." So your sons would make our sons stop **fearing ꓢꓴꓢꓶ**.'
[26]"So we said, '**Let** us **now prepare** to build ourselves an altar, not for burnt offering nor for slaughtering,
[27]but to be a **witness** between you and us and our generations after us, to do the service of **ꓢꓴꓢꓶ** before **Him** with our burnt offerings, with our slaughterings and with our **peace** offerings, that your sons should not say to our sons in **time** to come, "You have no portion with **ꓢꓴꓢꓶ**." '
[28]"So we said that it ***shall* be,** when they say this to us or to our generations in **time** to come, that we ***shall*** say, '**See** the pattern of the altar of **ꓢꓴꓢꓶ** which our fathers made, though not for burnt offerings nor for slaughterings, but it is a **witness** between you and us.'

29"Far be it from us to ***rebel*** <u>*against*</u> **יהוה** and to *turn from* **following** **יהוה** this day, to build an altar for burnt offerings, for grain offerings, or for slaughterings, besides the altar of **יהוה** our **Elohim** which is before **His Dwelling Place.**"

30And Pineḥas the priest and the rulers of the congregation and the heads of the thousands of Yisra'ĕl who were with him, **heard** the **words** that the children of Re'uḇĕn and the children of Gaḏ and the children of Menashsheh spoke and it was **good** in their eyes.

31And Pineḥas son of El'azar the priest said to the children of Re'uḇĕn and to the children of Gaḏ and to the children of Menashsheh, "Today we **know** that **יהוה** is in our **midst**, <u>**because**</u> you have ***not*** committed <u>*against*</u> **יהוה** this *trespass*. **Now** you have **delivered** the children of Yisra'ĕl out of the **hand** of **יהוה**."

32And Pineḥas son of El'azar the priest and the rulers, returned from the children of Re'uḇĕn and the children of Gaḏ, from the land of Gil'aḏ to the land of Kena'an, to the children of Yisra'ĕl and brought back **word** to them.

33So the matter was **good** *in the eyes* of the children of Yisra'ĕl and the children of Yisra'ĕl **blessed Elohim**. And they spoke no more of going <u>*against*</u> to fight, to *destroy* the land where the children of Re'uḇĕn and Gaḏ dwelt.

34And the children of Re'uḇĕn and the children of Gaḏ called the altar, "A **witness** between us that **יהוה** is **Elohim**."

23 And it came to be, a long **time** after **יהוה** had **given** rest to Yisra'ĕl from **all** their enemies round about, that Yahusha was old, advanced in years.

2And Yahusha called for **all** Yisra'ĕl and for their elders and for their heads and for their judges and for their officers and said to them, "I am old, advanced in years.

3"And you, you have **seen all** that **יהוה** your **Elohim** has done to **all** these nations <u>**because**</u> of you, for **יהוה** your **Elohim is He** who was *fighting* for you.

4"**See,** I have divided to you by **lot** these nations that remain, to be an **inheritance** for your tribes, from the Yarděn, with **all** the nations that I have *cut* off, as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun.

5"And **יהוה** your **Elohim** ***thrust*** them out from before you and ***shall*** *drive* them out from before you and you ***shall*** **possess** their land, as **יהוה** your **Elohim** has **promised** you.

6"And you ***shall*** **be very strong** to **guard** and to do **all** that is **written** in the **Book** of the **Torah** of Mosheh, so as not to turn aside from it **right** or left,

7so as not to go in among these nations, these who remain among you. And make no mention of the name of their *mighty ones*, nor swear *by them*, nor **serve** them nor bow down to them.

8"***But*** **cling** to **יהוה** your **Elohim**, as you have done to this day.

9"For **יהוה** has *driven* out from before you **great** and **strong** nations. As for you, no one has stood <u>*against*</u> you to this day.

10"One man of you put a thousand to f**light**, for **יהוה** your **Elohim is He** who is *fighting* for you, as **He** has **promised** you.

11"And you ***shall*** **diligently guard** yourselves, to **love** **יהוה** your **Elohim**.

12"***But*** if you do **turn back** at **all** and **cling** to the **remnant** of these nations, these that remain among you and intermarry with them and go in to them and they to you,

13know for certain that **יהוה** your **Elohim** ***shall*** no longer *drive* these nations out from before you. And they ***shall*** **be** *snares* and *traps* to you and a whip on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you *perish* from this **good** land which **יהוה** your **Elohim** has **given** you.

14"And **see,** this day I am going the **way** of **all** the earth. And you **know** in **all** your **hearts** and in **all** your beings

that not one **word** has *failed* of **all** the **good words** which 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** spoke concerning you. All of it has **come to** you and not one **word** of them has failed.

15"And it ***shall* be,** that as **every good word** has **come** upon you which 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim promised** you, so 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 does bring upon you **every** *evil* **word, *until*** **He** has ***destroyed*** you from this **good** land which 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** has **given** you,

16when you *transgress* the **covenant** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**, which **He commanded** you and ***shall*** go and **serve** other *mighty ones* and bow down to them. And the *displeasure* of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 ***shall*** *burn* *against* you and you ***shall*** *perish* **quickly** from the **good** land which **He** has **given** you."

24 And Yahusha gathered **all** the tribes of Yisra'ĕl to Shekem and called for the elders of Yisra'ĕl and for their heads and for their judges and for their officers. And they presented themselves before **Elohim**.

2And Yahusha said to **all** the people, "Thus said 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, 'Long ago your fathers dwelt beyond the River – Terah, the father of Abrahim and the father of Nahor. And they **served** other *mighty ones*.

3'So I took your father Abrahim from beyond the River and **caused** him to go through **all** the land of Kena'an and multiplied his offspring and gave him Yitshaq.

4'And to Yitshaq I gave Ya'aqob and Ĕsaw. And to Ĕsaw I gave the mountains of Sĕ'ir to possess, but Ya'aqob and his children went down to Mitsrayim.

5'***Then*** I **sent** Mosheh and Aharon and *plagued* Mitsrayim, as I did in their **midst**. And afterward I brought you out.

6'And I brought your fathers out of Mitsrayim and you came to the sea. And the Mitsrites pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Sea of Reeds.

7'And they *cried out* to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and **He** put thick *darkness* between you and the Mitsrites and brought the sea upon them and covered them. And your eyes **saw** what I did in Mitsrayim. And you dwelt in the wilderness a long **time.**

8'And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, who dwelt beyond the Yarděn and they fought with you. ***But*** I gave them into your **hand** and you possessed their land and I ***destroyed*** them from before you.

9'And Balaq son of Tsippor, sovereign of Mo'ab, rose up and fought *against* Yisra'ĕl and **sent** and called for Bil'am son of Be'or to *curse* you.

10'***But*** I *refused* to **listen** to Bil'am, so he continued to **bless** you and I **delivered** you out of his **hand.**

11'And you passed over the Yarděn and came to Yeriho. And the masters of Yeriho, the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Kena'anite and the Hittite and the Girgashite and the Hiwwite and the Yebusite fought *against* you. ***But*** I gave them into your **hand.**

12'And I **sent** the hornet before you which drove them out from before you, also the two sovereigns of the Amorites, but not with your *sword* or with your bow.

13'And I gave you a land for which you *did not* labour and cities which you *did not* build. And you dwell in them, you eat of the vineyards and olive-trees which you *did not* plant.'

14"And **now**, **fear** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, **serve Him** in perfection and in **truth** and put away the *mighty ones* which your fathers **served** beyond the River and in Mitsrayim and **serve** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄!

15"And if it seems *evil* in your eyes to **serve** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, ***choose*** for yourselves this day whom you are going to serve, whether the *mighty ones* which your fathers **served** that were beyond the River, or the *mighty ones* of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. ***But* I and my house, we serve** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄**."**

16And the people answered and said, "Far be it from us to *forsake* 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, to **serve** other *mighty ones*,

[17]for 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 our **Elohim is He** who has brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Mitsrayim, from the house of bondage, who did those **great signs** before our eyes and has **guarded** us in **all** the **way** that we went and among **all** the people through whom we passed.
[18]"And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 drove out from before us **all** the people, even the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We too **serve** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, for **He** is our **Elohim**."
[19]***Then*** Yahusha said to the people, "You are *not able* to **serve** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, for **He** is a set-apart **Elohim**, a ***jealous*** Ěl **is He. He** *does not* bear with your *transgression* and with your *sins*,
[20]if you *forsake* 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and ***shall* serve** *mighty ones* of a stranger. ***Then* He *shall turn* back** and do you *evil* and *consume* you, after **He** has been **good** to you."
[21]And the people said to Yahusha,"No, but we do **serve** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄!"
[22]***Then*** Yahusha said to the people, "You are **witnesses** <u>*against*</u> yourselves that you have **chosen** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 for yourselves, to **serve Him.**" And they said, "Witnesses!"
[23]"And **now**, put away the *mighty ones* of the stranger which are in your **midst** and **incline** your **heart** to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl."
[24]And the people said to Yahusha, "𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 our **Elohim** we **serve** and **His voice** we **obey.**"
[25]And Yahusha made a **covenant** with the people that day and laid on them a **law** and a **right-ruling** in Sheḵem.
[26]***Then*** Yahusha **wrote** these **words** in the **Book** of the **Torah** of **Elohim**. And he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak that was by the set-apart place of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
[27]And Yahusha said to **all** the people, "**See,** this stone is a **witness** to us, for it has **heard all** the **words** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 which **He** spoke to us. And it ***shall* be** a **witness** <u>*against*</u> you, lest you *lie* <u>*against*</u> your **Elohim**."
[28]***Then*** Yahusha **sent** the people away, each to his own inheritance.
[29]And after these events it came to be that Yahusha son of Nun, the servant of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, died, one hundred and ten years old.
[30]And they buried him within the border of his **inheritance** at Timnath Seraḥ, which is in the mountains of Ephrayim, on the north side of Mount Ga'ash.
[31]And Yisra'ĕl **served** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **all** the days of Yahusha and **all** the days of the elders who outlived Yahusha, who had **known all** the **works** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 which **He** had done for Yisra'ĕl.
[32]And the bones of Yosĕph, which the children of Yisra'ĕl had brought up out of Mitsrayim, they buried at Sheḵem, in the *plot* of ground which Ya'aqoḇ had bought from the sons of Ḥamor the father of Sheḵem for one hundred pieces of silver and which had become an **inheritance** of the children of Yosĕph.
[33]And El'azar son of Aharon died and they buried him in a hill that belonged to Pineḥas his son, which was **given** to him in the hill country of Ephrayim.

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JUDGES — RULERS

1 And it came to be, after the *death* of Yahusha, that the children of Yisra'ĕl asked ꓤꓰꓤꓵ, saying, "***Who*** of us should go up **first** *against* the Kena'anites to *fight against* them?"

[2]And ꓤꓰꓤꓵ said, "Yahuḏah does go up. **See,** I have **given** the land into his **hand.**"

[3]And Yahuḏah said to Shim'on his brother, **"Come** up with me into my allotment and let us *fight against* the Kena'anites. And I myself ***shall*** also go with you into your allotment." So Shim'on went with him.

[4]And Yahuḏah went up and ꓤꓰꓤꓵ gave the Kena'anites and the Perizzites into their **hand.** And they *smote* ten thousand men at Bezeq.

[5]And they **found** Aḏoni-Bezeq in Bezeq and fought *against* him and *smote* the Kena'anites and the Perizzites.

[6]***But*** Aḏoni-Bezeq fled and they pursued him and ***caught*** him and *cut off* his thumbs and big toes.

[7]And Aḏoni-Bezeq said, "Seventy sovereigns with their thumbs and big toes *cut off* used to **gather** *food* under my table. As I have done, so **Elohim** has repaid me." And they brought him to Yerushalayim and he died there.

[8]And the children of Yahuḏah fought *against* Yerushalayim and captured it and *smote* it with the edge of the *sword* and set the city on *fire*.

[9]And afterward the children of Yahuḏah went down to *fight against* the Kena'anites who dwelt in the mountains, in the South and in the low country.

[10]And Yahuḏah went *against* the Kena'anites who dwelt in Ḥebron – **now** the name of Ḥebron was formerly Qiryath Arba – and they *smote* Shĕshai and Ahiman and Talmai.

[11]And from there they went *against* the inhabitants of Deḇir – **now** the name of Deḇir was formerly Qiryath Sĕpher.

[12]And Kalĕḇ said, "He who smites Qiryath Sĕpher and ***shall*** capture it, to him I ***shall*** give my daughter Aḵsah as wife."

[13]And Othni'ĕl son of Qenaz, Kalĕḇ's younger brother, captured it. And he gave him his daughter Aḵsah as wife.

[14]And it came to be, when she came in, that she urged him to **ask** her father for a field. And when she got off from her donkey, Kalĕḇ said to her, "***What*** is the matter?"

[15]And she said to him, "Give me a **blessing.** Since you have **given** me land in the South, give me also springs of water." So Kalĕḇ gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

[16]And the children of the Qĕynite, fatherin-law of Mosheh, went up from the city of palms with the children of Yahuḏah into the Wilderness of Yahuḏah, which is in the Neḡeḇ of Araḏ. And they went and dwelt among the people.

[17]And Yahuḏah went with Shim'on his brother and they *smote* the Kena'anites who inhabited Tsephath and put it under the **ban.** So the name of the city was called Ḥormah.

[18]And Yahuḏah captured Azzah and its border and Ashqelon and its border and Eqron and its border.

[19]And ꓤꓰꓤꓵ was with Yahuḏah, so they took possession of the mountains, but they were *unable* to *drive* out the inhabitants of the plain, **because** they had chariots of iron.

[20]And they gave Ḥeḇron to Kalĕḇ, as Mosheh had said and he drove out from there the three sons of Anaq.

[21]However, the children of Binyamin *did not drive* out the Yeḇusites who inhabited Yerushalayim, so the Yeḇusites have dwelt with the children of Binyamin in Yerushalayim to this day.

22 And the house of Yosĕph also went up *against* Bĕyth Ĕl and יהוה was with them.
23 And the house of Yosĕph **sent** men to spy out Bĕyth Ĕl – **now** the name of the city was formerly Luz.
24 And the watchmen **saw** a man **coming** out of the city and they said to him, "Please **show** us the entrance to the city and we ***shall* show** you **kindness**."
25 So he showed them the entrance to the city and they *smote* the city with the edge of the *sword.* ***But*** the man and **all** his clan they let go,
26 and the man went to the land of the Ḥittites and built a city and called its name Luz, which is its name to this day.
27 And Menashsheh *did not* dispossess Bĕyth She'an and its villages, nor Ta'anaḵ and its villages, nor the inhabitants of Dor and its villages, nor the inhabitants of Yiḇle'am and its villages, nor the inhabitants of Meğiddo and its villages, for the Kena'anites desired to dwell in that land.
28 And it came to be, when Yisra'ĕl was **strong,** that they put the Kena'anites into compulsory labour, but *did not* **completely** *drive* them out.
29 Neither did Ephrayim *drive* out the Kena'anites who dwelt in Gezer, so the Kena'anites dwelt in their **midst**, in Gezer.
30 Neither did Zeḇulun *drive* out the inhabitants of Qitron or the inhabitants of Nahalol, so the Kena'anites dwelt in their **midst** and became compulsory labour.
31 Neither did Ashĕr *drive* out the inhabitants of Akko nor the inhabitants of Tsiḏon, nor of Aḥlaḇ, nor of Akziḇ, nor of Ḥelbah, nor of Aphiq, nor of Rehoḇ.
32 So the Ashĕrites dwelt in the **midst** of the Kena'anites, the inhabitants of the land, **because** they *did not drive* them out.
33 Neither did Naphtali *drive* out the inhabitants of Bĕyth Shemesh nor the inhabitants of Bĕyth Anath, but they dwelt among the Kena'anites, the inhabitants of the land. And the inhabitants of Bĕyth Shemesh and of Bĕyth Anath became compulsory labour for them.
34 And the Amorites pressed the children of Dan into the mountains, for they *would not* allow them to **come** down to the valley,
35 and the Amorites desired to dwell in Mount Ḥeres, in Ayalon and in Sha'alḇim. ***But*** when the **hand** of the house of Yosĕph became stronger, they became compulsory labour.
36 And the border of the Amorites was from the Ascent of Aqrabbim, from Sela and upward.

2 And the Messenger of יהוה came up from Gilgal to Boḵim and said, "I led you up from Mitsrayim and brought you to the land of which I **swore** to your fathers and I said, 'I *do not break* **My covenant** with you,
2 and as for you, *do not* make a **covenant** with the inhabitants of this land – *break down* their *altars.* ' ***But*** you have not **obeyed My voice**. ***What*** is this you have done?
3 "'Therefore I also said, **'I am** not driving them out before you and they ***shall* be** *adversaries* to you and their *mighty ones* ***shall* be** a *snare* to you.' "
4 And it came to be, when the Messenger of יהוה spoke these **words** to **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl, that the people lifted up their **voice** and wept.
5 So they called the name of that place Boḵim and slaughtered there to יהוה.
6 ***Then*** Yahusha dismissed the people and the children of Yisra'ĕl went each to his own **inheritance** to **possess** the land.
7 And the people **served** יהוה **all** the days of Yahusha and **all** the days of the elders who outlived Yahusha, who had **seen all** the **great works** of יהוה which **He** had done for Yisra'ĕl.
8 And Yahusha son of Nun, the servant of יהוה, died, one hundred and ten years old.
9 And they buried him within the border of his **inheritance** at Timnath

Heres, in the mountains of Ephrayim, on the north side of Mount Ga'ash.
[10]And **all** that generation were likewise gathered to their fathers and another generation arose after them who *did not* **know** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ nor the **work** which **He** had done for Yisra'ĕl.
[11]***Then*** the children of Yisra'ĕl did *evil in the eyes* of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ and **served** the Ba'als,
[12]and ***forsook*** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ **Elohim** of their fathers who had brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim and *went after* other *mighty ones*, of the *mighty ones* of the people who were **all** around them and they *bowed* down to them and *provoked* ꓤꓰꓤꓶ.
[13]So they ***forsook*** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ and **served** Ba'al and the Ashtoreths.
[14]And the *displeasure* of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ *burned against* Yisra'ĕl. Therefore **He** gave them into the hands of plunderers who despoiled them. And **He** sold them into the hands of their enemies **all** around and they were *unable* to **stand** before their enemies any longer.
[15]Wherever they went out, the **hand** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ was *against* them for *evil*, as ꓤꓰꓤꓶ had **spoken** and as ꓤꓰꓤꓶ had sworn to them. And they were *distressed* – greatly.
[16]***Then*** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ **raised** up **rulers** who **saved** them from the **hand** of those who plundered them.
[17]However, they *did not* **listen** to their rulers either, but went *whoring* after other *mighty ones* and bowed down to them. They soon turned aside from the **way** in which their fathers walked, in **obeying** the **commands** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ– they *did not* do so.
[18]And when ꓤꓰꓤꓶ **raised** up **rulers** for them, ꓤꓰꓤꓶ **was with** the **ruler** and **saved** them from the **hand** of their enemies **all** the days of the **ruler**, for ꓤꓰꓤꓶ had **compassion** on their *groaning* **because** of those who *oppressed* them and *crushed* them.
[19]And it came to be, when the ruler was *dead,* that they would **turn back** and do more *corruptly* than their fathers, to go after other *mighty ones*, to ***serve*** them and ***bow*** down to them. They *did not refrain* from their *practices* and from their *stubborn* **way.**
[20]And the *displeasure* of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ *burned against* Yisra'ĕl and **He** said, "**Because** this nation has *transgressed* **My covenant** that I **commanded** their fathers and has ***not*** **obeyed My voice**,
[21]I also ***shall*** no longer *drive* out before them any of the nations which Yahusha left when he died,
[22]**in order** to try Yisra'ĕl by them, whether they would **guard** the **way** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, to **walk** in them as their fathers **guarded** them, or not."
[23]So ꓤꓰꓤꓶ left those nations, without driving them out at once and *did not* give them into the **hand** of Yahusha.

3 And these are the nations which ꓤꓰꓤꓶ left, to try Yisra'ĕl by them, **all** those who had not **known all** the battles in Kena'an,
[2]only that the generations of the children of Yisra'ĕl might **know,** to **teach** them battle, only those who before *did not* **know** them:
[3]five princes of the Philistines and **all** the Kena'anites and the Tsiḏonians and the Ḥiwwites who dwelt in Mount Leḇanon, from Mount Ba'al Ḥermon to the entrance of Ḥamath.
[4]And they were to try Yisra'ĕl by them, **to know** whether they would **obey** the **commands** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, which **He** had **commanded** their fathers by the **hand** of Mosheh.
[5]Thus the children of Yisra'ĕl dwelt in the **midst** of the Kena'anites, the Ḥittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Ḥiwwites and the Yeḇusites,
[6]and took their daughters to be their wives and gave their daughters to their sons and they **served** their *mighty ones*.
[7]Thus the children of Yisra'ĕl did *evil in the eyes* of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ and *forgot* ꓤꓰꓤꓶ their **Elohim** and **served** the ***Ba'als*** and the ***Ashĕrahs***.

[8]And the *displeasure* of יהוה *burned against* Yisra'ĕl and **He** sold them into the **hand** of Kushan-Rish'athayim sovereign of Aram Naharayim. And the children of Yisra'ĕl **served** Kushan-Rish'athayim eight years.

[9]And when the children of Yisra'ĕl *cried out* to יהוה, יהוה **raised** up a saviour for the children of Yisra'ĕl, who **saved** them: Othni'ĕl son of Qenaz, Kalĕḇ's younger brother.

[10]And the **Spirit** of יהוה came upon him and he ruled Yisra'ĕl and went out to battle and יהוה gave into his **hand** Kushan-Rish'athayim sovereign of Aram Naharayim. And his **hand** prevailed over Kushan-Rish'athayim,

[11]and the land had rest for forty years. ***Then*** Othni'ĕl son of Qenaz died,

[12]and the children of Yisra'ĕl again did *evil in the eyes* of יהוה. And יהוה made Eḡlon sovereign of Mo'aḇ **strong** *against* Yisra'ĕl, **because** they had done *evil in the eyes* of יהוה.

[13]And he gathered to himself the children of Ammon and Amalĕq and went and *smote* Yisra'ĕl and they took possession of the city of palms.

[14]And the children of Yisra'ĕl **served** Eḡlon sovereign of Mo'aḇ eighteen years.

[15]And when the children of Yisra'ĕl *cried out* to יהוה, יהוה **raised** up a saviour for them: Ĕhuḏ son of Gĕra, a Binyamite, a man impeded in his **right hand.** And by him the children of Yisra'ĕl **sent** a present to Eḡlon sovereign of Mo'aḇ.

[16]And Ĕhuḏ made himself a *sword,* it was double-edged and a cubit in length and he girded it under his long **robe** on his **right** thigh.

[17]And he brought the present to Eḡlon sovereign of Mo'aḇ. **Now** Eḡlon was a **very** fat man.

[18]And it came to be that when he had **finished** bringing **near** the present, he **sent** away the people bearing the present.

[19]***But*** he himself turned back from the *stone images* that were at Gilgal and said, "I have a **secret message** for you, O sovereign." And he said, "Be silent!" And **all** those standing beside him went out from him.

[20]And Ĕhuḏ came to him while he was sitting in his cool roof room. And Ĕhuḏ said, "I have a **message** from **Elohim** for you." So he arose from his seat.

[21]And Ĕhuḏ reached with his left **hand** and took the *sword* from his **right** thigh and ***thrust*** it into his stomach.

[22]And the handle went in after the blade and the fat closed over the blade, for he *did not* draw the *sword* out of his stomach and it came out behind.

[23]***Then*** Ĕhuḏ went out to the porch and shut the **doors** of the upper room behind him and locked them.

[24]And when he had gone out, his servants came to look and **saw** the **doors** of the roof room were locked. So they said, "He is only covering his feet in the cool roof room."

[25]And they waited until they were ashamed, but **saw** he was not opening the **doors** of the upper room. So they took the **key** and opened them and **saw** their master, fallen to the ground, *dead.*

[26]***But*** while they were delaying Ĕhuḏ **escaped** and had passed beyond the *stone image*s and **escaped** to Se'irah.

[27]And it came to be, when he arrived, that he blew the ram's horn in the mountains of Ephrayim and the children of Yisra'ĕl went down with him from the mountains, with him leading them.

[28]And he said to them, "**Follow** me, for יהוה has **given** your enemies the Mo'aḇites into your **hand.**" And they went down after him and took the fords of Yarděn leading to Mo'aḇ and *did not* allow anyone to pass over.

[29]And they *smote* about ten thousand men of Mo'aḇ at that **time, all** robust and brave men and not a man **escaped**.

[30]And on that day Mo'aḇ was humbled under the **hand** of Yisra'ĕl. And the land had rest for eighty years.

[31]And after him was Shamgar son of Anath and he *smote* six hundred men of the Philistines with an ox goad. And he too **saved** Yisra'ĕl.

4 And when Ĕhuḏ was *dead,* the children of Yisra'ĕl again did *evil* in the eyes of ꓤYHWH.

[2]Therefore ꓤYHWH sold them into the **hand** of Yaḇin the sovereign of Kena'an, who reigned in Ḥatsor. And the commander of his army was Sisera, who was dwelling in Ḥarosheth Haggoyim.

[3]And the children of Yisra'ĕl *cried out* to ꓤYHWH, **because** he had nine hundred chariots of iron and for twenty years he harshly *oppressed* the children of Yisra'ĕl.

[4]And Deḇorah, a **prophetess,** the wife Lappiḏoth, was ruling Yisra'ĕl at that **time.**

[5]And she was dwelling under the palm *tree* of Deḇorah between Ramah and Bĕyth Ĕl in the mountains of Ephrayim. And the children of Yisra'ĕl came up to her for right-ruling.

[6]And she **sent** and called for Baraq son of Aḇino'am from Qeḏesh in Naphtali and said to him, "Has not ꓤYHWH **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl **commanded**, 'Go and you ***shall*** draw towards Mount Taḇor and ***shall*** take with you ten thousand men of the sons of Naphtali and of the sons of Zeḇulun,

[7]and I ***shall*** draw unto you Sisera, the commander of Yaḇin's army, with his chariots and his company at the wadi Qishon and ***shall*** give him into your hand'?"

[8]And Baraq said to her, "***If*** you go with me, then I ***shall*** go; but if *you do not* go with me, I *do not* go."

[9]And she said, "I ***shall*** certainly go with you. Only, there ***shall*** **be** no **esteem** for you in the journey you are taking, for ꓤYHWH is going to sell Sisera into the **hand** of a woman." So Deḇorah arose and went with Baraq to Qeḏesh.

[10]And Baraq called Zeḇulun and Naphtali to Qeḏesh. And he went up – ten thousand men under his **command** – and Deḇorah went up with him.

[11]And Ḥeḇer the Qĕynite, of the children of Ḥoḇaḇ the father-in-law of Mosheh, had separated himself from the Qĕynites and pitched his tent **near** the terebinth *tree* at Tsa'anayim, which is beside Qeḏesh.

[12]And they reported to Sisera that Baraq son of Aḇino'am had gone up to Mount Taḇor.

[13]So Sisera called **all** his chariots, nine hundred chariots of iron and **all** the people who were with him, from Ḥarosheth Haggoyim to the wadi Qishon.

[14]And Deḇorah said to Baraq, "Rise up! For this is the day in which ꓤYHWH has **given** Sisera into your **hand.** Has not ꓤYHWH gone out before you?" And Baraq went down from Mount Taḇor with ten thousand men after him.

[15]And ꓤYHWH ***destroyed*** Sisera and **all** his chariots and **all** his army with the edge of the *sword* before Baraq. And Sisera leaped from his chariot and fled away on foot.

[16]***But*** Baraq pursued the chariots and the army as far as Ḥarosheth Haggoyim and **all** the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the *sword,* not one was left.

[17]Sisera, meanwhile, had fled on foot to the tent of Ya'ĕl, the wife of Ḥeḇer the Qĕynite, for there was **peace** between Yaḇin sovereign of Ḥatsor and the house of Ḥeḇer the Qĕynite.

[18]And Ya'ĕl went out to meet Sisera and said to him, "Turn aside, my master, turn aside to me, *do not* **fear.**" So he turned aside with her into the tent and she covered him with a blanket.

[19]And he said to her, "Please give me a *little* water to drink, for I am thirsty." So she opened a bottle of milk and gave him a drink and covered him.

[20]And he said to her, "Stand at the **door** of the tent and it ***shall*** **be** if anyone **comes** and asks you and says, 'Is there a man here?' you ***shall*** say, 'No.' "

[21]***But*** Ya'ĕl, Ḥeḇer's wife, took a tent peg and took a hammer in her **hand** and went softly to him and drove the peg into the side of his head and it went down into the ground – for he was fast asleep and exhausted – and he *died.*
[22]As Baraq pursued Sisera, Ya'ĕl came out to meet him and said to him, **"Come,** let me **show** you the man whom you are seeking," and when he went into her tent, there lay Sisera, *dead* with the peg in the side of his head.
[23]And on that day **Elohim** humbled Yaḇin sovereign of Kena'an in the presence of the children of Yisra'ĕl.
[24]And the **hand** of the children of Yisra'ĕl grew stronger and stronger *against* Yaḇin sovereign of Kena'an, until they had *cut off* Yaḇin sovereign of Kena'an.

5 And on that day Deḇorah and Baraq son of Aḇino'am sang, saying,
[2]"For leaders leading in Yisra'ĕl, for the people volunteering, **bless** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ!
[3]"**Hear,** O sovereigns! Give ear, O princes! I, I do sing to ꓤꓰꓤꓶ; I sing **praise** to ꓤꓰꓤꓶ **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl.
[4]"ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, when **You** went out from Sĕ'ir, when **You** stepped from the field of Eḏom, the earth *shook* and the heavens poured, the clouds also poured water.
[5]"The mountains flowed at the presence of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, this Sinai, at the presence of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl.
[6]"In the days of Shamgar, the son of Anath, in the days of Ya'ĕl, the highways were *deserted* and the travellers went in *crooked* ways.
[7]"Leadership *ceased*, it *ceased* in Yisra'ĕl, **until** I, Deḇorah, arose – a mother in Yisra'ĕl arose.
[8]"They **chose** new *mighty ones*, then *fighting* was in the gates! Neither a shield nor spear was **seen** among forty thousand in Yisra'ĕl.
[9]"My **heart** is towards the lawgivers of Yisra'ĕl, the volunteers amongthe people. Bless ꓤꓰꓤꓶ!
[10]"You who ride on white donkeys, you who sit on rich carpets and you who **walk** along the **way, declare** it!
[11]"By the **voice** of shouters, between the places of drawing water, there they recount the **righteous** acts of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, the **righteous** acts of **His** leadershipin Yisra'ĕl; then the people of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ*shall* go down to the gates.
[12]"Wake up, wake up, Deḇorah! Wake up, wake up, sing a song! Ārise, Baraq, lead your captives away, O son of Aḇino'am!
[13]"***Then*** **He** set the **remnant**to **rule** the nobles; ꓤꓰꓤꓶ came down for me *against* the *mighty ones*.
[14]"Out of Ephrayim their root is *against* Amalĕq. After you, Binyamin, with your peoples, out of Maḵir lawgivers came down and out of Zeḇulun those who handle the scribe's reed.
[15]"And the heads of Yissasḵar were with Deḇorah. And as Yissasḵar, so was Baraq **sent** into the valley under his **command.** Among the division**s** of Re'uḇĕn there were **great** searchings of **heart.**
[16]"***Why*** did you remain among the sheepfolds, to **hear** the bleatings of the flocks? The division**s** of Re'uḇĕn have **great** searchings of **heart.**
[17]"Gil'aḏ remained beyond the Yarděn and why did Dan remain on ships? Ashĕr continued at the seashore and remained by its landing places.
[18]"Zeḇulun is a people who risked their lives to the point of *death,* Naphtali also, on the heights of the field.
[19]"Sovereigns came, they fought, then the sovereigns of Kena'an fought in Ta'anaḵ, by the waters of Meḡiddo; they took no spoils of silver.
[20]"From the heavens they fought; the stars from their courses fought *against* Sisera.
[21]"The wadi of Qishon swept them away, that age-old wadi, the wadi of Qishon. O my being,
you have trampled in strength!
[22]"***Then*** stamped hoofs of horses, with the galloping, galloping of his steeds.
[23]'*Curse* Mĕroz,' said a messenger of

יהוה, ‘*curse, curse* its inhabitants, **because** they *did not* **come to** the help of יהוה, to the help of יהוה among the mighty.’

24**“Blessed** above women is Ya'ěl, the wife of Ḥeḇer the Qĕynite – above women in tents she is **blessed**.

25”He asked for water, she gave milk; she brought out curdled milk in a bowl for nobles.

26“She **stretched** her **hand** to the tent peg and her **right hand** to the workmen’s hammer.

Then she pounded Sisera and she smashed his head as she *pierced* and *struck* through the side of his head.

27“Between her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay still; between her feet he bowed, he fell; where he bowed, there he fell – **destroyed**.

28“Through the window the mother of Sisera looked and *cried out* through the lattice, ‘***Why*** does his chariot delay to **come?** ***Why*** have the steps of his chariots tarried?’

29“The **wise** ones of her princesses answered her, indeed, she answered herself,

30‘***Do*** they not find and divide the spoil: a girl or two for each man; a spoil of dyed **work** for Sisera, a spoil of dyed **work** embroidered, dyed **work** richly embroidered for the necks of the looter?’

31“So do **all Your** enemies *perish,* O יהוה! ***But*** let those who **love Him** be like the sun rising in its might!”

And the land had rest forty years.

6 And the children of Yisra’ĕl did *evil in the eyes* of יהוה and יהוה gave them into the **hand** of Miḏyan for seven years,

2and the **hand** of Miḏyan was **strong** *against* Yisra’ĕl. And before the faces of the Miḏyanites the children of Yisra’ĕl made for themselves the refuges which are in the mountains and the caves and the *strongholds*.

3And it came to be, whenever Yisra’ĕl had sown, that Miḏyan would **come** up and Amalĕq and the people of the East would **come** up *against* them,

4and encamp *against* them and *destroy* the increase of the soil as far as Azzah and leave no food in Yisra’ĕl, neither sheep nor ox nor donkey.

5For they came up with their livestock and their tents, **coming** in as numerous as locusts. And they and their camels were without number. And they came into the land to *destroy* it.

6Thus Yisra’ĕl was brought **very** low **because** of Miḏyan and the children of Yisra’ĕl *cried out* to יהוה.

7And it came to be, when the children of Yisra’ĕl *cried out* to יהוה **because** of Miḏyan,

8that יהוה **sent** a **prophet** to the children of Yisra’ĕl, who said to them, “Thus said יהוה **Elohim** of Yisra’ĕl, ‘I have brought you up from Mitsrayim and I brought you out of the house of bondage,

9and I **delivered** you out of the **hand** of the Mitsrites and out of the **hand** of **all** your oppressors and drove them out before you and gave you their land.

10‘And I said to you, “I am יהוה your **Elohim**, *do not* **fear** the *mighty ones* of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. And you have *not* **obeyed My voice**.” ’ ”

11And the Messenger of יהוה came and sat under the terebinth *tree* which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Yo’ash the Aḇi'ezerite, while his son Giḏ'on threshed wheat in the winepress, to hide it from the eyes of the Miḏyanites.

12And the Messenger of יהוה appeared to him and said to him, “יהוה is with you, you mighty brave one!”

13And Giḏ'on said to **Him,** “O my master, if יהוה is with us, why has **all** this **come** upon us? And where are **all His wonders** which our fathers related to us, saying, ‘Did not יהוה bring us up from Mitsrayim?’

But **now** יהוה has left us and **given** us into the hands of Miḏyan.”

14And יהוה turned to him and said, “Go in this strength of yours and you

shall **save** Yisra'ĕl from the **hand** of the Midyanites. Have I not **sent** you?"
15And he said to **Him,** "O ֱיְהוָה, with what do I **save** Yisra'ĕl? **See,** my clan is the weakest in Menashsheh and I am the least in my father's house."
16And ֱיְהוָה said to him, "**Because I am with you**, you ***shall*** *smite* the Midyanites as one man."
17And he said to **Him,** "Please, if I have **found favour** in **Your** eyes, then **show** me a **sign** that it is You who are speaking with me.
18"Please *do not* move away from here, until I **come to** You and bring out my offering and set it before **You.**" And **He** said, "I ***shall*** stay until you return."
19And Gid'on went in and prepared a young goat and unleavened **bread** from an ĕphah of flour. The meat he put in a basket and he put the broth in a pot. And he brought them out to **Him,** under the terebinth *tree* and presented it.
20And the Messenger of **Elohim** said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened **bread** and lay them on this rock and **pour out** the broth." And he did so.
21And the Messenger of ֱיְהוָה put forth **the end** of the staff that was in **His hand** and touched the meat and the unleavened bread. And *fire* went up out of the rock and *consumed* the meat and the unleavened bread. And the Messenger of ֱיְהוָה went from his sight.
22And when Gid'on **saw** that **He** was a Messenger of ֱיְהוָה, Gid'on said, "Oh **Master** ֱיְהוָה! For I have **seen** a Messenger of ֱיְהוָה face to face."
23And ֱיְהוָה said to him, "Peace be with you! ***Do*** *not* **fear,** *you do not die.*"
24And Gid'on built an altar there to ֱיְהוָה and called it: ֱיְהוָהShalom. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abi'ezerites.
25And the **same** night it came to be that ֱיְהוָה said to him, "Take the young bull of your father and the second bull of seven years old and you ***shall*** *throw* down the altar of Ba'al that your father has and *cut down* the Ashĕrah that is beside it.
26"And you ***shall*** build an altar to ֱיְהוָה your **Elohim** on top of this rock in an orderly **way** and ***shall*** take the second bull and offer a burnt offering with the ***wood*** of the *image* which you *cut down*."
27And Gid'on took ten men from among his servants and did as ֱיְהוָה had said to him. And it came to be, **because** he ***feared*** his father's household and the men of the city too much to do it by day, that he did it by night.
28And the men of the city arose early in the morning and **saw** the altar of Ba'al was broken down and the Ashĕrah that was beside it had been *cut down* and the second bull was being offered on the altar which was built.
29And they said to each other, "***Who*** has done this **deed**?" And when they had **inquired** and asked, they said, "Gid'on son of Yo'ash has done this **deed**."
30And the men of the city said to Yo'ash, "Bring out your son, so that he dies, for he has broken down the altar of Ba'al and **because** he has *cut down* the Ashĕrah that was beside it."
31And Yo'ash said to **all** who stood *against* him, "You, would you plead for Ba'al? You, would you **save** him? **Let** the one who would plead for him be put to *death* by morning! ***If*** he is a *mighty one*, let him plead for himself, **because** his altar has been broken down!"
32So that day he called him Yerubba'al, saying, "**Let** Ba'al plead *against* him, **because** he has broken down his altar."
33**Now all** Midyan and Amalĕq and the people of the East, were gathered together. And they passed over and encamped in the Valley of Yizre'ĕl.
34***Then*** the **Spirit** of ֱיְהוָה came upon Gid'on and he blew the ram's horn and the Abi'ezerites gathered behind him.
35And he **sent** messengers throughout *all men*ashsheh, who also gathered behind him. And he **sent** messengers to Asher and to Zebulun and to Naphtali. And they came up to meet them.
36And Gid'on said to **Elohim**, "***If*** **You** are saving Yisra'ĕl by my **hand** as **You** have said,

[37]see, I am placing a fleece of wool on the threshing-floor. ***If*** there is dew only on the fleece and it is dry on **all** the ground, then I ***shall*** **know** that **You** are saving Yisra'ĕl by my **hand,** as **You** have said."
[38]And it was so and he rose early the next morning and pressed the fleece and wrung dew out of the fleece, to fill a bowl with water.
[39]And Gid'on said to **Elohim**, "***Do*** *not* be *displeased* with me and let me **speak** only this time: Please let me try only this **time** with the fleece, please **let it be** dry only on the fleece and let there be dew on **all** the ground."
[40]And **Elohim** did so that night and it was dry on the fleece only, but there was dew on **all** the ground.

7 And Yerubba'al, that is Gid'on and **all** the people who were with him rose up early and encamped by the fountain of Ḥarod, so that the camp of Midyan was on the north side of them by the hill of Moreh in the valley.
[2]And יהוה said to Gid'on, "The people who are with you are too many for **Me** to give Midyan into their hands, lest Yisra'ĕl boast *against* **Me,** saying, **'My** own **hand** has **saved** me.'
[3]"And **now**, **proclaim** in the **hearing** of the people, saying, '***Whoever*** is *afraid* and *trembling*, let him turn back and leave Mount Gil'ad.' " And twenty-two thousand of the people turned back, while ten thousand remained.
[4]And יהוה said to Gid'on, "The people are still too many. Bring them down to the water and let **Me** prove them for you there. And it ***shall*** **be,** that of whom I say to you, 'This one goes with you,' let him go with you. And of ***whomever*** I say to you, 'This one *does not* go with you,' let him not go."
[5]So he brought the people down to the water. And יהוה said to Gid'on, "Everyone who laps the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, separate him from everyone who bows down on his knees to drink."
[6]And the number of those who lapped, putting their **hand** to their **mouth,** was three hundred men and **all** the rest of the people bowed down on their knees to drink water.
[7]And יהוה said to Gid'on, "By the three hundred men who lapped I **save** you and ***shall*** give Midyan into your **hand. Let all** the other people go, each to his place."
[8]And the people took food and their ram's horns in their hands. And he **sent** away **all** the rest of Yisra'ĕl, each to his tent, but kept those three hundred men. **Now** the camp of Midyan was below him in the valley.
[9]And it came to be, on that night, that יהוה said to him, "Arise, go down *against* the camp, for I have **given** it into your **hand.**
[10]"***But*** if you are *afraid* to go down, go down, you and Purah your servant, to the camp.
[11]"And you ***shall*** **hear** what they say and after that let your hands be strengthened. And you ***shall*** go down *against* the camp." So he went down with Purah his servant to the edge of the armed men who were in the camp.
[12]And Midyan and Amalĕq and **all** the people of the East, were *lying* in the valley as many as locusts. And their camels were as numerous as the sand by the seashore.
[13]And Gid'on came and **see,** a man was relating a **dream** to his companion and said, "See I had a **dream** and **see,** a loaf of barley **bread** tumbled into the camp of Midyan and it came to a tent and *smote* it so that it fell and overturned and the tent fell down."
[14]And his companion answered and said, "This is nil else than the *sword* of Gid'on son of Yo'ash, a man of Yisra'ĕl. **Elohim** has **given** Midyan and **all** the camp into his **hand.**"
[15]And it came to be, when Gid'on **heard** this **dream** related and its interpretation, that he bowed himself down. And he returned to the camp of Yisra'ĕl and said, "Arise, for יהוה has **given** the camp of Midyan into your

hand."
16And he divided the three hundred men into three companies and he put a ram's horn into the hands of **all** of them, with *empty* jars and torches inside the jars.
17And he said to them, "**Watch** me and do likewise. And **see,** when I **come to** the edge of the camp do as I do.
18"And I ***shall*** **blow** the ram's horn, I and **all** those with me, then you ***shall*** also **blow** the ram's horns round about **all** the camp and say, 'For יהוה and for Giḏ'on!' "
19And Giḏ'on and the hundred men who were with him came to the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle **watch**, as they had but newly posted the **watch**. And they blew the ram's horns and broke the jars that were in their hands.
20And the three companies blew the ram's horns and broke the jars and held the torches in their left hands and the ram's horns in their **right** hands for blowing. And they cried, "For יהוה and for Giḏ'on!"
21And each stood in his place, round about the camp. And **all** the army ran and *cried out* and fled,
22and the three hundred blew the ram's horns and יהוה set the *sword* of each one *against* the other throughout **all** the camp. And the army fled to Bĕyth Shittah, toward Tserĕrah, as far as the border of Aḇĕl Meḥolah, by Tabbath.
23And the men of Yisra'ĕl were called from Naphtali and from Ashĕr and from *all men*ashsheh and pursued Miḏyan.
24***Then*** Giḏ'on **sent** messengers throughout **all** the mountains of Ephrayim, saying, **"Come** down to meet Miḏyan and capture from them the watering places as far as Bĕyth Barah and the Yardĕn." So **all** the men of Ephrayim were called and captured the watering places as far as Bĕyth Barah and the Yardĕn.
25And they captured two princes of Miḏyan, Oreḇ and Ze'ĕḇ and slew Oreḇ at the rock of Oreḇ and Ze'ĕḇ they slew at the winepress of Ze'ĕḇ while they pursued Miḏyan. And they brought the heads of Oreḇ and Ze'ĕḇ to Giḏ'on beyond the Yardĕn.

8 And the men of Ephrayim said to him, "***What*** is this you have done to us by not calling us when you went to *fight* with Miḏyan?" And they contended with him sharply,
2and he said to them, "***What*** have I done as compared with you? Are the gleanings of Ephrayim not better than the grape harvest of Aḇi'ezer?
3"**Elohim** has **given** into your hands the princes of Miḏyan, Oreḇ and Ze'ĕḇ. And what was I able to do as compared with you?" And when he had said that their *rage* toward him subsided.
4And Giḏ'on and the three hundred men who were with him came to the Yardĕn, passing over, *weary* yet pursuing.
5And he said to the men of Sukkoth, "Please give loaves of **bread** to the people who **follow** me, for they are *weary* and I am pursuing Zeḇaḥ and Tsalmunna, sovereigns of Miḏyan."
6***But*** the leaders of Sukkoth said, "Are the hands of Zeḇaḥ and Tsalmunna **now** in your **hand,** that we should give **bread** to your army?"
7And Giḏ'on said, "**Because** of this, when יהוה has **given** Zeḇaḥ and Tsalmunna into my **hand,** I ***shall*** *tear* your *flesh* with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers!"
8And he went up from there to Penu'ĕl and spoke to them in the *same way.* And the men of Penu'ĕl answered him as the men of Sukkoth had answered him.
9So he spoke also to the men of Penu'ĕl, saying, "***When*** I **come back** in **peace I *shall*** *break down* this tower!"
10And Zeḇaḥ and Tsalmunna were at Qarqor and their armies with them, about fifteen thousand men, **all** who were left of **all** the army of the people of the East. **Now** those who had *already* fallen were one hundred and twenty thousand men who drew the *sword.*

[11]And Giḏ'on went up by the **way** of those who dwell in tents on the east of Noḇaḥ and Yoḡbehah. And he *smote* the camp while the camp was at ease.
[12]And Zeḇaḥ and Tsalmunna fled and he pursued them and captured the two sovereigns of Miḏyan, Zeḇaḥ and Tsalmunna and shuddered the entire army.
[13]And Giḏ'on son of Yo'ash returned from battle, from the Ascent of Ḥeres,
[14]and captured a youth of the men of Sukkoth and questioned him. So *the youth* **wrote** down for him the leaders of Sukkoth and its elders, seventy-seven men.
[15]And he came to the men of Sukkoth and said, "See: Zeḇaḥ and Tsalmunna, about whom you taunted me, saying, 'Are the hands of Zeḇaḥ and Tsalmunna **now** in your **hand,** that we should give **bread** to your men who are *weary*?' "
[16]And he took the elders of the city and thorns of the wilderness and briers and with them he **taught** the men of Sukkoth *a lesson*.
[17]And he broke down the tower of Penu'ĕl and slew the men of the city.
[18]And he said to Zeḇaḥ and Tsalmunna, "***How*** were the men whom you *killed* at Taḇor?" So they answered, "They were like you, each one **looked** like the son of a sovereign ."
[19]And he said, "They were my brothers, the sons of my mother. As יהוה lives, if you had let them **live,** I *would not slay* you."
[20]And he said to Yether his first-born, "Rise, *slay* them!" ***But*** the youth *would not* draw his *sword,* for he was *afraid*, **because** he was still a youth.
[21]***Then*** Zeḇaḥ and Tsalmunna said, "Rise yourself and *fall* on us. For as a man is, so is his might." So Giḏ'on arose and slew Zeḇaḥ and Tsalmunna and took the crescent ornaments which were on their camels' necks.
[22]So the men of Yisra'ĕl said to Giḏ'on, "Rule over us, both you and your son, also your son's son, for you have **saved** us from the **hand** of Miḏyan."
[23]***But*** Giḏ'on said to them, "I *do not* **rule** over you, nor does my son **rule** over you. יהוה **does rule** over you."
[24]And Giḏ'on said to them, "I have a request to make of you, that each of you give me the ring from his spoil." For they had rings of gold, **because** they were Yishma'ĕlites.
[25]And they said, "We ***shall*** certainly give them." And they spread out a garment and each man threw into it the ring from his spoil.
[26]And the weight of the gold rings that he requested was one thousand seven hundred pieces of gold – besides the crescent ornaments and the pendants and purple robes which were on the sovereigns of Miḏyan and besides the chains that were around their camels' necks.
[27]And Giḏ'on made it into a shoulder garment and set it up in his city, Ophrah. And **all** Yisra'ĕl went *whoring* after it there. And it became a *snare* to Giḏ'on and to his house.
[28]Thus Miḏyan was humbled before the children of Yisra'ĕl and they lifted their heads no more. And the land had rest for forty years in the days of Giḏ'on.
[29]And Yerubba'al son of Yo'ash went and dwelt in his own house.
[30]And Giḏ'on had seventy sons who were his own offspring, for he had many wives.
[31]And his concubine who was in Sheḵem also bore him a son and he gave him the name Aḇimeleḵ.
[32]And Giḏ'on son of Yo'ash died at a **good** old age and was buried in the tomb of Yo'ash his father, in Ophrah of the Aḇi'ezerites.
[33]And it came to be, when Giḏ'on was *dead,* that the children of Yisra'ĕl again went *whoring* after the ***Ba'als*** and made Ba'al-Berith their *mighty one*.
[34]Thus the children of Yisra'ĕl *did not* ***remember*** יהוה their **Elohim**, who had **delivered** them from the hands of **all** their enemies round about,
[35]nor did they **show kindness** to the house of Yerubba'al, Giḏ'on, **according**

to **all** the **good** which he did for Yisra'ĕl.

9 And Abimelek son of Yerubba'al went to Shekem, to his mother's brothers and spoke with them and with **all** the clan of the house of his mother's father, saying,

[2]"Please **speak** in the **hearing** of **all** the masters of Shekem, 'Which is better for you, that seventy men, **all** the sons of Yerubba'al **rule** over you, or that one man **rule** over you?' And you ***shall remember*** that I am your own *flesh* and bone."

[3]And his mother's brothers spoke **all** these **words** concerning him in the **hearing** of **all** the masters of Shekem. And their **heart** inclined toward Abimelek, for they said, "He is our brother."

[4]And they gave him seventy pieces of silver from the house of Ba'al-Berith, with which Abimelek hired *worthless* and *reckless* men. And they **followed** him.

[5]And he went to his father's house at Ophrah and slew his brothers, the seventy sons of Yerubba'al, on one stone. ***But*** Yotham the youngest son of Yerubba'al was left, **<u>because</u>** he hid himself.

[6]And **all** the masters of Shekem gathered together and **all** of Bĕyth Millo and they went and made Abimelek sovereign beside the terebinth *tree* at the post that was in Shekem.

[7]And they informed Yotham and he went and stood on top of Mount Gerizim and lifted his **voice** and *cried out* and said to them, **"Hear** me, you masters of Shekem and let **Elohim hear** you!

[8]"The trees went forth to **anoint** a sovereign over them. And they said to the olive *tree,* 'reign over us!'

[9]"And the olive *tree* said to them, '***Shall*** I leave my oil, with which they **esteem** *mighty ones* and men and go to sway over trees?'

[10]"***Then*** the trees said to the fig *tree,* '**Come, reign** over us!'

[11]"And the fig *tree* said to them, '***Shall*** I leave my sweetness and my **good fruit** and go to sway over trees?'

[12]"***Then*** the trees said to the vine, '**Come, reign** over us!'

[13]"And the **vine** said to them, '***Shall*** I leave my new **wine**, which **rejoices** *mighty ones* and men and go to sway over trees?'

[14]"***Then*** **all** the trees said to the bramble, '**Come, reign** over us!'

[15]"And the bramble said to the trees, '***If*** in **truth** you **anoint** me as sovereign over you, come, take shelter in my shade. ***But*** if not, let *fire* **come out** of the bramble and *devour* the cedars of Lebanon!'

[16]"And **now**, if you have *acted* in **truth** and integrity in setting up Abimelek to reign and if you have *acted* well with Yerubba'al and his house and have done to him as his hands did to you –

[17]for my father fought for you and risked his **life** and **delivered** you out of the **hand** of Midyan,

[18]but you have risen up *<u>against</u>* my father's house today and slew his seventy sons on one stone and set up Abimelek, the son of his female servant, to **reign** over the masters of Shekem, **<u>because</u>** he is your brother –

[19]if then you have *acted* in **truth** and integrity with Yerubba'al and with his house this day, then **rejoice** in Abimelek and let him also **rejoice** in you.

[20]"***But*** if not, let *fire* **come out** from Abimelek and *devour* the masters of Shekem and Bĕyth Millo and let *fire* **come out** from the masters of Shekem and from Bĕyth Millo and *devour* Abimelek!"

[21]***Then*** Yotham ran away and fled and he went to Be'ĕr and dwelt there, for **fear** of Abimelek his brother.

[22]And Abimelek governed Yisra'ĕl three years,

[23]and **Elohim sent** an *evil* spirit between Abimelek and the masters of Shekem. And the masters of Shekem *acted* treacherously *<u>against</u>* Abimelek,

[24]**in order** that the *violence* done to the seventy sons of Yerubba'al might come

and their **blood** be laid on Abimelek their brother, who slew them and on the masters of Shekem, who strengthened his hands to *slay* his brothers.
25And the masters of Shekem set men in ambush *against* him on the tops of the mountains and they robbed **all** who passed over by them along that **way.** And it was reported to Abimelek.
26And Ga'al son of Ebed came with his brothers and passed over to Shekem. And the masters of Shekem put their **trust** in him,
27and went out into the fields and gathered their vineyards and trod out and held a feast. And they went into the house of their *mighty one* and ate and drank and *cursed* Abimelek.
28And Ga'al son of Ebed said, "***Who*** is Abimelek and who is Shekem, that we should **serve** him? Is he not the son of Yerubba'al and is not Zebul his officer? Serve the men of Hamor the father of Shekem! ***But*** why should we **serve** him?
29"***If*** only this people were under my **hand! *Then*** I would remove Abimelek." And he said to Abimelek, "Increase your army and **come** out!"
30And when Zebul, the governor of the city, **heard** the **words** of Ga'al son of Ebed, his *displeasure burned*.
31And he **sent** messengers to Abimelek by *deceit*, saying, "**See,** Ga'al son of Ebed and his brothers have **come to** Shekem. And **see,** they are besieging the city *against* you.
32"And **now**, get up by night, you and the people who are with you and *lie* in wait in the field.
33"And it ***shall* be,** as soon as the sun is up in the morning, then rise early and rush upon the city. And **see,** when he and the people who are with him **come out** *against* you, you ***shall*** do to them as your **hand** finds to do."
34And Abimelek and **all** the people who were with him rose up by night and laid in wait *against* Shekem in four companies.
35**Now** Ga'al son of Ebed went out and stood in the entrance to the city gate and Abimelek and the people who were with him rose from *lying* in wait.
36And when Ga'al **saw** the people, he said to Zebul, "**See,** people are **coming** down from the tops of the mountains!" ***But*** Zebul said to him, "You are **seeing** the shadows of the mountains like men."
37And Ga'al spoke again and said, "**See,** people are **coming** down from the high part of the land and another company is **coming** from the Diviners' Terebinth Tree."
38And Zebul said to him, "**Now** where is your **mouth** with which you said, '***Who*** is Abimelek, that we should **serve** him?' Are not these the people whom you *despised*? I ***beg*** you, go out and *fight* them *now.*"
39So Ga'al went out, leading the masters of Shekem and fought Abimelek.
40And Abimelek pursued him and he fled from him. And many fell wounded, up to the entrance of the gate.
41And Abimelek stayed at Arumah and Zebul drove out Ga'al and his brothers, so that they *would not* dwell in Shekem.
42And it came to be the next day that the people went out into the field and they informed Abimelek.
43And he took his people and divided them into three companies and laid in wait in the field and **looked** and **saw** the people **coming** out of the city. And he rose *against* them and *smote* them.
44And Abimelek and the company that was with him rushed forward and stood at the entrance of the gate of the city. And the other two companies rushed upon **all** who were in the fields and *smote* them.
45And Abimelek fought *against* the city **all** that day and captured the city and slew the people who were in it. And he broke down the city and sowed it with **salt.**
46And **all** the masters of the tower of Shekem had **heard** that and entered the stronghold of the house of El Berith.
47And it was reported to Abimelek that **all** the masters of the tower of Shekem were gathered together.
48So Abimelek went up to Mount

Tsalmon, he and **all** the people who were with him. And Abimelek took an axe in his **hand** and *cut down* a branch from the trees and took it and laid it on his shoulder. ***Then*** he said to the people who were with him, "***What*** you have **seen** me do, hurry, do as I have done."
[49]And **all** the people likewise *cut down* each one his own branch and **followed** Abimelek and put them *against* the *stronghold* and set the stronghold on *fire* above them, so that **all** the men of the tower of Shekem died, about a thousand men and women.
[50]Abimelek then went to Thebets and he encamped *against* Thebets and captured it.
[51]However, there was a **strong** tower in the city and **all** the men and women and **all** the masters of the city fled there and shut themselves in and went up to the top of the tower.
[52]And Abimelek came to the tower and fought *against* it and approached the **door** of the tower to burn it with *fire*.
[53]***But*** a certain woman dropped an upper millstone on the head of Abimelek and crushed his skull.
[54]**He** then **immediately** called the young man, his armour-bearer and said to him, "Draw your *sword* and *kill* me, lest men say of me, 'A woman *killed* him.' " And his young man ***thrust*** him through and he *died.*
[55]And when the men of Yisra'el **saw** that Abimelek was *dead,* each one went to his own place.
[56]Thus did **Elohim repay** the *evil* of Abimelek, which he had done to his father to *slay* his seventy brothers.
[57]And **all** the *evil* of the men of Shekem **Elohim** turned back on their own heads and the *curse* of Yotham son of Yerubba'al came on them.

10 And after Abimelek there arose Tola son of Pu'ah, son of Dodo, a man of Yissaskar, to **save** Yisra'el. And he dwelt in Shamur in the mountains of Ephrayim.
[2]And he ruled Yisra'el twenty-three years. ***Then*** he died and was buried in Shamur.
[3]And after him arose Ya'ir, a Gil'adite and he ruled Yisra'el twenty-two years.
[4]And he had thirty sons who rode on thirty donkeys. And they had thirty towns, which are called Hawoth Yair to this day, which are in the land of Gil'ad.
[5]And Ya'ir died and was buried in Qamon.
[6]And the children of Yisra'el again did *evil in the eyes* of יהוה and **served** the ***Ba'als*** and the ***Ashtoreths*** and the *mighty ones* of Aram and the *mighty ones* of Tsidon and the *mighty ones* of Mo'ab and the *mighty ones* of the children of Ammon and the *mighty ones* of the Philistines – and ***forsook*** יהוה and *did not* **serve Him.**
[7]Therefore the *displeasure* of יהוה *burned against* Yisra'el. And **He** sold them into the hands of the Philistines and into the hands of the children of Ammon.
[8]And they crushed and *oppressed* the children of Yisra'el that year – for eighteen years – **all** the children of Yisra'el who were beyond the Yarden in the land of the Amorites, in Gil'ad.
[9]And the children of Ammon passed over the Yarden to *fight against* Yahudah and *against* Binyamin and *against* the house of Ephrayim, so that Yisra'el had **great** *distress.*
[10]And the children of Yisra'el *cried out* to יהוה, "We have *sinned against* **You, because** we have both ***forsaken*** our **Elohim** and **served** the Ba'als!"
[11]So יהוה said to the children of Yisra'el, "Was it not from the Mitsrites and from the Amorites and from the children of Ammon and from the Philistines *that I* **saved** *you*?
[12]"And the Tsidonians and Amaleq and Ma'on *oppressed* you. And you *cried out* to **Me** and I **saved** you from their **hand.**
[13]"***But*** you, you have ***forsaken*** **Me** and **served** other *mighty ones*. Therefore I *do not* **save** you again.
[14]"*Go* and ***cry out*** to the *mighty ones*

which you have **chosen** and ***let them*** **save** you in your **time** of *distress*."
[15]And the children of Yisra'ĕl said to יהוה, "We have *sinned*! ***Do*** to us ***whatever*** is **good** in **Your** eyes, only **deliver** us today, please."
[16]So they put away the foreign *mighty ones* from their **midst** and **served** יהוה. And **His** being was *grieved* with the *trouble* of Yisra'ĕl.
[17]***Then*** the children of Ammon were called **together** and encamped in Gil'aḏ. And the children of Yisra'ĕl gathered **together** and encamped in Mitspah.
[18]And the people, the heads of Gil'aḏ, said to each other, "**Let** the man who is the **first** to *fight <u>against</u>* the children of Ammon be head over **all** the inhabitants of Gil'aḏ."

11 And Yiphtaḥ the Gil'aḏite was a mighty brave one, but he was the son of a *whore.* And Gil'aḏ brought forth Yiphtaḥ.
[2]And the wife of Gil'aḏ bore sons. And when his wife's sons grew up, they drove Yiphtaḥ out and said to him, "You ***shall*** not have an **inheritance** in the house of our father, for you are the son of another woman."
[3]And Yiphtaḥ fled from his brothers and dwelt in the land of Toḇ. And *worthless* men banded **together** with Yiphtaḥ and went out with him.
[4]And it came to be, some **time** later, that the children of Ammon fought *<u>against</u>* Yisra'ĕl.
[5]And it came to be, when the children of Ammon fought *<u>against</u>* Yisra'ĕl, that the elders of Gil'aḏ went to bring Yiphtaḥ out of the land of Toḇ.
[6]And they said to Yiphtaḥ, **"Come** and you ***shall*** **be** our commander and let us *fight <u>against</u>* the children of Ammon."
[7]***But*** Yiphtaḥ said to the elders of Gil'aḏ, "Did you not *hate* me and *drive* me from my father's house? ***Why*** have you **come to Me now** when you are in trouble?"
[8]And the elders of Gil'aḏ said to Yiphtaḥ, "That is the **reason** we have turned to you, that you ***shall*** go with us and *fight <u>against</u>* the children of Ammon and be our head over **all** the inhabitants of Gil'aḏ."
[9]And Yiphtaḥ said to the elders of Gil'aḏ, "***If*** you take me back home to *fight <u>against</u>* the children of Ammon and יהוה gives them to me, am I to be your head?"
[10]And the elders of Gil'aḏ said to Yiphtaḥ, "יהוה is **witness** between us, if we *do not* do **according** to your **words**."
[11]***Then*** Yiphtaḥ went with the elders of Gil'aḏ and the people set him over them, as head and commander. And Yiphtaḥ spoke **all** his **words** before יהוה in Mitspah.
[12]And Yiphtaḥ **sent** messengers to the sovereign of the children of Ammon, saying, "***What*** is between you and me, that you have **come to** *fight <u>against</u>* me in my land?"
[13]And the sovereign of the children of Ammon said to the messengers of Yiphtaḥ, "**<u>Because</u>** Yisra'ĕl took my land when they came up out of Mitsrayim, from the Arnon as far as the Yabboq and to the Yarděn. And **now**, give back those lands in peace."
[14]***But*** Yiphtaḥ again **sent** messengers to the sovereign of the children of Ammon,
[15]and said to him, "This is what Yiphtaḥ said, 'Yisra'ĕl *did not* take the land of Mo'aḇ, nor the land of the children of Ammon.
[16]'For when they came up from Mitsrayim and Yisra'ĕl walked through the wilderness as far as the Sea of Reeds and came to Qaḏĕsh,
[17]then Yisra'ĕl **sent** messengers to the sovereign of Eḏom, saying, "Please let me pass over, through your land." ***But*** the sovereign of Eḏom *would not* **listen**.
And they also **sent** to the sovereign of Mo'aḇ, but he *refused*, so Yisra'ĕl stayed at Qaḏĕsh.
[18]'***Then*** they went through the wilderness and around the land of Eḏom and the land of Mo'aḇ and came to the east side of the land of Mo'aḇ and encamped beyond Arnon. ***But*** they *did*

not enter the border of Mo'aḇ, for Arnon was the border of Mo'aḇ.
19"And Yisra'ĕl **sent** messengers to Siḥon sovereign of the Amorites, sovereign of Ḥeshbon and Yisra'ĕl said to him, "Please let us pass over, through your land into our place."
20"***But*** Siḥon *did not* **trust** Yisra'ĕl to pass over through his border and Siḥon gathered **all** his people together and they encamped in Yahats and fought *against* Yisra'ĕl.
21"And **יהוה Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl gave Siḥon and **all** his people into the **hand** of Yisra'ĕl and they *smote* them. So Yisra'ĕl took possession of **all** the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that land.
22"Thus they took possession of **all** the border of the Amorites, from Arnon to the Yabboq and from the wilderness to the Yarděn.
23"And **now**, **יהוה Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl has *driven* out the Amorites from before **His** people Yisra'ĕl, should you then **possess** it?
24"***What*ever** Kemosh your *mighty one* gives you to possess, do you not **possess** it? And **all** that which **יהוה** our **Elohim** takes possession of before us, we possess.
25"And **now** are you any better than Balaq son of Tsippor, sovereign of Mo'aḇ? Did he ever *strive against* Yisra'ĕl? Did he ever *fight against* them?
26"While Yisra'ĕl dwelt in Ḥeshbon and its villages and in Aro'ĕr and its villages and in **all** the cities along the banks of Arnon, for three hundred years, why did you not recover them within that time?
27"So I have not *sinned against* you, but you are doing me *evil* by *fighting against* me. **Let יהוה** the **Judge, judge** today between the children of Yisra'ĕl and the children of Ammon.' "
28***But*** the sovereign of the children of Ammon *did not* **listen** to the **words** which Yiphtaḥ **sent** him.
29And the **Spirit** of **יהוה** came upon Yiphtaḥ and he passed through Gil'aḏ and Menashsheh and passed through Mitspeh of Gil'aḏ. And from Mitspeh of Gil'aḏ he passed on toward the children of Ammon.
30And Yiphtaḥ made a vow to **יהוה** and said, "***If*** You give the children of Ammon into my hands,
31then it ***shall*** **be** that ***whatever*** **comes** out of the **doors** of my house to meet me, when I **return** in **peace** from the children of Ammon, ***shall*** belong to **יהוה** and I ***shall*** offer it up as a burnt offering."
32Yiphtaḥ then passed on toward the children of Ammon to *fight against* them and **יהוה** gave them into his hands.
33And he *smote* them from Aro'ĕr as far as Minnith, twenty cities and to Aḇĕl Keramim, with a **very great** slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were humbled before the children of Yisra'ĕl.
34And Yiphtaḥ came to his house at Mitspah and **saw** his daughter **coming** out to meet him with timbrels and dancing. **Now** ***except*** for her he had neither son nor daughter.
35And it came to be, when he **saw** her, that he tore his garments and said, "Oh my daughter! You have brought me **very** low and you are among those who *trouble* me! And I, I have **given** my **word** to **יהוה** and I am *unable* to turn back."
36And she said to him, "My father, if you have **given** your **word** to **יהוה**, do to me **according** to what has gone out of your **mouth, because יהוה** has taken **vengeance** for you upon your enemies, the children of Ammon."
37And she said to her father, "**Let** this be done for me: let me alone for two months and let me go and *wander* on the mountains and *bewail* my maidenhood, my friends and I."
38***Then*** he said, "Go." And he **sent** her away for two months.
And she went with her friends and bewailed her maidenhood on the mountains.
39And it came to be at **the end** of two months that she returned to her father and he did to her as he had vowed and she **knew** no man. And it became a statute in Yisra'ĕl

[40]that the daughters of Yisra'ĕl went **every** year for four days to lament the daughter of Yiphtaḥ the Gil'aḏite.

12 And the men of Ephrayim gathered together and passed over toward Tsaphon and said to Yiphtaḥ, "***Why*** did you pass over to *fight <u>against</u>* the children of Ammon and *did not* **call** us to go with you? We are going to burn your house over you with *fire*!"

[2]And Yiphtaḥ said to them, "My people and I were in a **great** struggle with the children of Ammon. And when I called you, you *did not* **save** me out of their hands.

[3]"And I **saw** that you *would not* **save** me, then I took my **life** in my hands and went over *<u>against</u>* the children of Ammon. And ꓤYHWH gave them into my **hand.** And why have you **come** up to me today to *fight <u>against</u>* me?"

[4]Yiphtaḥ then gathered **together all** the men of Gil'aḏ and fought *<u>against</u>* Ephrayim. And the men of Gil'aḏ *smote* Ephrayim, **<u>because</u>** they had said, "You Gil'aḏites are fugitives of Ephrayim in the **midst** of Ephrayim, in the **midst** of Menashsheh."

[5]And Gil'aḏ captured the fords of the Yarděn that faced Ephrayim. And it came to be, when the fugitives from Ephrayim said, "**Let** me pass over," the men of Gil'aḏ said to him, "You are an Ephrayimite!" ***If*** he said, "No,"

[6]then they would say to him, "Please say, 'Shibboleth'!" And he would say, "Sibboleth," for he was *unable* to **pronounce** it right. ***Then*** they *seized* him and slew him at the fords of the Yarděn. And at that **time** there fell forty-two thousand Ephrayimites.

[7]And Yiphtaḥ ruled Yisra'ĕl six years. And Yiphtaḥ the Gil'aḏite died and was buried in one of the cities of Gil'aḏ.

[8]And after him, Iḇtsan of Bĕyth Leḥem ruled Yisra'ĕl.

[9]And he came to have thirty sons and thirty daughters – he **sent** abroad and brought in thirty daughters for his sons. And he ruled Yisra'ĕl seven years.

[10]And Iḇtsan died and was buried at Bĕyth Leḥem.

[11]And after him Ělon the Zeḇulunite ruled Yisra'ĕl. And he ruled Yisra'ĕl ten years.

[12]And Ělon the Zeḇulunite died and was buried at Ayalon in the land of Zeḇulun.

[13]And after him, Aḇdon son of Hillĕl the Pirathonite ruled Yisra'ĕl,

[14]and he had forty sons and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy young donkeys.
And he ruled Yisra'ĕl eight years.

[15]And Aḇdon son of Hillĕl the Pirathonite died and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephrayim, in the mountains of the Amalĕqites.

13 And again the children of Yisra'ĕl did *evil in the eyes* of ꓤYHWH, so ꓤYHWH gave them into the **hand** of the Philistines for forty years.

[2]And there was a certain man from Tsor'ah, of the clan of the Danites, whose name was Manowaḥ. And his wife was *barren* and had not borne.

[3]And a Messenger of ꓤYHWH appeared to the woman and said to her, "See **now**, you are *barren* and have not borne, but you ***shall*** conceive and you ***shall*** bear a son.

[4]"And **now**, please guard and *do not* drink **wine** or **strong** drink and *do not* eat any *unclean food*.

[5]"For look, you are conceiving and bearing a son. And let no razor **come** upon his head, for the youth is a Nazirite to **Elohim** from the womb on. And he ***shall*** begin to **save** Yisra'ĕl out of the **hand** of the Philistines."

[6]And the woman came and spoke to her husband, saying, "A Man of **Elohim came to me** and **His** appearance was like the appearance of a Messenger of **Elohim**, **very awesome.** ***But*** I *did not* **ask Him** where **He** was from and **He** *did not* **declare** to me **His** name.

[7]"And **He** said to me, '**See,** you are conceiving and bearing a son. And **now**,

drink no **wine** or **strong** drink, nor eat any *unclean food*, for the youth is a Nazirite to **Elohim** from the womb to the **day of** his *death.*' "
[8]And Manowaḥ prayed to ꓤYHWH and said, "O ꓤYHWH, please let the Man of **Elohim** whom You **sent come to** us again and **teach** us what to do for the youth who is to be born."
[9]And **Elohim listened** to the **voice** of Manowaḥ and the Messenger of **Elohim** came to the woman again as she was sitting in the field, but Manowaḥ her husband was not with her.
[10]And the woman ran hurriedly and informed her husband and said to him, "**See, He** has appeared to me, the Man who came to me the other day!"
[11]And Manowaḥ arose and went after his wife and came to the Man and he said to **Him,** "Are You the Man who spoke to this woman?" And **He** said, "I am."
[12]And Manowaḥ said, "**Now** let **Your words come true!** ***What*** is to be the **rule** for the youth's **life** and his work?"
[13]And the Messenger of ꓤYHWH said to Manowaḥ, "**Let** the woman **guard all** that I said to her.
[14]"**Let** her not eat any *food* that **comes** from the vine, neither let her drink **wine** or **strong** drink, or eat any *unclean food*. **Let** her **guard all** that which I have **commanded** her."
[15]And Manowaḥ said to the Messenger of ꓤYHWH, "Please let us detain **You** and **prepare** a young goat for **You.**"
[16]And the Messenger of ꓤYHWH said to Manowaḥ, "Though you detain **Me,** I do not eat your food. ***But*** if you offer a burnt offering, offer it to ꓤYHWH."
For Manowaḥ *did not* **know He** was a Messenger of ꓤYHWH.
[17]***Then*** Manowaḥ said to the Messenger of ꓤYHWH, "***What*** is **Your** name? ***When*** **Your words come true,** then we ***shall*** **esteem You.**"
[18]And the Messenger of ꓤYHWH said to him, "***Why*** do you **ask My** name, since it is wondrous?"
[19]And Manowaḥ took the young goat with the grain offering and offered it upon the rock to ꓤYHWH. And **He** did wondrously while Manowaḥ and his wife **looked** on.
[20]And it came to be, as the *flame* went up toward the heavens from the altar, that the Messenger of ꓤYHWH went up in the *flame* of the altar. And Manowaḥ and his wife were watching and they fell on their faces to the ground.
[21]And the Messenger of ꓤYHWH *did not* appear any more to Manowaḥ and his wife. ***Then*** Manowaḥ **knew** that **He** was a Messenger of ꓤYHWH.
[22]And Manowaḥ said to his wife, "We ***shall*** certainly *die,* **<u>because</u>** we have **seen Elohim**!"
[23]***But*** his wife said to him, "***If*** ꓤYHWH had been pleased to put us to *death,* **He** *would not* have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering from our hands, nor would **He** have shown us **all** this, nor would **He** have let us **hear** the like of this!"
[24]So the woman bore a son and called his name Shimshon. And the child grew and ꓤYHWH **blessed** him.
[25]And the **Spirit** of ꓤYHWH began to move him at Maḥaneh Dan, between Tsor'ah and Eshta'ol.

14 And Shimshon went down to Timnah and **saw** a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines.
[2]And he went up and informed his father and mother, saying, "I have **seen** a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines. And **now**, take her for me for a wife."
[3]***But*** his father and mother said to him, "Is there no woman among the daughters of your brothers, or among **all** my people, that you should take a wife from the *uncircumcised* Philistines?" And Shimshon said to his father, "Take her for me, for she is pleasing in my eyes."
[4]However, his father and mother *did not* **know** that it was of ꓤYHWH, that **He** was **seeking** an occasion to move <u>*against*</u> the Philistines. For at that **time** the Philistines were ruling over Yisra'ĕl.

[5]***Then*** Shimshon went down to Timnah with his father and mother and came to the vineyards of Timnah and **saw** a young lion came roaring at him.
[6]And the **Spirit** of יהוה came **mightily** upon him and he tore it apart as the tearing apart of a young goat, with naught in his **hand.** ***But*** he *did not* make **known** to his father or his mother what he had done.
[7]And he went down and spoke to the woman and she pleased Shimshon well.
[8]And when he returned later to take her, he turned aside to look at the carcass of the lion and **saw** a swarm of bees and honey in the carcass of the lion.
[9]And he took some of it in his hands and went along, eating. And he came to his father and mother and gave them and they ate. ***But*** he *did not* make **known** to them that he took the honey out of the carcass of the lion.
[10]So his father went down to the woman. And Shimshon gave a feast there, for young men used to do so.
[11]And it came to be, when they **saw** him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.
[12]And Shimshon said to them, "Please let me put forth a riddle to you. ***If*** you clearly solve and explain it to me within the seven days of the feast, then I ***shall*** give you thirty linen garments and thirty *change*s of garments.
[13]"***But*** if you are *unable* to explain it to me, then you ***shall*** give me thirty linen shirts and thirty *change*s of garments." And they said to him, "Put forth your riddle and let us **hear** it."
[14]And he said to them, "Out of the eater came forth food and out of the **strong** came forth sweetness." And for three days they were *unable* to explain the riddle.
[15]And it came to be on the **seventh day** that they said to Shimshon's wife, "Entice your husband to explain the riddle to us, or else we burn you and your father's house with *fire*. Have you invited us **in order** to take what is ours? Is it not?"
[16]And Shimshon's wife wept before him and said, "You only *hate* me and *do not* **love** me! You have put forth a riddle to the sons of my people, but you have not **explained** it to me." And he said to her, "Look, I have not **explained** it to my father or my mother and should I explain it to you?"
[17]And she had wept before him the seven days while their feast lasted. And it came to be on the **seventh day** that he informed her, **because** she pressed him so much. She then **explained** the riddle to the sons of her people.
[18]And the men of the city said to him on the **seventh day** before the sun went down, "***What*** is sweeter than honey? And what is stronger than a lion?" And he said to them, "***If*** you had not ploughed with my heifer, you *would not* have solved my riddle!"
[19]***Then*** the **Spirit** of יהוה came upon him mightily and he went down to Ashqelon and *smote* thirty of their men, stripped them and gave the *change*s *of garments* to those who had **explained** the riddle. And his *displeasure burned* and he went back up to his father's house.
[20]And Shimshon's wife was **given** to his companion, who had been his friend.

15 And it came to be, after some **time,** in the days of wheat harvest, that Shimshon **visited** his wife with a young goat. And he said, "**Let** me go in to my wife, into her room." ***But*** her father *would not* permit him to go in.
[2]And her father said, "Indeed, I thought that you *hated* her intensely; so I gave her to your companion. Is not her younger sister better than she? Please, take her instead."
[3]And Shimshon said to them, "This **time** I am **blameless** regarding the Philistines if I do *evil* to them!"
[4]And Shimshon went and ***caught*** three hundred foxes and took torches and turned them tail to tail and put a torch between each pair of tails,
[5]and set the torches on *fire* and **sent**

them out into the standing grain of the Philistines and *burned* up both the shocks and the standing grain, even the vineyards and olive-trees.

[6]And the Philistines said, "***Who*** did this?" And they answered, "Shimshon, the son-in-law of the Timnite, **because** he took away his wife and gave her to his companion." ***Then*** the Philistines went up and *burned* her and her father with *fire*.

[7]And Shimshon said to them, "Though you do this, yet I ***shall*** take revenge on you and after that I cease."

[8]And he *smote* them hip and thigh, a **great** slaughter and went down and dwelt in the cleft of the rock of Ěytam.

[9]The Philistines then went up and encamped in Yahuḏah and spread out *against* Leḥi.

[10]And the men of Yahuḏah said, "***Why*** have you **come** up *against* us?" And they answered, "We have **come** up to bind Shimshon and to do to him as he has did to us."

[11]***Then*** three thousand men of Yahuḏah went down to the cleft of the rock of Ěytam and said to Shimshon, "***Do*** you not **know** that the Philistines are rulers over us? ***Why*** have you have done this to us?" And he said to them, "As they did to me, so I did to them."

[12]And they said to him, "We have **come** down to bind you, to give you into the **hand** of the Philistines." And Shimshon said to them, "Swear to me not to *fall* on me yourselves."

[13]And they spoke to him, saying, "No, but we are certainly going to bind you and ***shall*** give you into their **hand** but certainly not *kill* you." So they *bound* him with two new ropes and brought him up from the rock.

[14]***When*** he came to Leḥi, the Philistines came shouting to meet him. And the **Spirit** of ה׳ came **mightily** upon him. And the ropes that were on his arms became like flax that is *burned* with *fire* and his bonds broke loose from his hands.

[15]And he **found** a **fresh** jawbone of a donkey and put out his **hand** and took it and *smote* a thousand men with it.

[16]And Shimshon said, "With the jawbone of a donkey, one heap, two heaps, with the jawbone of a donkey I have *smitten* a thousand men!"

[17]And it came to be, when he had ended speaking, that he threw the jawbone from his **hand** and called that place Ramath Leḥi.

[18]And he became **very** thirsty and *cried out* to ה׳ and said, "You have **given** this **great deliverance** by the **hand** of **Your** servant. And **now**, am I to *die* of thirst and *fall* into the **hand** of the *uncircumcised?*"

[19]And **Elohim** split the hollow place that is in Leḥi and water came out and he drank. And his spirit came back and he revived. So he called its name Ěn Haqqore, which is in Leḥi to this day.

[20]And he ruled Yisra'ěl twenty years in the days of the Philistines.

16 And Shimshon went to Azzah and **saw** a woman there, a *whore* and went in to her –

[2]the Azzathites saying, "Shimshon has **come** here!" So they went round and lay in wait for him **all** night at the gate of the city and kept *silent* **all** night, saying, "In the morning, when it is daylight, then we ***shall*** *kill* him."

[3]**Now** Shimshon lay until midnight and rose at midnight and took hold of the **doors** of the gate of the city and the two gateposts and pulled them up with the bar, put them on his shoulders and took them to the top of the hill that faces Ḥebron.

[4]And it came to be afterward that he **loved** a woman in the wadi Soreq, whose name was Delilah.

[5]And the princes of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, "Entice him and find out where his **great** strength lies and **see** by what we might overpower him, then we ***shall*** bind him to humble him. And let us give you, each one of us, eleven hundred pieces of silver."

[6]And Delilah said to Shimshon, "Please **reveal** to me where your **great** strength lies and by what you might be bound, to humble you."
[7]And Shimshon said to her, "***If*** they bind me with seven **fresh** cords, not yet dried, then I ***shall*** **be** weak and be like any other man."
[8]The princes of the Philistines then brought her seven **fresh** cords, not yet dried and she *bound* him with them,
[9]while those *lying* in wait stayed with her in the room. And she said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Shimshon!" ***But*** he broke the cords as a strand of yarn breaks when it *touches fire*. So the **secret** of his strength remained unknown.
[10]And Delilah said to Shimshon, "Look, you have *mocked* me and **spoken** lies to me. **Now**, please **reveal** to me by what you might be bound."
[11]And he said to her, "***If*** they bind me tightly with new ropes that have never been used, then I ***shall*** **be** weak and be like any other man."
[12]And Delilah took new ropes and *bound* him with them and said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Shimshon!" And those *lying* in wait were sitting in the inner room. ***But*** he broke them off his arms like a thread.
[13]So Delilah said to Shimshon, "Until **now** you have *mocked* me and **spoken** lies to me, **reveal** to me how you might be bound." And he said to her, "***If*** you weave the seven locks of my head with the web."
[14]***Then*** she fastened it with a pin and said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Shimshon!"
But he awoke from his sleep and pulled out the pin of the loom and the web.
[15]***Then*** she said to him, "***How*** do you say, 'I **love** you,' when your **heart** is not with me? You have *mocked* me these ***three times*** and have not made **known** to me where your **great** strength lies."
[16]And it came to be, when she pressed him daily with her **words** and urged him, so that his being was wearied to *death,*
[17]that he made **known** to her **all** his **heart** and said to her, "No razor has ever **come** upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to **Elohim** from my mother's womb. ***If*** I were shaven, then my strength would leave me and I would become as weak as any other man."
[18]And Delilah **saw** that he had made **known** to her **all** his **heart** and she **sent** and called for the princes of the Philistines, saying, **"Come** up once more, for he has made **known** to me **all** his **heart.**" So the princes of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their **hand.**
[19]And she made him sleep on her knees and called for a man and shaved off the seven locks of his head. Thus she began to humble him and his strength left him.
[20]And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Shimshon!" And he awoke from his sleep and said, "**Let** me go out as before, at other times and *shake* myself loose!" ***But*** he *did not* **know** that יהוה had turned aside from him.
[21]So the Philistines took him and put out his eyes and brought him down to Azzah and *bound* him with bronze shackles. And he became a grinder in the prison.
[22]***But*** the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaven.
[23]And the princes of the Philistines gathered to offer a **great** slaughtering to Dagon their *mighty one* and to rejoice. And they said, "Our *mighty one* has **given** Shimshon our enemy into our hands!"
[24]And the people **saw** him and p**raised** their *mighty one*, for they said, "Our *mighty one* has **given** into our hands our enemy, the destroyer of our land,
who slew many of us."
[25]And it came to be, when their **hearts** were glad, that they said,
"Call for Shimshon and let him entertain us." So they called for Shimshon from the prison and he entertained them. And they made him **stand** between the columns.
[26]And Shimshon said to the young man who held him by the **hand,** "**Let** me alone and let me feel the columns

which support the house, so that I lean on them."
27And the house was filled with men and women. And **all** the princes of the Philistines were there. And about three thousand men and women were on the roof who watched Shimshon entertaining.
28And Shimshon called to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, saying, "O **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, ***remember*** me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, only this **time,** O **Elohim** and let me ***avenge*** myself on the Philistines with **vengeance** for my two eyes!"
29And Shimshon took hold of the two middle columns which supported the house and he braced himself *against* them, one on his **right** and the other on his left.
30And Shimshon said, "**Let** me *die* with the Philistines!" And he bowed himself mightily and the house fell on the princes and **all** the people in it. And the *dead* that he *killed* at his *death* were more than he had *killed* in his **life**.
31And his brothers and **all** his father's household came down and took him and brought him up and buried him between Tsor'ah and Eshta'ol in the tomb of his father Manowaḥ. And he had ruled Yisra'ĕl twenty years.

17 And there was a man from the hill country of Ephrayim, whose name was Miḳahu.
2And he said to his mother, "The eleven hundred pieces of silver that were taken from you and on which you put a *curse,* even saying it in my **ears.** Look, the silver is with me, I took it." And his mother said,**"Blessed** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 be my son!"
3And he gave back the eleven hundred pieces of silver to his mother and his mother said, "I had **truly** set-apart the silver from my **hand** to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 for my son, to make a *carved image* and a *moulded image* and **now**, I give it back to you."
4And he gave the silver back to his mother and his mother took two hundred pieces of silver and gave them to the silversmith and he made it into a *carved image* and a *moulded image.* And they were in the house of Miḳahu.
5**Now** the man Miḳah had a house of *mighty ones* and made a shoulder garment and house *idols.* And he ordained one of his sons, who became his priest.
6In those days there was no sovereign in Yisra'ĕl – everyone did what was **right** in his own eyes.
7And there was a young man from Bĕyth Leḥem in Yahuḏah, of the clan of Yahuḏah. And he was a Lĕwite and he was sojourning there.
8And the man went out of the city of Bĕyth Leḥem in Yahuḏah to sojourn wherever he could find a place. And he came to the mountains of Ephrayim, to the house of Miḳah, as he journeyed.
9And Miḳah said to him, "Where do you **come** from?" And he said to him, "I am a Lĕwite from Bĕyth Leḥem in Yahuḏah and I am on my **way** to find a place to sojourn."
10And Miḳah said to him, "Dwell with me and be a father and a priest to me and I give you ten pieces of silver per year and a suit of garments and your food." And the Lĕwite went in.
11So the Lĕwite **agreed** to dwell with the man. And the young man became like one of his sons to him.
12***Then*** Miḳah ordained the Lĕwite and the young man became his priest and he was in the house of Miḳah.
13And Miḳah said, "**Now** I **know** that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 does **good** to me, since I have a Lĕwite as priest!"

18 In those days there was no sovereign in Yisra'ĕl. And in those days the tribe of the Danites was **seeking** an **inheritance** for itself to dwell in, for until that day **all** their **inheritance** among the tribes of Yisra'ĕl had not yet fallen to them.

[2]And the children of Dan **sent** five men of their clan, brave men from Tsor'ah and Eshta'ol, to spy out the land and **search** it. And they said to them, "Go, **search** the land," so they went to the mountains of Ephrayim, to the house of Miḵah and spent the night there.

[3]***When*** they were **near** the house of Miḵah, they recognised the **voice** of the young Lĕwite and turned aside and said to him, "***Who*** brought you here? ***What*** are you doing in this place and what do you have here?"

[4]And he said to them, "Miḵah did such and such for me. And he hired me and I have become his priest."

[5]And they said to him, "Please **inquire** of **Elohim** and we ***shall*** **know** whether the journey on which we are going is prosperous."

[6]And the priest said to them, "Go in peace. **Your** journey on which you go is before יהוה."

[7]***Then*** the five men left and came to Layish and **saw** the people who were in their **midst**, how they dwelt safely, **according** to the ruling of the Tsiḏonians, at rest and unsuspecting. And no one possessing **authority** in the land was reproaching for any matter. And they were far from the Tsiḏonians and they had no **word** with anyone.

[8]And the spies came back to their brothers at Tsor'ah and Eshta'ol and their brothers said to them, "***What*** do you *say*?"

[9]And they said, "Arise and let us go up *against* them. For we have **seen** the land and look, it is **very good**. And you sit still! ***Do*** *not* hesitate to go to enter in to **possess** the land.

[10]"***When*** you go, you are to **come to** an unsuspecting people and the land is spacious. For **Elohim** has **given** it into your hands, a place in which there is no lack of any matter which is on the earth."

[11]And six hundred men of the clan of the Danites went from there, from Tsor'ah and Eshta'ol, armed for battle.

[12]And they went up and encamped in Qiryath Ye'arim in Yahuḏah. Therefore they **call** that place Maḥanĕh Ḏan to this day. **See,** it is west of Qiryath Ye'arim.

[13]And they passed over from there to the mountains of Ephrayim and came to the house of Miḵah.

[14]And the five men who had gone to spy out the land of Layish answered and said to their brothers, "***Do*** you **know** that there are in these houses a shoulder garment and house *idols* and a *carved image* and a *moulded* image? And **now**, you **know** what to do."

[15]And they turned aside there and came to the house of the young Lĕwite man, the house of Miḵah and greeted him.

[16]And the six hundred men, armed for battle, who were of the children of Dan, stood by the entrance of the gate.

[17]And the five men who had gone to spy out the land went up and *entering* there, they took the *carved image* and the shoulder garment and the house *idols* and the *moulded image,* while the priest stood at the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men who were armed for battle.

[18]And these went into Miḵah's house and took the idol and the shoulder garment and the house *idols* and the *moulded image.* ***Then*** the priest said to them, "***What*** are you doing?"

[19]And they said to him, "Be silent, put your **hand** over your **mouth** and **come** with us and be a father and a priest to us. Is it better for you to be a priest to the household of one man, or that you be a priest to a tribe and a clan in Yisra'ĕl?"

[20]And the **heart** of the priest was glad. And he took the shoulder garment and the house *idols* and the *carved image* and took his place among the people.

[21]And they turned and went and put the *little* ones and the livestock and the valuables in front of them.

[22]They had gone some distance from the house of Miḵah, when the men who were in the houses **near** Miḵah's house gathered **together** and overtook the children of Dan,

[23]and called out to the children of Dan.

So they turned around and said to Mikah, "***What*** is the matter, that you have gathered such a company?"
[24]And he said, "You have taken away my *mighty ones* which I made and the priest and you are leaving. **Now** what more do I have? ***What*** is this you say to me, '***What*** is the matter?' "
[25]And the children of Dan said to him, "***Do*** *not* let your **voice** be **heard** among us, lest men, *bitter* of being, *fall* upon you and you lose your **life**, with the lives of your household!"
[26]And the children of Dan went their way. And when Mikah **saw** that they were too **strong** for him, he turned and went back to his house.
[27]***Then*** they took what Mikah had made and the priest who had belonged to him and went to Layish, to a people who were at rest and unsuspecting and *smote* them with the edge of the *sword* and *burned* the city with *fire*.
[28]And there was no deliverer, **because** it was far from Tsidon and they had no **word** with anyone. And it was in the valley that belongs to Bĕyth Rehob. And they rebuilt the city and dwelt there.
[29]And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born to Yisra'ĕl. ***But*** previously the name of the city was Layish.
[30]And the children of Dan set up for themselves the *carved image.* And Yehonathan son of Gĕreshom, son of Menashsheh and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day the land was taken into exile.
[31]And they set up for themselves the *carved image* of Mikah, which he had made, **all** the days that the house of **Elohim** was in Shiloh.

19 And it came to be in those days, when there was no sovereign in Yisra'ĕl, that there was a certain Lĕwite sojourning on the further side of the mountains of Ephrayim. And he took for himself a concubine from Bĕyth Lehem in Yahudah.
[2]And his concubine committed *whoring <u>against</u>* him and went away from him to her father's house at Bĕyth Lehem in Yahudah and was there four months.
[3]And her husband arose and went after her, to **speak** to her **heart** and bring her back, having his servant and a couple of donkeys with him. And she brought him into her father's house. And the father of the young woman **saw** him and he was **glad** to meet him.
[4]And his father-in-law, the young woman's father, detained him and he dwelt with him three days. And they ate and drank and spent the nights there.
[5]And it came to be on the fourth day that they arose early in the morning. And he prepared to leave, but the young woman's father said to his son-in-law, "Refresh your **heart** with a piece of bread and afterward go your **way.**"
[6]So they sat down and the two of them ate and drank together. And the young woman's father said to the man, "Please **agree** to stay **all** night and let your **heart** be glad."
[7]And when the man arose to go, his father-in-law urged him. So he spent the night there again.
[8]And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to go. ***But*** the young woman's father said, "Please refresh your **heart.**" So they delayed until afternoon and both of them ate.
[9]And the man arose to go, he and his concubine and his servant. ***But*** his fatherin-law, the young woman's father, said to him, "**See,** the day is **now** drawing toward **evening**. Please spend the night. **See,** the day is **coming** to an end. Stay here and let your **heart** be glad. And you ***shall*** rise early **tomorrow** for your journey and you ***shall*** go to your tent."
[10]***But*** the man *would not* stay that night. And he arose and left and came to a place opposite Yebus, that is Yerushalayim. And with him were the two saddled donkeys and his concubine with him.
[11]They were **near** Yebus and the day

was far spent. And the servant said to his master, **"Come,** please and let us turn aside into this city of the Yebusites and spend the night in it."
[12]And his master said to him, "**Let** us not turn aside here into a city of foreigners, who are not of the children of Yisra'ĕl. ***But*** we ***shall*** pass over to Gib'ah."
[13]And he said to his servant, **"Come,** let us draw **near** to one of these places and spend the night in Gib'ah or in Ramah."
[14]And they passed over and went their **way.** And the sun went down on them **near** Gib'ah, which belongs to Binyamin,
[15]and they turned off there to go in to spend the night in Gib'ah. So he went in and he sat down in the **open** square of the city, for no one would take them into his house to spend the night.
[16]***But*** **see,** an old man came in from his **work** in the field at **evening**, who also was from the mountains of Ephrayim. And he was sojourning in Gib'ah, whereas the men of the place were Binyamites.
[17]And when he lifted up his eyes, he **saw** the traveller in the **open** square of the city. And the old man said, "Where are you going and where do you **come** from?"
[18]And he said to him, "We are passing over from Bĕyth Lehem in Yahudah to the other side of the mountains of Ephrayim. I am from there and I went to Bĕyth Lehem in Yahudah and I am going to the House of יהוה. ***But*** there is no one taking me into his house,
[19]yet there is both straw and fodder for our donkeys and **bread** and **wine** for myself and for your female servant and for the young man who is with your servant; there is no lack of any matter."
[20]And the old man said, "Peace be with you! However, let **all** your needs be on me, only *do not* spend the night in the **open** square."
[21]And he brought him into his house and gave fodder to the donkeys. And they washed their feet and ate and drank.
[22]They were making their **hearts** glad and **see,** men of the city, sons of Beliya'al, surrounded the house, *beating* on the **door.** And they spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, "Bring out the man who came to your house, so that we **know Him!**"
[23]***But*** the man, the master of the house, went out to them and said to them, "No, my brothers! I ***beg*** you, do no *evil*! Since this man has **come** into my house, *do not* do this *folly*.
[24]"Look, here is my maiden daughter and the man's concubine. **Let** me bring them out **now** and humble them and do with them what is **good** in your eyes, but *do not* do such a ***foolish*** matter to this man!"
[25]***But*** the men *would not* **listen** to him. So the man took his concubine and brought her out to them. And they **knew** her and rolled themselves on her **all** night until morning and let her go when the day began to break.
[26]And as morning appeared the woman came back and fell down at the **door** of the man's house where her master was, til it was **light**.
[27]And her master rose up in the morning and opened the **doors** of the house and went out to go his **way** and **saw** his concubine, fallen at the **door** of the house with her hands on the threshold.
[28]And he said to her, "Rise up and let us go." ***But*** there was no answer. ***Then*** he took her on the donkey and the man rose and went to his place,
[29]and came into his house and took a knife, then laid hold of his concubine and *cut* her up limb by limb into twelve pieces and **sent** her throughout **all** the borders of Yisra'ĕl.
[30]And it came to be that **all** who **saw** it said, "There has never been and there has not been **seen** the like of this, from the day that the children of Yisra'ĕl came up from the land of Mitsrayim until this day. Set your **heart** on it, take counsel and **speak** up!"

20 And **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl came out, from Dan to Be'ĕrsheḇa and from the land of Gil'aḏ and the congregation **assembled** as one man before יהוה at Mitspah.

2And the leaders of **all** the people, **all** the tribes of Yisra'ĕl, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of **Elohim**, four hundred thousand foot soldiers who drew the *sword.*

3And the children of Binyamin **heard** that the children of Yisra'ĕl had gone up to Mitspah. And the children of Yisra'ĕl said, **"Speak** up, how did this *evil* **come** about?"

4And the man, the Lĕwite, husband of the woman who was murdered, answered and said, "My concubine and I went into Giḇ'ah, which belongs to Binyamin, to spend the night.

5"And the masters of Giḇ'ah rose *against* me and surrounded the house at night **because** of me. They thought to *kill* me, but instead they humbled my concubine and she *died.*

6"***Then*** I took my concubine and *cut* her in pieces and **sent** her throughout **all** the land of the **inheritance** of Yisra'ĕl, **because** they committed *wickedness* and folly in Yisra'ĕl.

7"Look, you are **all** children of Yisra'ĕl, **speak** and give your counsel here!"

8And **all** the people rose as one man, saying, "**Let** not one of us go to his tent, nor any of us **turn back** to his house.

9"And **now**, this is what we do to Giḇ'ah: *go against* it by **lot.**

10"And we ***shall*** take ten men out of **every** hundred throughout **all** the tribes of Yisra'ĕl and a hundred out of **every** thousand and a thousand out of **every** ten thousand, to make food for the people, to **prepare** for their going to Giḇ'ah in Binyamin, for **all** the folly they did in Yisra'ĕl."

11And **all** the men of Yisra'ĕl were gathered *against* the city, knit **together** as one man.

12And the tribes of Yisra'ĕl **sent** men through **all** the tribe of Binyamin, saying, "***What*** is this *evil* that has **come** about among you?

13"And **now**, give us the men, the sons of Beliya'al who are in Giḇ'ah, so that we put them to *death* and put away *evil* from Yisra'ĕl!" ***But*** the children of Binyamin *would not* **listen** to the **voice** of their brothers, the children of Yisra'ĕl.

14So the children of Binyamin gathered **together** from their cities to Giḇ'ah, to go to battle *against* the children of Yisra'ĕl.

15And from their cities at that **time** the children of Binyamin registered twenty-six thousand men who drew the *sword,* besides the inhabitants of Giḇ'ah, who registered seven hundred **chosen** men.

16Among **all** this people there were seven hundred **chosen** men who were left-handed, each one could sling a stone at a hair's breadth and not miss.

17And besides Binyamin, the men of Yisra'ĕl registered four hundred thousand men who drew the *sword,* **all** of these were men of battle.

18And the children of Yisra'ĕl rose and went up to Bĕyth Ĕl to **ask** of **Elohim**, "***Who*** of us go up **first** to battle *against* the children of Binyamin?" And יהוה said, "Yahuḏah **first.**"

19And the children of Yisra'ĕl rose in the morning and encamped *against* Giḇ'ah.

20And the men of Yisra'ĕl went out to battle *against* Binyamin and the men of Yisra'ĕl put themselves in battle array to *fight against* them at Giḇ'ah.

21And the children of Binyamin came out of Giḇ'ah and on that day *cut down* to the ground twenty-two thousand men of the Yisra'ĕlites.

22***But*** the people, the men of Yisra'ĕl, strengthened themselves and again formed the battle line at the place where they had put themselves in array on the **first** day.

23And the children of Yisra'ĕl went up and wept before יהוה until **evening** and asked of יהוה, saying, "***Should*** I again draw **near** for battle *against* the children of my brother Binyamin?"

And ֵיהוָה said, "Go up *against* him."
[24]And the children of Yisra'ĕl drew **near** to the children of Binyamin on the second day.
[25]And Binyamin went out *against* them from Giḇ'ah on the second day and *cut down* to the ground eighteen thousand more of the children of Yisra'ĕl – **all** these drew the *sword.*
[26]And **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl, even **all** the people, went up and came to Bĕyth Ĕl and wept and sat there before ֵיהוָה and fasted that day until **evening**. And they offered burnt offerings and **peace** offerings before ֵיהוָה.
[27]And the children of Yisra'ĕl asked of ֵיהוָה – the ark of the **covenant** of **Elohim** was there in those days,
[28]and Pineḥas son of El'azar, son of Aharon, stood before it in those days – saying, "***Should*** I yet again go out to battle *against* the children of my brother Binyamin, or should I cease?" And ֵיהוָה said, "Go up, for **tomorrow** I give them into your **hand.**"
[29]And Yisra'ĕl set ambushers **all** around Giḇ'ah.
[30]And the children of Yisra'ĕl went up *against* the children of Binyamin on the third day and put themselves in battle array *against* Giḇ'ah as at the other times.
[31]And the children of Binyamin came out to meet the people – drawn away from the city. And they began to *smite* some of the people, *slay*ing, as at the other times, in the highways, of which one went up to Bĕyth Ĕl and the other to Giḇ'ah in the field, about thirty men of Yisra'ĕl.
[32]And the children of Binyamin said, "They are going to be *smitten* before us, as previously." ***But*** the children of Yisra'ĕl said, "**Let** us ***flee*** and draw them away from the city to the highways."
[33]And **all** the men of Yisra'ĕl rose from their place and put themselves in battle array at Ba'al Tamar. And the ambush of Yisra'ĕl broke forth from their position at Ma'areh íeḇa.
[34]And ten thousand **chosen** men from **all** Yisra'ĕl came *against* Giḇ'ah and the battle was **fierce.** ***But*** they *did not* **know** that *calamity* was close to them.
[35]And ֵיהוָה *smote* Binyamin before Yisra'ĕl. And the children of Yisra'ĕl ***destroyed*** twenty-five thousand one hundred men on that day in Binyamin – **all** these drew the *sword.*
[36]And the children of Binyamin **saw** that they were smitten. And the men of Yisra'ĕl had **given** ground to the Binyamites, **because** they **trusted** in the ambush that they had set *against* Giḇ'ah,
[37]and the ambush hurried and came *against* Giḇ'ah and the ambush spread out and *smote* the entire city with the edge of the *sword.*
[38]And the **appointed** signal between the men of Yisra'ĕl and the ambush was that they would make a **great** cloud of smoke rise up from the city,
[39]then the men of Yisra'ĕl would turn in battle and Binyamin began to *smite dead* about thirty of the men of Yisra'ĕl. For they said, "They are indeed *smitten* before us, as at the **first** battle."
[40]***Then*** the cloud began to rise from the city in a column of smoke and the Binyamites **looked** behind them and **saw** the entire city going up in smoke to the **heavens.**
[41]And when the men of Yisra'ĕl turned back, the men of Binyamin were *troubled,* for they **saw** that *calamity* was close to them.
[42]And they turned their backs before the men of Yisra'ĕl toward the **way** of the wilderness, but the battle overtook them, while those who had **come out** of the cities were destroying them in their **midst**.
[43]They surrounded the Binyamites and pursued them and with ease trampled them down as far as the front of Giḇ'ah toward the east.
[44]And there fell of Binyamin eighteen thousand men – **all** of these were mighty men.
[45]And they turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon. And

they *cut down* five thousand of them on the highways and **followed** after them up to Gid̲om and *smote* two thousand of them.

46**All** who fell of Binyamin that day were twenty-five thousand men who drew the *sword,* **all** of these were mighty men.

47***But*** six hundred men turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon and they dwelt at the rock of Rimmon for four months.

48And the men of Yisra'ĕl turned back *against* the children of Binyamin and *smote* them with the edge of the *sword* from **every** city, men and beasts, **all** who were found. And they set *fire* to **all** the cities they came to.

21 And the men of Yisra'ĕl had sworn an **oath** at Mitspah, saying, "Not one of us ***shall*** give his daughter to Binyamin as a wife."

2So the people came to Bĕyth Ĕl and sat there until **evening** before **Elohim** and lifted up their **voice**s and wept *bitterly*,

3and said, "O יהוה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, why has this **come** about in Yisra'ĕl, that today there should be one tribe missing in Yisra'ĕl?"

4And it came to be on the morrow, that the people rose early and built an altar there and brought burnt offerings and **peace** offerings.

5And the children of Yisra'ĕl said, "***Who*** is there among **all** the tribes of Yisra'ĕl who *did not* **come** up with the assembly to יהוה?" For they had made a **great oath** concerning anyone who had not **come** up to יהוה at Mitspah, saying, "He ***shall*** certainly be put to *death.*"

6And the children of Yisra'ĕl were sorry for Binyamin their brother and said, "One tribe is *cut off* from Yisra'ĕl today.

7"***What*** do we do for wives for those who remain, **seeing** we have sworn by יהוה not to give them our daughters as wives?"

8And they said, "Which one of the tribes of Yisra'ĕl *did not* **come** up to Mitspah to יהוה?" And **see,** no one had **come to** the camp from Yaḇĕsh Gil'aḏ to the assembly.

9For when the people called a roll, **see,** not one of the inhabitants of Yaḇĕsh Gil'aḏ was there.

10And the congregation **sent** out there twelve thousand of their bravest men and **commanded** them, saying, "Go and you ***shall*** *smite* the inhabitants of Yaḇĕsh Gil'aḏ with the edge of the *sword,* even the women and children.

11"And this is what you do: Put under the **ban every** male and **every** woman who has **known** a man by *lying* with him."

12And they **found** among the inhabitants of Yaḇĕsh Gil'aḏ four hundred young maidens who had not **known** a man. And they brought them to the camp at Shiloh, which is in the land of Kena'an.

13***Then*** **all** the congregation **sent** and spoke to the children of Binyamin who were at the rock of Rimmon and **proclaimed peace** to them.

14And Binyamin turned back at that **time,** and they gave them the women whom they had **saved alive** of the women of Yaḇĕsh Gil'aḏ. ***But*** even so there were not enough for them.

15And the people were sorry for Binyamin, **because** יהוה had made a *breach* in the tribes of Yisra'ĕl.

16And the elders of the congregation said, "***What*** do we do for wives for those who remain, since the women have been ***destroyed*** out of Binyamin?"

17They said, "There is an **inheritance** for the survivors of Binyamin and no tribe is to be ***destroyed*** from Yisra'ĕl.

18"***But*** we are *unable* to give them wives from our daughters, for the children of Yisra'ĕl have sworn an oath, saying, ***'Cursed*** be the one who gives a wife to Binyamin.' "

19So they said, "**See,** there is a yearly

festival of ֵשִׁילֹה in Shiloh, which is north of Bĕyth Ěl, on the east side of the highway that goes up from Bĕyth Ěl to Shekem and south of Lebonah."

[20]And they **commanded** the children of Binyamin, saying, "Go, *lie* in wait in the vineyards,

[21]"and **watch**. And **see,** when the daughters of Shiloh **come out** to perform their dances, then you ***shall*** **come out** from the vineyards and **every** man ***catch*** a wife for himself from the daughters of Shiloh and go to the land of Binyamin.

[22]"And it ***shall*** **be,** when their fathers or their brothers **come to** us to complain, that we ***shall*** say to them, 'Favour us with them, **<u>because</u>** we *did not* take a wife for any of them in battle, neither have you **given** them to them, making yourselves *guilty* of your oath.' "

[23]And the children of Binyamin did so and took enough wives for their number from those who danced, whom they caught. ***Then*** they went and returned to their inheritance and they rebuilt the cities and dwelt in them.

[24]And the children of Yisra'ĕl went from there at that **time,** each one to his tribe and clan. And they went from there, each one to his inheritance.

[25]In those days there was no sovereign in Yisra'ĕl – everyone did what was **right** in his own eyes.

(See Shophetim 17:6 and Debarim 12:8)

1 SHEMU'ĚL

1 SAMUEL

1 And there was a certain man of Ramathayim Tsophim, of the mountains of Ephrayim and his name was Elqanah son of Yeroḥam, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Tsuph, an Ephrayimite.

[2]And he had two wives, the name of one was Ḥannah and the name of the other Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Ḥannah had no children.

[3]**Now** this man went up from his city year by year to worship and to slaughter to ꓤꓽꓤꓵ of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Ěli, Ḥophni and Pineḥas, the priests of ꓤꓽꓤꓵ, were there.

[4]And when the day came for Elqanah to make an offering, he gave portions to Peninnah his wife and to **all** her sons and daughters,

[5]but, although he **loved** Ḥannah, he gave only one portion to Ḥannah, **<u>because</u>** ꓤꓽꓤꓵ had shut up her womb.

[6]Moreover, her rival also *provoked* her greatly, to make her irritable, **<u>because</u>** ꓤꓽꓤꓵ had shut up her womb.

[7]And so he did, year by year. Whenever she went up to the House of ꓤꓽꓤꓵ, she was *provoked*, so that she wept and *did not* eat.

[8]And her husband Elqanah said to her, "Ḥannah, why do you weep? ***Why*** do you not eat? And why is your **heart** sad? Am I not better to you than ten sons?"

[9]And Ḥannah rose up after eating and drinking in Shiloh, while Ěli the priest was sitting on the seat by the doorpost of the Hěḵal of ꓤꓽꓤꓵ.

[10]And she was *bitter* in **life** and prayed to ꓤꓽꓤꓵ and wept greatly.

[11]And she made a vow and said, "O ꓤꓽꓤꓵ of hosts, if You would indeed look on the *affliction* of your female servant and ***remember*** me and not *forget* your female servant, but ***shall*** give your female servant a male child, then I ***shall*** give him to ꓤꓽꓤꓵ **all** the days of his **life** and let no razor **come** upon his head."

[12]And it came to be, as she kept on praying before ꓤꓽꓤꓵ, that Ěli was watching her **mouth.**

[13]And Ḥannah spoke in her **heart,** only her lips moved, but her **voice** was not **heard**. So Ěli thought she was drunk.

[14]***Then*** Ěli said to her, "***How*** long are you going to be drunk? Put your **wine** away from you!"

[15]And Ḥannah answered and said, "No, my master, I am a woman pained in spirit. And I have drunk neither **wine** nor **strong** drink, but have **poured out** my being before ꓤꓽꓤꓵ.

[16]"***Do*** *not* take your female servant for a daughter of Beliya'al, for it is out of my **great** concern and provocation that I have **spoken** until *now.*"

[17] Ěli answered and said, "Go in peace and the **Elohim** of Yisra'ěl give you your petition which you have asked of **Him.**"

[18]And she said, "**Let** your female servant find **favour** in your eyes." And the woman went her **way** and ate and her face was no more *sad*.

[19]And they rose up early in the morning and worshipped before ꓤꓽꓤꓵ and returned and came to their house at Ramah. And Elqanah **knew** Ḥannah his wife and ꓤꓽꓤꓵ **remembered** her.

[20]And it came to be at the turn of days, that Ḥannah conceived and bore a son and called his name Shemu'ěl, "**<u>Because</u>** I have asked ꓤꓽꓤꓵ for him."

[21]And the man Elqanah and **all** his house went up to offer to ꓤꓽꓤꓵ the yearly slaughtering and his vow.

[22]***But*** Ḥannah *did not* go up, for she said to her husband, "***When*** the child is weaned, then I ***shall*** take him. And he ***shall*** appear before ꓤꓽꓤꓵ and remain **forever** there."

[23]And her husband Elqanah said to her, "***Do*** what is **good** in your eyes. Remain until you have weaned him. Only let **ꓤYꓤZ establish His word.**" And the woman remained and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

[24]And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bulls, one ĕphah of flour and a skin of **wine** and brought him to the House of **ꓤYꓤZ** in Shiloh. And the child was young.

[25]And they slaughtered a bull and brought the child to Ĕli.

[26]And she said, "O my **Master!** As your being lives, my master, I am the woman who stood by you here, praying to **ꓤYꓤZ**.

[27]"I prayed for this youth and **ꓤYꓤZ** has granted me what I asked of **Him.**

[28]"So I have also loaned him to **ꓤYꓤZ**. All the days that he lives he ***shall*** **be** loaned to **ꓤYꓤZ**." And he worshipped there before **ꓤYꓤZ**.

2 And Ḥannah prayed and said, "My **heart rejoices** in **ꓤYꓤZ**, my horn has been high in **ꓤYꓤZ**. **My mouth** is opened wide over my enemies, for I have rejoiced in **Your deliverance**.

[2]"There is no one set-apart like **ꓤYꓤZ**, for there is no one besides **You** and there is no rock like our **Elohim**.

[3]"***Do*** *not* multiply **words** so *proud*ly, *proud*ly; let no arrogance **come** from your **mouth,** for **ꓤYꓤZ** is an Ĕl of **knowledge** and by **Him deeds** are weighed.

[4]"Bows of the mighty are *broken* and those who *stumble* ***shall*** **be** girded with strength.

[5]"The **satisfied** have hired themselves out for bread and the hungry have ceased. Even the *barren* has borne seven and she who has many children pines away.

[6]"**ꓤYꓤZ** puts to *death* and makes **alive, He** brings down to the grave and raises up.

[7]"**ꓤYꓤZ** makes *poor* and makes rich, **He** brings low and lifts up.

[8]"He raises the *poor* from the dust, **He** lifts the needy from the dunghill, to sit with princes and make them inherit a throne of esteem. For the supports of the earth belong to **ꓤYꓤZ** and **He** has set the world upon them.

[9]"He guards the feet of **His kind** ones, but the ***wrong*** are *silent* in *darkness*, for man *does not* become mighty by power.

[10]"Those who *oppose* **ꓤYꓤZ** are shattered, from the heavens **He** thunders *against* them. **ꓤYꓤZ** judges the ends of the earth and gives strength to **His** sovereign and exalts the horn of **His anointed**."

[11]And Elqanah went to his house at Ramah. ***But*** the youth **served** **ꓤYꓤZ** before Ĕli the priest.

[12]And the sons of Ĕli were sons of Beliya'al – they *did not* **know** **ꓤYꓤZ**.

[13]And the ruling of the priests with the people was that when any man offered a slaughtering, the priest's servant ***shall*** **come** with a three-pronged flesh-hook in his **hand** while the meat was cooking,

[14]and ***shall thrust*** it into the basin, kettle, cauldron, or pot. And the priest would take for himself **all** that the fleshhook brought up. Thus they did in Shiloh to **all the** Yisra'ĕlites who came there.

[15]Also, before they *burned* the fat, the priest's servant would **come** and say to the man who slaughtered, "Give meat for roasting to the priest, for he *does not* **accept** cooked meat from you, but raw."

[16]And if the man said to him, "**Let** the fat be *burned* up **first,** then take as much as your being desires," he would then answer him, "No, but give it to me *now.* And if not, I ***shall*** take it by strength."

[17]And the *sin* of the young men was **very great** before **ꓤYꓤZ**, for the men *despised* the offering of **ꓤYꓤZ**.

[18]***But*** Shemu'ĕl was attending before **ꓤYꓤZ** – a youth, wearing a linen shoulder garment.

[19]And his mother would make him a *little* robe and bring it to him year by year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly slaughtering.

[20]And Ěli **blessed** Elqanah and his wife and said, "ꓤYHZ give you offspring from this woman for the one she prayed for and gave to ꓤYHZ." ***Then*** they would go to their own home.
[21]And ꓤYHZ **visited** Ḥannah, so that she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters, while the young Shemu'ĕl grew before ꓤYHZ.
[22]And Ěli was **very** old and had **heard all** that his sons were doing to **all** Yisra'ĕl and how they lay with the women who were assembling at the **door** of the **Tent** of Meeting.
[23]And he said to them, "***Why*** do you do **deeds** like these? For I **hear** of your *evil* **deeds** from **all** the people.
[24]"No, my sons! For it is not a **good** report that I hear: making the people of ꓤYHZ *transgress.*
[25]"***If*** one man *sins against* another, **Elohim *shall* judge** him. ***But*** if a man *sins against* ꓤYHZ, who ***shall*** pray for him?" ***But*** they *did not* **listen** to the **voice** of their father, though ꓤYHZ was pleased to put them to *death.*
[26]And the young Shemu'ĕl was growing in stature and was in **favour** with ꓤYHZ and also with men.
[27]And a man of **Elohim** came to Ěli and said to him, "Thus said ꓤYHZ, 'Did I not clearly **reveal Myself** to the house of your father when they were in Mitsrayim in Pharaoh's house,
[28]even to choose him out of **all** the tribes of Yisra'ĕl to be **My** priest, to offer upon **My** altar, to burn incense and to wear a shoulder garment before **Me?** And did I not give to the house of your father **all** the offerings of the children of Yisra'ĕl made by *fire*?
[29]'***Why*** do you kick at **My** slaughtering and **My** offering which I have **commanded** in **My Dwelling Place** and **esteem** your sons above **Me,** to make yourselves fat with the best of **all** the offerings of Yisra'ĕl **My people**?'
[30]"Therefore ꓤYHZ **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl **declares**, 'I said indeed that your house and the house of your father would **walk** before **Me forever**.' ***But*** **now** ꓤYHZ **declares**, 'Far be it from **Me,** for those who *highly* **esteem Me** I *highly* esteem and those who *despise* **Me** are lightly esteemed.
[31]'**See,** the days are **coming** that I ***shall cut*** *off* your arm and the arm of your father's house, so that an old man ***shall*** not be **found** in your house.
[32]'And you ***shall* see** an enemy in **My Dwelling Place,** despite **all** the **good** which **Elohim** does for Yisra'ĕl and there ***shall*** not be an old man in your house **forever**.
[33]'***But*** any of your men whom I *do not cut off* from **My** altar is to *consume* your eyes and grieve your **life** and **all** the increase of your house *die* as men.
[34]'And this is the **sign** to you that **comes** upon your two sons, upon Ḥophni and Pineḥas: in one day they are going to *die,* both of them.
[35]'And I ***shall* raise** up for **Myself** a **trustworthy** priest who does **according** to what is in **My heart** and in **My being**. And I ***shall*** build him a steadfast house and he ***shall* walk** before **My anointed forever**.
[36]'And it ***shall* be** that everyone who is left in your house ***shall* come** and bow down to him for a piece of silver and a cake of bread and say, "Please, put me in one of the priestly positions to eat a piece of bread." ' "

3 And the young Shemu'ĕl was serving ꓤYHZ before Ěli. And the **Word** of ꓤYHZ was rare in those days – no **vision** breaking forth.
[2]And it came to be in that day, that Ěli was *lying* down in his place. And his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he was *unable* to **see,**
[3]And the **lamp** of **Elohim** had not gone out in the Hĕḵal of ꓤYHZ where the ark of **Elohim** was and Shemu'ĕl was *lying* down to sleep.
[4]And ꓤYHZ called Shemu'ĕl and he answered, "Here I am!"
[5]He then ran to Ěli and said, "Here I am, for you called me."

But he said,"I *did not* **call** – *lie* down again." So he went and lay down.
[6]And ֵיהוָה again called, "Shemu'ĕl!" And Shemu'ĕl arose and went to Ĕli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." ***But*** he answered, "My son, I *did not* **call** – *lie* down again."
[7]**Now** Shemu'ĕl *did not* yet **know** ֵיהוָה and the **Word** of ֵיהוָה was not yet **revealed** to him.
[8]And ֵיהוָה called Shemu'ĕl again the third **time,** and he arose and went to Ĕli and said, "Here I am, for you did **call** me." ***Then*** Ĕli understood that ֵיהוָה had called the youth.
[9]So Ĕli said to Shemu'ĕl, "Go, *lie* down. And it ***shall*** **be,** if **He** calls you, say, 'Speak, ֵיהוָה, for **Your** servant **hears**.' " And Shemu'ĕl went and lay down in his place.
[10]And ֵיהוָה came and stood and called as at other times, "Shemu'ĕl! Shemu'ĕl!" And Shemu'ĕl answered, **"Speak**, for **Your** servant **hears**."
[11]ֵיהוָה said to Shemu'ĕl, "**See,** I am doing a matter in Yisra'ĕl at which both **ears** of everyone **who hears** it ***shall*** tingle.
[12]"In that day I ***shall*** **confirm** *against* Ĕli **all** that I have **spoken** concerning his house, from beginning to end.
[13]"For I have **declared** to him that I am judging his house **forever** for the *crookedness* which he knows, **because** his sons *cursed* **Elohim** and he *did not* ***rebuke*** them.
[14]"And therefore I have sworn to the house of Ĕli that the *crookedness* of the house of Ĕli ***shall*** never be atoned for, by slaughtering or grain offering."
[15]And Shemu'ĕl lay down until morning and opened the **doors** of the House of ֵיהוָה. And Shemu'ĕl was *afraid* to report the **vision** to Ĕli.
[16]***Then*** Ĕli called Shemu'ĕl and said, "Shemu'ĕl, my son!" And he answered, "Here I am."
[17]And he said, "***What*** is the **word** that **He** spoke to you? Please *do not* hide it from me. **Elohim** do so to you and more also, if you hide a **word** from me of **all** the **words** that **He** spoke to you."
[18]And Shemu'ĕl reported to him **all** the **words** and hid none from him. And he said, "It is ֵיהוָה. **Let Him** do what is **good** in **His** eyes."
[19]And Shemu'ĕl grew up and ֵיהוָה was with him and *did not* let any of his **words** *fall* to the ground.
[20]And **all** Yisra'ĕl from Dan to Be'ĕrsheḇa **knew** that Shemu'ĕl had been **established** as a **prophet** of ֵיהוָה.
[21]And ֵיהוָה continued to appear in Shiloh, **because** ֵיהוָה **revealed Himself** to Shemu'ĕl in Shiloh by the **Word** of ֵיהוָה.

4 Thus the **word** of Shemu'ĕl was to **all** Yisra'ĕl. And Yisra'ĕl went out to battle *against* the Philistines and encamped beside Eḇen Ha'ĕzer, while the Philistines encamped in Aphĕq.
[2]And the Philistines put themselves in battle array *against* Yisra'ĕl. And when the battle spread, Yisra'ĕl was *smitten* by the Philistines, who *killed* about four thousand men of the army in the field.
[3]And when the people came into the camp, the elders of Yisra'ĕl said, "***Why*** has ֵיהוָה *smitten* us today before the Philistines? **Let** us bring the ark of the **covenant** of ֵיהוָה from Shiloh to us, so that **He comes** into our **midst** and **save** us from the **hand** of our enemies."
[4]And the people **sent** to Shiloh and they brought from there the ark of the **covenant** of ֵיהוָה of hosts, dwelling between the keruḇim. And the two sons of Ĕli, Ḥophni and Pineḥas, were there with the ark of the **covenant** of **Elohim**.
[5]And when the ark of the **covenant** of ֵיהוָה came into the camp, **all** Yisra'ĕl *shouted* so loudly that the earth shook.
[6]And when the Philistines **heard** the noise of the shout, they said, "***What*** is the noise of this **great** shout in the camp of the Heḇrews?" And when they **knew** that the ark of ֵיהוָה had **come** into the camp,

[7]the Philistines were *afraid*, for they said, "**Elohim** has **come** into the camp!" And they said, "**Woe** to us! For it has never been like this before.
[8]"**Woe** to us! ***Who shall*** **deliver** us from the **hand** of these mighty **Elohim**? These are the **Elohim** who *smote* the Mitsrites with **all** the *plagues* in the wilderness.
[9]"Be **strong** and be men, you Philistines, that *you do not* become servants of the Hebrews, as they have been to you. Be men and fight!"
[10]And the Philistines fought and Yisra'ĕl was smitten and **every** man fled to his tent. And the slaughter was **very** great and there fell of Yisra'ĕl thirty thousand foot soldiers.
[11]And the ark of **Elohim** was captured and the two sons of Ĕli died, Ḥophni and Pineḥas.
[12]And a man of Binyamin ran from the battle line the **same** day and came to Shiloh with his garments *torn* and dirt on his head.
[13]And he came in and **saw** Ĕli, sitting on a seat by the wayside watching, for his **heart** *trembled* for the ark of **Elohim**. And the man came into the city and reported it and **all** the city *cried out*.
[14]And Ĕli **heard** the noise of the outcry and said, "***What*** is the noise of this uproar?" And the man came hastily and informed Ĕli.
[15]**Now** Ĕli was ninety-eight years old and his eyes were so dim that he was *unable* to **see.**
[16]And the man said to Ĕli, "I am he who came from the battle. And I fled today from the battle line." And he said, "***What*** was the matter, my son?"
[17]And the messenger answered and said, "Yisra'ĕl has fled before the Philistines and there has been a **great** slaughter among the people. And your two sons have died, Ḥophni and Pineḥas and the ark of **Elohim** has been captured."
[18]And it came to be, when he made mention of the ark of **Elohim**, that Ĕli fell off the seat backward by the side of the gate. And his neck was broken and he died, for the man was old and heavy. And he ruled Yisra'ĕl forty years.
[19]And his daughter-in-law, Pineḥas' wife, was pregnant, about to bear. And when she **heard** the news that the ark of **Elohim** was captured and that her father-in-law and her husband were *dead,* she bowed herself and gave birth, **because** her *pains* came upon her.
[20]And about the **time** of her *death* the women who stood by her said to her, "***Do*** *not* **fear,** for you have borne a son." ***But*** she *did not* answer, *nor did* she set her **heart** to it.
[21]And she called the child Iḵabo̱d, saying, "The **esteem** has departed from Yisra'ĕl!" **because** the ark of **Elohim** was taken and **because** of her father-in-law and her husband.
[22]And she said, "The **esteem** has departed from Yisra'ĕl, for the ark of **Elohim** was taken."

5 And the Philistines took the ark of **Elohim** and brought it from Eḇen Ha'ĕzer to Ashdo̱d,
[2]and the Philistines took the ark of **Elohim** and brought it into the house of Da̱gon and set it by Da̱gon.
[3]And the Ashdo̱dites rose early in the morning and **saw** Da̱gon fallen on its face to the ground before the ark of יהוה. So they took Da̱gon and put it in its place again.
[4]And they arose early the next morning and **saw** Da̱gon fallen on its face to the ground before the ark of יהוה and the head of Da̱gon and both the palms of its hands *cut* off, on the threshold, only Da̱gon itself was left of it.
[5]That is why, to this day, the priests of Da̱gon and **all** who **come** into Da̱gon's house *do not* tread on the threshold of Da̱gon in Ashdo̱d.
[6]***But*** the **hand** of יהוה was *heavy* on the Ashdo̱dites and **He** wasted them and *smote* them with *tumours* – Ashdo̱d and its borders.
[7]And when the men of Ashdo̱d **saw** this, they said, "**Let** not the ark of the

Elohim of Yisra'ěl remain with us, for **His hand** has been hard on us and on Dagon our *mighty one*."

[8]***Then*** they **sent** and gathered to them **all** the princes of the Philistines and said, "***What*** do we do with the ark of the **Elohim** of Yisra'ěl?" And they answered, "**Let** the ark of the **Elohim** of Yisra'ěl be removed to Gath." And they removed the ark of the **Elohim** of Yisra'ěl.

[9]And it came to be, after they removed it, that the **hand** of יהוה was *against* the city with a **very great *destruction.*** And **He** *smote* the men of the city, from the least to the greatest and *tumours* broke out on them.

[10]They then **sent** the ark of **Elohim** to Eqron. And it came to be, as the ark of **Elohim** came to Eqron, that the Eqronites *cried out*, saying, "They have removed the ark of the **Elohim** of Yisra'ěl to us, to *kill* us and our people!"

[11]And they **sent** and gathered **together all** the princes of the Philistines and said, "Send away the ark of the **Elohim** of Yisra'ěl and let it **return** to its own place, so that it *does not kill* us and our people." For there had **come** a deadly ***destruction*** throughout **all** the city – the **hand** of **Elohim** was **very** *heavy* there.

[12]And the men who *did not die* were *smitten* with *tumours* and the cry of the city went up to the **heavens.**

6 And the ark of יהוה was in the field of the Philistines for seven months.

[2] The Philistines called for the priests and diviners, saying, "***What*** do we do with the ark of יהוה? **Let** us **know** with what we should send it to its place."

[3]And they said, "***If*** you send away the ark of the **Elohim** of Yisra'ěl, *do not* send it empty, but you ***shall*** certainly **return** it to **Him** with a *guilt* offering. ***Then*** you are going to be **healed** and it ***shall* be known** to you why **His hand** *does not* turn aside from you."

[4]And they said, "***What*** is the *guilt* offering which we **return** to Him?" And they answered, "The number of the princes of the Philistines: five golden *tumours* and five golden ***rats***. For the **same** *plague* was on **all** of you and on your princes.

[5]"And you ***shall*** make *images* of your *tumours* and *images* of your ***rats*** that *ruin* the land and you ***shall*** give **esteem** to the **Elohim** of Yisra'ěl. It could be that **He** does lift **His hand** from you, your *mighty ones* and from your land.

[6]"And why do you *harden* your **hearts** as the Mitsrites and Pharaoh *hardened* their **hearts**? ***When*** **He** had severely dealt with them, did they not send them away and they went?

[7]"And **now**, take and make a new wagon and two milk cows which have never been yoked and hitch the cows to the wagon. And take their calves home, away from them.

[8]"And take the ark of יהוה and put it on the wagon. And put the objects of gold which you are returning to **Him** as a *guilt* offering in a chest by its side and send it away and it ***shall*** go.

[9]"And you ***shall* see,** if it goes up the **way** to its own border, to Běyth Shemesh, then **He** has done us this **great** *evil*. ***But*** if not, then we ***shall* know** that **His hand** has not **come** *against* us – an accident it was to us."

[10]And the men did so and took two milk cows and hitched them to the wagon and shut up their calves at home.

[11]And they put the ark of יהוה on the wagon and the chest with the gold ***rats*** and the *images* of their *tumours*.

[12]And the cows went **straight** for the **way** to Běyth Shemesh and went along the highway, bellowing as they went and *did not* turn aside, right or left. And the princes of the Philistines went after them to the border of Běyth Shemesh.

[13]And *they of* Běyth Shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley. And they lifted their eyes and **saw** the ark and rejoiced to **see** it.

[14]The wagon came into the field of Yahusha of Běyth Shemesh and stood there and there was a **great** stone. So they split the ***wood*** of the wagon and

offered the cows as a burnt offering to ꓤYꓤZ.
15And the Lĕwites took down the ark of ꓤYꓤZ and the chest that was with it, in which were the objects of gold and put them on the **great** stone. And the men of Bĕyth Shemesh slaughtered burnt offerings and made offerings the **same** day to ꓤYꓤZ.
16And when the five princes of the Philistines **saw** it, they returned to Eqron the **same** day.
17And these are the gold *tumours* which the Philistines returned as a *guilt* offering to ꓤYꓤZ: one for Ashdod, one for Azzah, one for Ashqelon, one for Gath, one for Eqron,
18and the gold rats, by the number of **all** the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five princes, both walled cities and country villages, even as far as the **great** meadow on which they placed the ark of ꓤYꓤZ, *remain* to this day in the field of Yahusha of Bĕyth Shemesh.
19And **He** *smote* among the men of Bĕyth Shemesh, for they had **looked** into the ark of ꓤYꓤZ. **He** *smote* among the people seventy men and the people mourned **<u>because</u>** ꓤYꓤZ *smote* among the people, a **great** smiting.
20And the men of Bĕyth Shemesh said, "***Who* is able** to **stand** before this set-apart ꓤYꓤZ **Elohim**? And to whom ***shall* He** go from us?"
21And they **sent** messengers to the inhabitants of Qiryath Ye'arim, saying, "The Philistines have brought back the ark of ꓤYꓤZ, **come** down and take it.

7 And the men of Qiryath Ye'arim came and took the ark of ꓤYꓤZ and brought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill and set-apart El'azar his son to **guard** the ark of ꓤYꓤZ.
2And it came to be, from the day that the ark remained in Qiryath Ye'arim, that the **time** increased, it came to be twenty years. And **all** the house of Yisra'ĕl lamented after ꓤYꓤZ.
3And Shemu'ĕl spoke to **all** the house of Yisra'ĕl, saying, "***If*** you **return** to ꓤYꓤZ with **all** your **hearts**, then put away the foreign *mighty ones* and Ashtaroth from among you and **prepare** your **hearts** for ꓤYꓤZ and **serve Him** only, so that **He** delivers you from the **hand** of the Philistines."
4And the children of Yisra'ĕl **put away** the Ba'als and Ashtaroth and **served** ꓤYꓤZ only.
5And Shemu'ĕl said, "**Gather all** Yisra'ĕl to Mitspah and let me pray to ꓤYꓤZ for you."
6And they gathered to Mitspah and drew water and poured it out before ꓤYꓤZ. And they fasted that day and said there, "We have *sinned <u>against</u>* ꓤYꓤZ." And Shemu'ĕl **rightly ruled** the children of Yisra'ĕl at Mitspah.
7And when the Philistines **heard** that the children of Yisra'ĕl had gathered **together** at Mitspah, the princes of the Philistines went up *<u>against</u>* Yisra'ĕl. And the children of Yisra'ĕl **heard** of it and were *afraid* of the Philistines.
8And the children of Yisra'ĕl said to Shemu'ĕl, "***Do* not** cease to cry out to ꓤYꓤZ our **Elohim** for us, that **He** would **save** us from the **hand** of the Philistines."
9And Shemu'ĕl took a suckling **lamb** and offered it as a burnt offering, **completely**, to ꓤYꓤZ. And Shemu'ĕl *cried out* to ꓤYꓤZ for Yisra'ĕl and ꓤYꓤZ answered him.
10And it came to be, as Shemu'ĕl offered up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew **near** to battle *<u>against</u>* Yisra'ĕl. ***But* ꓤYꓤZ** *thundered* with a **great** noise on that day on the Philistines and *troubled* them and they were *smitten* before Yisra'ĕl.
11And the men of Yisra'ĕl went out from Mitspah and pursued the Philistines and drove them back as far as below Bĕyth Kar.
12And Shemu'ĕl took a stone and set it up between Mitspah and Shĕn and called its name Eben Ha'ĕzer, saying, "Thus far ꓤYꓤZ has helped us."
13Thus the Philistines were humbled and no longer came into the border of

Yisra'ĕl. And the **hand** of יהוה was *against* the Philistines **all** the days of Shemu'ĕl.
[14]And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Yisra'ĕl were returned to Yisra'ĕl, from Eqron to Gath. Yisra'ĕl **recovered** its border from the hands of the Philistines. And there was **peace** between Yisra'ĕl and the Amorites.
[15]And Shemu'ĕl **rightly ruled** Yisra'ĕl **all** the days of his **life**,
[16]and each year he made the rounds of Bĕyth Ĕl and Gilgal and Mitspah and **rightly ruled** Yisra'ĕl in **all** those places.
[17]***Then*** he returned to his home in Ramah. From there he **rightly ruled** Yisra'ĕl and he built an altar to יהוה.

8 And it came to be, when Shemu'ĕl was old, that he made his sons rulers over Yisra'ĕl.
[2]And the name of his first-born was Yo'ĕl and the name of his second, Abiyah, rulers in Be'ĕrsheba.
[3]***But*** his sons *did not* **walk** in his ways and turned aside after own *gain* and took bribes and twisted right-ruling.
[4]And **all** the elders of Yisra'ĕl gathered **together** and came to Shemu'ĕl at Ramah,
[5]and said to him, "Look, you are old and your sons *do not* **walk** in your ways. **Now appoint** for us a sovereign to **rule** us like **all** the nations."
[6]***But*** the **word** was *evil in the eyes* of Shemu'ĕl when they said, "Give us a sovereign to **rule** us." So Shemu'ĕl prayed to יהוה.
[7]And יהוה said to Shemu'ĕl, "**Listen** to the **voice** of the people in **all** that they say to you, for they have not *rejected* you, but they have *rejected* **Me** from **reigning** over them.
[8]"According to **all** the **works** which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Mitsrayim, even to this day – *forsaking* **Me** and serving other *mighty ones* – so they are doing to you too.
[9]"And **now**, **listen** to their **voice**, but you ***shall*** certainly **warn** them and ***shall*** make **known** to them the ruling of the sovereign who does **reign** over them."
[10]And Shemu'ĕl spoke **all** the **words** of יהוה to the people who asked him for a sovereign,
[11]and said, "This is the ruling of the sovereign who does **reign** over you: **He *shall*** take your sons and **appoint** them for his own chariots and to be his horsemen and they ***shall*** run before his chariots,
[12]and **appoint** commanders over his thousands and commanders over his fifties, or to plough his ground and reap his harvest, or to make his weapons and equipment for his chariots.
[13]"And your daughters he is going to take to be perfumers and cooks and bakers.
[14]"And the best of your fields and your vineyards and your olive-trees he is going to take and give them to his servants.
[15]"And a tenth of your grain and your vintage he is going to take and give it to his officers and servants.
[16]"And your male servants and your female servants and your best young men and your donkeys he is going to take and use for his own work.
[17]"A tenth of your sheep he is going to take and you are to be his servants.
[18]"And you ***shall*** cry out in that day **because** of your sovereign whom you have **chosen** for yourselves, but יהוה is not going to answer you in that day."
[19]However, the people *refused* to **listen** to the **voice** of Shemu'ĕl and said, "No, but let a sovereign be over us.
[20]***Then*** we ***shall*** **be,** we also, like **all** the nations, our sovereign ***shall*** **rule** us and go out before us and *fight* our battles."
[21]And Shemu'ĕl **heard all** the **words** of the people and he repeated them in the **hearing** of יהוה.
[22]יהוה said to Shemu'ĕl, "**Listen** to their **voice** and make them a sovereign." And Shemu'ĕl said to the men of Yisra'ĕl, "Each of you go to his city."

9 And there was a man of Binyamin whose name was Qish, son of Aḇi'ĕl, son of Tseror, son of Beḵorath, son of Aphiyaḥ, a Binyamite, a mighty man of power.
[2]And he had a son whose name was Sha'ul, young and handsome. And there was not a more handsome man than he among the children of Yisra'ĕl, taller than any of the people by the shoulders and upwards.
[3]And the donkeys of Qish, father of Sha'ul, were lost. And Qish said to his son Sha'ul, "Please take one of the servants with you and arise, go **seek** the donkeys."
[4]And he passed through the mountains of Ephrayim and through the land of Shalishah, but they *did not* find them. ***Then*** they passed through the land of Sha'alim, but they were not. ***Then*** he passed through the land of the Binyamites, but they *did not* find them.
[5]They came to the land of Tsuph and Sha'ul said to his servant who was with him, **"Come,** let us **turn back** lest my father stops *thinking* about the donkeys and become worried about us."
[6]And he said to him, "**See,** there is a man of **Elohim** in this city and the man is esteemed. All that he says **comes true** without fail. **Now**, let's go there. It could be that he shows us the **way** to go."
[7]And Sha'ul said to his servant, "***But*** look, if we go, what do we bring the man? For the **bread** in our bags is **all** gone and there is no present to bring to the man of **Elohim**. ***What*** do we have?"
[8]And the servant answered Sha'ul again and said, "Look, I have here at **hand** one-fourth of a sheqel of silver. And I ***shall*** give that to the man of **Elohim** and he ***shall*** make **known** to us our **way.**"
[9]Formerly, in Yisra'ĕl, when a man went to **inquire** of **Elohim**, he spoke thus, **"Come,** let us go to the **seer**," for the **prophet** of today was formerly called a **seer.**
[10]And Sha'ul said to his servant, "**Your word** is **good**. **Come,** let us go." And they went to the city where the man of **Elohim** was.
[11]As they went up the hill to the city, they met some young women going out to draw water and said to them, "Is the **seer** here?"
[12]And they answered them and said, "He is. Look, ahead of you. Hurry **now**, for he came to this city today, for the people have an offering on the *high place* today.
[13]"As you **come** into the city, you are going to find him before he goes up to the *high place* to eat. For the people *do not* eat until he comes, for he blesses the slaughtering, afterward they who are invited eat. And **now**, go up, for you should find him about this **time.** "
[14]And they went up to the city. They were **coming** into the **midst** of the city and **saw** Shemu'ĕl **coming** out toward them to go up to the high place.
[15]And יהוה had **revealed** to Shemu'ĕl in his ear the day before Sha'ul came, saying,
[16]"At this **time tomorrow I *shall* send** you a man from the land of Binyamin and you ***shall*** **anoint** him leader over **My people** Yisra'ĕl and he ***shall*** **save My people** from the **hand** of the Philistines. For I have **seen My people**, **<u>because</u>** their cry has **come to** me."
[17]And when Shemu'ĕl **saw** Sha'ul, יהוה said to him, "**See,** the man of whom I spoke to you. **Let** this one govern **My people**."
[18]And Sha'ul drew **near** to Shemu'ĕl in the gate and said, "Please inform me, where is the house of the **seer**?"
[19]And Shemu'ĕl answered Sha'ul and said, "I am the **seer.** Go up before me to the high place, for you ***shall*** eat with me today. And **tomorrow** I ***shall*** let you go and make **known** to you **all** that is in your **heart.**
[20]"As for your donkeys that were *lost* three days ago, *do not* set your **heart** on them, they have been found. On whom is **all** the desire of Yisra'ĕl? Is it not on you and on **all** your father's house?"

[21]And Sha'ul answered and said, "Am I not a Binyamite – of the smallest of the tribes of Yisra'ĕl and my clan the least of **all** the clans of the tribe of Binyamin? ***Why*** then do you **speak** like this to me?"
[22]And Shemu'ĕl took Sha'ul and his servant and brought them into the hall and gave to them a place at the head of those who were invited and there were about thirty men.
[23]And Shemu'ĕl said to the cook, "Bring the portion which I gave you, of which I told you to set it aside."
[24]And the cook brought out the thigh with its upper part and set it before Sha'ul. And Shemu'ĕl said, "See what was kept back. It was set aside for you. Eat, for it has been kept for you for this **appointed time,** saying, I have invited the people." And Sha'ul ate with Shemu'ĕl on that day.
[25]And they came down from the *high place* into the city and Shemu'ĕl spoke with Sha'ul on the roof.
[26]And they rose early. And it came to be about the dawning of the day that Shemu'ĕl called to Sha'ul on the roof, saying, "Rise, so that I send you on your **way.**" And Sha'ul rose and both of them went outside, he and Shemu'ĕl.
[27]As they were walking toward the edge of the city, Shemu'ĕl said to Sha'ul, "Say to the servant to go on ahead of us." And he went on. "***But*** you **stand** here a moment, so that I let you **hear** the **Word** of **Elohim**."

10 And Shemu'ĕl took a flask of oil and poured it on his head and kissed him and said, "Is it not **because** יהוה has **anointed** you leader over **His** inheritance?
[2]"***When*** you leave me today, you ***shall*** find two men by Raḥĕl's tomb in the border of Binyamin at Tseltsaḥ and they ***shall*** say to you, 'The donkeys which you went to look for have been found. **See,** your father has left the matters of the donkeys and is worrying about you, saying, "***What shall*** I do for my son?" '
[3]"And you ***shall*** pass on from there and beyond and ***shall*** **come to** the terebinth *tree* of Taḇor. And three men going up to **Elohim** at Bĕyth Ěl ***shall*** find you there, one bearing three young goats, another bearing three loaves of bread and another bearing a skin of **wine**.
[4]"And they ***shall*** greet you and give you two loaves of bread, which you ***shall*** **accept** from their **hand.**
[5]"After that go to the hill of **Elohim** where the Philistine watch-post is. And it ***shall*** **be,** when you have **come** there to the city, that you ***shall*** meet a group of prophets **coming** down from the *high place* with a stringed instrument and a tambourine and a flute and a lyre before them and they are prophesying.
[6]"And the **Spirit** of יהוה ***shall*** **come** upon you and you ***shall*** prophesy with them and be turned into another man.
[7]"And it ***shall*** **be,** when these **signs** **come to** you, do for yourself as your **hand** finds to do, for **Elohim** is with you.
[8]"And you ***shall*** go down before me to Gilgal. And **see,** I am **coming** down to you to slaughter burnt offerings and make **peace** offerings. Wait seven days, til I **come to** you, then I ***shall*** make **known** to you what you should do."
[9]And it came to be, when he had turned his back to go from Shemu'ĕl, that **Elohim** gave him another **heart.** And **all** those **signs** came on that day.
[10]And they came there to the hill and **saw** a group of **prophets,** to meet him. And the **Spirit** of **Elohim** came upon him and he prophesied in their **midst**.
[11]And it came to be, **all** who **knew** him formerly **looked** and **saw** that he prophesied among the **prophets.** So the people said to each other, "***What*** is this that has come upon the son of Qish? Is Sha'ul also among the prophets?"
[12]And a man there answered and said, "And who is their **Father?**" That is why it became a proverb, "Is Sha'ul also among the prophets?"

13And when he *stopped* prophesying, he went to the high place.
14And the uncle of Sha'ul asked him and his servant, "Where did you go?" And he said, "To look for the donkeys. And when we **saw** that they were no where to be found, we went to Shemu'ĕl."
15And the uncle of Sha'ul said, "Please inform me what Shemu'ĕl said to you."
16And Sha'ul said to his uncle, "He informed us plainly that the donkeys had been found." ***But*** he *did not* disclose to him about the matter of the reign, what Shemu'ĕl had said.
17And Shemu'ĕl called the people **together** to ꓤYHZ at Mitspah,
18and said to the children of Yisra'ĕl, "Thus said ꓤYHZ, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, 'I have brought Yisra'ĕl up out of Mitsrayim and **delivered** you from the **hand** of the Mitsrites and from the **hand** of **all** reigns and from those who *oppressed* you.'
19"'And today you have *rejected* your **Elohim**, who **Himself saved** you out of **all** your *evil*s and your *distresses*. And you have said to **Him,** 'No, but set a sovereign over us!' And **now**, present yourselves before ꓤYHZ by your tribes and by your clans."
20And Shemu'ĕl brought **near all** the tribes of Yisra'ĕl and the tribe of Binyamin was taken.
21***Then*** he brought **near** the tribe of Binyamin, by their clans and the clan of Matri was taken and Sha'ul son of Qish was taken. And when they sought him, he *could not* be found.
22And they asked again of ꓤYHZ, "Has the man **come** here yet?" And ꓤYHZ answered, "**See,** he has *hidden* by the baggage."
23And they ran and brought him from there. And he stood in the **midst** of the people and he was taller than any of the people, from his shoulders and upwards.
24And Shemu'ĕl said to **all** the people, "***Do*** you **see** him whom ꓤYHZ has **chosen**, that there is no one like him among **all** the people?" And **all** the people *shouted* and said, "**Let** the sovereign live!"
25And Shemu'ĕl **declared** to the people the rulings of the reign and **wrote** it in a **book** and placed it before ꓤYHZ. And Shemu'ĕl **sent all** the people away, each to his house.
26And Sha'ul went to his house too, to Giḇ'ah. And with him went brave men whose **hearts Elohim** had touched.
27***But*** the sons of Beliya'al said, "***What***! Does this one **save** us?" And they *despised* him and brought him no presents. ***But*** he kept silent.

11 And Naḥash the Ammonite came up and camped *against* Yaḇĕsh Gil'aḏ. And **all** the men of Yaḇĕsh said to Naḥash, "Make a **covenant** with us and we ***shall*** **serve** you."
2***Then*** Naḥash the Ammonite answered them, "For this I make a **covenant** with you, that I dig out **all** your **right** eyes and I ***shall*** bring *reproach* on **all** Yisra'ĕl."
3And the elders of Yaḇĕsh said to him, "Leave us alone for seven days, so that we send messengers to **all** the borders of Yisra'ĕl. And then, if there is no one to **save** us, we ***shall*** **come out** to you."
4And the messengers came to Giḇ'ah of Sha'ul and spoke the **words** in the **hearing** of the people. And **all** the people lifted up their **voice**s and wept.
5And look, Sha'ul was **coming** behind the herd from the field. And Sha'ul said, "***Why*** are the people *weeping*?" And they related to him the **words** of the men of Yaḇĕsh.
6And the **Spirit** of **Elohim** came upon Sha'ul **mightily** as he **heard** these **words** and his *displeasure burned* greatly.
7And he took a yoke of cattle and *cut* them in pieces and **sent** them throughout **all** the border of Yisra'ĕl by the hands of messengers, saying, "***Whoever*** *does not* go out with Sha'ul and Shemu'ĕl to battle, let this be done to his cattle." And the **fear** of ꓤYHZ fell on the people and they came out as one man.

[8]And he mustered them in Bezeq and the children of Yisra'ěl were three hundred thousand and the men of Yahuḏah thirty thousand.

[9]And they said to the messengers who came, "Say this to the men of Yaḇěsh Gil'aḏ, '**Tomorrow**, by the **time** the sun is hot, you ***shall*** have help.' " ***Then*** the messengers came and informed the men of Yaḇěsh and they rejoiced.

[10]So the men of Yaḇěsh said, "**Tomorrow** we **come out** to you and you ***shall*** do to us ***whatever*** seems **good** to you."

[11]And it came to be, on the next day, that Sha'ul put the people in three companies. And they came into the **midst** of the camp in the morning **watch** and *smote* Ammon until the *heat* of the day. And it came to be that those left were *scattered*, so that no two of them were left together.

[12]And the people said to Shemu'ěl, "***Who*** said, '***Shall*** Sha'ul **reign** over us?' Bring the men, so that we put them to *death*."

[13]***But*** Sha'ul said, "No man is put to *death* this day, for today ֵיהוָה has wrought **deliverance** in Yisra'ěl."

[14]And Shemu'ěl said to the people, **"Come** and let us go to Gilgal and renew the **reign** there."

[15]And **all** the people went to Gilgal and there they set up Sha'ul to **reign** before ֵיהוָה in Gilgal and there they made slaughterings of **peace** offerings before ֵיהוָה. And there Sha'ul rejoiced and **all** the men of Yisra'ěl, **very** greatly.

12 And Shemu'ěl said to **all** Yisra'ěl, "Look, I have **listened** to your **voice** in **all** that you said to me and have set a sovereign over you.

[2]"And **now**, look, the sovereign is walking before you. And I am old and grey and look, my sons are with you. And I have walked before you from my youth to this day.

[3]"Look, here I am. **witness** *against* me before ֵיהוָה and before **His anointed**: ***Whose*** ox have I taken, or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I *oppressed*? ***Whom*** have I abused, or from whose **hand** have I received any *bribe* with which to *blind* my eyes? – then I restore it to you."

[4]And they said, "You have not *oppressed* us or abused us, nor have you taken any *bribe* from anyone's **hand.**"

[5]So he said to them, "ֵיהוָה is **witness** *against* you and **His anointed** is **witness** today, that you have **found** naught in my **hand.**" And they answered, "He is **witness.**"

[6]And Shemu'ěl said to the people, "It is ֵיהוָה who **appointed** Mosheh and Aharon and who brought your fathers up from the land of Mitsrayim.

[7]"And **now**, **stand** still, so that I **judge** you before ֵיהוָה concerning **all** the **righteous** acts of ֵיהוָה which **He** did to you and your fathers:

[8]"***When*** Ya'aqoḇ had **come to** Mitsrayim and your fathers *cried out* to ֵיהוָה, then ֵיהוָה **sent** Mosheh and Aharon, who brought your fathers out of Mitsrayim and made them dwell in this place.

[9]"***But*** they *forgot* ֵיהוָה their **Elohim**, so **He** sold them into the **hand** of Sisera, commander of the army of Ḥatsor and into the **hand** of the Philistines and into the **hand** of the sovereign of Mo'aḇ. And they fought *against* them.

[10]"And they *cried out* to ֵיהוָה and said, 'We have *sinned*, **because** we have ***forsaken*** ֵיהוָה and **served** the Ba'als and the Ashtaroth. And **now**, **deliver** us from the **hand** of our enemies and we **serve You.**'

[11]"And ֵיהוָה **sent** Yerubba'al, Beḏan, Yiphtaḥ and Shemu'ěl and **delivered** you out of the **hand** of your enemies round about and you dwelt in safety.

[12]"And when you **saw** that Naḥash sovereign of the children of Ammon came *against* you, you said to me, 'No, but let a sovereign **reign** over us,' when ֵיהוָה your **Elohim** was your sovereign.

[13]"And **now**, here is the sovereign

whom you have **chosen** and whom you have asked. And **see,** ЯУЯZ has set a sovereign over you.

14"***If*** you **fear** ЯУЯZ and ***shall*** **serve Him** and **obey His voice** and not ***rebel*** *against* the **command** of ЯУЯZ, then both you and the sovereign who reigns over you ***shall*** follow ЯУЯZ your **Elohim**.

15"***But*** if *you do not* ***obey*** the **voice** of ЯУЯZ and ***shall rebel*** *against* the **command** of ЯУЯZ, then the **hand** of ЯУЯZ ***shall*** **be** *against* you as it was *against* your fathers.

16"N**ow**, **stand** and **see** this **great** matter which ЯУЯZ does before your eyes:

17"Is today not the wheat harvest? **Let** me **call** to ЯУЯZ, so that **He sends** *thunder* and rain – **know** then and **see** that your *evil* is great, which you have done *in the eyes* of ЯУЯZ, in **asking** for yourselves a sovereign."

18And Shemu'ĕl called to ЯУЯZ and ЯУЯZ **sent** *thunder* and rain that day. And **all** the people greatly ***feared*** ЯУЯZ and Shemu'ĕl.

19And **all** the people said to Shemu'ĕl, "Pray for your servants to ЯУЯZ your **Elohim**, that we *do not die,* for we have **added** to **all** our *sins this evil* of **asking** for ourselves a sovereign."

20And Shemu'ĕl said to the people, "***Do not*** **fear.** You have done **all** this *evil*. Only, *do not* turn aside from **following** ЯУЯZ. And you ***shall*** **serve** ЯУЯZ with **all** your **heart,**

21and *do not* turn aside after *worthless matters* which *do not* profit or deliver, for they are *worthless*.

22"For ЯУЯZ *would not cast* away **His** people, for **His great Name's** sake, **seeing** it has pleased ЯУЯZ to make you **His** people.

23"Also, as for me, far be it from me that I should *sin against* ЯУЯZ in ceasing to pray for you, but I ***shall*** **teach** you the **good** and **straight way.**

24"Only **fear** ЯУЯZ and you ***shall*** **serve Him** in **truth** with **all** your **heart,** for consider what marvels **He** has done for you.

25"***But*** if you *persist* in doing *evil*, both you and your sovereign are *consumed.*"

13 Sha'ul was ... years old when he began to reign. And when he had reigned two years over Yisra'ĕl,

2Sha'ul **chose** for himself three thousand men of Yisra'ĕl. And two thousand were with Sha'ul in Mikmash and in the mountains of Bĕyth Ēl and a thousand were with Yonathan in Gib'ah of Binyamin. And the rest of the people he **sent** away, each to his tent.

3And Yonathan *smote* the watch-post of the Philistines that was in Geba and the Philistines **heard** of it. And Shā'ul blew the ram's horn throughout **all** the land, saying, "**Let** the Hebrews **hear!**"

4And **all** Yisra'ĕl **heard** the news that Sha'ul had *smitten* a watch-post of the Philistines and also that Yisra'ĕl had become a *stench* to the Philistines. And the people were summoned to Sha'ul at Gilgal.

5And the Philistines gathered to *fight* Yisra'ĕl, thirty thousand chariots and six thousand horsemen and people as numerous as the sand on the seashore. And they came up and encamped in Mikmash, east of Bĕyth Awen.

6And the men of Yisra'ĕl **saw** that they were in *trouble,* for the people were *distressed* and the people hid in caves and in thorny bushes and in rocks and in holes and in pits.

7And *some* Hebrews passed over the Yarděn to the land of Gad and Gil'ad. ***But*** Sha'ul was still in Gilgal and **all** the people **followed** him, *trembling*.

8And he waited for seven days, **according** to the appointment with Shemu'ĕl.

But Shemu'ĕl *did not* **come to** Gilgal and the people were *scattered* from him.

9And Sha'ul said, "Bring a burnt offering and **peace** offerings here to me." And he offered the burnt offering.

10And it came to be, as he had **finished** offering the burnt offering, look, Shemu'ĕl came. And Sha'ul went out to

meet him, to **bless** him.
[11]***Then*** Shemu'ěl said, "***What*** have you done?" And Sha'ul said, "**Because** I **saw** that the people were *scattered* from me and that you *did not* **come** within the days appointed and that the Philistines gathered at Miḵmash,
[12]so I said, 'The Philistines are going to **come** down on me at Gilgal and I have not appeased the face of ꓤYHWH.' So I felt compelled and offered a burnt offering."
[13]And Shemu'ěl said to Sha'ul, "You. have been foolish. You have not **guarded** the **command** of ꓤYHWH your **Elohim**, which **He commanded** you. For **now** ꓤYHWH would have **established** your **reign** over Yisra'ěl **forever**.
[14]"***But*** **now**, your **reign** is not going to stand. ꓤYHWH ***shall*** **seek** for **Himself** a man after **His** own **heart,** and ꓤYHWH ***shall*** **command** him to be leader over **His** people, **because** you have not **guarded** what ꓤYHWH **commanded** you."
[15]And Shemu'ěl arose and went up from Gilgal to Giḇ'ah of Binyamin. And Sha'ul mustered the people who were present with him, about six hundred men.
[16]And Sha'ul and Yonathan his son and the people who were present with them remained in Giḇ'ah of Binyamin, while the Philistines camped at Miḵmash.
[17]And from the camp of the Philistines raiders went out in three companies. The one company turned to the **way** that leads to Ophrah, to the land of Shu'al,
[18]and another company turned toward the **way** of Bĕyth Ḥoron and another company turned toward the **way** of the border that overlooks the Valley of Tseḇo'im toward the wilderness.
[19]**Now** no blacksmith could be found all the land of Yisra'ěl, for the Philistines said, "Lest the Heḇrews make s**words** or spears."
[20]And **all** Yisra'ěl went down to Philistines, each one to sharpen his ploughshare and his mattock and his axe and his sickle.
[21]And the charge was a pim for ploughshares and the mattocks and the forks and the axes and to set the points of the goads.
[22]And it came to be, on the **day of** battle that there was neither *sword* nor spear found in the **hand** of any of the people who were with Sha'ul and Yonathan. ***But*** they were **found** with Sha'ul and Yonathan his son.
[23]And the outpost of the Philistines out to the pass of Mi¿mash.

14 And it came to be one day that Yonathan son of Sha'ul said to the young man who bore his armour, **"Come** and let us go over to the outpost of the Philistines which is on the other side." ***But*** he *did not* inform his father.
[2]And Sha'ul remained at the outskirts of Giḇ'ah under a pomegranate *tree* at Miḡron and the people who were with him were about six hundred men.
[3]And Aḥiyah son of Aḥituḇ, Iḵaḇoḏ's brother, son of Pineḥas, son of Ěli, the priest of ꓤYHWH in Shiloh, was wearing a shoulder garment. And the people *did not* **know** that Yonathan had gone.
[4]And between the passes, by which Yonathan sought to go over to the outpost of the Philistines, there was an edge of a rock on one side and an edge of a rock on the other side. And the name of one was Botsĕts and the name of the other Seneh.
[5]The one edge was on the north opposite Miḵmash and the other on the south opposite Giḇ'ah.
[6]And Yehonathan said to the young man who bore his armour, **"Come** and let us go over to the outpost of these *uncircumcised*. ***If*** so be, ꓤYHWH does **work** for us. For there is no hindrance for ꓤYHWH to **save** by many or by few."
[7]And his armour-bearer said to him, "***Do*** **all** that is in your **heart,** incline yourself. **See, I am with you**, **according** to your **heart.**"
[8]And Yehonathan said, "**See,** we are

passing over to the men – and **show** ourselves to them.
9"'***If*** they say this to us, 'Wait until we **come to** you,' then we ***shall*** **stand** still in our place and not go up to them.
10"'***But*** if they say this, **'Come** up to us,' then we ***shall*** go up. For יהוה has **given** them into our **hand** and this is the **sign** to us."
11And both of them disclosed themselves to the outpost of the Philistines and the Philistines said, "**See,** the Hebrews are **coming** out of the holes where they have *hidden*."
12And the men of the outpost called to Yonathan and his armour-bearer, **"Come** up to us and let us **teach** you a lesson." ***Then*** Yonathan said to his armourbearer, **"Come** up after me, for יהוה has **given** them into the **hand** of Yisra'ĕl."
13And Yonathan climbed up on his hands and knees with his armour-bearer after him. And they fell before Yonathan and his armour-bearer was putting them to *death* behind him.
14And that **first** slaughter which Yonathan and his armour-bearer made was about twenty men, in about half an acre of land.
15And there was *trembling* in the camp, in the field and among **all** the people. The outpost and the raiders also trembled and the ground shook. And it became a *trembling* of **Elohim**.
16And the watchmen of Sha'ul in Gib'ah of Binyamin **looked** and **saw** the crowd melting away and they went here and there.
17And Sha'ul said to the people who were with him, "Please inspect and **see** who has gone from us." So they inspected and **saw** that Yonathan and his armour-bearer were missing.
18And Sha'ul said to Ahiyah, "Bring the ark of **Elohim** here." For the ark of **Elohim** was with the children of Yisra'ĕl on that day.
19And it came to be, while Sha'ul talked to the priest, that the noise which was in the camp of the Philistines went on and became great, so Sha'ul said to the priest, "Withdraw your **hand.**"
20And Sha'ul was called and **all** the people who were with him and they went to the battle. And **see, every** man's *sword* was *against* his neighbour – a **very great** *confusion.*
21And the Hebrews who were with the Philistines before that **time,** who went up with them into the camp, turned round, they too, to be with Yisra'ĕl, who were with Sha'ul and Yonathan.
22And **all** the men of Yisra'ĕl who had *hidden* in the mountains of Ephrayim, **heard** that the Philistines fled and they also pursued them in the battle.
23Thus יהוה **saved** Yisra'ĕl that day and the battle passed over to Bĕyth Awen.
24And the men of Yisra'ĕl were *distressed* that day, for Sha'ul had placed the people under oath, saying, ***"Cursed*** be the man who eats food until **evening**, I have taken revenge on my enemies." Therefore none of the people tasted food.
25And **all** *they of* the land came into the woods and there was honey on the ground.
26And the people came into the woods and **saw** the honey, dripping. ***But*** no one put his **hand** to his **mouth,** for the people ***feared*** the oath.
27***But*** Yonathan had not **heard** that his father had taken an **oath** of the people and he **stretched** out **the end** of the **rod** that was in his **hand** and dipped it in a honeycomb and put his **hand** to his **mouth.** And his eyes lit up.
28***Then*** one of the people said, "**Your** father strictly took an **oath** of the people, saying, ***'Cursed*** be the man who eats food today.' " And the people were *weary*.
29And Yonathan said, "My father has *troubled* the land. **Now see** how my eyes lit up when I tasted a *little* of this honey.
30"'***How*** much better if the people had well eaten today of the spoil of their enemies which they found! For then, *would not* the slaughter among the Philistines have been greater?"
31And they *smote* the Philistines that day from Mikmash to Ayalon.

So the people were **very** *weary*,
[32]and the people pounced on the spoil
and took sheep and cattle and calves and
slaughtered them on the ground.
And the people ate with the blood.
[33]And they told Sha'ul, saying, "Look,
the people are *sinning <u>against</u>* יהוה
by eating with the blood!" And he said,
"You have *acted treacherously*. Roll a
large stone to me today."
[34]Sha'ul said, "Scatter among the
people and say to them, 'Each one bring
his ox **near** to me and his sheep and you
shall slaughter them here and eat. ***Do***
not sin <u>against</u> יהוה by eating with
the blood.' " So **every** one of the people
brought his ox with him that night and
slaughtered it there.
[35]And Sha'ul built an altar to יהוה. It
was the **first** altar he built to יהוה.
[36]And Sha'ul said, "**Let** us go down
after the Philistines by night and plunder
them until the morning **light** and not
leave a man of them." And they said,
"***Do whatever*** seems **good** to you." ***But***
the priest said, "**Let** us draw **near** to
Elohim here."
[37]And Sha'ul asked of **Elohim**,
"***Should*** I go down after the Philistines?
Do You give them into the **hand** of
Yisra'ĕl?" ***But*** **He** *did not* answer him
that day.
[38]And Sha'ul said, **"Come** over here,
all you chiefs of the people and **know**
and **see** what this *sin* was today.
[39]"For as יהוה lives, who **saves**
Yisra'ĕl, though it be in Yonathan my
son, he ***shall*** certainly *die*." ***But*** not one
among **all** the people answered him.
[40]And he said to **all** Yisra'ĕl, "You be
on one side and my son Yonathan and
I be on the other side." And the people
said to Sha'ul, "***Do*** what seems **good** to
you."
[41]***Then*** Sha'ul said to יהוה **Elohim**
of Yisra'ĕl, "Give a **perfect lot.**" And
Sha'ul and Yonathan were taken, but the
people **escaped**.
[42]And Sha'ul said, "Cast **lots** between
my son Yonathan and me."
And Yonathan was taken.
[43]Sha'ul then said to Yonathan,
"Explain to me what you have done."
And Yonathan **explained** to him and
said, "I only tasted a *little* honey with
the end of the **rod** that was in my **hand.**
See, let me *die!*"
[44]And Sha'ul answered, "**Elohim** do so
and more also, for you ***shall*** certainly
die, Yonathan."
[45]***But*** the people said to Sha'ul,
"***Should*** Yonathan *die,* who has wrought
this **great deliverance** in Yisra'ĕl? Far
be it! As יהוה lives, let not one hair
of his head *fall* to the ground, for he has
wrought with **Elohim** this day." Thus the
people **delivered** Yonathan and he *did*
not die.
[46]And Sha'ul returned from pursuing
the Philistines and the Philistines went to
their own place.
[47]And Sha'ul took the **reign** over
Yisra'ĕl and fought *<u>against</u>* **all** his
enemies round about, *<u>against</u>* Mo'aḇ
and *<u>against</u>* the children of Ammon and
<u>against</u> Eḏom and *<u>against</u>* the sovereigns
of Tsoḇah and *<u>against</u>* the Philistines.
And wherever he turned, he inflicted
punishment.
[48]And he gathered an army and *smote*
the Amalĕqites and **delivered** Yisra'ĕl
from the hands of those who plundered
them.
[49]And the sons of Sha'ul were Yonathan
and Yishwi and Malkishua. And the
names of his two daughters were these:
the name of the first-born Mĕraḇ and the
name of the younger Miḵal.
[50] The name of Sha'ul's wife was
Aḥino'am the daughter of Aḥima'ats and
the name of the commander of his army
was Aḇnĕr son of Nĕr, uncle of Sha'ul.'
[51]And Qish was the father of Sha'ul and
Nĕr the father of Aḇnĕr was the son of
Abi'ĕl.
[52]And there was **fierce** *fighting <u>against</u>*
the Philistines **all** the days of Sha'ul.
When Sha'ul **saw** any mighty man or
any brave man, he took him for himself.

15 And Shemu'ĕl said to Sha'ul,

"יהוה **sent** me to **anoint** you sovereign over **His** people, over Yisra'ěl. And **now**, **listen** to the **voice** of the **words** of יהוה.

[2]"Thus said יהוה of hosts, 'I ***shall*** *punish* Amalěq for what he did to Yisra'ěl, how he set himself *against* him on the **way** when he came up from Mitsrayim.

[3]'**Now** go and you ***shall*** *smite* Amalěq and put under the **ban all** that he has and you ***shall*** *not spare* them and put to *death* from man to woman, from infant to nursing child, from ox to sheep, from camel to donkey.' "

[4]***Then*** Sha'ul summoned the people and mustered them in Tela'im, two hundred thousand foot soldiers and ten thousand men of Yahuḏah.

[5]And Sha'ul came to a city of Amalěq and lay in wait in the wadi.

[6]And Sha'ul said to the Qěynites, "Go, turn aside, **come** down from among the Amalěqites, lest I *destroy* you with them. For you did **show kindness** to **all** the children of Yisra'ěl when they came up out of Mitsrayim." So the Qěynites turned aside from the **midst** of the Amalěqites.

[7]And Sha'ul *smote* the Amalěqites, from Ḥawilah **all** the **way** to Shur, which is before Mitsrayim.

[8]And he ***caught*** Aḡaḡ sovereign of the Amalěqites **alive** and put under the **ban all** the people with the edge of the *sword.*

[9]***But*** Sha'ul and the people spared Aḡaḡ and the best of the sheep and the cattle and the fatlings and the lambs and **all** that was **good** and *would not* put them under the **ban.** ***But*** **all** goods *despised* and *worthless*, that they put under the **ban.**

[10]And the **Word** of יהוה came to Shemu'ěl, saying,

[11]"I am *grieved* that I have set up Sha'ul as sovereign, for he has turned back from **following Me** and has not performed **My words**." And it *displeased* Shemu'ěl and he cried to יהוה **all** night.

[12]And Shemu'ěl rose early in the morning to meet Sha'ul and it was told to Shemu'ěl, saying, "Sha'ul went to Karmel and **see,** he set up a monument for himself, then turned and passed over and went down to Gilgal."

[13]And Shemu'ěl came to Sha'ul and Sha'ul said to him, **"Blessed** are you of יהוה! I have performed the **Word** of יהוה."

[14]***But*** Shemu'ěl said, "***What*** then is this bleating of the sheep in my **ears** and the lowing of the cattle which I hear?"

[15]And Sha'ul said, "They have brought them from Amalěq, **because** the people spared the best of the sheep and the cattle, to slaughter to יהוה your **Elohim**. And the rest we have put under the **ban.**"

[16]And Shemu'ěl said to Sha'ul, "Wait and let me **declare** to you what יהוה said to me **last** night." And he said to him, **"Speak**."

[17]And Shemu'ěl said, "Though you were *little* in your own eyes, were you not head of the tribes of Yisra'ěl? And *did not* יהוה **anoint** you sovereign over Yisra'ěl?

[18]"And יהוה **sent** you on the **way** and said, 'Go and you ***shall*** put under the **ban** the *sinners,* the Amalěqites and *fight against* them until they are *consumed.*'

[19]"And why did you ***not obey*** the **voice** of יהוה, but swooped down on the spoil and did *evil in the eyes* of יהוה?"

[20]And Sha'ul said to Shemu'ěl, "I did **obey** the **voice** of יהוה and I went on the **way** on which יהוה **sent** me and brought back Aḡaḡ sovereign of Amalěq and I put Amalěq under the **ban.**

[21]"***But*** the people took of the spoil, of the sheep and cattle, the best of that which should have been put under the **ban,** to slaughter to יהוה your **Elohim** in Gilgal."

[22]***Then*** Shemu'ěl said,"Does יהוה **delight** in burnt offerings and slaughterings, as in **obeying** the **voice** of יהוה? Look, to **obey** is better than an offering, to **heed** *is better* than the fat of

rams.
23"For *rebellion* is as the *sin* of *divination* and *stubbornness* is as *wickedness* and *idolatry*. **Because** you have *rejected* the **Word** of ꓤYHZ, **He** also does *reject* you as sovereign."
24And Sha'ul said to Shemu'ĕl, "I have *sinned*, for I have *transgressed* the **command** of ꓤYHZ and your **words**, **because** I ***feared*** the people and **listened** to their **voice**.
25"**Now**, please pardon my *sin,* **return** with me and let me bow myself to ꓤYHZ."
26***But*** Shemu'ĕl said to Sha'ul, "I *do not* **return** with you, for you have *rejected* the **Word** of ꓤYHZ and ꓤYHZ does *reject* you from being sovereign over Yisra'ĕl."
27And as Shemu'ĕl turned around to go away, Sha'ul *seized* the edge of his robe and it tore.
28And Shemu'ĕl said to him, "ꓤYHZ has *torn* the **reign** of Yisra'ĕl from you today and has **given** it to a neighbour of yours, better than you.
29"Moreover, the Eminence of Yisra'ĕl *does not lie* nor relent. For **He** is not a man, that **He** should relent."
30***Then*** he said, "I have *sinned*. ***But*** **esteem** me **now**, please, before the elders of my people and before Yisra'ĕl and **return** with me and I ***shall*** bow myself to ꓤYHZ your **Elohim**."
31Shemu'ĕl turned back after Sha'ul and Sha'ul bowed himself to ꓤYHZ.
32And Shemu'ĕl said, "Bring Aḡaḡ sov ereign of the Amalēqites here to me." So Aḡaḡ came to him **delighted**ly and Aḡaḡ said, "**Truly**, the *bitterness* of *death* has turned aside."
33And Shemu'ĕl said, "As your *sword* bereaved women, let your mother be bereaved among women too." Shemu'ĕl then hewed Aḡaḡ to pieces before ꓤYHZ in Gilgal.
34And Shemu'ĕl went to Ramah, while Sha'ul went up to his house at Giḇ'ah of Sha'ul.
35And Shemu'ĕl *did not* **see** Sha'ul again until the **day of** his *death,* for Shemu'ĕl mourned for Sha'ul. And ꓤYHZ was *grieved* that **He** had made Sha'ul to **reign** over Yisra'ĕl.

16 And ꓤYHZ said to Shemu'ĕl, "***How*** long are you going to *mourn* for Sha'ul, **seeing** I have *rejected* him from **reigning** over Yisra'ĕl? Fill your horn with oil and go, I am sending you to Yishai the Bĕyth Leḥemite. For I have **seen** among his sons a sovereign for **Myself**."
2And Shemu'ĕl said, "***How*** would I go? ***When*** Sha'ul **hears** it, he ***shall*** *kill* me." And ꓤYHZ said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have **come to** slaughter to ꓤYHZ.'
3"And you ***shall*** invite Yishai to the slaughtering, then let **Me show** you what to do. And you ***shall*** **anoint** for **Me** the one I say to you."
4And Shemu'ĕl did what ꓤYHZ said and went to Bĕyth Leḥem. And the elders of the town *trembled* at his **coming** and said, "***Do*** you **come** in peace?"
5And he said, "In peace. I have **come to** slaughter to ꓤYHZ. Set yourselves apart and you ***shall*** **come** with me to the slaughtering." And he set Yishai and his sons apart and invited them to the slaughtering.
6And it came to be, when they came, that he **saw** Eliyaḇ and thought, "The **anointed** of ꓤYHZ is indeed before **Him.**"
7***But*** ꓤYHZ said to Shemu'ĕl, "***Do*** *not* look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, **because** I have *refused* him, for not as man sees, for man looks at the eyes, but ꓤYHZ looks at the **heart.**"
8***Then*** Yishai called Aḇinaḏaḇ and made him pass before Shemu'ĕl and he said, "Neither has ꓤYHZ **chosen** this one."
9Next Yishai made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has ꓤYHZ **chosen** this one."
10Yishai made seven of his sons pass before Shemu'ĕl. And Shemu'ĕl said to

Yishai, "יהוה has not **chosen** these."
[11]And Shemu'ĕl said to Yishai, "Are these **all** the young men?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest and **see,** he is tending the sheep." And Shemu'ĕl said to Yishai, "Send and bring him, for we *do not* turn round til he **comes** here."
[12]And he **sent** and brought him in. And he was ruddy, with **bright** eyes and goodlooking. And יהוה said, "Arise, **anoint** him, for this is the one!"
[13]And Shemu'ĕl took the horn of oil and **anointed** him in the **midst** of his brothers. And the **Spirit** of יהוה came upon Dawiḏ from that day and onwards. And Shemu'ĕl arose and went to Ramah.
[14]And the **Spirit** of יהוה turned aside from Sha'ul and an *evil* spirit from יהוה *troubled* him.
[15]And the servants of Sha'ul said to him, "Look, **now**, an *evil* spirit from **Elohim** is troubling you.
[16]"Please, let our master **command** your servants who are before you, to **seek** out a man who is a skilled player on the lyre. It ***shall*** **be** that when the *evil* spirit from **Elohim** is upon you, that he ***shall*** play with his **hand** and you be well."
[17]And Sha'ul said to his servants, "Please get me a man that plays well and bring him to me."
[18]And one of the servants answered and said, "Look, I have **seen** a son of Yishai the Bĕyth Leḥemite, who **knows** how to play, a brave one and a man of battle and skilled in **words** and a handsome man. And יהוה is with him."
[19]So Sha'ul **sent** messengers to Yishai and said, "Send me your son Dawiḏ, who is with the sheep."
[20]And Yishai took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of **wine**, a young goat and **sent** them by his son Dawiḏ to Sha'ul.
[21]And Dawiḏ came to Sha'ul and stood before him. And he **loved** him greatly and he became his armour-bearer.
[22]Sha'ul therefore **sent** to Yishai, saying, "Please let Dawiḏ **stand** before me for he has **found favour** in my eyes."
[23]And it came to be, whenever the *evil* spirit from **Elohim** was upon Sha'ul, that Dawiḏ would take a lyre and play it with his **hand.** ***Then*** Sha'ul would become refreshed and well and the *evil* spirit would leave him.

17 And the Philistines had gathered their armies for battle and came **together** at Soḵoh, which belongs to Yahuḏah and encamped between Soḵoh and Azĕqah, in Ephes Dammim.
[2]And Sha'ul and the men of Yisra'ĕl were gathered and encamped in the Valley of Ĕlah and drew up in battle array to meet the Philistines.
[3]And the Philistines stood on a mountain on one side and Yisra'ĕl stood on a mountain on the other side, with the valley between them.
[4]***Then*** a champion came out from the camp of the Philistines, named Golyath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.
[5]And a bronze helmet was on his head and he was armed with a scaled armour and the weight of the coat was five thousand sheqels of bronze,
[6]and bronze shin guards on his legs and a bronze spear between his shoulders.
[7]And the ***wood*** of his spear was like a weaver's beam and his iron spearhead *weighed* six hundred sheqels and a shieldbearer went before him.
[8]And he stood and *shouted* to the armies of Yisra'ĕl and said to them, "***Why*** have you **come out** to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine and you the servants of Sha'ul? Choose a man for yourselves and let him **come** down to me.
[9]"***If*** he **is able** to *fight* with me and ***shall*** *smite* me, then we ***shall*** **be** your servants.
But if I overcome him and ***shall*** *smite* him, then you ***shall*** **be** our servants and **serve** us."
[10]***Then*** the Philistine said, "This day I ***shall*** *reproach* the armies of Yisra'ĕl.

Give me a man and let us *fight* together."
[11]And Sha'ul and **all** Yisra'ĕl **heard** these **words** of the Philistine and they were broken down and in **great fear.**
[12]**Now** Dawiḏ was the son of that Ephrathite of Bĕyth Leḥem in Yahuḏah, whose name was Yishai and he had eight sons and in the days of Sha'ul the man was old among men.
[13]And the three oldest sons of Yishai went, they had gone to **follow** Sha'ul to the battle and the names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliyaḇ the first-born and his second Aḇinaḏaḇ and the third Shammah.
[14]And Dawiḏ was the youngest. And the three oldest **followed** Sha'ul,
[15]but Dawiḏ went and returned from Sha'ul to feed his father's sheep at Bĕyth Leḥem.
[16] For forty days the Philistine drew near, morning and **evening** and took his stand.
[17]***Then*** Yishai said to his son Dawiḏ, "Please take to your brothers an ĕphah of this dried grain and these ten loaves and run to your brothers at the camp.
[18]"And take these ten cheeses to the commander of the thousand and **see** how your brothers are and bring back news of them."
[19]For Sha'ul and they and **all** the men of Yisra'ĕl were in the Valley of Ĕlah, *fighting* with the Philistines.
[20]And Dawiḏ rose up early in the morning and left the sheep with a herdsman and took and went as Yishai had **commanded** him. And he came to the camp as the army was going out to the fight and they *shouted* for the battle.
[21]And Yisra'ĕl and the Philistines drew up in battle array, army <u>*against*</u> army.
[22]And Dawiḏ left his supplies in the **hand** of the keeper of the supplies and ran to the army and came and greeted his brothers.
[23]And he was speaking with them and **saw** the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Golyath by name, **coming** up from the armies of the Philistines. And he spoke **according** to the **same words** and Dawiḏ **heard**.
[24]And **all** the men of Yisra'ĕl, when they **saw** the man, ran from him and were in **great fear.**
[25]And the men of Yisra'ĕl said, "Have you **seen** this man who has **come** up? For he has **come** up to *reproach* Yisra'ĕl. And it ***shall*** **be** that the man who smites him, the sovereign is going to enrich him with **great** riches and give him his daughter and give his father's house exemption in Yisra'ĕl."
[26]And Dawiḏ spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "***What shall*** **be** done for the man who smites this Philistine and ***shall*** take away *reproach* from Yisra'ĕl? For who is this *uncircumcised* Philistine, that he should *reproach* the armies of the **living Elohim**?"
[27] The people answered him **according** to this **word,** saying, "This is what is done for the man who smites him."
[28]And Eliyaḇ his oldest brother **heard** when he spoke to the men. And Eliyaḇ's *displeasure burned* <u>*against*</u> Dawiḏ and he said, "***Why*** did you **come** down here? And with whom have you left those **few** sheep in the wilderness? I **know** your pride and the *evil* of your **heart,** for you have **come** down to **see** the battle."
[29]And Dawiḏ said, "**Now** what have I done? Was it not but a **word?**"
[30]And he turned around from him toward another and said the **same word.** And these people answered him a **word** like the **first word.**
[31]And when the **words** which Dawiḏ spoke were **heard**, they reported them to Sha'ul and he **sent** for him.
[32]And Dawiḏ said to Sha'ul, "**Let** no man's **heart** fail **<u>because</u>** of him, your servant is going and ***shall*** *fight* with this Philistine."
[33]And Sha'ul said to Dawiḏ, "You are not able to go <u>*against*</u> this Philistine to *fight* with him, for you are but a youth and he a man of battle from his youth."
[34]***Then*** Dawiḏ said to Sha'ul, "**Your** servant has been tending sheep for his father and when a lion or a bear came and took a **lamb** out of the flock,
[35]I went out after it and *smote* it and

rescued it from its **mouth.** And when it rose *against* me, I ***caught*** it by its beard and *smote* it and *killed* it.
36"**Your** servant has *smitten* both lion and bear. And this *uncircumcised* Philistine ***shall*** **be** like one of them, **seeing** he has reproached the armies of the **living Elohim**."
37And Dawiḏ said, "יהוה, who **delivered** me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, **He** does **deliver** me from the **hand** of this Philistine." And Sha'ul said to Dawiḏ, "Go and יהוה be with you!"
38And Sha'ul dressed Dawiḏ with his garments and he put a bronze helmet on his head and put a coat of armour on him.
39And Dawiḏ girded his *sword* over his garments and began to go, but he had not tried them. ***Then*** Dawiḏ said to Sha'ul, "I am not able to go with these, for I have not tried them." So Dawiḏ took them off.
40And he took his staff in his **hand** and **chose** for himself five **smooth** stones from the wadi and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he had and his sling was in his **hand.** And he drew **near** to the Philistine.
41And the Philistine came and began drawing **near** to Dawiḏ and the man who bore the shield went before him.
42And when the Philistine **looked** about and **saw** Dawiḏ, he *despised* him, for he was a youth and ruddy and good-looking.
43And the Philistine said to Dawiḏ, "Am I a dog, that you **come to Me** with sticks?" And the Philistine *cursed* Dawiḏ by his *mighty ones*.
44And the Philistine said to Dawiḏ, **"Come to** me and I give your *flesh* to the birds of the heavens and the beasts of the field!"
45***But*** Dawiḏ said to the Philistine, "You **come to Me** with a *sword* and with a spear and with a javelin. ***But*** I **come to** you in the **Name** of יהוה of hosts, the **Elohim** of the armies of Yisra'ĕl, whom you have reproached.
46"This day יהוה ***shall*** **deliver** you into my **hand** and I ***shall*** *smite* you and take your head from you and give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines today to the birds of the heavens and the wild beasts of the earth, so that **all** the earth **know** that **Elohim** is for Yisra'ĕl,
47and **all** this assembly **know** that יהוה *does not* **save** with *sword* and spear, for the battle belongs to יהוה and **He *shall*** give you into our hands."
48And it came to be, when the Philistine arose and came and drew **near** to meet Dawiḏ, that Dawiḏ hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.
49And Dawiḏ put his **hand** in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and *smote* the Philistine on his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead and he fell on his face to the ground.
50Thus Dawiḏ prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone and *smote* the Philistine and *killed* him and there was no *sword* in the **hand** of Dawiḏ.
51***Then*** Dawiḏ ran and stood over the Philistine and took his *sword* and drew it out of its sheath and *killed* him and *cut off* his head with it. And when the Philistines **saw** that their champion was *dead,* they fled.
52And the men of Yisra'ĕl and Yahuḏah arose and shouted and pursued the Philistines as far as the entrance of the valley and to the gates of Eqron. And the *wounded* of the Philistines fell along the **way** to Sha'arayim, even as far as Gath and Eqron.
53***Then*** the children of Yisra'ĕl turned back from chasing the Philistines and they plundered their camps.
54And Dawiḏ took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Yerushalayim, but he put his weapons in his tent.
55And when Sha'ul **saw** Dawiḏ going out *against* the Philistine, he said to Aḇnĕr, the commander of the army, "Aḇnĕr, whose son is this youth?" And Aḇnĕr said, "As your being lives, O sovereign, I *do not* **know.**"
56And the sovereign said, "**Ask** whose

son this young man is."
[57]And when Dawiḏ returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Aḇnĕr took him and brought him before Shaʼul with the head of the Philistine in his **hand.**
[58]And Shaʼul said to him, "***Whose*** son are you, young man?" And Dawiḏ said, "The son of your servant Yishai the Bĕyth Leḥemite."

18 And it came to be, when he had ended speaking to Shaʼul, that the being of Yehonathan was knit to the being of Dawiḏ and Yehonathan **loved** him as his own being.
[2]And Shaʼul took him that day and *would not* let him **return** to his father's house any more.
[3]And Yehonathan and Dawiḏ made a covenant, **because** he **loved** him as his own being.
[4]And Yehonathan took off the **robe** that was on him and gave it to Dawiḏ and his garments, even to his *sword* and his bow and his girdle.
[5]And Dawiḏ went out wherever Shaʼul **sent** him. **He** *acted* **wisely** and Shaʼul set him over the men of battle and it was **right** *in the eyes* of **all** the people and also *in the eyes* of Shaʼul's servants.
[6]And it came to be, as they came in, as Dawiḏ was returning from smiting the Philistine, that the women came out from **all** the cities of Yisraʼĕl, singing and dancing, to meet Shaʼul the sovereign with tambourines, with joy and with musical instruments.
[7]And the women sang as they danced and said, "Shaʼul *smote* his thousands and Dawiḏ his ten thousands."
[8]And Shaʼul was **very** *wroth* and this matter was *evil* in his eyes and he said, "To Dawiḏ they have **given** ten thousands and to me they have **given** thousands. So what more for him, ***except*** the reign?"
[9] From that day, Shaʼul eyed Dawiḏ.
[10]And it came to be on the next day that an *evil* spirit from **Elohim** came upon Shaʼul and he prophesied inside the house, while Dawiḏ was playing *the lyre* with his **hand,** as usual. And the spear was in the **hand** of Shaʼul.
[11]***Then*** Shaʼul hurled the spear, for he said, "**Let** me *smite* Dawiḏ, even to the wall." ***But*** twice Dawiḏ withdrew from his presence.
[12]And Shaʼul was *afraid* of Dawiḏ, **because** יהוה was with him, but from Shaʼul **He** had turned away.
[13]Shaʼul therefore removed him from his presence and made him his commander over a thousand. And he went out and came in before the people.
[14]And Dawiḏ was acting **wisely** in **all** his ways and יהוה was with him.
[15]And Shaʼul **saw** that he was acting **very wisely** and was *afraid* of him.
[16]***But*** **all** Yisraʼĕl and Yahuḏah **loved** Dawiḏ, as he went out and came in before them.
[17]And Shaʼul said to Dawiḏ, "See my older daughter Mĕraḇ! I give her to you as a wife. Only be brave for me and *fight* the battles of יהוה." For Shaʼul thought, "**Let** not my **hand** be *against* him, but let the **hand** of the Philistines be *against* him."
[18]And Dawiḏ said to Shaʼul, "***Who*** am I and what is my **life** or my father's clan in Yisraʼĕl, that I should be son-in-law to the sovereign?"
[19]And it came to be at the **time** when Mĕraḇ, Shaʼul's daughter, should have been **given** to Dawiḏ, that she was **given** to Aḏriʼĕl the Meḥolathite as a wife.
[20]And Miḵal, Shaʼul's daughter, **loved** Dawiḏ. And they told Shaʼul and the matter was **right** in his eyes.
[21]And Shaʼul said, "**Let** me give her to him and let her be a *snare* to him and the **hand** of the Philistines be *against* him." So Shaʼul said to Dawiḏ a second **time,** "Become my son-in-law today."
[22]And Shaʼul **commanded** his servants, **"Speak** to Dawiḏ gently and say, 'See, the sovereign has **delighted** in you and **all** his servants have **loved** you. And **now**, be the sovereign's son-in-law!' "
[23]And the servants of Shaʼul spoke those **words** in the **hearing** of Dawiḏ. And Dawiḏ said, "Does it seem to you a

small matter to be a sovereign's son-in-law, **seeing** I am a *poor* man and lightly esteemed?"
[24]And the servants of Sha'ul told him, saying, "Dawiḏ has **spoken according** to these **words**."
[25]And Sha'ul said, "Say to Dawiḏ, 'The sovereign has no **delight** in any payment for the bride but one hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to take **vengeance** on the sovereign's enemies.' "***But*** Sha'ul **intended** to have Dawiḏ *fall* by the **hand** of the Philistines.
[26]And his servants **declared** these **words** to Dawiḏ and it pleased Dawiḏ well to become the sovereign's son-in-law. And the days had not expired,
[27]and Dawiḏ arose and went, he and his men and *smote* two hundred men of the Philistines. And Dawiḏ brought their foreskins and they set them before the sovereign, to become the sovereign's sonin-law. And Sha'ul gave him Miḵal his daughter as a wife.
[28]And Sha'ul **saw** and **knew** that ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓶ was with Dawiḏ and Miḵal daughter of Sha'ul did **love** him.
[29]So then Sha'ul was still more *afraid* of Dawiḏ. And Sha'ul came to be an enemy of Dawiḏ **all** the days.
[30]And the princes of the Philistines went out *to fight*. And it came to be, whenever they went out, that Dawiḏ *acted* more **wisely** than **all** the servants of Sha'ul, so that his name came to be **very** precious.

19 And Sha'ul spoke to Yonathan his son and to **all** his servants, to put Dawiḏ to *death*. ***But*** Yehonathan, Sha'ul's son, **delighted** much in Dawiḏ,
[2]and Yehonathan **declared** to Dawiḏ, saying, "My father Sha'ul seeks to put you to *death*. And **now**, please be on your **guard** until morning and dwell in secrecy and hide.
[3]"And I myself ***shall*** go out and **stand** beside my father in the field where you are and **speak** with my father about you and ***shall*** **see** and ***shall*** let you **know.**"
[4]And Yehonathan spoke well of Dawiḏ to Sha'ul his father and said to him, "**Let** not the sovereign *sin* <u>*against*</u> his servant, <u>*against*</u> Dawiḏ, <u>**because**</u> he has not *sinned* <u>*against*</u> you and <u>**because**</u> his **works** have been **very good** toward you.
[5]"For he took his **life** in his hands and *smote* the Philistine and ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓶ wrought a **great deliverance** for **all** Yisra'ĕl. You **saw** it and rejoiced. ***Why*** then do you *sin* <u>*against*</u> **innocent blood,** to put Dawiḏ to *death* without **cause?**"
[6]And Sha'ul **listened** to the **voice** of Yehonathan and Sha'ul **swore**, "As ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓶ lives, he *does not die.*"
[7]Yehonathan then called Dawiḏ and Yehonathan told him **all** these **words**. So Yehonathan brought Dawiḏ to Sha'ul and he was in his presence as before.
[8]And there was *fighting* again and Dawiḏ went out and fought with the Philistines and *smote* them, a **great** smiting and they fled before him.
[9]And an *evil* spirit from ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓶ came upon Sha'ul as he sat in his house with his spear in his **hand.** And Dawiḏ was playing *the lyre* with his **hand,**
[10]and Sha'ul sought to *smite* the spear through Dawiḏ and into the wall, but he slipped away from the presence of Sha'ul, so he *smote* the spear into the wall. And Dawiḏ fled and **escaped** that night.
[11]And Sha'ul **sent** messengers to Dawiḏ's house to **watch** him and to put him to *death* in the morning. And Miḵal, Dawiḏ's wife, informed him, saying, "***If*** *you do not* **save** your **life** tonight, **tomorrow** you are put to *death.*"
[12]So Miḵal let Dawiḏ down through a window and he went and fled and **escaped**.
[13]And Miḵal took the household *idol* and laid it in the bed and put a cover of goats' hair for his head and covered it with a garment.
[14]And when Sha'ul **sent** messengers to take Dawiḏ, she said, "He is *sick,*"
[15]And Sha'ul **sent** the messengers back to **see** Dawiḏ, saying, "Bring him up to me in the bed to put him to *death.*"

16And the messengers came in and **saw** the household *idol* in the bed, with a cover of goats' hair for his head.

17Sha'ul then said to Mikal, "***Why*** have you ***deceived*** me like this and **sent** my enemy away, so that he **escaped**?" And Mikal answered Sha'ul, "He said to me, '**Let** me go, why should I put you to death?' "

18**Now** Dawid fled and **escaped** and went to Shemu'ĕl at Ramah and told him **all** that Sha'ul had done to him. And he and Shemu'ĕl went and dwelt in Nawith.

19And it was reported to Sha'ul, saying, "**See,** Dawid is in Nawith in Ramah!"

20And Sha'ul **sent** messengers to take Dawid. And they **saw** the assembly of the prophets prophesying and Shemu'ĕl standing as leader over them and the **Spirit** of **Elohim** came upon the messengers of Sha'ul and they also prophesied.

21And when Sha'ul was told, he **sent** other messengers and they prophesied likewise. So Sha'ul **sent** messengers again, the third **time,** and they prophesied also.

22***Then*** he himself went to Ramah and came to the **great** well that is at Seku. And he asked and said, "Where are Shemu'ĕl and Dawid?" And one said, "There in Nawith in Ramah."

23So he went there to Nawith in Ramah. And the **Spirit** of **Elohim** was upon him too and he went on and prophesied until he came to Nawith in Ramah.

24And he also stripped off his garments and prophesied before Shemu'ĕl and lay down naked **all** that day and **all** that night. Therefore they say, "Is Sha'ul also among the prophets?"

20 And Dawid fled from Nawith in Ramah and went and said to Yehonathan, "***What*** have I done? ***What*** is my *crookedness* and my *sin* before your father, that he seeks my **life**?"

2And Yehonathan said to him, "Far be it! You are not going to *die!* **See,** my father does no big matter nor small matter without disclosing it to me. And why should my father hide this matter from me? It is not so!"

3***But*** Dawid **swore** again and said, "**Your** father **knows** well that I have **found favour** in your eyes and he says, '***Do*** *not* let Yehonathan **know** this, lest he be *grieved*.' ***But*** **truly**, as יהוה lives and as your being lives, there is but a step between me and *death.*"

4And Yehonathan said to Dawid, "***What*****ever** your desire is, I do it for you."

5And Dawid said to Yehonathan, "**See, tomorrow** is the **New Moon** and I ought to sit with the sovereign to eat. ***But*** let me go and I ***shall*** hide in the field until the third day at **evening**.

6"'***If*** your father misses me at **all,** then you ***shall*** say, 'Dawid **earnestly** asked my permission to run over to Bĕyth Lehem, his city, for a yearly slaughtering is made there for **all** the clan.'

7"'***If*** he says thus, 'It is well,' your servant is safe. ***But*** if he is **very** *displeased*, then **know** that he has **resolved** to do *evil*.

8"'And you ***shall*** **show kindness** to your servant, for you have brought your servant into a **covenant** of יהוה with you. And if there is *crookedness* in me, put me to *death* yourself, for why should you bring me to your **Father?**"

9And Yehonathan said, "Far be it from you! For if I **knew** with certainty that my father has **resolved** that *evil* is to **come** upon you, then would I not make it **known** to you?"

10And Dawid said to Yehonathan, "***Who*** would make it **known** to me, or what if your father answers you sharply?"

11And Yehonathan said to Dawid, **"Come** and let us go out into the field." And they both went out into the field.

12And Yehonathan said to Dawid, "יהוה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl *be witness*! ***When*** I **search** out my father sometime **tomorrow**, or the third day and **see** if there is **good** toward Dawid and I *do not* send to you or disclose it to you,

13so let ꓤꓴꓤꓵ do so and much more to Yehonathan. And if it **pleases** my father to do you *evil*, then I ***shall*** disclose it to you and send you away and you ***shall*** go in peace. And ꓤꓴꓤꓵ be with you as **He** has been with my father.
14"***But*** **show** me the **kindness** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ, not only while I still **live,** so that I *do not die,*
15and *do not cut off* your **kindness** from my house **forever**, no, not when ꓤꓴꓤꓵ has *cut off* **every** one of the enemies of Dawiḏ from the face of the earth."
16And Yehonathan made a **covenant** with the house of Dawiḏ, *saying*, "ꓤꓴꓤꓵ ***shall*** **require** it at the **hand** of the enemies of Dawiḏ."
17And Yehonathan again made Dawiḏ swear, **because** he **loved** him, for he **loved** him as he **loved** his own being.
18So Yehonathan said to him, "**Tomorrow** is the **New Moon** and you ***shall*** **be** missed, **because** your seat ***shall*** **be** empty.
19"And on the third day, go down **quickly** and you ***shall*** **come to** the place where you hid on the **day of** the **deed** and ***shall*** remain by the stone Ěṯsel.
20"And let me shoot three arrows to the side of it as though shooting at a target,
21and **see, I *shall* send** the youth, saying, 'Go, find the arrows.' ***If*** I expressly say to the youth, 'Look, the arrows are on this side of you, get them and come,' then, as ꓤꓴꓤꓵ lives, there is safety for you and no concern.
22"***But*** if I say thus to the youth, 'Look, the arrows are beyond you,' go your **way,** for ꓤꓴꓤꓵ has **sent** you away.
23"And as for the **word** which you and I have **spoken** of, **see,** ꓤꓴꓤꓵ is between you and me **forever**."
24And Dawiḏ hid in the field. And when the New Moon came, the sovereign sat down by the food to eat.
25And the sovereign sat on his seat, as at other times, on a seat by the wall, with Yehonathan standing and Aḇnĕr sitting by Sha'ul's side, but the place of Dawiḏ was empty.
26***But*** Sha'ul spoke not *a* **word** that day, for he thought, "It is an accident; he is not **clean,** for he has not been cleansed."
27And it came to be the next day, the second **day of** the month, that Dawiḏ's place was empty. And Sha'ul said to Yehonathan his son, "***Why*** has the son of Yishai not **come to** eat, either yesterday or today?"
28And Yehonathan answered Sha'ul, "Dawiḏ **earnestly** asked my permission *to go* to Bĕyth Leḥem.
29"And he said, 'Please let me go, for our clan has a slaughtering in the city and my brother has **commanded** me to be there. And **now**, if I have **found favour** in your eyes, please let me get away and **see** my brothers.' That is why he has not **come to** the sovereign's table."
30***Then*** the *displeasure* of Sha'ul *burned against* Yehonathan and he said to him, "You son of a ***perverse,*** *rebellious* woman! ***Do*** I not **know** that you have **chosen** the son of Yishai to your own *shame* and to the *shame* of your mother's nakedness?
31"For as long as the son of Yishai lives on the earth, you ***shall*** not be **established**, you and your reign. And **now**, send and bring him to me, for he is a son of *death.*"
32And Yehonathan answered Sha'ul his father and said to him, "***Why*** should he be put to death? ***What*** has he done?"
33At that, Sha'ul hurled a spear at him to *smite* him. ***Then*** Yehonathan **knew** that his father had **resolved** to put Dawiḏ to *death.*
34And Yehonathan rose up from the table in the *heat* of *displeasure* and ate no food the second **day of** the month, for he was *grieved* for Dawiḏ, **because** his father put him to *shame.*
35And it came to be, in the morning, that Yehonathan went out into the field at the **time appointed** with Dawiḏ and a small youth was with him.
36And he said to the youth, "**Now** run, find the arrows which I shoot." As the youth ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.
37***When*** the youth came to the place where the arrow was which Yehonathan

had shot, Yehonathan called out after the youth, "Is not the arrow beyond you?"
[38]And Yehonathan *shouted* after the youth, "Make haste, hurry, *do not* **stand** still!" And Yehonathan's youth picked up the arrows and came to his master.
[39]***But*** the youth **knew** not a speck. Only Yehonathan and Dawiḏ **knew** of the matter.
[40]***Then*** Yehonathan gave his weapons to the youth and said to him, "Go, take them to the city."
[41]And as soon as the youth had gone, Dawiḏ rose up from the south side and fell on his face to the ground and bowed down **Three times**. And they kissed one another. And they wept together, but Dawiḏ more so.
[42]And Yehonathan said to Dawiḏ, "Go in peace, since we have both sworn in the **Name** of יהוה, saying, 'יהוה is between you and me and between your seed and my seed, **forever**.' " ***Then*** he arose and left and Yehonathan went into the city.

21 And Dawiḏ came to Nobḇ, to Aḥimeleḵ the priest. And Aḥimeleḵ *trembled* when he met Dawiḏ and asked him, "***Why*** are you alone and no one is with you?"
[2]And Dawiḏ said to Aḥimeleḵ the priest, "The sovereign has **commanded** me a **word and** said to me, '**Let** no one **know** ***whatever*** of the **word** about which I send you and which I have **commanded** you.' And I have directed my young men to such and such a place.
[3]"And **now**, what do you have on **hand?** Give five loaves into my **hand,** or ***whatever*** is found."
[4]And the priest answered Dawiḏ and said, "There is no ordinary **bread** on **hand,** but there is set-apart **bread** – provided the young men have kept themselves from women."
[5]And Dawiḏ answered the priest and said to him, "**Truly**, women have been kept from us about three days since I came out. And the vessels of the young men are set-apart and it is an ordinary mission and also, it was set-apart in the vessel today."
[6]***Then*** the priest gave him set-apart *bread*, for there was no **bread** there ***except*** the showbread which had been taken from before יהוה, **in order** to put hot **bread** in on the day it is taken away.
[7]**Now** one of the servants of Sha'ul was there that day, detained before יהוה. And his name was Do'ĕḡ, an Eḏomite, the chief of the herdsmen who belonged to Sha'ul.
[8]And Dawiḏ said to Aḥimeleḵ, "Is there not here on **hand** a spear or a sword? For I have brought neither my *sword* nor my weapons with me, **because** the matter of the sovereign was urgent."
[9]And the priest said, "The *sword* of Golyath the Philistine, whom you *smote* in the Valley of Ĕlah. **See,** it is wrapped in a garment behind the shoulder garment. ***If*** you would take it, take it. For there is none other ***except*** this one here." And Dawiḏ said, "There is none like it, give it to me."
[10]And Dawiḏ rose and fled that day from before Sha'ul and went to Aḵish the sovereign of Gath.
[11]***But*** the servants of Aḵish said to him, "Is this not Dawiḏ the sovereign of the land? Did they not sing of him to each other in dances, saying, 'Sha'ul *smote* his thousands and Dawiḏ his ten thousands'?"
[12]And Dawiḏ took these **words** to **heart** and was **very** much *afraid* of Aḵish the sovereign of Gath,
[13]and *changed* his behaviour before them and feigned *madness* in their hands and scratched on the **doors** of the gate and let his saliva run down on his beard.
[14]***Then*** Aḵish said to his servants, "Look, you **see** the man is acting like a madman. ***Why*** do you bring him to me?
[15]"Am I short of madmen, that you have brought this one to act as a madman **near** me? ***Should*** this one **come** into my house?"

22 And Dawiḏ went from there and **escaped** to the cave of Aḏullam. And his brothers and **all** his father's house **heard** it and went down to him there.

[2]And everyone who was in *distress,* everyone who was in debt and everyone *bitter* in being gathered to him. So he became head over them and there were about four hundred men with him.

[3]And Dawiḏ went from there to Mitspeh of Mo'aḇ and said to the sovereign of Mo'aḇ, "Please let my father and mother **come** here with you, til I **know** what **Elohim** does for me."

[4]And he left them with the sovereign of Mo'aḇ and they dwelt with him **all** the **time** that Dawiḏ was in the stronghold.

[5]And the **prophet** Gaḏ said to Dawiḏ, "***Do*** *not* remain in the stronghold. Leave and go to the land of Yahuḏah." So Dawiḏ left and went into the Ḥereth woods.

[6]And Sha'ul **heard** that Dawiḏ and the men who were with him had been discovered, while Sha'ul was in Giḇ'ah, sitting under a tamarisk *tree* in Ramah, with his spear in his **hand** and **all** his servants standing about him.

[7]And Sha'ul said to his servants who were standing around him, **"Hear now**, you Binyamites! Does the son of Yishai give **every** one of you fields and vineyards and make you **all** commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds?

[8]"For **all** of you have *conspired* <u>*against*</u> me and there is no one who **reveals** to me that my son has made a **covenant** with the son of Yishai. And there is not one of you who is *grieved* for me or **reveals** to me that my son has stirred up my servant <u>*against*</u> me, to *lie* in wait, as it is this day."

[9]And Do'ĕḡ the Eḏomite, who was set over the servants of Sha'ul, answered and said, "I **saw** the son of Yishai going to Noḇ, to Aḥimelek son of Aḥituḇ.

[10]"And he **inquired** of ϡϒϡϡ for him, gave him food and gave him the *sword* of Golyath the Philistine."

[11]And the sovereign **sent** someone to **call** Aḥimelek the priest, son of Aḥituḇ and **all** his father's house, the priests who were in Noḇ. And they **all** came to the sovereign,

[12]and Sha'ul said, **"Hear now**, son of Aḥituḇ!" And he answered, "Here I am, my master."

[13]And Sha'ul said to him, "***Why*** have you *conspired* <u>*against*</u> me, you and the son of Yishai, by giving him **bread** and a *sword* and have **inquired** of **Elohim** for him, to rise <u>*against*</u> me, to *lie* in wait, as it is this day?"

[14]And Aḥimelek answered the sovereign and said, "And who among **all** your servants is so **trustworthy** as Dawiḏ, who is the sovereign's son-in-law and has turned aside to your counsel and is esteemed in your house?

[15]"Have I today begun to **inquire** of **Elohim** for him? Far be it from me! **Let** not the sovereign lay a case <u>*against*</u> his servant, or <u>*against*</u> any in the house of my father. For your servant **knew** not of **all** this, *little* or much."

[16]And the sovereign said, "You ***shall*** certainly *die,* Aḥimelek, you and **all** your father's house!"

[17]The sovereign then said to the guards who stood about him, "Turn and put the priests of ϡϒϡϡ to *death,* <u>**because**</u> their **hand** also is with Dawiḏ and <u>**because**</u> they **knew** when he fled and *did not* **reveal** it to me." ***But*** the servants of the sovereign *would not* lift their hands to **come** <u>*against*</u> the priests of ϡϒϡϡ.

[18]And the sovereign said to Do'ĕḡ, "You turn and **come** <u>*against*</u> the priests!" So Do'ĕḡ the Eḏomite turned and came <u>*against*</u> the priests and put to *death* on that day eighty-five men who wore a linen shoulder garment.

[19]And he *smote* Noḇ, the city of the priests, with the edge of the *sword,* from men even to women, from children even to nursing infants and oxen and donkeys and sheep, with the edge of the *sword.*

[20]And one of the sons of Aḥimelek son of Aḥituḇ, named Eḇyathar, **escaped** and fled after Dawiḏ.

[21]And Eḇyathar reported to Dawiḏ that

Sha'ul had *slain* the priests of יהוה.
22And Dawiḏ said to Eḇyathar, "I **knew** that day, when Doʼěḡ the Eḏomite was there, that he would certainly inform Sha'ul. I am accountable for **all** the lives of your father's house.
23"Remain with me, *do not* **fear.** For he who seeks my **life** seeks your **life**, but with me you are safe."

23 And they informed Dawiḏ, saying, "**See,** the Philistines are *fighting against* Qeʻilah and they are plundering the threshing-floors."
2So Dawiḏ **inquired** of יהוה, "***Shall*** I go and *smite* these Philistines?" And יהוה said to Dawiḏ, "Go and *smite* the Philistines and **save** Qeʻilah."
3And Dawiḏ's men said to him, "**See,** we here in Yahuḏah are *afraid*. ***How*** much more, then, if we go to Qeʻilah *against* the armies of the Philistines?"
4And Dawiḏ **inquired** of יהוה once again. And יהוה answered him and said, "Arise, go down to Qeʻilah, for I am giving the Philistines into your **hand.**"
5So Dawiḏ and his men went to Qeʻilah and fought with the Philistines and he led away their livestock and *smote* them, a **great** smiting. Thus Dawiḏ **saved** the inhabitants of Qeʻilah. 6And it came to be, when Eḇyathar son of Aḥimeleḵ fled to Dawiḏ at Qeʻilah, that he went down with a shoulder garment in his **hand.**
7And Sha'ul was informed that Dawiḏ had gone to Qeʻilah. ***Then*** Sha'ul said, "**Elohim** has estranged him into my **hand,** for he has shut himself in by *entering* a town that has gates and bars."
8And Sha'ul summoned **all** the people to battle, to go down to Qeʻilah to besiege Dawiḏ and his men.
9And Dawiḏ **knew** that Sha'ul was plotting *evil against* him and said to Eḇyathar the priest, "Bring the shoulder garment here."
10And Dawiḏ said, "O יהוה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, **Your** servant has **heard** for certain that Sha'ul seeks to **come to** Qeʻilah to *destroy* the city for my sake.
11"Are the landowners of Qeʻilah going to surrender me into his **hand?** Is Sha'ul **coming** down, as **Your** servant has **heard**? O יהוה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, I pray, let **Your** servant **know.**" And יהוה said, "He is **coming** down."
12And Dawiḏ said, "Are the landowners of Qeʻilah going to surrender me and my men into the **hand** of Sha'ul?" And יהוה said, "They are going to surrender you."
13***Then*** Dawiḏ and his men, about six hundred, arose and left Qeʻilah and went wherever they could go. And Sha'ul was informed that Dawiḏ had **escaped** from Qeʻilah and he ceased to go out.
14And Dawiḏ remained in the wilderness, in *strongholds* and remained in the hill country in the Wilderness of Ziph. And Sha'ul sought him **every** day, but **Elohim** *did not* give him into his **hand.**
15And Dawiḏ **saw** that Sha'ul had **come out** to **seek** his **life** while Dawiḏ was in the Wilderness of Ziph at Ḥoresh.
16And Yehonathan, Sha'ul's son, arose and went to Dawiḏ at Ḥoresh and strengthened his **hand** in **Elohim**,.
17and said to him, "***Do*** *not* **fear,** for the hand of Sha'ul my father is not going to find you and you are to **reign** over Yisra'ĕl and I am to be next to you. Even my father Sha'ul **knows** that."
18And they made a **covenant** before יהוה. And Dawiḏ remained at Ḥoresh while Yehonathan went to his own house.
19And the Ziphites came up to Sha'ul at Giḇʻah, saying, "Is Dawiḏ not hiding with us in *strongholds* Ḥoresh, in the hill of Ḥaḵilah, which is on the south of the wasteland?
20"And **now**, O sovereign, by **all** the desire of your being, **come** down, **come** down and our part is to surrender him into the sovereign's **hand.**"
21And Sha'ul said, **"Blessed** are you of יהוה, for you have sympathy with me.
22"Please go, **prepare** yet further and find out and **see** the place where his

hide-out is, who has **seen** him there. For I am told that he is **very** cunning.
[23]"So look and **learn all** about the hiding places where he hides. And you ***shall*** **come back** to me with certainty, then I ***shall*** go with you. And it ***shall*** **be,** if he is in the land, that I ***shall*** **search** for him throughout **all** the clans of Yahuḏah."
[24]And they rose up and went to Ziph before Sha'ul, while Dawiḏ and his men were in the Wilderness of Ma'on, in the desert plain on the south of the wasteland.
[25]And Sha'ul and his men went to **seek** him and they informed Dawiḏ, so he went down to the rock and remained in the Wilderness of Ma'on. And when Sha'ul **heard** this, he pursued Dawiḏ in the Wilderness of Ma'on.
[26]And Sha'ul went on one side of the mountain and Dawiḏ and his men on the other side of the mountain. And Dawiḏ was hurrying to get away from Sha'ul, for Sha'ul and his men were surrounding Dawiḏ and his men to take them.
[27]***Then*** a messenger came to Sha'ul, saying, "Hurry and come, for the Philistines have invaded the land!"
[28]So Sha'ul turned back from pursuing Dawiḏ and went *against* the Philistines. Therefore they called that place Sela Hammaḥleqoth.
[29]And Dawiḏ went up from there and remained in *strongholds* at Ěn Geḏi.

24 And it came to be, when Sha'ul had returned from pursuing the Philistines, that it was reported to him, saying, "**See,** Dawiḏ is in the Wilderness of Ěn Geḏi."
[2]So Sha'ul took three thousand **chosen** men from **all** Yisra'ěl and went to **seek** Dawiḏ and his men on the Rocks of the Wild Goats.
[3]And he came to the sheepfolds, on the **way** and there was a cave. And Sha'ul went in to relieve himself. **Now** Dawiḏ and his men were sitting in the sides of the cave.
[4] Dawiḏ's men said to him, "**See,** the **day of** which יהוה said to you, 'S**ee,** I am giving your enemy into your **hand** and you ***shall*** do to him as it seems **good** to you!' " And Dawiḏ arose and gently *cut off* a corner of Sha'ul's robe.
[5]And it came to be afterward that the **heart** of Dawiḏ *smote* him **because** he had *cut* the **robe** of Sha'ul.
[6]So he said to his men, "Far be it from me, by יהוה, that I should do this matter to my master, **anointed** of יהוה, to stretch out my **hand** *against* him, for he is the **anointed** of יהוה."
[7]And Dawiḏ *dispersed* his servants with **words** and *did not* allow them to rise *against* Sha'ul. And Sha'ul rose up from the cave and went on his **way.**
[8]And afterward Dawiḏ arose and went out of the cave and called out to Sha'ul, saying, "My master the sovereign!" And when Sha'ul **looked** behind him, Dawiḏ bowed with his face to the earth and did obeisance.
[9]And Dawiḏ said to Sha'ul, "***Why*** do you **listen** to the **words** of men who say, 'S**ee,** Dawiḏ seeks to do you *evil*'?
[10]"**See,** this day your eyes have **seen** that יהוה gave you today into my **hand** in the cave and *one* said to *slay* you. ***But*** my eye pardoned you and I said, 'I *do not* stretch out my **hand** *against* my master, for he is the **anointed** of יהוה.'
[11]"And my father, see! Yea, **see** the corner of your **robe** in my **hand!** For in that I *cut off* the corner of your robe and *did not slay* you, **know** and **see** that there is neither *evil* nor *rebellion* in my **hand** and I have not *sinned against* you, while you are hunting my **life** to take it.
[12]"**Let יהוה judge** between you and me and let יהוה revenge me on you, but my **hand** is not *against* you.
[13]"As the proverb of the ancients says, 'Wrong **comes** from the ***wrongdoer.***' ***But*** my **hand** is not *against* you.
[14]"After whom has the sovereign of Yisra'ěl **come** out? ***Whom*** do you

pursue? A *dead* dog? A *flea*?
15"And ֵיהוָה ***shall*** **be** judge and **rightly rule** between you and me and **see** and plead my case and **rightly rule** me out of your **hand.**"
16And it came to be, when Dawiḏ had ended speaking these **words** to Sha'ul, that Sha'ul said, "Is this your **voice**, my son Dawiḏ?" So Sha'ul lifted up his **voice** and wept.
17And he said to Dawiḏ, "You are more **righteous** than I, for you have **rewarded** me with **good**, whereas I have **rewarded** you with *evil*.
18"And you have shown today how you have done **good** to me, for when ֵיהוָה surrendered me into your **hand** you *did not slay* me.
19"For if a man finds his enemy, ***shall*** he let him get away safely? And let ֵיהוָה reward you with **good** for what you have done to me today.
20"And **now** look, I **know** that you ***shall*** certainly reign and that the **reign** of Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** **be established** in your **hand.**
21"And **now**, swear to me by ֵיהוָה that *you do not cut off* my seed after me, nor *destroy* my name from my father's house."
22Dawiḏ **swore** to Sha'ul. ***Then*** Sha'ul went home and Dawiḏ and his men went up to the stronghold.

25 And Shemu'ĕl died and **all** Yisra'ĕl gathered and mourned for him and buried him at his home in Ramah. And Dawiḏ arose and went down into the Wilderness of Paran.

2**Now** there was a man in Ma'on and his **work** was in Karmel and the man was **very** great. He had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. And he came to be shearing his sheep in Karmel.
3And the name of the man was Naḇal and the name of his wife Aḇiḡayil. And she was a woman of **good understanding** and good-looking. ***But*** the man was hard and *evil* in his doings. And he was of Kalĕḇ.
4And Dawiḏ **heard** in the wilderness that Naḇal was shearing his sheep.
5And Dawiḏ **sent** ten young men and Dawiḏ said to the young men, "Go up to Karmel and you ***shall*** **come to** Naḇal, and greet him in my name,
6and say this, 'Long **life** and **peace** to you! And **peace** to your house and **peace** to **all** that you have!
7'**Now**, I have **heard** that you have shearers. Your shepherds have been with us. We *did not* put them to shame and not a speck of theirs was missing **all** the days they were in Karmel.
8'**Ask** your young men and let them inform you. So let *my* young men find **favour** in your eyes, for we **come** on a **good** day. Please give ***whatever*** **comes** to your **hand** to your servants and to your son Dawiḏ.' "
9The young men of Dawiḏ came and spoke to Naḇal **according** to **all** these **words,** in the name of Dawiḏ and waited.
10***But*** Naḇal answered the servants of Dawiḏ and said, "***Who*** is Dawiḏ and who is the son of Yishai? The servants who are running away from their masters, have become many **now** a days.
11"And ***shall*** I take my **bread** and my water and my meat that I have slaughtered for my shearers and give it to men **coming** from who **knows** where?"
12And the young men of Dawiḏ turned around on their **way** and went back and came and reported to him
all these **words**.
13And Dawiḏ said to his men, "Each one gird on his *sword*." So they each girded on his *sword* and Dawiḏ also girded on his *sword.* And about four hundred men went with Dawiḏ and two hundred remained with the baggage.
14And one of the young men informed Aḇiḡayil, the wife of Naḇal, saying, "**See,** Dawiḏ have **sent** messengers from the wilderness to greet our master, but he scoffed at them.
15"***But*** the men were **very good** to us and *did not* put us to shame, *nor did* we miss any *item* **all** the days we

accompanied them, when we were in the fields.
16"They were a wall to us both by night and day, **all** the days we were with them tending the sheep.
17"And **now**, **know** and **see** what you should do, for *evil* has been **resolved** *against* our master and *against* **all** his household and he is too much of a son of Beliya'al to **speak** to."
18***Then*** Aḇiḡayil made haste and took two hundred loaves and two skins of **wine** and five sheep made ready, five measures of roasted grain and one hundred clusters of raisins and two hundred cakes of figs and loaded them on donkeys.
19And she said to her servants, "Pass over before me. **See,** I am **coming** after you." ***But*** she *did not* inform her husband Naḇal.
20And it came to be, as she rode on the donkey, that she went down under cover of the hill and there were Dawiḏ and his men, **coming** down toward her and she met them.
21And Dawiḏ had said, "Only in vain have I **protected all** that this one has in the wilderness, so that not a speck was missing of **all** that belongs to him. And he has repaid me *evil* for **good**.
22"**Let Elohim** do so and more also, to the enemies of Dawiḏ, if I leave one male of **all** who belong to him by morning **light**."
23And Aḇiḡayil **saw** Dawiḏ and she hastened to **come** down from the donkey and fell on her face before Dawiḏ and bowed down to the ground,
24and fell at his feet and said, "On me, my master, let this *crookedness* be on me! And please let your female servant **speak** in your **ears** and **hear** the **words** of your female servant.
25"Please, let not my master regard this man of Beliya'al, Naḇal. For as his name is, so is he: Naḇal is his name and folly is with him. ***But*** I, your female servant, *did not* **see** the young men of my master whom you **sent**.
26"And **now** my master, as יהוה lives and as your being lives, since יהוה has withheld you from **coming** to bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own **hand, now** then, let your enemies be as Naḇal, even those **seeking** *evil* <u>*against*</u> my master.
27"And **now** this present which your female servant has brought to my master, **let it be given** to the young men who **follow** my master.
28"Please **forgive** the *transgression* of your female servant. For יהוה is certainly making a steadfast house for my master, <u>**because**</u> my master fights the battles of יהוה and *evil* is not **found** in you in **all** your days.
29"And if a man rises to pursue you and **seek** your **life** and the **life** of my master has been *bound* in the bundle of the **living** with יהוה your **Elohim**, then the lives of your enemies **He *shall*** sling out, as from the pocket of a sling.
30"And it ***shall*** **be,** when יהוה has done for my master **according** to **all** the **good** that **He** has **spoken** concerning you and has **appointed** you ruler over Yisra'ĕl,
31*do not* let this be a staggering and *stumbling* of **heart** to my master, that you have shed **blood** without **cause,** or that my master has **saved** himself. And when יהוה has done **good** to my master, then ***remember*** your female servant."
32And Dawiḏ said to Aḇiḡayil, **"Blessed** be יהוה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, who **sent** you to meet me today!
33"And **blessed** is your **good** taste and **blessed** are you, <u>**because**</u> you have kept me this day from **coming** to bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own **hand.**
34"Nevertheless, as יהוה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl lives, who has kept me back from doing *evil* to you, if you had not hurried and **come to** meet me, not a male would have been left to Naḇal by *break* of day, for certain."
35And Dawiḏ received from her **hand** what she had brought him and said to her, "Go up in **peace** to your house. **See,** I have **listened** to your **voice** and have

accepted your face."
[36]And Abiḡayil went to Nabal and he was at a feast in his house, like the feast of a sovereign. And Nabal's **heart** was **glad** within him and he was exceedingly drunk. So she told him not a **word,** *little* or much, until morning **light**.
[37]And it came to be, in the morning, when the **wine** had gone from Nabal and his wife had told him these matters, that his **heart** died within him and he became like a stone.
[38]And it came to be in about ten days, that ֵיהוָה *smote* Nabal and he *died.*
[39]And Dawid **heard** that Nabal was *dead,* and he said, **"Blessed** be ֵיהוָה, who has pleaded the **cause** of my *reproach* from the **hand** of Nabal and has kept **His** servant from *evil*! ֵיהוָה has returned the *evil* of Nabal on his own head." And Dawid **sent** and spoke to Abiḡayil, to take her as his wife.
[40]And when the servants of Dawid had **come to** Abiḡayil at Karmel, they spoke to her saying, "Dawid **sent** us to you, to **ask** you to become his wife."
[41]And she arose, bowed her face to the earth and said, "Here is your female servant, a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my master."
[42]And Abiḡayil hurried and rose and rode on a donkey, with five of her female attendants. She **followed** the messengers of Dawid and became his wife.
[43]Dawid had also taken Ahino'am of Yizre'ĕl and so both of them were his wives.
[44]***But*** Sha'ul had **given** Mikal his daughter, Dawid's wife, to Palti son of Layish, who was from Galliym.

26 And the Ziphites came to Sha'ul at Gib'ah, saying, "Is not Dawid hiding himself in the hill of Hakilah, overlooking the wasteland?"
[2]And Sha'ul rose up and went down to the Wilderness of Ziph and with him three thousand **chosen** men of Yisra'ĕl, to **seek** Dawid in the Wilderness of Ziph.
[3]And Sha'ul encamped in the hill of Hakilah, overlooking the wasteland, by the **way,** while Dawid was dwelling in the wilderness and he **saw** that Sha'ul came after him into the wilderness.
[4]And Dawid **sent** out spies and **learned** that Sha'ul had indeed come.
[5]And Dawid rose up and came to the place where Sha'ul had encamped. And Dawid **saw** the place where Sha'ul lay and Abner son of Ner, the commander of his army. And Sha'ul was *lying* within the enclosure, with the people encamped **all** around him.
[6]And Dawid spoke up and said to Ahimelek the Hittite and to Abishai son of Tseruyah, brother of Yo'ab, saying, "***Who*** does go down with me to Sha'ul in the camp?" And Abishai said, "I, I go down with you."
[7]And Dawid and Abishai came to the people by night and **saw** Sha'ul *lying* asleep within the camp, with his spear stuck in the ground by his head and Abner and the people lay **all** around him.
[8]And Abishai said to Dawid, "**Elohim** has surrendered your enemy into your **hand** this day. And **now**, please, let me *smite* him at once with the spear, **right** into the earth and not a second time!"
[9]***But*** Dawid said to Abishai, "***Do*** *not destroy* him, for who ***shall*** stretch out his **hand** *against* the **anointed** of ֵיהוָה and be guiltless?"
[10]Dawid also said, "As ֵיהוָה lives, ***except*** ֵיהוָה does *smite* him, or his day **come** that he ***shall*** *die,* or he ***shall*** go out to battle and *perish,*
[11]far be it from me, by ֵיהוָה, that I stretch out my **hand** *against* the **anointed** of ֵיהוָה. And **now**, please take the spear and the jug of water that are by his head and let us go."
[12]So Dawid took the spear and the jug of water by Sha'ul's head and they went away. No man **saw** it, **knew** it or awoke, for they were **all** asleep, **because** a deep sleep from ֵיהוָה had fallen on them.
[13] Dawid passed over to the other side and stood on the top of a hill far away, a **great** distance being between them.
[14]And Dawid called out to the people

and to Aḇnĕr son of Nĕr, saying, "***Do*** you not answer, Aḇnĕr?" And Aḇnĕr answered and said, "***Who*** are you, calling out to the sovereign?"
[15]And Dawiḏ said to Aḇnĕr, "Are you not a man? And who is like you in Yisra'ĕl? ***Why*** then have you not **guarded** your master the sovereign? For one of the people came in to *destroy* your master the sovereign.
[16]"***What*** you have done is not **good**. As יהוה lives, you are **worthy** to *die,* **because** you have not **guarded** your master, the **anointed** of יהוה. **Now see** where the sovereign's spear is and the jug of water that was by his head."
[17]And Sha'ul recognised Dawiḏ's **voice** and said, "Is that your **voice**, my son Dawiḏ?" And Dawiḏ said, "It is my **voice**, my master, O sovereign."
[18]And he said, "***Why*** is this that my master is pursuing his servant? For what have I done, or what *evil* is in my **hand?**
[19]"And **now**, please, let my master the sovereign **hear** the **words** of his servant: ***If*** יהוה has moved you *against* me, let **Him accept** an offering. ***But*** if it is the children of men, then they are *cursed* before יהוה, for they have *driven* me out today that I should not join myself to the **inheritance** of יהוה, saying, 'Go, **serve** other *mighty ones*.'
[20]"And **now**, *do not* let my **blood** *fall* to the earth before the face of יהוה. For the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl has **come out** to **seek** a flea, as when one hunts a partridge in the mountains."
[21]And Sha'ul said, "I have *sinned*. **come** back, my son Dawiḏ. For no more am I going to do *evil* to you, **because** my **life** was **precious** in your eyes today. **See,** I have *acted* foolishly and have greatly strayed."
[22]And Dawiḏ answered and said, "**See,** the sovereign's spear! And let one of the young men **come** over and get it.
[23]"And let יהוה reward **every** man for his **righteousness** and his trustworthiness, for this day יהוה gave you into my **hand,** but I *would not* stretch out my **hand** *against* the **anointed** of יהוה.
[24]"And **see,** as your **life** has been valued in my eyes today, so let my **life** be valued *in the eyes* of יהוה and let **Him deliver** me out of **all** *distress*."
[25]And Sha'ul said to Dawiḏ, **"Blessed** are you, my son Dawiḏ, achieving much and indeed prevailing!" ***Then*** Dawiḏ went on his **way** and Sha'ul returned to his place.

27 And Dawiḏ said in his **heart,** "**Now** I ***shall*** *perish* by the **hand** of Sha'ul, some day. There is naught better for me than to **escape** to the land of the Philistines. ***Then*** Sha'ul ***shall*** give up ***searching*** for me any longer in any part of Yisra'ĕl and I ***shall*** **escape** out of his **hand.**"
[2]So Dawiḏ rose up and passed over with the six hundred men who were with him to Aḵish son of Ma'oḵ, sovereign of Gath.
[3]And Dawiḏ dwelt with Aḵish at Gath, he and his men, each man with his household – Dawiḏ with his two wives, Aḥino'am the Yizre'ĕlitess and Aḇiḡayil the Karmelitess, Naḇal's widow.
[4]And it was reported to Sha'ul that Dawiḏ had fled to Gath, so he sought him no more.
[5] Dawiḏ said to Aḵish, "***If*** I have **now found favour** in your eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, to dwell there. ***Why*** should your servant dwell in the royal city with you?"
[6]And Aḵish gave him Tsiqlaḡ that day. That is why Tsiqlaḡ has belonged to the sovereigns of Yahuḏah to this day.
[7]And the **time** that Dawiḏ dwelt in the country of the Philistines came to be a year and four months.
[8]And Dawiḏ and his men went up and raided the Geshurites and the Girzites and the Amalĕqites. For those nations were the inhabitants of the land from of old, as you go to Shur, even as far as the land of Mitsrayim.
[9]And when Dawiḏ had *smitten* the land, he left neither man nor woman **alive,** but took away sheep and cattle

and donkeys and camels and garments and returned and came to Akish.
[10]And Akish would say, "Where have you made a raid today?" And Dawid would say, "Against the South of Yahudah, or *against* the South of the Yerahme'ělites, or *against* the South of the Qěynites."
[11]Dawid *did not* keep **alive** man nor woman, to bring news to Gath, saying, "Lest they inform *against* us, saying, 'Thus Dawid did.' " And this was his *practice* **all** the days that he dwelt in the country of the Philistines.
[12]And Akish **trusted** Dawid, saying *to himself*, "He has indeed made himself a *stench* to his people in Yisra'ěl and has become my servant **forever**."

28 And it came to be in those days that the Philistines gathered their armies for battle, to *fight* with Yisra'ěl. And Akish said to Dawid, "You **know,** of course, that you are to go out with me in the army, you and your men."
[2]And Dawid said to Akish, "Very well, **you *shall* know** what your servant should do." And Akish said to Dawid, "Very well, I make you one of my chief guardians **forever**."
[3]And Shemu'ěl had died and **all** Yisra'ěl had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, in his own city. And Sha'ul had put away the mediums and the spiritists from the land.
[4]And the Philistines were gathered and came and encamped at Shunĕm. And Sha'ul gathered **all** Yisra'ěl and they encamped at Gilboa.
[5]And when Sha'ul **saw** the army of the Philistines, he was *afraid* and his **heart** *trembled* greatly.
[6]And Sha'ul **inquired** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ, but ꓤꓴꓤꓵ *did not* answer him, either by **dreams** or by Urim or by the **prophets.**
[7]Sha'ul then said to his servants, "Find me a woman who is a *medium*, to go to her and **inquire** of her." And his servants said to him, "Look, there is a woman who is a *medium* at Ěn Dor."
[8]And Sha'ul disguised himself and put on other garments and went, he and two men with him. And they came to the woman by night. And he said, "Please divine for me and bring up for me the one I ***shall*** name."
[9]***But*** the woman said to him, "Look, you **know** what Sha'ul has done, how he has *cut off* the mediums and the spiritists from the land. ***Why*** then do you lay a *snare* for my **life**, to put me to death?"
[10]And Sha'ul **swore** to her by ꓤꓴꓤꓵ, saying, "As ꓤꓴꓤꓵ lives, no *punishment* **comes** upon you for this matter."
[11]And the woman said, "***Whom*** do I bring up for you?" So he said, "Bring up Shemu'ěl for me."
[12]And when the woman **saw** Shemu'ěl, she *cried out* with a loud **voice**. And the woman spoke to Sha'ul, saying, "***Why*** have you ***deceived*** me? You yourself are Sha'ul!"
[13]And the sovereign said to her, "***Do*** *not* be *afraid*. ***What*** did you **see?**" And the woman said to Sha'ul, "I **saw** a spirit **coming** up out of the earth."
[14]And he said to her, "***What*** is his form?" And she said, "An old man is **coming** up and he is covered with a mantle."And Sha'ul **knew** that it was Shemu'ěl and he bowed with his face to the ground and did obeisance.
[15]And Shemu'ěl said to Sha'ul, "***Why*** have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" And Sha'ul answered, "I am deeply *distressed*, for the Philistines are *fighting against* me and **Elohim** has turned aside from me and *does not* answer me any more, neither by prophets nor by **dreams**. So I have called you, to **reveal** to me what I should do."
[16]***Then*** Shemu'ěl said, "And why do you **ask** me, **seeing** ꓤꓴꓤꓵ has turned aside from you and has become your enemy?
[17]"And ꓤꓴꓤꓵ has done for **Himself** as **He** spoke by me. For ꓤꓴꓤꓵ has *torn* the **reign** out of your **hand** and **given** it to your neighbour, to Dawid.
[18]"**Because** you ***did not obey*** the **voice** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ nor *execute* **His** *burning wrath* upon Amalěq, therefore ꓤꓴꓤꓵ

has done this matter to you today.
19"Further, ֵיהוָה also gives Yisra'ĕl with you into the **hand** of the Philistines. And **tomorrow** you and your sons are with me. ֵיהוָה also gives the army of Yisra'ĕl into the **hand** of the Philistines."
20And **immediately** Sha'ul fell on the ground, his **complete** length and greatly ***feared*** **because** of the **words** of Shemu'ĕl. And there was no strength in him, for he had eaten no food **all** day or **all** night.
21And the woman came to Sha'ul and **saw** that he had been greatly disturbed and said to him, " Your female servant has **obeyed** your **voice** and I have put my **life** in my hands and has **listened** to the **words** which you spoke to me.
22"And **now**, please **listen** to the **voice** of your female servant too and let me set a piece of **bread** before you. And eat, so that you have strength when you go on your **way.**"
23***But*** he *refused* and said, "I am not going to eat." ***But*** his servants, **together** with the woman, urged him. And he **listened** to their **voice**.
So he rose from the ground and sat on the bed.
24And the woman had a fatted *calf* in the house and she **quickly** slaughtered it. And she took flour and kneaded it and baked unleavened **bread** from it.
25And she brought it before Sha'ul and his servants. And they ate and rose up and went away that night.

29 And the Philistines gathered **all** their armies at Aphĕq, while Yisra'ĕl encamped by a fountain which is in Yizre'ĕl.
2And the princes of the Philistines were passing on by hundreds and by thousands and Dawiḏ and his men were passing on in the rear with Akish.
3And the princes of the Philistines said, "***Who*** are these Hebrews?" And Akish said to the princes of the Philistines, "Is this not Dawiḏ, the servant of Sha'ul sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, who has been with me these days, or these years? And to this day I have **found** no *evil* in him since he came over."
4***But*** the princes of the Philistines were *wroth* with him and the princes of the Philistines said to him, "Send the man back, let him **return** to the place which you have **appointed** for him and *do not* let him go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he become our adversary. For with what could he appease his master, if not with the heads of these men?
5"Is this not Dawiḏ, of whom they sang to each other in dances, saying, 'Sha'ul *smote* his thousands and Dawiḏ his ten thousands'?"
6And Akish called Dawiḏ and said to him, "As ֵיהוָה lives, you have been **straight** and your going out and your **coming** in with me in the army is **good** in my eyes. For to this day I have not **found** *evil* in you since the **day of** your **coming** to me. ***But*** *in the eyes* of the princes you are not **good**.
7"And **now**, **return** and go in peace and do no *evil in the eyes* of the princes of the Philistines."
8And Dawiḏ said to Akish, "***But*** what have I done? And to this day what have you **found** in your servant as long as I have been with you, that I should not go and *fight* *against* the enemies of my master the sovereign?"
9***But*** Akish answered and said to Dawiḏ, "I **know** that you are as **good** in my eyes as a messenger of **Elohim**, but the princes of the Philistines have said, '**Let** him not go up with us to the battle.'
10"And **now**, rise early in the morning with your master's servants who have **come** with you. And as soon as you are up early in the morning and have **light**, then go."
11And Dawiḏ and his men rose up early to go in the morning, to **return** to the land of the Philistines and the Philistines went up to Yizre'ĕl.

30 And it came to be, when Dawiḏ and his men came to Tsiqlaḡ, on the third day, that the Amalĕqites had invaded the South and Tsiqlaḡ and *smote* Tsiqlaḡ and *burned* it with *fire*.

[2]And they took captive the women and those who were there, from small to great. They *did not kill* anyone, but they led them away and went their **way.**

[3]And Dawiḏ and his men came to the city and **saw** it *burned* with *fire* and their wives and their sons and their daughters had been taken captive.

[4]And Dawiḏ and the people who were with him lifted up their **voice**s and wept, until they had no more **power** to weep.

[5]And Dawiḏ's two wives, Aḥino'am the Yizre'ĕlitess and Aḇiḡayil the widow of Naḇal the Karmelite, had been taken captive.

[6]And Dawiḏ was greatly *distressed*, for the people spoke of stoning him, **because** the being of **all** the people was *grieved*, each for his sons and his daughters. ***But*** Dawiḏ strengthened himself in ֱיהוָה his **Ĕlohim**.

[7]And Dawiḏ said to Eḇyathar the priest, son of Aḥimelek, "Please bring the shoulder garment here to me." So Eḇyathar brought the shoulder garment to Dawiḏ.

[8]And Dawiḏ **inquired** of ֱיהוָה, saying, "***Do*** I pursue this band? ***Do*** I overtake them?" And **He** answered him, "Pursue, for you ***shall*** certainly overtake them and certainly rescue."

[9]So Dawiḏ went with the six hundred men who were with him and came to the wadi Besor, where a halt was made by those who were left behind,

[10]while Dawiḏ pursued, he and four hundred men – for two hundred halted, who were too faint to pass over the wadi Besor.

[11]And they **found** a man in the field, a Mitsrite and took him to Dawiḏ. And they gave him **bread** and he ate and they let him drink water,

[12]and gave him a piece of a cake of figs and two clusters of raisins. And when he had eaten, his strength came back to him, for he had not eaten **bread** nor drunk water for three days and three nights.

[13]And Dawiḏ said to him, "To whom do you belong and where are you from?" And he said, "I am a young man from Mitsrayim, servant of an Amalĕqite. And my master left me behind, for I had been *sick* three days.

[14]"We attacked the south of the Kerĕthites and *against* that which belongs to Yahuḏah and upon the south of Kalĕḇ and *burned* Tsiqlaḡ with *fire*."

[15]And Dawiḏ said to him, "Could you bring me down to this marauding band?" And he said, "Swear to me by **Elohim** that you neither *kill* me nor surrender me into the hands of my master, then I bring you down to this marauding band."

[16]And he brought him down and **saw** they were spread out over **all** the land, eating and drinking and dancing, **because** of **all** the **great** spoil which they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from the land of Yahuḏah.

[17]And Dawiḏ *smote* them from twilight until the **evening** of the next day. None of them **escaped**, ***except*** four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled.

[18]And Dawiḏ rescued **all** that the Amalĕqites had taken. Dawiḏ also rescued his two wives.

[19]And there was none missing to them, whether small or great, whether sons or daughters, or spoil or ***whatever*** they had taken from them.

Dawiḏ **recovered all.**

[20]Besides, Dawiḏ captured **all** the flocks and herds they had *driven* before those livestock and they said, "This is Dawiḏ's spoil."

[21]And Dawiḏ came to the two hundred men who were too faint to **follow** Dawiḏ, who had also been left at the wadi Besor. And they went out to meet Dawiḏ and to meet the people who were with him. And when Dawiḏ came **near** the people, he greeted them.

[22]And **all** the *evil* and *worthless* men of those who went with Dawiḏ answered and said, "**Because** they *did not* go with us, we *do not* give them any of the spoil

that we have rescued, ***except*** for **every** man's wife and children and let them take them and go."
[23]***But*** Dawiḏ said, "My brothers, *do not* do so with what ꓤYHZ has **given** us, who has **protected** us and gave into our **hand** the band that came *against* us.
[24]"And who would **listen** to you in this matter? For as his portion is who goes down to the battle, so is his portion who remains with the baggage, they share alike."
[25]And it came to be, from that day forward, he **appointed** it for a **law** and a **right-ruling** for Yisra'ĕl to this day.
[26]And when Dawiḏ came to Tsiqlaḡ, he **sent** some of the spoil to the elders of Yahuḏah, to his friends, saying, "Here is a present for you from the spoil of the enemies of ꓤYHZ,"
[27]to those in Bĕyth Ĕl and to those in Ramoth of the South and to those in Yattir,
[28]and to those in Aro'ĕr and to those in Siphmoth and to those in Eshtemoa,
[29]and to those in Raḳal and to those in the cities of the Yeraḥme'ĕlites and to those in the cities of the Qĕynites,
[30]and to those in Ḥormah and to those in Korashan and to those in Athaḳ,
[31]and to those in Ḥeḇron and to **all** the places where Dawiḏ had gone up and down, he and his men.

31 And the Philistines were *fighting* *against* Yisra'ĕl and the men of Yisra'ĕl fled from before the Philistines and fell *slain* on Mount Gilboa.
[2]And the Philistines **followed** hard after Sha'ul and his sons. And the Philistines *smote* Yehonathan and Aḇinaḏaḇ and Malkishua, sons of Sha'uḷ.
[3]And the battle went hard *against* Sha'ul and the archers hit him, so that he was severely *wounded* by the archers.
[4]And Sha'ul said to his armour-bearer, "Draw your *sword* and ***thrust*** me through with it, lest these *uncircumcised* men **come** and ***thrust*** me through and roll themselves on me." ***But*** his armour-bearer would not, for he was greatly *afraid*. So Sha'ul took the *sword* and fell on it.
[5]And when his armour-bearer **saw** that Sha'ul was *dead,* he also fell on his *sword* and died with him.
[6]Thus Sha'ul died and three of his sons and his armour-bearer, also **all** his men, **together** on that day.
[7]And they **saw** – the men of Yisra'ĕl who were beyond the valley and those who were beyond the Yarděn – that the men of Yisra'ĕl had fled and that Sha'ul and his sons were *dead.* So they ***forsook*** the cities and fled and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.
[8]And the next day it came to be, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they **found** Sha'ul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.
[9]And they *cut off* his head and stripped off his armour and **sent word** throughout the land of the Philistines, to **announce** it in the house of their *idols* and to the people.
[10]And they placed his armour in the house of the Ashtaroth and they fastened his body to the wall of Bĕyth Shan.
[11]And the inhabitants of Yaḇĕsh Gil'aḏ **heard** what the Philistines had done to Sha'ul,
[12]and **all** the brave men arose and went **all** night and took the body of Sha'ul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Bĕyth Shan. And they came to Yaḇĕsh and *burned* them there.
[13]And they took their bones and buried them under the tamarisk *tree* at Yaḇĕsh and fasted for seven days.

2 SHEMU'ĚL

2 SAMUEL

1 And it came to be after the *death* of Sha'ul, when Dawiḏ had returned from smiting the Amalĕqites, that Dawiḏ remained two days in Tsiqlaḡ.
2 And it came to be on the third day, that **see,** a man came out of the camp from Sha'ul with his garments *torn* and dust on his head. And it came to be, when he came to Dawiḏ, that he fell to the ground and did obeisance.
3 And Dawiḏ said to him, "From where do you **come?**" And he said to him, "I have **escaped** from the camp of Yisra'ĕl."
4 And Dawiḏ said to him, "***What*** was the matter? Please inform me." And he said, "The people have fled from the battle and also many of the people have fallen and are *dead,* and Sha'ul and Yehonathan his son are *dead* too."
5 And Dawiḏ said to the young man who informed him, "***How*** do you **know** that Sha'ul and Yehonathan his son are dead?"
6 And the young man who informed him said, "By chance I was on Mount Gilboa and **saw** Sha'ul leaning on his spear. And **see,** the chariots and horsemen **followed** hard after him.
7 "And when he **looked** behind him, he **saw** me and called to me and I answered, 'Here I am.'
8 "And he said to me, '***Who*** are you?' So I answered him, 'I am an Amalĕqite.'
9 "And he said to me, 'Please **stand** over me and put me to *death,* for agony has *seized* me, but my **life** is still in me.'
10 "So I stood beside him and put him to *death,* for I **knew** he *would not* **live** after he had fallen. And I took the diadem that was on his head and the bracelet that was on his arm and have brought them here to my master."
11 And Dawiḏ took hold of his own garments and tore them and also **all** the men who were with him.
12 And they mourned and wept and fasted until **evening** for Sha'ul and for Yehonathan his son and for the people of יהוה and for the house of Yisra'ĕl, **because** they had fallen by the *sword.*
13 ***Then*** Dawiḏ asked the young man who informed him, "Where are you from?" And he answered, "I am the son of a sojourner, an Amalĕqite."
14 And Dawiḏ said to him, "***How*** was it you were not *afraid* to stretch out your **hand** to *destroy* the **anointed** of יהוה?"
15 And Dawiḏ called one of the young men and said, "Draw **near** and *fall* on **Him!**" And he *smote* him so that he *died.*
16 And Dawiḏ said to him, "**Your blood** is on your own head, for your own **mouth** has **witnessed** *against* you, saying, 'I myself have put to *death* the **anointed** of יהוה.' "
17 ***Then*** Dawiḏ lamented with this lamentation over Sha'ul and over Yehonathan his son,
18 and he ordered "The Bow" to be **taught** to the children of Yahuḏah. **See,** it is **written** in the **Book** of Yashar:
19 "The splendour of Yisra'ĕl
Is *slain* on your *high places*!
How the mighty have fallen!
20 "**Declare** it not in Gath,
Proclaim it not in the streets of Ashqelon,
Lest the daughters
of the Philistines **rejoice,**
Lest the daughters
of the *uncircumcised* exult.
21 "Mountains of Gilboa!
No dew or rain be upon you,
Nor fields of offerings.
For there the shield of the mighty

lay *rejected*,
The shield of Sha'ul, *not* **anointed**
with oil.
22"From the **blood** of the slain,
From the fat of the mighty,
The bow of Yehonathan *did not* turn
back,
And the *sword* of Sha'ul *did not* **return**
empty.
23"Sha'ul and Yehonathan were
beloved
And pleasant in their lives,
And in their *death* they were not
parted.
They were swifter than eagles,
They were stronger than lions.
24"Daughters of Yisra'ĕl –
weep over Sha'ul,
Who wrapped you in **scarlet,** with
finery;
Who decked your robes with
ornaments of gold.
25"***How*** the mighty have fallen
In the **midst** of the battle!
Yehonathan was *slain* in your *high
places*.
26"I am *distressed* for you, my brother
Yehonathan.
You have been **very** pleasant to me.
Your **love** to me was wondrous,
Surpassing the **love** of women.
27"***How*** the mighty have fallen,
And the weapons of battle perish!"

2 And it came to be afterwards that Dawiḏ **inquired** of ꓘYHWH, saying, "***Do*** I go up to any of the cities of Yahuḏah?" And ꓘYHWH said to him, "Go up." And Dawiḏ said, "Where should I go up?" And **He** said, "To Ḥeḇron."

2And Dawiḏ went up there, as well as his two wives, Aḥino'am the Yizre'ĕlitess and Aḇiḡayil the widow of Naḇal the Karmelite.

3And Dawiḏ brought up the men who were with him, each man with his household and they dwelt in the cities of Ḥeḇron.

4And the men of Yahuḏah came and **anointed** Dawiḏ sovereign over the house of Yahuḏah there. They also reported to Dawiḏ, saying, "The men of Yaḇĕsh Gil'aḏ are they who buried Sha'ul."

5Dawiḏ then **sent** messengers to the men of Yaḇĕsh Gil'aḏ and said to them, "You are **blessed** of ꓘYHWH, for you have shown this **kindness** to your master, to Sha'ul, that you buried him.

6"And **now**, ꓘYHWH **show kindness** and **truth** to you and I am also going to do you **good**, **because** you have done this **deed**.

7"And **now**, let your hands be strengthened and be brave, for your master Sha'ul is *dead,* and also the house of Yahuḏah has **anointed** me sovereign over them."

8***But*** Aḇnĕr son of Nĕr, commander of the army of Sha'ul, took Ishbosheth the son of Sha'ul and brought him over to Maḥanayim,

9and set him up to **reign** over Gil'aḏ and over the Ashĕrites and over Yizre'ĕl and over Ephrayim and over Binyamin and over **all** Yisra'ĕl.

10Ishbosheth, son of Sha'ul, was forty years old when he began to **reign** over Yisra'ĕl and he reigned two years. Only the house of Yahuḏah **followed** Dawiḏ.

11And the **time** that Dawiḏ was sovereign in Ḥeḇron over the house of Yahuḏah was seven years and six months.

12And Aḇnĕr son of Nĕr and the servants of Ishbosheth son of Sha'ul, went out from Maḥanayim to Giḇ'on.

13And Yo'aḇ son of Tseruyah and the servants of Dawiḏ, went out and met them by the pool of Giḇ'on. And they sat down, one on one side of the pool and the other on the other side of the pool.

14And Aḇnĕr said to Yo'aḇ, "**Let** the young men **now** rise and compete before us." And Yo'aḇ said, "**Let** them rise."

15And they rose and went over by number, twelve from Binyamin, **follow**ers of Ishbosheth son of Sha'ul and twelve from the servants of Dawiḏ.

16And each one grasped his opponent by the head and ***thrust*** his *sword* in his opponent's side and they fell down

together. So that place was called the Field of Sharp S**words**, which is in Gib'on.
[17]And the battle was **fierce** that day and Aḇnĕr and the men of Yisra'ĕl were *smitten* before the servants of Dawiḏ.
[18]And there were three sons of Tseruyah there, Yo'aḇ and Aḇishai and Asah'ĕl. And Asah'ĕl was **light** on his feet, as one of the gazelles in the field.
[19]And Asah'ĕl pursued Aḇnĕr and in going he *did not* turn aside to the **right** or to the left from **following** Aḇnĕr.
[20]And Aḇnĕr **looked** behind him and said, "Are you Asah'ĕl?" And he answered, "I am."
[21]And Aḇnĕr said to him, "Turn aside to your **right hand** or to your left and lay hold on one of the young men and take his armour for yourself." ***But*** Asah'ĕl *would not* turn aside from **following** him.
[22]And Aḇnĕr again said to Asah'ĕl, "Turn aside from **following** me. ***Why*** should I *smite* you to the ground? ***How*** then could I face your brother Yo'aḇ?"
[23]***But*** he *refused* to turn aside and Aḇnĕr *smote* him with the blunt end of the spear in the stomach, so that the spear came out of his back. And he fell down there and died on the spot. And it came to be that as many as came to the place where Asah'ĕl fell down and died, stood still.
[24]And Yo'aḇ and Aḇishai pursued Aḇnĕr. And the sun was going down and they came to the hill of Ammah, which overlooks Giyaḥ by the **way** to the Wilderness of Giḇ'on.
[25]And the children of Binyamin gathered **together** behind Aḇnĕr and became a single company and took their **stand** on top of a hill.
[26]And Aḇnĕr called to Yo'aḇ and said, "***Should*** the *sword devour* **forever**? ***Do*** you not **know** that it is *bitter* in the **latter** end? And when are you going to say to the people to **turn back** from pursuing their brothers?"
[27]And Yo'aḇ said, "**As Elohim lives**, if you had not **spoken**, then **all** the people would have **given** up pursuing their brothers only the next morning."
[28]Yo'aḇ then blew a ram's horn and **all** the people halted and pursued Yisra'ĕl no further, *nor did* they *fight* any more.
[29]And Aḇnĕr and his men went on **all** that night through the desert plain and passed over the Yarděn and went through **all** Bithron. And they came to Maḥanayim.
[30]And Yo'aḇ turned back from pursuing Aḇnĕr. And when he had gathered **all** the people together, there were missing of Dawiḏ's servants nineteen men and Asah'ĕl.
[31]***But*** the servants of Dawiḏ had smitten, of Binyamin and Aḇnĕr's men, three hundred and sixty men who *died.*
[32]And they brought Asah'ĕl and buried him in his father's tomb, which was in Bĕyth Leḥem. And Yo'aḇ and his men went **all** night and they came to Ḥeḇron at daybreak.

3 And the *fighting* between the house of Sha'ul and the house of Dawiḏ was long drawn out. ***But*** Dawiḏ grew stronger and stronger and the house of Sha'ul grew weaker and weaker.
[2]And sons were born to Dawiḏ in Ḥeḇron. And his first-born was Amnon by Aḥino'am the Yizre'ĕlitess;
[3]and his second, Kil'aḇ, by Aḇiḡayil the widow of Naḇal the Karmelite; and the third, Aḇshalom son of Ma'akah, the daughter of Talmai, sovereign of Geshur;
[4]and the fourth, Aḏoniyah son of Ḥaggith; and the fifth, Shephatyah son of Aḇital;
[5]and the sixth, Yithre'am, by Dawiḏ's wife Eḡlah. These were born to Dawiḏ in Ḥeḇron.
[6]And it came to be, while there was *fighting* between the house of Sha'ul and the house of Dawiḏ, that Aḇnĕr was strengthening himself in the house of Sha'ul.
[7]And Sha'ul had a concubine, whose name was Ritspah, daughter of Ayah. And Ishbosheth said to Aḇnĕr, "***Why*** have you gone in to my father's

concubine?"
[8]And Aḇnĕr was **very** *displeased* at the **words** of Ishbosheth and said, "Am I a dog's head that belongs to Yahuḏah, that I **show kindness** to the house of Sha'ul your father, to his brothers and to his friends today and have not let you *fall* into the **hand** of Dawiḏ, that you charge me today with a *sin* concerning this woman?
[9]"**Elohim** does so to Aḇnĕr and more also, if I *do not* do for Dawiḏ as יהוה has sworn to him:
[10]to **cause** the **reign** to pass over from the house of Sha'ul and to **raise** up the throne of Dawiḏ over Yisra'ĕl and over Yahuḏah, from Dan to Be'ĕrsheḇa."
[11]And he was *unable* to answer Aḇnĕr another **word, <u>because</u>** he ***feared*** him.
[12]And Aḇnĕr **sent** messengers on his behalf to Dawiḏ, saying, "***Whose*** is the land?" saying also, "Make your **covenant** with me and **see,** my **hand** is with you to bring **all** Yisra'ĕl to you."
[13]And Dawiḏ said, "**Good**, I make a **covenant** with you. Only one matter I am **asking** of you: *you do not* **see** my face ***unless*** you **first** bring Miḵal, daughter of Sha'ul, when you **come to see** my face."
[14]Dawiḏ then **sent** messengers to Ishbosheth son of Sha'ul, saying, "Give me my wife Miḵal, to whom I became engaged for a hundred foreskins of the Philistines."
[15]And Ishbosheth **sent** and took her from her husband, from Palti'ĕl son of Layish.
[16]***But*** her husband went with her to Baḥurim, going on and *weeping* behind her. And Aḇnĕr said to him, "Go, turn back!" And he turned back.
[17]And Aḇnĕr had a **word** with the elders of Yisra'ĕl, saying, "In **time** past you were **seeking** for Dawiḏ to be sovereign over you.
[18]"And **now**, do it! For יהוה has **spoken** of Dawiḏ, saying, 'By the **hand** of **My** servant Dawiḏ, I **save My people** Yisra'ĕl from the **hand** of the Philistines and the **hand** of **all** their enemies.' "
[19]And Aḇnĕr also spoke in the **hearing** of Binyamin. And Aḇnĕr also went to **speak** in the **hearing** of Dawiḏ in Ḥeḇron **all** that seemed **good** to Yisra'ĕl and **all** the house of Binyamin.
[20]And Aḇnĕr and twenty men with him came to Dawiḏ at Ḥeḇron. And Dawiḏ made a feast for Aḇnĕr and the men who were with him.
[21]And Aḇnĕr said to Dawiḏ, "**Let** me arise and go and **gather all** Yisra'ĕl to my master the sovereign and let them make a **covenant** with you and you ***shall*** **reign** over **all** that your being desires." And Dawiḏ **sent** Aḇnĕr away and he went in peace.
[22]And **see,** the servants of Dawiḏ and Yo'aḇ came from a raid and brought much spoil with them. ***But*** Aḇnĕr was not with Dawiḏ in Ḥeḇron, for he had **sent** him away and he had gone in peace.
[23]And Yo'aḇ and **all** the army that was with him came and they reported to Yo'aḇ, saying, "Aḇnĕr son of Nĕr came to the sovereign and he **sent** him away and he has gone in peace."
[24]And Yo'aḇ went to the sovereign and said, "***What*** have you done? **See,** Aḇnĕr has **come to** you! ***Why*** is it that you **sent** him away and he has already gone?
[25]"You **know** that Aḇnĕr son of Nĕr came to ***deceive*** you, **to know** your going out and your **coming** in and **to know all** that you are doing."
[26]Yo'aḇ then left Dawiḏ and he **sent** messengers after Aḇnĕr, who brought him back from the well of Sirah. ***But*** Dawiḏ *did not* **know** it.
[27]Thus Aḇnĕr returned to Ḥeḇron and Yo'aḇ took him aside in the gate to **speak** with him privately and there *struck* him in the stomach, so that he died for the **blood** of Asah'ĕl his brother.
[28]And when Dawiḏ **heard** it afterwards, he said, "My **reign** and I are guiltless before יהוה **forever** of the **blood** of Aḇnĕr son of Nĕr.
[29]"**Let** it rest on the head of Yo'aḇ and on **all** his father's house. And let there never fail to be in the house of Yo'aḇ one who has a discharge or is a leper, who leans on a staff or falls by the *sword,* or who lacks bread."

[30]So Yo'aḇ and Aḇishai his brother slew Aḇnĕr, **because** he had *killed* their brother Asah'ĕl at Giḇ'on in the battle.
[31]And Dawiḏ said to Yo'aḇ and to **all** the people who were with him, "Tear your garments, gird yourselves with sackcloth and *mourn* for Aḇnĕr." And Sovereign Dawiḏ **followed** the coffin.
[32]And they buried Aḇnĕr in Heḇron. And the sovereign lifted up his **voice** and wept at the grave of Aḇnĕr and **all** the people wept.
[33]And the sovereign sang a lament over Aḇnĕr and said, "***Should*** Aḇnĕr *die* as a *fool* dies?
[34]"**Your** hands were not *bound* nor your feet put into shackles. As one falls before sons of *evil*, so you fell." And **all** the people wept over him again.
[35]And **all** the people came to **cause** Dawiḏ to eat food while it was still day, but Dawiḏ **swore**, saying, "**Elohim** do so to me and more also, if I taste **bread** or ***whatever*** else til the sun goes down!"
[36]And **all** the people took note of it and it was **good** in their eyes, since ***whatever*** the sovereign did was **good** *in the eyes* of **all** the people.
[37]And **all** the people and **all** Yisra'ĕl **knew** that day that it had not been the sovereign's intent to *kill* Aḇnĕr son of Nĕr.
[38]The sovereign also said to his servants, "***Do*** you not **know** that a prince and a **great** one has fallen in Yisra'ĕl today?
[39]"And I am weak today, though **anointed** sovereign. And these men, the sons of Tseruyah, are too harsh for me. **Let** יהוה **repay** the *evil*-doer **according** to his *evil*."

4 And the son of Sha'ul **heard** that Aḇnĕr had died in Heḇron and he *lost* heart and **all** Yisra'ĕl was troubled.
[2]And the son of Sha'ul had two men, commanders of bands and the name of one was Ba'anah and the name of the other Rĕḵaḇ, sons of Rimmon the Be'ĕrothite, of the children of Binyamin. For Be'ĕroth was also reckoned to Binyamin,
[3]**because** the Be'ĕrothites fled to Gittayim and have been sojourners there until this day.
[4]**Now** Yehonathan, son of Sha'ul, had a son who was *lame* in his feet. **He** was five years old when the news about Sha'ul and Yehonathan came from Yizre'ĕl and his nurse took him up and fled. And it came to be, as she hurried to ***flee,*** that he fell and became lame. And his name was Mephiḇosheth.
[5]So the sons of Rimmon the Be'ĕrothite, Rĕḵaḇ and Ba'anah, went and came at about the *heat* of the day to the house of Ishbosheth, who was *lying* on his bed at noon.
[6]And they came into the **midst** of the house, to fetch wheat and they *struck* him in the stomach and Rĕḵaḇ and Ba'anah his brother **escaped**.
[7]Thus they came into the house when he was *lying* on his bed in his bedroom and they *smote* him and slew him and beheaded him. And they took his head and went the **way** of the desert plain **all** night,
[8]and brought the head of Ishbosheth to Dawiḏ at Heḇron and said to the sovereign, "**See,** the head of Ishbosheth, the son of Sha'ul your enemy, who sought your **life**. So יהוה has **given** my master the sovereign **vengeance** on Sha'ul and his seed this day."
[9]And Dawiḏ answered Rĕḵaḇ and Ba'anah his brother, sons of Rimmon the Be'ĕrothite and said to them, "As יהוה lives, who has **redeemed** my **life** out of **all** *distress,*
[10]when someone reported to me, saying, '**See,** Sha'ul is *dead,*' and he was a bearer of good news in his own eyes, I then took hold of him and slew him in Tsiqlaḡ, which was the reward I gave him for his news.
[11]"***How*** much more, when ***wrong*** men have *slain* a **righteous** man in his own house on his bed, should I not **now require** his **blood** at your **hand** and *remove* you from the earth?"

[12]And Dawiḏ **commanded** his young men and they *slew* them and *cut off* their hands and feet and *hanged* them by the pool in Ḥeḇron. And they took the head of Ishbosheth and buried it in the tomb of Aḇnĕr in Ḥeḇron.

5 And **all** the tribes of Yisra'ĕl came to Dawiḏ at Ḥeḇron and spoke, saying, "Look, we are your bone and your *flesh.*

[2]"Formerly, when Sha'ul was sovereign over us, you were the one who led Yisra'ĕl out and brought them in. And ꓤYHWH said to you, '**Shepherd My people Yisra'ĕl** and **be ruler over Yisra'ĕl**.' "

[3]And **all** the elders of Yisra'ĕl came to the sovereign at Ḥeḇron and Sovereign Dawiḏ made a **covenant** with them at Ḥeḇron before ꓤYHWH. And they **anointed** Dawiḏ sovereign over Yisra'ĕl.

[4]Dawiḏ was thirty years old when he began to reign and he reigned forty years.

[5]In Ḥeḇron he reigned over Yahuḏah seven years and six months and in Yerushalayim he reigned thirty-three years over **all** Yisra'ĕl and Yahuḏah.

[6]And the sovereign and his men went to Yerushalayim *against* the Yeḇusites, the inhabitants of the land. And they spoke to Dawiḏ, saying, "Except you take away the *blind* and the lame, you are not going to **come** in here," thinking, "Dawiḏ is not going to **come** in here."

[7]***But*** Dawiḏ captured the stronghold of Tsiyon, the City of Dawiḏ.

[8]And Dawiḏ said on that day, "Anyone who smites the Yeḇusites, let him go by the water-shaft and *take* the *lame* and the *blind,* who are *hated* by Dawiḏ's being." That is why they say, "The *blind* and the *lame do not* **come** into the house."

[9]And Dawiḏ dwelt in the *stronghold* and called it the City of Dawiḏ. And Dawiḏ built **all** around from the Millo and inward.

[10]And Dawiḏ went on and became great and ꓤYHWH **Ĕlohim** of hosts was with him.

[11]**Now** Ḥiram sovereign of Tsor **sent** messengers to Dawiḏ and cedar trees and carpenters and masons. And they built a house for Dawiḏ.

[12]And Dawiḏ **knew** that ꓤYHWH had **established** him as sovereign over Yisra'ĕl and that **He** had exalted **His** reign, **because** of **His** people Yisra'ĕl.

[13]And Dawiḏ took more concubines and wives from Yerushalayim, after he had **come** from Ḥeḇron and more sons and daughters were born to Dawiḏ.

[14]And these were the names of those born to him in Yerushalayim: Shammua, Shoḇaḇ, Nathan and Shelomoh,

[15]Yiḇḥar, Elishua, Nepheḡ and Yaphiya,

[16]Elishama, Elyaḏa and Eliphelet.

[17]And the Philistines **heard** that they had **anointed** Dawiḏ sovereign over Yisra'ĕl and **all** the Philistines went up to **search** for Dawiḏ, but Dawiḏ **heard** and went down to the stronghold.

[18]And the Philistines came and spread themselves out in the Valley of Repha'im.

[19]And Dawiḏ **inquired** of ꓤYHWH, saying, "***Do*** I go up *against* the Philistines? ***Do*** You give them into my **hand?**" And ꓤYHWH said to Dawiḏ, "Go up, for I ***shall*** certainly give the Philistines into your **hand.**"

[20]And Dawiḏ came to Ba'al Peratsim and Dawiḏ *smote* them there. And he said, "ꓤYHWH has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of water." So he called the name of that place Ba'al Peratsim.

[21]And they left their *images* there and Dawiḏ and his men took them away.

[22]And the Philistines again came up and were spread out in the Valley of Repha'im.

[23]And when Dawiḏ **inquired** of ꓤYHWH, **He** said, "***Do*** *not* go up, turn around behind them and you ***shall*** **come** upon them in front of the mulberry trees.

[24]"And it ***shall*** **be,** when you **hear** the sound of stepping in the tops of the mulberry trees, then act promptly, for then ꓤYHWH ***shall*** go out before you to *smite* the camp of the Philistines."

[25]And Dawiḏ did so, as ꓤYHWH **commanded** him and *smote* the

Philistines from Geḇa as far as Gezer.

6 **Now** Dawiḏ again gathered **all** the **chosen** men of Yisra'ĕl, thirty thousand.
[2]And Dawiḏ rose up and went with **all** the people who were with him from Ba'alĕ Yahuḏah, to bring up from there the ark of **Elohim**, that is called by the **Name**, the **Name** ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ of **Hosts**, who dwells between the kerubim.
[3]And they placed the ark of **Elohim** on a new wagon and brought it from the house of Aḇinaḏaḇ, which was on the hill. And Uzzah and Aḥyo, sons of Aḇinaḏaḇ, were leading the new wagon.
[4]And they brought it from the house of Aḇinaḏaḇ, which was on the hill, with the ark of **Elohim**. And Aḥyo was walking before the ark.
[5]And Dawiḏ and **all** the house of Yisra'ĕl were **dancing** before ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ, with **all** *instruments of* fir wood and with lyres and with harps and with tambourines and with sistrums and with cymbals.
[6]And when they came to the threshing-floor of Naḵon, Uzzah reached out toward the ark of **Elohim** and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled.
[7]And the *wrath* of ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ *burned* *against* Uzzah and **Elohim** *smote* him there for the fault. And he died there by the ark of **Elohim**.
[8]And Dawiḏ was *displeased* **because** ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ had broken out *against* Uzzah. And he called the name of the place Perets Uzzah, until this day.
[9]And Dawiḏ was *afraid* of ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ on that day and said, "***How shall*** the ark of ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ **come to** me?"
[10]And Dawiḏ *would not* move the ark of ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ with him into the City of Dawiḏ, but Dawiḏ turned it aside to the house of Oḇĕḏ-Edom the Gittite.
[11]And the ark of ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ remained in the house of Oḇĕḏ-Edom the Gittite three months and ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ **blessed** Oḇĕḏ-Edom and **all** his house.
[12]And it was reported to Sovereign Dawiḏ, saying, "꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ has **blessed** the house of Oḇĕḏ-Edom and **all** that he has, **because** of the ark of **Elohim**." Dawiḏ then went and brought up the ark of **Elohim** from the house of Oḇĕḏ-Edom to the City of Dawiḏ with rejoicing.
[13]And it came to be, when those bearing the ark of ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ had gone six steps, that he slaughtered bulls and fatted sheep.
[14]And Dawiḏ **danced** before ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ with **all** his might. And Dawiḏ was wearing a linen shoulder garment.
[15]Thus Dawiḏ and **all** the house of Yisra'ĕl brought up the ark of ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ with shouting and with the sound of the ram's horn.
[16]And it came to be, when the ark of ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ came into the City of Dawiḏ, that Miḵal, daughter of Sha'ul, **looked** through a window and **saw** Sovereign Dawiḏ **leaping** and **dancing** before ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ and she *despised* him in her **heart.**
[17]So they brought the ark of ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ in and set it in its place in the **midst** of the **Tent** that Dawiḏ had pitched for it. And Dawiḏ brought burnt offerings before ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ and **peace** offerings.
[18]And when Dawiḏ had **finished** bringing burnt offerings and **peace** offerings, he **blessed** the people in the **Name** of ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ of hosts.
[19]And he apportioned to **all** the people, to **all** the crowd of Yisra'ĕl, from man even to women, to each one a loaf of bread and a measure and a cake of raisins. And **all** the people left, each one to his house.
[20]And Dawiḏ returned to **bless** his household and Miḵal the daughter of Sha'ul came out to meet Dawiḏ and said, "***How*** esteemed was the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl today, uncovering himself today *in the eyes* of the female servants of his servants, as one of the ***foolish*** ones shamelessly uncovers himself!"
[21]So Dawiḏ said to Miḵal, "Before ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ, who **chose** me instead of your father and **all** his house, to **appoint** me ruler over the people of ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ, over Yisra'ĕl, so I danced before ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ.

22"And I ***shall*** **be** even more s**light** than this and ***shall*** **be** humble in my own eyes. ***But*** as for the female servants of whom you have **spoken** , by them I am esteemed."
23And Miḳal the daughter of Sha'ul had no children to the **day of** her *death.*

7 And it came to be when the sovereign was dwelling in his house and ֵיהוָה had **given** him rest from **all** his enemies **all** around,
2that the sovereign said to Nathan the **prophet,** "**See now**, I am dwelling in a house of cedar, but the ark of **Elohim** dwells within curtains."
3And Nathan said to the sovereign, "Go, do **all** that is in your **heart,** for ֵיהוָה is with you."
4And it came to be that night that the **Word** of ֵיהוָה came to Nathan, saying,
5"Go and say to **My** servant Dawiḏ, 'Thus said ֵיהוָה, "Would you build a house for **Me** to dwell in?
6"For I have not dwelt in a house since the **time** that I brought the children of Yisra'ĕl up from Mitsrayim, even to this day, but have moved about in a **Tent** and in a **Dwelling Place.**
7"Wherever I have walked with **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl, have I ever **spoken** a **word** to anyone from the tribes of Yisra'ĕl, whom I **commanded** to shepherd **My people** Yisra'ĕl, saying, '***Why*** have you not built **Me** a house of cedar?' " '
8"And **now**, say to **My** servant Dawiḏ, 'Thus said ֵיהוָה of hosts, "I took you from the pasture, from **following** the flock, to be ruler over **My people**, over **Yisra'**ĕl.
9"And I have been with you wherever you have gone and have *cut off* **all** your enemies from before you and have made you a **great** name, like the name of the **great** ones who are on the earth.
10"And I ***shall*** **appoint** a place for **My people Yisra'**ĕl and ***shall*** plant them and they ***shall*** dwell in a place of their own and no longer be *afraid*, neither ***shall*** the children of *wickedness oppress* them again, as at the **first,**
11even from the day I **appointed** rulers over **My people** Yisra'ĕl and have **caused** you to rest from **all** your enemies. And ֵיהוָה has **declared** to you that **He** would make you a house.
12"***When*** your days are filled and you rest with your fathers, I ***shall*** **raise** up your seed after you, who **comes** from your inward parts and ***shall*** **establish** his reign.
13"He does build a house for **My Name** and **I *shall*** **establish** the throne of his **reign forever**.
14"**I am** to be his **Father** and he is **My** son. ***If*** he does perversely, I ***shall*** **reprove** him with the **rod** of men and with the blows of the sons of men.
15"***But*** **My kindness** *does not* turn aside from him, as I turned it aside from Sha'ul, whom I removed from before you.
16"And your house and your **reign** are to be steadfast **forever** before you – your throne is **established forever**." ' "
17According to **all** these **words** and **according** to **all** this **vision,** so Nathan spoke to Dawiḏ.
18And Sovereign Dawiḏ went in and sat before ֵיהוָה and he said, "***Who*** am I, O **Master** ֵיהוָה? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far?
19"And yet this was a small matter in **Your** eyes, O **Master** ֵיהוָה. And You have also **spoken** of **Your** servant's house for a **great** while to come. And is this the **teaching** of man, O **Master** ֵיהוָה?
20"And what more does Dawiḏ say to You? For **You, Master** ֵיהוָה, **know Your** servant.
21"**Because** of **Your word and according** to **Your** own **heart, You** have done **all** this greatness, to make it **known** to **Your** servant.
22"You are **great** indeed, O **Master** ֵיהוָה. For there is none like **You** and there is no **Elohim** but **You, according** to **all** that we have **heard** with our **ears.**
23"And who is like **Your people**,

like **Yisra'ĕl**, the **one nation** on the earth whom **Elohim** went to **redeem** for **Himself** as a people, to make for **Himself** a **Name** and to do for **You** greatness and **awesome deeds** for **Your** land before **Your people**, whom **You redeemed** for **Yourself** from Mitsrayim, from the nations and their *mighty ones*?

24"And **You** have **established** for **Yourself Your people Yisra'ĕl** as **Your** own people **forever** and **You,** ꓤYHWH, have become their **Elohim**.

25"And **now**, O ꓤYHWH **Elohim**, the **word** which **You** have **spoken** concerning **Your** servant and concerning his house, **establish** it **forever** and do as **You** have said.

26"And let/permit **Your Name** be made **great forever**, saying, 'ꓤYHWH of hosts is the **Elohim** over **Yisra'ĕl**.' And let the house of **Your** servant Dawiḏ be **established** before **You.**

27"For **You,** O ꓤYHWH of hosts, the **Elohim** of **Yisra'ĕl**, have **revealed** this to **Your** servant, saying, 'I build you a house.' Therefore **Your** servant has taken **heart** to pray this prayer to **You.**

28"And **now**, O **Master** ꓤYHWH, **You** are **Elohim** and **Your words** are **true** and **You** have **spoken** this **goodness** to **Your** servant.

29"And **now**, be pleased to **bless** the house of **Your** servant, to be before **You, forever**. For **You,** O **Master** ꓤYHWH, have **spoken** it and with **Your blessing** let the house of **Your** servant be **blessed forever**."

8 And after this it came to be that Dawiḏ *smote* the Philistines and hum bled them. And Dawiḏ took the bridle of the mother city out of the **hand** of the Philistines.

2**He** also *smote* Mo'aḇ and measured them off with a line, causing them to *lie* down on the earth. With two lines he measured off those to be put to *death* and with one **complete** line those to be kept **alive.** And the Mo'aḇites became Dawiḏ's servants and brought presents.

3Dawiḏ also *smote* Haḏaḏezer son of Reḥoḇ, sovereign of Tsoḇah, as he went to restore his **rule** at the River Euphrates.

4And Dawiḏ captured from him one thousand and seven hundred horsemen and twenty thousand foot soldiers. And Dawiḏ ***destroyed*** **all** the chariots, but he left of them a hundred chariots.

5And the Arameans of Damascus came to help Haḏaḏezer sovereign of Tsoḇah and Dawiḏ *smote* twenty-two thousand of the Arameans.

6***Then*** Dawiḏ put watch-posts in Aram of Damascus. And the Arameans became Dawiḏ's servants and brought presents. ꓤYHWH **saved** Dawiḏ wherever he went.

7And Dawiḏ took the shields of gold which were on the servants of Haḏaḏezer and brought them to Yerushalayim.

8And from Betaḥ and from Bĕrothai, cities of Haḏaḏezer, Sovereign Dawiḏ took **very** much bronze.

9And To'i sovereign of Ḥamath **heard** that Dawiḏ had *smitten* **all** the army of Haḏaḏezer,

10so To'i **sent** Yoram his son to Sovereign Dawiḏ, to **ask peace** of him and **bless** him, **because** he had fought *against* Haḏaḏezer and *smote* him, for Haḏaḏezer had battles with To'i. And *Yoram* brought with him objects of silver, gold and of bronze.

11Sovereign Dawiḏ also set these apart to ꓤYHWH, along with the silver and gold that he had set-apart from **all** the nations which he had humbled:

12from Aram and from Mo'aḇ and from the children of Ammon and from the Philistines and from Amalĕq and from the spoil of Haḏaḏezer son of Reḥoḇ, sovereign of Tsoḇah.

13And Dawiḏ made a name *for himself* when he returned from smiting eighteen thousand Arameans in the Valley of Salt.

14And he put watch-posts in Eḏom. Throughout **all** Eḏom he put watch-posts and **all** the Eḏomites became Dawiḏ's servants. And ꓤYHWH **saved** Dawiḏ wherever he went.

15And Dawiḏ reigned over **all** Yisra'ĕl and Dawiḏ was doing **right-ruling** and

righteousness to **all** his people.
16And Yo'aḇ son of Tseruyah was over the army and Yehoshaphat son of Aḥiluḏ was recorder,
17and Tsaḏoq son of Aḥituḇ and Aḥimelek̲ son of Eḇyathar were the priests and Serayah was the scribe,
18and Benayahu son of Yehoyaḏa was over both the Kerĕthites and the Pelĕthites and Dawiḏ's sons were priests.

9 And Dawiḏ said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Sha'ul, that I might **show** him **kindness**, **because** of Yehonathan?"
2And the house of Sha'ul had a servant whose name was Tsiḇa. And they had called him to Dawiḏ and the sovereign said to him, "Are you Tsiḇa?" And he said, "**Your** servant!"
3And the sovereign said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Sha'ul, so that I **show** him the **kindness** of **Elohim**?" And Tsiḇa said to the sovereign, "There is still a son of Yehonathan, *lame* in his feet."
4So the sovereign said to him, "Where is he?" And Tsiḇa said to the sovereign, "**See,** he is in the house of Maḵir son of Ammi'ĕl, in Lo Ḏeḇar."
5And Sovereign Dawiḏ **sent** and brought him out of the house of Maḵir son of Ammi'ĕl, from Lo Ḏeḇar.
6And Mephiḇosheth son of Yehonathan, son of Sha'ul, came to Dawiḏ and fell on his face and did obeisance. And Dawiḏ said, "Mephiḇosheth!" And he answered, "Here is your servant!"
7Dawiḏ then said to him, "***Do** not* **fear,** for I ***shall*** certainly **show** you **kindness** **because** of Yehonathan your father and ***shall*** **return** to you **all** the land of Sha'ul your grandfather and let you eat **bread** at my table continually."
8And he bowed himself and said, "***What*** is your servant, that you should turn to such a *dead* ***dog*** as I?"
9And the sovereign called Tsiḇa servant of Sha'ul and said to him, "I have **given** to your master's son **all** that belonged to Sha'ul and to **all** his house.
10"And you and your sons and your servants, ***shall*** **work** the land for him and you ***shall*** bring in *its yield* and your master's son ***shall*** have food to eat. ***But*** let Mephiḇosheth your master's son eat **bread** at my table always." And Tsiḇa had fifteen sons and twenty servants.
11And Tsiḇa said to the sovereign, "According to **all** that my master the sovereign has **commanded** his servant, so your servant does." "As for Mephiḇosheth," said the sovereign, "he ***shall*** eat at my table as one of the sons of the sovereign."
12And Mephiḇosheth had a young son whose name was Miḵa. And **all** who dwelt in the house of Tsiḇa were servants of Mephiḇosheth.
13And Mephiḇosheth was dwelling in Yerushalayim, for he ate continually at the sovereign's table. And he was *lame* in both his feet.

10 After this it came to be that the sovereign of the children of Ammon died and Ḥanun his son reigned in his place.
2And Dawiḏ said, "**Let** me **show** **kindness** to Ḥanun son of Naḥash, as his father showed **kindness** to me." So Dawiḏ **sent** by the **hand** of his servants to comfort him concerning his father. And when Dawiḏ's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon,
3the chiefs of the children of Ammon said to Ḥanun their master, "Is Dawiḏ esteeming your father in your eyes in that he has **sent** comforters to you? Has Dawiḏ not rather **sent** his servants to you to **search** the city and to spy it out and to *overthrow* it?"
4So Ḥanun took Dawiḏ's servants and shaved off half of their beards and *cut off* their garments in the middle, as far as their buttocks and **sent** them away.
5And they informed Dawiḏ and he **sent** to meet them, **because** the men were greatly ashamed. And the sovereign

said, "Wait at Yeriḥo until your beards have grown and then return."
[6]And when the children of Ammon **saw** that they had become a *stench* to Dawiḏ, the children of Ammon **sent** and hired Arameans of Bĕyth Reḥoḇ and Arameans of Tsoḇa, twenty thousand foot soldiers and the sovereign of Ma'aḵah, one thousand men and men of Toḇ, twelve thousand men.
[7]And Dawiḏ **heard** and **sent** Yo'aḇ and the entire army, the mighty men.
[8]And the children of Ammon came out and put themselves in battle array at the entrance of the gate. And the Arameans of Tsoḇa and Reḥoḇ and men of Toḇ and Ma'aḵah were by themselves in the field.
[9]And Yo'aḇ **saw** that the battle line was *against* him before and behind and he **chose** out of **all** the **chosen** men of Yisra'ĕl and put them in battle array *against* the Arameans.
[10]And the rest of the people he gave under the **hand** of Aḇishai his brother and he put them in battle array *against* the children of Ammon.
[11]And he said, "***If*** the Arameans are too **strong** for me, then you ***shall*** help me. ***But*** if the children of Ammon are too **strong** for you, then I ***shall*** **come** and help you.
[12]"Be **strong** and let us **show strength** for our people and for the cities of our **Elohim** and let/permit יהוה **do** what is **good** in **His** eyes."
[13]And Yo'aḇ drew near and the people with him, to battle *against* Aram and they fled before him.
[14]And when the children of Ammon **saw** that the Arameans were fleeing, they also fled before Aḇishai and went into the city. And Yo'aḇ returned from the children of Ammon and came to Yerushalayim.
[15]And Aram **saw** that they were *smitten* before Yisra'ĕl and they gathered together,
[16]and Haḏaḏezer **sent** and brought out the Arameans who were beyond the River and they came to Ḥĕlam. And Shoḇaḵ the commander of the army of Haḏaḏezer went before them.
[17]And it was reported to Dawiḏ and he gathered **all** Yisra'ĕl and passed over the Yarděn and came to Ḥĕlam. And Aram set themselves in battle array *against* Dawiḏ and they fought with him.
[18]And Aram fled before Yisra'ĕl and Dawiḏ slew seven hundred charioteers and forty thousand horsemen of Aram and he *smote* Shoḇaḵ, commander of their army, who died there.
[19]And **all** the sovereigns, the servants of Haḏaḏezer, **saw** that they were *smitten* by Yisra'ĕl and made **peace** with Yisra'ĕl and **served** them. And the Arameans were *afraid* to help the children of Ammon any more.

11 And it came to be at the turn of the year, at the **time** sovereigns go out *to battle*, that Dawiḏ **sent** Yo'aḇ and his servants with him and **all** Yisra'ĕl and they ***destroyed*** the children of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. ***But*** Dawiḏ remained at Yerushalayim.
[2]And it came to be, at **evening time,** that Dawiḏ rose up from his bed and walked about on the roof of the sovereign's house. And from the roof he **saw** a woman bathing and the woman was **very good** to look at.
[3]And Dawiḏ **sent** and asked about the woman and one said, "Is this not Bathsheḇa, the daughter of Eliyam, the wife of Uriyah the Ḥittite?"
[4]And Dawiḏ **sent** messengers, to fetch her. And she came to him and he lay with her – for she was **cleansing** herself from her *uncleanness* – and she returned to her house.
[5]And the woman conceived and **sent** and informed Dawiḏ and said, "I am pregnant."
[6]***Then*** Dawiḏ **sent** to Yo'aḇ, "Send Uriyah the Ḥittite to me." And Yo'aḇ **sent** Uriyah to Dawiḏ.
[7]And Uriyah came to him and Dawiḏ asked how Yo'aḇ was doing and how the people were doing and how the *fighting* was going.

[8]And Dawiḏ said to Uriyah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." And Uriyah went out from the sovereign's house and a gift from the sovereign **followed** him.
[9]***But*** Uriyah lay down at the **door** of the sovereign's house with **all** the servants of his master and *did not* go down to his house.
[10]And they informed Dawiḏ, saying, "Uriyah *did not* go down to his house," So Dawiḏ said to Uriyah, "Did you not **come** from a journey? ***Why*** did you not go down to your house?"
[11]And Uriyah said to Dawiḏ, "The ark and Yisra'ĕl and Yahuḏah are dwelling in booths and my master Yo'aḇ and the servants of my master are encamped in the **open** fields. And I, should I go to my house to eat and to drink and to *lie* with my wife? As you **live** and as your being lives, let me not do this."
[12]And Dawiḏ said to Uriyah, "Remain here today also and **tomorrow** I let you go." So Uriyah remained in Yerushalayim, that day and the next.
[13]And Dawiḏ called him and he ate and drank before him and he made him drunk. And at **evening** he went out to *lie* on his bed with the servants of his master, but he *did not* go down to his house.
[14]And it came to be in the morning that Dawiḏ **wrote** a letter to Yo'aḇ and **sent** it by the **hand** of Uriyah.
[15]And he **wrote** in the letter, saying, "Set Uriyah in the front of the heaviest battle and you ***shall turn*** away from him and he ***shall*** **be** *smitten* and ***shall*** *die.*"
[16]And it came to be, as Yo'aḇ watched the city, that he **appointed** Uriyah to the place where he **knew** there were brave men.
[17]And the men of the city came out and fought with Yo'aḇ. And some of the people of the servants of Dawiḏ fell. And Uriyah the Ḥittite also *died.*
[18]And Yo'aḇ **sent** and reported to Dawiḏ **all** the events of the battle,
[19]and **commanded** the messenger, saying, "***When*** you have **finished** reporting **all** the events of the battle to the sovereign,
[20]then it ***shall*** **be,** if the sovereign's *wrath* rises and he says to you, '***Why*** did you go so **near** to the city when you fought? Did you not **know** that they would shoot from the wall?
[21]' ***Who*** *smote* Aḇimeleḵ the son of Yerubbesheth? Was it not a woman who threw an upper millstone on him from the wall, so that he died in Thĕḇĕts? ***Why*** did you go **near** the wall?' ***Then*** you ***shall*** say, '**Your** servant Uriyah the Ḥittite is also *dead.*' "
[22]And the messenger went and came and reported to Dawiḏ **all** with which Yo'aḇ had **sent** him.
[23]And the messenger said to Dawiḏ, "The men have been mighty *against* us and came out to us in the field, but we drove them back as far as the entrance of the gate.
[24]"And the archers shot from the wall at your servants. And some of the sovereign's servants are *dead,* and your servant Uriyah the Ḥittite is also *dead.*"
[25]And Dawiḏ said to the messenger, "Say to Yo'aḇ, '***Do*** *not* let this matter be *evil* in your eyes, for the *sword* devours one as well as another. Strengthen your attack *against* the city and *overthrow* it.' And **encourage** him."
[26]And the wife of Uriyah **heard** that Uriyah her husband was *dead,* and she lamented for her husband.
[27]And when her *mourning* was over, Dawiḏ **sent** and brought her to his house and she became his wife and bore him a son. ***But*** the **deed** that Dawiḏ had done was *evil in the eyes* of ꓤꓔꓤꓩ.

12 ***Then*** ꓤꓔꓤꓩ **sent** Nathan to Dawiḏ. And he came to him and said to him, "There were two men in one city, one rich and the other *poor*.
[2]"The rich one had flocks and herds, **very** many.
[3]"***But*** the *poor* one had only one *little* ewe **lamb** which he had bought and kept **alive.** And it grew up with him and with his children together.

It ate of his own food and drank from his own **cup** and lay in his bosom. And it was like a daughter to him.

4"'And a traveller came to the rich man, who *refused* to take from his own flock and from his own herd to **prepare** one for the wayfaring man who had **come to** him, but he took the *poor* man's **lamb** and prepared it for the man who had **come** to him."

5And the *wrath* of Dawiḏ *burned* greatly *against* the man and he said to Nathan, "**As** יהוה **lives**, the man who has done this is a son of death!

6"'Also, he has to **repay** four-fold for the lamb, **because** he did this **deed** and **because** he had no **compassion**."

7***Then*** Nathan said to Dawiḏ, "You are the man! Thus said יהוה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, 'I **anointed** you sovereign over Yisra'ĕl and I **delivered** you from the **hand** of Sha'ul.

8'I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your bosom and gave you the house of Yisra'ĕl and Yahuḏah. And if that were not enough, I also would have **given** you much more!

9'***Why*** have you *despised* the **Word** of יהוה to do *evil* in **His** eyes? You have *killed* Uriyah the Ḥittite with the *sword* and his wife you took to be your wife and you have *killed* him with the *sword* of the children of Ammon.

10'And **now**, the *sword does not* turn aside from your house, **because** you have *despised* **Me** and have taken the wife of Uriyah the Ḥittite to be your wife.'

11"'Thus said יהוה, 'See, I am raising up *evil against* you, from your own house and ***shall*** take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbour and he ***shall*** *lie* with your wives in the **sight** of this sun.

12'For you did it in secret, but I ***shall*** do this **deed** before **all** Yisra'ĕl and before the sun.' "

13And Dawiḏ said to Nathan, "I have *sinned against* יהוה." And Nathan said to Dawiḏ, "Also, יהוה has put away your *sin,* you ***shall*** not *die.*

14"'However, **because** by this **deed** you have greatly *scorned* יהוה, the child also who is born to you ***shall*** certainly *die.*"

15And Nathan went to his house and יהוה *smote* the child that Uriyah's wife had born to Dawiḏ and he was *sick,*

16And Dawiḏ sought **Ĕlohim** for the child and Dawiḏ fasted and went in and spent **all** night *lying* on the ground.

17So the elders of his house stood up over him, to **raise** him up from the earth. ***But*** he would not, *nor did* he eat food with them.

18And on the **seventh day** it came to be that the child *died.* And the servants of Dawiḏ were *afraid* to inform him that the child was *dead,* for they said, "Look, while the child was still **alive,** we spoke to him and he *would not* **listen** to our **voice**. And how do we say to him that the child is dead? ***Then*** he ***shall*** do *evil*!"

19And Dawiḏ **saw** that his servants were whispering and Dawiḏ perceived that the child was *dead.* ***Then*** Dawiḏ said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" And they said, "He is *dead.*"

20Dawiḏ then rose up from the ground and washed and **anointed** himself and *changed* his garments. And he went into the House of יהוה and bowed himself, then came to his own house and asked and they set food before him, so he ate.

21And his servants said to him, "***What*** is this that you have done? You fasted and wept **because** of the **living** child, but when the child died, you rose up and ate food."

22And he said, "While the child was **alive** I fasted and wept, for I said, '***Who*** **knows** whether יהוה shows **favour** unto me and the child ***shall*** live?'

23"***But*** **now** he is *dead,* why should I fast? Am I able to bring him back again? I am going to him, but he *does not* **return** to me."

24And Dawiḏ comforted Bathsheba his wife and went in to her and lay with her. So she bore a son and he called his name

Shelomoh. And ꓤꓴꓤꓩ **loved** him,
[25]and **sent** by the **hand** of Nathan the **prophet** and called his name Yedi̲di̲yah, **because** of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ.
[26]And Yo'ab̲ fought *against* Rabbah of the children of Ammon and captured the royal city.
[27]And Yo'ab̲ **sent** messengers to Dawi̲d̲ and said, "I have fought *against* Rabbah and I have captured the city's water supply.
[28]"And **now**, **gather** the rest of the people **together** and encamp *against* the city and capture it, lest I capture the city and it be called after my name."
[29]And Dawi̲d̲ gathered **all** the people and went to Rabbah and fought *against* it and captured it.
[30]He took their sovereign's crown from his head. And its weight was a talent of gold, with **precious** stones and it was on Dawi̲d̲'s head. And he brought out the spoil of the city, a **very great** amount.
[31]And he brought out the people who were in it and set them to the **saw** and to sharp instruments of iron and to axes of iron and made them pass over to the brick works. And so he did with **all** the cities of the children of Ammon. And Dawi̲d̲ and **all** the people returned to Yerushalayim.

13 And after this it came to be that Ab̲shalom son of Dawi̲d̲ had a lovely sister, whose name was Tamar and Amnon son of Dawi̲d̲ **loved** her.
[2]And Amnon was *distressed*, even to become *sick,* **because** of his sister Tamar – for she was a maiden – and it was hard *in the eyes* of Amnon to do ***whatever*** to her.
[3]And Amnon had a friend whose name was Yonad̲ab̲ son of Shim'ah, Dawi̲d̲'s brother. **Now** Yonad̲ab̲ was a **very wise** man.
[4]And he said to him, "***Why*** are you, the sovereign's son, becoming thinner day after day? Explain it to me." And Amnon said to him, "I **love** Tamar, my brother Ab̲shalom's sister."
[5]And Yonad̲ab̲ said to him, "Lie down on your bed and *pretend* to be *sick* and when your father **comes** to **see** you, say to him, 'Please let my sister Tamar **come** and give me food and make the food before my eyes so that I **see** it and eat it from her **hand.**' "
[6]So Amnon lay down and *pretended* to be *sick* and when the sovereign came to **see** him, Amnon said to the sovereign, "Please let Tamar my sister **come** and make a couple of cakes for me before my eyes, so that I eat from her **hand.**"
[7]And Dawi̲d̲ **sent** to Tamar, to the house, saying, "Please go to the house of your brother Amnon and make food for him."
[8]So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house, while he was *lying* down. And she took dough and kneaded it and made cakes before his eyes and baked the cakes.
[9]And she took the pan and turned them out before him, but he *refused* to eat. And Amnon said, "Make everyone go away from me." And they **all** went out from him.
[10]And Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring the **food** into the bedroom, that I eat from your **hand.**" And Tamar took the cakes which she had made and brought them to Amnon her brother in the bedroom.
[11]And she brought them to him to eat and he took hold of her and said to her, **"Come,** *lie* with me, my sister."
[12]And she answered him, "No, my brother, *do not humble* me, for it is not done so in Yisra'ěl. ***Do*** *not* do this *wickedness*!
[13]"And I, where could I take my shame? And you – you would be like one of the ***fools*** in Yisra'ěl. And **now**, please **speak** to the sovereign, for he *would not* withhold me from you."
[14]***But*** he *would not* **listen** to her **voice** and being stronger than she, he humbled her and lay with her.
[15]Amnon then *hated* her exceedingly, so that the hatred with which he *hated* her was greater than the **love** with which he had **loved** her. And Amnon said to her, "Arise, go!"

16And she said to him, "No, for this *evil* of sending me away is worse than the other you have done to me." ***But*** he *would not* **listen** to her.
17And he called his young man serving him and said, "**Now** put this one out, away from me and bolt the **door** behind her."
18And she had on a long coat, for the sovereign's maiden daughters wore such garments. And his servant put her out and bolted the **door** behind her.
19And Tamar put ashes on her head and tore her long coat that was on her and put her **hand** on her head and went away crying *bitterly*.
20And Aḇshalom her brother said to her, "Has Amnon your brother been with you? ***But*** **now**, keep silent, my sister. **He** is your brother, *do not* take this matter to **heart.**" So Tamar remained in the house of her brother Aḇshalom, but was *ruined*.
21And Sovereign Dawiḏ **heard all** these reports and he was **very** *wroth*.
22And Aḇshalom spoke to his brother Amnon neither **good** nor *evil*. For Aḇshalom *hated* Amnon, **because** he had *humbled* his sister Tamar.
23And it came to be, after two years, that Aḇshalom had sheep-shearers in Ba'al Ḥatsor, which is beside Ephrayim and Aḇshalom invited **all** the sons of the sovereign.
24And Aḇshalom came to the sovereign and said, "**See,** your servant has sheepshearers. Please, let the sovereign and his servants go with your servant."
25***But*** the sovereign said to Aḇshalom, "No, my son, let us not **all** go **now**, lest we be too *heavy* on you." And he urged him, but he *would not* go. And he **blessed** him.
26And Aḇshalom said, "***If*** not, please let my brother Amnon go with us." And the sovereign said to him, "***Why*** should he go with you?"
27And Aḇshalom urged him, so he let Amnon and **all** the sons of the sovereign go with him.
28And Aḇshalom had **commanded** his servants, saying, "**Watch** and when the **heart** of Amnon is **glad** with **wine** and I ***shall*** say to you, 'Smite Amnon!' then *kill* him. ***Do*** *not* be *afraid*. Have I not **commanded** you? Be **strong** and brave."
29***Then*** the servants of Aḇshalom did to Amnon as Aḇshalom had **commanded**. ***Then*** **all** the sons of the sovereign rose up and each one mounted his mule and fled.
30And it came to be, while they were on the **way,** that news came to Dawiḏ, saying, "Aḇshalom has *smitten* **all** the sons of the sovereign and not one of them is left!"
31And the sovereign rose up and tore his garments and lay on the ground and **all** his servants stood by with their garments torn.
32And Yonaḏaḇ son of Shim'ah, Dawiḏ's brother, answered and said, "***Do*** *not* let my master say they have *killed* **all** the young men, the sons of the sovereign, for only Amnon is *dead.* For by the **command** of Aḇshalom this has been **appointed** from the day that he humbled his sister Tamar.
33"And **now**, let not my master the sovereign take the matter to his **heart,** to *think* that **all** the sons of the sovereign are *dead.* For only Amnon is *dead.*"
34And Aḇshalom fled and the young man who was watching lifted up his eyes and **looked** and **saw** many people were **coming** from the **way** behind him, on the side of the hill.
35***Then*** Yonaḏaḇ said to the sovereign, "Look, the sons of the sovereign are **coming**; as your servant said, so it is."
36And it came to be, as soon as he had **finished** speaking, that look, the sons of the sovereign came and they lifted up their **voice** and wept. And the sovereign too and **all** his servants wept **very** *bitterly*.
37***But*** Aḇshalom fled and went to Talmai son of Ammihuḏ, sovereign of Geshur. And Dawiḏ mourned for his son **all** the days.
38So Aḇshalom fled and went to Geshur and was there three years.
39Sovereign Dawiḏ then longed to go

to Aḇshalom, for he had been comforted concerning Amnon, **because** he was *dead.*

14 And Yo'aḇ son of Tseruyah **knew** that the **heart** of the sovereign was towards Aḇshalom.

2 And Yo'aḇ **sent** to Teqowa and brought from there a **wise** woman and said to her, "Please pretend to be a mourner and put on *mourning* garments and *do not* **anoint** yourself with oil, but act like a woman who has been *mourning* a long **time** for the *dead.*

3 "***Then*** you ***shall*** go to the sovereign and **speak** to him **according** to this **word.**" And Yo'aḇ put the **words** in her **mouth.**

4 And when the woman of Teqowa spoke to the sovereign, she fell on her face to the ground and did obeisance and said, "Save, O sovereign!"

5 And the sovereign said to her, "***What*** is your trouble?" And she answered, "**Truly** I am a widow, my husband is *dead.*

6 "And your female servant had two sons. And the two fought with each other in the field and there was no one to part them, but the one *smote* the other and *killed* him.

7 "And **see,** the entire clan has risen up *against* your female servant and said, 'Give him who *smote* his brother, so that we put him to *death* for the **life** of his brother whom he *killed* and *destroy* the **heir** also.' Thus they would extinguish my *burning* coal that is left and leave to my husband neither name nor **remnant** on the earth."

8 And the sovereign said to the woman, "Go to your house and let me give orders concerning you."

9 And the woman of Teqowa said to the sovereign, "My master, O sovereign, let the *crookedness* be on me and on my father's house and the sovereign and his throne be **guiltless**."

10 And the sovereign said, "***Whoever*** speaks to you, bring him to me and let him no longer touch you."

11 And she said, "Please let the sovereign ***remember*** יהוה your **Elohim** and the redeemer of **blood** not *destroy* any more, lest they *destroy* my son." And he said, "**As** יהוה **lives**, not one hair of your son ***shall fall*** to the ground."

12 And the woman said, "Please, let your female servant **speak** a **word** to my master the sovereign." And he said, **"Speak**."

13 And the woman said, "And why have you reasoned like this *against* the people of **Elohim**? For in speaking this **word** the sovereign is as one who is *guilty*, in that the sovereign *does not* bring his outcast one home again.

14 "For we ***shall*** certainly *die* and become like water spilled on the ground, which is not gathered up again. Yet **Elohim** *does not* take away a **life**, but ***shall*** devise ways, so that **His** outcast ones are not *cast* out from **Him.**

15 "And **now** I have **come to speak** this **word** to my master the sovereign **because** the people have made me *afraid*. And your female servant said, 'Please let me **speak** to the sovereign, it could be that the sovereign does what his female servant asks,

16 for the sovereign has **listened** to **deliver** his female servant from the **hand** of the man **seeking** to *destroy* me and my son **together** from the **inheritance** of **Elohim**.'

17 "***Then*** your female servant said, 'Please let the **word** of my master the sovereign be comforting, for my master the sovereign is as the messenger of **Elohim**, in **discerning** the **good** and the *evil*. And יהוה your **Elohim** is with you.' "

18 And the sovereign answered and said to the woman, "Please *do not* hide from me the matter that I am **asking** you." And the woman said, "Please, let my master the sovereign speak."

19 And the sovereign said, "Is the **hand** of Yo'aḇ with you in **all** this?" And the woman answered and said, "As your

being lives, my master the sovereign, no one *turns* to the **right** or to the left from **all** that my master the sovereign has **spoken** . For your servant Yo'aḇ **commanded** me and he put **all** these **words** in the **mouth** of your female servant.

[20]"**Your** servant Yo'aḇ has done this to *change* the appearance of the matter. ***But*** my master is **wise, according** to the **wisdom** of a messenger of **Elohim**, **to know all** that is in the earth."

[21]And the sovereign said to Yo'aḇ, "See **now**, you ***shall*** do this matter. And go, bring back the young man Aḇshalom."

[22]And Yo'aḇ fell to the ground on his face and did obeisance and **blessed** the sovereign. And Yo'aḇ said, "Today your servant **knows** that I have **found favour** in your eyes, my master, O sovereign, in that the sovereign has done the **word** of his servant."

[23]And Yo'aḇ rose up and went to Geshur and brought Aḇshalom to Yerushalayim.

[24]And the sovereign said, "**Let** him **return** to his own house, but *do not* let him **see** my face." And Aḇshalom went to his own house and *did not* **see** the sovereign's face.

[25]And in **all** Yisra'ĕl there was no one who was p**raised** as much as Aḇshalom for his **good** looks. From the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.

[26]And when he *cut* the hair of his head – for it was at **every** year's end that he *cut* it **because** it was *heavy* on him – when he *cut* it, he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred sheqels by the sovereign's weight.

[27]And to Aḇshalom were born three sons and one daughter whose name was Tamar. She was a woman of fair appearance.

[28]And Aḇshalom dwelt in Yerushalayim, two years and he had not **seen** the sovereign's face.

[29]***Then*** Aḇshalom **sent** for Yo'aḇ, to send him to the sovereign, but he *would not* **come to** him. And he **sent** again the second **time,** but he *would not* come.

[30]And he said to his servants, "**See,** Yo'aḇ's field is **near** mine and he has barley there. Go and set it on *fire*." And Aḇshalom's servants set the field on *fire*.

[31]***Then*** Yo'aḇ rose up and came to the house of Aḇshalom and said to him, "***Why*** have your servants set my field on *fire*?"

[32]And Aḇshalom said to Yo'aḇ, "Look, I **sent** to you, saying, **'Come** here, so that I send you to the sovereign, to say, "***Why*** have I **come** from Geshur? It was **good** for me while I was there." ' And **now**, let me **see** the sovereign's face. And if there is any *crookedness* in me, then you ***shall*** put me to *death*."

[33]Yo'aḇ then went to the sovereign and informed him. And he called for Aḇshalom and he came to the sovereign and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the sovereign. ***Then*** the sovereign kissed Aḇshalom.

15 And it came to be after this that Aḇshalom prepared a chariot and horses for himself and fifty men to run before him.

[2]And Aḇshalom used to rise early and **stand** beside the **way** to the gate. And it came to be, whenever anyone who had a complaint came to the sovereign for a right-ruling, that Aḇshalom would **call** to him and say, "***What*** city are you from?" And when he said, "**Your** servant is from such and such a tribe of Yisra'ĕl,"

[3]Aḇshalom would say to him, "Look, your matters are **good** and right, but you have nobody from the sovereign to **hear** you."

[4]And Aḇshalom would say, "Oh, that I were made **judge** in the land and everyone who has any complaint or case would **come to** me and I ***shall*** let **right** be done to him."

[5]And it came to be, whenever anyone came **near** him to bow down to him, that he would put out his **hand** and take him and kiss him.

[6]And Aḇshalom did this to **all** Yisra'ĕl who came to the sovereign for right-ruling. And Aḇshalom stole the **hearts** of the men of Yisra'ĕl.

[7]And it came to be at **the end** of four years that Aḇshalom said to the sovereign, "Please, let me go to Ḥeḇron and pay the vow which I vowed to יהוה.

[8]"For your servant vowed a vow while I dwelt at Geshur in Aram, saying, '***If*** יהוה indeed brings me back to Yerushalayim, then I ***shall*** **serve** יהוה.' "

[9]And the sovereign said to him, "Go in peace." And he rose up and went to Ḥeḇron.

[10]***But*** Aḇshalom **sent** spies throughout **all** the tribes of Yisra'ĕl, saying, "As soon as you **hear** the sound of the ram's horn, then you ***shall*** say, 'Aḇshalom is sovereign in Ḥeḇron!' "

[11]And with Aḇshalom went two hundred men from Yerushalayim who were invited and they went along unsuspectingly and *did not* **know** the matter at **all.**

[12]Aḇshalom also **sent** for Aḥithophel the Giloniteֿ, counsellor of Dawiḏ, from his city, from Giloh, while he was bringing offerings. And it came to be that the ***conspiracy*** became **strong,** for the people with Aḇshalom kept increasing.

[13]***Then*** a messenger came to Dawiḏ, saying, "The **hearts** of the men of Yisra'ĕl are with Aḇshalom."

[14]And Dawiḏ said to **all** his servants who were with him at Yerushalayim, "Rise up and let us ***flee,*** for none of us ***shall*** **escape** from Aḇshalom. Go in haste, lest he overtake us **quickly** and bring *evil* upon us and *smite* the city with the edge of the *sword.*"

[15]And the sovereign's servants said to the sovereign, "Look, your servants ***shall*** *do* **according** to **all** my master the sovereign **chooses**."

[16]And the sovereign went out and **all** his household at his feet. ***But*** the sovereign left ten women, concubines, to look after the house.

[17]So the sovereign went out and **all** the people at his feet and they stood still at the **last** house.

[18]And **all** his servants were passing on at his side. And **all** the Kerĕthites and **all** the Pelĕthites and **all** the Gittites, six hundred men who had **followed** him from Gath, were passing on before the sovereign.

[19]And the sovereign said to Ittai the Gittite, "***Why*** do you go, you also, with us? Turn back and remain with the sovereign, for you are a foreigner and also an exile from your own place.

[20]"You came yesterday and should I today make you *wander* up and down with us, when I am going wherever I am going? **Return** and take your brothers back. Kindness and **truth** be with you."

[21]And Ittai answered the sovereign and said, "As יהוה lives and as my master the sovereign lives, in ***whatever*** place my master the sovereign is, whether in *death* or **life**, let your servant also be there."

[22]Therefore Dawiḏ said to Ittai, "Go and pass over." And Ittai the Gittite and **all** his men and **all** the *little* ones who were with him passed over.

[23]And **all** the land was *weeping* with a loud **voice** and **all** the people were passing over. And the sovereign himself was passing over the wadi Qiḏron and **all** the people were passing over toward the **way** of the wilderness.

[24]And **see,** Tsaḏoq also *came* and **all** the Lĕwites with him, bearing the ark of the **covenant** of **Elohim**. And they set down the ark of **Elohim** and Ebyathar went up until **all** the people **completed** passing over from the city.

[25]And the sovereign said to Tsaḏoq, "Take the ark of **Elohim** back to the city. ***If*** I find **favour** *in the eyes* of יהוה, then **He** ***shall*** bring me back and **show** me both it and **His** dwelling.

[26]"***But*** if **He** says thus, 'I have not **delighted** in you,' here I am, let **Him** do to me as *seems* **good** in **His** eyes."

[27]And the sovereign said to Tsaḏoq the priest, "Are you not a seer? **Return** to

the city in peace and your two sons with you, Aḥima'ats your son and Yehonathan son of Ḗbyathar.
28"**See,** I am waiting in the desert plains of the wilderness until **word comes** from you to inform me."
29And Tsadoq and Ebyathar took the ark of **Elohim** back to Yerushalayim and they remained there.
30And Dawid went up by the ascent of the Mount of Olives and wept as he went up. And he had his head covered and went barefoot. And **all** the people who were with him covered their heads and went up, *weeping* as they went up.
31And Dawid was informed, saying, "Aḥithophel is among the conspirators with Abshalom." And Dawid said, "O ꓎YHWH, I pray **You,** make the counsel of Aḥithophel foolish!"
32And it came to be that Dawid came to the summit, where he bowed himself before **Elohim** and **saw** Ḥushai the Arkite, **coming** to meet him with his **robe** *torn* and dust on his head.
33And Dawid said to him, "***If*** you pass on with me, then you ***shall*** become a *burden* to me,
34but if you **return** to the city and say to Abshalom, **'I am** your servant, O sovereign, once a servant of your father, but **now** I am your servant,' then you ***shall*** nullify the counsel of Aḥithophel for me.
35"And are not Tsadoq and Ebyathar the priests with you there? And it ***shall*** **be** that **every** matter you **hear** from the sovereign's house, you should report to Tsadoq and Ebyathar the priests.
36"**See,** there with them are their two sons, Aḥima'ats, Tsadoq's son and Yehonathan, Ebyathar's son. And by them you ***shall*** send me **every** matter you **hear.**"
37And Ḥushai, Dawid's friend, went into the city. And Abshalom came into Yerushalayim.

16 And Dawid had passed on a *little* from the summit and **saw** Tsiba the servant of Mephibosheth, who met him with a couple of saddled donkeys and on them two hundred loaves and one hundred cakes of raisins and one hundred summer **fruit** and a skin of **wine**.
2And the sovereign said to Tsiba, "***Why*** do you have these?" And Tsiba said, "The donkeys are for the sovereign's household to ride on and the **bread** and summer **fruit** for the young men to eat and the **wine** for the wearied to drink in the wilderness."
3And the sovereign said, "And where is the son of your **Master?**" And Tsiba said to the sovereign, "**See,** he remains in Yerushalayim, for he said, 'Today the house of Yisra'ĕl is going to **return** the **reign** of my father to me.' "
4And the sovereign said to Tsiba, "**See, all** that belongs to Mephibosheth is yours." And Tsiba said, "I have bowed myself, let me find **favour** in your eyes, my master, O sovereign!"
5And when Sovereign Dawid came to Baḥurim he **saw** a man from the clan of the house of Sha'ul, whose name was Shim'i son of Gĕra, **coming** from there. **He** came out, cursing as he came.
6And he threw Dawid with stones and **all** the servants of Sovereign Dawid. And **all** the people and **all** the mighty men were on his **right** and on his left.
7And this is what Shim'i said as he *cursed*, "Get out! Get out! O man of **blood** and man of Beliya'al!
8"꓎YHWH has brought upon you **all** the **blood** of the house of Sha'ul, in whose place you have reigned. And ꓎YHWH has **given** the **reign** into the **hand** of Abshalom your son. And **see,** you are in your own *evil*, for you are a man of blood!"
9And Abishai son of Tseruyah said to the sovereign, "***Why*** should this *dead* dog *curse* my master the sovereign? Please, let me pass over and take off his head!"
10The sovereign said, "***What*** have I to do with you, you sons of Tseruyah? For let him *curse,* even **<u>because</u>** ꓎YHWH has

said to him, '*Curse* Dawiḏ.' And who should say, '***Why*** did you do that?' "
[11]And Dawiḏ said to Aḇishai and **all** his servants, "See how my son who came from my own body seeks my **life** and how much more **now** this Binyamite? Leave him alone and let him *curse,* for יהוה has **spoken** to him.
[12]"***If*** so be, יהוה does look on my *affliction* and יהוה ***shall*** **return good** to me for his *cursing* today."
[13]And as Dawiḏ and his men went in the **way,** Shim'ī walked alongside him on the hillside and *cursed* as he went and threw stones at him and kicked up dust.
[14]And the sovereign and **all** the people who were with him became *weary* and they refreshed themselves there.
[15]And Aḇshalom and **all** the people, the men of Yisra'ĕl, came to Yerushalayim and Aḥithophel was with him.
[16]And it came to be, when Ḥushai the Arkite, the friend of Dawiḏ, had **come to** Aḇshalom, that Ḥushai said to Aḇshalom, "**Let** the sovereign live! **Let** the sovereign live!"
[17]And Aḇshalom said to Ḥushai, "Is this your **kindness** to your friend? ***Why*** did you not go with your friend?"
[18]And Ḥushai said to Aḇshalom, "No, I am for the one whom יהוה and this people and **all** the men of Yisra'ĕl have **chosen** and with him I remain.
[19]"And besides, whom should I serve? ***Should*** it not be before his son? As I have **served** before your father, so I am before you."
[20]And Aḇshalom said to Aḥithophel, "Give your advice. ***What*** should we do?"
[21]And Aḥithophel said to Aḇshalom, "Go in to your father's concubines, whom he has left to look after the house. And **all** Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** **hear** that you have made yourself a *stench* to your father. And the hands of **all** who are with you ***shall*** **be** strong."
[22]So they pitched a tent for Aḇshalom on the top of the house and Aḇshalom went in to his father's concubines before the eyes of **all** Yisra'ĕl.
[23]**Now** the advice Aḥithophel gave in those days was as if one had **inquired** at the **Word** of **Elohim**. So was **all** the advice of Aḥithophel both to Dawiḏ and to Aḇshalom.

17 And Aḥithophel said to Aḇshalom, "Please let me choose twelve thousand men and let me arise and pursue Dawiḏ tonight,
[2]and **come** upon him while he is *weary* and weak. And I ***shall*** make him *afraid* and **all** the people who are with him ***shall flee.*** And I ***shall*** *smite* the sovereign alone,
[3]and bring back **all** the people to you. ***When*** **all return** ***except*** the man whom you seek, **all** the people should be at peace."
[4]And the saying pleased Aḇshalom and **all** the elders of Yisra'ĕl.
[5]***But*** Aḇshalom said, "**Now call** Ḥushai the Arkite also and let us **hear** what he says too."
[6]And Ḥushai came to Aḇshalom and Aḇshalom spoke to him, saying,
"Aḥithophel has **spoken according** to this **word.** ***Should*** we do as he says? ***If*** not, **speak** up."
[7]And Ḥushai said to Aḇshalom, "The advice that Aḥithophel has **given** is not **good** at this **time.** "
[8]And Ḥushai said, "You **know** your father and his men, that they are mighty men and they are as *bitter* in being as a bear robbed of her cubs in the field. And your father is a man of battle and *would not* spend the night with the people.
[9]"**See,** by **now** he is *hidden* in some pit, or in some place. And it ***shall*** **be,** when some of them *fall* at the **first,** that ***whoever*** **hears** it ***shall*** say, 'There has been a slaughter among the people who are **following** Aḇshalom.'
[10]"And even he who is brave, whose **heart** is like the **heart** of a lion, would *utterly* melt. For **all** Yisra'ĕl **knows** that your father is a mighty man and those who are with him are brave men.
[11]"***But*** I advise: **Let all** Yisra'ĕl without fail be gathered to you, from Dan to

Be'ěrsheḇa, as numerous as the sand by the sea and that you yourself go to battle.
12"And we ***shall*** **come** upon him in some place where he is found and *fall* on him as the dew falls on the ground. And there ***shall*** **be** left of him and of **all** the men with him not even one.
13"And if he withdraws into a city, then **all** Yisra'ěl ***shall*** bring ropes to that city. And we ***shall*** pull it into the wadi, until there is not one small stone **found** there."
14Aḇshalom and **all** the men of Yisra'ěl then said, "The advice of Ḥushai the Arkite is better than the advice of Aḥithophel." For יהוה had ordained to nullify the **good** advice of Aḥithophel, for the sake of יהוה bringing *evil* upon Aḇshalom.
15Ḥushai then said to Tsaḏoq and to Eḇyathar the priests, "Aḥithophel has advised Aḇshalom and the elders of Yisra'ěl such and such, but I have advised so and so.
16"And **now**, send hastily and inform Dawiḏ, saying, '***Do*** *not* spend this night in the desert plains of the wilderness, but pass over without fail, lest the sovereign and **all** the people with him be swallowed up.' "
17And Yehonathan and Aḥima'ats were stationed at Ěn Roḡěl and a female servant would **come** and inform them and they would go and inform Sovereign Dawiḏ, for they *could not* be **seen** *entering* the city.
18***But*** a youth **saw** them and informed Aḇshalom. So the two of them went away at once and came to a man's house in Baḥurim, who had a well in his courtyard and they went down into it.
19And the woman took and spread a covering over the well's **mouth** and spread ground grain on it, so the matter was not **known**.
20And the servants of Aḇshalom came to the woman at the house and said, "Where are Aḥima'ats and Yehonathan?" And the woman said to them, "They have passed over the stream of water." And they **looked** and *did not* find them and returned to Yerushalayim.
21And it came to be, after they had left, that they came up out of the well and went and informed Sovereign Dawiḏ and said to Dawiḏ, "**Arise** and pass over the water **quickly**. For thus Aḥithophel has advised *against* you."
22And Dawiḏ and **all** the people who were with him rose up and passed over the Yarděn. And by morning **light** not even one remained who had not gone over the Yarděn.
23And Aḥithophel **saw** that his advice was not **followed**, so he saddled his donkey and rose up and went home to his house, to his city. ***Then*** he gave charge to his house and *hanged* himself and *died.* And he was buried in his father's tomb.
24And Dawiḏ came to Maḥanayim. And Aḇshalom passed over the Yarděn, he and **all** the men of Yisra'ěl with him.
25And Aḇshalom **appointed** Amasa over the army instead of Yo'aḇ. **Now** Amasa was the son of a man whose name was Yithra, an Yisra'ělite, who had gone in to Aḇiḡayil the daughter of Naḥash, sister of Tseruyah, Yo'aḇ's mother.
26And Yisra'ěl and Aḇshalom encamped in the land of Gil'aḏ.
27And it came to be, when Dawiḏ had **come to** Maḥanayim, that Shoḇi son of Naḥash from Rabbah of the children of Ammon and Maḵir son of Ammi'ěl from Lo Ḏeḇar and Barzillai the Gil'aḏite from Roḡelim,
28brought beds and basins, earthen vessels and wheat, barley and flour and roasted *grain* and beans, lentils and parched *vegetables*,
29and honey and curds and sheep and cheese of the herd, for Dawiḏ and the people who were with him to eat. For they said, "The people are *hungry* and *weary* and *thirsty* in the wilderness."

18 And Dawiḏ mustered the people who were with him and set commanders of thousands and commanders of

hundreds over them.
[2]And Dawiḏ **sent** out one third of the people under the **hand** of Yo'aḇ and one third under the **hand** of Aḇishaiy son of Tseruyah, Yo'aḇ's brother and one third under the **hand** of Ittai the Gittite. And the sovereign said to the people, "I ***shall*** certainly go out with you too."
[3]***But*** the people answered, "***Do*** *not* go out, for if we ***flee*** away, they *would not* set **heart** upon us. Even if half of us *die,* they *would not* set **heart** upon us. For **now**, ten thousand are like us. Therefore, it is better for you to support us from the city."
[4]And the sovereign said to them, "That which is **good** in your eyes I do." And the sovereign stood beside the gate and **all** the people went out by hundreds and by thousands.
[5]And the sovereign ordered Yo'aḇ and Aḇishaiy and Ittai, saying, "Be gentle with the young man Aḇshalom for my sake." And **all** the people **heard** when the sovereign gave **all** the commanders orders concerning Aḇshalom.
[6]So the people went out into the field to meet Yisra'ĕl. And the battle was in the forest of Ephrayim,
[7]and the people of Yisra'ĕl were *smitten* there before the servants of Dawiḏ. And the slaughter there that day was **great** – twenty thousand.
[8]And the battle there was *scattered* over the face of **all** the land and the forest *devoured* more people that day than the *sword devoured*.
[9]And when Aḇshalom met the servants of Dawiḏ, Aḇshalom was riding on a mule and the mule went under the thick branches of a **great** terebinth *tree* and his head ***caught*** in the terebinth. And he was suspended between the heavens and earth while the mule which was under him passed on.
[10]And a certain man **saw** it and informed Yo'aḇ and said, "Look, I **saw** Aḇshalom *hanging* in a terebinth *tree!*"
[11]And Yo'aḇ said to the man who informed him, "**Now** look, you **saw** and why did you not *smite* him to the earth there? ***Then*** I would have **given** you ten pieces of silver and a belt."
[12]***But*** the man answered Yo'aḇ, "Though I were to receive a thousand pieces of silver in my **hand,** I *would not* **raise** my **hand** *against* the son of the sovereign. **Because** in our **hearing** the sovereign ordered you and Aḇishaiy and Ittai, saying, 'Take **heed**, you who go *against* the youth, *against* Aḇshalom!'
[13]"Otherwise I would have been un**true** to my own **life**. For no matter is *hidden* from the sovereign and you yourself would have set yourself *against* me."
[14]And Yo'aḇ said, "**Let** me not *waste* **time** here with you." And he took three spears in his **hand** and ***thrust*** them through Aḇshalom's **heart,** while he was still **alive** in the **midst** of the terebinth *tree.*
[15]And ten young men who bore Yo'aḇ's armour went around and *smote* Aḇshalom and put him to *death.*
[16]And Yo'aḇ blew the ram's horn and the people returned from pursuing Yisra'ĕl, for Yo'aḇ had held the people back.
[17]And they took Aḇshalom and threw him into a large pit in the forest and heaped a **very** large pile of stones over him. And **all** Yisra'ĕl fled, each one to his tent.
[18]And Aḇshalom in his **life**time had taken and set up a monument for himself, which is in the Sovereign's Valley. For he said, "I have no son to keep my name in **remembrance**." And he called the monument after his own name. And to this day it is called Aḇshalom's Monument.
[19]And Aḥima'ats son of Tsaḏoq said, "Please let me run and take the news to the sovereign, for יהוה has avenged him of his enemies."
[20]***But*** Yo'aḇ said to him, "You are not the man to take the news today, but you ***shall*** take the news another day. ***But*** today *you do not* take news, **because** the sovereign's son is *dead.*"
[21]And Yo'aḇ said to the Kushite, "Go, inform the sovereign what you have **seen.**" And the Kushite bowed himself to

Yo'aḇ and ran.
22And Aḥima'ats son of Tsaḏoq said again to Yo'aḇ, "And ***whatever*** might be, please let me also run after the Kushite." And Yo'aḇ said, "***Why*** would you run, my son, there is no news to bring you reward."
23"And ***whatever*** might be," *he said*, "let me run." So he said to him, "Run." And Aḥima'ats ran by the **way** of the plain and passed the Kushite.
24**Now** Dawiḏ was sitting between the two gates. And the watchman went up to the roof over the gate, to the wall and lifted his eyes and **looked** and **saw** a man, running alone.
25So the watchman called out and told the sovereign. And the sovereign said, "***If*** he is alone, there is news in his **mouth.**" And he came nearer and nearer.
26And the watchman **saw** another man running and the watchman called out to the gatekeeper and said, "**See,** a man, running by himself!" And the sovereign said, "This one is also bringing news."
27And the watchman said, "I **see** the running of the **first** is like the running of Aḥima'ats son of Tsaḏoq." And the sovereign said, "This is a **good** man and he **comes** with good news."
28And Aḥima'ats called out and said to the sovereign, "Peace!" ***Then*** he bowed down with his face to the earth before the sovereign and said, **"Blessed** be ꓤYHWH your **Elohim**, who has surrendered the men who **raised** their **hand** *against* my master the sovereign!"
29And the sovereign said, "Peace to the young man, to Aḇshalom?" And Aḥima'ats answered, "***When*** Yo'aḇ **sent** the sovereign's servant and me your servant, I **saw** a **great** crowd, but I *did not* **know** why."
30And the sovereign said, "Turn aside and **stand** here." And he turned aside and stood still.
31And **see,** the Kushite came and the Kushite said, "Receive news, my master the sovereign! For ꓤYHWH has avenged you this **day of all** those who rose *against* you."
32And the sovereign said to the Kushite, "Peace to the young man, to Aḇshalom?" And the Kushite answered, "**Let** the enemies of my master the sovereign and **all** who rise *against* you for *evil*, be as that young man is!"
33And the sovereign was shaken and went up to the room over the gate and wept. And as he went, he said this, "O my son Aḇshalom! My son, my son Aḇshalom, if only I had died instead of you! O Aḇshalom my son, my son!"

19 And it was reported to Yo'aḇ, "**See,** the sovereign is *weeping* and *mourning* for Aḇshalom."
2So the **deliverance** that day was turned into *mourning* for **all** the people. For the people **heard** on that day, saying, "The sovereign has been *grieved* for his son."
3And the people stole back into the city that day, as people who are *ashamed* steal away when they ***flee*** in battle.
4And the sovereign covered his face, and the sovereign *cried out* with a loud **voice**, "O my son Aḇshalom! O Aḇshalom, my son, my son!"
5And Yo'aḇ came into the house to the sovereign and said, "Today you have put to *shame* **all** your servants who today have **saved** your **life** and the lives of your sons and daughters and the lives of your wives and the lives of your concubines,
6by **loving** those who *hate* you and by hating those who **love** you. For you have made it clear today that you have neither commanders nor servants, for today I **know** that if Aḇshalom had lived and **all** of us had died today, then it would be **right** in your eyes.
7"**Now**, arise, go out and **speak** to the **heart** of your servants, for I swear by ꓤYHWH, if *you do not* go out, not one passes the night with you. That is worse for you than **all** the *evil* that has **come** upon you from your youth until *now.*"
8So the sovereign rose up and sat in the gate. And they told **all** the people,

saying, "Look, the sovereign is sitting in the gate." And **all** the people came before the sovereign. As for Yisra'ěl, they had fled, each one to his tent.

[9]And it came to be, that **all** the people were contending throughout **all** the tribes of Yisra'ěl, saying, "The sovereign **delivered** us from the **hand** of the enemies, he rescued us from the **hand** of the Philistines and **now** he has fled from the land **because** of Aḇshalom,

[10]and Aḇshalom, whom we **anointed** over us, has died in battle. And **now**, why are you *silent* about bringing back the sovereign?"

[11]And Sovereign Dawiḏ **sent** to Tsaḏoq and Eḇyathar the priests, saying, **"Speak** to the elders of Yahuḏah, saying, '***Why*** are you the **last** to bring the sovereign back to his house, since the **words** of **all** Yisra'ěl have **come to** the sovereign, to his house?

[12]'You are my brothers, you are my bone and my *flesh*. ***Why*** then are you the **last** to bring back the sovereign?'

[13]"And say to Amasa, 'Are you not my bone and my flesh? **Elohim** do so to me and more also, if you are not commander of the army before me **all** the days in place of Yo'aḇ.' "

[14]Thus he swayed the **hearts** of **all** the men of Yahuḏah as one man, so that they **sent** to the sovereign, *saying* "**Return,** you and **all** your servants!"

[15]So the sovereign returned and came to the Yarděn. And Yahuḏah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the sovereign, to bring the sovereign over the Yarděn.

[16]And Shim'i son of Gěra, a Binyamite, who was from Baḥurim, hastened and came down with the men of Yahuḏah to meet Sovereign Dawiḏ.

[17]And with him were a thousand men of Binyamin and Tsiḇa the servant of the house of Sha'ul and his fifteen sons, and his twenty servants with him. And they rushed over the Yarděn before the sovereign.

[18]And they passed over the ford to bring over the sovereign's household and to do what was **good** in his eyes. And Shim'i son of Gěra fell down before the sovereign when he had passed over the Yarděn,

[19]and said to the sovereign, "***Do*** *not* let my master reckon *crookedness* to me, neither ***remember*** what ***wrong*** your servant did on the day that my master the sovereign left Yerushalayim, that the sovereign should take it to **heart.**

[20]"For I, your servant, **know** that I have *sinned*. And **see,** I have **come to**day, **first** of **all** the house of Yosěph, to go down to meet my master the sovereign."

[21]***But*** Aḇishai son of Tseruyah answered and said, "***Should*** Shim'i not be put to *death* for this, **because** he *cursed* the **anointed** of יהוה?"

[22]And Dawiḏ said, "***What*** have I to do with you, you sons of Tseruyah, that you are to be adversaries to me today? ***Should*** any man be put to *death* in Yisra'ěl today? For do I not **know** that I am sovereign over Yisra'ěl today?"

[23]So the sovereign said to Shim'i, "You *do not die*." And the sovereign **swore** to him.

[24]And Mephiḇosheth son of Sha'ul came down to meet the sovereign. And he had not attended to his feet, nor trimmed his moustache, nor washed his garments, from the day the sovereign went away until the day he came back in peace.

[25]And it came to be, when he had **come to** Yerushalayim to meet the sovereign, that the sovereign said to him, "***Why*** did you not go with me, Mephiḇosheth?"

[26]And he answered, "My master, O sovereign, my servant ***deceived*** me. For your servant said, **'I am** saddling a donkey for myself to ride on it and go to the sovereign,' **because** your servant is lame.

[27]"And he spoke *slander against* your servant to my master the sovereign, but my master the sovereign is as a messenger of **Elohim**. Therefore do what is **good** in your eyes.

[28]"For **all** of my father's house were but *dead* men before my master the sovereign. Yet you set your servant among those who eat at your own table.

Therefore what **right** have I still to cry out any more to the sovereign?"
[29]***Then*** the sovereign said to him, "***Why*** do you **speak** any more of your matters? I have said, 'You and Tsiḇa share the land.' "
[30]And Mephiḇosheth said to the sovereign, "Rather, let him take it **all,** since my master the sovereign has **come back** in **peace** to his own house."
[31]And Barzillai the Gil'aḏite came down from Roğelim and passed over the Yarděn with the sovereign, to send him on his **way** over the Yarděn.
[32]And Barzillai was a **very** aged man, eighty years old. And he had sustained the sovereign while he was dwelling at Maḥanayim, for he was a **very** rich man.
[33]And the sovereign said to Barzillai, "Pass over with me and I ***shall*** provide for you with me in Yerushalayim."
[34]***But*** Barzillai said to the sovereign, "***How*** many are the days of my **life**, that I should go up with the sovereign to Yerushalayim?
[35]"I am **now** eighty years old. ***Do*** I *discern* between the **good** and *evil*? Does your servant taste what I eat or what I drink? ***Do*** I still **hear** the **voice** of singing men and singing women? ***Why*** then should your servant be a further *burden* to my master the sovereign?
[36]"Your servant would only pass over the Yarděn with the sovereign for a short distance. And why should the sovereign **repay** me with such a reward?
[37]"Please let your servant **turn back** again to *die* in my own city, **near** the buryingplace of my father and mother. ***But*** here is your servant Kimham, let him pass over with my master the sovereign and do for him what is **good** in your eyes."
[38]And the sovereign answered, "Kimham is passing over with me and let me do for him what is **good** in your eyes. **Now** ***whatever*** you choose of me, I do for you."
[39]***Then*** **all** the people went over the Yarděn. And when the sovereign had passed over, the sovereign kissed Barzillai and **blessed** him and he returned to his own place.
[40]And the sovereign passed over to Gilgal and Kimham passed over with him. And **all** the people of Yahuḏah brought the sovereign over and also half the people of Yisra'ěl.
[41]And **see, all** the men of Yisra'ěl were **coming** to the sovereign! And they said to the sovereign, "***Why*** have our brothers, the men of Yahuḏah, *stolen* you away and brought the sovereign and his household and **all** Dawiḏ's men with him over the Yarděn?"
[42]And **all** the men of Yahuḏah answered the men of Yisra'ěl, "**Because** the sovereign is our relative. And why are you *displeased* over this matter? Have we at **all** eaten at the sovereign's cost? Or has he **given** us any gift?"
[43]And the men of Yisra'ěl answered the men of Yahuḏah and said, "We have ten parts in the sovereign and in Dawiḏ too, we have more than you. ***Why*** then did you *despise* us? Was it not our advice **first** to bring back our sovereign?" ***But*** the **words** of the men of Yahuḏah were harsher than the **words** of the men of Yisra'ěl.

20 And there came to be a man of Beliya'al, whose name was Sheḇa son of Biḵri, a Binyamite. And he blew a ram's horn and said, "We have no part in Dawiḏ, nor do we have **inheritance** in the son of Yishai – each one to his tents, O Yisra'ěl!"
[2]***Then*** **all** the men of Yisra'ěl deserted Dawiḏ, to **follow** Sheḇa the son of Biḵri. ***But*** the men of Yahuḏah, from the Yarděn as far as Yerushalayim, *clung* to their sovereign.
[3]And Dawiḏ came to his house at Yerushalayim. And the sovereign took the ten women, his concubines whom he had left to look after the house and put them in a **protected** house and supported them, but *did not* go in to them. So they were shut up to the **day of** their *death,* **living** in widowhood.

[4]And the sovereign said to Amasa, "Call the men of Yahuḏah for me within three days and be present here yourself."
[5]And Amasa went to **call** the men of Yahuḏah. ***But*** he delayed longer than the **appointed time** which Dawiḏ had **appointed** him.
[6]And Dawiḏ said to Aḇishai, "**Now** Sheḇa son of Biḵri is going to do us more *evil* than Aḇshalom. Take the servants of your master and pursue him, lest he find for himself walled cities and **escape** us."
[7]***Then*** the men of Yo'aḇ went out after him, with the Kerěthites and the Pelěthites and **all** the mighty men. And they went out of Yerushalayim to pursue Sheḇa son of Biḵri.
[8]***When*** they were **near** the large stone which is in Giḇ'on, Amasa came before them. And Yo'aḇ was dressed in battle armour and on it was a girdle with a *sword* fastened in its sheath at his hips. And as he went forward, it fell out.
[9]And Yo'aḇ said to Amasa, "Peace, my brother?" And Yo'aḇ took Amasa by the beard with his **right hand** to kiss him.
[10]***But*** Amasa was not on **guard** *against* the *sword* in Yo'aḇ's **hand.** And he *struck* him with it in the stomach and his inward parts **poured out** on the ground and he *did not strike* him again and he *died.* ***Then*** Yo'aḇ and Aḇishai his brother pursued Sheḇa son of Biḵri.
[11]And a man, one of Yo'aḇ's men, stood beside him and said, "***Whoever*** is well pleased with Yo'aḇ and ***whoever*** is for Dawiḏ, let him **follow** Yo'aḇ!"
[12]And Amasa was rolling in his **blood** in the middle of the highway. And the man **saw** that **all** the people stood still, so he moved Amasa from the highway to the field and threw a garment over him, when he **saw** that everyone who came upon him halted.
[13]***When*** he was removed from the highway, **all** the men passed on after Yo'aḇ to pursue Sheḇa son of Biḵri.
[14]And he passed over through **all** the tribes of Yisra'ěl to Aḇěl and to Běyth Ma'aḵah and to **all** the Bĕrites. And they were **assembled** and went after him too.
[15]And they went and besieged him in Aḇěl of Bĕyth Ma'aḵah and they *cast* up a siege mound *against* the city. And it stood in a rampart and **all** the people who were with Yo'aḇ battered the wall to *throw* it down.
[16]***Then*** a **wise** woman called out from the city, "**Listen**, **listen**! Please say to Yo'aḇ, **'Come** nearby, so that I **speak** to you.'"
[17]And he came **near** to her and the woman said, "Are you Yo'aḇ?" And he answered, "I am." ***Then*** she said to him, "**Listen** to the **words** of your female servant." And he answered, "I am **listening.**"
[18]***Then*** she spoke, saying, "In former times they often spoke, saying, '**Let** them **inquire** of Aḇěl,' and so they ended *the* matter.
[19]"I am of the **peaceable** and **trustworthy** ones in Yisra'ěl. You **seek** to *destroy* a city and a mother in Yisra'ěl. ***Why*** do you *swallow* up the **inheritance** of יהוה?"
[20]And Yo'aḇ answered and said, "Far be it, far be it from me to *swallow* up or to *destroy*!
[21]"That is not the case. ***But*** a man from the mountains of Ephrayim, Sheḇa son of Biḵri by name, has **raised** his **hand** *against* the sovereign, *against* Dawiḏ. Hand him over, him alone and I withdraw from the city." And the woman said to Yo'aḇ, "Look, his head is going to be *thrown* to you over the wall."
[22]So the woman in her **wisdom** went to all the people. And they *cut off* the head of Sheḇa son of Biḵri and threw it out to Yo'aḇ. ***Then*** he blew a ram's horn and they *dispersed* from the city, each one to his tent. And Yo'aḇ returned to the sovereign at Yerushalayim.
[23]**Now** Yo'aḇ was over **all** the army of Yisra'ěl and Benayah son of Yehoyaḏa was over the Kerěthites and the Pelěthites,
[24]and Aḏoram was over the compulsory labour and Yehoshaphat son of Aḥiluḏ was recorder,

[25]and Shewa was scribe and Tsaḏoq and Eḇyathar were the priests,
[26]and Ira the Ya'irite was priest to Dawiḏ.

21 And there was a *scarcity of food* in the days of Dawiḏ for three years, year after year. And Dawiḏ sought the face of ꓤYHWH and ꓤYHWH answered, "**Because** of Sha'ul and his bloodthirsty house, **because** he *killed* the Giḇ'onites."
[2]The sovereign therefore called the Giḇ'onites and spoke to them. **Now** the Giḇ'onites were not of the children of Yisra'ĕl, but of the **remnant** of the Amorites. And the children of Yisra'ĕl had sworn protection to them, but Sha'ul had sought to *kill* them in his **ardour** for the children of Yisra'ĕl and Yahuḏah.
[3]So Dawiḏ said to the Giḇ'onites, "***What*** should I do for you? And with what do I make atonement, so that you **bless** the **inheritance** of ꓤYHWH?"
[4]And the Giḇ'onites said to him, "It is no matter of silver or gold between us and Sha'ul, or his house, neither is it for us to put to *death* any man in Yisra'ĕl." And he said, "***What*ever** you say I do for you."
[5]And they said to the sovereign, "The man who *consumed* us and *plotted* <u>*against*</u> us, that we should be ***destroyed*** from remaining in **all** the border of Yisra'ĕl,
[6]let seven men of his sons be **given** to us and we ***shall*** *hang* them before ꓤYHWH in Giḇ'ah of Sha'ul, whom ꓤYHWH **chose.**" And the sovereign said, "I give them."
[7]***But*** the sovereign spared Mephiḇosheth son of Yehonathan, son of Sha'ul, **because** of the **oath** of ꓤYHWH that was between them, between Dawiḏ and Yehonathan son of Sha'ul.
[8]And the sovereign took the two sons of Ritspah the daughter of Ayah, whom she bore to Sha'ul: Armoni and *the other* Mephiḇosheth and the five sons of Miḵal the daughter of Sha'ul, whom she brought up for Aḏri'ĕl the son of Barzillai, the Meḥolathite,
[9]and gave them into the hands of the Giḇ'onites and they *hanged* them on the hill before ꓤYHWH. So the seven fell together and were put to *death* in the days of harvest, in the **first** days, in the beginning of barley harvest.
[10]And Ritspah the daughter of Ayah took sackcloth and spread it for herself on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until the late rains poured on them from the **heavens.** And she *did not* allow the birds of the heavens to rest on them by day nor the beasts of the field by night.
[11]And Dawiḏ was informed what Ritspah the daughter of Ayah, the concubine of Sha'ul, had done.
[12]And Dawiḏ went and took the bones of Sha'ul and the bones of Yehonathan his son, from the men of Yaḇĕsh Gil'aḏ who had *stolen* them from the street of Bĕyth Shan, where the Philistines had hung them up, after the Philistines had *struck* down Sha'ul in Gilboa.
[13]And he brought up the bones of Sha'ul and the bones of Yehonathan his son from there and they gathered the bones of those who had been hanged,
[14]and buried the bones of Sha'ul and Yehonathan his son in the land of Binyamin in Tsela, in the tomb of Qish his father and did **all** that the sovereign **commanded**. And after that **Elohim heard** prayer for the land.
[15]And the Philistines were again *fighting* <u>*against*</u> Yisra'ĕl, so Dawiḏ and his servants with him went down and fought <u>*against*</u> the Philistines. And Dawiḏ was *weary*,
[16]and Yishbo-Benoḇ – who was one of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose bronze spear was three hundred pieces, who was bearing a new *sword* – spoke of *killing* Dawiḏ.
[17]***But*** Aḇishai son of Tseruyah came to help him and *smote* the Philistine and *killed* him. ***Then*** Dawiḏ's men **swore** to him, saying, "***Do*** *not* go out with us to battle any more, lest you put out the **lamp** of Yisra'ĕl."

[18]And it came to be afterward, that there was a battle again with the Philistines at Gob. ***Then*** Sibbekai the Hushathite *smote* Saph, who was one of the sons of the giant.
[19]And there was a battle with the Philistines again at Gob, where Elhanan son of Ya'arĕy-Oregĭm the Bĕyth Lehemite *smote* Golyath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.
[20]And there was a battle in Gath again, where there was a man of **great** height, who had six fingers on each **hand** and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number. And he also was descended from the giants.
[21]And he reproached Yisra'ĕl and Yehonathan son of Shim'i, the brother of Dawid, *smote* him.
[22]These four were born to the giant in Gath and they fell by the **hand** of Dawid and by the **hand** of his servants.

22 ***Then*** Dawid spoke to ꓤꓴꓤꓩ the **words** of this song, on the day when ꓤꓴꓤꓩ had **delivered** him from the **hand** of **all** his enemies and from the **hand** of Sha'ul.
[2]And he said, "ꓤꓴꓤꓩ is my rock and
My stronghold and my deliverer.
[3]"My **Elohim** is my rock,
I take **refuge** in **Him,**
My shield and the horn of my **deliverance,**
My high tower and my refuge.
My Saviour,
You save me from *violence*.
[4]"I **call on** ꓤꓴꓤꓩ,
the **One** to be p**raised**,
And I am **saved** from my enemies.
[5]"For the waves of *death*
surrounded me,
Floods of Beliya'al made me *afraid*,
[6]"The cords of the grave
were **all** around me;
The *snares* of *death* were before me.
[7]"In my *distress* I called upon ꓤꓴꓤꓩ,
And to my **Elohim** I cried.
And from **His** Hĕkal **He heard**
my **voice**,
And my cry was in **His ears.**
[8]"And the earth *shook* and trembled,
The foundations of the heavens were *troubled,*
Because **He** was *wroth*.
[9]"Smoke went up from **His** nostrils,
And *devouring fire* from **His** mouth;
Coals were kindled by it.
[10]"And **He** bowed the heavens and came down,
And thick *darkness* was under **His** feet.
[11]"And **He** rode upon a kerub and flew,
And was **seen** upon the wings of the wind.
[12]"And **He** put *darkness* around **Him** as booths,
Darkness of waters, thick clouds.
[13]"From the brightness before **Him**
Coals of *fire* were kindled.
[14]"ꓤꓴꓤꓩ thundered from the heavens,
And the **Most High sent** forth **His voice**.
[15]"And **He sent** out arrows and *scattered* them,
Lightning and confused them.
[16]"And the channels of the sea were **seen,**
The foundations of the world were uncovered
At the ***rebuke*** of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ,
At the blast of the breath of **His** nostrils.
[17]"**He sent** from above,
He took me,
He drew me out of many waters.
[18]"**He delivered** me from
my **strong** enemy,
From those hating me,
For they were stronger than I .
[19]"They confronted me in
the **day of** my *calamity*,
But ꓤꓴꓤꓩ was my support.
[20]"And **He** brought me
out into a large place,
He delivered me
for **He delighted** in me.
[21]"ꓤꓴꓤꓩ **rewarded** me

according to my **righteousness**;
According to the **cleanness**
of my **hands He repaid** me.
22"For I have **guarded**
the **ways** of ꓤYHWH,
And have not *acted*
wrongly *against* my **Elohim**.
23"For **all His right-rulings**
are before me;
As for **His laws**,
I *do not* turn from them.
24"And I am **perfect** before **Him,**
And I **guard** myself
from my *crookedness*.
25"And ꓤYHWH **repays** me
according to my **righteousness**,
According to my **cleanness**
before **His** eyes.
26"With the **kind**
You show Yourself kind,
With the **perfect** one
You show Yourself perfect,
27"With the **clean**
You show Yourself clean,
And with the *crooked*
You show Yourself *twisted*.
28"For **You save** the humble people,
***But* Your** eyes
are on the *haughty* to bring them low.
29"For **You** are my **lamp**, O ꓤYHWH,
And ꓤYHWH makes my *darkness* **light**.
30"For with **You** I run *against* a band,
With my **Elohim** I leap over a wall.
31"The Ěl – **His way** is **perfect**;
The **Word** of ꓤYHWH is proven;
He is a shield to **all**
who take **refuge** in **Him.**
32"For who is Ěl, besides ꓤYHWH?
And who is a rock,
besides our **Elohim**?
33"Ěl is my mighty *stronghold,*
And **He** makes my **way perfect,**
34"Making my feet like the feet of deer,
And sets me on my *high places*,
35"**Teaching** my hands for battle,
So that my arms bend a bow of
bronze.
36"And **You** give me the shield
of **Your deliverance,**
And **Your** lowliness makes me great.
37"**You** enlarge my step under me,
So that my feet ***shall*** not slip.
38"I pursue my enemies and
destroy them,
And I *do not* **turn back**
til they are **destroyed**.
39"And I *destroy* them and *crush* them,
So that they *do not* rise,
And *fall* under my feet.
40"And **You** gird me
with strength for battle,
You cause my adversaries to bow
under me.
41"And **You** make my enemies
turn their backs,
Those hating me and I *cut* them off.
42"They look but there is no saviour,
Unto ꓤYHWH,
but **He *shall*** not answer them.
43"And I beat them as dust of the earth,
I beat them small as dirt in the streets.
I spread them out.
44"And **You deliver** me
from the strivings of my people,
You safeguard me
as the head of the nations;
A people I have not **known serve** me.
45"Sons of the foreigner submit to me,
As soon as they **hear** they **obey** me.
46"Sons of the foreigner fade away and
gird themselves from their
strongholds.
47"**ꓤYHWH lives**!
And blessed is my Rock!
And exalted is my Elohim,
The Rock of my deliverance,
48"Ěl who avenges me,
And bringing peoples down under me,
49"And bringing me out from my
enemies;
You raise me up above
those rising up *against* me;
You deliver me
from a man of *violence*.
50"Therefore I give **thanks** to **You,**
O ꓤYHWH, among nations,
And I sing **praise** to **Your Name**.
51"A tower of **deliverance**
is He to **His** sovereign,
And showing **kindness** to
His anointed,
To Dawiḏ and his **seed**, **forever**."

23 And these are the **last words** of Dawiḏ, the saying of Dawiḏ son of Yishai, the saying of the man **raised** up on high, the **anointed** of the **Elohim** of Ya'aqoḇ and the **sweet** singer of Yisra'ĕl:

2"The **Spirit** of יהוה has **spoken** through me,
And **His word** is on my tongue.
3"The **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl said,
The Rock of Yisra'ĕl spoke to me,
'**One** who **rules** over man **righteously**,
4"***Who*** rules in the **fear** of **Elohim**,
Is like the **light** of the morning when the sun rises,
A morning without clouds,
Tender grass from the earth
From sunshine, from rain.'
5"For is not my house so with Ěl?
For **He** has made an **everlasting covenant** with me,
Ordered in **all** matters and guarded.
For **all** my **deliverance** and **all** desire,
shall **He** not make it send forth a **Branch**?
6"***But*** the *worthless* are **all** as *thorns* ***thrust*** away,
For they are not taken with hands,
7"***But*** the man who *touches* them
Uses iron or the shaft of a spear,
And with *fire* they are *burned* up in *their* place."

8These are the names of the mighty men whom Dawiḏ had: Yoshĕḇ-Basshebeth the Taḥkemonite, chief among the officers, he was Aḏino the Etsnite, for eight hundred *slain* at one **time.**

9And after him was El'azar son of Doḏo, the Aḥohite, one of the three mighty men with Dawiḏ when they taunted the Philistines who were gathered there for battle and the men of Yisra'ĕl had gone up.

10He arose and *smote* the Philistines until his **hand** was *weary*, but his **hand** *clung* to the *sword,* so יהוה brought about a **great deliverance** that day. And the people returned after him only to plunder.

11And after him was Shammah son of Aḡĕ the Hararite.

And the Philistines had gathered into a company where there was a *plot* of ground covered with lentils and the people fled from the Philistines.

12***But*** he took his **stand** in the middle of the field and **delivered** it and *smote* the Philistines and יהוה wrought a **great deliverance**.

13And three of the thirty chief men went down at harvest **time** and came to Dawiḏ at the cave of Aḏullam, while the army of Philistines encamped in the Valley of Repha'im.

14And Dawiḏ was then in the *stronghold,* while a watch-post of the Philistines was then in Bĕyth Leḥem.

15And Dawiḏ longed and said, "Oh that someone would give me a drink of the water from the well of Bĕyth Leḥem, which is by the gate!"

16And the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines and drew water from the well of Bĕyth Leḥem that was by the gate and took it and brought it to Dawiḏ. ***But*** he *would not* drink it, but poured it out to יהוה.

17And he said, "Far be it from me, O יהוה, to do this – the **blood** of the men who went at the risk of their lives!" So he *would not* drink it. This is what the three mighty men did.

18And Aḇishai the brother of Yo'aḇ, son of Tseruyah, was chief of another three. And he lifted his spear *against* three hundred men whom he slew and had a name among these three.

19Was he not the most esteemed of three? And he became their commander, but he *did not* **come to** the **first** three.

20And Benayahu was the son of Yehoyaḏa, son of a brave man from Qaḇtse'ĕl, **great** in **deeds**. He *smote* two lion-like men of Mo'aḇ. And he went down and *smote* a lion in the **midst** of a pit on a snowy day.

21And he *smote* a Mitsrite, an impressive man. And the Mitsrite had a spear in his **hand,** so he went down to him with a staff, wrested the spear out of

the Mitsrite's **hand** and slew him with his own spear.
[22]This is what Benayahu son of Yehoyada did and had a name among three mighty men.
[23]He was more esteemed than the thirty, but he *did not* **come to** the **first** three. And Dawid set him over his guard.
[24]Asah'ěl the brother of Yo'ab was one of the thirty; Elḥanan son of Dodo of Bĕyth Leḥem,
[25]Shammah the Ḥarodite, Eliqa the Ḥarodite,
[26]Ḥelets the Paltite, Ira son of Iqqĕsh the Teqowite,
[27]Abi'ezer the Anethothite, Mebunnai the Ḥushathite,
[28]Tsalmon the Aḥoḥite, Maharai the Netophathite,
[29]Ḥĕleb son of Ba'anah the Netophathite, Ittai son of Ribai from Gib'ah of the children of Binyamin,
[30]Benayahu the Pirathonite, Hiddai from the wadis of Ga'ash,
[31]Abi-Albon the Arbathite, Azmaweth the Barḥumite,
[32]Elyaḥba the Sha'albonite of the sons of Yashĕn, Yehonathan,
[33]Shammah the Hararite, Aḥyam son of Sharar the Hararite,
[34]Eliphelet son of Aḥasbai, son of the Ma'akathite, Eliyam son of Aḥithophel the Gilonite,
[35]Ḥetsrai the Karmelite, Pa'arai the Arbite,
[36]Yigʼal son of Nathan of Tsobah, Bani the Gadite,
[37]Tseleq the Ammonite, Naḥarai the Be'ĕrothite, armour-bearer of Yo'ab son of Tseruyah,
[38]Ira the Yithrite, Garĕb the Yithrite,
[39]and Uriyah the Ḥittite – thirty-seven in **all.**

24 And again the *displeasure* of ꓤYHWH *burned against* Yisra'ĕl and moved Dawid *against* them to say, "Go, number Yisra'ĕl and Yahudah."
[2]And the sovereign said to Yo'ab the commander of the army who was with him, "Go please, throughout **all** the tribes of Yisra'ĕl, from Dan to Be'ĕrsheba and register the people, so that I **know** the number of the people."
[3]And Yo'ab said to the sovereign, "Even if ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** does add to the people a hundredfold more than there are and the eyes of my master the sovereign **see** it, but why does my master the sovereign **delight** in this matter?"
[4]However, the sovereign's **word** prevailed *against* Yo'ab and *against* the commanders of the army. And Yo'ab and the commanders of the army went out from the presence of the sovereign to register the people of Yisra'ĕl.
[5]And they passed over the Yarděn and camped in Aro'ĕr, on the **right** side of the town which is in the **midst** of the wadi of Gad and toward Ya'zĕr.
[6]***Then*** they came to Gil'ad and to the land of Taḥtim Ḥodshi and they came to Dan Ya'an and around to Tsidon.
[7]And they came to the stronghold of Tsor and to **all** the cities of the Ḥiwwites and the Kena'anites and went out to South Yahudah as far as Be'ĕrsheba.
[8]And when they had gone through **all** the land, they came to Yerushalayim at **the end** of nine months and twenty days.
[9]And Yo'ab gave the number of the registration of the people to the sovereign and there were in Yisra'ĕl eight hundred thousand brave men who drew the *sword* and the men of Yahudah were five hundred thousand men.
[10]And the **heart** of Dawid *smote* him after he had numbered the people. And Dawid said to ꓤYHWH, "I have *sinned* greatly in what I have done. ***But*** **now**, I pray, O ꓤYHWH, take away the *crookedness* of **Your** servant, for I have done **very** ***foolishly***."
[11]And Dawid rose up in the morning and the **Word** of ꓤYHWH came to the **prophet** Gad, Dawid's **seer**, saying,
[12]"Go and you ***shall*** **speak** to Dawid, 'Thus said ꓤYHWH, "I hold three *options* before you. Choose one of them and I do it to you." ' "
[13]Gad then came to Dawid and **informed** him. And he said to him,

"***Should*** **seven** years of *scarcity of food* **come to** you in your land? Or would you ***flee*** three months before your enemies, while they pursue you? Or should there be three days' *plague* in your land? **Now know** and **see** what answer I take back to **Him** who **sent** me."

[14]And Dawiḏ said to Gaḏ, "I am in **great** *trouble*. Please let us *fall* into the **hand** of יהוה, for **His compassion** is great, but *do not* let me *fall* into the **hand** of *man*."

[15]And יהוה **sent** a *plague* upon Yisra'ĕl from the morning til the **appointed time** and from Dan to Be'ĕrsheḇa seventy thousand men of the people *died.*

[16]And the messenger **stretched** out **His** hand over Yerushalayim to *destroy* it and יהוה **relented** concerning the *evil* and said to the messenger who was *destroying* the people, "**It is enough**, **now stop Your hand.**" And the messenger of יהוה was by the threshing-floor of Arawnah the Yeḇusite.

[17]And Dawiḏ spoke to יהוה when he **saw** the messenger who was smiting the people and said, "**See,** I have *sinned* and I have done *perversely*. ***But*** these sheep, what have they done? **Let Your hand,** I pray, be *against* me and *against* my father's house."

[18]And Gaḏ came that day to Dawiḏ and said to him, "Go up, **raise** an altar to יהוה on the threshing-floor of Arawnah the Yeḇusite."

[19]And Dawiḏ, **according** to the **word** of Gaḏ, went up as יהוה **commanded**.

[20]And Arawnah **looked** and **saw** the sovereign and his servants **coming** toward him. And Arawnah went out and bowed before the sovereign with his face to the ground.

[21]And Arawnah said, "***Why*** has my master the sovereign **come to** his servant?" And Dawiḏ said, "To buy the threshing-floor from you, to build an altar to יהוה, so that the *plague* be withdrawn from the people."

[22]And Arawnah said to Dawiḏ, "**Let** my master the sovereign take and offer that which seems **good** to him. Here are cattle for burnt offering and threshing implements and the yokes of the cattle for wood.

[23]"All these, O sovereign, Arawnah has **given** to the sovereign." And Arawnah said to the sovereign, "יהוה your **Elohim accept** you!"

[24]And the sovereign said to Arawnah, "No, let me buy it from you for a price, for certain. I am not offering burnt offerings to יהוה my **Elohim** without cost." So Dawiḏ bought the threshing-floor and the cattle for fifty sheqels of silver.

[25]And Dawiḏ built an altar to יהוה there and offered burnt offerings and **peace** offerings. And יהוה **answered** the prayers for the land and the *plague* was withdrawn from Yisra'ĕl.

1 MELAḴIM

1 KINGS

1 And Sovereign Dawiḏ was old, advanced in years. And they covered him with garments, but he *could not* get warm.

2 So his servants said to him, "**Let** them **seek** for our master the sovereign a young woman, a maiden and she ***shall*** **stand** before the sovereign and be his companion and ***shall*** *lie* in your bosom, so that our master the sovereign gets warm."

3 And they sought for a lovely young woman in **all** the border of Yisra'ĕl and **found** Aḇishaḡ the Shunammite and brought her to the sovereign.

4 And the young woman was **very** lovely. And she was a companion for the sovereign and **served** him, but the sovereign *did not* **know** her.

5 And Aḏoniyah son of Ḥaggith exalted himself, saying, "I reign." And he prepared for himself a chariot and horsemen and fifty men to run before him.

6 **Now** his father had not worried him at any **time** by saying, "***Why*** have you done so?" **He** was also **very** good-looking. And he was born after Abshalom.

7 And he talked with Yo'aḇ son of Tseruyah and with Eḇyathar the priest and they supported Aḏoniyah.

8 ***But*** Tsaḏoq the priest and Benayahu son of Yehoyaḏa and Nathan the **prophet** and Shim'i and Rĕ'i and the mighty men who belonged to Dawiḏ were not with Aḏoniyahu.

9 And Aḏoniyahu offered sheep and cattle and fatlings by the stone of Zoḥeleth, which is by Ĕn Roḡĕl. **He** also invited **all** his brothers, the sovereign's sons and **all** the men of Yahuḏah, servants of the sovereign.

10 ***But*** he *did not* invite Nathan the **prophet,** or Benayahu, or the mighty men, or Shelomoh his brother.

11 Nathan then spoke to Bathsheḇa the mother of Shelomoh, saying, "Have you not **heard** that Aḏoniyahu son of Ḥaggith has become sovereign and Dawiḏ our master *does not* **know** it?

12 "And **now**, **come** let me give you advice and **deliver** your own **life** and the **life** of your son Shelomoh.

13 "Go **immediately** to Sovereign Dawiḏ and say to him, 'Did you not, my master, O sovereign, swear to your female servant, saying, "Certainly, your son Shelomoh ***shall*** **reign** after me and he ***shall*** sit on my throne"? ***Why*** then has Aḏoniyahu become sovereign?'

14 "Look, while you are still speaking there with the sovereign let me **come** in after you and **confirm** your **words**."

15 And Bathsheḇa went into the room to the sovereign. **Now** the sovereign was **very** old and Aḇishaḡ the Shunammite was serving the sovereign.

16 And Bathsheḇa bowed and did obeisance to the sovereign. And the sovereign said, "***What*** do you **wish?**"

17 And she said to him, "My master, you **swore** by יהוה your **Elohim** to your female servant, saying, 'Certainly, Shelomoh your son ***shall*** **reign** after me and he ***shall*** sit on my throne.'

18 "And **now**, look! Aḏoniyah has become sovereign. And **now**, my master the sovereign, *you do not* **know** about it.

19 "And he has offered **great** numbers of bulls and fatlings and sheep and has invited **all** the sons of the sovereign and Eḇyathar the priest and Yo'aḇ the commander of the army, but he *did not* invite Shelomoh your servant.

20 "And you my master, O sovereign, the eyes of **all** Yisra'ĕl are on you, to **declare** to them who is going to sit on the throne of my master the sovereign after him.

21"Otherwise it ***shall*** **be,** when my master the sovereign rests with his fathers, that I and my son Shelomoh ***shall*** **be** considered *sinners*."
22And **see,** while she was still speaking with the sovereign, Nathan the **prophet** also came in.
23So they informed the sovereign, saying, "Here is Nathan the **prophet.**" And when he came in before the sovereign, he bowed down before the sovereign with his face to the ground.
24And Nathan said, "My master, O sovereign, have you said, 'Aḏoniyahu ***shall*** **reign** after me and he ***shall*** sit on my throne'?
25"For he has gone down today and has offered **great** numbers of bulls and fatlings and sheep and has invited **all** the sovereign's sons and the commanders of the army and Eḇyathar the priest. And look! They are *eating* and *drinking* before *him* and are saying, 'Let Sovereign Aḏoniyahu live!'
26"***But*** he has not invited me, me your servant, nor Tsaḏoq the priest, nor Benayahu son of Yehoyaḏa, nor your servant Shelomoh.
27"***If*** this matter is from my master the sovereign, then you *did not* let your servant **know** who should sit on the throne of my master the sovereign after him."
28And Sovereign Dawiḏ answered and said, "Call Bathsheḇa to me." So she came into the sovereign's presence and stood before the sovereign.
29And the sovereign took an **oath** and said, "As ꓤꓴꓤꓩ lives, who has redeemed my **life** out of **all** *distress,*
30even as I **swore** to you by ꓤꓴꓤꓩ **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, saying, 'Certainly, Shelomoh your son ***shall*** **reign** after me and he ***shall*** sit on my throne in my place,' even so I do this day."
31And Bathsheḇa bowed with her face to the earth and did obeisance to the sovereign and said, "**Let** my master Sovereign Dawiḏ **live forever**!"
32And Sovereign Dawiḏ said, "Call me Tsaḏoq the priest and Nathan the **prophet** and Benayahu son of Yehoyaḏa." And they came before the sovereign.
33And the sovereign said to them, "Take with you the servants of your master and you ***shall*** have Shelomoh my son ride on my own mule and take him down to Giḥon.
34"And there Tsaḏoq the priest and Nathan the **prophet** ***shall*** **anoint** him sovereign over Yisra'ĕl. And **blow** the horn and say, '**Let** Sovereign Shelomoh live!'
35"And you ***shall*** **come** up after him and he ***shall*** **come** and sit on my throne and he ***shall*** **reign** in my place. For I have **appointed** him to be ruler over Yisra'ĕl and over Yahuḏah."
36And Benayahu son of Yehoyaḏa answered the sovereign and said, "Amĕn! So says ꓤꓴꓤꓩ **Elohim** of my master the sovereign.
37"As ꓤꓴꓤꓩ has been with my master the sovereign, so let **Him** be with Shelomoh and make his throne greater than the throne of my master Sovereign Dawiḏ."
38***Then*** Tsaḏoq the priest and Nathan the **prophet** and Benayahu son of Yehoyaḏa and the Kerĕthites and the Pelĕthites went down and had Shelomoh ride on Sovereign Dawiḏ's mule and took him to Giḥon.
39And Tsaḏoq the priest took a horn of oil from the **Tent** and **anointed** Shelomoh. And they blew the horn and **all** the people said, "**Let** Sovereign Shelomoh live!"
40And **all** the people came up after him. And the people played the flutes and rejoiced with **great** joy, so that the earth was split by their noise!
41And Aḏoniyahu and **all** the guests who were with him **heard** it as they had **finished** eating. And Yo'aḇ **heard** the sound of the horn and said, "***Why*** is the city in such a noisy uproar?"
42And he was still speaking, then **see,** Yonathan came, son of Eḇyathar the priest. And Aḏoniyahu said to him, **"Come** in, for you are a brave man and you bring good news."

[43]***But*** Yonathan answered and said to Aḏoniyahu, “No! Our master Sovereign Dawiḏ has made Shelomoh sovereign,
[44]and the sovereign has **sent** with him Tsaḏoq the priest and Nathan the **prophet** and Benayahu son of Yehoyaḏa and the Kerĕthites and the Pelĕthites. And they had him ride on the sovereign’s mule.
[45]“And Tsaḏoq the priest and Nathan the **prophet** have **anointed** him sovereign at Giḥon. And they have gone up from there rejoicing and the city is moved. This is the noise you **heard**.
[46]“And further, Shelomoh sits on the throne of the reign.
[47]“And further, the servants of the sovereign have gone to **bless** our master Sovereign Dawiḏ, saying, ‘**Let** your **Elohim** make the name of Shelomoh better than your name and his throne greater than your throne.’ And the sovereign bowed himself on the bed.
[48]“And the sovereign also said thus, ‘**blessed** be **יהוה Elohim** of Yisra’ĕl, who has **given** one to sit on my throne this day, while my eyes **see** it!’ ”
[49]And **all** the guests who were invited by Aḏoniyahu were *afraid* and rose and each one went his **way.**
[50]And Aḏoniyahu was *afraid* of Shelomoh and rose and went and took hold of the horns of the altar.
[51]And it was reported to Shelomoh, saying, “Look, Aḏoniyahu is *afraid* of Sovereign Shelomoh. And look, he has taken hold of the horns of the altar, saying, ‘**Let** Sovereign Shelomoh swear to me today that he *does not* put his servant to *death* with the *sword.*’ ”
[52]And Shelomoh said, “***If*** he proves himself a **worthy** man, not one hair of him is going to *fall* to the earth, but if *evil* is **found** in him, then he ***shall*** *die.*”
[53]And Sovereign Shelomoh **sent** and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and fell down before Sovereign Shelomoh. And Shelomoh said to him, “Go to your house.”

2 And the days of Dawiḏ drew **near** to *die* and he **commanded** Shelomoh his son, saying,
[2]“I am going the **way** of **all** the earth. And you ***shall*** **be strong** and be a man.
[3]“And **guard** the **Charge** of **יהוה** your **Elohim**: to **walk** in **His** ways, to **guard His laws**, **His commands**, **His right-rulings** and **His witnesses,** as it is **written** in the **Torah** of Mosheh, so that you do **wisely all** that you **do** and wherever you turn;
[4]so that **יהוה** does **establish His word** which **He** spoke concerning me, saying, ‘***If*** your sons **guard** their **way,** to **walk** before **Me** in **truth** with **all** their **heart** and with **all** their **being**,’ saying, ‘there is not to cease a man of yours on the throne of Yisra’ĕl.’
[5]“And also, you **know** what Yo’aḇ son of Tseruyah did to me and what he did to the two commanders of the armies of Yisra’ĕl, to Aḇnĕr son of Nĕr and Amasa son of Yether, that he *slew* them and shed the **blood** of battle in peace and put the **blood** of battle on his belt that was around his waist and on his sandals that were on his feet.
[6]“So **act according** to your **wisdom** and *do not* let his grey hair go down to the grave in peace.
[7]“***But*** **show kindness** to the sons of Barzillai the Gil'aḏite and let them be among those who eat at your table, for so they came to me when I fled from Aḇshalom your brother.
[8]“And **see,** with you is Shim'i son of Gĕra, the Binyamite from Baḥurim, who *cursed* me with a *grievous cursing* in the day when I went to Maḥanayim. ***But*** he came down to meet me at the Yarděn and I **swore** to him by **יהוה**, saying, ‘I ***shall*** not put you to *death* with the *sword.*’
[9]“And **now**, *do not* leave him *unpunished*, for you are a **wise** man and **know** what you should do to him and ***shall*** bring his grey hair down to the grave with blood.”

[10]And Dawiḏ slept with his fathers and was buried in the City of Dawiḏ.
[11]And the days that Dawiḏ reigned over Yisra'ĕl was forty years. He reigned seven years in Ḥebron and reigned thirty-three years in Yerushalayim.
[12]And Shelomoh sat on the throne of his father Dawiḏ and his **reign** was firmly **established**.
[13]And Aḏoniyahu son of Haggith came to Bathsheḇa the mother of Shelomoh and she said, "***Do*** you **come** in peace?" And he said, "Peace."
[14]And he said, "I have a **word** for you," and she said, **"Speak**."
[15]And he said, "You **know** that the **reign** was mine and **all** Yisra'ĕl had set their faces toward me, that I should reign. ***But*** the **reign** has been turned around and has become my brother's, for it was his from ֵיהוָה.
[16]"And **now**, I am making one request of you, *do not refuse* me." And she said to him, "Say it."
[17]And he said, "Please **speak** to Sovereign Shelomoh – for he *would not refuse* you – to give me Aḇishaḡ the Shunammite as wife."
[18]And Bathsheḇa said, "**Good**, let me **speak** for you to the sovereign."
[19]And Bathsheḇa came to Sovereign Shelomoh, to **speak** to him for Aḏoniyahu. And the sovereign rose up to meet her and bowed down to her and sat down on his throne and had a throne set for the sovereign's mother. So she sat at his **right hand.**
[20]And she said, "I am making one small request of you, *do not refuse* me." And the sovereign said to her, "**Ask** it, my mother, for I *do not refuse* you."
[21]***Then*** she said, "**Let** Aḇishaḡ the Shunammite be **given** to Aḏoniyahu your brother as wife."
[22]And Sovereign Shelomoh answered and said to his mother, "**Now** why do you **ask** Aḇishaḡ the Shunammite for Aḏoniyahu? **ask** for him the **reign** also – for he is my older brother – for him and for Eḇyathar the priest and for Yo'aḇ son of Tseruyah."
[23]And Sovereign Shelomoh **swore** by ֵיהוָה, saying, "**Elohim** does so to me and more also, if Aḏoniyahu has not **spoken** this **word** *against* his own **life**!
[24]"And **now**, **as** ֵיהוָה **lives**, who **established** me and set me on the throne of Dawiḏ my father and who has made me a house, as **He promised**, Aḏoniyahu ***shall* be** put to *death* today!"
[25]And Sovereign Shelomoh **sent** by the **hand** of Benayahu son of Yehoyaḏa and he fell upon him and he *died.*
[26]***Then*** the sovereign said to Eḇyathar the priest, "Go to Anathoth, to your own fields, for you de**serve** *death.* ***But*** I *do not* put you to *death* at this **time,** **because** you did bear the ark of the **Master** ֵיהוָה before my father Dawiḏ and **because** you were *afflicted* in **all** my father was *afflicted* in."
[27]So Shelomoh dismissed Eḇyathar from being priest to ֵיהוָה, to fill the **Word** of ֵיהוָה which **He** spoke concerning the house of Ĕli at Shiloh.
[28]And news came to Yo'aḇ, for Yo'aḇ had turned aside after Aḏoniyah, though he *did not* turn aside after Aḇshalom. And Yo'aḇ fled to the **Tent** of ֵיהוָה and took hold of the horns of the altar.
[29]And the report came to Sovereign Shelomoh that Yo'aḇ had fled to the **Tent** of ֵיהוָה and **see,** he is by the altar. ***Then*** Shelomoh **sent** Benayahu son of Yehoyaḏa, saying, "Go, *fall* on him."
[30]So Benayahu came to the **Tent** of ֵיהוָה and said to him, "Thus said the sovereign, **'Come** out!' " And he said, "No, for here I *die.*" And Benayahu brought back **word** to the sovereign, saying, "Thus said Yo'aḇ and thus he answered me."
[31]And the sovereign said to him, "***Do*** as he has said and *fall* upon him. And you ***shall*** bury him, so that you take away from me and from the house of my father the **blood** which Yo'aḇ shed without **cause.**
[32]"Thus ֵיהוָה ***shall* return** his **blood** on his head, **because** he had fallen on two men more **righteous** and better than he and slew them with the *sword,* while

my father Dawiḏ *did not* **know** it: Aḇnĕr son of Nĕr, commander of the army of Yisra'ĕl and Amasa son of Yether, commander of the army of Yahuḏah.
[33]"So ***shall*** their **blood return** upon the head of Yo'aḇ and upon the head of his seed **forever**. ***But*** upon Dawiḏ and his **seed**, upon his house and throne, there is to be **peace forever** from ֵיהוָה."
[34]***Then*** Benayahu son of Yehoyaḏa went up and fell upon him and put him to *death.* And he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.
[35]And the sovereign put Benayahu son of Yehoyaḏa in his place over the army and the sovereign put Tsaḏoq the priest in the place of Eḇyathar.
[36]And the sovereign **sent** and called for Shim'i and said to him, "Build yourself a house in Yerushalayim and dwell there, and *do not go out* from there anywhere.
[37]"And it ***shall*** **be,** on the day you go out and pass over the wadi Qidron, **know** for certain that you ***shall*** *die* – your **blood** is on your own head."
[38]And Shim'i said to the sovereign, "The **word** is **good**. As my master the sovereign has said, so your servant does." So Shim'i dwelt in Yerushalayim many days.
[39]And it came to be at **the end** of three years, that two slaves of Shim'i fled to Aḵish son of Ma'aḵah, sovereign of Gath. And they informed Shim'i, saying, "**See,** your slaves are in Gath!"
[40]And Shim'i rose up and saddled his donkey and went to Aḵish at Gath to look for his slaves. And Shim'i went and brought his slaves from Gath.
[41]And Shelomoh was told that Shim'i had gone from Yerushalayim to Gath and had **come** back.
[42]So the sovereign **sent** and called for Shim'i and said to him, "Did I not make you swear by ֵיהוָה and **warn** you, saying, 'Know for certain that on the day you leave to go anywhere, you ***shall*** certainly die'? And you said to me, 'The **word** I have **heard** is **good**.'
[43]"And why have you *not* **guarded** the **oath** of ֵיהוָה and the **command** that I gave you?"
[44]The sovereign also said to Shim'i, "You ***shall*** **know all** the *evil* that your **heart** has **known**, that you did to my father Dawiḏ and ֵיהוָה ***shall*** **return** your *evil* on your own head.
[45]"***But*** Sovereign Shelomoh is **blessed** and the throne of Dawiḏ is **established** before ֵיהוָה **forever**."
[46]So the sovereign ordered Benayahu son of Yehoyaḏa and he went out and fell on him and he *died.* And the **reign** was **established** in the **hand** of Shelomoh.

3 And Shelomoh joined in marriage with Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim, and took the daughter of Pharaoh and brought her to the City of Dawiḏ until he had **completed** building his own house and the House of ֵיהוָה and the wall **all** around Yerushalayim.
[2]Only, the people slaughtered at the *high places*, for a house for the **Name** of ֵיהוָה had not been built until those days.
[3]And Shelomoh **loved** ֵיהוָה, walking in the **laws** of his father Dawiḏ, ***except*** that he slaughtered and *burned* incense at the *high places*.
[4]And the sovereign went to Gib'on to slaughter there, for that was the **great** high place. Shelomoh offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.
[5]At Gib'on ֵיהוָה appeared to Shelomoh in a **dream** by night and **Elohim** said, "**Ask** what I should give you."
[6]And Shelomoh said, "You have shown **great kindness** to your servant Dawiḏ my father, as he walked before You in **truth** and in **righteousness** and in **uprightness** of **heart** with **You.** And You have **guarded** for him this **great kindness** and did give him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.
[7]"And **now**, O ֵיהוָה my **Elohim**, **You** have set up **Your** servant to **reign** instead of my father Dawiḏ. ***But*** I am a *little* child, I *do not* **know** how to go out or to **come** in.

[8]"And **Your** servant is in the **midst** of **Your people** whom **You** have **chosen**, a **great** people, too numerous to be numbered or counted.
[9]"***Shall*** **You** then give to **Your** servant an **understanding heart** to **rule Your people**, to *discern* between **good** and *evil*? For who **is able** to **rule** this **great** people of **Your**s?"
[10]And the **word** was **good** *in the eyes* of יהוה, that Shelomoh had asked this.
[11]So **Elohim** said to him, "**Because** you have asked this and have not asked long **life** for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the **life** of your enemies, but have asked for yourself **discernment to understand right-ruling,**
[12]I ***shall*** do **according** to your **words**. **See,** I ***shall*** give you a **wise** and **understanding heart,** so that there was none like you before you and none like you ***shall*** arise after you.
[13]"And I ***shall*** also give you what you have not asked: both riches and esteem, so that there ***shall*** not be anyone like you among the sovereigns **all** your days.
[14]"And ***if*** you **walk** in **My ways**, to **guard My laws** and **My commands**, as your father Dawiḏ walked, ***then*** I ***shall*** prolong your days."
[15]And Shelomoh awoke and **see,** it was a **dream**! And he came into Yerushalayim and stood before the ark of the **covenant** of יהוה and offered up burnt offerings and made **peace** offerings. And he made a feast for **all** his servants.
[16]***Then*** two women, *whores*, came to the sovereign and stood before him.
[17]And one woman said, "O my master, this woman and I dwell in the **same** house and I gave birth while she was in the house.
[18]"And it came to be, the third day after I had **given** birth, that this woman also gave birth. And we were together. There was no one else with us in the house, only the two of us in the house.
[19]"***Then*** this woman's son died in the night **because** she lay on him.
[20]"And she rose up in the middle of the night and took my son from my side, while your female servant slept and laid him in her bosom and laid her *dead* child in my bosom.
[21]"And I rose up in the morning to nurse my son and **saw** he was *dead. **But*** I **looked** at him closely in the morning and **saw** he was not my son whom I had borne."
[22]And the other woman said, "No! ***But*** the **living** one is my son and the *dead* one is your son." And the **first** woman said, "No! For the *dead* one is your son and the **living** one is my son." And they spoke before the sovereign.
[23]And the sovereign said, "The one says, 'This is my son, who lives and your son is the *dead* one,' while the other says, 'No! For your son is the *dead* one and my son is the **living** one.' "
[24]And the sovereign said, "Bring me a *sword*." So they brought a *sword* before the sovereign.
[25]And the sovereign said, "Divide the **living** child in two and give half to one and half to the other."
[26]And the woman whose son was **living** spoke to the sovereign, for she was over come with **compassion** for her son. And she said, "O my master, give her the **living** child and by no means *kill* **Him!**" ***But*** the other said, "**Let** him be neither mine nor yours, but divide him."
[27]And the sovereign answered and said, "Give the **first** woman the **living** child and by no means *kill* him – she is his mother."
[28]And **all** Yisra'ĕl **heard** of the **right-ruling** which the sovereign had rendered. And they ***feared*** the sovereign, for they **saw** that the **wisdom** of **Elohim** was in him to do right-ruling.

4 And it came to be that Sovereign Shelomoh was sovereign over **all** Yisra'ĕl.
[2]And these were his chief officials: Azaryahu son of Tsaḏoq, the priest;
[3]Eliḥoreph and Aḥiyah, sons of Shisha, scribes; Yehoshaphat son of Aḥiluḏ, the recorder;

[4]and Benayahu son of Yehoyaḏa, over the army; and Tsaḏoq and Eḇyathar, the priests;
[5]and Azaryahu son of Nathan, over the officers; Zaḇuḏ son of Nathan, a priest, friend of the sovereign;
[6]and Aḥishar, over the household; and Aḏoniram son of Aḇda, over the compulsory labour.
[7]And Shelomoh had twelve governors over **all** Yisra'ĕl, who provided food for the sovereign and his household – each one made pro**vision** for one month of the year –
[8]and these were their names: Ben-Ḥur, in the mountains of Ephrayim;
[9]Ben-Deqer, in Maqats and Sha'alḇim and Bĕyth Shemesh and Ĕlon Bĕyth Ḥanan;
[10]Ben-Ḥeseḏ in Arubboth, Soḵoh and **all** the land of Ḥĕpher were his;
[11]Ben-Aḇinaḏaḇ, **all** the height of Dor, Taphath the daughter of Shelomoh became his wife;
[12]Ba'ana son of Aḥiluḏ, in Ta'anaḵ and Meḡiddo and **all** Bĕyth She'an, which is beside Tsarethan below Yizre'ĕl, from Bĕyth She'an to Aḇĕl Meḥolah, as far as the other side of Yoqne'am;
[13]Ben-Geḇer, in Ramoth Gil'aḏ, the towns of Ya'ir son of Menashsheh in Gil'aḏ were his; the portion of Argoḇ in Bashan, sixty large cities with walls and bronze gate-bars, were his;
[14]Aḥinaḏaḇ son of Iddo, in Maḥanayim;
[15]Aḥima'ats in Naphtali; he also took Basemath the daughter of Shelomoh as wife;
[16]Ba'anah son of Ḥushai, in Ashĕr and in Aloth;
[17]Yehoshaphat son of Paruwaḥ, in Yissasḵar;
[18]Shim'i son of Ĕlah, in Binyamin;
[19]Geḇer son of Uri, in the land of Gil'aḏ, in the land of Siḥon sovereign of the Amorites and of Ōḡ sovereign of Bashan and one governor was in the land.
[20]Yahuḏah and Yisra'ĕl were as numerous as the sand by the sea, eating and drinking and rejoicing.
[21]And Shelomoh was ruling over **all** reigns from the River to the land of the Philistines, as far as the border of Mitsrayim. They did taskwork and **served** Shelomoh **all** the days of his **life**.
[22]And Shelomoh's food supply for one day was thirty kors of fine flour and sixty kors of meal,
[23]ten fatted cattle and twenty cattle from the pastures and one hundred sheep, besides deer and gazelles and roebucks and fatted fowl.
[24]For he was ruling over **all** on this side of the River from Tiphsaḥ even to Azzah, over **all** the sovereigns on this side of the River. And he had **peace** on **all** sides round about him.
[25]And Yahuḏah and Yisra'ĕl dwelt safely, each man under his **vine** and his fig *tree,* from Dan as far as Be'ĕrsheḇa, **all** the days of Shelomoh.
[26]And Shelomoh had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots and twelve thousand horsemen.
[27]And these governors, each one in his month, provided food for Sovereign Shelomoh and for **all** who came to the table of Sovereign Shelomoh. There was no lack in their supply.
[28]They also brought barley and straw to the **appointed** place, for the horses and steeds, each one **according** to his right-ruling.
[29]And **Elohim** gave Shelomoh exceeding **great wisdom** and **understanding** and **largeness** of **heart** like the sand on the seashore.
[30]And Shelomoh's **wisdom** excelled the **wisdom** of **all** the men of the East and **all** the **wisdom** of Mitsrayim.
[31]For he was **wiser** than *all men*, than Ĕythan the Ezrahite and Hĕman and Kalkol and Darda, the sons of Maḥol. And his name was in **all** the nations round about.
[32]And he spoke three thousand proverbs and his songs were one thousand and five.
[33]And he spoke of trees, from the cedar *tree* of Leḇanon even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall.

And he spoke of beasts and of birds and of creeping creatures and of fish.
[34]And there came from **all** peoples, from **all** the sovereigns of the earth who had **heard** of his **wisdom,** to **hear** the **wisdom** of Shelomoh.

5 And Ḥiram sovereign of Tsor **sent** his servants to Shelomoh, **because** he heard that they had **anointed** him sovereign in place of his father, for Ḥiram had **always loved** Dawiḏ.
[2]And Shelomoh **sent** to Ḥiram, saying,
[3]"You **know** my father Dawiḏ was *unable* to build a house for the **Name** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ his **Elohim** **because** of the battles which were **all** around him, until ꓤꓴꓤꓵ put them under the soles of his feet.
[4]"***But*** **now** ꓤꓴꓤꓵ my **Elohim** has **given** me rest **all** around, there is neither adversary nor *evil* incident.
[5]"And **see,** I intend to build a house for the **Name** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ my **Elohim**, as ꓤꓴꓤꓵ spoke to my father Dawiḏ, saying, '**Your** son, whom I set on your throne in your place, he does build the house for **My Name.**'
[6]"And **now**, **command** that they *cut down* cedars for me from Leḇanon. And let my servants be with your servants and let me pay you wages for your servants **according** to ***whatever*** you say. For you **know** there is none among us who **knows** to *cut* timber like the Tsiḏonians."
[7]And it came to be, when Ḥiram **heard** the **words** of Shelomoh, that he rejoiced greatly and said, **"Blessed** be ꓤꓴꓤꓵ this day, for **He** has **given** Dawiḏ a **wise** son over this **great** people!"
[8]And Ḥiram **sent** to Shelomoh, saying, "I have **heard** that which you **sent** me. **Let** me do **all** you desire concerning the cedar and cypress logs.
[9]"**Let** my servants bring them down from Leḇanon to the sea, then I put them in rafts by sea to the place you direct me. And I ***shall*** spread them out there, then you take them up, while you do my desire by giving food for my household."
[10]And Ḥiram gave Shelomoh cedar and cypress logs – **all** his desire.
[11]And Shelomoh gave Ḥiram twenty thousand kors of wheat as food for his household and twenty kors of pressed oil. Thus Shelomoh gave to Ḥiram year by year.
[12]And ꓤꓴꓤꓵ gave Shelomoh **wisdom,** as **He promised** him. And there was **peace** between Ḥiram and Shelomoh and the two of them made a **covenant.**
[13]And Sovereign Shelomoh **raised** up compulsory labour out of **all** Yisra'ĕl. And the compulsory labour was thirty thousand men.
[14]And he **sent** them to Leḇanon, ten thousand a month by courses – they were one month in Leḇanon, two months at home. And Aḏoniram was over the compulsory labour.
[15]And Shelomoh had seventy thousand bearing burdens and eighty thousand hewing *stone* in the mountains,
[16]besides three thousand three hundred from the chiefs of Shelomoh's deputies who were over the **work,** those ruling over the people who laboured in the work.
[17]And the sovereign **commanded** and they brought large stones, **precious** stones, to lay the foundation of the House with hewn stones.
[18]And Shelomoh's builders and Ḥiram's builders and the men of Geḇal did hew and prepared timber and stones to build the House.

6 And it came to be, in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Yisra'ĕl had **come out** of the land of Mitsrayim, in the fourth year of the **reign** of Shelomoh over Yisra'ĕl, in the month of Ziw, which is the second month, that he began to build the House of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ.
[2]And the house which Sovereign Shelomoh built for ꓤꓴꓤꓵ was sixty cubits long and twenty wide and thirty cubits high.

[3]And the porch at the front of the hĕ̄ḵal of the House was twenty cubits long, **according** to the breadth of the House and its width ten cubits, from the front of the House.

[4]And he made for the House windows with narrowed frames.

[5]And *against* the wall of the House he built rooms **all** around, *against* the walls of the House, **all** around the hĕ̄ḵal and the Speaking **Place.** Thus he made side rooms **all** around.

[6]The lowest side room was five cubits wide and the middle one was six cubits wide and the third one was seven cubits wide; for he made **narrow** ledges around the outside of the House, so as not to lay hold on the walls of the House.

[7]And the House, when it was being built, was built with **finished** stone made **ready** beforehand, so that no hammer or chisel or any iron tool was **heard** in the House while it was being built.

[8]The **door**way for the middle side room was on the **right** side of the House. And they went up by stairs to the middle side rooms and from the middle to the third.

[9]So he built the House and **completed** it and he panelled the House with beams and boards of cedar.

[10]And he built the side rooms of the structure *against* **all** the House, each five cubits high and they were fastened to the House with cedar beams.

[11]And the **Word** of ה יהוה came to Shelomoh, saying,

[12]"This House which you are building – ***if*** you **walk** in **My laws** and do **My right-rulings** and ***shall*** **guard all My commands** and **walk** in them, ***then*** I ***shall*** **confirm My word** with you, which I spoke to your father Dawiḏ,

[13]and ***shall*** dwell in the **midst** of the children of Yisra'ĕl and not *forsake* **My people** Yisra'ĕl."

[14]So Shelomoh built the House and **completed** it.

[15]And he built the walls of the House inside with cedar boards, from the floor of the House to the ceiling he panelled them on the inside with wood and covered the floor of the House with planks of cypress.

[16]And he built twenty cubits at the rear of the House, from floor to the walls, with cedar boards. And he built it inside as the **Speaking Place,** as the **Most Set-apart Place.**

[17]And the House was forty cubits, it is the hĕ̄ḵal before it.

[18]And the cedar for the House inside was *carved* with ornaments and **open** flowers; **all** was cedar, not a stone was **seen.**

[19]And he prepared the **Speaking Place** in the **midst** of the House, to place the ark of the **covenant** of יהוה there.

[20]And the front of the **Speaking Place** was twenty cubits long and twenty cubits wide and twenty cubits high. And he overlaid it with refined gold and overlaid the altar of cedar.

[21]And Shelomoh overlaid the inside of the House with refined gold and made gold chains pass over the front of the Speaking **Place** and overlaid it with gold.

[22]Thus he overlaid the entire House with gold, until the entire House was completed. And the entire altar that was by the **Speaking Place** he overlaid with gold.

[23]And inside the **Speaking Place** he made two kerubim of olive wood, ten cubits high.

[24]And one wing of the kerub was five cubits and the other wing of the kerub five cubits – ten cubits from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other.

[25]And the other kerub was ten cubits. Both kerubim were of the **same** size and shape.

[26]The height of one kerub was ten cubits and so was the other kerub.

[27]And he placed the kerubim in the **midst** of the inner house. And they **stretched** out the wings of the kerubim so that the wing of the one touched one wall and the wing of the other kerub touched the other wall. And their wings touched each other in the middle of the

room.
[28]And he overlaid the kerubim with gold.
[29]And he *carved* **all** the walls of the House **all** around, both inside and outside, with *carved* figures of kerubim and palm trees and **open** flowers.
[30]And he overlaid the floor of the House with gold, inside and outside.
[31]And for the entrance of the Speaking Place he made **doors** of olive wood: the lintel, doorposts, a fifth.
[32]And the two **doors** were of olive wood. And he *carved* on them figures of kerubim and palm trees and **open** flowers and overlaid them with gold. And he spread the gold on the kerubim and on the palm trees.
[33]And so he made doorposts for the **door** of the hĕḵal of olive ***wood*** – a fourth part.
[34]And the two **doors** were of cypress wood, the two leaves of the one folded and two leaves of the other **door** folded.
[35]And he *carved* kerubim and palm trees and **open** flowers and overlaid them with gold laid smoothly on the *carved* work.
[36]And he built the inner courtyard with three rows of hewn stone and a row of cedar beams.
[37]In the fourth year the foundation of the House of יהוה was laid, in the month Ziw.
[38]And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, the eighth month, the house was **completed** in **all** its matters and **according** to **all** its plans. Thus he built it for **seven** years.

7 And Shelomoh built his own house for thirteen years and he **completed** his entire house.
[2]And he built the house of the forest of Lebanon. It was one hundred cubits long and fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high, with four rows of cedar columns and cedar beams on the columns.
[3]And it was panelled with cedar above the beams that were on forty-five columns, fifteen to a row.
[4]And there were windows with narrowed frames in three rows and window was opposite window, **three times**.
[5]And **all** the doorways and doorposts had square frames. And window was opposite window, **three times**.
[6]And he made the porch of the columns, fifty cubits long and thirty cubits wide. And the porch was in front of them and the columns and the roof was in front of them.
[7]And he made a hall for the throne, the Hall of Right-ruling, where he ruled. And it was panelled with cedar from floor to floor.
[8]And the house where he was to dwell, in the other courtyard, within the hall was of like workmanship. And Shelomoh made a house like this hall for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken.
[9]All these were of **precious** stone hewn to size, sawed with a **saw,** inside and out, from the foundation to the coping and also on the outside to the **great** courtyard.
[10]And the foundation was of **precious** stone, large stones, stones of ten cubits and stones of eight cubits.
[11]And above were **precious** stones, hewn to size and cedar wood.
[12]So the **great** courtyard **all** around had three rows of hewn stones and a row of cedar beams, as was the inner courtyard of the **House of** יהוה and the porch of the House.
[13]And Sovereign Shelomoh **sent** and brought Ḥiram from Tsor.
[14]**He** was the son of a widow from the tribe of Naphtali and his father was a man of Tsor, a bronze worker. And he was filled with **wisdom** and **understanding** and **skill** in working with **all** kinds of bronze work. So he came to Sovereign Shelomoh and did **all** his work.
[15]And he *cast* two columns of bronze, each one eighteen cubits high and a line of twelve cubits measured the circumference of each.

16And he made two capitals of *cast* bronze, to put on the tops of the columns – the height of one capital was five cubits and the height of the other capital was five cubits –
17a lattice network, with wreaths of chainwork, for the capitals which were on top of the columns, seven chains for one capital and seven for the other capital.
18And he made the columns and two rows of pomegranates above the network **all** around to cover the capitals that were on top and so he did for the other capital.
19And the capitals that were on top of the columns in the hall were in the shape of lilies, four cubits.
20And there were capitals above also on the two columns, by the bulge which was next to the network. And the pomegranates were two hundred, in rows on each of the capitals **all** around.
21And he set up the columns by the porch of the hĕḵal. And he set up the column on the **right** and called its name Yaḵin and he set up the column on the left and called its name Bo'az.
22And on the top of the columns was lily work. Thus the **work** of the columns was completed.
23And he made the Sea of *cast metal*, ten cubits from one rim to the other, round **all** about and five cubits high and a line of thirty cubits measured around it.
24And below its rim were ornaments **all** around, ten to a cubit, **all** the **way** around the Sea. The ornaments were *cast* in two rows when it was cast.
25It stood on twelve oxen, three facing north and three facing west and three facing south and three facing east. And the Sea was set upon them and **all** their back parts were inward.
26And it was a handbreadth thick and its rim was shaped like the rim of a **cup,** like a lily blossom. It held two thousand baths.
27And he made ten stands of bronze, each **stand** was four cubits long and four cubits wide and three cubits high.
28And this is how the stands were made: They had side panels and the side panels were between frames,
29and on the side panels that were between the frames were lions, oxen and kerubim and a pedestal above on the frame. Below the lions and oxen were wreaths of *beaten* work.
30And each **stand** had four bronze wheels and axles of bronze and its four feet had supports. Under the basin were *cast* supports beside each wreath.
31And its opening inside the crown at the top was one cubit. And the opening was round, like the **work** of the pedestal, one and a half cubits. And also on the opening were engravings, but the side panels were square, not round.
32And the four wheels were under the side panels and the axles of the wheels were joined to the stand and the height of a wheel was one and a half cubits.
33And the wheels were made like chariot wheels. Their axle pins and their rims and their spokes and their hubs were **all** cast.
34And there were four supports at the four corners of each stand, its supports were of the **stand** itself.
35And on the top of the stand, half a cubit in height – round **all** around. And on the top of the stand, its flanges and its side panels were of the **same.**
36And on the plates of its flanges and on its side panels he engraved kerubim, lions and palm trees, **according** to the clear space on each, with wreaths **all** around.
37**He** made the ten stands like this: **all** of them were of one mould, one measure and one shape.
38And he made ten basins of bronze; each basin contained forty baths and each basin was four cubits, one basin on each of the ten stands.
39And he put five stands on the **right** side of the house and five on the left side of the house and he put the Sea on the **right** side of the house to the east, facing the south.
40And Ḥiram made the pots and the shovels and the bowls.

And Ḥiram **completed** doing **all** the **work** that he was to do for Sovereign Shelomoh on the **House of** יהוה:
41the two columns and the bowl-shaped capitals that were on top of the columns and the two networks covering the two bowl-shaped capitals which were on top of the columns;
42and the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, two rows of pomegranates for each network to cover the two bowl-shaped capitals that were on top of the columns;
43and the ten stands and the ten basins on the stands;
44and the one Sea and twelve oxen under the Sea;
45and the pots and the shovels and the bowls. And **all** these utensils which Ḥiram made for Sovereign Shelomoh for the **House of** יהוה were of polished bronze.
46The sovereign had them *cast* in clay in the district of Yarděn between Sukkoth and Tsarethan.
47And Shelomoh left **all** the utensils *unweighed*, **because** they were many, nor was the weight of the bronze searched out.
48So Shelomoh made **all** the utensils for the **House of** יהוה: the altar of gold and the table of gold on which was the showbread;
49and the lampstands of refined gold, five on the **right** side and five on the left in front of the **Speaking Place,** with the flowers and the **lamps** and the snuffers of gold;
50and the basins and the snuffers and the bowls and the ladles and the *fire* holders of refined gold and the hinges of gold, both for the **doors** of the inner house, the **Most Set-apart Place** and for the **doors** of the house of the Hěḵal.
51Thus **all** the **work** which Sovereign Shelomoh had done for the **House of** יהוה was completed. And Shelomoh brought in the set-apart items of his father Dawiḏ: the silver and the gold and the utensils and he put them in the treasuries of the **House of** יהוה.

8 ***Then*** Shelomoh **assembled** the elders of Yisra'ĕl and **all** the heads of the tribes, the chief fathers of the children of Yisra'ĕl, to Sovereign Shelomoh in Yerushalayim, to bring up the **ark of the covenant** of יהוה from the City of Dawiḏ, which is Tsiyon.
2And **all** the men of Yisra'ĕl **assembled** to Sovereign Shelomoh at the **festival** in the month of Ěythanim, which is the seventh month.
3And **all** the elders of Yisra'ĕl came and the priests took up the ark,
4and brought up the **ark of** יהוה and the **Tent** of Meeting and **all** the set-apart utensils that were in the **Tent**. And the priests and the Lĕwites brought them up,
5and Sovereign Shelomoh and **all** the congregation of Yisra'ĕl who had **assembled** with him, were with him before the ark, slaughtering so many sheep and cattle, that they *could not* be counted or numbered.
6And the priests brought in the ark of the **covenant** of יהוה to its place, into the **Speaking Place** of the House, to the **Most Set-apart Place,** under the wings of the keruḇim,
7for the keruḇim spread two wings over the place of the ark and the keruḇim covered over the ark and its poles.
8And the poles extended so that the ends of the poles were **seen** from the set-apart place, in front of the **Speaking Place,** but they were not **seen** from outside. And they are there to this day.
9There was naught in the **ark**, only the two tablets of stone which Mosheh put there at Ḥorēḇ, where יהוה made a **covenant** with the children of Yisra'ĕl, when they came out of the land of Mitsrayim.
10And it came to be, when the priests came out of the **Set-apart Place,** that the cloud filled the House of יהוה,
11so that the priests were *unable* to **stand** and perform the service **because** of the cloud, for the **esteem** of יהוה **filled** the House of יהוה.

[12]And Shelomoh said, "**ꓤꓴꓤꓵ** has said **He** would dwell in the dark cloud.
[13]I have indeed built **You** an exalted house, an **established** place for **You** to dwell in **forever**."
[14]And the sovereign turned around and **blessed all** the assembly of Yisra'ĕl, while **all** the assembly of Yisra'ĕl was standing.
[15]And he said, **"Blessed** be **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, who spoke with **His mouth** to my father Dawiḏ and with **His hand** has **filled** it, saying,
[16]'Since the day I brought **My people Yisra'ĕl** out of Mitsrayim, I have **chosen** no city from any tribe of Yisra'ĕl in which to build a house for **My Name** to be there, but I **chose** Dawiḏ to be over **My people** Yisra'ĕl.'
[17]"And it was in the **heart** of my father Dawiḏ to build a house for the **Name** of **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ Elohim** of **Yisra'ĕl**.
[18]"***But*** **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ** said to my father Dawiḏ, '**Because** it has been in your **heart** to build a house for **My Name,** you did well that it was in your **heart.**
[19]'Only, *you do not* build the house, but your son, who is **coming** from your loins, he does build the house for **My Name.**'
[20]"**Now ꓤꓴꓤꓵ** has **established His word** which **He** spoke and I have been **raised** up instead of my father Dawiḏ and sit on the throne of Yisra'ĕl, as **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ promised** and built a house for the **Name** of **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ Elohim** of **Yisra'ĕl**,
[21]and have **appointed** there a place for the ark, wherein is **the covenant** of **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ** which **He** made with our fathers, when **He** brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim."
[22]And Shelomoh stood before the altar of **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ** in front of **all** the assembly of Yisra'ĕl and spread out his hands toward the heavens,
[23]and said, "**ꓤꓴꓤꓵ Elohim** of **Yisra'ĕl**, there is no **Elohim** in the heavens above or on earth below like **You, guarding Your covenant** and **kindness** with **Your** servants who **walk** before **You** with **all** their **heart,**
[24]who has **guarded** that which **You** did **promise Your** servant Dawiḏ my father. Indeed, **You** have both **spoken** with **Your mouth** and have filled it with **Your hand,** as it is this day.
[25]"And **now**, **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ Elohim of Yisra'ĕl**, **guard** what **You promised Your** servant Dawiḏ my father, saying, 'There is not to cease a man of yours before **Me,** sitting on the throne of Yisra'ĕl – only, ***if*** your sons **guard** their **way,** to **walk** before **Me** as you have **walked** before **Me.**'
[26]"And **now**, O **Elohim** of **Yisra'ĕl**, please let **Your word come true** which **You** have **spoken** to **Your** servant Dawiḏ my father.
[27]"For is it true: **Elohim dwells on the earth**? **See,** the heavens and the heavens of the heavens are *unable* to contain **You,** how much less this House which I have built!
[28]"Yet, ***shall*** **You** turn to the prayer of **Your** servant and his supplication, O **ꓤꓴꓤꓵ** my **Elohim** and **listen** to the *cry* and the prayer which **Your** servant is praying before **You** today?
[29]"For **Your** eyes to be **open** toward this House night and day, toward the place of which **You** said, **'My Name** is there,' to **listen** to the prayer which **Your** servant makes toward this place.
[30]"Then, ***shall*** **You hear** the supplication of **Your** servant and of **Your people** Yisra'ĕl when they pray toward this place, when **You hear** in **Your** dwelling place, in the heavens? And ***shall*** **You hear** and **forgive**?
[31]"***If*** anyone *sins <u>against</u>* his neighbour and he has lifted up an **oath** on him, to **cause** him to swear and **comes** and swears before **Your** altar in this House,
[32]then **hear** in the heavens and **act** and **rightly rule Your** servants, **declaring** the ***wrongdoer wrong, bringing*** his ***way*** on his head and **declaring** the **righteous right** by giving him **according** to his **righteousness**.
[33]"***When*** **Your people** Yisra'ĕl are *smitten* before an enemy,

because they have *sinned against* **You** and they ***shall turn*** **back** to **You** and ***confess*** **Your Name** and pray and make supplication to **You** in this **House**,
[34]then **hear** in the heavens and **forgive** the *sin* of **Your people** Yisra'ĕl and bring them back to the land which **You** gave to their fathers.
[35]"***When*** the heavens are shut up and there is no rain **because** they *sin against* **You,** when they pray toward this place and ***confess*** **Your Name** and turn from *their sin* **because** **You** *afflict* them,
[36]then **hear** in the heavens and **forgive** the *sin* of **Your** servants, **Your people** Yisra'ĕl – for **You teach** them the **good way** in which they should **walk** – and ***shall*** give rain on **Your** land which **You** have **given** to **Your people** as an inheritance.
[37]"***When*** there is *scarcity of food* in the land; when there is *pestilence*, *blight*, *mildew, locusts, grasshoppers;* when their enemy *distresses* them in the land of their cities; any *plague,* any *sickness*,
[38]**whatever** prayer, ***whatever*** supplication *made* by anyone of **all** **Your people** Yisra'ĕl, each knowing the *plague* of his own **heart** and ***shall*** spread out his hands toward this House,
[39]then **hear** in the heavens, **Your** dwelling place and **forgive** and **act** and render unto everyone **according** to **all** his ways, whose **heart You know. Because** **You – You alone – know the hearts of all the sons of men,**
[40]so that they **fear You all** the days that they **live** in the land which **You** gave to our fathers.
[41]"Also, concerning a foreigner, who is not of **Your people** Yisra'ĕl, but has **come** from a far land for **Your Name's sake** –
[42]since they **hear** of **Your great Name** and **Your strong hand** and **Your** outstretched arm – and he ***shall*** **come** and pray toward this House,
[43]hear in the heavens **Your** dwelling place and do **according** to **all** for which the foreigner calls to **You,** so that **all** peoples of the earth **know Your Name** and **fear You,** as do **Your people** Yisra'ĕl and **know** that this House which I have built is called by **Your Name**.
[44]"***When*** **Your people** go out to battle *against* their enemy, in the **way** that **You** send them and they ***shall*** pray to יהוה toward the city which **You** have **chosen** and toward the House which I have built for **Your Name,**
[45]then ***shall*** **You hear** in the heavens their prayer and their supplication and maintain their **cause?**
[46]"***When*** they *sin against* **You** – for there is no one who *does not sin* – and **You** become **enraged** with them and give them to the enemy and they take them captive to the land of the enemy, far or near;
[47]and they ***shall turn*** **back** unto their **heart** in the land where they have been taken captive and ***shall*** turn and make supplication to **You** in the land of those who took them captive, saying, 'We have *sinned* and *acted crookedly*, we have *committed wrong*,'
[48]and they ***shall turn*** **back** to **You** with **all** their **heart** and with **all** their **being** in the land of their enemies who led them away captive and ***shall*** pray to **You** toward their land which **You** gave to their fathers, the city which **You** have **chosen** and the **House** which I have built for **Your Name,**
[49]then ***shall*** **You hear** in the heavens **Your** dwelling place their prayer and their supplication and maintain their **cause,**
[50]and **forgive Your people** who have *sinned against* **You** and **all** their *transgressions* which they have *transgressed against* **You?** And give them **compassion** before those who took them captive and they ***shall*** have **compassion** on them.
[51]'For they are **Your people** and **Your** inheritance, whom **You** brought out of Mitsrayim, out of the iron furnace.
[52]"**Let Your** eyes be **open** to the supplication of **Your** servant and the supplication of **Your people** Yisra'ĕl, to **listen** to them whenever they **call** to **You.**

53"For **You** have separated them unto **Yourself** for an inheritance, out of **all** the peoples of the earth, as **You** spoke by the **hand** of **Your** servant Mosheh, when **You** brought our fathers out of Mitsrayim, O **Master** ֎.֎."
54And it came to be, when Shelomoh had ended praying **all** this prayer and supplication to ֎.֎, that he rose up from before the altar of ֎.֎, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to the **heavens.**
55And he stood and **blessed all** the assembly of Yisra'ĕl with a loud **voice**, saying,
56**"Blessed** be ֎.֎, who has **given** rest to **His** people **Yisra'ĕl**, **according** to **all** that **He promised**. There has not failed one **Word** of **all His good word,** which **He promised** through **His** servant Mosheh.
57"֎.֎ our **Elohim** is with us as **He** was with our fathers – **He** *does not* leave us nor *forsake* us –
58to **incline** our **hearts** to **Himself**, to **walk** in **all His** ways and to **guard His commands** and **His laws** and **His right-rulings**, which **He commanded** our fathers.
59"And let these **words** of mine, with which I have made supplication before ֎.֎, be **near** ֎.֎ our **Elohim** day and night, to maintain the **cause** of **His** servant and the **cause** of **His** people Yisra'ĕl, the matter of each day in its day,
60so that **all** the peoples of the earth might **know** that ֎.֎ is **Elohim**, there is no one else.
61"**Let** your **heart** therefore be **perfect** to ֎.֎ our **Elohim**, to **walk** in **His laws** and **guard His commands**, as at this day."
62And the sovereign and **all** Yisra'ĕl with him made slaughterings before ֎.֎.
63And Shelomoh brought **peace** offerings, which he slaughtered to ֎.֎, twenty-two thousand bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. Thus the sovereign and **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl **dedicated** the **House of** ֎.֎.
64On that day the sovereign set-apart the middle of the courtyard that was in front of the **House of** ֎.֎, for there he made burnt offerings and the grain offerings and the fat of the **peace** offerings, **because** the bronze altar that was before ֎.֎ was too small to contain the burnt offerings and the grain offerings and the fat of the **peace** offerings.
65And Shelomoh at that **time observed** the **Festival** and **all** Yisra'ĕl with him, a **great** assembly from the entrance of Ḥamath to the wadi of Mitsrayim, before ֎.֎ our **Elohim**, **seven days and seven days – fourteen days**.
66On the eighth day he **sent** the people away. And they **blessed** the sovereign and went to their tents rejoicing and **glad** of **heart** for **all** the **goodness** that ֎.֎ had done for **His** servant Dawiḏ and for Yisra'ĕl **His** people.

9 And it came to be, when Shelomoh had **finished** building the House of ֎.֎ and the house of the sovereign and **all** the desire of Shelomoh which he was pleased to do,
2that ֎.֎ **appeared** to Shelomoh the **second time,** as **He** had appeared to him at Gib'on.
3And ֎.֎ said to him, "I have **heard** your prayer and your supplication that you have made before **Me.** I have set this house apart which you have built to put **My Name** there **forever** and **My eyes and My heart *shall* always be there**.
4"And you, ***if*** you **walk** before **Me** as your father Dawiḏ walked, in **integrity** of **heart** and in **uprightness**, to **do according** to **all** that I have **commanded** you, ***if*** you **guard My laws** and **My right-rulings**,
5***then*** **I *shall* establish** the throne of your **reign** over Yisra'ĕl **forever**, as I **promised** Dawiḏ your father, saying,

‘There is not to cease a man of yours on the throne of Yisra’ĕl.’

6“***If*** you at **all** *turn back*, you or your sons, *from* **following Me** and *do not* **guard My commands**, **My laws**, which I have set before you, ***but shall*** go and **serve** other *mighty ones* and *bow* yourselves to *them*,

7***then*** I ***shall cut*** *off* Yisra’ĕl from the face of the soil which I have **given** them and send away from **My presence** this house which I have set-apart for **My Name.** And Yisra’ĕl ***shall*** **be** a *proverb* and a *mockery* among **all** the peoples.

8“‘And this house, which has been exalted, everyone who passes by it ***shall*** **be** *astonished* and *hiss* and say, ‘***Why*** has ֱיְהוָה done thus to this land and to this house?’

9“‘***Then*** they ***shall*** say, ‘**Because** they have ***forsaken*** ֱיְהוָה their **Elohim**, who brought their fathers out of the land of Mitsrayim and they *embraced* other *mighty ones* and *bowed* themselves to them and *served* them. That is *why* ֱיְהוָה has brought **all** this *evil* on them.’ ”

10And it came to be, at **the end** of twenty years, that Shelomoh had built the two houses, the House of ֱיְהוָה and the house of the sovereign.

11Ḥiram the sovereign of Tsor had sup plied Shelomoh with cedar and cypress and gold, as much as he desired. ***Then*** Sovereign Shelomoh gave Ḥiram twenty cities in the land of Galil.

12And Ḥiram came from Tsor to **see** the cities which Shelomoh had **given** him, but they were not **right** in his eyes,

13and he said, “***What*** are these cities you have **given** me, my brother?” And he called them the land of Kaḇul, as they are to this day.

14And Ḥiram **sent** the sovereign one hundred and twenty talents of gold.

15And this is the purpose of the compulsory labour which Sovereign Shelomoh **raised,** to build the House of ֱיְהוָה and his own house and Millo and the wall of Yerushalayim and Ḥatsor and Meḡiddo and Gezer –

16Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim had gone up and taken Gezer and *burned* it with *fire* and had *slain* the Kena‘anites who dwelt in the city and had **given** it as a payment for the bride to his daughter, Shelomoh’s wife –

17and Shelomoh built Gezer and Lower Bĕyth Ḥoron,

18and Ḇa‘alath and Tamar in the wilderness, in the land of Yahuḏah,

19and **all** the storage cities that Shelomoh had and cities for his chariots and cities for his cavalry and ***whatever*** Shelomoh desired to build in Yerushalayim and in Leḇanon and in **all** the land of his **rule.**

20All the people who were left of the Amorites, the Ḥittites, the Perizzites, the Ḥiwwites and the Yeḇusites, who were not of the children of Yisra’ĕl –

21their descendants who were left in the land after them, whom the children of Yisra’ĕl had not been able to *destroy* **completely** – from these Shelomoh **raised** compulsory labour, as it is to this day.

22***But*** Shelomoh *did not* make slaves of the children of Yisra’ĕl, **because** they were men of battle and his servants and his rulers and his officers and commanders of his chariots and his cavalry.

23These were the chiefs of the officials who were over the **work** of Shelomoh: five hundred and fifty, who ruled over the people who did the work.

24***But*** the daughter of Pharaoh came up from the City of Dawiḏ to her house that he built for her. ***Then*** he built Millo.

25And *three times* a year Shelomoh brought burnt offerings and **peace** offerings on the altar which he had built for ֱיְהוָה and he *burned* incense with that which was before ֱיְהוָה – thus gave completeness to the House.

26And Sovereign Shelomoh built a fleet of ships at Etsyon Geḇer, which is **near** Ĕyloth on the shore of the Sea of Reeds, in the land of Eḏom.

27And Ḥiram **sent** his servants with the fleet, seamen who **knew** the sea, to **work** with the servants of Shelomoh.

[28]And they went to Ophir and took four hundred and twenty talents of gold from there and brought it to Sovereign Shelomoh.

10 And the sovereigness of Sheḇa **heard** of the report of Shelomoh concerning the **Name** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ and came to try him with hard questions.

[2]And she came to Yerushalayim with a **very great** company, with camels that bore spices, **very** much gold and **precious** stones. And she came to Shelomoh and she spoke with him about **all** that was in her **heart.**

[3]And Shelomoh answered **all** her questions. There was no matter *hidden* for the sovereign that he *did not* make **known** to her.

[4]And the sovereigness of Sheḇa **saw all** the **wisdom** of Shelomoh and the house that he had built,

[5]and the food on his table and the seating of his servants and the service of his waiters and their attire and his cupbearers and his burnt offerings which he offered in the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ and there was no more spirit in her.

[6]***Then*** she said to the sovereign, "The **word** I **heard** in my own land about your **words** and your **wisdom** was **true.**

[7]"***But*** I *did not believe* the **words** until I came and **saw** with my own eyes. And **see,** I have not been told the half! **Your wisdom** and **prosperity** exceed the report which I **heard**.

[8]**"Blessed** are your men and **blessed** are these your servants, who **stand** continually before you, who are **hearing** your **wisdom**!

[9]**"Blessed** be ꓤꓰꓤꓶ your **Elohim**, who **delighted** in you, to put you on the throne of Yisra'ĕl! **Because** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ has **loved** Yisra'ĕl **forever**, therefore **He** made you sovereign, to do **right-ruling** and **righteousness**."

[10]And she gave the sovereign one hundred and twenty talents of gold and **very** many spices and **precious** stones. Never again did so many spices **come** as the sovereigness of Sheḇa gave to Sovereign Shelomoh.

[11]And also, the ships of Ḥiram, which brought gold from Ophir, brought almug wood, a **great** many and **precious** stones from Ophir.

[12]And the sovereign made steps of the almug ***wood*** for the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ and for the sovereign's house, also lyres and harps for singers. No such almug ***wood*** has **come** or been **seen** to this day.

[13]And Sovereign Shelomoh gave the sovereigness of Sheḇa **all** she desired, ***whatever*** she asked, besides what he gave her **according** to the **hand** of Sovereign Shelomoh. And she turned and went to her land, she and her servants.

[14]And the weight of gold that came to Shelomoh yearly was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold,

[15]besides that from men of travel and the profit from traders and from **all** the sovereigns of Araḇia and from the governors of the land.

[16]And Sovereign Shelomoh made two hundred large shields of *beaten* gold – six hundred pieces of gold went into each shield;

[17]and three hundred shields of *beaten* gold – three minas of gold went into each shield. And the sovereign put them in the House of the Forest of Leḇanon.

[18]And the sovereign made a **great** throne of ivory and overlaid it with refined gold.

[19]The throne had six steps and the top of the throne was round at the back and there were armrests on either side of the place of the seat and two lions stood beside the armrests.

[20]And twelve lions were standing there, one on each side of the six steps. The like of it was never made in any reign.

[21]And **all** the drinking vessels of Sovereign Shelomoh were of gold and **all** the vessels of the House of the Forest of Leḇanon were of refined gold – not of silver, for this was reckoned of *little* value in the days of Shelomoh.

[22]For the sovereign had ships of Tarshish at sea with the fleet of Ḥiram.

Once **every** three years the ships of Tarshish came bringing gold and silver, ivory and apes and baboons.
[23]And Sovereign Shelomoh was greater than any of the sovereigns of the earth in riches and **wisdom**.
[24]And **all** the earth sought the presence of Shelomoh to **hear** his **wisdom,** which **Elohim** had put in his **heart.**
[25]And they were each bringing his present: objects of silver and objects of gold and garments and armour and spices, horses and mules, the matter of a year by year.
[26]And Shelomoh gathered chariots and horsemen and he had one thousand four hundred chariots and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the sovereign in Yerushalayim.
[27]And the sovereign made silver as *common* in Yerushalayim as stones and he made cedars as plenty as the sycamores which are in the low country.
[28]And Shelomoh had horses brought out from Mitsrayim and Quĕh; the sovereign's *merchants* bought them in Quĕh at a price.
[29]And a chariot came up and went out from Mitsrayim for six hundred pieces of silver and a horse one hundred and fifty. And so, by their **hand,** they brought them out to **all** the sovereigns of the Ḥittites and the sovereigns of Aram.

11 And Sovereign Shelomoh **loved** many foreign women in addition to the daughter of Pharaoh: Mo'aḇite, Ammonite, Eḏomite, Tsiḏonian and Ḥittite women;
[2]from the nations of whom ꓤYHWH had said to the children of Yisra'ĕl, "You *do not* go into them and they *do not* go into you, for they ***shall*** certainly *turn away* your **hearts** after their *mighty ones*." Shelomoh *clung* to these in **love.**
[3]And he had seven hundred wives, princesses and three hundred concubines. And his wives turned away his **heart.**
[4]And it came to be, when Shelomoh was old, that his wives *turned away* his **heart** after other *mighty ones*. And his **heart** was not **perfect** with ꓤYHWH his **Elohim**, as was the **heart** of his father Dawiḏ.
[5]And Shelomoh *went after* Ashtoreth the *mighty one* of the Tsiḏonians and *after* Milkom the **abomination** of the Ammonites.
[6]Thus Shelomoh did *evil in the eyes* of ꓤYHWH and *did not* **follow** ꓤYHWH **completely**, like his father Dawiḏ.
[7]***Then*** Shelomoh built a *high place* for Kemosh the **abomination** of Mo'aḇ, on the hill that is east of Yerushalayim and for Moleḵ the **abomination** of the children of Ammon.
[8]And so he did for **all** his foreign wives, who *burned* incense and *slaughtered* to their *mighty ones*.
[9]Therefore ꓤYHWH was **enraged** with Shelomoh, **because** his **heart** had *turned away* from ꓤYHWH **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, who had appeared to him **twice**,
[10]and had **commanded** him concerning this **word,** not to *go after* other *mighty ones*. ***But*** he *did not* **guard** what ꓤYHWH had **commanded**.
[11]And ꓤYHWH said to Shelomoh, "**Because** you have done this and have ***not*** **guarded My covenant** and **My laws**, which I have **commanded** you, I ***shall*** certainly *tear* the **reign** away from you and give it to your servant.
[12]"Only, I *do not* do it in your days, for the sake of your father Dawiḏ. Out of the **hand** of your son I ***shall*** *tear* it.
[13]"Only, I ***shall*** not *tear* away **all** the **reign** but give one tribe to your son for the sake of my servant Dawiḏ and for the sake of Yerushalayim which I have **chosen**."
[14]And ꓤYHWH **raised** up an adversary *against* Shelomoh, Haḏaḏ the Eḏomite. **He** was of the seed of the sovereign in Eḏom.
[15]And it came to be when Dawiḏ was in Eḏom and Yo'aḇ the commander of the army had gone up to bury the slain, after he had *smitten* **every** male in Eḏom –

16 Yo'aḇ remained there with **all** Yisra'ĕl for six months, until **every** male in Eḏom was *cut off* –
17 that Haḏaḏ fled to go to Mitsrayim, he and certain Eḏomites of his father's servants with him, while Haḏaḏ was still a *little* child.
18 And they arose from Miḏyan and came to Paran and took men with them from Paran and came to Mitsrayim, to Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim, who gave him a house and ordered food for him and gave him land.
19 And Haḏaḏ **found** much **favour** *in the eyes* of Pharaoh, so that he gave him as wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Sovereigness Taḥpenĕs.
20 And the sister of Taḥpenĕs bore him Genuḇath his son, whom Taḥpenĕs weaned in Pharaoh's house. And Genuḇath was in the house of Pharaoh among the sons of Pharaoh.
21 And Haḏaḏ **heard** in Mitsrayim that Dawiḏ slept with his fathers and that Yo'aḇ the commander of the army was *dead* and Haḏaḏ said to Pharaoh, "**Let** me go to my land."
22 And Pharaoh said to him, "***But*** what have you lacked with me, that you are **now seeking** to go to your own land?" And he answered, "No, but please let me go."
23 And **Elohim raised** up another adversary *against* him, Rezon son of Elyaḏa who had fled from his master, Haḏaḏezer sovereign of Tsoḇah,
24 and gathered men to him and became commander over a raiding band, when Dawiḏ slew those of Tsoḇah. And they went to Damascus and dwelt there and reigned in Damascus.
25 And he was an adversary of Yisra'ĕl **all** the days of Shelomoh – besides the *trouble* that Haḏaḏ **caused** – and he was hostile to Yisra'ĕl and reigned over Aram.
26 And a servant of Shelomoh, Yaroḇ'am son of Neḇat, an Ephrayimite from Tserĕḏah, whose mother's name was Tseru'ah, a widow, also lifted up a **hand** *against* the sovereign.
27 And this is what **caused** him to lift up a **hand** *against* the sovereign: Shelomoh had built Millo, repairing the breaks in the City of Dawiḏ his father.
28 And the man Yaroḇ'am was a brave man. And Shelomoh, **seeing** that the young man was doing his **work** well, made him the officer over **all** the compulsory labour of the house of Yosĕph.
29 And it came to be at that **time,** when Yaroḇ'am went out of Yerushalayim, that the **prophet** Aḥiyah the Shilonite met him on the **way.** And he was wearing a new garment and the two were alone in the field.
30 And Aḥiyah took hold of the new garment that was on him and tore it into twelve pieces,
31 and said to Yaroḇ'am, "Take for yourself ten pieces, for thus said יהוה, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, '**See,** I am tearing the **reign** out of the **hand** of Shelomoh and ***shall*** give ten tribes to you,
32 but he ***shall*** have one tribe for the sake of **My** servant Dawiḏ and for the sake of Yerushalayim, the city which I have **chosen** out of **all** the tribes of Yisra'ĕl.
33 '**Because** they have ***forsaken*** **Me** and bow themselves to Ashtoreth the *mighty one* of the Tsiḏonians, to Kemosh the *mighty one* of the Mo'aḇites and to Milkom the *mighty one* of the children of Ammon and have *not walked* in **My ways** – to do what is **right** in **My** eyes and **My laws** and **My right-rulings**, as did his father Dawiḏ.
34 '***But*** I *do not* take **all** the **reign** out of his **hand, because** I have made him ruler **all** the days of his **life** for the sake of **My** servant Dawiḏ, whom I **chose because** he **guarded My commands** and **My laws**.
35 'And I ***shall*** take the **reign** out of his son's **hand** and give it to you, the ten tribes.
36 'And to his son I give one tribe, so that **My** servant Dawiḏ ***shall*** **always** have a **lamp** before **Me** in Yerushalayim, the city which I have **chosen** for **Myself**,

to put **My Name** there.
37‘So I take you and you ***shall*** **reign** over **all** that your being desires and you ***shall*** **be** sovereign over Yisra’ĕl.
38‘And it ***shall*** **be,** ***if*** you **obey all** that I **command** you and ***shall*** **walk** in **My** ways and do what is **right** in **My** eyes, to **guard My laws** and **My commands**, as **My** servant Dawiḏ did, ***then*** I ***shall*** **be** with you and build for you a steadfast house, as I built for Dawiḏ and ***shall*** give Yisra’ĕl to you.
39‘And **<u>because</u>** of this I humble the **seed** of Dawiḏ, but not **forever**.’ ”
40And Shelomoh sought to *kill* Yarobʽam, but Yarobʽam rose up and fled to Miṣrayim, to Shishaq sovereign of Miṣrayim and was in Miṣrayim until the *death* of Shelomoh.
41And the rest of the acts of Shelomoh, **all** that he did and his **wisdom,** are they not **written** in the **book** of the acts of Shelomoh?
42And the days that Shelomoh reigned in Yerushalayim over **all** Yisra’ĕl was forty years.
43So Shelomoh slept with his fathers and was buried in the City of Dawiḏ his father and Reḥabʽam his son reigned in his place.

12 And Reḥabʽam went to Sheḵem, for **all** Yisra’ĕl had gone to Sheḵem to set him up to reign.
2And it came to be, when Yarobʽam son of Nebaṭ **heard** this – he was still in Miṣrayim, for he had fled from the presence of Sovereign Shelomoh and had been dwelling in Miṣrayim –
3that they **sent** and called him. And Yarobʽam and **all** the assembly of Yisra’ĕl came and spoke to Reḥabʽam, saying,
4“**Your** father made our yoke hard and **now**, Lighten the hard service of your father and his *heavy* yoke which he put on us, then we **serve** you.”
5And he said to them, “Go away for three days, then **come back** to me.” And the people went.
6***Then*** Sovereign Reḥabʽam consulted the elders who stood before his father Shelomoh while he still lived and he said, “***What*** do you advise me to answer these people?”
7And they spoke to him, saying, “***If*** you are a servant to these people today and ***shall*** **serve** them and ***shall*** answer them and **speak good words** to them, ***then*** they ***shall*** **be** your servants **all** the days.”
8***But*** he *ignored* the advice the elders gave him and consulted the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him.
9And he said to them, “***What*** advice do you give? ***How*** should we answer this people who have **spoken** to me, saying, ‘Lighten the yoke which your father put on us’?”
10And the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, “Say this to this people who have **spoken** to you, saying, ‘**Your** father made our yoke heavy, but you make it lighter on us.’ **Say** this to them, ‘**My** *little* **finger** is thicker than my father’s waist!
11‘And **now**, my father laid a *heavy* yoke on you, but I add to your yoke; my father *flogged* you with whips, but I flog you with scourges!’ ”
12So Yarobʽam and **all** the people came to Reḥabʽam the third day, as the sovereign had **spoken** , saying, **“Come back** to me the third day.”
13***But*** the sovereign answered the people *harshly* and *ignored* the advice which the elders had **given** him,
14and he spoke to them **according** to the advice of the young men, saying, “My father made your yoke heavy, but I add to your yoke; my father *flogged* you with whips, but I, I flog you with scourges!”
15So the sovereign *did not* **listen** to the people, for the turn *of events* was from יהוה, **in order** to **establish His word,** which יהוה had **spoken** by Aḥiyah the Shilonite to Yarobʽam son of Nebaṭ.
16And **all** Yisra’ĕl **saw** that the sovereign *did not* **listen** to them. ***Then*** the people answered the sovereign,

saying, "***What*** portion do we have in Dawiḏ? And there is no **inheritance** in the son of Yishai. To your *mighty ones*, O Yisra'ĕl! **Now**, **see** to your own house, O Dawiḏ!" So Yisra'ĕl went to their tents.
[17]***But*** as for the children of Yisra'ĕl who dwelt in the cities of Yahuḏah, Reḥaḇ'am reigned over them.
[18]And when Sovereign Reḥaḇ'am **sent** Aḏoram, who was over the compulsory labour, **all** Yisra'ĕl stoned him with stones and he *died.* And Sovereign Reḥaḇ'am hastily mounted his chariot to ***flee*** to Yerushalayim.
[19]Thus Yisra'ĕl revolted *against* the house of Dawiḏ to this day.
[20]And it came to be when **all** Yisra'ĕl **heard** that Yaroḇ'am had **come** back, they **sent** for him and called him to the congregation and set him up to **reign** over **all** Yisra'ĕl. There was *none* who **followed** the house of Dawiḏ, ***except*** the tribe of Yahuḏah.
[21]And Reḥaḇ'am came to Yerushalayim and he **assembled all** the house of Yahuḏah with the tribe of Binyamin, one hundred and eighty thousand **chosen** brave men, to *fight against* the house of Yisra'ĕl, to bring back the **reign** to Reḥaḇ'am son of Shelomoh.
[22]***But*** the **Word** of **Elohim** came to Shemayah the man of **Elohim**, saying,
[23]**"Speak** to Reḥaḇ'am son of Shelomoh, sovereign of Yahuḏah and to **all** the house of Yahuḏah and Binyamin and to the rest of the people, saying,
[24]'Thus said ꓤYHWH, "***Do*** *not* go up or *fight against* your brothers the children of Yisra'ĕl. **Let every man return to his house, for this matter is from Me."** ' " So they **obeyed** the **Word** of ꓤYHWH and turned back, **according** to the **Word** of ꓤYHWH.
[25]And Yaroḇ'am built Shekem in the mountains of Ephrayim and dwelt there. And he went out from there and built Penu'ĕl.
[26]And Yaroḇ'am said in his **heart,** "**Now** the **reign** ***shall*** **return** to the house of Dawiḏ.
[27]"***If*** these people go up to do slaughterings in the House of ꓤYHWH at Yerushalayim, then the **heart** of this people ***shall turn*** **back** to their master, Reḥaḇ'am sovereign of Yahuḏah and they ***shall*** *slay* me and go back to Reḥaḇ'am sovereign of Yahuḏah."
[28]So the sovereign took counsel and made *two calves* of gold and said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Yerushalayim. **See,** your *mighty ones*, O Yisra'ĕl, which brought you up from the land of Mitsrayim!"
[29]And he set up one in Bĕyth Ěl and the other he put in Dan.
[30]And this *matter* became a *sin,* for the people went before the one as far as Dan.
[31]And he made the house of *high places* and made priests from **all** sorts of people, who were *not* of the sons of Lĕwi.
[32]And Yaroḇ'am performed a *festival* on the fifteenth **day of** the *eighth* month, like the *festival* that was in Yahuḏah and he offered on the altar. So he did at Bĕyth Ěl, slaughtering to the *calves* that he had made. And at Bĕyth Ěl he **appointed** the priests of the *high places* which he had made.
[33]And he made offerings on the altar which he had made at Bĕyth Ěl on the fifteenth **day of** the *eighth* month, in the month which he had *devised* in his *own* **heart.** And he performed a **festival** for the children of Yisra'ĕl and *offered* on the altar and *burned* incense.

13 And **see,** a man of **Elohim** went from Yahuḏah to Bĕyth Ěl by the **Word** of ꓤYHWH, while Yaroḇ'am was standing by the altar to burn incense.
[2]And he *cried out against* the altar by the **Word** of ꓤYHWH and said, "O altar, altar! Thus said ꓤYHWH, '**See,** a son is to be born to the house of Dawiḏ, Yoshiyahu is his name. And on you he ***shall*** offer the priests of the *high places* who burn incense on you and men's bones be *burned* on you.' "

3And he gave a **sign** the **same** day, saying, "This is the **sign** which ꓤꓴꓤꓵ has **spoken** : **See,** the altar is split apart and the ashes on it is poured out."
4And it came to be when Sovereign Yaroḇ'am **heard** the saying of the man of **Elohim**, who *cried out* <u>*against*</u> the altar in Bĕyth Ĕl, that he **stretched** out his **hand** from the altar, saying, "Seize **Him!**" ***Then*** his **hand,** which he **stretched** out toward him, dried up, so that he was *unable* to bring it back to him.
5And the altar was split apart and the ashes **poured out** from the altar, **according** to the **sign** which the man of **Elohim** had **given** by the **Word** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ.
6And the sovereign answered and said to the man of **Elohim**, "Please appease the face of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ your **Elohim** and pray for me, that my **hand** might be restored to me." And the man of **Elohim** appeased the face of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ and the sovereign's **hand** was restored to him and became as it was before.
7The sovereign then said to the man of **Elohim**, **"Come** home with me and refresh yourself and I give you a gift."
8***But*** the man of **Elohim** said to the sovereign, "***If*** you were to give me half your house, I *do not* go in with you, nor do I ***eat*** bread nor ***drink*** water in this place.
9"For so **He commanded** me by the **Word** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ, saying, '***Do not eat*** bread, nor ***drink*** water, nor ***return*** by the **same way** you came.' "
10So he went another **way** and *did not* **return** by the **way** he came to Bĕyth Ĕl.
11And a certain old **prophet** was dwelling in Bĕyth Ĕl and his sons came and told him **all** the **works** that the man of **Elohim** had done that day in Bĕyth Ĕl, the **words** which he had **spoken** to the sovereign.
12And their father said to them, "Which **way** did he go?" And his sons had **seen** which **way** the man of **Elohim** went who came from Yahuḏah.
13And he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." And they saddled the donkey for him and he rode on it,
14and went after the man of **Elohim** and **found** him sitting under a terebinth. And he said to him, "Are you the man of **Elohim** who came from Yahuḏah?" And he said, "I am."
15And he said to him, **"Come** home with me and eat bread."
16And he said, "I am not able to **return** with you or to go in with you, nor am I to eat **bread** or drink water with you in this place.
17"For **word** came to me by the **Word** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ, '***Do not*** eat **bread** nor drink water there, nor **return** by going the **way** you came.' "
18And he said to him, "I too am a **prophet** like you and a messenger spoke to me by the **Word** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house and let him ***eat*** bread and ***drink*** water.' " ***But*** he *lied* to him.
19So he turned back with him and ate **bread** in his house and drank water.
20And it came to be, as they sat at the table, that the **Word** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ came to the **prophet** who had brought him back,
21and he *cried out* to the man of **Elohim** who came from Yahuḏah, saying, "Thus said ꓤꓴꓤꓵ, '<u>**Because**</u> you have *rebelled* <u>*against*</u> the **mouth** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ and have *not* **guarded** the **command** which ꓤꓴꓤꓵ your **Elohim commanded** you,
22and ***turned back*** and ***ate*** bread and ***drank*** water in the place of which **He** said to you, "***Do not eat*** bread nor ***drink*** water," your body ***shall*** not enter the burying-place of your fathers.' "
23And it came to be, after he had ***eaten*** bread and after he had ***drunk***, that he saddled the donkey for him, for the **prophet** whom he had brought back.
24And he went and a lion met him on the **way** and *killed* him. And his body was *thrown* on the **way.** And the donkey was standing by it and the lion was standing by the body.
25And **see,** men were passing by and **saw** the body *thrown* on the **way,** while

the lion was standing by the body. And they went and reported it in the city where the old **prophet** dwelt.
[26]And the **prophet** who had brought him back from the **way heard** it and said, "It is the man of **Elohim** who *rebelled <u>against</u>* the **mouth** of ה׳ and ה׳ gave him to the lion and it *tore* him apart and *killed* him, **according** to the **Word** of ה׳ which **He** spoke to him."
[27]And he spoke to his sons, saying, "Saddle the donkey for me." And they saddled it.
[28]So he went and **found** his body *thrown* on the **way** and the donkey and the lion standing by the body. The lion had not eaten the body nor mauled the donkey.
[29]And the **prophet** lifted up the body of the man of **Elohim** and placed it on the donkey and brought it back. And the old **prophet** came to the city to mourn and to bury him,
[30]and he placed his body in his own tomb. And they lamented over him, saying, "Oh, my brother!"
[31]And it came to be, after he had buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying, "***When*** I am *dead,* then you ***shall*** bury me in the tomb where the man of **Elohim** is buried. Lay my bones beside his bones.
[32]"For the **word** which he *cried out*, by the **Word** of ה׳, *<u>against</u>* the altar in Bĕyth Ēl and *<u>against</u>* **all** the houses of the *high places* which are in the cities of Shomeron, ***shall*** certainly **come to** be."
[33]After this event Yarobʽam *did not* turn from his *evil* **way,** but again he made *priests* from **all** *sorts* of people for the *high places*. ***Whoever*** *wished*, he ordained, to become one of the *priests* of the *high places*.
[34]And this matter was the *sin* of the house of Yarobʽam, even to *cut* it off and *destroy* it from the face of the earth.

14 At that **time** Abiyah the son of Yarobʽam became *sick,*
[2]And Yarobʽam said to his wife, "Please arise and disguise yourself, so they *do not* **know** that you are the wife of Yarobʽam and go to Shiloh. **See,** Aḥiyah the **prophet** is there, who spoke to me of *becoming* sovereign over this people.
[3]"And you ***shall*** take with you ten loaves and cakes and a jar of honey and go to him. **Let** him **declare** to you what becomes of the child."
[4]And Yarobʽam's wife did so and rose up and went to Shiloh and came to the house of Aḥiyah. ***But*** Aḥiyahu was *unable* to **see,** for his eyes had set **<u>because</u>** of his age.
[5]And ה׳ had said to Aḥiyahu, "**See,** the wife of Yarobʽam is **coming** to **ask** you a **word** about her son, for he is *sick,* **Speak** to her thus and thus. For it ***shall*** **be,** when she **comes** in, that she makes herself *strange.*"
[6]And it came to be, when Aḥiyahu **heard** the sound of her footsteps as she came through the **door,** he said, **"Come** in, wife of Yarobʽam. ***Why*** are you making yourself *strange*? And I have been **sent** to you with a hard **word.**
[7]Go, say to Yarobʽam, 'Thus said ה׳ **Elohim** of Yisraʼĕl, "**<u>Because</u>** I exalted you from among the people and made you ruler over **My people** Yisraʼĕl,
[8]and *tore* the **reign** away from the house of Dawiḏ and gave it to you – and you have not been as **My** servant Dawiḏ, who **guarded My commands** and who **followed Me** with **all** his **heart,** to do only what was **right** in **My eyes**,
[9]but you have done more *evil* than **all** who were before you, for you have gone and *made for yourself* other *mighty ones* and *moulded images* to ***provoke*** **Me** and have *cast* **Me** behind your back –
[10]therefore, **see,** I am ***bringing*** *evil* to the house of Yarobʽam and ***shall cut*** *off* from Yarobʽam **every male** in Yisraʼĕl, whether shut up or left at large and *sweep away* the **remnant** of the house of Yarobʽam, as one sweeps away *dung* until it is **all** gone.

[11]Those of Yarob̲'am who *die* in the city the ***dogs*** do eat and those who *die* in the field the birds of the heavens do eat, for **ה֣וָה has spoken it!" '**

[12]"And you, arise, go to your house. ***When*** your feet enter the city, the child ***shall*** *die.*

[13]"And **all** Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** *mourn* for him and bury him, for he is the only one of Yarob̲'am who ***shall*** **come to** the grave, **because** in him there is **found** a **good report** toward **ה֣וָה Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, in the house of Yarob̲'am.

[14]"And **ה֣וָה *shall* raise** up for **Himself** a sovereign over Yisra'ĕl who *cuts* off the house of Yarob̲'am, this day and even **now!**

[15]"And **ה֣וָה *shall*** *smite* Yisra'ĕl, as a reed is *shaken* in the water and ***shall*** pluck Yisra'ĕl from this **good** soil which **He** gave to their fathers and ***shall*** *scatter* them beyond the River, **because** they made their Ashĕrim, ***provoking*** **ה֣וָה**,

[16]and **He *shall*** give Yisra'ĕl up, **because** of the *sins* of Yarob̲'am, who *sinned* and who made Yisra'ĕl *sin.*"

[17]And the wife of Yarob̲'am rose up and went and came to Tirtsah. ***When*** she came to the threshold of the house, the child *died.*

[18]And they buried him and **all** Yisra'ĕl lamented for him, **according** to the **Word** of **ה֣וָה** which **He** spoke through **His** servant Aḥiyahu the **prophet.**

[19]And the rest of the acts of Yarob̲'am, how he fought and how he reigned, **see,** they are **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl.

[20]And the days that Yarob̲'am reigned was twenty-two years. So he slept with his fathers and Nadab̲ his son reigned in his place.

[21]Meanwhile Reḥab̲'am son of Shelomoh reigned in Yahud̲ah. Reḥab̲'am was fortyone years old when he became sovereign and he reigned seventeen years in Yerushalayim, the city which **ה֣וָה** had **chosen** out of **all** the tribes of Yisra'ĕl, to put **His Name** there. And his mother's name was Na'amah the Ammonitess.

[22]And Yahud̲ah did *evil in the eyes* of **ה֣וָה** and they *provoked* **Him** to *jealousy* with *their sins* which they committed, more than **all** that their fathers had done.

[23]For they also built for themselves *high places* and *pillars* and Ashĕrim on **every** high hill and under **every** *green tree.*

[24]And there were also *cult prostitutes* in the land. They did **according** to **all** the **abominations** of the *gentiles* which **ה֣וָה** dispossessed before the children of Yisra'ĕl.

[25]And it came to be, in the fifth year of Sovereign Reḥab̲'am, that Shishaq sovereign of Mitsrayim came up *against* Yerushalayim.

[26]And he took away the treasures of the House of **ה֣וָה** and the treasures of the sovereign's house, he even took away **all.** And he took away **all** the shields of gold which Shelomoh had made.

[27]And Sovereign Reḥab̲'am made shields of bronze to replace them and entrusted them into the hands of the chiefs of the guard, who **guarded** the entrance of the sovereign's house.

[28]And it came to be, whenever the sovereign went into the House of **ה֣וָה**, the guards would bring them, then take them back into the guardroom.

[29]And the rest of the acts of Reḥab̲'am and **all** that he did, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yahud̲ah?

[30]And there was *fighting* between Reḥab̲'am and Yarob̲'am **all** the days.

[31]So Reḥab̲'am slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the City of Dawid̲. And the name of his mother was Na'amah the Ammonitess. And Abiyam his son reigned in his place.

15 And in the eighteenth year of Sovereign Yarob̲'am son of Neb̲at, Abiyam became sovereign over Yahud̲ah.

[2]He reigned three years in

Yerushalayim and his mother's name was Ma'aḵah the granddaughter of Aḇishalom.

[3]And he *walked* in **all** the *sins* of his father, which he had done before him and his **heart** was not **perfect** to ꓤꓰꓤꓶ his **Elohim**, as was the **heart** of his father Dawiḏ.

[4]***But*** for Dawiḏ's sake ꓤꓰꓤꓶ his **Elohim** gave him a **lamp** in Yerushalayim, to **raise** up his son after him and by establishing Yerushalayim,

[5]for Dawiḏ did what was **right** *in the eyes* of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ and *did not* turn aside from **all** that **He commanded** him **all** the days of his **life**, ***except*** in the matter of Uriyah the Ḥittite.

[6]And there was *fighting* between Reḥaḇ'am and Yaroḇ'am **all** the days of his **life**.

[7]And the rest of the acts of Aḇiyam and **all** that he did, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah? And there was *fighting* between Aḇiyam and Yaroḇ'am.

[8]So Aḇiyam slept with his fathers and they buried him in the City of Dawiḏ. And Asa his son reigned in his place.

[9]And in the twentieth year of Yaroḇ'am sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, Asa became sovereign over Yahuḏah.

[10]And he reigned forty-one years in Yerushalayim and his grandmother's name was Ma'aḵah the granddaughter of Aḇishalom.

[11]And Asa did what was **right** *in the eyes* of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, as his father Dawiḏ had done,

[12]and put away the *cult prostitutes* from the land and **removed all** the *idols* that his fathers had made.

[13]And he also removed Ma'aḵah his grandmother from being sovereigness mother, **<u>because</u>** she had made an **<u>abominable</u>** *image* for Ashĕrah. And Asa *cut down* her **<u>abominable</u>** *image* and *burned* it by the wadi Qiḏron.

[14]***But*** the *high places* were not removed. However, Asa's **heart** was **perfect** with ꓤꓰꓤꓶ **all** his days.

[15]And he brought into the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ the set-apart items of his father and his own set-apart items: silver and gold and utensils.

[16]And there was *fighting* between Asa and Ba'asha sovereign of Yisra'ĕl **all** their days.

[17]And Ba'asha sovereign of Yisra'ĕl came up *<u>against</u>* Yahuḏah and built Ramah, to keep anyone from going out or **coming** in to Asa sovereign of Yahuḏah.

[18]And Asa took **all** the silver and gold that was left in the treasuries of the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ and the treasuries of the sovereign's house and gave them into the **hand** of his servants. And Sovereign Asa **sent** them to Ben-Haḏaḏ son of Taḇrimmon, son of Ḥezyon, sovereign of Aram, who dwelt in Damascus, saying,

[19]"**Let** there be a **covenant** between you and me, as there was between my father and your father. Look, I have **sent** you a present of silver and gold. **Come,** *break* your **covenant** with Ba'asha sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, so that he withdraws from me."

[20]And Ben-Haḏaḏ **listened** to Sovereign Asa and **sent** the commanders of his armies *<u>against</u>* the cities of Yisra'ĕl and *smote* Iyon and Dan and Aḇĕl Bĕyth Ma'aḵah and **all** Kinneroth, with **all** the land of Naphtali.

[21]And it came to be, when Ba'asha **heard** it, that he *stopped* building Ramah and remained in Tirtsah.

[22]***Then*** Sovereign Asa summoned **all** Yahuḏah – none was exempted – and they took away the stones and timber of Ramah, which Ba'asha had used for building. And with them Sovereign Asa built Geḇa of Binyamin and Mitspah.

[23]And 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 annals of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah? ***But*** in the **time** of his old age he was *diseased* in his feet.

[24]So Asa slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the City of Dawiḏ his father. And Yehoshaphat his

son reigned in his place.
[25]And Naḏaḇ son of Yaroḇʻam became sovereign over Yisraʼĕl in the second year of Asa sovereign of Yahuḏah and he reigned over Yisraʼĕl two years.
[26]And he did *evil in the eyes* of ֱיְהוָה and *walked* in the **way** of his father and in his *sin* by which he had made Yisraʼĕl *sin.*
[27]***Then*** Baʻasha son of Aḥiyah, of the house of Yissasḵar, *conspired against* him. And Baʻasha *smote* him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines, for Naḏaḇ and **all** Yisraʼĕl had laid siege to Gibbethon.
[28]And Baʻasha *killed* him in the third year of Asa sovereign of Yahuḏah and reigned in his place.
[29]And it came to be, when he became sovereign, that he *smote* **all** the house of Yaroḇʻam. **He** *did not* leave to Yaroḇʻam anyone breathing, until he had ***destroyed*** him, **according** to the **Word** of ֱיְהוָה which **He** had **spoken** by **His** servant Aḥiyah the Shilonite,
[30]**because** of the *sins* of Yaroḇʻam, which he had *sinned* and by which he had *made* Yisraʼĕl *sin,* **because** of his provocation with which he had *provoked* ֱיְהוָה **Elohim** of Yisraʼĕl.
[31]And the rest of the acts of Naḏaḇ and **all** that he did, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisraʼĕl?
[32]And there was *fighting* between Asa and Baʻasha sovereign of Yisraʼĕl **all** their days.
[33]In the third year of Asa sovereign of Yahuḏah, Baʻasha son of Aḥiyah became sovereign over **all** Yisraʼĕl in Tirtsah and reigned twenty-four years.
[34]And he did *evil in the eyes* of ֱיְהוָה and *walked* in the **way** of Yaroḇʻam and in his *sin* by which he had *made* Yisraʼĕl *sin.*

16 ***Then*** the **Word** of ֱיְהוָה came to Yĕhu son of Ḥanani, *against* Baʻasha, saying,
[2]"**Because** I **raised** you up out of the dust and made you ruler over **My people** Yisraʼĕl, ***but*** you *walked* in the **way** of Yaroḇʻam and *made* **My people** Yisraʼĕl *sin,* to ***provoke*** **Me** with their *sins*,
[3]**see**, I am going to *sweep away* Baʻasha and his house and ***shall*** make your house like the house of Yaroḇʻam the son of Neḇat.
[4]"Anyone belonging to Baʻasha who dies in a city the dogs eat and anyone belonging to him who dies in a field the birds of the heavens eat."
[5]And the rest of the acts of Baʻasha, what he did and his might, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisraʼĕl?
[6]So Baʻasha slept with his fathers and was buried in Tirtsah. And his son Ĕlah reigned in his place.
[7]Moreover, the **Word** of ֱיְהוָה came by the **prophet** Yĕhu son of Ḥanani *against* Baʻasha and his house, **because** of **all** the *evil* that he did *in the eyes* of ֱיְהוָה in provoking **Him** with the **work** of his hands, in being like the house of Yaroḇʻam and **because** he *smote* them.
[8]In the twenty-sixth year of Asa sover eign of Yahuḏah, Ĕlah son of Baʻasha began to **reign** over Yisraʼĕl in Tirtsah, two years.
[9]And his servant Zimri, commander of half his chariots, *conspired against* him as he was in Tirtsah drinking himself drunk in the house of Artsa, who was over his house in Tirtsah.
[10]***Then*** Zimri came in and *smote* him and *killed* him in the twenty-seventh year of Asa sovereign of Yahuḏah and reigned in his place.
[11]And it came to be, when he began to reign, as soon as he was seated on his throne, that he *smote* **all** the household of Baʻasha. **He** *did not* leave him one male, neither of his relatives nor of his friends.
[12]So Zimri ***destroyed*** the entire house of Baʻasha, **according** to the **Word** of ֱיְהוָה, which **He** spoke *against* Baʻasha by Yĕhu the **prophet,**
[13]for **all** the *sins* of Baʻasha and

the *sins* of Ělah his son, by which they had *sinned* and by which they had *made* Yisra'ĕl *sin,* in ***provoking*** **יהוה Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl with their *worthless*nesses.

[14]And the rest of the acts of Ělah and **all** that he did, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl?

[15]In the twenty-seventh year of Asa sovereign of Yahuḏah, Zimri reigned seven days in Tirtsah. And the people were encamped *against* Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines.

[16]And the people who were encamped **heard** it said, "Zimri has *conspired* and also *smote* the sovereign." So **all** Yisra'ĕl set up Omri, the commander of the army, to **reign** over Yisra'ĕl that day in the camp.

[17]And Omri went up and **all** Yisra'ĕl with him, from Gibbethon and they besieged Tirtsah.

[18]And it came to be, when Zimri **saw** that the city was captured, that he went into a *high place* of the sovereign's house and *burned* the sovereign's house down upon himself with *fire* and died,

[19]**because** of the *sins* which he had *sinned* in doing *evil in the eyes* of **יהוה**, in *walking* in the **way** of Yaroḇ'am and in his *sin* which he had *committed* to *make* Yisra'ĕl *sin.*

[20]And the rest of the acts of Zimri and the ***conspiracy*** he made, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl?

[21]***Then*** the people of Yisra'ĕl were divided into two parts: half of the people **followed** Tiḇni son of Ginath, to make him reign and half **followed** Omri.

[22]***But*** the people who **followed** Omri were stronger than the people who **followed** Tiḇni son of Ginath. And Tiḇni died and Omri reigned.

[23]In the thirty-first year of Asa sovereign of Yahuḏah, Omri became sovereign over Yisra'ĕl and reigned twelve years. **He** reigned six years in Tirtsah.

[24]And he bought the hill of Shomeron from Shemer for two talents of silver and built on the hill and called the name of the city which he built, Shomeron, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill.

[25]And Omri did *evil in the eyes* of **יהוה** and did *evil* more than **all** those before him,

[26]and *walked* in **all** the **ways** of Yaroḇ'am son of Neḇat and in his *sin* by which he had *made* Yisra'ĕl *sin,* provoking **יהוה Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl with their *worthless*nesses.

[27]And the rest of the acts of Omri which he did and the might that he attained, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl?

[28]So Omri slept with his fathers and was buried in Shomeron. And Aḥaḇ his son reigned in his place.

[29]In the thirty-eighth year of Asa sovereign of Yahuḏah, Aḥaḇ son of Omri became sovereign over Yisra'ĕl. And Aḥaḇ son of Omri reigned over Yisra'ĕl in Shomeron twenty-two years.

[30]And Aḥaḇ son of Omri did *evil in the eyes* of **יהוה**, ***more*** than **all** those before him.

[31]And it came to be, as though it had been a ***light*** matter for him to **walk** in the *sins* of Yaroḇ'am son of Neḇat, that he took as wife Izeḇel the daughter of Ethba'al, sovereign of the Tsiḏonians. And he went and **served *Ba'al*** and *bowed* himself to ***it***,

[32]and **raised** up an altar for ***Ba'al*** in the house of ***Ba'al***, which he had built in Shomeron.

[33]And Aḥaḇ made an ***Ashĕrah***. And Aḥaḇ did more to ***provoke*** **יהוה Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl than **all** the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl before him.

[34]In his days Ḥi'ĕl of Bĕyth Ělbuilt Yeriḥo. **He** laid its foundation at the **cost** of Aḇiram his first-born and at the cost of his youngest son Seḡuḇ he set up its gates, **according** to the **Word** of **יהוה**, which **He** had **spoken** through Yahusha son of Nun.

17 And Ěliyahu the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gil'ad, said to Aḥaḇ, "**As** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ **Elohim of** Yisra'ěl **lives**, before whom I stand, there ***shall*** **be** no dew or rain these years, ***except*** at my **word.**"

2And the **Word** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ came to him, saying,

3"Go away from here and turn eastward and hide by the wadi Kerith, which flows into the Yarděn.

4"And it ***shall*** **be** that you drink from the stream and I ***shall*** **command** the ravens to feed you there."

5And he went and did **according** to the **Word** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, for he went and dwelt by the wadi Kerith, which flows into the Yarděn.

6And the ravens brought him **bread** and meat in the morning and **bread** and meat in the **evening** and he drank from the stream.

7And it came to be after a while that the stream dried up, **because** there had been no rain in the land.

8***Then*** the **Word** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ came to him, saying,

9"Rise up, go to Tsarephath, which belongs to Tsiḏon and dwell there. **See,** I have **commanded** a widow there to sustain you."

10And he rose up and went to Tsarephath and came to the gate of the city and **saw** a widow there gathering sticks. And he called and said to her, "Please bring me a *little* water in a vessel to drink."

11And as she was going to get it, he called and said to her, "Please bring me a piece of **bread** in your **hand.**"

12And she said, "As ꓤꓰꓤꓶ your **Elohim** lives, I *do not* have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin and a *little* oil in a jar. And **see,** I am gathering a couple of sticks and ***shall*** go in and **prepare** it for myself and my son and we ***shall*** eat it and *die*."

13And Ěliyah said to her, "***Do not*** **fear,** go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it **first** and bring it to me. And afterward make some for yourself and your son.

14"For thus said ꓤꓰꓤꓶ **Elohim** of Yisra'ěl, 'The bin of flour ***shall*** not be used up, nor the jar of oil run dry, until the day ꓤꓰꓤꓶ **sends** rain on the earth.' "

15So she went and did **according** to the **word** of Ěliyahu and she and he and her household ate for many days.

16The bin of flour was not used up, *nor did* the jar of oil run dry, **according** to the **Word** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ which **He** spoke by Ěliyahu.

17And after these events it came to be that the son of the woman who owned the house became *sick* and his *sickness* was **very** *severe* until there was no breath left in him.

18And she said to Ěliyahu, "***What*** have I to do with you, O man of **Elohim**? Have you **come to me** to bring my *crookedness* to be **remembered** and to *kill* my son?"

19And he said to her, "Give me your son." So he took him from her arms and took him to the upper room where he was dwelling and laid him on his own bed,

20and *cried out* to ꓤꓰꓤꓶ and said, "O ꓤꓰꓤꓶ my **Elohim**, have **You** also brought *evil* on the widow with whom I am sojourning, to *kill* her son?"

21And he **stretched** himself out on the child **three times** and *cried out* to ꓤꓰꓤꓶ and said, "O ꓤꓰꓤꓶ my **Elohim**, I pray, let the **life** of this child **come back** to him."

22And ꓤꓰꓤꓶ **heard** the **voice** of Ěliyahu and the **life** of the child came back to him and he lived.

23And Ěliyahu took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house and gave him to his mother. And Ěliyahu said, "**See,** your son **lives**!"

24And the woman said to Ěliyahu, "**Now** by this I **know** that you are a man of **Elohim** and that the **Word** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ in your **mouth** is **truth**."

18 And after many days it came to be that the **Word** of ֱיְהוָה came to Ěliyahu, in the third year, saying, "Go, present yourself to Aḥaḇ and I give rain on the earth."

[2]Thereupon Ěliyahu went to present himself to Aḥaḇ. And the *scarcity of food* in Shomeron was *severe.*

[3]And Aḥaḇ had called Oḇaḏyahu, who was over his house. **Now** Oḇaḏyahu ***feared*** ֱיְהוָה exceedingly.

[4]And it came to be, while Izeḇel *cut down* the prophets of ֱיְהוָה, that Oḇaḏyahu had taken one hundred prophets and *hidden* them, fifty to a cave and had fed them with **bread** and water.

[5]And Aḥaḇ had said to Oḇaḏyahu, "Go into the land to **all** the springs of water and to **all** the wadis, it could be that we find grass to keep the horses and mules **alive** and not have any livestock *cut* off.

[6]And they divided the land between them to pass over it, Aḥaḇ went one **way** by himself and Oḇaḏyahu went another **way** by himself.

[7]And as Oḇaḏyahu was on his **way,** then **see,** Ěliyahu met him. And he recognised him and fell on his face and said, "Is that you, my master Ěliyahu?"

[8]And he answered him, "It is I. Go, say to your master, 'Ěliyahu is **here**.' "

[9]And he said, "***What*** have I *sinned*, that you are giving your servant into the **hand** of Aḥaḇ, to *kill* me?

[10]"**As** ֱיְהוָה your **Elohim lives**, there is no nation or **reign** where my master has not **sent** to look for you. And when they said, 'He is not here,' he made the **reign** or nation swear that they *could not* find you.

[11]"And **now** you say, 'Go, say to your master, "Ěliyahu is **here**" '!

[12]"And it ***shall* be,** as soon as I am gone from you, that the **Spirit** of ֱיְהוָה takes you away to a place I *do not* **know.** And I ***shall* come to** report to Aḥaḇ and when he *does not* find you, he ***shall*** *kill* me. ***But*** I your servant have ***feared*** ֱיְהוָה from my youth.

[13]"Was it not reported to my master what I did when Izeḇel slew the prophets of ֱיְהוָה, how I hid one hundred men of the prophets of ֱיְהוָה, fifty to a cave and fed them with **bread** and water?

[14]"And **now** you say, 'Go, say to your master, "Ěliyahu is **here**!" ' ***Then*** he ***shall*** *slay* me."

[15]And Ěliyahu said, "As ֱיְהוָה of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I ***shall*** indeed **show** myself to him today."

[16]Oḇaḏyahu then went to meet Aḥaḇ and informed him and Aḥaḇ went to meet Ěliyahu.

[17]And it came to be, when Aḥaḇ **saw** Ěliyahu, that Aḥaḇ said to him, "Is that you, O disturber of Yisra'ěl?"

[18]And he answered, "I have not disturbed Yisra'ěl, but you and your father's house, in that you have ***forsaken*** the **commands** of ֱיְהוָה and you have **followed** the ***Ba'als***/***Lords***.

[19]"And **now**, send and **gather all** Yisra'ěl to me on Mount Karmel, the four hundred and fifty prophets of Ba'al and the four hundred prophets of Ashěrah, who eat at Izeḇel's table."

[20]Aḥaḇ then **sent** for **all** the children of Yisra'ěl and gathered the prophets on Mount Karmel.

[21]And Ěliyahu came to **all** the people and said, "***How*** long would you keep hopping between two **opinions**? ***If*** ֱיְהוָה is **Elohim**, **follow** Him; and if Ba'al, **follow** him." ***But*** the people answered him not a **word.**

[22]And Ěliyahu said to the people, "I alone am left a **prophet** of ֱיְהוָה, but the prophets of Ba'al are four hundred and fifty men.

[23]"**Now** let them give us two bulls. And let them choose one bull for themselves and *cut* it in pieces and lay it on the wood, but set no *fire*. And I, I'll **prepare** the other bull and ***shall*** lay it on the wood but set no *fire*.

[24]"And you ***shall* call on** the *name* of your *mighty one* and I, I **call on** the **Name** of ֱיְהוָה. And the elohim who answers by *fire*, **He** is elohim." So **all** the people answered and said, "The **word** is **good**."

25And Ěliyahu said to the prophets of Ba'al, "Choose one bull for yourselves and **prepare** it **first,** for you are many. And **call on** the *name* of your *mighty one*, but set no *fire*."
26So they took the bull which was **given** them and prepared it and called on the *name* of ***Ba'al*** from morning even until noon, saying, "O ***Ba'al***, answer us!" ***But*** there was no **voice** and no one answered. And they leaped about the altar which they had made.
27And it came to be at noon, that Ěliyahu taunted them and said, "Cry aloud, for *he* is a *mighty one*; *he* is meditating, or *he* is busy, or *he* is on a journey, or it could be that *he* is asleep and has to be awakened!"
28And they cried aloud and *cut themselves*, **according** to *their ruling*, with knives and spears, until the **blood** gushed out on them.
29And it came to be when midday was past, that they *prophesied* until the **time** of bringing the **evening** offering. ***But*** there was ***no*** *voice* and ***no*** *one answered* and ***no*** *one paid attention*.
30***Then*** Ěliyahu said to **all** the people, **"Come closer** to me." And **all** the people came closer to him and he **repaired** the altar of יהוה that was *broken* down.
31And Ěliyahu took twelve stones, **according** to the number of the tribes of the sons of Ya'aqoḇ, to whom the **Word** of יהוה had come, saying,"Yisra'ěl is your name."
32And with the stones he built an altar in the **Name** of יהוה. And he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two seahs of seed.
33And he arranged the wood and *cut* the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood and said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood."
34***Then*** he said, "***Do*** it a second **time,** " and they did it a second **time.** And he said, "***Do*** it a third **time,**" and they did it a third **time.**
35And the water flowed around the altar and he filled the trench with water too.
36And it came to be, at the **time** of bringing the **evening** offering, that Ěliyahu the **prophet** came **near** and said, "יהוה **Elohim** of Aḇrahim, Yitsḥaq and Yisra'ěl, **let it be known today: You are Elohim in Yisra'ěl** and **I Your servant, have done all these matters by Your word.**
37**"Answer me, O יהוה, answer me** and **let this people know that You are יהוה Elohim** and **You *shall turn* their hearts back to You again."**
38***Then*** the *fire* of יהוה *fell* and *consumed* the burnt offering and the ***wood*** and the *stones* and the *dust* and it licked up the *water* that was in the trench.
39And **all** the people **saw** and fell on their faces and said, "יהוה, **He is the Elohim! יהוה, He is the Elohim!"**
40And Ěliyahu said to them, "Seize the prophets of Ba'al! ***Do*** *not* let one of them **escape**!" So they *seized* them and Ěliyahu brought them down to the wadi Qishon and *slaughtered* them there.
41And Ěliyahu said to Aḥaḇ, "Go up, eat and drink, **because** of the sound of the noise of rain."
42Aḥaḇ went up to eat and to drink and Ěliyahu went up to the top of Karmel and he bowed down on the ground and put his face between his knees,
43and said to his servant, "Please go up and look closely toward the sea." So he went up and **looked** closely and said, "Not a speck." And seven times he said, "Go again."
44And it came to be the seventh **time,** that he said, "I s**ee** a *little* cloud as small as a man's **hand** is **coming** out of the sea!" And he said, "Go up, say to Aḥaḇ, 'Hitch up and go down before the rain stops you.' "
45And in the meantime, it came to be that the heavens became black with clouds and wind and there was a *heavy* rain, while Aḥaḇ rode and went to Yizre'ěl.
46And the **hand** of יהוה was on Ěliyahu. And he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Aḥaḇ to the entrance of

Yizre'ĕl.

19 And when Aḥaḇ reported to Izeḇel **all** that Ěliyahu had done, also how he slew **all** the prophets with the *sword,*

[2]Izeḇel **sent** a messenger to Ěliyahu, saying, "So let the *mighty ones* do to me and more also, if I *do not* make your **life** as the **life** of one of them by **tomorrow** about this **time.** "

[3]And he **feared** and rose up and ran for his **life** and went to Be'ĕrsheḇa, which belongs to Yahuḏah and left his servant there.

[4]***But*** he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom *tree* and prayed that he might *die* and said, "It is enough! **Now**, ה׳, take my **life**, for I am no better than my fathers!"

[5]And he lay and slept under a broom *tree* and **see,** a messenger touched him and said to him, "Rise, eat."

[6]And he **looked** and **saw** by his head a cake baked on coals and a jar of water. So he ate and drank and turned and lay down.

[7]And the messenger of ה׳ came back the second **time,** and touched him and said, "Rise, eat, for the journey is too much for you."

[8]And he rose up and **ate** and **drank** and went in the strength of that food **forty days and forty nights** as far as Ḥorēḇ, the mountain of **Elohim**.

[9]And there he went into a cave and spent the night there. And **see,** the **Word** of ה׳ came to him and said to him, "***What*** are you doing here, Ěliyahu?"

[10]And he said, "I have been **very *jealous*** for ה׳ **Elohim** of hosts, for the *children of Yisra'ĕl* have ***forsaken*** **Your covenant.** They have *thrown* down **Your altars** and they have *slain* **Your prophets** with the *sword* and I am left, I alone and they **seek** my **life**, to take it."

[11]And **He** said, "Go out and **stand** on the mountain before ה׳." And **see,** ה׳ passed by and a **great** and **strong** *wind* tearing the mountains and breaking the rocks in pieces before ה׳ – ה׳ was not in the wind. And after the *wind* an *earthquake* – ה׳ was not in the *earthquake,*

[12]and after the *earthquake* a *fire* – ה׳ was not in the *fire* and after the *fire* a still **small voice**.

[13]And it came to be, when Ěliyahu **heard** it, that he wrapped his face in his **robe** and went out and stood at the cave opening. And **see,** a **voice** came to him and said, "***What*** are you doing here, Ěliyahu?"

[14]And he said, "I have been **very *jealous*** for ה׳ **Elohim** of hosts, for the *children of Yisra'ĕl* have ***forsaken*** **Your covenant.** They have *thrown* down **Your altars** and they have *slain* **Your prophets** with the *sword* and I am left, I alone and they **seek** my **life**, to take it."

[15]And ה׳ said to him, "Go, **return** on *your way* to the Wilderness of Damascus. And you ***shall*** go in and **anoint** Ḥaza'ĕl as sovereign over Aram.

[16]"And **anoint** Yĕhu son of Nimshi as sovereign over Yisra'ĕl. And **anoint** Elisha son of Shaphat of Aḇĕl Meḥolah as **prophet** in your place.

[17]"And it ***shall*** **be** that ***whoever*** **escapes** the *sword* of Ḥaza'ĕl, Yĕhu does kill. And ***whoever*** **escapes** from the *sword* of Yĕhu, Elisha does kill.

[18]"And I ***shall*** leave seven thousand in Yisra'ĕl, **all** whose knees have not bowed to Ba'al and **every mouth** that has not kissed him."

[19]And he went from there and **found** Elisha son of Shaphat, who was ploughing with twelve yoke of oxen before him and he was with the twelfth. And Ěliyahu passed by him and threw his **robe** on him.

[20]And he left the oxen and ran after Ěliyahu and said, "Please let me **kiss** my father and my mother and then I **follow you**." And he said to him, "Go, turn back, for what have I done to you?"

[21]And he turned back from him and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and cooked their *flesh,* using the implements of the oxen and gave it to

the people and they ate. ***Then*** he rose up and **followed** Ěliyahu and became his servant.

20 And Ben-Haḏaḏ the sovereign of Aram gathered **all** his army and there were thirty-two sovereigns with him, with horses and chariots. And he went up and besieged Shomeron and fought *against* it.

2And he **sent** messengers into the city to Aḥaḇ sovereign of Yisra'ĕl and said to him, "Thus said Ben-Haḏaḏ,

3'**Your** silver and gold are mine and your wives and children, the best, are mine.' "

4And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl answered and said, "As you say, my master, O sovereign, I am yours and **all** that I have."

5And the messengers came back and said, "Thus speaks Ben-Haḏaḏ, saying, 'Indeed I have **sent** to you, saying, "Give me your silver and your gold, your wives and your children,"

6but about this **time tomorrow I *shall* send** my servants to you and they ***shall* search** your house and the houses of your servants. And it ***shall* be,** that ***whatever*** is pleasing in your eyes they ***shall*** lay hold of and take it.' "

7And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl called **all** the elders of the land and said, "Please **know** and **see** the *evil* this one is seeking, for he **sent** to me for my wives and for my children and for my silver and for my gold and I *did not refuse* him."

8And **all** the elders and **all** the people said to him, "***Do not* listen** nor **agree.**"

9So he said to the messengers of BenHaḏaḏ, "Say to my master the sovereign, 'All that you **sent** for to your servant the **first time** I ***shall*** do, but this I am *unable* to do.' " And the messengers went and brought back **word** to him.

10And Ben-Haḏaḏ **sent** to him and said, "The *mighty ones* do so to me and more also, if enough dust is left of Shomeron for a handful for each of the people who **follow** me."

11And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl answered and said, **"Speak**, 'Him who girds on *his armour* should not boast like him who lays it down.' "

12And it came to be when this **word** was **heard**, as he and the sovereigns were drinking in the booths, that he said to his servants, "Set yourselves." So they set themselves *against* the city.

13And **see,** a **prophet** came **near** to Aḥaḇ sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, saying, "Thus said יהוה, 'Have you **seen all** this **great** company? **See,** I am giving it into your **hand** today and **you *shall* know that I am יהוה**.' "

14And Aḥaḇ said, "By whom?" And he said, "Thus said יהוה, 'By the young rulers of the provinces.' " And he said, "***Who*** opens the attack?" ***Then*** he answered, "You."

15And he mustered the young rulers of the provinces and there were two hundred and thirty-two. And after them he mustered **all** the people, **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl, seven thousand.

16And they went out at noon, while BenHaḏaḏ and the thirty-two sovereigns helping him were getting drunk in the booths.

17And the young rulers of the provinces went out **first.** And Ben-Haḏaḏ **sent** out and they reported to him, saying, "Men have **come out** of Shomeron!"

18***Then*** he said, "***If*** they have **come out** for peace, *seize* them **alive.** And if they have **come out** for battle, *seize* them **alive.**"

19So these young rulers of the provinces went out of the city with the army which **followed** them.

20And each *smote* his man, so the Arameans fled and Yisra'ĕl pursued them. And Ben-Haḏaḏ the sovereign of Aram **escaped** on a horse with the horsemen.

21And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl went out and *smote* the horses and chariots and *smote* the Arameans, a **great** smiting.

22 And the **prophet** came to the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl and said to him, "Go, strengthen yourself. And **know** and **see** what you should do, for at the turn of the year the sovereign of Aram is **coming** up *against* you."
23 And the servants of the sovereign of Aram said to him, "Their *mighty ones* are *mighty ones* of the hills. That is why they were stronger than we. ***But*** let us *fight against* them in the plain – are we not stronger than they?
24 "**Now** do this: Take away the sovereigns, each from his position and put officers in their places,
25 and number an army like the army that you have lost, horse for horse and chariot for chariot and let us *fight against* them in the plain – are we not stronger than they?" And he **listened** to their **voice** and did so.
26 And it came to be, at the turn of the year, that Ben-Haḏaḏ mustered the Arameans and went up to Aphĕq to *fight against* Yisra'ĕl.
27 And the children of Yisra'ĕl were mustered and were fed and they went *against* them. And the children of Yisra'ĕl encamped before them like two *little* flocks of goats, while the Arameans filled the land.
28 And there came **near** a man of **Elohim** and spoke to the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl and said, "Thus said יהוה, '**Because** the Arameans have said, "יהוה is **Elohim** of the hills, but **He** is not **Elohim** of the valleys," therefore I ***shall*** give **all** this **great** company into your **hand** and **you *shall* know that I am** יהוה.' "
29 And they encamped opposite each other for seven days. And it came to be that on the **seventh day** the battle was joined. And the children of Yisra'ĕl *smote* one hundred thousand foot soldiers of the Arameans in **one day.**
30 And those that were left fled to Aphĕq, into the city and a wall fell on twentyseven thousand of the men who were left. And Ben-Haḏaḏ fled and went into the city, into an inner room.
31 And his servants said to him, "See **now**, we have **heard** that the sovereigns of the house of Yisra'ĕl are **kind** sovereigns. Please, let us put sackcloth around our waists and ropes around our heads and go out to the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl. It could be that he spares your **life**."
32 So they girded sackcloth on their loins and put ropes around their heads and came to the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl and said, "Your servant Ben-Haḏaḏ said, 'Please let me **live.**' " And he said, "Is he still alive? He is my brother."
33 And the men divined and they **quickly** grasped it and said, "**Your** brother Ben-Haḏaḏ." And he said, "Go, bring him." So Ben-Haḏaḏ came out to him and he let him **come** up on the chariot.
34 And Ben-Haḏaḏ said to him, "The cities which my father took from your father I return. And set up market-places for yourself in Damascus, as my father did in Shomeron." And Aḥaḇ said, "I send you away with this **covenant.**" And he made a **covenant** with him and **sent** him away.
35 And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said to his neighbour by the **Word** of יהוה, "*Smite* me, please." ***But*** the man *refused* to *smite* him.
36 ***Then*** he said to him, "**Because** you have not **obeyed** the **voice** of יהוה, **see,** as soon as you leave me a lion ***shall*** *smite* you." And when he left him, a lion **found** him and *smote* him.
37 And he **found** another man and said, "*Smite* me, please." So the man *smote* him, *smiting* and *wounding*.
38 ***Then*** the **prophet** went and waited for the sovereign by the **way** and *disguised* himself with ashes on his eyes.
39 And as the sovereign passed by, he *cried out* to the sovereign and said, "**Your** servant went out into the **midst** of the battle. And a man came over and brought a man to me and said, '**Guard** this man. ***If*** he should in any **way** be missing, your **life *shall* be** for his **life**, or else you ***shall*** pay a talent of silver.'

40"And it came to be, while your servant was busy here and there, he was gone." And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl said to him, "**Your** judgment is right, you yourself have decided it."
41***Then*** he **quickly** removed the ashes from his eyes. And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl recognised him as one of the **prophets.**
42And he said to him, "Thus said ϒΗΫΗΖ, '**Because** you have let slip out of your **hand** a man whom I put under the **ban,** your **life** ***shall*** go for his **life** and your people for his people.' "
43And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl went to his house *embittered* and *displeased* and came to Shomeron.

21 And it came to be, after these events, that Naḇoth the Yizre'ĕlite had a vineyard which was in Yizre'ĕl, **near** the palace of Aḥaḇ the sovereign of Shomeron.
2And Aḥaḇ spoke to Naḇoth, saying, "Give me your vineyard and it ***shall*** **be** a vegetable garden for me, since it adjoins my house. And let me give you a better vineyard for it. ***If*** it is **good** in your eyes, let me give you its worth in silver."
3And Naḇoth said to Aḥaḇ, "Far be it from me, by ϒΗΫΗΖ, that I should give the **inheritance** of my fathers to you!"
4And Aḥaḇ went into his house *embittered* and *displeased* **because** of the **word** which Naḇoth the Yizre'ĕlite had **spoken** to him when he said, "I *do not* give you the **inheritance** of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed and turned away his face and *did not eat food*.
5And Izeḇel his wife came to him and said, "***Why*** is your spirit so *embittered that you are not eating food?"*
6And he said to her, "**Because** I spoke to Naḇoth the Yizre'ĕlite and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for silver, or if you prefer, I give you another vineyard for it.' ***But*** he answered, 'I *do not* give you my vineyard.' "
7So Izeḇel his wife said to him, "***Do*** you **now rule** over Yisra'ĕl? Rise up, ***eat*** food and let your **heart** be glad. **Let** me give you the vineyard of Naḇoth the Yizre'ĕlite!"
8***Then*** she **wrote** letters in Aḥaḇ's name, **sealed** them with his **seal** and **sent** the letters to the elders and the nobles who were dwelling in the city with Naḇoth.
9And she **wrote** in the letters, saying, "**Proclaim** a fast and seat Naḇoth at the head of the people,
10and seat two men, sons of Beliya'al before him to bear **witness** *against* him, saying, 'You have ***blasphemed*** **Elohim** and the sovereign.' ***Then*** you ***shall*** take him out and stone him to *death.*"
11And the men of his city, the elders and nobles who were inhabitants of his city, did as Izeḇel had **sent** to them, as it was **written** in the letters which she had **sent** to them.
12They **proclaimed** a fast and seated Naḇoth at the head of the people.
13And the men, sons of Beliya'al, came in and sat before him. And the men of Beliya'al **witnessed** *against* him, *against* Naḇoth, in the presence of the people, saying, "Naḇoth has ***blasphemed*** **Elohim** and the sovereign!" So they took him outside the city and stoned him with stones and he *died.*
14And they **sent** to Izeḇel, saying, "Naḇoth has been stoned and is *dead.*"
15And it came to be, when Izeḇel **heard** that Naḇoth had been stoned and was *dead,* that Izeḇel said to Aḥaḇ, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naḇoth the Yizre'ĕlite, which he *refused* to give you for money, for Naḇoth is not **alive** but *dead.*"
16And it came to be, when Aḥaḇ **heard** that Naḇoth was *dead,* that Aḥaḇ rose to go down to take possession of the vineyard of Naḇoth the Yizre'ĕlite.
17And the **Word** of ϒΗΫΗΖ came to Ĕliyahu the Tishbite, saying,
18"Rise up, go down to meet Aḥaḇ sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, who lives in Shomeron. **See,** he is in the vineyard of Naḇoth, where he has gone down to take

possession of it.
[19]"And you ***shall*** **speak** to him, saying, 'Thus said ꓤYHWH, "Have you murdered and also taken possession?" ' And you ***shall*** **speak** to him, saying, 'Thus said ꓤYHWH, "In the place where *dogs* licked the **blood** of Naḇoth, the *dogs* are going to lick your **blood,** even yours." ' "
[20]And Aḥaḇ said to Ěliyahu, "Have you **found** me, O my enemy?" And he answered, "I have **found** you, **<u>because</u>** you have sold yourself to do *evil in the eyes* of ꓤYHWH:
[21]'**See,** I am bringing *evil* on you and ***shall*** *consume* your descendants and *cut off* from Aḥaḇ **every** male in Yisra'ĕl, both those shut up and those left at large,
[22]and make your house like the house of Yaroḇ'am son of Neḇat and like the house of Ba'asha son of Aḥiyah, **<u>because</u>** of the ***provocation*** with which you have *provoked* **Me** and *made* Yisra'ĕl *sin*.'
[23]"And also of Izeḇel ꓤYHWH has **spoken** , saying, 'The *dogs* are going to eat Izeḇel by the wall of Yizre'ĕl.'
[24]"The *dogs* are going to ***eat whoever*** belongs to Aḥaḇ and *dies* in the city and the *birds* of the heavens are going to ***eat whoever*** *dies* in the field."
[25]Indeed, there never was anyone like Aḥaḇ who *sold* himself to do *evil in the eyes* of ꓤYHWH, **<u>because</u>** Izeḇel his wife *stirred* him up.
[26]And he *acted* **very** **<u>abominably</u>** in following *idols,* **according** to **all** that the Amorites had done, whom ꓤYHWH dispossessed from before the children of Yisra'ĕl.
[27]And it came to be, when Aḥaḇ **heard** those **words**, that he tore his garments and put sackcloth on his body and fasted and lay in sackcloth and went softly.
[28]And the **Word** of ꓤYHWH came to Ěliyahu the Tishbite, saying,
[29]"See how Aḥaḇ has humbled himself before **Me? <u>Because</u>** he has humbled himself before **Me,** I *do not* bring the *evil* in his days, but in the days of his son I'll bring the *evil* on his house."

22 And they continued three years without *fighting* between Aram and Yisra'ĕl.
[2]And it came to be, in the third year, that Yehoshaphat sovereign of Yahuḏah came down to the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl.
[3]And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl said to his servants, "***Do*** you **know** that Ramoth in Gil'aḏ is ours and we are keeping *silent* from taking it out of the **hand** of the sovereign of Aram!"
[4]And he said to Yehoshaphat, "***Do*** you go with me to battle at Ramoth Gil'aḏ?" And Yehoshaphat said to the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, "I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses."
[5]And Yehoshaphat said to the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, "Please, **first inquire** for the **Word** of ꓤYHWH."
[6]And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl gathered the **prophets,** about four hundred men and said to them, "***Do*** I go *<u>against</u>* Ramoth Gil'aḏ to battle, or do I refrain?" And they said, "Go up, for ꓤYHWH does give it into the **hand** of the sovereign."
[7]And Yehoshaphat said, "Is there not here a **prophet** of ꓤYHWH besides, that we might **inquire** of him?"
[8]And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl said to Yehoshaphat, "There is still one man, Miḵayehu son of Yimlah, to **inquire** of ꓤYHWH by him. ***But*** I *hate* him, **<u>because</u>** he *does not* prophesy **good** concerning me, but *evil*." And Yehoshaphat said, "Let not the sovereign say so!"
[9]So the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl called an officer and said, "Bring Miḵayehu son of Yimlah at once!"
[10]And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl and Yehoshaphat sovereign of Yahuḏah were sitting, each on his throne, dressed in their robes, at a threshing-floor at the entrance of the gate of Shomeron. And **all** the prophets were prophesying before them.
[11]And Tsiḏqiyah son of Kena'anah had made horns of iron for himself and said, "Thus said ꓤYHWH,

'With these you push the Arameans until they are **destroyed**.' "
[12]And **all** the prophets were prophesying so, saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gil'aḏ and prosper, for **ꓤYHZ** ***shall*** give it into the **hand** of the sovereign."
[13]And the messenger who had gone to **call** Miḵayehu spoke to him, saying, "See **now**, the **words** of the prophets with one **mouth** are **good** towards the sovereign. Please, let your **word** be like the **word** of one of them and you ***shall*** **speak good**."
[14]And Miḵayehu said, "**As ꓤYHZ lives, *whatever* ꓤYHZ says to me, that I speak."**
[15]And he came to the sovereign and the sovereign said to him, "Miḵayehu, do we go <u>*against*</u> Ramoth Gil'aḏ to battle, or do we refrain?" And he answered him, "Go and prosper, for **ꓤYHZ *shall*** give it into the **hand** of the sovereign!"
[16]And the sovereign said to him, "***How*** many times have I made you swear that *you do not* **speak** to me, ***except*** the **truth**, in the **Name** of **ꓤYHZ**?"
[17]So he said, "I **saw all** Yisra'ĕl *scattered* on the mountains as sheep that have no shepherd. And **ꓤYHZ** said, 'These have no master. **Let** everyone **return** to his house in peace.' "
[18]And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl said to Yehoshaphat, "Have I not said to you that he *would not* prophesy **good** concerning me, but *evil*?"
[19]***Then*** he said, "**Therefore hear the Word of ꓤYHZ: I saw ꓤYHZ sitting on His throne and all the host of the heavens standing by Him, on His right and on His left.**
[20]"And **ꓤYHZ** said, '***Who shall*** **entice** Aḥaḇ to go up and *fall* at Ramoth Gil'aḏ?' And this one said this and another said that.
[21]"And a spirit came forward and stood before **ꓤYHZ** and said, '**Let me entice** him.'
[22]"And **ꓤYHZ** said to him, 'In what **way?**' And he said, 'I ***shall*** go out and be a *spirit* of *falsehood* in the **mouth** of **all** his **prophets.**' And **He** said, '***Entice*** him and also **prevail**. Go out and do so.'
[23]"And **now**, **see, ꓤYHZ** has put a *spirit of falsehood* in the **mouth** of **all** these *prophets* of yours and **ꓤYHZ** has **spoken** *evil* concerning you."
[24]And Tsiḏqiyahu son of Kena'anah came **near** and *smote* Miḵayehu on the **cheek** and said, "Where did the spirit of **ꓤYHZ** pass over from me to **speak** to you?"
[25]And Miḵayehu said, "Look, you ***shall*** **see** on that day when you go into an inner room to hide!"
[26]And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl said, "Take Miḵayehu and **return** him to Amon the governor of the city and to Yo'ash son of the sovereign,
[27]and say, 'Thus said the sovereign, "Put this one in prison and feed him with **bread** of *affliction* and water of *affliction* until I **come** in peace." '
[28]And Miḵayehu said, "***If*** you ever **return** in peace, **ꓤYHZ** has not **spoken** by me." And he said, **"Hear, all** you people!"
[29]And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl and Yehoshaphat the sovereign of Yahuḏah went up to Ramoth Gil'aḏ.
[30]And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl said to Yehoshaphat, "**Let** me *disguise* myself and go into battle, but you put on your robes." So the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl disguised himself and went into battle.
[31]And the sovereign of Aram had **commanded** the thirty-two commanders of his chariots, saying, "Fight with no one small or great, but only with the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl."
[32]And it came to be, when the commanders of the chariots **saw** Yehoshaphat, that they said, "Indeed, it is the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl!" So they turned aside to *fight* <u>*against*</u> him and Yehoshaphat *cried out*.
[33]And it came to be, when the commanders of the chariots **saw** that it was not the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, that they turned back from pursuing him.
[34]And a man drew a bow in his simplicity and *smote* the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl between the joints of his

armour. And he said to the driver of his chariot, “Turn around and take me out of the battle, for I am wounded.”

35And the battle increased that day. And the sovereign was propped up in his chariot, facing the Arameans and died at **evening** and the **blood** ran out from the wound onto the floor of the chariot.

36And as the sun was going down, a shout passed through the camp, saying, “Each to his city and each to his land!”

37So the sovereign died and was brought to Shomeron and they buried the sovereign in Shomeron.

38And when the chariot was washed at a pool in Shomeron, the *dogs* licked up his **blood,** where the *whores* bathed, **according** to the **Word** of יהוה which **He** had **spoken** .

39And the rest of the acts of Aḥaḇ and **all** that he did and the ***ivory*** house which he built and **all** the cities that he built, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra’ĕl?

40So Aḥaḇ slept with his fathers and Aḥazyahu his son reigned in his place.

41And Yehoshaphat son of Asa began to **reign** over Yahuḏah in the fourth year of Aḥaḇ sovereign of Yisra’ĕl.

42Yehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he became sovereign and he reigned twenty-five years in Yerushalayim. And his mother’s name was Azuḇah the daughter of Shilḥi.

43And he **walked** in **all** the **ways** of his father Asa. **He** *did not* turn aside from them, **doing** what was **right** *in the eyes* of יהוה. Only, the *high places* were not taken away, for the people slaughtered and *burned* incense on the *high places*.

44And Yehoshaphat made **peace** with the sovereign of Yisra’ĕl.

45And the rest of the acts of Yehoshaphat and the might that he showed and how he fought, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah?

46And the rest of the *cult prostitutes*, who remained in the days of his father Asa, he **cleared** out from the land.

47And there was then no sovereign in Eḏom, a deputy was sovereign.

48Yehoshaphat made Tarshish ships to go to Ophir for gold. However, they *did not* go, for the ships were wrecked at Etsyon Geḇer.

49***Then*** Aḥazyahu son of Aḥaḇ said to Yehoshaphat, “**Let** my servants go with your servants in the ships.” ***But*** Yehoshaphat would not.

50So Yehoshaphat slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the City of Dawiḏ his father. And Yehoram his son reigned in his place.

51Aḥazyahu son of Aḥaḇ began to **reign** over Yisra’ĕl in Shomeron in the seventeenth year of Yehoshaphat sovereign of Yahuḏah and reigned two years over Yisra’ĕl,

52and did *evil in the eyes* of יהוה and *walked* in the **way** of his father and in the **way** of his mother and in the **way** of Yaroḇʿam son of Neḇat, who had *made* Yisra’ĕl *sin,*

53and **served** ***Baʿal*** and *bowed* himself to *it* and *provoked* יהוה **Elohim** of Yisra’ĕl, **according** to **all** that his father had done.

2 MELAḴIM

2 KINGS

1 And Mo’aḇ revolted *against* Yisra’ĕl after the *death* of Aḥaḇ.
2 And Aḥazyah fell through the lattice of his upper room in Shomeron and was injured and **sent** messengers and said to them, “Go, **inquire** of Ba῾al-Zeḇuḇ, the *mighty one* of Eqron, if I ***shall*** recover from this injury.”
3 ***But*** a messenger of ה׳ spoke to Ĕliyah the Tishbite, “Rise up, go up to meet the messengers of the sovereign of Shomeron and say to them, ‘Is it **because** there is no **Elohim** in Yisra’ĕl that you are going to **inquire** of Ba῾al-Zeḇuḇ, the *mighty one* of Eqron?’
4 “So therefore, thus said ה׳, ‘You are not going to get out of the bed to which you have gone up, for you ***shall*** certainly *die.*’ ” And Ĕliyah went.
5 And the messengers returned to him and he said to them, “***Why*** have you **come** back?”
6 And they said to him, “A man came up to meet us and said to us, ‘Go, **return** to the sovereign who **sent** you and say to him, “Thus said ה׳, ‘Is it **because** there is no **Elohim** in Yisra’ĕl that you are sending to **inquire** of Ba῾al-Zeḇuḇ, the *mighty one* of Eqron? Therefore you are not going to get out of the bed to which you have gone up, for you ***shall*** certainly *die.*’ ”
7 And he said to them, “***What*** was the man like who came up to meet you and spoke to you these **words**?”
8 And they answered him, “He was a hairy man and wore a leather girdle around his waist.” And he said, “It is Ĕliyah the Tishbite.”
9 **He** then **sent** to him a captain of fifty with his fifty men. And he went up to him and **see,** he was sitting on the top of a hill. And he spoke to him, “Man of **Elohim**, the sovereign has said, **‘Come** down!’ ”
10 And Ĕliyahu answered and said to the captain of fifty, “And if I am a man of **Elohim**, let *fire* **come** down from the heavens and *consume* you and your fifty men.” And *fire* came down from the heavens and *consumed* him and his fifty.
11 **He** then **sent** another captain of fifty with his fifty men to him. And he answered and said to him, “Man of **Elohim**, this is what the sovereign said, **‘Come** down at once!’ ”
12 And Ĕliyah answered and said to them, “***If*** I am a man of **Elohim**, let *fire* **come** down from the heavens and *consume* you and your fifty men.” And a *fire* of **Elohim** came down from the heavens and *consumed* him and his fifty.
13 And again he **sent** a third captain of fifty with his fifty men. And the third captain of fifty went up and came and fell on his knees before Ĕliyahu and pleaded with him and said to him, “Man of **Elohim**, please let my **life** and the **life** of these fifty servants of yours be **precious** in your eyes.
14 “**See,** *fire* has **come** down from the heavens and *burned* up the **first** two captains of fifties with their fifties. ***But*** let my **life** be **precious** in your eyes.”
15 And the Messenger of ה׳ said to Ĕliyahu, “Go down with him; *do not* be *afraid* of him.” So he rose up and went down with him to the sovereign,
16 and spoke to him, “Thus said ה׳, ‘**Because** you have **sent** messengers to **inquire** of Ba῾al-Zeḇuḇ, the *mighty one* of Eqron, is it **because** there is no **Elohim** in Yisra’ĕl to **inquire** of **His word?** Therefore you are not going to get out of the bed to which you have gone up, for you ***shall*** certainly *die.*’ ”
17 And he died, **according** to the **Word** of ה׳ which Ĕliyahu had **spoken** . Yehoram reigned in his place, in the second year of Yehoram son of Yehoshaphat sovereign of Yahuḏah,

for he had no son.
18And the rest of the acts of Aḥazyahu which he did, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl?

2 And it came to be, when 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 was to take up Ĕliyahu to the heavens by a whirlwind, that Ĕliyahu went with Elisha from Gilgal.
2And Ĕliyahu said to Elisha, "Please remain here, for 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 has **sent** me on to Bĕyth Ĕl." And Elisha said, "**As 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 lives** and as your being lives, I *do not* leave you!" And they went down to Bĕyth Ĕl.
3And the sons of the prophets who were at Bĕyth Ĕl came out to Elisha and said to him, "***Do*** you **know** that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is taking away your master from your head?" And he said, "I also **know,** be silent!"
4And Ĕliyahu said to him, "Elisha, please remain here, for 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 has **sent** me on to Yeriḥo." And he said, "**As 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 lives** and as your being lives, I *do not* leave you!" And they came into Yeriḥo.
5And the sons of the prophets who were at Yeriḥo came to Elisha and said to him, "***Do*** you **know** that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is taking away your master from over you today?" And he said, "I also **know,** be silent!"
6And Ĕliyahu said to him, "Please remain here, for 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 has **sent** me on to the Yardĕn." And he said, "As 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 lives and as your being lives, I *do not* leave you!" And the two of them went on.
7And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Yardĕn.
8And Ĕliyahu took his mantle and rolled it up and *struck* the water. And it was divided this **way** and that, so that the two of them passed over on dry ground.
9And it came to be, when they had passed over, that Ĕliyahu said to Elisha, "**Ask** what I am to do for you, before I am taken away from you!" And Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me."
10And he said, "You have made it hard to ask, yet if you **see** me when I am taken from you, it is yours; but if not, it is not."
11And it came to be, as they continued on and spoke, that **see,** a chariot of *fire* with horses of *fire* which separated the two of them. And Ĕliyahu went up by a *whirlwind* into the **heavens.**
12And Elisha **saw** it and he *cried out*, "My father, my father, the chariot of Yisra'ĕl and its horsemen!" And he **saw** him no more. ***Then*** he took hold of his own garments and tore them into two pieces.
13And he took up the mantle of Ĕliyahu that had fallen from him and went back and stood by the bank of the Yardĕn.
14And he took the mantle of Ĕliyahu that had fallen from him and *struck* the water and said, "Where is 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **Elohim** of Ĕliyahu?" And he *struck* the water and it was divided this **way** and that and Elisha passed over.
15And when the sons of the prophets who were from Yeriho **saw** him, they said, "The spirit of Ĕliyahu rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.
16And they said to him, "Look, there are fifty **strong** men with your servants. Please let them go and **search** for your master, lest the **Spirit** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 has taken him up and *cast* him upon some mountain or into some valley." And he said, "Send no one."
17***But*** they pressed upon him til he was ashamed and he said, "Send." So they **sent** fifty men and they searched for three days but *did not* find him.
18And they returned to him, for he remained in Yeriḥo and he said to them, "Did I not say to you, '***Do*** *not* go'?"
19And the men of the city said to Elisha, "Look, the site of this city is **good**,

as my master sees, but the waters are spoilt and the soil *barren*."
[20]And he said, "Bring me a new bowl and put **salt** in it." And they brought it to him.
[21]And he went out to the source of the water and threw **salt** in there and said, "Thus said ꓤYHWH, 'I have **healed** this water – no longer ***shall*** *death* or *barren*ness **come** from it.' "
[22]And the waters were **healed**, to this day, **according** to the **word** of Elisha which he spoke.
[23]And he went up from there to Bĕyth Ĕl. And as he was going up the **way,** some youths came from the city and *mocked* him and said to him, "Go up, baldhead! Go up, baldhead!"
[24]And he turned around and **looked** at them and **pronounced** a *curse* on them in the **Name** of ꓤYHWH. And two female bears came out of the forest and tore to pieces forty-two of the youths.
[25]And from there he went to Mount Karmel and from there he returned to Shomeron.

3 And Yehoram son of Aḥaḇ began to **reign** over Yisra'ĕl at Shomeron in the eighteenth year of Yehoshaphat sovereign of Yahuḏah and reigned twelve years.
[2]And he did *evil in the eyes* of ꓤYHWH, but not like his father and mother; for he **removed** the statue of Ba'al which his father had made.
[3]***But*** he *clung* to the *sins* of Yarobʻam son of Neḇat, who had *made* Yisra'ĕl *sin. He did not turn away from them.*
[4]And Mĕysha sovereign of Mo'aḇ was a sheep-breeder and he paid the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl one hundred thousand lambs and the wool of one hundred thousand rams.
[5]And it came to be, when Aḥaḇ died, that the sovereign of Mo'aḇ revolted *against* the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl.
[6]And Sovereign Yehoram went out of Shomeron at that **time** and mustered **all** Yisra'ĕl.
[7]And he went and **sent** to Yehoshaphat sovereign of Yahuḏah, saying, "The sovereign of Mo'aḇ has revolted *against* me. ***Do*** you go with me to *fight against* Mo'aḇ?" And he said, "I go up. I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses."
[8]And he said, "Which **way** do we go up?" And he said, "By **way** of the Wilderness of Eḏom."
[9]And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl went and the sovereign of Yahuḏah and the sovereign of Eḏom and went round a journey of seven days. And there was no water for the army, nor for the cattle that **followed** them.
[10]And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl said, "***What***? Has ꓤYHWH called these three sovereigns to give them into the **hand** of Mo'aḇ."
[11]And Yehoshaphat said, "Is there no **prophet** of ꓤYHWH here? ***Then*** let us **inquire** of ꓤYHWH through him." **One** of the servants of the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl then answered and said, "Elisha son of Shaphat is here, who poured water out on the hands of Ĕliyahu."
[12]And Yehoshaphat said, "The **Word** of ꓤYHWH is with him." And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl and Yehoshaphat and the sovereign of Eḏom went down to him.
[13]And Elisha said to the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, "***What*** have I to do with you? Go to the prophets of your father and the prophets of your mother." And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl said to him, "No, for ꓤYHWH has called these three sovereigns to give them into the **hand** of Mo'aḇ."
[14]And Elisha said, "**As ꓤYHWH of hosts lives**, before whom I stand, if it were not that I regard the presence of Yehoshaphat sovereign of Yahuḏah, I *would not* look at you nor **see** you.
[15]"And **now**, bring me a harpist." And it came to be, when the harpist played, that the **hand** of ꓤYHWH came upon him.
[16]And he said, "Thus said ꓤYHWH, 'Make this wadi ditches – ditches.'
[17]"For thus said ꓤYHWH, 'You are not going to **see** wind or rain. Yet that wadi

is to be filled with water, so that you, your cattle and your beasts ***shall*** drink.'
18"And this ***shall*** **be** but a **light** matter *in the eyes* of יהוה and **He** ***shall*** give Mo'aḇ into your **hand.**
19"And you ***shall*** *smite* **every** walled city and **every** choice city and ***shall cut*** *down* **every good** *tree* and stop up **every** fountain of water and *ruin* **every good** piece of land with stones."
20And it came to be in the morning, when the grain offering was offered, that **see,** water came by **way** of Eḏom and the land was filled with water.
21And when **all** Mo'aḇ **heard** that the sovereigns had **come** up to *fight* *against* them, **all** who were able to bear arms and older were gathered and they stood at the border.
22And they rose up early in the morning and the sun was shining on the water. And the Mo'aḇites **saw** the water on the other side as red as blood.
23And they said, "This is blood. The sovereigns have indeed *struck* s**words** and have *killed* one another. And **now**, Mo'aḇ, to the spoil!"
24And they came to the camp of Yisra'ĕl and Yisra'ĕl rose up and *smote* the Mo'aḇites, so that they fled before them. And they entered their land and *smote* the Mo'aḇites.
25And they broke down the cities and each man threw a stone on **every good** piece of land and filled it. And they *stopped* up **all** the fountains of water and *cut down* **all** the **good** trees, until *only* the stones of Qir Ḥaraseth was left. And the slingers went round and *smote* it.
26And when the sovereign of Mo'aḇ **saw** that the battle was too **strong** for him, he took with him seven hundred men who drew s**words**, to *break* through to the sovereign of Eḏom, but they could not,
27then took his eldest son who would have reigned in his place and offered him as a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was **great** *wrath* *against* Yisra'ĕl. And they left him and returned to the land.

4 And a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets *cried out* to Elisha, saying, "**Your** servant my husband is *dead* and you **know** that your servant ***feared*** יהוה. The lender has **come to** take my two sons to be his slaves."
2And Elisha said to her, "***What*** should I do for you? Inform me, what do you have in the house?" And she said, "**Your** female servant has none at **all** in the house ***except*** a pot of oil."
3And he said, "Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from **all** your neighbours, *empty* vessels, *do not* get a few.
4"And when you have **come** in, you ***shall*** shut the **door** behind you and your sons. ***Then*** pour it into **all** those vessels and set aside the filled ones."
5So she went from him and shut the **door** behind her and her sons, who brought *the vessels* to her and she poured it out.
6And it came to be, when the vessels were filled, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." ***But*** he said to her, "There is not another vessel." And the oil ceased.
7So she went and informed the man of **Elohim** and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt. And you *and* your sons **live** on the rest."
8And it came to be on a day that Elisha went to Shuněm, where there was a prominent woman and she urged him to eat some food. And it came to be, as often as he passed by, that he turned in there to eat some food.
9And she said to her husband, "Look, I **know** that this is a set-apart man of **Elohim**, who passes by us continually.
10"Please, let us make a small upper room on the wall and let us put a bed for him there and a table and a chair and a **lampstand.** And it ***shall*** **be,** whenever he **comes** to us, let him turn in there."
11And it came to be on a day that he came there and he turned in to the upper room and lay down there.

12And he said to Gĕḥazi his servant, “Call this Shunammite woman.” So he called her and she stood before him.
13And he said to him, “Please say to her, ‘Look, you have gone to **all** this *trouble* for us. ***What*** is there to be done for you? ***Should*** I **speak** on your behalf to the sovereign or to the commander of the army?’ ” And she answered, “I am dwelling among my own people.”
14And he said, “***What*** then is to be done for her?” And Gĕḥazi answered, “Well, she has no son and her husband is old.”
15And he said, “Call her.” So he called her and she stood in the **door**way.
16And he said, “About this **time** next year you ***shall*** embrace a son.” And she said, “No, my master, man of **Elohim**, *do not lie* to your female servant!”
17And the woman conceived and bore a son when the **appointed time** had come, of which Elisha had **spoken** to her.
18And the child grew. And it came to be on a day that he went out to his father, to the reapers,
19and he said to his father, “My head, my head!” And he said to a servant, “Take him to his mother.”
20So he took him and brought him to his mother and he sat on her knees til noon and *died.*
21And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of **Elohim** and shut *the* **door** on him and went out.
22And she called to her husband and said, “Please send me one of the young men and one of the donkeys, so that I hurry to the man of **Elohim** and return.”
23And he said, “***Why*** are you going to him today? It is neither the **New Moon** nor the **Sabbath**.” And she said, “It is well!”
24And she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, “Drive and go, *do not* slow down, ***except*** I **speak** to you.”
25And she went and came to the man of **Elohim** at Mount Karmel. And it came to be, when the man of **Elohim saw** her at a distance, that he said to his servant Gĕḥazi, “**See,** the Shunammite woman.
26“Please run **now** to meet her and say to her, ‘Is it well with you? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with the child?’ ” And she answered, “It is well.”
27And she came to the man of **Elohim** at the hill and she ***caught*** him by the feet, but Gĕḥazi came **near** to push her away. ***But*** the man of **Elohim** said, “Leave her alone, for her being is *bitter* in her and ֵיהוָה has *hidden* it from me and has not **revealed** it to me.”
28And she said, “Did I **ask** a son of my **Master?** Did I not say, ‘***Do not deceive*** me’?”
29And he said to Gĕḥazi, “Gird up your loins and take my staff in your **hand** and go. ***When*** you meet anyone, *do not* greet him and when anyone greets you, *do not* answer him. And you ***shall*** lay my staff on the face of the child.”
30And the mother of the child said, “As ֵיהוָה lives and as your being lives, I *do not* leave you.” And he rose and **followed** her.
31And Gĕḥazi went on ahead of them, and laid the staff on the face of the child. ***But*** there was no **voice** and there was no **hearing**, so he went back to meet him and reported to him, saying, “The child has not awakened.”
32And Elisha came into the house and **saw** the child was *dead, lying* on his bed,
33and he went in, shut the **door** behind the two of them and prayed to ֵיהוָה.
34And he went up and lay on the child and put his **mouth** on his **mouth,** his eyes on his eyes, his hands on his hands and **stretched** himself out on the child and the *flesh* of the child became warm.
35And he returned and walked back and forth in the house, then went up and **stretched** himself out on him. And the child sneezed seven times and the child opened his eyes.
36And he called Gĕḥazi and said, “Call this **Shunammite**.” So he called her. And she came in to him and he said, “Pick up your son.”
37***Then*** she went in and fell at his feet and bowed herself to the ground and picked up her son and went out.

[38]And Elisha returned to Gilgal. And the *scarcity of food* was in the land and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him. And he said to his servant, "Put on the large pot and cook stew for the sons of the **prophets.**"

[39]And one went out to the field to **gather** plants and **found** a wild vine and gathered wild cucumbers from it, filling the skirt of his garment and came and sliced them into the pot of stew, though they *did not* **know** what they were.

[40]They then **served** it to the men to eat. And it came to be, as they were eating the stew, that they *cried out* and said, "O man of **Elohim**, there is *death* in the pot!" And they were *unable* to eat it.

[41]And he said, "***Then*** bring some flour." And he put it into the pot and said, "Serve it to the people to eat." And there was no *evil* matter in the pot.

[42]**Now** a man came from Ba'al Shalishah and brought the man of **Elohim bread** of the **first-fruits**, twenty loaves of barley bread and newly ripened grain in his knapsack. And he said, "Give it to the people to eat."

[43]And his servant said, "***What***? ***Do*** I set this before one hundred men?" And he said, "Give it to the people to eat. For thus said ꓰꓬꓰꓩ, 'Eat and have some left over.' "

[44]And he set it before them and they ate and had some left over, **according** to the **Word** of ꓰꓬꓰꓩ.

5 And Na'aman, commander of the army of the sovereign of Aram, was a great man *in the eyes* of his master and highly respected, **<u>because</u>** by him ꓰꓬꓰꓩ had **given deliverance** to Aram. And he was a brave man, *but* leprous.

[2]And the Arameans had gone out on raids and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Yisra'ĕl and she **served** the wife of Na'aman.

[3]And she said to her mistress, "***If*** only my master were with the **prophet** who is in Shomeron! ***Then*** he would recover him of his leprosy."

[4]And Na'aman went in and reported to his master, saying, "Thus and thus spoke the girl who is from the land of Yisra'ĕl."

[5]And the sovereign of Aram said, "Go, enter and let me send a letter to the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl." And he went and took with him ten talents of silver and six thousand *pieces* of gold and ten *change*s of garments.

[6]And he brought the letter to the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, which said, "And **now**, when this letter **comes** to you, **see** I have **sent** Na'aman my servant to you, so that you ***shall*** recover him of his leprosy."

[7]And it came to be, when the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl **read** the letter, that he tore his garments and said, "Am I **Elohim**, to *kill* and keep **alive,** that this man **sends** a man to me to recover him of his leprosy? For consider **now** and **see** how he is **seeking** an occasion with me!"

[8]And it came to be, when Elisha the man of **Elohim heard** that the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl had *torn* his garments, that he **sent** to the sovereign, saying, "***Why*** have you *torn* your garments? Please let him **come to** me, so that he **knows** that there is a **prophet** in Yisra'ĕl."

[9]So Na'aman came with his horses and chariot and he stood at the entrance of the house of Elisha.

[10]And Elisha **sent** a messenger to him, saying, "Go and you ***shall*** wash seven times in the Yarděn, that your *flesh* might be restored to you and be **clean.**"

[11]***But*** Na'aman became *wroth* and went away and said, "**See,** I said to myself, '**He** would certainly **come out** to me and **stand** and **call on** the **Name** of ꓰꓬꓰꓩ his **Elohim** and wave his **hand** over the place and recover the leprosy.'

[12]"Are not the Aḇanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than **all** the waters of Yisra'ĕl? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" And he turned and went away in a *rage.*

[13]And his servants came **near** and spoke to him and said, "My father, if the **prophet** had **spoken** to you a **great** matter, would you not have done it?

How much more then, when he says to you, '**Wash** and **be clean**'?"
[14]***Then*** he went down and dipped **seven** times in the Yarděn, **according** to the **Word** of the man of **Elohim**. And his *flesh* was restored like the *flesh* of a *little* child and he was **clean.**
[15]And he returned to the man of **Elohim**, he and **all** his company and came and stood before him and said, "**See, now** I **know** that there is no **Elohim** in **all** the earth, ***except*** in Yisra'ěl. And **now**, please take a gift from your servant."
[16]***But*** he said, "**As** ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ **lives**, before whom I stand, I *do not* **accept** it." And he pressed on him to **accept** it, but he *refused*.
[17]***Then*** Na'aman said, "***If*** not, please let your servant be **given** two mule-loads of earth, for no longer is your servant going to make a burnt offering and slaughtering to other *mighty ones*, but to ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ.
[18]"꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ grant **forgiveness** to your servant in this matter: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there and he leans on my **hand** and I bow down in the house of Rimmon; when I bow down in the house of Rimmon, ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ, please grant **forgiven**ess to your servant in this matter."
[19]***Then*** he said to him, "Go in peace." And when he had gone from him some distance,
[20]***But*** Gěḥazi, the servant of Elisha the man of **Elohim**, said *to himself*, "Look, my master has spared Na'aman this Aramean, while not receiving from his hands what he brought. ***But*** **as** ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ **lives**, I ***shall*** run after him and take ***whatever*** from him."
[21]And Gěḥazi pursued Na'aman. And when Na'aman **saw** him running after him, he came down from the chariot to meet him and said, "Is there peace?"
[22]And he said, "Peace. **My** master has **sent** me, saying, 'Look, even **now** two young men of the sons of the prophets have **come to Me** from the mountains of Ephrayim. Please give them a talent of silver and two *change*s of garments.' "
[23]And Na'aman said, "Please **accept** two talents." And he urged him and *bound* two talents of silver in two bags, with two *change*s of garments and handed them to two of his servants. And they bare them ahead of him.
[24]And when he came to the high place, he took them from their **hand** and stored them away in the house and let the men go and they went.
[25]And he went in and stood before his master and Elisha said to him, "Where did you go, Gěḥazi?" And he said, "**Your** servant *did not* go anywhere."
[26]***But*** he said to him, "Did not my **heart** go with you when the man turned back from his chariot to meet you? Is it **time** to **accept** silver and to **accept** garments and olive-trees and vineyards and sheep and cattle and male and female servants?
[27]"So let the leprosy of Na'aman ***cling*** to you and your descendants **forever**." And he went out from him as leprous as snow.

6 And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "**See,** the place where we dwell with you is too small for us.
[2]"Please, let us go to the Yarděn and let **every** man take a log from there and let us make there a place to dwell." And he answered, "Go."
[3]***Then*** the one said, "Please undertake to go with your servants." And he answered, "I ***shall*** go."
[4]And he went with them and they came to the Yarděn and they *cut down* trees.
[5]And it came to be, as one was cutting down a *tree,* that the iron axe head fell into the water. And he *cried out* and said, "Oh my master, for it was borrowed!"
[6]And the man of **Elohim** said, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place. And he *cut off* a stick and threw it in there and made the iron float.
[7]And he said, "Pick it up." And he reached out his **hand** and took it.

[8]And the sovereign of Aram was *fighting against* Yisra'ĕl and took counsel with his servants, saying, "My camp is in such and such a place."
[9]And the man of **Elohim sent** to the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, saying, "Be on guard, *do not* pass this place, for the Arameans are **coming** down there."
[10]The sovereign of Yisra'ĕl then **sent** to the place of which the man of **Elohim** had **spoken** to him and **warned** him, so that he was on his **guard** there, not once and not twice.
[11]And this greatly *troubled* the **heart** of the sovereign of Aram. And he called his servants and said to them, "**Declare** to me! ***Who*** of us is for the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl?"
[12]And one of his servants said, "None, my master, O sovereign, for Elisha, the **prophet** who is in Yisra'ĕl, **declares** to the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl the **words** that you **speak** in your bedroom."
[13]And he said, "Go and **see** where he is, so that I send and get him." And it was reported to him, saying, "**See,** he is in Dothan."
[14]And he **sent** horses and chariots and a **great** army there and they came by night and surrounded the city.
[15]And the servant of the man of **Elohim** rose early and went out and **saw** an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Oh, my **Master!** ***What*** do we do?"
[16]And he answered, "***Do*** *not* **fear,** for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."
[17]And Elisha prayed and said, "יהוה, I pray, **open** his eyes and let him **see.**" And יהוה **opened** the eyes of the young man and he **looked** and **saw** the mountain covered with horses and chariots of *fire* **all** around Elisha.
[18]And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed to יהוה and said, "*Strike* this nation with *blindness,* I pray." And **He** *struck* them with *blindness* **according** to the **word** of Elisha.
[19]And Elisha said to them, "This is not the **way,** nor is this the city. **Follow** me and let me bring you to the man whom you seek." ***But*** he led them to Shomeron.
[20]And it came to be, when they had **come to** Shomeron, that Elisha said, "יהוה, **open** the eyes of these men so that they **see.**" And יהוה opened their eyes and they **looked** and **saw** they were in the **midst** of Shomeron!
[21]And when the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl **saw** them, he said to Elisha, "My father, should I smite? ***Should*** I smite?"
[22]***But*** he said, "***Do*** *not* smite. ***Do*** you *smite* those whom you have taken captive with your *sword* and your bow? Set food and water before them and let them eat and drink and go to their master."
[23]And he made a **great** feast for them. And after they ate and drank, he let them go and they went to their master. And the bands of Aramean raiders came no more into the land of Yisra'ĕl.
[24]And after this it came to be that BenHadad the sovereign of Aram mustered **all** his army and went up and besieged Shomeron.
[25]And there was a **great** *scarcity of food* in Shomeron. And **see,** they besieged it until a donkey's head went at eighty pieces of silver and one-fourth of a kab of dove droppings for five pieces of silver.
[26]And it came to be, as the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl was passing by on the wall, a woman *cried out* to him, saying, "Help, my master, O sovereign!"
[27]And he said, "***If*** יהוה *does not* help you, where do I find help for you? From the threshing floor or from the **wine-**press?"
[28]And the sovereign said to her, "***What*** is *troubling* you?" And she answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son and let us ***eat*** him today and **tomorrow** we'll ***eat*** my son.'
[29]"So we ***cooked*** my son and ***ate*** him. And I said to her the next day, 'Give your son and let us ***eat*** him.' ***But*** she has *hidden* her son."

30And it came to be, when the sovereign **heard** the **words** of the woman, that he tore his garments. And as he passed by on the wall, the people **looked** and **saw** the sackcloth on his body, underneath.
31And he said, "**Elohim** do so to me and more also, if the head of Elisha son of Shaphat remains on him today."
32And Elisha was sitting in his house and the elders were sitting with him. And *the sovereign* **sent** a man ahead of him, but before the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, "***Do*** you **see** how this son of a murderer has **sent** someone to take away my head? Look, when the messenger comes, shut the **door,** and hold him fast at the **door.** Is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?"
33While he was still speaking with them, then **see,** the messenger came down to him and he said, "Look, this *evil* is from ꓤYHZ, why should I wait for ꓤYHZ any longer?"

7 And Elisha said, **"Hear** the **Word** of ꓤYHZ. Thus said ꓤYHZ, 'About this **time tomorrow** a seah of fine flour for a sheqel and two seahs of barley for a sheqel, at the gate of Shomeron.' "
2And an officer on whose **hand** the sovereign leaned answered the man of **Elohim** and said, "Look, if ꓤYHZ is making windows in the heavens, ***shall*** this **word come true?**" And he said, "Look, you are about to **see** it with your eyes, but not eat of it."
3And there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate. And they said to each other, "***Why*** are we sitting here until we are dead?
4"***If*** we ***shall*** say, '**Let** us go into the city,' the *scarcity of food* is in the city and we ***shall*** *die* there. And if we sit here, we ***shall*** *die.* And **now**, come, let us surrender to the army of the Arameans. ***If*** they keep us **alive,** we **live.** And if they *kill* us, we ***shall*** *die.*"
5So at twi**light** they rose up to go to the camp of the Arameans. And when they had **come to** the outskirts of the Aramean camp, look, no one was there.
6For ꓤYHZ had **caused** the army of the Arameans to **hear** the noise of chariots and the noise of horses, the noise of a **great** army and they said to each other, "Look, the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl has hired *against* us the sovereigns of the Ḥittites and the sovereigns of the Miṣrites to **come** *against* us!"
7So they rose up and fled at twilight and left the camp as it is – their tents and their horses and their donkeys – and they fled for their **lives.**
8And when these lepers came to the outskirts of the camp, they went into one tent and ate and drank and took from there silver and gold and garments and went and hid them. And they came back and went into another tent and took from there and went and hid it.
9***Then*** they said to each other, "We are *not doing* right. This day is a **day of** good news and we are keeping silent. And if we wait until morning **light**, then *evil* ***shall*** **come** upon us. And **now**, come, let us go and inform the house of the sovereign."
10And they came and called to the gatekeepers of the city and informed them, saying, "We went to the camp of Aram and look, there is not a man or a **voice** of man, only horses tied and donkeys tied and the tents as they were."
11And the gatekeepers called and they informed the house of the sovereign inside.
12So the sovereign rose up in the night and said to his servants, "**Let** me **now** inform you what the Arameans have done to us. They **know** that we are starving, so they have gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, '***When*** they **come out** of the city, we ***shall catch*** them **alive** and enter into the city.' "
13And one of his servants answered and said, "Please, let some take five of the horses that are left in the city. Look, they are like the entire crowd of Yisra'ĕl that are left in it, look, they are like the entire crowd of Yisra'ĕl left from those who

are *consumed.* So let us send and **see.**"
[14]They then took two chariots with horses. And the sovereign **sent** them in the direction of the camp of Aram, saying, "Go and **see.**"
[15]And they went after them to the Yarděn. And look, **all** the **way** was littered with garments and weapons which the Arameans had *thrown* away in their haste. And the messengers returned and reported to the sovereign.
[16]***Then*** the people went out and plundered the camp of Aram. So a seah of fine flour was for a sheqel and two seahs of barley for a sheqel, **according** to the **Word** of ה'.
[17]And the sovereign had **appointed** the officer on whose **hand** he leaned to be in charge of the gate. ***But*** the people trampled him in the gate and he died, as the man of **Elohim** had said, who spoke when the sovereign came down to him.
[18]And it came to be, as the man of **Elohim** had **spoken** to the sovereign, saying, "Two seahs of barley for a sheqel and a seah of fine flour for a sheqel, at this **time tomorrow** in the gate of Shomeron,"
[19]that officer answered the man of **Elohim** and said, "**Now** look, if ה' is making windows in the heavens, is it **according** to this **word?**" And he had said, "Look, you are about to **see** it with your eyes, but not eat of it."
[20]So it came to be for him, for the people trampled him in the gate and he *died.*

8 And Elisha spoke to the woman whose son he had restored to **life**, say ing, "Rise up and go, you and your household and sojourn wherever you do sojourn, for ה' has called for a *scarcity of food* and also, it is **coming** upon the land for seven years."
[2]And the woman rose up and did **according** to the **Word** of the man of **Elohim** and she went with her household and sojourned in the land of the Philistines, seven years.
[3]And it came to be, at **the end** of seven years, that the woman returned from the land of the Philistines. And she went to cry out to the sovereign for her house and for her land.
[4]And the sovereign was speaking to Gĕḥazi, the servant of the man of **Elohim**, saying, "Please relate to me **all** the **great** matters Elisha has done."
[5]And it came to be, as he was relating to the sovereign how he had restored the *dead* to **life**, that **see,** the woman whose son he had restored to **life**, was crying out to the sovereign for her house and for her land. And Gĕḥazi said, "My master, O sovereign, this is the woman and this is her son whom Elisha **restored** to **life**."
[6]So the sovereign asked the woman and she related to him. And the sovereign **appointed** a certain eunuch for her, saying, "Return **all** that was hers and **all** the increase of the field from the day that she left the land until *now.*"
[7]And Elisha came to Damascus and Ben-Hadad sovereign of Aram was *sick* and it was reported to him, saying, "The man of **Elohim** has **come** here."
[8]And the sovereign said to Ḥaza'ĕl, "Take a present in your **hand** and go to meet the man of **Elohim** and **inquire** of ה' by him, saying, '***Do*** I recover from this sickness?' "
[9]And Ḥaza'ĕl went to meet him and took a present with him, of **all** the **good** *wares* of Damascus, forty camel-loads. And he came and stood before him and said, "**Your** son Ben-Hadad sovereign of Aram has **sent** me to you, saying, '***Do*** I recover from this *sickness*?' "
[10]And Elisha said to him, "Go, say to him, 'You ***shall*** certainly **recover**.' ***But*** ה' has **shown** me that he ***shall*** certainly *die.*"
[11]And he **looked** *at him* steadily until he was ashamed. ***Then*** the man of **Elohim** wept.
[12]And Ḥaza'ĕl said, "***Why*** is my master *weeping*?" And he answered, "**Because** I **know** the *evil* that you are going to do to the children of Yisra'ĕl:

Setting their *strongholds* on *fire* and *slay*ing their young men with the *sword* and *dashing* their children and *ripping* **open** their women with child."
[13]And Ḥaza'ĕl said, "***But*** what is your servant – a *dog*, that he should perform this **great** matter?" And Elisha answered, "ꓘꓴꓘꓩ has shown that you are to be sovereign over Aram!"
[14]And he left Elisha and came to his master, who said to him, "***What*** did Elisha say to you?" And he answered, "He said to me that you ***shall*** certainly **recover**."
[15]And on the next day it came to be that he took a thick cloth and dipped it in water and spread it over his face so that he *died.* And Ḥaza'ĕl reigned in his place.
[16]And in the fifth year of Yehoram son of Aḥaḇ sovereign of Yisra'ĕl – Yehoshaphat was sovereign of Yahuḏah – Yehoram son of Yehoshaphat began to **reign** as sovereign of Yahuḏah.
[17]He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign and he reigned eight years in Yerushalayim.
[18]And he *walked* in the **way** of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl, as the house of Aḥaḇ had done, for the daughter of Aḥaḇ was his wife. And he did *evil in the eyes* of ꓘꓴꓘꓩ.
[19]However, ꓘꓴꓘꓩ *would not destroy* Yahuḏah, for the sake of Dawiḏ **His** servant, as **He promised** him to give a **lamp** to him and his sons **forever**.
[20]In his days Eḏom revolted from under the **hand** of Yahuḏah and made a sovereign over themselves.
[21]And Yoram passed over to Tsa'ir and **all** his chariots with him. And he rose by night and *smote* the Eḏomites who had surrounded him and the commanders of the chariots, but his people fled to their tents.
[22]Yet Eḏom has been in revolt from under the **hand** of Yahuḏah to this day. ***Then*** Liḇnah revolted at the **same time.**
[23]And the rest of the acts of Yoram and **all** that he did, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah?
[24]So Yoram slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the City of Dawiḏ. And Aḥazyahu his son reigned in his place.
[25]In the twelfth year of Yoram son of Aḥaḇ sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, Aḥazyahu son of Yehoram sovereign of Yahuḏah began to reign.
[26]Aḥazyahu was twenty-two years old when he began to reign and he reigned one year in Yerushalayim. And the name of his mother was Athalyahu, the granddaughter of Omri, sovereign of Yisra'ĕl.
[27]And he *walked* in the **way** of the house of Aḥaḇ and did *evil in the eyes* of ꓘꓴꓘꓩ, as the house of Aḥaḇ had done, for he was the son-in-law of the house of Aḥaḇ.
[28]And he went with Yoram son of Aḥaḇ to battle *against* Ḥaza'ĕl sovereign of Aram at Ramoth Gil'aḏ and the Arameans *smote* Yoram.
[29]And Sovereign Yoram went back to Yizre'ĕl to recover from the *wounds* with which the Arameans had *smitten* him at Ramah, when he fought *against* Ḥaza'ĕl sovereign of Aram. ***Then*** Aḥazyahu son of Yehoram, the sovereign of Yahuḏah, went down to **see** Yoram son of Aḥaḇ in Yizre'ĕl, for he was *sick,*

9 And Elisha the **prophet** called one of the sons of the **prophets** and said to him, "Gird your loins and take this flask of oil in your **hand** and go to Ramoth Gil'aḏ.
[2]"And you ***shall*** go there and look there for Yĕhu son of Yehoshaphat, son of Nimshi and go in and make him rise up from among his brothers and take him to an inner room,
[3]"and take the **flask of oil** and **pour it** on his **head** and say, 'Thus said ꓘꓴꓘꓩ, "I have **anointed** you sovereign over Yisra'ĕl." ' ***Then*** you ***shall*** **open** the **door** and ***flee*** and *do not* wait."
[4]So the young man – the young man the **prophet** – went to Ramoth Gil'aḏ,

[5]and came in and **saw** the commanders of the army sitting. And he said, “I have a **message** for you, O commander.” And Yĕhu said, “For which one of us?” And he said, “For you, commander.”

[6]And he rose up and went into the house. And he poured the oil on his head and said to him, “Thus said ꓤꓬꓤꓵ **Elohim** of Yisra’ĕl, ‘I have **anointed** you sovereign over the people of ꓤꓬꓤꓵ, over Yisra’ĕl.

[7]‘And you ***shall*** *smite* the house of Aḥaḇ your master and I ***shall avenge*** the **blood** of **My servants** the **prophets** and the **blood** of **all** the servants of ꓤꓬꓤꓵ, at the **hand** of Izeḇel.

[8]‘And **all** the house of Aḥaḇ ***shall*** *perish.* And I ***shall cut*** *off* from Aḥaḇ **all** the males in Yisra’ĕl, both those shut up and those left at large.

[9]‘And I ***shall*** give up the house of Aḥaḇ like the house of Yarobʻam son of Neḇat and like the house of Baʻasha son of Aḥiyah.

[10]‘And the dogs are going to eat Izeḇel in the portion of Yizreʻĕl, with none to bury her.’ ” ***Then*** he opened the **door** and fled.

[11]And Yĕhu came out to the servants of his master and one said to him, “Is there peace? ***Why*** did this madman **come to** you?” And he said to them, “You **know** the man and his talk.”

[12]And they said, “A lie! Reveal it to us *now.*” So he said, “Thus and thus he spoke to me, saying, ‘Thus said ꓤꓬꓤꓵ, “I have **anointed** you sovereign over Yisra’ĕl.” ’ ”

[13]And they hurried and each one took his garment and put it under him on the top of the steps. And they blew a ram’s horn, saying, “Yĕhu reigns!”

[14]Thus Yĕhu son of Yehoshaphat, son of Nimshi, *conspired* *against* Yoram – **now** Yoram had been **guarding** Ramoth Gilʻaḏ, he and **all** Yisra’ĕl, *against* Ḥaza’ĕl sovereign of Aram.

[15]***But*** Sovereign Yehoram had returned to Yizreʻĕl to recover from the *wounds* with which the Arameans had *smitten* him when he fought with Ḥaza’ĕl sovereign of Aram – Yĕhu **now** said, “***If*** this is your desire, let no one leave or **escape** from the city to go and make it **known** in Yizreʻĕl!”

[16]And Yĕhu rode in a chariot and went to Yizreʻĕl, for Yoram was laid up there. And Aḥazyah sovereign of Yahuḏah had **come** down to **see** Yoram.

[17]And a watchman stood on the tower in Yizreʻĕl and he **saw** the company of Yĕhu as he came and said, “I **see** a company of men.” And Yehoram said, “Get a horse man and send him to meet them and let him say, ‘Is there peace?’ ”

[18]And the horseman went to meet him and said, “Thus said the sovereign, ‘Is there peace?’ ” And Yĕhu said, “***What*** have you to do with peace? Turn around and **follow** me.” And the watchman spoke, saying, “The messenger went to them, but is not **coming** back.”

[19]***Then*** he **sent** out a second horseman who came to them and said, “Thus said the sovereign, ‘Is there peace?’ ” And Yĕhu answered, “***What*** have you to do with peace? Turn around and **follow** me.”

[20]And the watchman spoke, saying, “He went up to them and is not **coming** back. And the driving is like the driving of Yĕhu son of Nimshi, for he drives madly!”

[21]***Then*** Yehoram said, “Hitch up.” And his chariot was hitched up. And Yehoram sovereign of Yisra’ĕl and Aḥazyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah went out, each in his chariot. And they went out to meet Yĕhu and met him on the portion of Naḇoth the Yizreʻĕlite.

[22]And it came to be, when Yehoram **saw** Yĕhu, that he said, “Is there peace, Yĕhu?” ***But*** he answered, “***What*** peace, as long as the *whorings* of your mother Izeḇel and her *witchcraft* are so many?”

[23]Thereupon Yehoram turned his hands around and fled and said to Aḥazyahu, “Treachery, O Aḥazyah!”

[24]And Yĕhu drew his bow and shot Yehoram between his arms. And the arrow came out at his **heart** and he sank down in his chariot.

[25]And *Yehu* said to Biḏqar his officer, "Take him up and *throw* him into the portion of the field of Naḇoth the Yizre'ĕlite. ***remember*** how you and I were riding **together** behind Aḥaḇ his father and ֵיְהָוה lifted up this pronouncement *against* him:

[26]'Have I not **seen** the **blood** of Naḇoth and the **blood** of his sons **last** night?' **declares** ֵיְהָוה. 'And I ***shall*** **repay** you in this portion,' **declares** ֵיְהָוה. And **now**, take up, *throw* him on the portion, **according** to the **Word** of ֵיְהָוה."

[27]And Aḥazyah sovereign of Yahuḏah saw this and fled up the **way** to Bĕyth Haggan. And Yĕhu pursued him and said, "Smite him, him too, in the chariot," at the ascent to Gur, which is by Yiḇle'am. And he fled to Meḡiddo and died there.

[28]***Then*** his servants conveyed him in the chariot to Yerushalayim and buried him in his tomb with his fathers in the City of Dawiḏ.

[29]And in the eleventh year of Yoram son of Aḥaḇ, Aḥazyah began to **reign** over Yahuḏah.

[30]And Yĕhu came to Yizre'ĕl and Izeḇel **heard** of it. And she put paint on her eyes and adorned her head and **looked** through a window.

[31]And as Yĕhu came to the gate, she said, "Is it peace, Zimri, slayer of your **Master?**"

[32]And he lifted up his face to the window and said, "***Who*** is with me? ***Who***?" And two, three eunuchs **looked** down to him.

[33]And he said, "Throw her down." And they threw her down and some of her **blood** spattered on the wall and on the horses and he trampled her under foot.

[34]And he went in and he ***ate*** and ***drank*** and said, "Go **now**, **see** to this *cursed* one and bury her, for she was a sovereign's daughter."

[35]So they went to bury her, but **all** they **found** of her was the skull and the feet and the palms of the hands.

[36]And they came back and informed him. And he said, "This is the **Word** of ֵיְהָוה, which **He** spoke by **His** servant Ĕliyahu the Tishbite, saying, 'In the portion of Yizre'ĕl *dogs* are going to eat the *flesh* of Izeḇel,

[37]and the corpse of Izeḇel ***shall*** **be** as *dung* on the surface of the field, in the portion of Yizre'ĕl, so that they *do not* say, "This is Izeḇel." ' "

10 And Aḥaḇ had seventy sons in Shomeron. And Yĕhu **wrote** letters and **sent** to Shomeron, to the rulers of Yizre'ĕl, to the elders and to the guardians of Aḥaḇ, saying,

[2]And **now**, when this letter **comes** to you, since your master's sons are with you and you have chariots and horses and a walled city and weapons,

[3]choose the best and most **upright** of your master's sons and set him on his father's throne and *fight* for your master's house.

[4]And they were greatly *afraid* and said, "Look, two sovereigns have not stood before him, how do we stand, we?"

[5]And he who was over the house and he who was over the city, the elders also and the guardians, **sent** to Yĕhu, saying, "We are your servants and **all** that you say to us we do. We *do not* set up anyone to reign. ***Do*** what is **good** in your eyes."

[6]And he **wrote** a second letter to them, saying, ***If*** you are for me and if you **obey** my **voice**, take the heads of the men, your master's sons and **come to** me at Yizre'ĕl by this **time tomorrow**. **Now** the sovereign's sons, seventy beings, were with the **great** men of the city, who brought them up.

[7]And it came to be, when the letter came to them, that they took the sovereign's sons and slaughtered them, seventy men and put their heads in baskets and **sent** them to him at Yizre'ĕl.

[8]***Then*** a messenger came and informed him, saying, "They have brought the heads of the sovereign's sons."

And he said, "Make them two heaps at

the entrance of the gate until morning."
[9]And it came to be, in the morning, that he went out and stood and said to **all** the people, "You are **righteous**. Look, I *conspired against* my master and slew him, but who *smote* **all** these?
[10]"**Know now** that not one **Word** of ה׳ which ה׳ spoke concerning the house of Aḥaḇ does *fall* to the ground, for ה׳ has done what **He** spoke by **His** servant Ěliyahu."
[11]And Yĕhu *smote* **all** those left of the house of Aḥaḇ in Yizre'ĕl and **all** his **great** men and his friends and his priests, until he left him without a survivor.
[12]And he rose up to go and went to Shomeron. On the **way,** at Bĕyth Ěqeḏ of the Shepherds,
[13]Yĕhu met the brothers of Aḥazyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah and said, "***Who*** are you?" And they answered, "We are brothers of Aḥazyahu and we have **come** down to greet the sons of the sovereign and the sons of the sovereigness mother."
[14]And he said, "Take them alive!" So they took them **alive** and slew them at the well of Bĕyth Ěqeḏ, forty-two men and he left none of them.
[15]And he left there and met Yehonaḏaḇ son of Rĕḵaḇ, **coming** to meet him and **blessed** him and said to him, "Is your **heart** right, as my **heart** is toward your heart?" And Yehonaḏaḇ answered, "It is." *Yehu said*, "***If*** it is, give me your **hand.**" And he gave him his **hand** and he took him up to him into the chariot.
[16]And he said, **"Come** with me and **see** my **ardour** for ה׳." And they made him ride in his chariot.
[17]And he came to Shomeron and *smote* **all** those left of Aḥaḇ in Shomeron, til he had ***destroyed*** them, **according** to the **Word** of ה׳ which **He** spoke to Ěliyahu.
[18]And Yĕhu gathered **all** the people and said to them, "Aḥaḇ **served** Ba'al a little; Yĕhu serves him much.
[19]"And **now**, **call** to me **all** the prophets of Ba'al, **all** his servants and **all** his priests. **Let** no one be missing, for I have a **great** slaughtering to make to Ba'al. Anyone who is *lacking* ***shall*** not live!" ***But*** Yĕhu did this ***deceptively***, **in order** to *destroy* the servants of Ba'al.
[20]And Yĕhu said, "Set apart an assembly for Ba'al." So they **proclaimed** it.
[21]And Yĕhu **sent** throughout **all** Yisra'ĕl and **all** the servants of Ba'al came, so that there was not a man left who *did not* come. And they came into the house of Ba'al and the house of Ba'al was filled from end to end.
[22]And he said to him who was over the wardrobe, "Bring out garments for **all** the servants of Ba'al." And he brought out garments for them.
[23]And Yĕhu and Yehonaḏaḇ son of Rĕḵaḇ went into the house of Ba'al and said to the servants of Ba'al, "Search and **see** that no servants of ה׳ are here with you, but only the servants of Ba'al."
[24]So they went in to make offerings and burnt offerings. **Now** Yĕhu had **appointed** for himself eighty men on the outside and had said, "The man who lets **escape** any of the men whom I have brought into your hands – his **life** for his **life**!"
[25]And it came to be, when he had **finished** making the burnt offering, Yĕhu said to the **guard** and to the officers, "Go in, *smite* them, let no one **come** out!" And they *smote* them with the edge of the *sword* and the guards and the officers threw them out and went into the inner room of the house of Ba'al,
[26]and brought out the *pillars* of the house of Ba'al and *burned* them,
[27]and broke down the statue of Ba'al and broke down the house of Ba'al and made it a ***latrine*** to this day.
[28]Thus Yĕhu ***destroyed*** Ba'al out of Yisra'ĕl.
[29]However, Yĕhu *did not* turn away from the *sins* of Yarobʻam son of Nebat, who had *made* Yisra'ĕl *sin,* from the *golden calves* that were at Bĕyth Ěl and Dan.

[30]And ה׳ said to Yĕhu, "**Because**

you have done **well** by **doing** what is **right** in **My eyes** and have **done** to the house of Aḥaḇ **all** that was in **My heart,** your sons are going to sit on the throne of Yisra'ĕl to the fourth generation."

31***But*** Yĕhu *did not* **guard** to **walk** in the **Torah** of יהוה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl with **all** his **heart.** For he *did not* turn away from the *sins* of Yaroḇ'am, who had *made* Yisra'ĕl *sin.*

32In those days יהוה began to *cut off* some in Yisra'ĕl. And Ḥaza'ĕl *smote* them throughout **all** the border of Yisra'ĕl,

33from the Yarděn to the ***sun-***rising: **all** the land of Gil'aḏ – the Gaḏites and the Re'uḇĕnites and the Menashshehites – from Aro'ĕr, which is by the wadi Arnon, including Gil'aḏ and Bashan.

34And the rest of the acts of Yĕhu and **all** that he did and **all** his might, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl?

35So Yĕhu slept with his fathers and they buried him in Shomeron. And Yeho'aḥaz his son reigned in his place.

36And the days that Yĕhu reigned over Yisra'ĕl in Shomeron were twenty-eight years.

11 And Athalyah was the mother of Aḥazyahu. And when she **saw** that her son was *dead,* she arose and ***destroyed*** **all** the offspring of the reign.

2***But*** Yehosheḇa, the daughter of Sovereign Yoram, sister of Aḥazyahu, took Yo'ash son of Aḥazyah and stole him away from among the sons of the sovereign's sons who were put to *death.* So they hid him and his nurse in the bedroom, from Athalyahu and he was not put to *death.*

3And he remained with her in hiding in the House of יהוה for six years, while Athalyah was **reigning** over the land.

4And in the seventh year Yehoyaḏa **sent** and brought the commanders of hundreds, with the Karites and the runners and brought them into the House of יהוה to him. And he made a **covenant** with them and took an **oath** from them in the House of יהוה and showed them the son of the sovereign.

5And he **commanded** them, saying, "This is what you are to do: One-third of you who **come** in on the **Sabbath** to be on **guard** in the sovereign's house,

6and one-third at the gate of Sur and one-third at the gate behind the runners. And you ***shall*** **be** on **guard** in the house, lest it be broken down.

7"And the two detachments of you who are going out on the **Sabbath** ***shall*** be on **guard** in the House of יהוה for the sovereign.

8"And you ***shall*** surround the sovereign on **all** sides, **every** man with his weapons in his **hand.** And ***whoever*** **comes** within the ranks, let him be put to *death.* And be with the sovereign as he goes out and as he **comes** in."

9So the commanders of the hundreds did **according** to **all** that Yehoyaḏa the priest **commanded**. And each of them took his men who were going in on the **Sabbath,** with those who were going out on the **Sabbath** and came to Yehoyaḏa the priest.

10And the priest gave the commanders of hundreds the spears and shields which had belonged to Sovereign Dawiḏ, that were in the House of יהוה.

11And the runners stood, **every** man with his weapons in his **hand, all** around the sovereign, from the **right** side of the House to the left side of the House, by the altar and the House.

12And he brought out the son of the sovereign and put on him the diadem and the **witness.** And they set him up to **reign** and **anointed** him and they clapped their hands and said, "**Let** the sovereign live!"

13And Athalyah **heard** the noise of the runners, the people and she came to the people, into the House of יהוה,

14and **looked** and **saw** the sovereign standing by a column, **according** to the ruling and the chiefs and the trumpeters were beside the sovereign and **all**

the people of the land rejoicing and blowing trumpets. And Athalyah tore her garments and *cried out*, "Treason! Treason!"

15And Yehoyaḏa the priest **commanded** the commanders of the hundreds, the officers of the army and said to them, "Take her outside the ranks and *slay* with the *sword* ***whoever*** **follow**s her." For the priest had said, "***Do*** *not* let her be *killed* in the House of ꓎YHWH."

16So they took hold of her and she went by **way** of the horses' entrance to the sovereign's house and was put to *death* there.

17And Yehoyaḏa made a **covenant** between ꓎YHWH and the sovereign and the people, to be the people of ꓎YHWH – also between the sovereign and the people.

18And **all** the people of the land went to the house of Ba'al and broke it down. They **completely** broke up its altars and images and slew Mattan the priest of Ba'al before the *altars.* And the priest **appointed** inspectors over the House of ꓎YHWH,

19and took the commanders of hundreds and the Karites and the runners and **all** the people of the land. And they brought the sovereign down from the House of ꓎YHWH and went by **way** of the gate of the runners to the sovereign's house. And he sat on the throne of the sovereigns.

20And **all** the people of the land rejoiced. And the city had rest, for they had *slain* Athalyahu with the *sword* in the sover eign's house.

21Yeho'ash was seven years old when he began to reign.

12 Yeho'ash began to **reign** in the seventh year of Yĕhu and he reigned forty years in Yerushalayim. And his mother's name was Tsiḇyah of Be'ĕrsheḇa.

2And Yeho'ash did what was **right** *in the eyes* of ꓎YHWH **all** the days in which Yehoyaḏa the priest **instructed** him.

3However, the *high places* were not taken away; the people still slaughter and *burned* incense on the *high places*.

4And Yeho'ash said to the priests, "All the silver of the set-apart gifts that are brought into the House of ꓎YHWH, the silver **coming** over, each man's assessment silver, **all** the silver that a man purposes in his **heart** to bring into the House of ꓎YHWH,

5let the priests take for themselves, each from his friend. And let them repair the damages of the House, wherever there is damage."

6And it came to be, by the twenty-third year of Sovereign Yeho'ash, that the priests had not repaired the damages of the House,

7and Sovereign Yeho'ash called Yehoyaḏa the priest and the other priests and said to them, "***Why*** have you not repaired the damages of the House? And **now**, *do not* take any more silver from your friends, but give it for repairing the damages of the House."

8And the priests **agreed** that they would neither receive any more silver from the people, nor repair the damages of the House.

9And Yehoyaḏa the priest took a chest and bored a hole in its lid and set it beside the altar, on the **right** side as one **comes** into the House of ꓎YHWH. And the priests who **guarded** the **door** put there **all** the silver that was brought into the House of ꓎YHWH.

10And it came to be, whenever they **saw** that there was much silver in the chest, that the sovereign's scribe and the high priest came up and put it in bags and counted the silver that was **found** in the House of ꓎YHWH,

11and gave the silver, weighed out, into the hands of those who did the **work,** who had the oversight of the House of ꓎YHWH. And they paid it out to the carpenters and builders who worked on the House of ꓎YHWH,

12and to stonemasons and stonecutters and for ***buying*** timber and hewn stone to repair the damage of the House

of ꓤꓨꓤꓩ and for **all** that was paid out to repair the House.
[13]However there were not made for the House of ꓤꓨꓤꓩ basins of silver, snuffers, sprinkling-bowls, trumpets, any objects of gold, or objects of silver, from the silver that was brought into the House of ꓤꓨꓤꓩ,
[14]for they gave that to the workmen and they repaired the House of ꓤꓨꓤꓩ with it.
[15]And they *did not* reckon with the men into whose **hand** they gave the silver to be paid to workmen, for they *acted* trustworthily.
[16]The silver from the *trespass* offerings and the silver from the *sin* offerings was not brought into the House of ꓤꓨꓤꓩ. It belonged to the priests.
[17]And Ḥaza'ĕl sovereign of Aram went up and fought *against* Gath and captured it. And Ḥaza'ĕl set his face to go up to Yerushalayim.
[18]And Yeho'ash sovereign of Yahuḏah took **all** the set-apart gifts that his fathers, Yehoshaphat and Yehoram and Aḥazyahu, sovereigns of Yahuḏah, had set-apart and his own set-apart gifts and **all** the gold **found** in the treasuries of the House of ꓤꓨꓤꓩ and in the sovereign's house and **sent** them to Ḥaza'ĕl sovereign of Aram. ***Then*** he went away from Yerushalayim.
[19]And the rest of the acts of Yo'ash and **all** that he did, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah?
[20]And his servants rose up and made a conspiracy and *smote* Yo'ash in the house of Millo, which goes down to Silla.
[21]For Yozaḵar son of Shim'ath and Yehozaḇaḏ son of Shomĕr, his servants, *smote* him. So he died and they buried him with his fathers in the City of Dawiḏ. And Amatsyah his son reigned in his place.

13 In the twenty-third year of Yo'ash son of Aḥazyahu, sovereign of Yahuḏah, Yeho'aḥaz son of Yĕhu began to **reign** over Yisra'ĕl in Shomeron and reigned seventeen years.
[2]And he did *evil in the eyes* of ꓤꓨꓤꓩ and **followed** the *sins* of Yaroḇ'am son of Neḇat, who had *made* Yisra'ĕl *sin.* **He** *did not* turn away from them.
[3]And the *displeasure* of ꓤꓨꓤꓩ *burned <u>against</u>* Yisra'ĕl and **He** gave them into the **hand** of Ḥaza'ĕl sovereign of Aram and into the **hand** of Ben-Haḏaḏ son of Ḥaza'ĕl, **all** the days.
[4]***Then*** Yeho'aḥaz sought the face of ꓤꓨꓤꓩ. And ꓤꓨꓤꓩ **listened** to him, for **He saw** the *oppression* of Yisra'ĕl, **<u>because</u>** the sovereign of Aram *oppressed* them.
[5]And ꓤꓨꓤꓩ gave Yisra'ĕl a saviour, so that they came out from under the **hand** of Aram. And the children of Yisra'ĕl dwelt in their tents as before.
[6]However, they *did not* turn away from the *sins* of the house of Yaroḇ'am, who had *made* Yisra'ĕl *sin,* but *walked* in them. Moreover, the ***Ashĕrah*** also remained in Shomeron.
[7]For **He** left of the army of Yeho'aḥaz only fifty horsemen and ten chariots and ten thousand footmen, for the sovereign of Aram had ***destroyed*** them and made them like the dust at threshing.
[8]And the rest of the acts of Yeho'aḥaz and **all** that he did and his might, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl?
[9]So Yeho'aḥaz slept with his fathers and they buried him in Shomeron. And Yo'ash his son reigned in his place.
[10]In the thirty-seventh year of Yo'ash sovereign of Yahuḏah, Yeho'ash son of Yeho'aḥaz began to **reign** over Yisra'ĕl in Shomeron, sixteen years.
[11]And he did *evil in the eyes* of ꓤꓨꓤꓩ. He *did not* turn away from **all** the *sins* of Yaroḇ'am son of Neḇat, who had made Yisra'ĕl *sin* – he walked in it.
[12]And the rest of the acts of Yo'ash and **all** that he did and his might with which he fought *<u>against</u>* Amatsyah sovereign of Yahuḏah, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl?

[13]So Yo’ash slept with his fathers. And Yarob̲'am sat on his throne. And Yo’ash was buried in Shomeron with the sovereigns of Yisra’ĕl.
[14]And Elisha had become *sick* with the *sickness* in which he *died.* And Yo’ash the sovereign of Yisra’ĕl came down to him and wept over his face and said, “O my father, my father, the chariots of Yisra’ĕl and their horsemen!”
[15]And Elisha said to him, “Take a bow and some arrows.” And he took a bow and some arrows.
[16]And he said to the sovereign of Yisra’ĕl, “Place your **hand** on the bow.” So he placed his **hand** and Elisha placed his hands on the hands of the sovereign,
[17]and said, “Open the east window.” And he had opened it and Elisha said, “Shoot.” And he shot. ***Then*** he said, “The arrow of **deliverance** of יהוה and the arrow of **deliverance** from Aram, for you ***shall*** *smite* Aram at Aphĕq until it is **finished**.”
[18]***Then*** he said, “Take the arrows,” and he took them. And he said to the sovereign of Yisra’ĕl, “Strike the ground,” and he *struck* **three times** and *stopped*.
[19]And the man of **Elohim** was *wroth* with him and said, “You should have *smitten* five or six times, then you would have *smitten* Aram til its *utter* ***destruction. But*** **now** you ***shall*** *smite* Aram only **three times**.”
[20]And Elisha died and they buried him. And the raiding bands from Mo’ab̲ came into the land in the spring of the year.
[21]And it came to be, they were burying a man and there they **saw** a raiding band and *cast* the man in the tomb of Elisha. And the man fell and touched the bones of Elisha and came to **life** and stood on his feet.
[22]And Ḥaza’ĕl sovereign of Aram *oppressed* Yisra’ĕl **all** the days of Yeho’aḥaz.
[23]***But*** יהוה **showed favour** to them and had **compassion** on them and turned toward them for the sake of **His covenant** with Ab̲rahim, Yitsḥaq and Ya'aqob̲ and *would not destroy* them or *cast* them from **His** presence as yet.
[24]And Ḥaza’ĕl sovereign of Aram *died.* And Ben-Hadad̲ his son reigned in his place.
[25]And Yeho’ash son of Yeho’aḥaz **recovered** from the **hand** of Ben-Hadad̲, son of Ḥaza’ĕl, the cities which he had taken out of the **hand** of Yeho’aḥaz his father in battle. Yo’ash *smote* him **three times** and he **recovered** the cities of Yisra’ĕl.

14 In the second year of Yo’ash son of Yo’aḥaz, sovereign of Yisra’ĕl, Amatsyahu son of Yo’ash, sovereign of Yahud̲ah, began to reign.
[2]He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign and he reigned twenty-nine years in Yerushalayim. And his mother’s name was Yeho'addin of Yerushalayim.
[3]And he did what was **right** *in the eyes* of יהוה, but not like his father Dawid̲. He did **according** to **all** his father Yo’ash did.
[4]However, the *high places* were not taken away. The people still *slaughtered* and *burned* incense on the *high places*.
[5]And it came to be, as soon as the **reign** was **established** in his **hand,** that he *smote* his servants who had *smitten* his father the sovereign.
[6]He *did not* put to *death* the children of the *murderers* **according** to what is **written** in the **Book** of the **Torah** of Mosheh, in which יהוה **commanded**, saying, “Fathers are not put to *death* for the children and children are not put to *death* for the fathers but each one is put to *death* for his own *sin.*”
[7]He *smote* Ed̲om in the Valley of Salt, ten thousand and took Sela in battle and called its name Yoqthe’ĕl to this day.
[8]Amatsyah then **sent** messengers to Yeho’ash son of Yeho’aḥaz, son of Yĕhu, sovereign of Yisra’ĕl, saying, **“Come,** let us look each other in the face!”

[9]And Yeho'ash sovereign of Yisra'ĕl **sent** to Amatsyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah, saying, "The thistle that was in Leḇanon **sent** to the cedar that was in Leḇanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son as wife.' And a wild beast that was in Leḇanon passed by and trampled the thistle.

[10]"You have certainly *smitten* Eḏom and your **heart** has lifted you up. Be esteemed and stay in your house. ***But*** why do you stir up yourself to *evil*, that you should *fall* – you and Yahuḏah with you?"

[11]***But*** Amatsyahu *did not* **listen**, so Yeho'ash sovereign of Yisra'ĕl went up and he and Amatsyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah faced one another at Bĕyth Shemesh, which belongs to Yahuḏah.

[12]And Yahuḏah was *smitten* before Yisra'ĕl and they each fled to his tent.

[13]And Yeho'ash sovereign of Yisra'ĕl ***caught*** Amatsyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah, son of Yeho'ash, son of Aḥazyahu, at Bĕyth Shemesh. And they came to Yerushalayim and he broke through the wall of Yerushalayim from the Gate of Ephrayim to the Corner Gate, four hundred cubits,

[14]and took **all** the gold and silver and **all** the objects that were **found** in the House of ֱיְהוָה and in the treasuries of the sovereign's house and hostages and returned to Shomeron.

[15]And the rest of the acts of Yeho'ash which he did and his might and how he fought with Amatsyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl?

[16]So Yeho'ash slept with his fathers and was buried in Shomeron with the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl. And Yarobʻam his son reigned in his place.

[17]And Amatsyahu son of Yo'ash, sovereign of Yahuḏah, lived fifteen years after the *death* of Yeho'ash son of Yeho'aḥaz, sovereign of Yisra'ĕl.

[18]And the rest of the acts of Amatsyahu, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah?

[19]And they made a ***conspiracy*** *against* him in Yerushalayim and he fled to Laḵish. And they **sent** after him to Laḵish and *killed* him there,

[20]and brought him on horses and he was buried at Yerushalayim with his fathers in the City of Dawiḏ.

[21]And **all** the people of Yahuḏah took Azaryah, who was sixteen years old and set him up to **reign** instead of his father Amatsyahu.

[22]He built Ĕylath and restored it to Yahuḏah, after the sovereign slept with his fathers.

[23]In the fifteenth year of Amatsyahu son of Yo'ash, the sovereign of Yahuḏah, Yarobʻam son of Yo'ash, the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, began to **reign** in Shomeron and reigned forty-one years.

[24]And he did *evil in the eyes* of ֱיְהוָה. **He** *did not* turn away from **all** the *sins* of Yarobʻam son of Neḇat, who had *made* Yisra'ĕl *sin.*

[25]**He** restored the border of Yisra'ĕl from the entrance of Ḥamath to the Sea of the Araḇah, **according** to the **Word** of ֱיְהוָה **Ĕlohim** of Yisra'ĕl, which **He** had **spoken** through **His** servant Yonah son of Amittai, the **prophet** who was from Gath Ḥĕpher.

[26]For ֱיְהוָה **saw** that the *affliction* of Yisra'ĕl was **very** *bitter*. And there was no one, neither shut up nor left at large, to **help** Yisra'ĕl.

[27]And ֱיְהוָה had not said that **He** would *blot* out the name of Yisra'ĕl from under the heavens, but **saved** them by the **hand** of Yarobʻam son of Yo'ash.

[28]And the rest of the acts of Yarobʻam and **all** that he did and his might, how he fought and how he **recovered** Damascus and Ḥamath for Yahuḏah in Yisra'ĕl, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl?

[29]So Yarobʻam slept with his fathers, the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl. And Zeḵaryah his son reigned in his place.

15 In the twenty-seventh year of Yarobʻam sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, Azaryah son of Amatsyah, sovereign of Yahuḏah,

began to reign.
[2]He was sixteen years old when he began to reign and he reigned fifty-two years in Yerushalayim. And his mother's name was Yeḵolyahu of Yerushalayim.
[3]And he did what was **right** *in the eyes* of יהוה, **according** to **all** that his father Amatsyahu did,
[4]however, the *high places* were *not* taken away. The people still *slaughtered* and *burned* incense on the *high places*.
[5]And יהוה *smote* the sovereign so he was a leper until the **day of** his *death* and he dwelt in a separate house. And Yotham son of the sovereign was over the house, ruling the people of the land.
[6]And the rest of the acts of Azaryahu and **all** that he did, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah?
[7]So Azaryah slept with his fathers and they buried him with his fathers in the City of Dawiḏ. And Yotham his son reigned in his place.
[8]In the thirty-eighth year of Azaryahu sovereign of Yahuḏah, Zeḵaryahu son of Yaroḇ'am began to **reign** over Yisra'ĕl in Shomeron, for six months.
[9]And he did *evil in the eyes* of יהוה, as his fathers had done. **He** *did not* turn away from the *sins* of Yaroḇ'am son of Neḇat, who had *made* Yisra'ĕl *sin.*
[10]And Shallum son of Yaḇĕsh *conspired* <u>*against*</u> him and *smote* him in front of the people and *killed* him and reigned in his place.
[11]And the rest of the acts of Zeḵaryah, **see,** they are **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl.
[12]This was the **Word** of יהוה which **He** spoke to Yĕhu, saying, "**Your** sons to the fourth *generation* are going to sit on the throne of Yisra'ĕl." And it came to be so.
[13]Shallum son of Yaḇĕsh began to **reign** in the thirty-ninth year of Uzziyah, the sovereign of Yahuḏah. And he reigned a month of days in Shomeron.
[14]And Menaḥĕm son of Gaḏi went up from Tirtsah and came to Shomeron and *smote* Shallum son of Yaḇĕsh in Shomeron and *killed* him and reigned in his place.
[15]And the rest of the acts of Shallum and the ***conspiracy*** which he led, **see,** they are **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl.
[16]And Menaḥĕm *smote* Tiphsaḥ and **all** who were there and its borders, from Tirtsah. <u>**Because**</u> they *did not* **open** it to him, therefore he *smote* it. And he *ripped* open **all** the pregnant women.
[17]In the thirty-ninth year of Azaryah sovereign of Yahuḏah, Menaḥĕm son of Gaḏi began to **reign** over Yisra'ĕl, ten years in Shomeron.
[18]And he did *evil in the eyes* of יהוה. **He** *did not* turn away from the *sins* of Yaroḇ'am son of Neḇat, who had *made* Yisra'ĕl *sin,* **all** his days.
[19]Pul the sovereign of Ashshur came <u>*against*</u> the land. And Menaḥĕm gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, for his **hand** to be with him to strengthen the **reign** in his **hand.**
[20]And Menaḥĕm exacted the silver of Yisra'ĕl, of **all** the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty sheqels of silver, to give to the sovereign of Ashshur. And the sovereign of Ashshur turned back and *did not* stay there in the land.
[21]And the rest of the acts of Menaḥĕm and **all** that he did, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl?
[22]So Menaḥĕm slept with his fathers. And Peqaḥyah his son reigned in his place.
[23]In the fiftieth year of Azaryah the sovereign of Yahuḏah, Peqaḥyah the son of Menaḥĕm began to **reign** over Yisra'ĕl in Shomeron, for two years.
[24]And he did *evil in the eyes* of יהוה. **He** *did not* turn away from the *sins* of Yaroḇ'am son of Neḇat, who had *made* Yisra'ĕl *sin.*
[25]And Peqaḥ son of Remalyahu, a chief officer of his, *conspired* <u>*against*</u> him and *smote* him in Shomeron, in the *high place* of the sovereign's house, along with Argoḇ and Aryĕh and with him were fifty men of Gil'aḏ.

So he *killed* him and reigned in his place.
[26]And the rest of the acts of Peqaḥyah and **all** that he did, **see,** they are **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl.
[27]In the fifty-second year of Azaryah sovereign of Yahuḏah, Peqaḥ son of Remalyahu began to **reign** over Yisra'ĕl in Shomeron, for twenty years.
[28]And he did *evil in the eyes* of ֱיְהוָה. **He** *did not* turn away from the *sins* of Yarobʿam son of Neḇat, who had *made* Yisra'ĕl *sin.*
[29]In the days of Peqaḥ sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, Tiḡlath-Pileser sovereign of Ashshur came and took Iyon and Aḇĕl Bĕyth Maʿaḵah and Yanowaḥ and Qeḏesh and Ḥatsor and Gilʿaḏ and Galil, **all** the land of Naphtali and took them into exile to Ashshur.
[30]And Hoshĕa son of Ĕlah led a ***conspiracy*** *against* Peqaḥ son of Remalyahu and *smote* him and *killed* him and reigned in his place in the twentieth year of Yotham son of Uzziyah.
[31]And the rest of the acts of Peqaḥ and **all** that he did, **see,** they are **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl.
[32]In the second year of Peqaḥ son of Remalyahu, sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, Yotham son of Uzziyahu, sovereign of Yahuḏah, began to reign.
[33]He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign and he reigned sixteen years in Yerushalayim. And his mother's name was Yerusha the daughter of Tsaḏoq.
[34]And he did what was **right** *in the eyes* of ֱיְהוָה. He did **according** to **all** that his father Uzziyahu did.
[35]However, the *high places* were *not* taken away. The people still *slaughtered* and *burned* incense on the *high places*. He built the Upper Gate of the House of ֱיְהוָה.
[36]And the rest of the acts of Yotham and **all** that he did, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah?
[37]In those days ֱיְהוָה began to **send** Retsin sovereign of Aram and Peqaḥ son of Remalyahu *against* Yahuḏah.
[38]So Yotham slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the City of Dawiḏ his father. And Aḥaz his son reigned in his place.

16 In the seventeenth year of Peqaḥ son of Remalyahu, Aḥaz son of Yotham, sovereign of Yahuḏah, began to reign.
[2]Aḥaz was twenty years old when he began to reign and he reigned sixteen years in Yerushalayim. And he *did not* do what was **right** *in the eyes* of ֱיְהוָה his **Elohim**, as his father Dawiḏ had done.
[3]***But*** he *walked* in the **way** of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl and he also made his son pass through the *fire*, **according** to the **abominations** of the *gentiles* whom ֱיְהוָה had *dispossessed* from before the children of Yisra'ĕl.
[4]And he *slaughtered* and *burned* incense on the *high places* and on the hills,and under **every** *green tree.*
[5]***Then*** Retsin sovereign of Aram and Peqaḥ son of Remalyahu, sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, came up to Yerushalayim, to battle. And they besieged Aḥaz but were *unable* to overcome him.
[6]At that **time** Retsin sovereign of Aram **recovered** Ĕylath for Aram and drove the men of Yahuḏah from Ĕylath. And the Eḏomites went to Ĕylath and have dwelt there to this day.
[7]And Aḥaz **sent** messengers to TiḡlathPileser sovereign of Ashshur, saying, "I am your servant and your son. **come** up and **save** me from the **hand** of the sovereign of Aram and from the **hand** of the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, who are rising up *against* me."
[8]And Aḥaz took the silver and gold that was **found** in the House of ֱיְהוָה and in the treasuries of the house of the sovereign and **sent** it as a present to the sovereign of Ashshur.

[9]And the sovereign of Ashshur **listened** to him. And the sovereign of Ashshur went up *against* Damascus and captured it and exiled it to Qir and he *killed* Retsin.

[10]And Sovereign Aḥaz went to meet Tiḡlath-Pileser sovereign of Ashshur at Damascus and **saw** an altar that was at Damascus. And Sovereign Aḥaz **sent** to Uriyah the priest a sketch of the altar and its pattern, **according** to **all** its workmanship.

[11]And Uriyah the priest built an altar **according** to **all** that Sovereign Aḥaz had **sent** from Damascus. And Uriyah the priest made it before Sovereign Aḥaz came from Damascus.

[12]And when the sovereign came from Damascus, the sovereign **saw** the altar and the sovereign approached the altar and made offerings on it.

[13]And he *burned* his burnt offering and his grain offering. And he poured his drink offering and sprinkled the **blood** of his **peace** offerings on the altar.

[14]And the bronze altar which was before יהוה he brought from the front of the House, from between the new altar and the House of יהוה and put it on the north side of *his* altar.

[15]And Sovereign Aḥaz **commanded** Uriyah the priest, saying, "On the **great** altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the **evening** grain offering and the sovereign's burnt offering and his grain offering, with the burnt offering of **all** the people of the land and their grain offering and their drink offerings. And sprinkle on it **all** the **blood** of the burnt offering and **all** the **blood** of the slaughtering. And the bronze altar is for me to **inquire** by."

[16]And Uriyah the priest did **according** to **all** that Sovereign Aḥaz **commanded**.

[17]And Sovereign Aḥaz *cut off* the side panels of the stands and removed the basins from them. And he took down the Sea from the bronze oxen that were under it and put it on a pavement of stones.

[18]And the covered **way** which they had built in the House for the **Sabbath** and the sovereign's outer entrance, he took from the House of יהוה, **because** of the sovereign of Ashshur.

[19]And the rest of the acts of Aḥaz which he did, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah?

[20]So Aḥaz slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the City of Dawiḏ. And Ḥizqiyahu his son reigned in his place.

17 In the twelfth year of Aḥaz sovereign of Yahuḏah, Hoshĕa son of Ĕlah began to **reign** over Yisra'ĕl in Shomeron, for nine years.

[2]And he did *evil in the eyes* of יהוה, but not as the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl who were before him.

[3]Shalmaneser sovereign of Ashshur came up *against* him. And Hoshĕa became his servant and rendered him a present.

[4]***But*** the sovereign of Ashshur **found** a ***conspiracy*** in Hoshĕa, for he had **sent** messengers to So, sovereign of Mitsrayim and had not brought a present to the sovereign of Ashshur, as year by year. And the sovereign of Ashshur shut him up and *bound* him in prison.

[5]And the sovereign of Ashshur went through **all** the land and went up to Shomeron and besieged it for three years.

[6]In the ninth year of Hoshĕa, the sovereign of Ashshur captured Shomeron and exiled Yisra'ĕl to Ashshur and settled them in Ḥalaḥ and Ḥaḇor, the River of Gozan and in the cities of the Medes.

[7]**Now** this came to be **because** the *children of Yisra'ĕl had sinned against* יהוה their **Elohim** – who had brought them up out of the land of Mitsrayim, from under the **hand** of Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim – and ***feared*** other *mighty ones*,

[8]and *walked* in the **laws** of the *gentiles* whom **ꓤꓰꓤꓵ** had *dispossessed* from before the children of Yisra'ĕl and of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl that they had made.

[9]And the children of Yisra'ĕl **secretly** did *against* **ꓤꓰꓤꓵ** their **Elohim** *matters* that were *not right* and they ***built*** for themselves *high places* in **all** their cities, from ***watchtower*** unto the walled city,

[10]and set up for themselves *pillars* and Ashĕrim on **every** high hill and under **every** *green tree,*

[11]and *burned* incense there on **all** the *high places*, like the *gentiles* whom **ꓤꓰꓤꓵ** had *removed* from their presence. And they did *evil* ***matters*** to ***provoke*** **ꓤꓰꓤꓵ**,

[12]and **served** the *idols,* of which **ꓤꓰꓤꓵ** had said to them, "***Do*** *not* do this."

[13]And **ꓤꓰꓤꓵ** **warned** Yisra'ĕl and Yahuḏah, through **all** of **His prophets** and **every seer**, saying, "**Turn back** from your *evil* ways and **guard My commands** and **My laws**, **according** to **all** the **Torah** which I **commanded** your fathers and which I **sent** to you by **My servants** the **prophets.**"

[14]***But*** they *did not* **listen** and *hardened* their necks, like the necks of their fathers, who *did not put* their **trust** in **ꓤꓰꓤꓵ** their **Elohim**,

[15]and *rejected* **His laws** and **His covenant** that **He** had made with their fathers and **His witnesses** which **He** had **witnessed** *against* them and went after *worthless*ness and became *worthless* and after the *gentiles* who were **all** around them, of whom **ꓤꓰꓤꓵ** had **commanded** them not to do like *them*.

[16]And they left **all the commands** of **ꓤꓰꓤꓵ** their **Elohim** and made for themselves a *moulded image,* two *calves* and made an ***Ashĕrah*** and *bowed* themselves to **all** the ***host*** of the ***heavens*** and **served** ***Ba'al***,

[17]and **caused** their sons and daughters to pass through the *fire* and *practised divination* and *sorcery* and *sold* themselves to do *evil in the eyes* of **ꓤꓰꓤꓵ**, to ***provoke*** **Him.**

[18]So **ꓤꓰꓤꓵ** was **very enraged** with Yisra'ĕl and removed them from **His** presence – none was left but the tribe of Yahuḏah alone.

[19]Yahuḏah, also, *did not* **guard** the **commands** of **ꓤꓰꓤꓵ** their **Elohim**, but *walked* in the **laws** of Yisra'ĕl which they made.

[20]And **ꓤꓰꓤꓵ** *rejected* **all** the seed of Yisra'ĕl and *afflicted* them and gave them into the **hand** of plunderers, until **He** had *cast* them out from **His** presence.

[21]For **He** *tore* Yisra'ĕl from the house of Dawiḏ and they made Yarobʿam son of Neḇat sovereign. And Yarobʿam *drove* Yisra'ĕl *from* **following** **ꓤꓰꓤꓵ** and made them *commit* a **great** *sin.*

[22]And the children of Yisra'ĕl walked in **all** the *sins* of Yarobʿam which he did. They *did not* turn away from them,

[23]until **ꓤꓰꓤꓵ** removed Yisra'ĕl from **His** presence, as **He** spoke by **all His** servants the **prophets.** So Yisra'ĕl was exiled from their land to Ashshur, as it is to this day.

[24]And the sovereign of Ashshur brought *people* from Baḇel and from Kuthah and from Awwa and from Ḥamath and Sepharwayim and placed *them* in the cities of Shomeron instead of the children of Yisra'ĕl. And they took possession of Shomeron and dwelt in its cities.

[25]And it came to be, at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they *did not* **fear** **ꓤꓰꓤꓵ** and **ꓤꓰꓤꓵ** **sent** lions among them, which kept on *slay*ing among them.

[26]And they spoke to the sovereign of Ashshur, saying, "The nations whom you have removed and placed in the cities of Shomeron *do not* **know** the **right-ruling** of the **Elohim** of the land. And **He** has **sent** lions among them and **see,** they are *slay*ing among them **because** they *do not* **know** the **right-ruling** of the **Elohim** of the land."

[27]And the sovereign of Ashshur **commanded**, saying, "Send one of the priests whom you exiled from there,

to go there. **Let** him go and dwell there and **let** him **teach** them the **right-ruling** of the **Elohim** of the land."
[28]And one of the priests whom they had exiled from Shomeron came and dwelt in Bĕyth Ěl and **taught** them how to **fear** ꓤꓰꓤꓵ.
[29]***But*** **every** nation was making *mighty ones* of its own and put them in the houses of the *high places* which the Shomeronites had made, **every** nation in the cities where they dwelt.
[30]And the men of Baḇel made Sukkoth Benoth and the men of Kuth made Nĕrḡal and the men of Ḥamath made Ashima,
[31]and the Awwites made Niḇḥaz and Tartaq. And the Sepharwites *burned* their children in *fire* to Aḏrammelek and Anammelek, the *mighty ones* of Sepharim.
[32]They also ***feared*** ꓤꓰꓤꓵ and from **every** class they made for themselves priests of the *high places*, who offered for them in the house of the *high places*.
[33]They were **fearing** ꓤꓰꓤꓵ and they were serving their own *mighty ones*, **according** to the ruling of the nations from among whom they had been exiled.
[34]To this day they are doing **according** to the former rulings: they are not **fearing** ꓤꓰꓤꓵ, nor do they **follow** their **laws** or their **right-rulings**, or the **Torah** and **command** which ꓤꓰꓤꓵ had **commanded** the children of Yaʻaqoḇ, whose name **He** made Yisra'ĕl,
[35]with whom ꓤꓰꓤꓵ had made a **covenant** and **commanded** them, saying, "***Do*** *not* **fear** other *mighty ones*, nor bow down to them nor **serve** them nor slaughter to them;
[36]but ꓤꓰꓤꓵ, who brought you up from the land of Mitsrayim with **great power** and with an outstretched arm, **Him** you ***shall*** **fear** and to **Him** you ***shall*** bow yourselves and to **Him** you ***shall*** slaughter.
[37]"And **guard** to do **forever** the **laws** and the **right-rulings** and the **Torah** and the **command** which **He wrote** for you. And *do not* **fear** other *mighty ones*.
[38]"And *do not forget* **the covenant** that I have made with you and *do not* **fear** other *mighty ones*.
[39]"***But*** **fear** ꓤꓰꓤꓵ your **Elohim**, so that **He** delivers you from the **hand** of **all** your enemies."
[40]And they *did not* **obey**, but did **according** to their former ruling.
[41]So these nations were **fearing** ꓤꓰꓤꓵ and **served** their *carved images*, both their children and their children's children. As their fathers did, they are doing to this day.

18 And it came to be in the third year of Hoshĕa son of Ělah, sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, that Ḥizqiyah son of Aḥaz, sovereign of Yahuḏah, began to reign.
[2]He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign and he reigned twenty-nine years in Yerushalayim. And his mother's name was Aḇi, daughter of Zeḵaryah.
[3]And he did what was **right** *in the eyes* of ꓤꓰꓤꓵ, **according** to **all** that his father Dawiḏ did.
[4]He took away the *high places* and broke the *pillars* and *cut down* the Ashĕrah and broke in pieces the bronze *serpent* which Mosheh had made, for until those days the children of Yisra'ĕl *burned* incense to it and called it Neḥushtan.
[5]He **put his trust** in ꓤꓰꓤꓵ **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl and after him was none like him among **all** the sovereigns of Yahuḏah, nor who were before him,
[6]and he *clung* to ꓤꓰꓤꓵ. He *did not* turn away from **following Him,** but **guarded His commands**, which ꓤꓰꓤꓵ had **commanded** Mosheh.
[7]And ꓤꓰꓤꓵ was with him – wherever he went he *acted* **wisely**. And he **rebelled** *against* the sovereign of Ashshur and *did not* **serve** him.
[8]He *smote* the Philistines, as far as Azzah and its borders – from watchtower unto the walled city.
[9]And it came to be in the fourth year of Sovereign Ḥizqiyahu,

which was the seventh year of Hosheă son of Ělah, sovereign of Yisra'ěl, that Shalmaneser sovereign of Ashshur came up *against* Shomeron and besieged it,
[10]and they captured it at **the end** of three years. In the sixth year of Ḥizqiyah, that is the ninth year of Hosheă sovereign of Yisra'ěl, Shomeron was captured.
[11]And the sovereign of Ashshur exiled Yisra'ěl to Ashshur and placed them in Ḥalaḥ and Ḥaḇor, the River of Gozan and in the cities of the Medes,
[12]**because** they *did* ***not obey*** the **voice** of ֵיהוָה their **Elohim**, but *transgressed* **His covenant** – **all** that Mosheh the servant of ֵיהוָה had **commanded**. And they *did* ***not obey*** nor do them.
[13]And in the fourteenth year of Sovereign Ḥizqiyahu, Sanḥěriḇ sovereign of Ashshur came up *against* **all** the walled cities of Yahuḏah and captured them.
[14]And Ḥizqiyah sovereign of Yahuḏah **sent** to the sovereign of Ashshur at Laḵish, saying, "I have done ***wrong,*** turn away from me. I ***shall*** bear ***whatever*** you impose on me." And the sovereign of Ashshur imposed upon Ḥizqiyah, the sovereign of Yahuḏah, three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.
[15]And Ḥizqiyah gave him **all** the silver that was **found** in the House of ֵיהוָה and in the treasuries of the sovereign's house.
[16]At that **time** Ḥizqiyah *cut off* the **doors** of the Hěḵal of ֵיהוָה and the doorposts which Ḥizqiyah sovereign of Yahuḏah had overlaid and gave it to the sovereign of Ashshur.
[17]And the sovereign of Ashshur **sent** the Tartan and the Raḇsaris and the Raḇshaqĕh from Laḵish, with a great army *against* Yerushalayim, to Sovereign Ḥizqiyahu. And they went up and came to Yerushalayim. And when they had **come** up, they came and stood by the channel of the upper pool, which was on the highway to the Launderer's Field.
[18]And they called to the sovereign. And Elyaqim son of Ḥilqiyahu, who was over the household and Sheḇnah the scribe and Yo'aḥ son of Asaph, the recorder, came out to them.
[19]And the Raḇshaqĕh said to them, "Please say to Ḥizqiyahu, 'Thus said the **great** sovereign, the sovereign of Ashshur, "***What*** is this **trust** in which you have **trusted**?
[20]"You have **spoken** of having counsel and strength for battle, but they are only **words** of the lips! And in whom do you **trust,** that you ***rebel*** *against* me?
[21]"**Now** look! You have put your **trust** in the staff of this crushed reed, Mitsrayim, on which if a man leans, it ***shall*** go into his **hand** and pierce it. So is Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim to **all** who **trust** in him.
[22]"***But*** when you say to me, 'We **trust** in ֵיהוָה our **Elohim**,' is it not **He** whose *high places* and whose altars Ḥizqiyahu has taken away and said to Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim, 'Bow yourselves before this altar in Yerushalayim'?" '
[23]"And **now**, I urge you, give a **pledge** to my master the sovereign of Ashshur, then I give you two thousand horses, if you are able to put riders on them!
[24]"And how do you **turn back** the face of one commander of the least of my master's servants and **trust** in Mitsrayim for chariots and horsemen?
[25]"Have I **now come** up without ֵיהוָה *against* this place to *destroy* it? ֵיהוָה said to me, 'Go up *against* this land and you ***shall*** *destroy* it.' "
[26]***Then*** said Elyaqim son of Ḥilqiyahu and Sheḇnah and Yo'aḥ to the Raḇshaqĕh, "Please **speak** to your servants in Aramaic, for we **understand** it. And *do not* **speak** to us in the **language** of Yahuḏah, *in the* **ears** of the people on the wall."
[27]And the Raḇshaqĕh said to them, "Has my master **sent** me to your master and to you to **speak** these **words** and not to the men sitting on the wall to ***eat*** their own *dung* and ***drink*** their own urine, with you?"

[28]And the Raḇshaqĕh stood and called out with a loud **voice** in the **language** of Yahuḏah and spoke and said, **"Hear** the **word** of the **great** sovereign, the sovereign of Ashshur!

[29]"Thus said the sovereign, '***Do*** *not* let Ḥizqiyahu ***deceive*** you, for he is *unable* to **deliver** you out of his **hand,**

[30]and *do not* let Ḥizqiyahu make you **trust** in ה׳, saying, "ה׳ ***shall*** certainly **deliver** us and this city is not **given** into the **hand** of the sovereign of Ashshur." '

[31]"***Do*** *not* **listen** to Ḥizqiyahu, for thus said the sovereign of Ashshur, 'Make **peace** with me by a present and **come out** to me and let each of you eat from his own **vine** and each from his own fig *tree* and each of you drink the waters of his own cistern,

[32]until I come. ***Then*** I ***shall*** take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new **wine**, a land of **bread** and vineyards, a land of olive-trees and honey and **live** and not *die.* ***But*** *do not* **listen** to Ḥizqiyahu, when he misleads you, saying, "ה׳ ***shall*** **deliver** us."

[33]'Has any of the *mighty ones* of the nations at **all delivered** its land from the **hand** of the sovereign of Ashshur?

[34]'Where are the *mighty ones* of Ḥamath and Arpaḏ? Where are the *mighty ones* of Sepharwayim and Hĕna and Iwwah? Did they **deliver** Shomeron from my **hand?**

[35]'***Who*** among **all** the *mighty ones* of the lands have **delivered** their land out of my **hand,** that ה׳ should **deliver** Yerushalayim from my **hand?**' "

[36]***But*** the people were *silent* and *did not* answer him a **word,** for the **command** of the sovereign was, "***Do*** *not* answer him."

[37]And Elyaqim son of Ḥilqiyah, who was over the household and Sheḇnah the scribe and Yo'aḥ son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Ḥizqiyahu with their garments torn and they reported to him the **words** of the Raḇshaqĕh.

19 And it came to be, when Sovereign Ḥizqiyahu **heard** it, that he tore his garments and covered himself with sackcloth and went into the House of ה׳,

[2]and **sent** Elyaqim, who was over the household and Sheḇnah the scribe and the elders of the priests, covering themselves with sackcloth, to Yeshayahu the **prophet,** son of Amots.

[3]And they said to him, "Thus said Ḥizqiyahu, 'This day is a **day of** *distress* and ***rebuke*** and *scorn,* for the children have **come to** birth but there is no **power** to bring forth.

[4]'It could be that ה׳ your **Elohim** does **hear all** the **words** of the Raḇshaqĕh, whom his master the sovereign of Ashshur has **sent** to *reproach* the **living Elohim** and ***shall rebuke*** the **words** which ה׳ your **Elohim** has **heard**. So lift up your prayer for the **remnant** that is left.' "

[5]And the servants of Sovereign Ḥizqiyahu came to Yeshayahu,

[6]and Yeshayahu said to them, "Say this to your master, 'Thus said ה׳, "***Do*** not be *afraid* of the **words** which you have **heard**, with which the servants of the sovereign of Ashshur have *reviled* **Me.**

[7]"**See,** I am putting a spirit upon him and he ***shall*** **hear** a report and **return** to his own land. And I ***shall*** **cause** him to *fall* by the *sword* in his land." ' "

[8]And the Raḇshaqĕh returned and **found** the sovereign of Ashshur *fighting* <u>*against*</u> Liḇnah, for he had **heard** that he had left Laḵish.

[9]And when the sovereign **heard** concerning Tirhaqah sovereign of Kush, "**See,** he has **come out** to *fight* <u>*against*</u> you," he again **sent** messengers to Ḥizqiyahu, saying,

[10]**"Speak** to Ḥizqiyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah, saying, '***Do*** *not* let your **Elohim** in whom you **trust** ***deceive*** you, saying, "Yerushalayim is not **given** into the **hand** of the sovereign of Ashshur."

11 "**See,** you have **heard** what the sovereigns of Ashshur have done to **all** lands by putting them under the **ban.** And are you going to be **delivered**?
12 "Have the *mighty ones* of the nations **delivered** those whom my fathers have **destroyed**: Gozan and Ḥaran and Retseph and the sons of Ĕḏen who were in Telassar?
13 "Where is the sovereign of Ḥamath and the sovereign of Arpaḏ and the sovereign of the city of Sepharwayim, Hĕna and Iwwah?' "
14 And Ḥizqiyahu received the letters from the **hand** of the messengers and **read** them and went up to the House of ֵיהוָה and spread it before ֵיהוָה.
15 And Ḥizqiyahu prayed before ֵיהוָה and said, "O ֵיהוָה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, the **One** who dwells between the kerubim, **You** are **Elohim**, **You** alone, of **all** the reigns of the earth. **You** have made the heavens and earth.
16 "**Incline Your** ear, O ֵיהוָה and **hear.** Open **Your** eyes, O ֵיהוָה and **see.** And **hear** the **words** of Sanḥĕriḇ, which he has **sent** to *reproach* the **living Elohim**.
17 "**Truly**, ֵיהוָה, the sovereigns of Ashshur have laid *waste* the nations and their lands,
18 and have put their *mighty ones* into the *fire*, for they were not *mighty ones*, but the **work** of men's hands, ***wood*** and stone and ***destroyed*** them.
19 "And **now**, O ֵיהוָה our **Elohim**, I pray, **save** us from his **hand,** so that **all** the reigns of the earth **know** that **You** are ֵיהוָה **Elohim**, **You** alone."
20 ***Then*** Yeshayahu son of Amots **sent** to Ḥizqiyahu, saying, "Thus said ֵיהוָה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, 'I have **heard** that which you have prayed to **Me** *against* Sanḥĕriḇ sovereign of Ashshur.'
21 "This is the **word** which ֵיהוָה has **spoken** concerning him, 'The maiden, the daughter of Tsiyon, has *despised* you, *mocked* you; the daughter of Yerushalayim has *shaken* her head behind you!
22 '***Whom*** have you ***reproached*** and *reviled*? ***Against*** whom have you *raised* a **voice** and *lifted* up your **eyes** on high? **Against the Set-apart One of Yisra'ĕl!**
23 'By the **hand** of your messengers you have ***reproached*** ֵיהוָה and said, "With my many chariots I have **come** up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Leḇanon. And I *cut down* its tall cedars, its choice cypress trees. And I enter its remotest parts, its thickest forest.
24 'I have dug and drunk *strange* water and with the soles of my feet I dry up **all** the streams of defence."
25 'Have you not **heard** long ago, I made it; from days of old I formed it? **Now** I have brought it to be, that you should make walled cities *ruinous* heaps.
26 'And their inhabitants were *powerless*, they were *overthrown* and put to shame, they were as the grass of the field and the green plants, as the grass on the house-tops and *withered* before it came up.
27 '***But*** I **know** your sitting down and your going out and your **coming** in and your *rage* *against* **Me.**
28 '**Because** your *rage* *against* **Me** and your *pride* have **come** up to **My ears,** I ***shall*** put **My hook** in your *nose* and **My bridle** in your *lips* and **I *shall turn*** you back by the **way** which you came.
29 'And this is the **sign** for you: This year you eat what grows of itself and in the second year what springs from that and in the third year sow and reap and plant vineyards and eat their **fruit.**
30 'And the **remnant** who have **escaped** of the house of Yahuḏah ***shall*** again take **root downward** and bear **fruit upward**.
31 'For out of Yerushalayim **comes** forth a **remnant** and those who **escape** from Mount Tsiyon – the **ardour** of ֵיהוָה does this.'
32 "Therefore thus said ֵיהוָה concerning the sovereign of Ashshur, 'He *does not* **come** into this city, nor does he shoot an arrow there, nor does he **come** before it with shield, nor does he build a siege mound *against* it.
33 'By the **way** that he came, by the **same** he turns back. And he *does not* **come** into this city,' **declares** ֵיהוָה.

34‘And I ***shall*** defend this city, to **save** it for **My** own sake and for the sake of Dawiḏ **My** servant.’ ”
35And it came to be in that night that the messenger of ֵיהוָה went out and *smote* in the camp of Ashshur one hundred and eighty-five thousand. And they rose up early in the morning and **saw all** of the *dead* bodies.
36And Sanḥĕriḇ sovereign of Ashshur broke camp and went away and turned back and remained in Newĕh.
37And it came to be, as he was *bowing* himself in the house of Nisroḵ his *mighty one*, that his sons Aḏrammeleḵ and Shar’etser *smote* him with the *sword* and they **escaped** into the land of Ararat. And his son Ēsarḥaddon reigned in his place.

20 In those days Ḥizqiyahu was *sick* unto *death.* And Yeshayahu the **prophet,** son of Amots, went to him and said to him, “Thus said ֵיהוָה, ‘Set your house in order, for you are going to *die* and not **live.**’ ”
2And he turned his face toward the wall and prayed to ֵיהוָה, saying,
3“I pray to **You,** O ֵיהוָה, ***remember*** how I have **walked** before **You** in **truth** and with a **perfect heart** and have **done** what was **good** in **Your eyes**.” And Ḥizqiyahu wept *bitterly*.
4And it came to be, before Yeshayahu had gone out into the middle court, that the **Word** of ֵיהוָה came to him, saying,
5“Return and say to Ḥizqiyahu the leader of **My people**, ‘Thus said ֵיהוָה, the **Elohim** of Dawiḏ your father, “I have **heard** your prayer, I have **seen** your tears. **See,** I am going to **heal** you. On the third day go up to the House of ֵיהוָה.
6“I ***shall*** add to your days fifteen years and **deliver** you and this city from the **hand** of the sovereign of Ashshur and ***shall*** defend this city for **My** own sake and the sake of Dawiḏ **My** servant.” ’ ”
7And Yeshayahu said, “Take a cake of figs.” And they took and laid it on the boil and he **recovered**.
8And Ḥizqiyahu said to Yeshayahu, “***What*** is the **sign** that ֵיהוָה does **heal** me and that I ***shall*** go up to the House of ֵיהוָה the third day?”
9And Yeshayahu said, “***This*** is the **sign** for you from ֵיהוָה, that ֵיהוָה **does** the **word** which **He** has **spoken** : ***shall*** the shadow go forward ten degrees or go backward ten degrees?”
10And Ḥizqiyahu said, “It would be easy for the shadow to go down ten degrees; no, but let the shadow go backward ten degrees.”
11And Yeshayahu the **prophet** *cried out* to ֵיהוָה and **He** brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down on the sundial of Aḥaz.
12At that **time** Berodaḵ-Baladan son of Baladan, sovereign of Baḇel, **sent** letters and a present to Ḥizqiyahu, for he **heard** that Ḥizqiyahu had been *sick,*
13And Ḥizqiyahu **listened** to them and showed them **all** his treasure house, the silver and the gold and the spices and the **precious** ointment and **all** his armoury and **all** that was **found** among his treasures. There was not an object in his house or in **all** his **rule** that Ḥizqiyahu *did not* **show** them.
14And Yeshayahu the **prophet** came to Sovereign Ḥizqiyahu and said to him, “***What*** did these men say and from where did they **come to** you?” And Ḥizqiyahu said, “They came from a distant land, from Baḇel.”
15And he said, “***What*** have they **seen** in your house?” And Ḥizqiyahu answered, “They **saw all** that is in my house; there is not an object among my treasures that I *did not* **show** them.”
16And Yeshayahu said to Ḥizqiyahu, **“Hear** the **Word** of ֵיהוָה:
17‘**See,** the days are **coming** when **all** that is in your house and what your fathers have treasured up until this day, ***shall*** **be** brought to Baḇel – no object is to be left,’ said ֵיהוָה.
18‘And they are going to take away some of your sons who are to be born to you, whom you bring forth and they ***shall*** **be** eunuchs in the palace of the

sovereign of Baḇel.’ ”
19And Ḥizqiyahu said to Yeshayahu, “The **Word** of ה׳ which you have **spoken** is **good**!” And he said, “Is it not so, if **peace** and **truth** are to be in my days?”
20And the rest of the acts of Ḥizqiyahu and **all** his might and how he made a pool and a channel and brought water into the city, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah?
21So Ḥizqiyahu slept with his fathers. And Menashsheh his son reigned in his place.

21 Menashsheh was twelve years old when he began to reign and he reigned fifty-five years in Yerushalayim. And his mother’s name was Ḥephtsiḇah.
2And he did *evil in the eyes* of ה׳, **according** to the **abominations** of the *gentiles* whom ה׳ *dispossessed* before the children of Yisra’ĕl.
3For he turned and built the *high places* which Ḥizqiyahu his father had **destroyed** and **raised** up altars for Ba'al and made an Ashĕrah, as Aḥaḇ sovereign of Yisra’ĕl had done and he *bowed* himself to **all** the *host* of the *heavens* and **served** them.
4And he built altars in the House of ה׳, of which ה׳ had said, “In Yerushalayim **I put My Name.**”
5And he built altars for **all** the host of the heavens in the two courtyards of the House of ה׳.
6And he made his son pass through the *fire* and *practised magic* and *used divination* and *consulted spiritists* and *mediums*. **He** did much *evil in the eyes* of ה׳, to ***provoke*** **Him.**
7And he placed a *carved image* of ***Ashĕrah*** that he had made in the House of which ה׳ had said to Dawiḏ and to Shelomoh his son, “In this house and in Yerushalayim, which I have **chosen** out of **all** the tribes of Yisra’ĕl, **I put My Name forever**,
8and no more *shall* I cause the feet of Yisra’ĕl to move from the soil which I gave their fathers – only if they guard to do according to all that I have commanded them and **according to all the Torah that My servant Mosheh commanded them.”**
9But they *did not* **obey** and Menashsheh led them *astray* to do more *evil* than the *gentiles* whom ה׳ had ***destroyed*** before the children of Yisra’ĕl.
10And ה׳ spoke by **His** servants the **prophets,** saying,
11“**Because** Menashsheh sovereign of Yahuḏah has done these **abominations**, having done more *evil* than **all** the Amorites who were before him and also *made* Yahuḏah *sin* with his *idols,*
12therefore thus said ה׳ **Elohim** of Yisra’ĕl, ‘**See,** I am ***bringing*** such *evil* upon Yerushalayim and Yahuḏah that both **ears** of those **who hear** of it ***shall*** *tingle*.
13‘And I ***shall*** stretch over Yerushalayim the measuring line of Shomeron and the plummet of the house of Aḥaḇ and ***shall*** wipe Yerushalayim as one wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.
14‘And I ***shall*** *forsake* the **remnant** of **My inheritance** and give them into the **hand** of their enemies. And they ***shall*** **be** for a *prey* and for a *plunder* to **all** their enemies,
15**because** they have done *evil* in **My** eyes and have *provoked* **Me** since the day their fathers came out of Mitsrayim, even to this day.’ ”
16And also, Menashsheh shed **very** much **innocent blood,** until he had filled Yerushalayim from one end to another, besides his *sin* with which he *made* Yahuḏah *sin,* in doing *evil in the eyes* of ה׳.
17And the rest of the acts of Menashsheh and **all** that he did and the *sin* that he committed, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah?
18So Menashsheh slept with his fathers and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza. And his son Amon reigned in his place.

[19]Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign and he reigned two years in Yerushalayim. And the name of his mother was Meshullemeth the daughter of Ḥaruts of Yotebah.
[20]And he did *evil in the eyes* of ꓤꓰꓤꓵ, as his father Menashsheh had done,
[21]and *walked* in **all** the **ways** that his father had *walked* and *served* the *idols* that his father had *served* and *bowed* himself to them,
[22]and ***forsook*** ꓤꓰꓤꓵ **Elohim** of his fathers and *did not* **walk** in the **way** of ꓤꓰꓤꓵ.
[23]And the servants of Amon *conspired* <u>*against*</u> him and *killed* the sovereign in his own house.
[24]***But*** the people of the land *smote* **all** those who had *conspired* <u>*against*</u> Sovereign Amon and the people of the land set up his son Yoshiyahu to **reign** in his place.
[25]And the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah?
[26]And he was buried in his tomb in the garden of Uzza. And his son Yoshiyahu reigned in his place.

22 Yoshiyahu was eight years old when he began to reign and he reigned thirty-one years in Yerushalayim. And his mother's name was Yeḏiḏah the daughter of Aḏayah of Botsqath.
[2]And he did what was **right** *in the eyes* of ꓤꓰꓤꓵ and **walked** in **all** the **ways** of his father Dawiḏ and *did not* turn aside, **right** or **left**.
[3]And it came to be, in the eighteenth year of Sovereign Yoshiyahu, that the sovereign **sent** Shaphan the scribe, son of Atsalyahu, son of Meshullam, to the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓵ, saying,
[4]"Go up to Ḥilqiyahu the high priest and let him weigh the silver which has been brought into the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓵ, which the doorkeepers have gathered from the people.
[5]"And let them give it into the **hand** of those doing the **work,** who are the overseers in the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓵ. And let them give it to those who are in the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓵ doing the **work,** to repair the damages of the house,
[6]to carpenters and to builders and to stonemasons and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house.
[7]"However, let not the silver **given** into their **hand** be reckoned with them, for they are acting trustworthily."
[8]And Ḥilqiyahu the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have **found** the **Book** of the **Torah** in the **House** of ꓤꓰꓤꓵ." And Ḥilqiyah gave the **book** to Shaphan and he **read** it.
[9]And Shaphan the scribe came to the sovereign and brought **word** to the sovereign again, saying, "**Your** servants have gathered the silver that was **found** in the house and have **given** it into the **hand** of those who do the **work,** who oversee the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓵ."
[10]And Shaphan the scribe informed the sovereign, saying, "Ḥilqiyah the priest has **given** me a **book**." And Shaphan **read** it before the sovereign.
[11]And it came to be, when the sovereign **heard** the **words** of the **Book** of the **Torah**, that he **tore** his **garments**,
[12]and the sovereign **commanded** Ḥilqiyah the priest and Aḥiqam son of Shaphan and Aḵbor son of Miḵayah and Shaphan the scribe and Asayah a servant of the sovereign, saying,
[13]"Go, **inquire** of ꓤꓰꓤꓵ for me, for the people and for **all** Yahuḏah, concerning the **words** of this **book** that has been found. For **great** is the *wrath* of ꓤꓰꓤꓵ that is *kindled* <u>*against*</u> us, <u>**because**</u> our fathers *have not* **obeyed** the **words** of this **book**, *to do* **according** *to* **all** that is **written** concerning us."
[14]***Then*** Ḥilqiyahu the priest and Aḥiqam and Aḵbor and Shaphan and Asayah went to Ḥuldah the **prophetess,** the wife of Shallum son of Tiqwah, son of Ḥarḥas, keeper of the wardrobe.
Now she was dwelling in Yerushalayim in the Second Quarter. And they spoke with her.
[15]And she said to them, "Thus said

ꓤꓰꓤꓔ Elohim of Yisra'ĕl, 'Say to the man who **sent** you to **Me,**
16"'Thus said **ꓤꓰꓤꓔ**, 'I am bringing *evil* on this **place** and on its **inhabitants**, **all** the **words** of the **book** which the sovereign of Yahuḏah has read,
17**<u>because</u>** they have ***forsaken*** **Me** and *burned* incense to other *mighty ones* to ***provoke*** **Me** with **all** the **works** of their *hands*. And so **My** *wrath* ***shall*** **be kindled** *<u>against</u>* this place and not be *quenched*.' " '
18"'And to the sovereign of Yahuḏah, who **sent** you to **inquire** of **ꓤꓰꓤꓔ**, say this to him, 'Thus said **ꓤꓰꓤꓔ Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, "As for the **words** which you have **heard**,
19**<u>because</u>** your **heart** was **tender** and you **humbled** yourself before **ꓤꓰꓤꓔ** when you **heard** what I **spoke** *<u>against</u>* this place and *<u>against</u>* its inhabitants, that they would become a *ruin* and a *curse* and did **tore** your garments and **wept** before **Me,** I ***also have*** **heard**," **declares ꓤꓰꓤꓔ**.
20"'Therefore, **see,** I am gathering you to your fathers and you ***shall*** **be** gathered to your grave in peace, so that your eyes *do not* **see all** the *evil* I am bringing on this place." ' " And they brought **word** to the sovereign.

23 And the sovereign **sent** and they gathered **all** the elders of Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim to him.
2And the sovereign went up to the House of **ꓤꓰꓤꓔ** with **all** the men of Yahuḏah and **all** the inhabitants of Yerushalayim with him and the priests and the prophets and **all** the people, both small and great. And he **read** in their **hearing all** the **words** of **the Book** of **the Covenant** which had been **found** in the **House** of **ꓤꓰꓤꓔ**.
3And the sovereign stood by the column and made a **covenant** before **ꓤꓰꓤꓔ**, **to follow ꓤꓰꓤꓔ** and **to guard His commands** and **His witnesses** and **His laws**, with **all** his **heart** and **all** his **being**, to **establish** the **words** of this **covenant** that were **written** in this **book**. And **all** the people **stood** to the **covenant.**
4***Then*** the sovereign **commanded** Ḥilqiyahu the high priest and the priests of the second order and the doorkeepers, to bring out of the Hĕḵal of **ꓤꓰꓤꓔ all** the *objects* that were made for ***Ba'al*** and for ***Ashĕrah*** and for **all** the *host* of the **heavens.** And he *burned* them outside Yerushalayim in the fields of Qiḏron and took their ashes to Bĕyth Ěl.
5And he put down the *black-robed* priests whom the sovereigns of Yahuḏah had **appointed** to *burn incense* on the *high places* in the cities of Yahuḏah and in the *places* **all** around Yerushalayim and those who *burned* incense to ***Ba'al***, to the ***sun***, the ***moon***, the ***constellations*** and to **all** the ***host of the*** **heavens.**
6And he brought out the ***Ashĕrah*** from the **House** of **ꓤꓰꓤꓔ**, to the wadi Qiḏron outside Yerushalayim and *burned* it at the wadi Qiḏron and ground it to ashes and threw its ashes on the *graves* of the sons of the people.
7And he broke down the houses of the **male *cult* prostitutes** that were in the House of **ꓤꓰꓤꓔ**, where the women wove tapestries for the ***Ashĕrah***.
8And he brought **all** the *priests* from the cities of Yahuḏah and *defiled* the *high places* where the *priests* had *burned* incense, from Geḇa to Be'ĕrsheḇa and broke down the *high places* at the gates which were at the entrance of the Gate of Yahusha the governor of the city, which were to the left of the city gate.
9However, the ***priests*** of the *high places did not* **come** up to the altar of **ꓤꓰꓤꓔ** in Yerushalayim, but they ***ate*** unleavened **bread** among their brothers.
10And he *defiled* Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, so that no man could *make* his son or his daughter pass through the *fire* to ***Mole***ḵ.
11And he did away with the horses that the sovereigns of Yahuḏah had **given** to the ***sun***, at the entrance to the House of **ꓤꓰꓤꓔ**, by the room of Nathan-Meleḵ the eunuch, that were in the court. And

he *burned* the chariots of the ***sun*** with *fire*.
[12]And the *altars* that were on the roof of the upper room of Ahaz, which the sovereigns of Yahuḏah had made and the *altars* which Menashsheh had made in the two courtyards of the **House** of ֵַיהוָה, the sovereign *broke down* and *rushed* from there and *threw* their dust into the wadi Qiḏron.
[13]And the sovereign *defiled* the *high places* that were before Yerushalayim, which were on the **right hand** of the ***Mountain of destruction,*** which *Shelomoh* sovereign of Yisra'ĕl built for ***Ashtoreth*** the **abomination** of the Tsiḏonians and for ***Kemosh*** the **abomination** of the Mo'aḇites and for ***Milkom*** the **abomination** of the children of Ammon.
[14]And he *broke* in pieces the *pillars* and *cut down* the ***Ashĕrim*** and filled their places with the *bones* of men.
[15]And also the *altar* that was at Bĕyth Ěl and the *high place* which Yarobʿam son of Neḇat *made*, by which he *made* Yisra'ĕl *sin,* both that *altar* and the *high place* he **broke** down. And he **burned** the *high place* and **ground** it to dust and **burned** the ***Ashĕrah***.
[16]***Then*** Yoshiyahu turned and **saw** the *tombs* that were there on the mountain. And he **sent** and took the bones out of the tombs and *burned* them on the altar and *defiled* it **according** to the **Word** of ֵַיהוָה which the man of **Elohim proclaimed**, who **proclaimed** these **words**.
[17]And he said, "***What*** tombstone is this that I **see?**" And the men of the city said, "It is the tomb of the man of **Elohim** who came from Yahuḏah and **proclaimed** these **matters** which you have done *against* the altar of Bĕyth Ěl."
[18]And he said, "**Let** him alone, let no one move his bones."
So they left his bones alone, with the bones of the **prophet** who came from Shomeron.
[19]And Yoshiyahu also *took away* **all** the houses of the *high places* that were in the cities of Shomeron, which the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl had *made* to ***provoke***. And he did to them **according** to **all** the **deeds** he did in Bĕyth Ěl.
[20]And he *slaughtered* **all** the priests of the *high places* who were there, on the *altars* and *burned* men's *bones* on them and went back to Yerushalayim.
[21]And the sovereign **commanded all** the people, saying, "**Prepare the Passover to ֵַיהוָה your Elohim, as it is written in this Book of the Covenant**."
[22]For such a **Passover** had not been prepared since the days of the rulers who ruled Yisra'ĕl, nor in **all** the days of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl and the sovereigns of Yahuḏah,
[23]but in the eighteenth year of Sovereign Yoshiyahu this **Passover** was prepared before ֵַיהוָה in Yerushalayim.
[24]And also, Yoshiyahu *put away* those who *consulted* mediums and spiritists and the household *mighty ones* and *idols* and **all** the **abominations** that were **seen** in the land of Yahuḏah and in Yerushalayim, **in order to establish** the **words** of the **Torah** which were **written** in the **book** that Ḥilqiyahu the priest **found** in the **House** of ֵַיהוָה.
[25]And before him there was no sovereign like him, who turned back to ֵַיהוָה with **all** his **heart** and with **all** his **being** and with **all** his **might**, **according** to **all** the **Torah** of **Mosheh**; and after him none rose up like him.
[26]However, ֵַיהוָה *did not* turn from the **fierceness** of **His great *wrath***, with which **His *wrath*** *burned against* ***Yahuḏah***, **because** of **all** the ***provocations*** with which Menashsheh had *provoked* **Him.**
[27]And ֵַיהוָה said, "Even Yahuḏah I ***shall remove*** from **My presence**, as I have ***removed*** Yisra'ĕl and I ***shall*** *reject* this city Yerushalayim which I have **chosen** and the **House** of which I said, **'My Name is there.' "**
[28]And the rest of the acts of Yoshiyahu and **all** that he did, are they not **written**

in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah?
[29]In his days Pharaoh Neḵo sovereign of Mitsrayim went up *against* the sovereign of Ashshur, to the River Euphrates. And Sovereign Yoshiyahu went out to him and he *killed* him at Meḡiddo when he **saw** him.
[30]And his servants conveyed his body in a chariot from Meḡiddo and brought him to Yerushalayim and buried him in his own tomb. And the people of the land took Yeho'aḥaz son of Yoshiyahu and **anointed** him and set him up to **reign** in his father's place.
[31]Yeho'aḥaz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign and he reigned three months in Yerushalayim. And his mother's name was Ḥamutal the daughter of Yirmeyahu of Liḇnah.
[32]And he did *evil in the eyes* of ꓤꓰꓤꓵ, **according** to **all** that his fathers did.
[33]And Pharaoh Neḵo imprisoned him at Riblah in the land of Ḥamath, to keep him from **reigning** in Yerushalayim. And he imposed on the land a fine of one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.
[34]And Pharaoh Neḵo set up Elyaqim son of Yoshiyahu to **reign** in place of his father Yoshiyahu and *changed* his name to Yehoyaqim. And Pharaoh took Yeho'aḥaz and went to Mitsrayim and he died there.
[35]And Yehoyaqim gave the silver and gold to Pharaoh. Only, he taxed the land to give silver **according** to the **command** of Pharaoh. **He** exacted the silver and gold from the people of the land, from **every** one **according** to his assessment, to give it to Pharaoh Neḵo.
[36]Yehoyaqim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign and he reigned eleven years in Yerushalayim. And his mother's name was Zeḇiḏah the daughter of Peḏayah of Rumah.
[37]And he did *evil in the eyes* of ꓤꓰꓤꓵ, **according** to **all** that his fathers did.

24 In his days Neḇuḵaḏnetstsar sovereign of Baḇel came up and Yehoyaqim became his servant for three years. And he turned and *rebelled against* him.
[2]And ꓤꓰꓤꓵ **sent** *against* him raiding bands of Chaldeans and raiding bands of Aram and raiding bands of Mo'aḇ and raiding bands of the children of Ammon. And **He sent** them *against* Yahuḏah to *destroy* it, **according** to the **Word** of ꓤꓰꓤꓵ which **He** had **spoken** by **His** servants the **prophets.**
[3]Only at the **command** of ꓤꓰꓤꓵ this came upon Yahuḏah, to remove *them* from **His** presence, **because** of the *sins* of Menashsheh, **according** to **all** that he did,
[4]and also **because** of the **innocent blood** that he shed. For he filled Yerushalayim with **innocent blood,** which ꓤꓰꓤꓵ *would not* **forgive.**
[5]And the rest of the acts of Yehoyaqim and **all** that he did, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah?
[6]So Yehoyaqim slept with his fathers. And Yehoyaḵin his son reigned in his place.
[7]And the sovereign of Mitsrayim *did not* **come out** of his land again, for the sovereign of Baḇel had taken **all** that belonged to the sovereign of Mitsrayim from the wadi of Mitsrayim to the River Euphrates.
[8]Yehoyaḵin was eighteen years old when he began to reign and he reigned in Yerushalayim three months. And his mother's name was Neḥushta the daughter of Elnathan of Yerushalayim.
[9]And he did *evil in the eyes* of ꓤꓰꓤꓵ, **according** to **all** that his father did.
[10]At that **time** the servants of Neḇuḵaḏnetstsar sovereign of Baḇel came up *against* Yerushalayim and the city was besieged.

[11]And Neḇuḵaḏnetstsar sovereign of Baḇel came *against* the city, as his servants were besieging it.
[12]And Yehoyaḵin sovereign of Yahuḏah and his mother and his servants and his heads and his eunuchs went out to the

sovereign of Baḇel. And the sovereign of Baḇel, in the eighth year of his reign, took him prisoner.

[13]And he took from there **all** the treasures of the House of ה׳ and the treasures of the sovereign's house and he *cut* in pieces **all** the objects of gold which Shelomoh sovereign of Yisra'ĕl had made in the Hĕḵal of ה׳, as ה׳ had said.

[14]And he exiled **all** Yerushalayim and **all** the officers and **all** the mighty brave men – ten thousand exiles – and **all** the craftsmen and smiths. None remained ***except*** the *poor*est people of the land.

[15]And he exiled Yehoyaḵin to Baḇel. And the sovereign's mother and the sovereign's wives and his eunuchs and the leading men of the land he exiled from Yerushalayim to Baḇel.

[16]And **all** the mighty brave men, seven thousand and craftsmen and smiths, one thousand, **all** who were **strong** and fit for battle, these the sovereign of Baḇel brought to Baḇel into exile.

[17]And the sovereign of Baḇel set up Mattanyah, Yehoyaḵin's uncle, to **reign** in his place and *changed* his name to Tsiḏqiyahu.

[18]Tsiḏqiyahu was twenty-one years old when he began to reign and he reigned eleven years in Yerushalayim. And his mother's name was Ḥamutal the daughter of Yirmeyahu of Liḇnah.

[19]And he did *evil in the eyes* of ה׳, **according** to **all** that Yehoyaqim did.

[20]For this took place in Yerushalayim and Yahuḏah **<u>because</u>** of the *displeasure* of ה׳, until **He** had *cast* them out from **His presence**. And Tsiḏqiyahu *rebelled <u>against</u>* the sovereign of Baḇel.

25 And it came to be in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth of the month, that Neḇuḵaḏnetstsar sovereign of Baḇel and **all** his army came *<u>against</u>* Yerushalayim and encamped *<u>against</u>* it and they built a siege wall *<u>against</u>* it **all** around.

[2]And the city was besieged until the eleventh year of Sovereign Tsiḏqiyahu.

[3]By the ninth of the month the *scarcity of food* had become so *severe* in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.

[4]***Then*** the city wall was breached and **all** the men of battle *fled* at night by **way** of the gate between two walls, which was by the sovereign's garden, even though the Chaldeans were still encamped **all** around *<u>against</u>* the city. And *the sovereign* went by **way** of the desert plain.

[5]And the army of the Chaldeans pursued the sovereign and overtook him in the desert plains of Yeriḥo and **all** his army was *scattered* from him.

[6]And they *seized* the sovereign and brought him up to the sovereign of Baḇel at Riḇlah and they **pronounced** sentence on him.

[7]And they slaughtered the sons of Tsiḏqiyahu before his eyes and put out the eyes of Tsiḏqiyahu and *bound* him with bronze shackles and took him to Baḇel.

[8]And in the fifth month, on the seventh of the month, which was the nineteenth year of Sovereign Neḇuḵaḏnetstsar sovereign of Baḇel, Neḇuzaraḏan the chief of the guard, a servant of the sovereign of Baḇel, came to Yerushalayim.

[9]And he *burned* the **House** of ה׳ and the house of the sovereign and **all** the houses of Yerushalayim – even **every great** house he *burned* with *fire*.

[10]And **all** the army of the Chaldeans who were with the chief of the **guard** broke down the walls of Yerushalayim **all** around.

[11]And Neḇuzaraḏan the chief of the guard took into exile the rest of the people who were left in the city and the deserters who deserted to the sovereign of Baḇel, with the rest of the multitude.

[12]***But*** the chief of the **guard** left some of the *poor* of the land as vinedressers and farmers.

[13]And the bronze columns that were in the House of ה׳ and the stands and the bronze Sea that were in the House of

ϡϒϡϷ, the Chaldeans broke in pieces and took their bronze away to Baḇel.
[14]And they took the pots and the shovels and the snuffers and the ladles and **all** the bronze utensils the priests used in the service.
[15]And the chief of the **guard** took the *fire* holders and the basins which were of solid gold and solid silver.
[16]The bronze of **all** these utensils was beyond measure – the two columns, the one Sea and the stands, which Shelomoh had made for the House of ϡϒϡϷ.
[17]The height of one column was eighteen cubits and the capital on it was of bronze. And the height of the capital was three cubits and the network and pomegranates **all** around the capital were **all** of bronze. And the second column was the **same,** with a network.
[18]And the chief of the **guard** took Serayah the chief priest and Tsephanyahu the second priest and the three doorkeepers.
[19]And out of the city he took a certain eunuch who was **appointed** over the men of battle and five men of those who **saw** the sovereign's face, who were **found** in the city and the chief scribe of the army who mustered the people of the land and sixty men of the people of the land who were **found** in the city.
[20]And Neḇuzaraḏan, chief of the guard, took them and made them go to the sovereign of Baḇel at Riblah.
[21]And the sovereign of Baḇel *smote* them and put them to *death* at Riblah in the land of Ḥamath. So he exiled Yahuḏah from its own land.
[22]And he **appointed** Geḏalyahu son of Aḥiqam, son of Shaphan, over the people who were left in the land of Yahuḏah, whom Neḇuḵaḏnetstsar sovereign of Baḇel had left.
[23]And **all** the commanders of the armies, they and their men, **heard** that the sovereign of Baḇel had **appointed** Geḏalyahu. And they came to Geḏalyahu at Mitspah, even Yishmaʿĕl son of Nethanyah and Yoḥanan son of Qarĕaḥ and Serayah son of Tanḥumeth the Netophathite and Yaʿazanyahu the son of a Maʿaḵathite, they and their men.
[24]And Geḏalyahu **swore** to them and their men and said to them, "***Do*** *not* be *afraid* of the servants of the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and **serve** the sovereign of Baḇel and **let it be** well with you."
[25]And in the seventh month it came to be that Yishmaʿĕl son of Nethanyah, son of Elishama, of the seed of the reign, came with ten men and *smote* Geḏalyahu that he died and the Yahuḏim and the Chaldeans who were with him at Mitspah.
[26]And **all** the people rose up, small and great and the commanders of the armies and went to Mitsrayim, for they were *afraid* of the Chaldeans.
[27]And it came to be in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Yehoyaḵin sovereign of Yahuḏah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-seventh of the month, that EwilMeroḏaḵ sovereign of Baḇel, in the year that he began to reign, released Yehoyaḵin sovereign of Yahuḏah from prison,
[28]and spoke kindly to him and set his throne above the throne of the sovereigns who were with him in Baḇel,
[29]and *changed* his prison garments. And he ate **bread** continually before the sovereign **all** the days of his **life**.
[30]And as his allowance, a continual allowance was **given** to him from the sovereign, a quota for each day, **all** the days of his **life**.

YESHAYAHU

ISAIAH

1 The **vision** of Yeshayahu son of Amots, which he **saw** concerning Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim in the days of Uzziyahu, Yotham, Aḥaz, Ḥizqiyahu – sovereigns of Yahuḏah.

[2]**Hear,** O heavens and **listen**, O earth! For ֵיהוָה has **spoken** , "I have reared and brought up children, but they have *transgressed against* **Me.**

[3]An ox **knows** its owner and a donkey its master's crib – Yisra'ĕl *does not* **know, My people** *have not* **understood**."

[4]Alas, *sinning* nation, a people loaded with *crookedness,* a seed of *evil-doers*, sons acting *corruptly*! They have ***forsaken*** ֵיהוָה, they have *provoked* the **Set-apart One** of Yisra'ĕl, they went backward.

[5]***Why*** should you be *beaten* any more? You continue in ***apostasy***! All the head is *sick* and **all** the **heart** *faints*.

[6]From the sole of the foot, to the head, there is no soundness in it – *wounds* and bruises and **open** sores; they have not been closed or *bound* up, or soothed with ointment.

[7]**Your** land is *laid waste,* your cities are *burned* with *fire*, strangers *devour* your land in your presence. And it is *laid waste,* as *overthrown* by strangers.

[8]And the daughter of Tsiyon is left as a booth in a vineyard, as a hut in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

[9]Unless ֵיהוָה of hosts had left to us a small **remnant,** we would have become like Seḏom, we would have been made like Amorah.

[10]**Hear** the **Word** of ֵיהוָה, you rulers of Seḏom; give **ear** to the **Torah** of our **Elohim**, you people of Amorah!

[11]"Of what use to **Me** are your many *slaughterings*?" **declares** ֵיהוָה. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts. I *do not* **delight** in the **blood** of bulls, or of lambs or goats.

[12]"***When*** you **come to** appear before **Me,** who has required this from your **hand,** to trample **My** courtyards?

[13]"**Stop** bringing futile offerings, incense, it is an **abomination** to **Me. New Moons**, **Sabbaths,** the calling of meetings – I am *unable* to bear *unrighteousness* and *assembly*.

[14]"My being *hates* your **New Moons** and your **appointed times,** they are a *trouble* to **Me,** I am *weary* of bearing them.

[15]"And when you spread out your hands, I hide **My** eyes from you; even though you make ***many*** *prayers*, I *do not* **hear. Your** hands have become filled with blood.

[16]"**Wash** yourselves, make yourselves **clean**; put away the *evil* of your doings from before **My** eyes. **Stop** doing *evil*!

[17]"**Learn** to do **good**! **Seek right-ruling**, **reprove** the *oppressor*, **defend** the fatherless, **plead** for the widow.

[18]**"Come now** and let us **reason** together," says ֵיהוָה. "Though your *sins* are like **scarlet,** they ***shall*** **be** as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they ***shall*** **be** as wool.

[19]"***If*** you **submit** and **obey**, you ***shall*** **eat** the **good** of the **land**;

[20]***but*** if you *refuse* and *rebel,* you ***shall*** **be** devoured by the *sword,*" for the **mouth** of ֵיהוָה has **spoken** .

[21]***How*** the steadfast city has become a *whore*! I have filled it with **right-ruling**; **righteousness** lodged in it, but **now** *murderers.*

[22]Your silver has become dross, your **wine** is mixed with water.

[23]Your rulers are *stubborn* and companions of *thieves*. Everyone loves *bribes* and runs after rewards. They *do not* **defend** the fatherless, nor does the

cause of the widow reach them.
[24]Therefore the **Master declares**, **יהוה** of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, "Ah, I ***shall* be** eased of **My** *adversaries* and I ***shall* be** avenged of **My** *enemies*.
[25]"And **I *shall turn* My hand** *against* you and ***shall*** refine your dross as with lye and ***shall*** remove **all** your alloy.
[26]"And I ***shall*** give back your judges as at the **first** and your counsellors as at the beginning. After this you ***shall* be** called the city of **righteousness**, a steadfast city."
[27]**Tsiyon *shall* be redeemed** with **right-ruling** and her returning ones with **righteousness**.
[28]And the ***destruction*** of *transgressors* and of *sinners* is together and those who *forsake* **יהוה *shall* be** *consumed.*
[29]For they ***shall* be** *ashamed* of the terebinth trees which you have desired. And you ***shall* be** embarrassed **because** of the gardens which you have **chosen**.
[30]For you ***shall* be** as a terebinth whose leaf fades and as a garden that has no water.
[31]The **strong *shall* be** for tow and his **work** for a spark. And both ***shall*** *burn* together, with no one to extinguish.

2 The **word** that Yeshayahu the son of Amots **saw** concerning Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim:
[2]And it ***shall* be** in the **latter** days that the mountain of the **House** of **יהוה** is **established** on the **top** of the **mountains** and ***shall* be** exalted above the hills. And **all** nations ***shall*** flow to it.
[3]And many peoples ***shall* come** and **say, "Come** and **let's go up to the mountain of יהוה, to the House of the Elohim of Ya'aqoḇ** and **let Him teach us His ways and let's walk in His paths, for out of Tsiyon comes forth the Torah** and **the Word of יהוה from Yerushalayim."**
[4]And **He *shall* judge** between the nations and ***shall* reprove** many peoples. And they ***shall*** beat their s**words** into ploughshares and their spears into pruning **hooks**. Nation ***shall*** not lift up *sword* *against* nation, neither **teach** battle any more.
[5]O house of Ya'aqoḇ, come and let us walk in the light of יהוה.
[6]For **You** have ***forsaken* Your people**, the house of Ya'aqoḇ, **because** they have been filled from the East and practise *magic* like the Philistines and they are pleased with the children of foreigners.
[7]And their land is filled with silver and gold and there is no end to their treasures. And their land is filled with horses and there is no end to their chariots.
[8]And their land is filled with *idols;* they bow themselves to the **work** of their own hands, to what their own fingers have made.
[9]And the lowly bows down and the high is humbled; therefore *you do not* **forgive** them.
[10]Enter into the rock and hide in the dust, **because** of the **fear** of **יהוה** and the splendour of **His** excellency.
[11]The lofty *looks* of man ***shall* be** humbled, the *pride* of men ***shall* be** bowed down and **יהוה alone *shall* be exalted in that day.**
[12]For **יהוה** of hosts has a day *against* **all** that is *proud* and *lofty*, *against* **all** that is *lifted* up, so that it is brought low;
[13]and *against* **all** the cedars of Leḇanon that are *high* and *lifted* up and *against* **all** the *oaks* of Bashan;
[14]and *against* **all** the high mountains and *against* **all** the hills that are *lifted* up;
[15]and *against* **every** *lofty tower* and *against* **every strong** *wall*;
[16]and *against* **all** the *ships* of Tarshish and *against* **all** the desirable *craft*.
[17]And the *loftiness* of man ***shall* be *bowed*** down and the *pride* of men ***shall* be *brought*** low. And **יהוה alone *shall* be** exalted in that day,
[18]and the *idols* **completely** *pass away*.
[19]And they ***shall*** go into the holes of the rocks and into the caves of the earth, from *dread* of **יהוה** and the **splendour** of **His excellency**, when **He** arises to *shake* the earth **mightily**.

[20]In that day man ***shall*** *throw* away his *idols* of silver and his *idols* of gold, which they made, each for himself to *worship*, to the moles and bats,
[21]to go into the clefts of the rocks and into the crags of the rugged rocks, **because** of the **fear** of ꓤYHWH and the **splendour** of **His** excellency, when **He** arises to *shake* the earth mightily.
[22]Cease from man, whose breath is in his nostrils, for in what is he to be reckoned upon?

3 For look, the **Master,** ꓤYHWH of **hosts**, is turning aside from Yerushalayim and from Yahuḏah the stock and the store, **all** the supply of **bread** and **all** the supply of **water**;
[2]the mighty man and the man of battle, the **judge** and the prophet and the diviner and the elder;
[3]the commander of fifty and the highly respected man and the counsellor and the skilled craftsman and the clever enchanter.
[4]"And I ***shall*** make youths their heads and children ***shall*** **rule** over them.
[5]The people ***shall*** exert *pressure ,* man on man, man on his neighbour; the young rise up *against* the older and the lightly esteemed *against* the highly esteemed."
[6]***When*** a man takes hold of his brother in the house of his father, by the garment and *say*, **"Come,** be a chief over us and let this *ruin* be under your **hand,**"
[7]he ***shall*** swear in that day, saying, "I am not a **healer**, for in my house is neither **bread** nor garment; *do not* make me a chief of the people."
[8]For Yerushalayim has *stumbled* and Yahuḏah has *fallen*, **because** their ***tongue*** and their ***doings*** are *against* ꓤYHWH, to ***provoke*** the **eyes** of **His esteem**.
[9]The look on their faces **witnesses** *against* them and they **declare** *their sin* as Seḏom; they *do not* ***hide it***. **Woe** to their ***being***! For they have brought *evil* ***upon themselves.***
[10]"Say to the **righteous** it is well, for they **eat** the **fruit** of their **doings**.
[11]"**Woe** to the ***wrong*** – *evil*! For the reward of his **hand** is *done* to him.
[12]"**My** people! Youths exert *pressure* on them and women **rule** over them. O **My people**! **Your** ***leaders*** lead *you astray* and swallow the **way** of your paths."
[13]ꓤYHWH ***shall*** **stand** up to **plead** and is **standing** to **judge** the peoples.
[14]ꓤYHWH **enters** into judgment with the elders of **His** people and its heads, "It is you who have eaten up the vineyard, the *plunder* of the *poor* is in your houses.
[15]"***What*** do you mean by *crushing* **My people** and *grinding* the faces of the *poor*?" **declares** the **Master,** ꓤYHWH of hosts.
[16]And ꓤYHWH says, "**Because** the daughters of Tsiyon are *haughty* and **walk** with *outstretched* necks and *seductive* eyes, walking and mincing as they go, making a jingling with their feet,
[17]therefore ꓤYHWH ***shall*** *smite* with a *scab* the crown of the head of the daughters of Tsiyon and ꓤYHWH ***expose*** their nakedness."
[18]In that day ꓤYHWH takes away the finery of the anklets, headbands and the crescents,
[19]the pendants, bracelets and the veils,
[20]the head-dresses, leg ornaments, sashes, perfume bottles and the amulets,
[21]the rings and the nose jewels,
[22]the costly robes, cloaks, shawls and the purses,
[23]the mirrors and the fine linen and the turbans and the large veils.
[24]And it ***shall*** be: Instead of a **sweet fragrance**, a *smell* of *decay*; and instead of a **belt**, a *rope*; and instead of **well-set hair**, *baldness*; and instead of a festal **robe**, a girding of *sackcloth*; and *branding* instead of **loveliness**.
[25]**Your** men ***shall fall*** by the *sword* and your strength in battle.
[26]Her gates ***shall*** lament and *mourn* and she ***shall*** sit on the ground deserted.

4 And in that day seven women ***shall*** take hold of one man, saying, "We ***shall*** eat our own food and wear our own clothes; only let us be called by your name, to take away our *reproach.*"

[2]In that day the **Branch** of ֵיהוָה ***shall*** **be** splendid and esteemed. And the **fruit** of the earth ***shall*** **be** excellent and comely for the **escaped** ones of Yisra'ĕl.

[3]And it ***shall*** **be** that he who is left in Tsiyon and he who remains in Yerushalayim is called set-apart, everyone who is **written among the living** in Yerushalayim.

[4]***When*** ֵיהוָה has **washed** away the *filth* of the daughters of Tsiyon and rinsed away the **blood** of Yerushalayim from her **midst**, by the spirit of **judgment** and by the spirit of ***burning***,

[5]***then*** ֵיהוָה ***shall*** create above **every** dwelling place of Mount Tsiyon and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming *fire* by night, for over **all** the **esteem** ***shall*** **be** a covering,

[6]and a booth for **shade** in the daytime from the heat, for a place of **refuge** and for a **shelter** from *storm* and rain.

5 Please let me sing to the **One** I **love,** a song for my **loved One** regarding **His** vineyard: my **loved One** has a vineyard on a fertile hill.

[2]And **He dug** it up and **cleared** it of stones and **planted** it with the choicest vine and **built** a watchtower in its **midst** and also **made** a winepress in it. And **He waited** for the yielding of grapes, ***but*** it yielded *rotten ones*.

[3]"And **now**, O inhabitant of Yerushalayim and man of Yahuḏah, please **judge** between **Me** and **My** vineyard.

[4]"***What*** more could have been done to **My** vineyard that I have not done in it? ***Why***, when I waited for the yielding of grapes, did it yield *rotten* ones?

[5]"**Now**, please permit **Me to** inform you what I am doing to **My** vineyard: To take away its hedge and it ***shall*** **be** *burned*; to *break down* its wall and it ***shall*** **be** *trampled* down;

[6]and **I** *lay* it *waste*; it is *not* pruned or dug and thornbushes and weeds ***shall*** **come** up; and I **command** the clouds *not* to rain on it."

[7]For the **vineyard** of ֵיהוָה of hosts is the **house** of **Yisra'ĕl** and the man of Yahuḏah is **His** pleasant plant. **He looked** for **right-ruling**, but **see,** *oppression*; for **righteousness**, but **see,** *weeping.*

[8]**Woe** to those who join house to house, who add field to field, until there is no room and you are made to dwell alone in the **midst** of the land!

[9]In my **hearing** ֵיהוָה of hosts *said*, "**Truly**, many houses ***shall*** **be** a *waste* – big and fine ones, without inhabitant.

[10]"For ten acres of vineyard yield one bath and a ḥomer of seed yields one ĕphah."

[11]**Woe** to those who rise early in the morning *pursuing* **strong** drink, who stay up late at night – **wine** *inflames* them!

[12]And the lyre and the harp, the tambourine and flute and **wine** are in their feasts; but they *do not* regard the **deeds** of ֵיהוָה, nor **see** the **work** of **His hands**.

[13]Therefore my people have gone into exile, **because** they have ***no*** **knowledge**. And their esteemed men are *starved* and their crowd dried up with *thirst*.

[14]So the ***grave*** has made itself wide and opened its **mouth** beyond measure. Their splendour and their crowd and their uproar and he who is exulting within her, ***shall*** go down into it.

[15]And man is bowed down and mortal man *humbled* and the eyes of the *proud* are *humbled*.

[16]***But*** ֵיהוָה of hosts is exalted in **judgment** and the set-apart Ĕl is set-apart in **righteousness**.

[17]And the lambs ***shall*** feed in their pasture and strangers ***shall*** eat in the *waste* places of the fat ones.

18 **Woe** to those who draw *crookedness* with cords of *falsehood* and *sin* as with wagon ropes,
19 who are saying, "**Let Him** hurry! **Let Him** hasten **His work,** so that we **see** it! And let the **counsel** of the **Set-apart One** of **Yisra'ĕl** draw **near** and come so that we **know.**"
20 **Woe** to those who **call** *evil* **good** and **good** *evil*; who put *darkness* for **light** and **light** for *darkness*; who put *bitter* for **sweet** and **sweet** for *bitter*!
21 **Woe** to those who are **wise** in their *own* eyes, and **clever** in their *own* sight!
22 **Woe** to the mighty to drink **wine** and brave men to mix **strong** drink,
23 who **declare right** the ***wrong*** for a *bribe* and the **righteousness** of the **righteous** they *turn aside* from **Him!**
24 Therefore, as a tongue of *fire devours* the stubble and the *flame consumes* the chaff, their root is as *rottenness* and their blossom goes up like *dust* – **because** they have *rejected* the **Torah** of יהוה of hosts and *despised* the **Word** of the **Set-apart One** of Yisra'ĕl.
25 Therefore the *displeasure* of יהוה has *burned against* **His** people and **He** stretches out **His hand** *against* them and *smites* them and the mountains *tremble.* And their carcass is as *filth* in the middle of the streets. With **all** this **His** *displeasure* has ***not*** turned back and **His hand** is still **stretched** out!
26 And **He *shall*** lift up a banner to the nations from afar and ***shall*** whistle to them from **the end** of the earth. And **see,** they **come** with **speed**, swiftly!
27 Not one of them is *weary* or *stumbling,* not one slumbers or sleeps. Not a belt ***shall* be** loosened on their loins, nor the thong of their sandals be broken.
28 Their arrows are sharp and **all** their bows bent; their horses' hooves ***shall*** seem like flint and their wheels like a *whirlwind.*
29 Their roar is like that of a lion, they roar like young lions. And they growl and *seize* prey and slip away, with no one to **rescue**.
30 And in that day they ***shall*** growl over it as with the growling of the sea. And one ***shall*** look at the earth and **see,** *darkness* and *distress*! And **light *shall* be** darkened by the clouds.

6 In the year that Sovereign Uzziyahu died, I **saw** יהוה sitting on a throne, high and lifted up and the train of **His robe** filled the Hĕ̄kal.
2 Above it stood seraphim. Each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet and with two he flew.
3 And one cried to another and said, **"Set-apart, set-apart, set-apart is יהוה of hosts; all the earth is filled with His esteem!"**
4 And the posts of the **door** were *shaken* by the **voice** of him who *cried out* and the house was filled with smoke.
5 And I said, "**Woe** to me, for I am undone! **Because** I am a man of *unclean* lips and I dwell in the **midst** of a people of *unclean* lips – for my eyes have **seen** the Sovereign, יהוה of hosts."
6 And one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his **hand** a **live** coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar.
7 And he touched my **mouth** with it and said, "**See,** this has touched your ***lips***; your *crookedness* is taken away and your *sin* is covered."
8 And I **heard** the **voice** of יהוה, saying, "***Whom*** do I send and who would go for Us?" And I said,
"Here am I! Send me."
9 And **He** said, "Go and you ***shall*** say to this people, '**Hearing**, you **hear,** but *do not* **understand**; and **seeing**, you **see,** but *do not* **know.**'
10 "***Make*** the **heart** of *this people* fat and their **ears** *heavy* and *shut* their **eyes**; lest they **see** with their **eyes** and **hear** with their **ears** and **understand** with their **heart** and ***shall turn* and be healed**."
11 ***Then*** I said, "יהוה, ***until when***?" And **He** answered, "Until the cities are

laid waste and without inhabitant and the houses are without a man and the land is *laid waste,* a *ruin,*

[12]and יהוה has ***removed men far away*** and the ***forsaken*** places be many in the **midst** of the land.

[13]"***But*** still, there is a tenth part in it and it ***shall*** again be for a *burning*, like a terebinth *tree* and like an oak, whose stump remains when it is *cut down*. The set-apart seed is its stump!"

7 And it came to be in the days of Aḥaz son of Yotham, son of Uzziyahu, sovereign of Yahuḏah, that Retsin sovereign of Aram and Peqaḥ son of Remalyahu, sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, went up to Yerushalayim to *fight <u>against</u>* it, but *could not* **prevail** *<u>against</u>* it.

[2]And it was reported to the house of Dawiḏ, saying, "Aram has set up camp in Ephrayim." And his **heart** and the **heart** of his people were moved as the trees of the forest are moved with the wind.

[3]And יהוה said to Yeshayahu, "Go out **now** to meet Aḥaz, you and She'ar-Yashuḇ your son, at **the end** of the channel of the upper pool, on the highway of the Launderer's Field,

[4]and say to him, 'Take **heed** and be calm; *do not* **fear** or be faint-hearted for these two stubs of smoking *fire* brands, for the **fierce** *displeasure* of Retsin and Aram and the son of Remalyahu.

[5]'**<u>Because</u>** Aram, Ephrayim and the son of Remalyahu have *plotted evil <u>against</u>* you, saying,

[6]"'**Let** us go up *<u>against</u>* Yahuḏah and *tear* it apart and *break* it **open** for ourselves and set a sovereign over them, the son of Taḇe'ĕl."

[7]'Thus said the **Master** יהוה, "It is not going to stand, nor ***shall*** it take place.

[8]"For the head of Aram is Damascus and the head of Damascus is Retsin. And within sixty-five years Ephrayim is to be broken as a people.

[9]"And the head of Ephrayim is Shomeron and the head of Shomeron is the son of Remalyahu. ***If*** *you do not* **believe,** you are not **steadfast**." ' "

[10]And יהוה spoke again to Aḥaz, saying,

[11]"**Ask** a **sign** for yourself from יהוה your **Elohim**; make deep the request or make it high."

[12]***But*** Aḥaz said, "I *do not* **ask** nor try יהוה!"

[13]And he said, **"Hear now**, O house of Dawiḏ! Is it not enough that you *weary* men, that you *weary* my **Elohim** also?

[14]"Therefore יהוה **Himself** gives you a **sign**: Look, the maiden conceives and gives birth to a **Son** and ***shall* call His Name Immanu'ĕl**.

[15]"He eats curds and honey when **He knows** to *refuse evil* and **choose** the **good**.

[16]"For before **the Child knows** to *refuse evil* and choose the **good**, the land that you *dread* is to be ***forsaken*** by both her sovereigns.

[17]"יהוה brings on you and your people and your father's house days that have not **come** since the day that Ephrayim turned away from Yahuḏah – the sovereign of Ashshur."

[18]And it ***shall* be** in that day that יהוה whistles for the fly that is in the farthest part of the rivers of Mitsrayim and for the bee that is in the land of Ashshur.

[19]And they ***shall*** come and **all** of them ***shall*** rest in the steep ravines and in the clefts of the rocks and on **all** weeds and in **all** pastures.

[20]In that day יהוה ***shall*** shave with a razor hired beyond the River – with the sovereign of Ashshur – the head and the hair of the legs and also remove the beard.

[21]And it ***shall* be** in that day that a man keeps **alive** a young cow and two sheep.

[22]And it ***shall* be,** that he ***shall*** eat curds **<u>because</u>** of the plenty milk he gets, for everyone left in the land ***shall*** eat curds.

[23]And it ***shall* be** in that day, **every** place where there were a thousand vines worth a thousand sheqels of silver,

let it be for thornbushes and weeds.
[24]With arrows and bows one ***shall*** go there, **because** **all** the land ***shall*** **be** thornbushes and weeds.
[25]And to **all** the hills which were tiled with the hoe, *you do not* go for **fear** of thornbushes and weeds; but it ***shall*** **be** for sending oxen to and a place for sheep to roam.

8 And ֱיְהֹוִה said to me, "Take a large tablet and **write** on it with a man's pen concerning Maher̆-Shalal-Ḥash-Baz.
[2]"And let **Me** take reliable **witnesses** to record, Uriyah the priest and Zekaryahu son of Yeberekyahu."
[3]And I went to the **prophetess** and she conceived and bore a son. And ֱיְהֹוִה said to me, "Call his name Maher̆-Shalal-ḤashBaz;
[4]for before the child **knows** to cry **'**My father' and **'**My mother,' the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Shomeron is taken away before the sovereign of Ashshur."
[5]And ֱיְהֹוִה spoke to me again,
[6]"In as much as these people *refused* the waters of Shiloah that flow softly and **rejoice** in Retsin and in Remalyahu's son;
[7]now therefore, **see,** ֱיְהֹוִה brings up over them the waters of the River, **strong** and mighty – the sovereign of Ashshur and **all** his esteem. And he ***shall*** **come** up over **all** his channels and go over **all** his banks.
[8]"And he ***shall*** pass through Yahudah, he ***shall*** overflow and pass over, reaching up to the neck. And the stretching out of his wings ***shall*** fill the breadth of **Your** land, **O Immanu'el**.
[9]"Be *shattered*, O you peoples and be *broken* in pieces! Give **ear**, **all** you from the far places of the earth. Gird yourselves, but be *broken* in pieces; gird yourselves, but be *broken* in pieces.
[10]"Take **counsel** and it **comes** to ruin; **speak** a **word and** it *does not* **stand**, for El is with us."
[11]For ֱיְהֹוִה spoke thus to me with a **strong hand** and **instructed** me that I should ***not*** **walk** in the **way** of this *people*, saying,
[12]"***Do*** *not* say, 'A conspiracy,' concerning **all** that this people **call** a conspiracy, nor be *afraid* of their *threats,* nor be *troubled*.
[13]"ֱיְהֹוִה of hosts, Him you *shall* set-apart. Let Him be your fear and let Him be your dread.
[14]"And **He *shall* be** for a set-apart place, but a *stone* of *stumbling* and a rock that makes for *falling* to both the houses of Yisra'el, as a *trap* and a *snare* to the inhabitants of Yerushalayim.
[15]"And many among them ***shall*** *stumble* and *fall* and be *broken* and *snared* and *taken*."
[16]Bind up the **witness** and **seal** the **Torah** among my **taught ones** .
[17]And I ***shall*** **wait** on ֱיְהֹוִה, who hides **His** face from the house of Ya'aqob. And I ***shall*** look for **Him.**
[18]Look, I and the children whom ֱיְהֹוִה has **given** me – for **signs** and **wonders** in Yisra'el from ֱיְהֹוִה of hosts, who dwells in Mount Tsiyon.
[19]And when they say to you, "**Seek** those who are *mediums* and *wizards*, who *whisper* and *mutter*," ***should*** not a people **seek** their **Elohim**? ***Should*** they **seek** the *dead* on behalf of the **living**?
[20]To the Torah and to the witness! *If* they do not speak according to this Word, it is because they have no daybreak.
[21]And they ***shall*** pass through it *hard pressed* and *hungry*. And it ***shall*** **be,** when they are *hungry*, that they ***shall*** **be** *wroth* and *curse* their sovereign and their **Elohim**, looking upward.
[22]And they ***shall*** look to the ***earth*** and **see** *distress* and *darkness*, *gloom* of *hard times* and be *driven* into thick *darkness*.

9 ***But*** there is no *gloom* upon her who is *distressed*, as when at **first He** humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali and afterward more heavily *oppressed* her, by the **way** of the sea, beyond the Yarden,

in Galil of the nations.
[2]The people who were walking in *darkness* have **seen** a **great light**; upon those who dwelt in the land of the *shadow of death* a **light** has shone.
[3]**You *shall*** increase the nation; **You *shall*** make its **joy** great. They ***shall*** **rejoice** before **You,** as in the **joy** of harvest, as men **rejoice** when they divide the spoil.
[4]For **You *shall*** *break* the yoke of his *burden* and the staff of his shoulder, the **rod** of his oppressor, as in the **day of** Miḏyan.
[5]For **every** boot of one trampling in tumult and coat rolled in **blood, *shall* be** used for *burning* and fuel of *fire*.
[6]For a **Child *shall* be** born unto us, a **Son *shall* be given** unto us and the **rule** is on **His** shoulder. And **His Name** is called **Wonder**, **Counsellor**, **Strong** Ěl, **Father of Continuity, Prince of Peace**.
[7]Of the increase of **His rule** and **peace** there is **no end**, upon the throne of Dawiḏ and over **His** reign, to **establish** it and **sustain** it with **right-ruling** and with **righteousness** from **now** on, even **forever**. The **ardour** of ה׳צבאות of hosts **does this.**
[8]**ה׳צבאות sent** a **word** *against* Ya'aqoḇ and it has *fallen* on Yisra'ĕl.
[9]And the people ***shall*** **know, all** of them, Ephrayim and the inhabitant of Shomeron, who say in pride and greatness of heart:
[10]"The bricks have fallen down, *but* we rebuild with hewn stones; the sycamores are *cut down*, *but* we replace them with cedars."
[11]And ה׳צבאות set up the adversaries of Retsin *against* him and stirred up his enemies,
[12]the Arameans before and the Philistines behind. And they *devour* Yisra'ĕl with an **open mouth.** With **all** this **His** *displeasure* has not turned back and **His hand** is still **stretched** out.
[13]And the people have not turned back to **Him** who *smites* them nor have they **sought** ה׳צבאות of hosts.
[14]And ה׳צבאות *cuts* off head and tail from Yisra'ĕl, palm branch and reed in **one day.**
[15]Elder and highly respected, he is the head; the **prophet** who **teaches** *falsehood,* he is the tail.
[16]For the ***leaders*** of this people lead *them astray* [a]nd those who are guided by them are swallowed up.
[17]Therefore ה׳צבאות *does not* **rejoice** over their young men and has no **compassion** on their fatherless and widows; for everyone is *defiled* and *evil* and **every mouth** speaks *foolishness*. With **all** this **His** *displeasure* ***has not*** turned back and **His hand** is still **stretched** out.
[18]For *wrongness* burns as the *fire*; it *consumes* thornbushes and weeds and sets the bushes of the forest ablaze and they roll up like rising smoke.
[19]The land ***shall*** **be** *burned* up by the *wrath* of ה׳צבאות of hosts and the people be as fuel for the *fire*. A man ***shall*** *not spare* his brother,
[20]and *cut down* on the **right hand,** but ***shall*** **be** hungry; and he devours on the left **hand,** but ***shall*** not be satisfied; each one *devouring* the *flesh* of his own arm:
[21]Menashsheh Ephrayim and Ephrayim Menashsheh; **together** they are *against* Yahuḏah. With **all** this **His** *displeasure* ***has not*** turned back and **His hand** is still **stretched** out.

10 "**Woe** to those making *unrighteous* **laws** and **write**rs who have *prescribed* toil,
[2]to *keep* the needy back from right-ruling and to *take* what is **right** from the *poor* of **My people**, that widows become their prey and orphans their plunder.
[3]**"*What shall* you do in the day of visitation** and **in the** *ruin* **which comes from afar? To whom would you run for help? And where would you leave your wealth?**
[4]"Without **Me** they ***shall*** bow down among the prisoners and *fall* among the slain." With **all** this **His** *displeasure* has

not turned back and **His hand** is *still* **stretched** out.

5"**Woe** to Ashshur, the **rod** of **My** *displeasure* and the staff in whose **hand** is **My** *displeasure.*

6"Against a *defiled* nation I send him and *against* the people of **My** *wrath* I **command** him to *seize* the spoil, to take the prey and to tread them down like the mud of the streets.

7"***But*** he *does not* intend so, nor does his **heart** *think* so, for it is in his **heart** to *destroy,* and *cut off* not a **few** nations.

8"For he says, 'Are not my princes sovereigns?

9'Is not Kalno like Karkemish? Is not Ḥamath like Arpaḏ? Is not Shomeron like Damascus?

10'As my **hand** has **found** the reigns of the *idols,* whose *carved images* excelled those of Yerushalayim and Shomeron,

11as I have done to Shomeron and her *idols,* do I not do also to Yerushalayim and her *idols?*'

12"And it ***shall* be,** when ֱיהוה has performed **all His work** on Mount Tsiyon and on Yerushalayim, that I ***shall*** *punish* the **fruit** of the greatness of the **heart** of the sovereign of Ashshur and the boasting of his haughty looks.

13"For he has said, 'By the **power** of my **hand** and by my **wisdom** I have done it**,** for I have been clever. I remove the boundaries of the people and have robbed their treasuries. I put down the inhabitants like a **strong** one.

14'And my **hand** finds the riches of the people like a nest. And I have gathered **all** the earth like ***forsaken eggs*** are gathered. And there was no one who moved his wing nor **opened** his **mouth** with even a peep.' "

15Would the axe boast itself over him who chops with it, or the **saw exalt** itself over him who saws with it? As a **rod** waving those who lift it up! As a staff lifting up that which is not wood!

16Therefore the **Master,** ֱיהוה of hosts, **sends** *leanness* among his fat ones. And under his **esteem** he *kindles* a *burning* like the *burning* of a *fire*.

17And the **Light** of Yisra'ĕl ***shall* be** for a *fire* and his **Set-apart One** for a *flame*. And it ***shall*** *burn* and *devour* his weeds and his thornbushes in one day,

18and *consume* the **esteem** of his forest and of his fertile field, both **life** and *flesh.* And they ***shall* be** as when a *sick* man wastes away,

19and the remaining trees of his forest ***shall* be** so **few** in number that a child records them.

20And in that day it ***shall* be** that the **remnant** of Yisra'ĕl and those who have **escaped** of the house of Ya'aqoḇ, never again lean upon him who defeated them, but ***shall*** lean upon ֱיהוה, the **Set-apart One** of Yisra'ĕl, in **truth**.

21A **remnant *shall* return,** the **remnant** of Ya'aqoḇ, to the Mighty Ěl.

22For though your people, O Yisra'ĕl, be as the sand of the sea, yet a **remnant** of them ***shall* return** – a decisive end, overflowing with **righteousness**.

23For the **Master** ֱיהוה of hosts is making a **complete end**, as decided, in the **midst** of **all** the earth.

24Therefore thus said the **Master** ֱיהוה of hosts, "My people, who dwell in Tsiyon, be not *afraid* of Ashshur, who beats you with a **rod** and lifts up his staff *against* you, in the **way** of Mitsrayim.

25"For yet **a** *little* **while** and the *displeasure* ***shall* be** completed and **My** *displeasure* be to their ***destruction.***"

26And ֱיהוה of hosts stirs up a lash for him as the smiting of Miḏyan at the rock of Oreḇ. And as **His rod** was on the sea, so ***shall* He** lift it up in the **way** of Mitsrayim.

27And in that day it ***shall* be** that his *burden* is removed from your shoulder and his yoke from your neck and the yoke ***shall* be *destroyed* because** of the **anointing oil.**

28He has **come** upon Ayath, he has passed Miḡron. At Miḵmash he stored his supplies.

29They have gone through the pass, they have taken up lodging at Geḇa. Ramah is *afraid*, Giḇ'ah of Sha'uḷ has fled.

[30]Lift up your **voice**, O daughter of Galliym! **Listen**, Layishah – O *poor* Anathoth!
[31]Maḏmĕnah has fled, the inhabitants of Gĕḇim sought refuge.
[32]Yet he remains at Noḇ that day; he shakes his fist at the mountain of the daughter of Tsiyon, the hill of Yerushalayim.
[33]Look, the **Master,** ה׳ of hosts, is lopping off a branch with an **awesome** crash and the tall ones are *cut down* and the lofty ones are laid low.
[34]And **He *shall cut*** *down* the thickets of the forest with iron and Leḇanon ***shall fall*** as a *mighty one*!

11 And a Rod ***shall* come** forth from the stump of Yishai and a **Sprout** from his roots ***shall*** bear **fruit.**
[2]The Spirit of ה׳ *shall* rest upon Him – the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of ה׳,
[3]and ***shall*** make **Him** breathe in the **fear** of ה׳. And **He *shall*** not **judge** by the **sight** of **His** eyes, nor decide by the **hearing** of **His ears.**
[4]*But* with **righteousness He *shall* judge** the *poor* and ***shall* decide** with **straightness** for the meek ones of the earth and ***shall*** *smite* the earth with the **rod** of **His mouth** and *slay* the ***wrong*** with the **breath** of **His lips**.
[5]And **righteousness *shall* be** the girdle of **His** loins and **trustworthiness** the girdle of **His** waist.
[6]And a wolf ***shall*** dwell with the lamb and a leopard *lie* down with the young goat and the *calf* and the young lion and the fatling together and a *little* child leads them.
[7]And cow and bear ***shall*** feed, their young ones *lie* down together and a lion eat straw like an ox.
[8]And the nursing child ***shall*** play by the cobra's hole and the weaned child ***shall*** put his **hand** in the adder's den.
[9]They do no *evil* nor *destroy* in **all My** set-apart mountain, for the **earth *shall* be filled** with the **knowledge** of ה׳ as the waters cover the sea.
[10]And in that day there ***shall* be** a **Root** of Yishai, standing as a banner to the people. Unto **Him** the *gentiles* ***shall* seek** and **His rest *shall* be** esteem.
[11]And it ***shall* be** in that day that ה׳ sets **His hand** again a **second time to recover the remnant of His people** who are left, from Ashshur, from Mitsrayim, from Pathros, from Kush, from Ĕylam, from Shin'ar, from Ḥamath and from the islands of the sea.
This has not been filled yet but this prophesy, the redemption of His people (Yisra'ĕl), is **spoken** about repeatedly in every prophetic book.
[12]And **He *shall* raise** a banner for the nations and **gather** the *outcasts* of Yisra'ĕl and **assemble** the *dispersed* of Yahuḏah from the four corners of the earth.
[13]And the *envy*of Ephrayim ***shall turn*** aside and the *adversaries* of Yahuḏah be *cut* off. Ephrayim ***shall*** not *envy* Yahuḏah and Yahuḏah not *trouble* Ephrayim.
[14]***But*** they ***shall*** fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines toward the west; **together** they plunder the people of the east, their **hand** stretching forth on Eḏom and Mo'aḇ and the children of Ammon ***shall* be** subject to them.
[15]And ה׳ ***shall*** put under the **ban** the tongue of the Sea of Mitsrayim and **He *shall*** wave **His hand** over the River with the might of **His Spirit** and ***shall*** *smite* it in the seven streams and ***shall* cause** *men* to tread it in sandals.
[16]And there ***shall* be** a highway for the **remnant** of **His** people, those left from Ashshur, as it was for Yisra'ĕl in the day when he came up from the land of Mitsrayim.

12 And in that day you ***shall*** say, "I **thank You** ה׳, though **You** were **enraged** with me, **Your** *displeasure* has turned back and **You** have comforted me.
[2]"**See,** Ĕl is my **deliverance,** I **trust** and am not *afraid*.

For **Yah**, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, is my **strength** and my **song** and **He** has become my **deliverance**."
[3]And you ***shall*** draw water with **joy** from the fountains of **deliverance**.
[4]And in that day you ***shall*** say, "Praise 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, **call** upon **His Name**; make **known His deeds** among the peoples, make mention that **His Name** is exalted.
[5]"Sing to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, For **He** has done excellently; this is **known** in **all** the earth.
[6]"Cry aloud and shout, O inhabitant of Tsiyon, for **great** is the **Set-apart One** of Yisra'ĕl in your **midst**!"

13 The **message** concerning Baḇel which Yeshayahu son of Amots saw.
[2]"Lift up a banner on the high mountain, **raise** your **voice** to them; wave your **hand,** let them enter the gates of the nobles.
[3]"I have **commanded My** set-apart ones; I have also called **My** mighty men for **My** *displeasure,* **My** *proud*ly exulting ones."
[4]The noise of an uproar in the mountains, like that of many people! A noise of uproar of the reigns of *gentiles* gathered together! 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 of hosts is gathering an army for battle.
[5]They are **coming** from a distant land, from **the end** of the heavens, even 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and **His** weapons of *displeasure,* to *destroy* **all** the earth.
[6]*Howl*, for the **day of** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is **near!** It **comes** as a ***destruction*** from the **Almighty**.
[7]Therefore **all** hands go *limp*, **every** man's **heart** *melts*,
[8]and they ***shall*** **be** *afraid*. Pangs and sorrows take hold of them, they are in pain as a woman in labour; they are amazed at one another, their faces aflame!
[9]See, the day of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is coming, fierce, with *wrath* and *heat* of *displeasure,* to *lay* the earth *waste* and *destroy* its *sinners* from it.
[10]For the stars of the heavens and their constellations *do not* give off their **light**. The ***sun shall*** **be** dark at its rising and the moon not send out its **light**.
[11]"And I ***shall*** *punish* the world for its *evil* and the ***wrong*** for their *crookedness* and ***shall*** put an end to the arrogance of the *proud* and lay low the pride of the ruthless.
[12]"I ***shall*** make mortal man scarcer than fine gold and mankind *scarcer* than the gold of Ophir.
[13]"So I ***shall*** make the heavens *tremble* and the earth ***shall*** *shake* from her place, in the *wrath* of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 of hosts and in the **day of** the *heat* of **His** *displeasure.*
[14]"And it ***shall*** **be** as the hunted gazelle and as a sheep that no man takes up – **every** man turns to his own people and everyone flees to his own land.
[15]"***Whoever*** is **found** is ***thrust*** through, and everyone taken falls by the *sword.*
[16]"And their children are dashed to pieces before their eyes, their houses plundered and their wives ravished.
[17]"**See,** I am stirring up the Medes *against* them, who *do not* regard silver and as for gold, they *do not* **delight** in it.
[18]"And bows dash the young to pieces and they have no **compassion** on the **fruit** of the womb, their eye spare no children.
[19]"And Baḇel, the splendour of reigns, the comeliness of the Chaldeans' pride, ***shall*** **be** as when **Elohim** *overthrew* Seḏom and Amorah.
[20]"She ***shall never*** be inhabited, nor be settled from generation to generation; nor ***shall*** the Araḇian pitch tents there, nor shepherds rest their flocks there.
[21]"***But*** wild beasts of the desert ***shall*** *lie* there and their houses ***shall*** **be** filled with owls. And ostriches ***shall*** dwell there and wild goats frolic there.
[22]"And hyenas ***shall*** cry in their citadels and jackals in their pleasant palaces. And her **time** is **near** to **come** and her days are not drawn out."

14 **Because** יהוה has **compassion** on Ya'aqoḇ and ***shall*** again **choose** Yisra'ĕl and giṿe them **rest** in their own land. And the strangers ***shall*** join them and they ***shall*** **cling** to the house of Ya'aqoḇ.

2 And peoples ***shall*** take them and bring them to their own place. And the house of Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** **possess** them for servants and female servants in the land of יהוה. And they ***shall*** make captives of their captors and **rule** over their oppressors.

3 And it ***shall*** **be,** in the day יהוה gives you rest from your *sorrow* and from your *trouble* and the hard service in which you were made to serve,

4 that you ***shall*** take up this proverb *against* the sovereign of Baḇel and say, "***How*** the oppressor has ceased, the gold gatherer ceased!

5 "יהוה has *broken* the staff of the ***wrong,*** the sceptre of the rulers,

6 he who *smote* the people in *wrath* with ceaseless blows, he who *ruled* the *gentiles* in *displeasure,* is persecuted and no one restrains.

7 "All the earth is at rest and at peace, they ***shall*** *break* forth into singing.

8 "Even the cypress trees **rejoice** over you and the cedars of Leḇanon, saying, 'Since you were *cut down*, no woodcutter has **come** up *against* us.'

9 "The grave from beneath is excited about you, to meet you at your **coming**; it stirs up the *dead* for you, **all** the chief ones of the earth; it has **raised** up from their thrones **all** the sovereigns of the *gentiles.*

10 "All of them respond and say to you, 'Have you also become as weak as we? Have you become like us?

11 'Your *arrogance* has been brought down to the grave and the *sound* of your stringed instruments; the maggot is *spread* under you and worms *cover* you.'

12 "***How*** you have ***fallen*** from the heavens, O Hĕlĕl, son of the ***morning***! You have been *cut down* to the ground, ***you who laid low the gentiles!***

13 "For you have said in your **heart,** '**Let** me go up to the heavens, let me **raise** my throne above the stars of Ěl and let me sit in the mount of meeting on the sides of the north;

14 let me go up above the heights of the clouds, let me be like the **Most High.**'

15 "***But*** you are brought down to the grave, to the sides of the Pit.

16 "Those who **see** you stare at you and ponder over you, saying, 'Is this the man who made the earth *tremble,* who *shook* reigns,

17 who made the world as a wilderness and ***destroyed*** its cities, who *would not* **open** the house of his prisoners?'

18 "All the sovereigns of the *gentiles,* **all** of them, were laid in esteem, everyone in his own house;

19 but you have been *thrown* from your grave like an **abominable** branch, like the garment of those who are slain, ***thrust*** through with a *sword,* who go down to the stones of the pit, like a trampled corpse.

20 "You are not joined with them in burial, for you have ***destroyed*** your land and *slain* your people. **Let** the *seed* of *evil-doers* never be mentioned.

21 "***Prepare*** his children for slaughter, **because** of the *crookedness* of their fathers, lest they rise up and **possess** the land and fill the face of the world with cities."

22 "I ***shall*** rise up *against* them," **declares** יהוה of hosts, "and ***shall*** ***cut*** *off* from Baḇel the name, remnant**,** offspring and descendant," **declares** יהוה.

23 "And I ***shall*** make it a possession for the porcupine and marshes of muddy water; and ***shall*** sweep it with the broom of ***destruction,***" **declares** יהוה of hosts.

24 יהוה of hosts has sworn, saying, "**Truly**, as I have **planned**, so ***shall*** it be; and as I have **purposed**, so it stands:

25 "To *break* Ashshur in **My** land and *tread* him down on **My** mountains. And his *yoke* ***shall*** **be** removed from them and his *burden* removed from their

shoulders.
[26]"This is the **counsel** that is **counselled** for **all** the earth and this is the **hand** that is **stretched** out over **all** the nations.
[27]"For יהוה of hosts has **counselled** and who annuls it? And **His hand** that is **stretched** out, who turns it back?"
[28]This is the **message** which came in the year that Sovereign Aḥaz died:
[29]"***Do** not* **rejoice, all** you of Philistia, that the **rod** that *smote* you is broken; for out of the *serpent's* roots **comes** forth an *adder* and its offspring is a fiery flying *serpent*.
[30]"And the first-born of the *poor* ***shall*** feed and the needy *lie* down in safety. And I ***shall** kill* your roots with *scarcity of food* and it ***shall** slay* your remnant.
[31]"*Howl*, O gate! *Cry*, O city! *Melt* away, **all** you of Philistia! For smoke ***shall*** **come** from the north and there is no stranger in his ranks."
[32]And what does one answer the messengers of a nation? "That יהוה has founded Tsiyon and the *poor* of **His** people take **refuge** in it."

15 The **message** concerning Mo'aḇ. **Because** in the night Ar of Mo'aḇ was laid *waste,* was silenced! **Because** in the night Qir of Mo'aḇ was *laid waste,* was silenced!
[2]He has gone up to the house and Diḇon, to the *high places* to weep. Mo'aḇ is *wailing* over Neḇo and over Měyḏeḇa; on **all** their heads is baldness and **every** beard is *cut* off.
[3]In their streets they ***shall*** put on sackcloth; on the tops of their houses and in their streets everyone *wails*, *weeping bitterly*.
[4]And Ḥeshbon and El'alĕh cry out, their **voice** ***shall*** **be heard** as far as Yahats. Therefore the armed ones of Mo'aḇ shout; his being ***shall*** *tremble* within him.
[5]My own **heart** is toward Mo'aḇ; her fugitives cry unto Tso'ar, like a three-year old heifer. For by the ascent of Luḥith they go up with *weeping*; for in the **way** of Ḥoronayim they **raise** a cry of ***destruction.***
[6]For the waters of Nimrim are wastes, for the green grass has withered away; the grass fails, there is no greenness.
[7]Therefore the wealth, acquired and stored up, they take away to the wadi of the Willows.
[8]For the *cry* has gone **all** around the borders of Mo'aḇ, its *wailing* to Eğlayim and its *wailing* to Be'ĕr Ĕlim.
[9]"For the waters of Dimon ***shall*** **be** filled with **blood**; for I ***shall*** bring more upon Dimon, lions upon him who **escapes** from Mo'aḇ and on the **remnant** of the land."

16 **Send** a **lamb** to the ruler of the land, from Sela to the wilderness, to the mountain of the daughter of Tsiyon.
[2]And it ***shall*** **be,** like a wandering bird, a nest *thrown* out, so are the daughters of Mo'aḇ at the fords of Arnon.
[3]**"Bring counsel, execute judgment;** make your shadow like the night in the middle of the day; hide the outcasts, *do not betray* him who **escapes**.
[4]"**Let My** outcasts dwell with you, O Mo'aḇ; be a shelter to them from the face of the ravager. For the oppressor has met his end, ***destruction*** has ceased, those trampling down have *perished* from the land.
[5]"And in **kindness** the throne ***shall*** **be established**. And **One** ***shall*** sit on it in **truth**, in the **Tent** of Dawiḏ, judging and **seeking** right-ruling and speeding **righteousness**."
[6]We have **heard** of the pride of Mo'aḇ – **very** *proud* – of his *pride*, his *arrogance* and his *rage.* His *boastings* are *not* **true.**
[7]So Mo'aḇ wails for Mo'aḇ, everyone wails. For the raisin-cakes of Qir Ḥareseth they moan. They are *utterly* smitten.
[8]For the fields of Ḥeshbon languish – the **vine** of Siḇmah. The masters of the *gentiles* have broken down its choice

plants, which have reached to Ya'zĕr and wandered through the wilderness. Her branches are **stretched** out, they are gone over the sea.

9Therefore I *bewail* the **vine** of Siḇmah, with the *weeping* of Ya'zĕr. I water you with my tears, O Ḥeshbon and El'alĕh, for acclamation have fallen over your summer **fruit** and your harvest.

10**Gladness** is taken away and **joy** from the orchard; in the vineyards there is no singing, nor shouting; No treaders tread out **wine** in their presses; I have made their acclamation cease.

11Therefore my inward parts sound like a lyre for Mo'aḇ and my inner being for Qir Ḥeres.

12And it ***shall* be,** when it is **seen** that Mo'aḇ has wearied herself on the high place, that she ***shall* come to** her set-apart place to pray, but not be able.

13This is the **word** which ה׳ has **spoken** concerning Mo'aḇ since that **time.**

14***But* now** ה׳ has **spoken** , saying, "Within three years, as the years of a hired man, the **esteem** of Mo'aḇ is to be *despised* with **all** its **great** throng and the **remnant** be few, small and weak."

17 The **message** concerning Damascus. "**See,** Damascus ceases to be a city and ***shall*** become a heap of ruins.

2"The cities of Aro'ĕr are ***forsaken***, they are for flocks which ***shall*** *lie* down, with no one to frighten.

3"And the *stronghold* ***shall*** cease from Ephrayim and the **reign** from Damascus and the **remnant** of Aram be as the **esteem** of the sons of Yisra'ĕl," **declares** ה׳ of hosts.

4"And in that day it ***shall* be** that the **esteem** of Ya'aqoḇ wanes and the fatness of his *flesh* grows *lean*.

5"And it ***shall* be** as when the harvester gathers the grain and reaps the heads with his arm. And it ***shall* be** as he who gathers heads of grain in the Valley of Repha'im.

6"And gleaning grapes ***shall* be** left in it, like the *shaking* of an olive *tree,* two or three olives at the top of the uppermost branch, four or five in its most fruit-bearing branches," **declares** ה׳ **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl.

7In that day man ***shall*** look to his **Maker** and his eyes turn to the **Set-apart One** of **Yisra'ĕl**.

8And he ***shall*** *not look* to the *altars*, the **work** of his hands; and he ***shall*** *not* **see** that which his own fingers made nor the ***Ashĕrim*** nor the ***sun-****pillars*.

9In that day his **strong** cities become like a ***forsaken*** forest and an uppermost branch, which they left **because** of the children of Yisra'ĕl. And it ***shall*** become a *ruin.*

10**Because** you have *forgotten* the **Elohim** of your **deliverance** and have not **remembered** the Rock of your *stronghold,* therefore you ***shall*** plant pleasant plants and set out foreign seedlings,

11by day make your plant to grow and in the morning make your seed to flourish – *but* the harvest is a heap in the **day of** *grief* and *incurable pain*.

12**Woe** to the uproar of many people who make a noise like the roar of the seas and to the rushing of nations that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters –

13nations rushing like the rushing of many waters. ***But* He *shall rebuke*** them and they ***shall flee*** far away and be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind, like whirling dust before the *whirlwind.*

14At eventide, look! *Alarm!* Before morning, it is no more. This is the portion of those who *plunder* us and the **lot** of those who *rob* us.

18 **Woe** to the land shadowed with whirring wings, which is beyond the rivers of Kush,

2which **sends** envoys by sea, even in vessels of reed on the waters, saying, "Go, *swift* messengers, to a nation tall and smooth-skinned, to a people dreaded from their beginning onward, a nation

mighty and trampling, whose land the rivers divide."
3All inhabitants of the world and you that dwell on the earth: ***When*** a banner is lifted up on the mountains, **look**! And when a ram's horn is blown, **hear!**
4For thus ֵיהוָה said to me, "I am still and I **watch** in **My** dwelling place like dazzling *heat* in sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the *heat* of harvest."
5For before harvest, when the bud is **perfect** and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, then **He *shall cut*** *off* the twigs with pruning hooks and ***shall cut*** *down* and take away the spreading branches.
6They are left **together** for the mountain birds of prey and for the beasts of the earth. And the birds of prey ***shall*** summer on them and **all** the beasts of the earth winter on them.
7In that **time** a **present *shall* be** brought to ֵיהוָה of hosts from a people tall and smooth-skinned and from a people **awesome** from their beginning onward – a **nation** mighty and trampling, whose land the rivers have divided – to the place of the **Name** of ֵיהוָה of hosts, to Mount Tsiyon.

19 The **message** concerning Mitsrayim. **See,** ֵיהוָה is riding on a *swift* cloud and **He *shall* come** into Mitsrayim. And the *idols* of Mitsrayim ***shall*** *tremble* at **His** presence and the **heart** of Mitsrayim melt in its **midst**.
2"And I ***shall*** stir up Mitsrites *against* Mitsrites and they ***shall*** fight, each one *against* his brother and each one *against* his neighbour, city *against* city, **reign** *against* reign.
3"And the spirit of Mitsrayim ***shall*** vanish within them and I *destroy* their *counsel*. And they ***shall* seek** the *idols* and the *mutterers*, the *mediums* and the *sorcerers*.
4"And I ***shall* deliver** the Mitsrites into the **hand** of a cruel master and a **fierce** sovereign to **rule** over them," **declares** the **Master,** ֵיהוָה of hosts.
5And waters ***shall*** *fail* from the sea and the river *wasted* and *dried* up.
6And the rivers ***shall*** *stink* and the streams ***shall* be** weak and dried up. Reeds and rushes ***shall*** wither.
7Bare places by the River, by the **mouth** of the River and **every** sown field by the River ***shall*** wither. It ***shall* be** *driven* away and be no more.
8And the fishermen ***shall*** *lament* and **all** those who *cast* hooks into the River ***shall*** *mourn* and they who spread nets on the waters ***shall*** *pine away*.
9And those who **work** in fine flax and those who weave fine fabric ***shall*** *become ashamed*.
10And its foundations ***shall* be** *crushed*, **all** the wage workers *grieved* in being.
11The princes of Tso'an are only fools; the counsel of Pharaoh's **wise** ones have become senseless. ***How*** do you say to Pharaoh, "I am the son of the **wise,** the son of ancient sovereigns?"
12Where are they? Where are your **wise** men? **Let** them **show** you and let them **know** what ֵיהוָה of hosts has **counselled** *against* Mitsrayim.
13The princes of Tso'an have become fools, the princes of Noph are deceived. They, the corner-stone of her tribes, have led Mitsrayim *astray*.
14ֵיהוָה has mixed a ***perverse*** spirit in her **midst**. And they have led Mitsrayim *astray* in **all** her **work,** as a drunkard *strays* in his *vomit.*
15And there is no **work** for Mitsrayim, by either head or tail, palm branch or bulrush.
16In that day Mitsrayim ***shall*** become like women and *tremble* and **fear** **because** of the waving of the **hand** of ֵיהוָה of hosts which **He** waves over it.
17And the land of Yahuḏah ***shall* be** a **fear** to Mitsrayim, everyone who mentions it ***fears*** for himself, **because** of the **counsel** of ֵיהוָה of hosts which **He** has **counselled** *against* it.
18In that day five cities in the land of Mitsrayim ***shall* speak** the **language** of Kena'an and swear by ֵיהוָה of hosts, one is called the ***City*** of ***destruction.***

[19]In that day an altar to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 ***shall*** **be** in the **midst** of the land of Mitsrayim and a standing column to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 at its border.
[20]And it ***shall*** **be** for a **sign** and for a **witness** to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 of hosts in the land of Mitsrayim. ***When*** they cry to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **because** of the oppressors, **He sends** them a **Saviour** and an **Elohim** and ***shall*** **deliver** them.
[21]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 ***shall*** **be known** to Mitsrayim and the Mitsrites ***shall*** **know** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 in that day and make slaughtering and meal offering and ***shall*** make a vow to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and pay it.
[22]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 ***shall*** *smite* Mitsrayim, *smite* it and **heal** it. And they ***shall turn*** to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and **He** ***shall*** **hear** them and **heal** them.
[23]In that day there ***shall*** **be** a highway from Mitsrayim to Ashshur and Ashshur ***shall*** **come** into Mitsrayim and Mitsrayim into Ashshur and Mitsrayim ***shall*** **serve** with Ashshur.
[24]In that day Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** **be** one of three with Mitsrayim and Ashshur, even a **blessing** in the **midst** of the earth,
[25]whom 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 of hosts shall **bless,** saying, **"Blessed** is Mitsrayim **My people** and Ashshur the **work** of **My** hands and Yisra'ĕl **My** inheritance."

20 In the year that Tartan came to Ashdo̲d, when Sargon the sovereign of Ashshur **sent** him and he fought *against* Ashdo̲d and took it,
[2]at that **same time** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 spoke by means of Yeshayahu son of Amots, saying, "Go and remove the sackcloth from your body and take your sandals off your feet." And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.
[3]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 said, "As **My** servant Yeshayahu has walked naked and barefoot three years for a **sign** and a **wonder** *against* Mitsrayim and Kush,
[4]so does the sovereign of Ashshur lead away the captives of Mitsrayim and the exiles of Kush, young and old, naked and barefoot, with their buttocks uncovered – the *shame* of Mitsrayim.
[5]"And they ***shall*** **be** *afraid* and *ashamed* of Kush, their expectation and of Mitsrayim, their boast.
[6]"And the inhabitant of this coastland ***shall*** say in that day, '**See,** such is our expectation, wherever we ***flee*** for help to be **delivered** from the sovereign of Ashshur. And how do we **escape**?' "

21 The **message** concerning the Wilderness of the Sea. As whirlwinds in the South sweep on, so it **comes** from the wilderness, from an **awesome** land.
[2]A *distressing* **vision** is **revealed** to me: the *treacherous betrays* and the *ravager ravages*. Go up, O Ĕylam! Besiege, O Media! All the groaning I bring to an **end**.
[3]Therefore my loins are filled with anguish; pangs have *seized* me, like the pangs of a woman in labour. I was *distressed* when I **heard** it; I was *troubled* when I **saw** it.
[4]My **heart** *reeled*, *horror overwhelmed* me; the night for which I longed **He** turned into **fear** for me.
[5]**Prepare** the table, spread the mat, eat and drink. Arise, you princes, **anoint** the shield!
[6]For 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 has said this to me, "Go, set a **watchman**, let him **declare** what he **sees**."
[7]And he **saw** a chariot with a pair of horsemen, a chariot of donkeys and a chariot of camels and he **listened attentively**, **very attentively**.
[8]***Then*** he cried, "A lion, O 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄! I **stand** continually on the watchtower in the daytime and I have sat at my post **every** night.
[9]"And **see** this, a chariot of men **coming** with a pair of horsemen!" And he spoke up and said, "***Ba***b̲***el*** is *fallen*, is *fallen*! And **all** the *carved images* of her *mighty ones* **He** has *broken* to the ground."
[10]Oh, my threshing and the grain of my floor! That which I have **heard** from 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl,

I have **declared** to you.
[11]The **message** concerning Dumah. **He** calls to me out of Sĕʿir, "Watchman, how much of the night is passed? Watchman, how much of the night has passed?"
[12]The watchman said, "Morning came and also the night. ***If*** you **inquire**, **inquire. Come again!"**
[13]The **message** concerning Arabia. In the forest in Arabia you stay, O you travelling companies of Dedanites.
[14]You who dwell in the land of Tĕma, bring water to him who is thirsty, meet the fugitive with bread.
[15]For they fled from the s**words**, from the drawn *sword,* from the bent bow and from the stress of battle.
[16]For thus ֱיהוה has said to me, "Within a **year**, **according** to the year of a hired man, **all** the **esteem** of Qĕdar ***shall*** **come to** an **end**,
[17]and the rest of the number of archers, the mighty men of the people of Qĕdar, ***shall*** **be** few. For ֱיהוה **Elohim** of Yisraʾĕl has **spoken** ."

22 The **message** concerning the Valley of Vision. ***What*** *troubles* you **now**, that you have **all** gone up to the house-tops,
[2]you who are filled with *turmoils*, a noisy city, a city of revelry? **Your** *slain* are not *slain* with the *sword,* nor the *dead* in battle.
[3]All your rulers have fled together; without a bow they were taken captive. All who are **found** in you are *bound* together, who have fled from afar.
[4]Therefore I said, "Look away from me, let me *weep bitterly*. ***Do*** *not* try to comfort me **because** of the *ravaging* of the daughter of my people."
[5]For it is a **day of** *uproar* and *treading* down and *perplexity* by the **Master** ֱיהוה of hosts in the Valley of Vision – *breaking* down of a wall and of *crying* to the mountain.
[6]And Ĕylam bore the quiver with chariots of men and horsemen and Qir bared the shield.
[7]And it ***shall*** **be** that your choicest valleys ***shall*** **be** filled with chariots and the horsemen ***shall*** take up positions at the gate.
[8]***Then*** **He** removed the covering of Yahuḏah. And you **looked** in that day to the weapons of the House of the Forest.
[9]And you **saw** the *breaches* of the city of Dawiḏ, that it was great. And you gathered **together** the waters of the lower pool.
[10]And you counted the houses of Yerushalayim and the houses you broke down to strengthen the wall.
[11]And you dug a ditch between the two walls for the water of the old pool. ***But*** you have not **looked** to its **Maker**, nor have you **seen Him** who fashioned it long ago.
[12]And in that day the **Master** ֱיהוה of hosts called for *weeping* and for *mourning*, for *baldness* and for *girding* with sackcloth.
[13]***Then*** see! **Joy** and **gladness**, *slay*ing oxen and *killing* sheep, *eating* meat and *drinking* **wine**, "**Let** us ***eat*** and ***drink***, for **tomorrow** we *die!*"
[14]And it was **revealed** in my **hearing** by ֱיהוה of hosts, "For this *crookedness* ***shall*** certainly not be pardoned until you *die,*" said the **Master** ֱיהוה of hosts.
[15]Thus said the **Master** ֱיהוה of hosts, "Go, **come to** this steward, to Shebnah, who is over the house and say,
[16]"***What*** have you here and whom have you here, that you have hewn a tomb here, as he who hews himself a tomb on high, cutting out a resting place for himself in a rock?
[17]"**See,** ֱיהוה is *hurling* you away, O man and is firmly *grasping* you,
[18]*rolling* you up tightly like a ball, into a wide land. There you are to *die* and there your esteemed chariots are to be the *shame* of your master's house.
[19]"And I ***shall*** *drive* you from your office and you ***shall*** **be** *ousted* from your position.
[20]"And it ***shall*** **be** in that day, that I ***shall*** **call My** servant Elyaqim son of Ḥilqiyahu.

21 ‘And I ***shall*** **put** your **robe** on him
and strengthen him with your girdle and
give your **authority** into his **hand.**
And he ***shall*** **be** a father to the
inhabitants of Yerushalayim and to the
house of Yahuḏah.
22 ‘And I ***shall*** place the **key** of the
house of Dawiḏ on his shoulder. And he
shall **open** and no one shuts; and ***shall***
shut and no one opens.
23 ‘And I ***shall*** fasten him like a peg in
a steadfast place and he ***shall*** become a
throne of **esteem** to his father’s house.
24 ‘And they ***shall*** hang on him **all**
the weight of his father’s house, the
offspring and the offshoots, **all** vessels
of small quantity, from the cups to **all**
the jars.
25 ‘In that day,’ **declares** יהוה of
hosts, ‘the peg that is fastened in the
steadfast place ***shall*** **be** removed and be
cut down and fall and the *burden* that
was on it ***shall*** **be** *cut* off. For יהוה
has **spoken** .’ ”

23 The **message** concerning Tsor.
Howl, you ships of Tarshish! For it has
been **destroyed**, without house, without
harbour. From the land of Kittim it has
been **revealed** to them.
2 Be silent, you inhabitants of the
coastland, you *merchants* of Tsiḏon, who
passed over the sea, they filled you.
3 And on **great** waters the grain of
Shiḥor, the harvest of the River, was her
increase. And she was a market-place for
the nations.
4 Be ashamed, O Tsiḏon, for the sea
has **spoken** , the stronghold of the sea,
saying, “I have not laboured, nor brought
forth children; neither have I reared
young men, brought up maidens.”
5 Like the report of Mitsrayim, they too
are *grieved* at the report of Tsor.
6 Pass over to Tarshish; *wail,* you
inhabitants of the coastland!
7 Is this your city of revelry, whose
antiquity is from days of old, whose feet
carried her far off to sojourn?
8 ***Who*** has **counselled** this *against* Tsor,
the crowning city, whose *merchants* are
chiefs, whose *traders* are the esteemed
of the earth?
9 יהוה of hosts has **counselled** it, to
defile the *pride* of **all** splendour and to
shame **all** the esteemed of the earth.
10 Overflow through your land like the
River, O daughter of Tarshish; there is
no more strength.
11 **He** has **stretched** out **His hand** over
the sea, **He** *shook* the reigns; יהוה has
given a **command** *against* Kena'an to
destroy its *strongholds*.
12 And **He** said, “***Never*** again ***shall*** you
exult, O you *oppressed* maiden daughter
of Tsiḏon. Arise, pass over to Kittim,
even there you ***shall*** find ***no*** rest.”
13 See the land of the Chaldeans – this
people *did not* exist. Ashshur founded it
for wild beasts of the desert. They set up
their siege-towers, they *demolished* her
palaces and made her a *ruin.*
14 *Howl*, you ships of Tarshish, for your
stronghold is laid waste!
15 And in that day it ***shall*** **be** that Tsor
is *forgotten* seventy years, **according** to
the days of one sovereign. At **the end** of
seventy years it ***shall*** **be** to Tsor as in the
song of the whore:
16 “Take a lyre, go about the city, you
forgotten whore; make **sweet** playing,
sing many songs, so that you might be
remembered.”
17 And at **the end** of seventy years it
shall **be** that יהוה visits Tsor. And
she ***shall*** **return** to her hire and *commit
whoring* with **all** the reigns of the earth
on the face of the soil.
18 And her goods and her hire ***shall*** **be**
set-apart for יהוה, not treasured nor
laid up, for her *gain* is for those who
dwell before יהוה, **to eat sufficiently**
and for a choice covering.

24 **See** יהוה is **making** the earth
empty and making it *waste* and ***shall***
overturn its surface and ***shall*** *scatter*
abroad its inhabitants.

[2]And it ***shall* be** – as with the people so with the priest, as with the servant so with his master, as with the female servant so with her mistress, as with the buyer so with the seller, as with the lender so with the borrower, as with the creditor so with the debtor;
[3]the earth is **completely** *emptied* and *utterly plundered*, for יהוה has **spoken** this **word.**
[4]The earth ***shall*** *mourn* and *wither*, the world ***shall*** languish and wither, the *haughty* people of the earth ***shall*** languish.
[5]For the earth has been *defiled* under its inhabitants, **because** they have *transgressed* the **Torot**, *changed* the **law,** broken the **everlasting covenant.**
[6]Therefore a *curse* ***shall*** *consume* the earth and those who dwell in it be punished. Therefore the inhabitants of the earth ***shall* be** *burned* and **few** men ***shall*** be left.
[7]The **new wine** ***shall*** *fail*, the **vine** ***shall*** *languish*, **all** those **glad** at **heart** ***shall*** *sigh*.
[8]The **joy** of the tambourine ***shall*** *cease*, the noise of those who **rejoice** ***shall*** *end*, the **joy** of the lyre ***shall*** *cease*.
[9]No more do they drink **wine** with a song, **strong** drink is *bitter* to those who drink it.
[10]The deserted city ***shall* be** broken down, **every** house ***shall* be** shut, no one enters.
[11]There is a crying for **wine** in the streets; **all joy** ***shall* be** darkened, the **gladness** of the earth ***shall* be** gone.
[12]The city is left in ruins and the gate is *stricken* with ***destruction.***
[13]For thus it is to be in the **midst** of the earth among the peoples, like the *shaking* of an olive *tree,* like the gleaning of grapes when the grape harvest is done.
[14]They lift up their **voice**, they sing of the excellency of יהוה, they ***shall*** cry aloud from the sea.
[15]Therefore **praise** יהוה in the east, the **Name** of יהוה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl in the coastlands of the sea.
[16]From the ends of the earth we ***shall* hear** songs, "Splendour to the **righteous** One!" ***But*** I say, "I *waste* away, I *waste* away! **Woe** to me! The treacherous *betray*, with *treachery* the *treacherous betray*."
[17]**Fear** and the *pit* and the *snare* are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth.
[18]And it ***shall* be** that he who flees from the noise of the **fear** falls into the pit and he who **comes** up from the **midst** of the pit is ***caught*** in the snare. For the windows from on high ***shall* be** opened and the foundations of the earth be *shaken.*
[19]The earth ***shall* be** *utterly broken,* the earth ***shall* be completely** shattered, the earth ***shall* be *fiercely*** *shaken.*
[20]The earth ***shall stagger*** like a drunkard. And it ***shall totter*** like a hut and its *transgression* ***shall* be** *heavy* upon it and it ***shall fall*** and ***not rise*** again.
[21]And in that day it ***shall* be** that יהוה *punishes* on high the host of exalted ones and on the earth the sovereigns of the earth.
[22]And they ***shall* be** gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit and ***shall* be** shut up in the prison and be *punished* after many days.
[23]And the moon ***shall*** blush and the sun ***shall* be** ashamed, for יהוה of hosts ***shall* reign** on Mount Tsiyon and in Yerushalayim, and before **His** elders, in esteem!

25 O יהוה You are my **Elohim**. I **exalt You,** I **praise Your Name,** for You ***shall*** do a **wonder** – counsels of long ago, trustworthiness, **truth**.
[2]For You ***shall*** make a city a heap, a walled city a *ruin,* a palace of foreigners to be a city no more – never to be rebuilt.
[3]Therefore a **strong** people **praise You,** the city of the *ruthless* nations **fear You.**
[4]For You ***shall* be** a **refuge** to the *poor*,

a **refuge** to the needy in his *distress,* a shelter from the *storm,* a shade from the heat. For the spirit of the *ruthless* is like a *storm* <u>*against*</u> a wall.

[5]You subdue the noise of foreigners, as *heat* in a dry place; as *heat* in the shadow of a cloud, the singing of the *ruthless* is subdued.

[6]And in this mountain **יהוה** of hosts ***shall*** make for **all** people a feast of choice pieces, a feast of old **wine**s, of choice pieces with marrow, of old **wine**s, wellrefined.

[7]And **He *shall*** swallow up on this mountain the surface of the covering which covers **all** people and the veil which is spread over **all** nations.

[8]**He *shall*** swallow up *death* **forever** and the **Master יהוה *shall*** wipe away tears from **all** faces and take away the *reproach* of **His** people from **all** the earth. For **יהוה** has **spoken** .

[9]And it ***shall*** **be** said in that day, "**See,** this is our **Elohim**. We have waited for **Him** and **He saves** us. This is **יהוה**, we have waited for **Him,** let us be **glad** and **rejoice** in **His deliverance**."

[10]For the **hand** of **יהוה** rests on this mountain and Mo'ab̲ is trodden down under **Him,** as straw is trodden down in the water of a dunghill.

[11]And **He *shall*** spread out **His** hands in their **midst** as he who swims spreads out his hands to swim and **He *shall*** bring down their pride together, with the **skill** of **His** hands.

[12]And the high stronghold of your walls **He *shall*** bring down, lay it low, levelled to the ground, down to the dust.

26 In that day this song is sung in the land of Yahud̲ah, "We have a **strong** city – **He** sets up **deliverance,** walls and ramparts.

[2]"Open the gates, let the **righteous** nation which guards the **truth** enter in.

[3]"The one steadfast of **mind You guard** in **perfect** peace, for he **trusts** in **You.**

[4]**"Trust in יהוה forever, for in Yah, יהוה, is a rock of ages.**

[5]"For **He *shall*** bring down those who dwell on high. **He** lays the exalted city low, **He** lays it low to the earth, **He** brings it down to the dust.

[6]"A foot tramples it down – feet of the *poor*, footsteps of the needy."

[7]The path of the **righteous** is **uprightness** ; O **upright One, You** weigh the course of the righteous.

[8]Also, in the path of **Your right-rulings**, O **יהוה**, we have waited for **You**; the longing of *our* being is for **Your Name** and for the **remembrance** of **You.**

[9]My being longs for **You** in the night, also, my spirit within me seeks **You** earnestly. For when **Your right-rulings** are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world ***shall*** **learn righteousness**.

[10]The ***wrong*** finds **favour,** *yet* he ***shall*** not **learn righteousness**; in the land of straight-forwardness he acts *perversely* and *does not* **see** the excellency of **יהוה**.

[11]O **יהוה**, **Your hand** is high, they *do not* **see.** They **see** the **ardour** of the people and are ashamed; also, let the *fire* for **Your** adversaries *consume* them.

[12]O **יהוה**, **You establish peace** for us, for **You** have also done **all** our **works** in us.

[13]O **יהוה** our **Elohim**, other masters besides **You** have had **rule** over us; only in **You** do we make mention of **Your Name**.

[14]The *dead do not* live; the departed spirits *do not* rise. Therefore **You** have **visited** and ***destroyed*** them and made **all** their **remembrance** to *perish.*

[15]**You *shall*** increase the nation, O **יהוה**, **You *shall*** increase the nation; **You** are esteemed; **You *shall*** expand **all** the borders of the land.

[16]O **יהוה**, in *distress* they ***shall*** **visit You,** they ***shall*** **pour out** a prayer when **Your** *disciplining* is upon them.

[17]As a woman with child and about to give birth *writhes* and *cries* out in her

pain, so ***shall*** we be before **Your** face, O ֵיהוָה.

18We have conceived, we writhed in pain; we have **given** birth to wind. We have not **accomplished deliverance** in the earth, nor have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

19**Let Your** *dead* **live, together** *with* my *dead* body, let them arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; for **Your** dew is a dew of **light** and let the earth give birth to the departed spirits.

20Go, my people, **enter** your rooms and **shut** your **doors** behind you; **hide** yourself, as it were, for **a** *little* **while**, ***until*** the *displeasure* is past.

21For look, ֵיהוָה is **coming** out of **His** place to *punish* the inhabitants of the earth for their *crookedness.* And the earth ***shall*** disclose her **blood** and no longer cover her slain.

27 In that day ֵיהוָה with **His** *severe sword,* **great** and **strong,** *punishes* Liwiathan the *fleeing serpent,* Liwiathan that *twisted serpent*. And **He** ***shall*** *slay* the monster that is in the sea.

2In that day sing to her, "A vineyard of red **wine**!

3"I, ֵיהוָה, do **guard** it, I water it **every** moment; lest any hurt it, I **guard** it night and day.

4"***Wrath*** is not in **Me.** ***Who*** would set *thornbushes* and *weeds* *against* **Me** in battle? I would go through them, I would *burn* them together.

5"Or let him take hold of **My** strength and make **peace** with **Me. Let** him **make peace** with **Me!**"

6Those who **come He causes** to take root in Ya'aqob, Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** blossom and bud. And they ***shall*** fill the face of the world with **fruit.**

7Has **He** *smitten* him as **He** *smote* those who were smiting him?

Or were they *slain* as those they had slaughtered?

8In measure, by sending her away, You contended with her. **He** ***shall*** take away by **His** *rough wind* in the **day of** the east wind.

9Therefore by this the *crookedness* of Ya'aqob is covered. And this is **all** the **fruit** of taking away his *sin*: when he makes **all** the stones of the altar like chalkstones that are *beaten* to dust – ***Ashĕrim*** and ***sunpillars*** rise no more.

10For the city of defence is lonely, a home ***forsaken*** and left like a wilderness – there the *calf* feeds and there it lies down and ***shall*** *consume* its branches.

11***When*** its twigs are dry, they are broken off, women **come** and set them on *fire*. For it is a people of *no* **understanding**, therefore **He** who made them has *no* **compassion** on them and **He** who formed them shows them *no* **favour.**

12And in that day it ***shall*** **be** that ֵיהוָה threshes, from the channel of the River to the wadi of Mitsrayim and you ***shall*** **be gathered** one by one, O children of Yisra'ĕl.

13And in that day it ***shall*** **be** that a **great** horn is blown and those who were *perishing* in the land of Ashshur and the outcasts in the land of Mitsrayim ***shall*** come and ***shall*** worship ֵיהוָה on the set-apart mountain, in Yerushalayim.

28 **Woe** to the *proud* crown of the drunkards of Ephrayim and to the fading flower of its splendid comeliness that is on the head of the fertile valley, to those who are overcome with **wine**!

2**See,** ֵיהוָה has one who is mighty and **strong,** like a downpour of *hail* and a destroying *storm,* like a *flood* of mighty waters overflowing, who casts down to the earth with the **hand.**

3The *proud* crown of the drunkards of Ephrayim, is trampled under foot;

4and the fading flower of its splendid comeliness that is on the head of the fertile valley, like the **first fruit** before the summer, which, when one sees it, he eats it up while it is still in his **hand.**

5In that day יהוה of hosts is for a crown of splendour and a head-dress of comeliness to the **remnant** of **His** people,
6and a spirit of **right-ruling** to him who sits in right-ruling and strength to those who **turn back** the battle at the gate.
7And these too have gone *astray* through **wine** and through **strong** drink wandered about. Priest and **prophet** have gone *astray* through **strong** drink, they are swallowed up by **wine**, they *wander* about through **strong** drink, they go *astray* in **vision,** they *stumble* in **right-ruling.**
8For **all** tables ***shall* be** covered with *vomit,* no place without *filth*.
9***Whom*** would **He teach knowledge**? And whom would **He** make to **understand** the **message**? Those weaned from milk, those taken from the breasts!
10For it is: **command** upon **command, command** upon **command, line** upon **line**, **line** upon **line**, **here** a little, **there** a little.
11For with a jabbering lip and a foreign tongue **He** speaks to this people,
12to whom **He** said, "This is the **rest**, give **rest** to the *weary*," and, "This is the **refreshing**.*" **But** they would not* **hear.**
13***But*** the **Word** of יהוה was to them, "**Command** upon **command, command** upon **command,** line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little," so that they go and ***shall*** *stumble backward* and be *broken* and *snared* and *taken* captive.
14Therefore **hear** the **Word** of יהוה, you men of *scorn,* who **rule** this people who are in Yerushalayim,
15**because** you have said, "We have made a **covenant** with *death* and with the grave we have effected a **vision.** ***When*** the overflowing scourge passes through, it *does not* **come to** us, for we have made *lying* our refuge and under *falsehood* we have *hidden* ourselves."
16Therefore thus said the **Master** יהוה, "**See,** I am laying in Tsiyon a **stone** for a foundation, a tried **stone**, a **precious** corner-**stone**, a settled foundation. **He** who **trusts *shall*** not hasten away.
17And I ***shall*** make **right-ruling** the measuring line and **righteousness** the plummet. And the *hail* ***shall*** sweep away the **refuge** of *lying* and the *waters* overflow the hiding place.
18And your **covenant** with *death* ***shall* be** annulled and your **vision** with the grave not stand. ***When*** an overflowing scourge passes through, then you ***shall* be** *trampled* down by it.
19As often as it passes through it ***shall*** take you, for it ***shall*** pass through **every** morning and by day and by night. And it ***shall* be** only *trembling* to **understand** the message."
20For the bed ***shall* be** too short for a man to stretch out on and the covering ***shall* be** too **narrow** to wrap himself in it.
21For יהוה rises up as at Mount Peratsim and **He** is *wroth* as at the Valley of Gib'on, to do **His work, His** *strange* **work** and to do **His deed**, **His** *strange* **deed**.
22And **now**, *do not* be *scoffers*, lest your bonds be made strong. For I have **heard** from the **Master** יהוה of hosts, a ***destruction decreed upon all the earth.***
23Give ear and hear my voice, listen and hear my Word.
24Does the ploughman keep ploughing **all** day to sow? Does he keep turning his soil and breaking the clods?
25***When*** he has levelled its surface, does he not sow the caraway and *scatter* the cummin, plant the wheat in rows, the barley in the **appointed** place and the spelt in its place?
26For **He instructs** him for **right-ruling**, his **Elohim teaches** him.
27For caraway is not threshed with a threshing sledge, nor is a wagon wheel rolled over cummin, but caraway is *beaten* out with a stick and cummin with a rod.
28Grain is *crushed*, so one *does not* go on threshing it **forever**, nor *break* it with his wagon wheel, nor *crush* it with his

horsemen.
[29]Even this has **come** from יהוה of hosts, who did **wonders** in **counsel**, who made **wisdom** great.

29 **Woe** to Ari'ĕl, to Ari'ĕl, the city where Dawid dwelt! Add year to year, let festivals **come** around.
[2]"And I ***shall*** *distress* Ari'ĕl and there ***shall*** **be** *mourning* and *sorrow* and it ***shall*** **be** to **Me** as Ari'ĕl.
[3]"And I ***shall*** encamp *against* you **all** around, **I *shall* lay** siege *against* you with a mound and I ***shall*** **raise** siege-works *against* you.
[4]"And you ***shall*** **be** brought low and **speak** out of the ground and your speech ***shall*** **be** low, out of the dust. And your **voice *shall* be** like a medium's, out of the ground and your speech whisper out of the dust.
[5]"***But*** the crowd of those *strange* to you ***shall*** **be** like fine dust and the crowd of the *ruthless* ones as chaff blowing away. And it ***shall*** **be** in an instant, **suddenly**!"
[6]You ***shall*** **be visited** by יהוה of hosts with *thunder* and *earthquake* and **great** noise, with *whirlwind* and *storm* and *flame* of *devouring fire*.
[7]***Then*** the crowd of **all** the *gentiles* who *fight against* Ari'ĕl, even **all** who *fight against* her and her *stronghold* and *distress* her, ***shall*** **be** as a **dream** of a night **vision.**
[8]And it ***shall*** **be** as when a *hungry* man **dreams** and **see,** he eats; but he awakes and his being is empty; or as when a *thirsty* man **dreams** and **see,** he drinks; but he awakes and **see,** he is faint and his being is longing. Thus ***shall*** the crowd of **all** the *gentiles* be who *fight against* Mount Tsiyon.
[9]Pause and wonder! *blind* yourselves and be blind! They are drunk, but not with **wine**; they stagger, but not with **strong** drink.
[10]For יהוה has **poured out** on you the spirit of *deep sleep* and has *closed* your eyes, the **prophets.**
And **He** has *covered* your heads, the seers.
[11]And the **entire vision** is to you like the **words** of a **book** that is **sealed,** which men give to one who **knows book**s, saying, "**Read** this, please." And he said, "I am *unable*, for it is **sealed.**"
[12]And the **book** is **given** to one who *does not* **know book**s, saying, "**Read** this, please." And he said, "I have not **known book**s."
[13]And יהוה says, "**Because** this people has drawn **near** with its **mouth** and with its lips they have esteemed **Me** and it has kept its **heart** far from **Me** and their **fear** of **Me** has become a **command** of men that is taught!
[14]"Therefore, **see,** I am again doing a marvellous **work** among this people, a marvellous **work** and a **wonder.** And the **wisdom** of their **wise** men ***shall*** *perish* and the **understanding** of their clever men ***shall*** **be** *hidden*."
[15]**Woe** to those who **seek** deep to hide their counsel far from יהוה and their **works** are in the dark; they say, "***Who*** sees us?" and, "***Who*** **knows** us?"
[16]***How perverse*** of you! ***Should*** the potter be reckoned as the clay? ***Should*** what is made say of its **Maker**, "He *did not* make me"? And what is formed say of **Him** who formed it, "He *did not* understand"?
[17]Is it not yet **a** *little* **while** and Lebanon ***shall*** **be** turned into garden land and garden land be reckoned as a forest?
[18]And in that day the *deaf* ***shall*** **hear** the **words** of the **book** and the eyes of the *blind* ***shall*** **see** out of gloom and out of *darkness*.
[19]And the meek ones ***shall*** increase their **joy** in יהוה and the *poor* among men **rejoice** in the **Set-apart One** of Yisra'ĕl.
[20]For the *ruthless* one is brought to *naught,* the scorner is *consumed* and **all** who **watch** for evil ***shall*** **be** *cut* off,
[21]those who make a man to *sin* in **word and** lay a *snare* for him who reproves in the gate and turn aside the **righteous** with *empty* reasoning.

22Therefore thus said ꓤꓰꓢꓤ, who ransomed Aḇrahim, concerning the house of Ya'aqoḇ, "Ya'aqoḇ is no longer put to shame, no longer does his face grow pale.
23"For when he sees his children, the **work** of **My** hands, in his **midst**, they ***shall*** set-apart **My Name** and set-apart the set-apart **One** of Ya'aqoḇ and **fear** the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl.
24"And those who went *astray* **in spirit *shall* come to understanding** and the *grumblers* **accept instruction.**"

30 "**Woe** to the *stubborn* children," **declares** ꓤꓰꓢꓤ, "to make counsel, *but* not from **Me** and to devise plans, *but* not of **My Spirit, in order** to add *sin* to sin;
2who are setting out to go down to Mitsrayim and have *not* asked **My mouth,** to be strengthened in the strength of Pharaoh and to **seek refuge** in the shadow of Mitsrayim!
3"And the strength of Pharaoh ***shall*** become your shame and the **refuge** in the shadow of Mitsrayim your *confusion.*
4"For his princes were at Tso'an and his messengers came to Ḥanes.
5"They were **all** *ashamed* of a people who *do not* profit them, not for help or profit, but a *shame* and also a *reproach.*"
6The **message** concerning the beasts of the South. Through a land of *trouble* and *distress,* from which came the lioness and lion, the *adder* and fiery flying *serpent,* they convey their riches on the backs of young donkeys and their treasures on the humps of camels, to an unprofitable people,
7even Mitsrayim, whose help is vain and empty. Therefore I have called her RahaḇHĕm-Sheḇeth.
8And go, **write** it before them on a tablet and **inscribe** it on a scroll, that it is for a **latter** day, a **witness forever**:
9that this is a *rebellious* people, *lying* children, children who *refuse* to **hear** the **Torah** of ꓤꓰꓢꓤ,
10who say to the seers, "***Do*** *not* see," and to the **prophets,** "***Do*** *not* prophesy to us what is right. **Speak** to us what is smooth, prophesy *deceit*s.
11"Turn aside from the **way,** swerve from the path, **cause** the **Set-apart One** of Yisra'ĕl to cease from before us."
12Therefore thus said the **Set-apart One** of Yisra'ĕl, "**Because** you *despise* this **word and trust** in *oppression* and *perverseness* and ***rely*** on them,
13therefore this *crookedness* is to you like a *breach* **ready** to fall, a *bulge* in a high wall, whose *breaking* **comes suddenly**, **swiftly.**"
14And **He *shall*** *break* it like the breaking of the potter's vessel, which is broken in pieces, without sparing, so that there is not **found** among its fragments a sherd to take *fire* from the hearth, or to take water from the cistern.
15For thus said the **Master** ꓤꓰꓢꓤ, the set-apart **One** of Yisra'ĕl, "In **returning** and **rest** you are **saved,** in **stillness** and **trust** is your strength." ***But*** *you would not*,
16and you said, "No, for we ***flee*** upon horses," therefore you flee! And, "We ride on *swift* horses," therefore those who pursue you are swift!
17One thousand ***flee*** at the ***rebuke*** of one; at the ***rebuke*** of five you ***shall flee*** until you are left as a pole on top of a mountain and as a **sign** on a hill.
18And therefore ꓤꓰꓢꓤ ***shall*** **wait**, to **show** you **favour.** And therefore **He *shall* be** exalted, to have **compassion** on you. For ꓤꓰꓢꓤ is an **Elohim** of right-ruling. **blessed** are **all** those who **wait** for **Him.**
19For the people ***shall*** dwell in Tsiyon at Yerushalayim, you ***shall*** *weep* no more. **He *shall* show** much **favour** to you at the sound of your cry; when **He hears**, **He *shall*** answer you.
20Though ꓤꓰꓢꓤ gave you **bread** of adversity and water of *affliction*, your **Teacher *shall*** no longer be *hidden*. ***But*** your eyes ***shall*** **see** your **Teacher**,
21and your **ears hear** a **word** behind you, saying,
"**This is the Way, walk** in **it**," whenever you turn to the right,

or whenever you turn to the left.
[22]And you ***shall*** *defile* the covering of your graven *images* of silver and the plating of your *moulded images* of gold. *You* ***shall*** *throw* them away as a *menstrual* cloth and say to them, "Be gone!"
[23]And **He *shall*** give the rain for your seed with which you sow the ground and **bread** of the increase of the earth. And it ***shall*** **be** fat and rich, your cattle grazing in an enlarged pasture in that day,
[24]and the oxen and the young donkeys that **work** the ground eat seasoned fodder winnowed with shovel and fan.
[25]And on **every** high mountain and on **every** high hill there ***shall*** **be** rivers and streams of waters, in the **day of great** slaughter, when the towers fall.
[26]And the **light** of the moon ***shall*** **be** as the **light** of the sun and the **light** of the sun be sevenfold, as the **light** of seven days, in the day that **ꓤYHZ** binds up the *breach* of **His** people and **heals** the wound of **His** blows.
[27]**See,** the **Name** of **ꓤYHZ** is **coming** from afar, *burning* with **His** *wrath* and *heavy* smoke. **His** lips ***shall*** **be** filled with *rage* and **His** tongue be as a *devouring fire*;
[28]and **His** breath ***shall*** **be** as an overflowing stream, which reaches up to the neck, to sift the nations with a sieve of *falsehood* and a *misleading bridle* on the jaws of the peoples.
[29]**Let** the song be to you as in a night set-apart for a **festival** and **gladness** of **heart** as he who is going with a flute, to **come** into the mountain of **ꓤYHZ**, to the Rock of Yisra'ĕl.
[30]And **ꓤYHZ *shall* cause His excellent voice** to be **heard** and **show** the **coming** down of **His** arm, with raging *wrath* and the *flame* of a *consuming fire*, with scattering, downpour and hailstones.
[31]For through the **voice** of **ꓤYHZ** Ashshur is broken down, with a **rod He** *smites*.
[32]And **every** passage of the ordained staff which **ꓤYHZ** lays on him, ***shall*** **be** with tambourines and lyres, when **He *shall*** *fight* with it, battling with a brandishing arm.
[33]For Topheth was ordained of old, even for the sovereign it has been prepared. **He** has made it deep and large, its *fire* pit with much wood; the breath of **ꓤYHZ**, as a stream of *burning* sulphur, is *burning* in it!

31 **Woe** to those who go down to Mitsrayim for help and ***rely*** on horses, who **trust** in chariots **because** they are many and in horsemen **because** they are **very strong,** but who *do not* look to the **Set-apart One** of Yisra'ĕl, nor **seek ꓤYHZ**!
[2]And **He** also is **wise** and has brought *evil* and has not turned aside **His words**. And **He *shall* rise** up *against* the house of *evil-doers* and *against* the help of *workers* of *wickedness*.
[3]And the Mitsrites are men and not Ěl. And their horses are *flesh* and not spirit. And when **ꓤYHZ** stretches out **His hand,** both he who helps ***shall*** *stumble* and he who is helped ***shall fall.*** And they ***shall*** **all** fall, together.
[4]For this is what **ꓤYHZ** has said to me, "As a lion roars and a young lion over his prey, though a band of shepherds is called out *against* him, he is not *afraid* of their **voice** nor disturbed by their noise, so **ꓤYHZ** of hosts ***shall*** **come** down to *fight* upon Mount Tsiyon and upon its hill.
[5]"Like hovering birds, so does **ꓤYHZ** of hosts **protect** Yerushalayim – **protecting** and **delivering**, passing over and **rescuing**."
[6]Turn back to Him from whom the children of Yisra'ĕl have deeply fallen away.
[7]For in that day, let each man *reject* his *idols* of silver and his *idols* of gold, which your own hands have made for yourselves, as a *sin.*
[8]"And Ashshur ***shall fall*** by a *sword* not of man and a *sword* not of mankind ***shall*** *devour* him. ***But*** he ***shall flee*** from the *sword* and his young men ***shall*** become slave labour,

[9]and his strength pass away **because** of **fear** and his commanders ***shall*** **be** *afraid* of the banner," **declares** יהוה, whose **light** is in Tsiyon and whose furnace is in Yerushalayim.

32 **See,** a sovereign ***shall*** **reign** in **righteousness** and rulers **rule** in right-ruling.
[2]And each one ***shall*** **be** as a hiding place from the wind and a shelter from the downpour, as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a **great** rock in a *weary* land.
[3]And the eyes of those who **see** are not dim and the **ears** of those **who hear listen**.
[4]And the **heart** of the rash **understand knowledge** and the tongue of the stammerers hurries to **speak** plainly.
[5]A *fool* is no longer called noble, nor the *scoundrel* said to be respectable;
[6]for a *fool* speaks folly and his **heart works** *wickedness*: to *practise filthiness* and to **speak** *against* יהוה that which misleads, to starve the being of the hungry and to withhold the drink from the thirsty.
[7]And the methods of the scoundrel are *evil* – he has devised *wicked* plans to *destroy* the *poor* with **words** of *falsehood,* even when the needy pleads for right-ruling.
[8]***But*** the **generous** one devises what is generous and by generous **deeds** he rises up.
[9]Rise up, you women who are at ease, **hear** my **voice**; *rise up* you complacent daughters, **listen** to my speech.
[10]In *little* more than a year you ***shall*** **be** *troubled,* you complacent women; for the grape harvest ***shall*** *fail*, the ingathering ***shall*** not *come*.
[11]Tremble, you women who are at ease; be *troubled,* you complacent ones; strip yourselves, make yourselves bare and gird sackcloth on your waists.
[12]Lament upon the breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruit-bearing vine.
[13]Weeds and thornbushes **come** up over the ground of **My people**, indeed, over **all** the houses of joy, the city of revelry;
[14]for the palace is *abandoned*, the crowded city deserted. Hill and watchtower **serve** as caves **forever**, a **joy** of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks;
[15]until the **Spirit** is poured upon us from on high and the wilderness ***shall*** become garden-land and the garden-land be reckoned as a forest.
[16]***Then*** **right-ruling** ***shall*** dwell in the wilderness and **righteousness** remain in the garden-land.
[17]The **work** of **righteousness** ***shall*** **be** peace and the service of **righteousness** be rest and safety **forever**.
[18]And **My people** ***shall*** dwell in a home of peace and in safe dwellings and in undisturbed resting places,
[19]even when *hail* ***shall fall,*** felling the forest and the city be brought low in *humiliation.*
[20] **Blessed** are you who sow beside **all** waters, who send out the foot of the ox and the donkey.

33 **Woe** to you *ravager*, while you have not been ravaged and you *treacherous*, while they have not *betrayed* you! ***When*** you have ceased ravaging, you ***shall*** **be** *ravaged.* And when you stop betraying, they ***shall*** *betray* you.
[2]O יהוה, **show** us **favour,** for we have waited for **You.** Be their arm **every** morning, our **deliverance** also in **time** of *distress.*
[3]At the noise of the rumbling the people ***shall flee. When*** **You** lift **Yourself** up, the *gentiles* ***shall*** **be** *scattered*.
[4]And **Your** plunder ***shall*** **be** gathered like the gathering of the caterpillar; as locusts rush about, they rush upon them.
[5]יהוה is exalted, for **He** dwells on high; **He** has filled Tsiyon with **right-ruling** and **righteousness**.

[6]And **He** ***shall*** **be** the **trustworthiness** of your times, a wealth of **deliverance, wisdom** and **knowledge**.

The **fear** of **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ – that is His treasure.**

[7]**See,** their brave ones ***shall*** cry outside, the messengers of **peace** *weep bitterly*.

[8]The highways ***shall*** **be** deserted, the wayfaring man ***shall*** have ceased. **He** has broken the covenant, he has *despised* the cities, he respected no man.

[9]The earth ***shall*** *mourn* and *languish*, Leḇanon ***shall*** **be** ashamed. Sharon ***shall*** **be** withered like a desert and Bashan and Karmel be shaking.

[10]"**Now** I rise up," **declares ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**. "**Now** I am exalted, **now** I am lifted up.

[11]"You conceive chaff, you bring forth stubble, your spirit devours you like *fire*.

[12]"And peoples ***shall*** **be** like the burnings of lime, like thorns *cut* up they are *burned* in the *fire*.

[13]"You who are afar off, **hear** what I ***shall*** do; and you who are near, **know My** might."

[14]Sinners in Tsiyon ***shall*** **be** *afraid*; *trembling* ***shall*** grip the *defiled* ones, "***Who*** of us ***shall*** dwell with the *devouring fire*? ***Who*** of us ***shall*** dwell with **everlasting** *burnings*?"

[15]**He** who **walks righteously** and **speaks** what is **straight,** he who *rejects* the *gain* of oppressions, who keeps his hands from accepting bribes, who **stops** his **ears** from **hearing** of bloodshed and shuts his eyes from **seeing** *evil* –

[16]he ***shall*** inhabit the heights; *strongholds* of rocks be his refuge. **His bread *shall* be given** him, his water be steadfast.

[17]**Your** eyes ***shall*** **see** the Sovereign in **His** comeliness, **see** a land that is far off.

[18]**Your heart** ponders **fear,** "Where is the scribe? Where is he who weighs? Where is he who counts the towers?"

[19]No longer ***shall*** you **see** a **fierce** people, a people of too deep a lip to **hear,** of a jabbering tongue no one understands.

[20]See Tsiyon, the city of our **appointed** time; your eyes ***shall*** **see** Yerushalayim, an undisturbed home, a tent not taken down. Its stakes are never removed, nor any of its cords broken.

[21]***But*** there, **great** is **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ** for us; a place of broad rivers, streams, in which no boat with oars sails, nor big ships pass by –

[22]for ꓤꓴꓤꓩ is our Judge, ꓤꓴꓤꓩ is our Lawgiver, ꓤꓴꓤꓩ is our Sovereign, He saves us –

[23]your ropes ***shall*** **be** slack, they *do not* strengthen their mast, they ***shall*** not spread the sail. ***Then*** the prey of **great** plunder ***shall*** **be** divided, the *lame* ***shall*** take the prey.

[24]Neither ***shall*** the inhabitant say, "I am *sick,*" The people who dwell in it is **forgiven** their *crookedness*!

34 **Come near** you *gentiles,* to **hear.** And **listen**, you people! **Let** the earth **hear** and **all** that is in it, the world and **all** its offspring.

[2]For the *displeasure* of **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ** is *against* **all** the *gentiles,* and **His** *wrath against* **all** their *divisions*. **He *shall*** put them under the **ban, He *shall*** give them over to the slaughter,

[3]and their *slain* be *thrown* out and their *stench* rise from their corpses. And mountains ***shall*** **be** melted with their blood.

[4]And **all** the host of the heavens ***shall*** *rot* away. And the heavens ***shall*** **be** rolled up like a scroll and **all** their host fade like a leaf fading on the vine and like the fading one of a fig *tree.*

[5]"For **My** *sword* ***shall*** **be** drenched in the **heavens.** Look, it **comes** down on Eḏom and on the people of **My** *curse,* for judgment.

[6]"The *sword* of **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ *shall* be** filled with **blood,** it ***shall*** **be** made overflowing with fatness and with the **blood** of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ** has a slaughtering in Botsrah and a **great** slaughter in the land of Eḏom.

[7]"And wild oxen ***shall*** **come** down with them and young bulls with bulls. And their land ***shall*** **be** drenched with **blood** and their dust made fat with fatness."

[8]For it is the **day of** the **vengeance** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, the **year** of **recompense** for the **cause** of Tsiyon.
[9]And its streams ***shall*** **be** turned into tar and its dust into sulphur and its land ***shall*** become *burning* tar,
[10]that is not *quenched* night or day, its smoke going up **forever**. From generation to generation it lies *waste,* no one passes through it **forever** and **ever,**
[11]so that the pelican and the porcupine **possess** it, also the owl and the raven dwell in it. And **He** ***shall*** stretch out over it the line of formlessness and stones of *emptiness*.
[12]Its caves, with no one in them, is called a reign, but **all** its rulers have vanished.
[13]And thorns ***shall*** **come** up in its palaces, nettles and brambles in its *strongholds*. And it ***shall*** **be** a home for jackals, a courtyard for ostriches.
[14]And the wild beasts of the desert ***shall*** also meet with the jackals and the shaggy goat **call** to its companion. The night creature ***shall*** also settle there and ***shall*** find for herself a place of rest.
[15]The arrow snake ***shall*** nest there and lay ***eggs*** and hatch and **gather** them under her shadow. There too the vultures ***shall*** gather, each with its mate.
[16]Search from the **book** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ and read: not one of these ***shall*** **be** missing, not one ***shall*** **be** without a mate, for **He** has **commanded** my **mouth.** And **His Spirit** ***shall*** **gather** them.
[17]And **He** ***shall*** *cast* the **lot** for them and **His hand** ***shall*** divide it among them with a measuring line – they **possess** it **forever**, from generation to generation they dwell in it.

35 **Let** the wilderness and the dry place be **glad** for them and let the desert **rejoice** and blossom as the rose.
[2]It blossoms much and **rejoices,** even with **joy** and singing. The **esteem** of Leḇanon ***shall*** **be given** to it, the excellence of Karmel and Sharon. They ***shall*** **see** the **esteem** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, the excellency of our **Elohim**.
[3]Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the weak knees.
[4]Say to those with anxious **heart,** "Be strong, *do not* **fear**! **See,** your **Elohim comes** with **vengeance**, with the **recompense** of **Elohim**. **He** is **coming** to **save** you."
[5]***Then*** the eyes of the *blind* ***shall*** **be** opened and the **ears** of the *deaf* be opened.
[6]***Then*** the *lame* ***shall*** leap like a deer and the tongue of the *dumb* sing, **<u>because</u>** waters ***shall*** burst forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.
[7]And the parched ground ***shall*** become a pool and the thirsty land springs of water – in the home for jackals, where each lay, grass with reeds and rushes.
[8]And there ***shall*** **be** a highway and a **way** and it ***shall*** **be** called "The Way of Set-apartness." The *unclean does not* pass over it, but it is for those who **walk** the **way** and no fools *wander on it*.
[9]No lion is there, nor any ravenous beast go up on it, it is not **found** there. ***But*** the redeemed ***shall*** **walk** there.
[10]And the ransomed of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ ***shall*** **return** and enter Tsiyon with singing, with **everlasting joy** on their heads. They ***shall*** obtain **joy** and **gladness** and *sorrow* and *sighing* ***shall flee*** away.

36 And it came to be in the fourteenth year of Sovereign Ḥizqiyahu that Sanḥĕriḇ sovereign of Ashshur came up *<u>against</u>* **all** the walled cities of Yahuḏah and took them.
[2]And the sovereign of Ashshur **sent** the Raḇshaqĕh with a **great** army from Laḵish to Sovereign Ḥizqiyahu at Yerushalayim. And he stood by the channel of the upper pool, on the highway to the Launderer's Field.
[3]And there came to him Elyaqim son of Ḥilqiyahu, who was over the household and Sheḇnah the scribe and Yo'aḥ son of Asaph, the recorder.
[4]The Raḇshaqĕh then said to them, "Please say to Ḥizqiyahu, 'Thus said

the **great** sovereign, the sovereign of Ashshur, "***What* trust** is this in which you trust?
5"I say: You **speak** of having counsel and strength for battle, but they are vain **words**. **Now** in whom do you **trust,** that you have *rebelled* <u>*against*</u> me?
6"Look! You are **trusting** in the staff of this broken reed, Mitsrayim, on which if a man leans, it ***shall*** go into his **hand** and pierce it. So is Pharaoh the sovereign of Mitsrayim to **all** who **trust** in him.
7"***But*** if you say to me, 'We **trust** in ה׳ our **Elohim**,' is it not **He** whose *high places* and whose altars Ḥizqiyahu has taken away and has said to Yahuḏah and to Yerushalayim, 'Bow yourselves before this altar'?
8"And **now**, I urge you, please give a **pledge** to my master the sovereign of Ashshur and I give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to put riders on them!
9"And how do you *refuse* one officer of the least of my master's servants and put your **trust** in Mitsrayim for chariots and horsemen?
10"And **now**, have I **come** up without ה׳ <u>*against*</u> this land to *destroy* it? ה׳ said to me, 'Go up <u>*against*</u> this land and *destroy* it.' "
11And Elyaqim, Sheḇnah and Yo'aḥ said to the Raḇshaqĕh, "Please **speak** to your servants in Aramaic, for we **understand** it. And *do not* **speak** to us in the **language** of Yahuḏah in the **hearing** of the people who are on the wall."
12***But*** the Raḇshaqĕh said, "Has my master **sent** me to your master and to you to **speak** these **words** and not to the men who sit on the wall, to eat their own *dung* and drink their own urine with you?"
13And the Raḇshaqĕh stood and called out with a loud **voice** in the **language** of Yahuḏah and said, **"Hear** the **words** of the **great** sovereign, the sovereign of Ashshur!
14"Thus said the sovereign, '***Do* not** let Ḥizqiyahu ***deceive*** you, for he is *unable* to **deliver** you,
15and *do not* let Ḥizqiyahu make you **trust** in ה׳, saying, "ה׳ ***shall*** certainly **deliver** us, this city is not **given** into the **hand** of the sovereign of Ashshur." '
16"'***Do* not listen** to Ḥizqiyahu, for thus said the sovereign of Ashshur, 'Make **peace** with me by a present and **come out** to me. And let each of you eat from his own **vine** and each from his own fig *tree* and each of you drink the waters of his own cistern,
17until I come. ***Then*** I ***shall*** take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new **wine**, a land of **bread** and vineyards.
18'Beware lest Ḥizqiyahu mislead you, saying, "ה׳ ***shall* deliver** us." Has any one of the *mighty ones* of the nations **delivered** its land from the **hand** of the sovereign of Ashshur?
19'Where are the *mighty ones* of Ḥamath and Arpaḏ? Where are the *mighty ones* of Sepharwayim? And when have they **delivered** Shomeron from my **hand?**
20'***Who*** among **all** the *mighty ones* of these lands have **delivered** their land from my **hand,** that ה׳ should **deliver** Yerushalayim from my **hand?**' "
21***But*** they were *silent* and answered him not a **word,** for the **command** of the sovereign was, "***Do* not** answer him."
22And Elyaqim son of Ḥilqiyahu, who was over the household, Sheḇnah the scribe and Yo'aḥ son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Ḥizqiyahu with their garments torn and they reported to him the **words** of the Raḇshaqĕh.

37 And it came to be, when Sovereign Ḥizqiyahu **heard** it, that he tore his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth and went into the House of ה׳,
2and **sent** Elyaqim, who was over the household and Sheḇnah the scribe and the elders of the priests, covering themselves with sackcloth,

to Yeshayahu the **prophet,** the son of Amots.

3And they said to him, "Thus said Ḥizqiyahu, 'This day is a **day of** *distress* and ***rebuke*** and *scorn,* for the children have **come to** birth, but there is no strength to bring forth.

4"'It could be that **꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ** your **Elohim** does **hear** the **words** of the Raḇshaqĕh, whom his master the sovereign of Ashshur has **sent** to *reproach* the **living Elohim** and ***shall rebuke*** the **words** which **꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ** your **Elohim** has **heard**. Therefore lift up your prayer for the **remnant** that is left.' "

5So the servants of Sovereign Ḥizqiyahu came to Yeshayahu,

6And Yeshayahu said to them, "Say this to your master, 'Thus said **꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ**, "***Do*** *not* be *afraid* of the **words** which you have **heard**, with which the servants of the sovereign of Ashshur have *reviled* **Me.**

7"'**See,** I am putting a spirit in him and he ***shall*** **hear** a report and **return** to his own land. And I ***shall*** **cause** him to *fall* by the *sword* in his own land." ' "

8And the Raḇshaqĕh returned and **found** the sovereign of Ashshur *fighting* <u>*against*</u> Liḇnah, for he had **heard** that he had left Laḵish.

9And he **heard** concerning Tirhaqah sovereign of Kush, "He has **come out** to *fight* with you." And when he **heard** it, he **sent** messengers to Ḥizqiyahu, saying,

10**"Speak** to Ḥizqiyahu the sovereign of Yahuḏah, saying, '***Do*** *not* let your **Elohim** in whom you **trust** ***deceive*** you, saying, "Yerushalayim is not **given** into the **hand** of the sovereign of Ashshur."

11"'**See,** you have **heard** what the sovereigns of Ashshur have done to **all** lands by putting them under the **ban.** And are you going to be **delivered**?

12"'Have the *mighty ones* of the nations **delivered** those whom my fathers have **destroyed**, Gozan and Ḥaran and Retseph and the sons of Ĕḏen who were in Telassar?

13"'Where is the sovereign of Ḥamath and the sovereign of Arpaḏ and the sovereign of the city of Sepharwayim, Hĕna and Iwwah?' "

14And Ḥizqiyahu received the letter from the **hand** of the messengers and **read** it. And Ḥizqiyahu went up to the House of **꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ** and spread it before **꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ**.

15And Ḥizqiyahu prayed to **꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ**,

16"O **꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ** of hosts, **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, the **One** who dwells between the kerubim, **You** are **Elohim**, **You** alone, of **all** the reigns of the earth. **You** have made the heavens and earth.

17"Incline **Your** ear, O **꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ** and **hear. open Your** eyes, O **꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ** and **see.** And **hear all** the **words** of Sanḥĕriḇ, who has **sent** to *reproach* the **living Elohim**.

18"'**Truly**, **꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ**, the sovereigns of Ashshur have laid *waste* **all** the lands and their land,

19and have put their *mighty ones* into the *fire*, for they were not *mighty ones*, but the **work** of men's hands, ***wood*** and stone. And they ***destroyed*** them.

20"'And **now**, O **꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ** our **Elohim**, **save** us from his **hand,** so that **all** the reigns of the earth **know** that **You** are **꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ**, **You** alone."

21***Then*** Yeshayahu son of Amots **sent** to Ḥizqiyahu, saying, "Thus said **꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ** **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, '**<u>Because</u>** you have prayed to **Me** <u>*against*</u> Sanḥĕriḇ sovereign of Ashshur,

22this is the **word** which **꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ** has **spoken** concerning him, "The maiden, the daughter of Tsiyon, has *despised* you, *mocked* you; the daughter of Yerushalayim has *shaken* her head behind you!

23"'***Whom*** have you *reproached* and *reviled*? And <u>*against*</u> whom have you **raised** your **voice** and lifted up your eyes in *pride*? ***Against*** the **Set-apart One** of Yisra'ĕl!

24"By the **hand** of your servants you have *reproached* **꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ** and said, 'With my many chariots I have **come** up to the height of the mountains, to the limits of Leḇanon. And I *cut down* its tall cedars

and its choice cypress trees and enter its farthest height, its thickest forest.
25"'I have dug and drunk water and with the soles of my feet I have dried up **all** the streams of defence.'
26"'Have you not **heard** long ago how I made it, from days of old, that I formed it? **Now** I have brought it about, that you should be for crushing walled cities into heaps of ruins.
27"'And their inhabitants were powerless, they were *overthrown* and put to *shame.* They were as the grass of the field and as the green plant, as the grass on the housetops and as grain blighted before it is grown.
28"'***But*** I **know** your sitting down, your going out, your **coming** in and your *rage against* **Me.**
29"'**Because** your *rage against* **Me** and your *pride* have **come** up to **My ears,** I ***shall*** put **My** *hook* in your nose and **My** *bridle* in your lips and **I *shall turn*** you back by the **way** which you came.
30"'And this ***shall*** **be** the **sign** for you: This year you eat such as grows of itself and the second year what springs from that and in the third year sow and reap, plant vineyards and eat the **fruit** of them.
31"'And the **remnant** who have **escaped** of the house of Yahuḏah ***shall*** again take **root downward** and bear **fruit upward**.
32"'For out of Yerushalayim **comes** forth a **remnant** and those who **escape** from Mount Tsiyon – the **ardour** of יהוה of hosts does this.
33"'Therefore thus said יהוה concerning the sovereign of Ashshur, '**He** *does not* **come** into this city, nor does he shoot an arrow there, nor does he **come** before it with shield, nor does he build a siege mound *against* it.
34'By the **way** that he came, by the **same** he turns back. And into this city he *does not* come,' **declares** יהוה.
35'And I ***shall*** defend this city, to **save** it for **My** own sake and for the sake of **My** servant Dawiḏ.' "
36And a messenger of יהוה went out and *killed* in the camp of Ashshur one hundred and eighty-five thousand. And they arose early in the morning and **saw all** of them, *dead* bodies.
37And Sanḥĕriḇ the sovereign of Ashshur broke camp and went away and turned back and remained at Ninewĕh.
38And it came to be, as he was bowing himself in the house of ***Nisro***ḵ his *mighty one*, that his sons Aḏrammelek and Shar'etser *smote* him with the *sword* and **escaped** into the land of Ararat. And his son Ēsarḥaddon reigned in his place.

38 In those days Ḥizqiyahu was *sick* and **near** *death.* And Yeshayahu the **prophet,** the son of Amots, came to him and said to him, "Thus said יהוה, 'Set your house in order, for you are going to *die* and not **live.**' "
2And Ḥizqiyahu turned his face toward the wall and prayed to יהוה,
3and said, "I pray, O יהוה, please **remember** how I have walked before **You** in **truth** and with a **perfect heart** and have done what is **good** in **Your** eyes." And Ḥizqiyahu wept *bitterly*.
4And the **Word** of יהוה came to Yeshayahu, saying,
5"'Go and say to Ḥizqiyahu, 'Thus said יהוה, the **Elohim** of Dawiḏ your father, "I have **heard** your prayer, I have **seen** your tears. **See,** I am adding fifteen years to your days.
6"'And out of the **hand** of the sovereign of Ashshur I ***shall*** **deliver** you and this city and protect this city." '
7"'And this is the **sign** to you from יהוה, that יהוה does this **word** which **He** has **spoken** :
8"'**See,** I am bringing the shadow on the sundial, which has gone down with the sun on the sundial of Aḥaz, ten degrees backward." And the sun returned ten degrees on the dial by which it had gone down.
9This is the **writing** of Ḥizqiyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah, when he had been *sick* and had **recovered** from his *sickness*:
10I said, "Am I to go into the gates of the grave in the prime of my **life**? ***shall*** I be deprived of the rest of my years?"

[11]I said, "I ***shall*** not **see Yah** – **Yah** in the land of the **living**! I ***shall*** no longer look on man with the inhabitants of the world!
[12]"My dwelling is *plucked* up, taken from me like a shepherd's tent. I have *cut off* my **life** like a weaver; **He** *cuts* me off from the loom. From day to night You make an end of me.
[13]"I soothed myself until morning. Like a lion, so **He** shatters **all** my bones. From day to night You make an end of me.
[14]"Like a swallow or a thrush, so I chattered; I moaned like a dove; my eyes look weakly on high. O ꓤYHZ, I am *oppressed*, undertake for me!
[15]"***What*** do I say? For **He** has **spoken** to me and **He Himself** has acted. Softly I go, **all** my years, **<u>because</u>** of the *bitterness* of my being.
[16]"O ꓤYHZ, by these do *men* **live** and my spirit finds **life** in **all** of them. Restore me and make me **live.**
[17]"**See,** for **peace** I had what was bitter, bitter. ***But*** **You** have lovingly **delivered** my being from the pit of *corruption*, for **You** have *cast* **all** my *sins* behind **Your** back.
[18]"For the grave *does not* **thank You,** nor *death* **praise You**; those who go down to the pit *do not* **watch** for **Your truth**.
[19]"The **living**, the **living** – he is praising **You,** as I do this day. A father makes **known Your truth** to his children.
[20]"ꓤYHZ, **come to save me**! And let us sing my songs with stringed instruments **all** the days of our **life** in the House of ꓤYHZ."
[21]For Yeshayahu had said, "**Let** them take a cake of figs and apply it on the boil, so that he **lives.**"
[22]And Ḥizqiyahu asked,"***What*** is the **sign** that I go up to the House of ꓤYHZ?"

39 At that **time** Merodak-Baladan son of Baladan, sovereign of Babel, **sent** letters and a present to Ḥizqiyahu, for he **heard** that he had been *sick* and had **recovered**.
[2]And Ḥizqiyahu was pleased with them and showed them the house of his treasures, the silver and gold, the spices and **precious** ointment and **all** his armoury and **all** that was **found** among his treasures. There was not an object in his house or in **all** his **rule** that Ḥizqiyahu *did not* **show** them.
[3]And Yeshayahu the **prophet** went to Sovereign Ḥizqiyahu and said to him, "***What*** did these men say and from where did they **come to** you?" And Ḥizqiyahu said, "They came to me from a distant land, from Babel."
[4]And he said, "***What*** have they **seen** in your house?" And Ḥizqiyahu said, "They have **seen all** that is in my house; there is not an object among my treasures that I *did not* **show** them."
[5]So Yeshayahu said to Ḥizqiyahu, **"Hear** the **Word** of ꓤYHZ of hosts:
[6]'**See,** the days are **coming** when **all** that is in your house and what your fathers have stored up until this day, ***shall*** **be** taken away to Babel; not a matter ***shall*** **be** left,' **declares** ꓤYHZ.
[7]'And they ***shall*** take some of your sons who are born to you, whom you bring forth. And they ***shall*** **be** eunuchs in the palace of the sovereign of Babel.' "
[8]And Ḥizqiyahu said to Yeshayahu, "The **Word** of ꓤYHZ which you have **spoken** is **good**!" And he said, "**<u>Because</u>** there is **peace** and **truth** in my days."

40 "Comfort, comfort **My people**!" says your **Elohim**.
[2]**"Speak** to the **heart** of Yerushalayim and cry out to her, that her hard service is completed, that her *crookedness* is pardoned, that she has received from the **hand** of ꓤYHZ double for **all** her *sins*."
[3]The **voice** of one crying in the wilderness, "**Prepare** the **way** of ꓤYHZ; **make straight** in the desert a highway for our **Elohim**.
[4]"**Let every** valley be **raised** and **every** mountain and hill made low.

And the steep ground ***shall*** become level and the *rough* places smooth.
[5]"And the **esteem** of ***shall*** **be revealed** and **all** *flesh* **together** ***shall*** **see** it. The **mouth** of has **spoken."**
[6]The **voice** said, "Cry out!" and he said, "***What*** do I cry?" "All *flesh* is grass and **all** its loveliness is like the flower of the field.
[7]"Grass ***shall*** wither, the flower ***shall*** fade, when the **Spirit** of has blown on it! **Truly** the people is *grass*!
[8]"Grass ***shall*** wither, the flower ***shall*** fade but the **Word** of our **Elohim** stands **forever**."
[9]You who bring the besorah to Tsiyon, get up into the high mountain. You who bring the besorah to Yerushalayim, lift up your **voice** with strength, lift it up, be not *afraid*. **Say** to the cities of Yahuḏah, "**See** your **Elohim**!"
[10]**See,** the **Master comes** with a **strong hand** and **His** arm rules for **Him. See, His** reward is with **Him** and **His recompense** before **Him.**
[11]**He** feeds **His** flock like a shepherd, **He** gathers the lambs with **His** arm and carries them in **His** bosom, gently leading those who are with young.
[12]***Who*** has measured the waters in the hollow of his **hand** and measured the heavens with a span and contained the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?
[13]***Who*** has meted out the **Spirit** of , or as **His** counsellor **taught Him**?
[14]With whom did **He** take counsel and who **instructed Him** and **taught Him** in the path of right-ruling? ***Who*** **taught Him knowledge** and showed **Him** the **way** of **understanding**?
[15]**See,** nations are as a drop in a bucket and are reckoned as dust on the balance. **See, He** lifts up isles as fine dust.
[16]And Leḇanon is not enough to burn, nor its beasts enough for a burnt offering.
[17]All nations before **Him** are as a non-entity and they are reckoned by **Him** as less than a speck and *emptiness*.
[18]And to whom would you liken Ěl? And what likeness would you compare to **Him**?
[19]The workman moulds a graven *image* and the goldsmith overspreads it with gold and the silversmith casts silver chains.
[20]He who is too *poor* for such an offering **chooses** a *tree* that *does not* rot. **He** seeks for himself a skilled craftsman to **prepare** a *carved image* that *does not* totter.
[21]Did you not **know?** Have you not **heard**? Has it not been **declared** to you from the beginning? Have you not **understood** from the foundations of the earth?
[22]It **is He** who sits above the circle of the earth and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in,
[23]who brings princes to *naught,* ***shall*** make the rulers of the earth as *emptiness*.
[24]Hardly have they been planted, hardly have they been sown, hardly has their stock taken root in the earth, when **He** ***shall*** **blow** on them and they wither and a *whirlwind* take them away like *stubble*.
[25]"And to whom then do you liken **Me,** or *to whom* am I compared?" says the **Set-apart One**.
[26]Lift up your eyes on high and **see.** ***Who*** has created these? **He** who is bringing out their host by number, **He** calls them **all** by name, by the greatness of **His** might and the strength of **His power** – not one is missing.
[27]***Why*** do you say, O Yaʽaqoḇ and speak, O Yisraʼěl, "My **way** is *hidden* from and my rights are overlooked by my **Elohim**"?
[28]Did you not **know?** Have you not **heard**? The **everlasting Elohim**, , the **Creator** of the ends of the earth, neither *faints* nor is *weary*. **His understanding** is **unsearchable**.
[29]**He** gives **power** to the faint and to those who have no might **He** increases strength.
[30]Even youths ***shall*** faint and be *weary*

and young men *stumble* and fall,
31but those who **wait** on יהוה renew
their strength, they **raise** up the wing
like eagles, they **run** and are not *weary*,
they **walk** and *do not faint*.

41 "Be *silent* before **Me,** you coast
lands and let peoples renew their power!
Let them **come** near, then **let** them
speak. **Let** us **come together** for
right-ruling.
2"***Who* raised** up the **righteous** one
from the east, called him to **His** foot,
gave the nations before him and made
sovereigns submit to him? **He** gave
them as the dust to his *sword,* as *driven*
stubble to his bow.
3"**He** pursued them, passed over in
safety, by a path that he had not gone
with his feet.
4"***Who*** has performed and done
it, calling the generations from the
beginning**? 'I, יהוה, am the first** and
with the last I am He.' "
5Coastlands **see** it and **fear,** the ends
of the earth are *afraid* – they draw **near**
and come.
6Everyone helps his neighbour and
says to his brother, "Be strong!"
7And the craftsman **encourages** the
goldsmith. He who smooths with the
hammer inspires him who strikes the
anvil, saying of the joining, "It is **good**."
And he fastens it with nails, so it *does
not* totter.
8 ***But*** you, Yisra'el, are My servant,
Ya'aqoḇ, whom I have **chosen**, the
descendants of Aḇrahim **My** friend,
9whom I have taken from the ends
of the earth and called from its farthest
parts and said to **You,** 'You are **My**
servant, I have **chosen** you and have ***not***
rejected you.
10'***Do not* fear,** for **I am with you. *Do***
not look around, for I am your **Elohim**.
I ***shall*** strengthen you, I ***shall*** also help
you, I ***shall*** also uphold you with the
right hand of **My righteousness**.'
11"**See, all** those who *raged <u>against</u>*
you are *ashamed* and blush, they are as
nonexistent. And the men who *strive*
with you *perish.*
12"You **seek** them but *do not* find them,
those who *struggle* with you. Those who
fight you are as non-existent, as *naught*.
13"For I, יהוה your **Elohim**, am
holding your **right hand,** saying to you,
'***Do not* fear, I *shall* help you**.'
14"***Do not* fear,** you worm Ya'aqoḇ,
you men of Yisra'ĕl! I ***shall*** help you,"
declares יהוה and your **Redeemer**,
the **Set-apart One** of Yisra'ĕl.
15"**See,** I ***shall*** make you into a new
threshing sledge with sharp *teeth*, let you
thresh mountains and beat them small
and make hills like chaff.
16"You winnow them, the *wind* lifts
them up and the *whirlwind* scatters them;
but you, you **rejoice** in יהוה and
boast in the **Set-apart One** of **Yisra'ĕl**.
17"***When*** the *poor* and needy **seek** water
and there is none and their tongues have
failed for thirst, I, יהוה, do answer
them; I, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, *do not
forsake* them.
18"I **open** rivers on bare hills and
fountains in the **midst** of valleys; I make
a wilderness become a pool of water and
a dry land springs of water.
19"I set in the wilderness cedar, acacia
and myrtle and oil tree; I place in
the desert cypress, pine and box *tree*
together.
20"So that they **see** and **know** and
consider and **understand** together,
that the **hand** of יהוה has done this
and the **Set-apart One** of Yisra'ĕl has
created it.
21"**Present** your case," says יהוה.
"**Let** your **strong** *ones* **come** near," says
the Sovereign of Ya'aqoḇ.
22"**Let** them draw **near** and **declare** to
us what is going to take place; let them
declare the former *events*, what they
were and we consider them and **know**
the **latter** end of them; or **announce** to
us what is **coming**.
23"**Declare** the *events* that are going to
come hereafter and we **know** that you
are *mighty ones*; yea, do **good** or do *evil*
and let us be amazed and **see** it together.
24"**See,** you are of *naught* and your

work a breath; he who **chooses** you is an **abomination**.
25"I have stirred up one from the north and he comes; from the rising of the sun he calls on **My Name.** And he **comes** *against* princes as though mortar, as the potter treads clay.
26"***Who*** has **declared** from the beginning and we **know?** and former times and we say, 'He is righteous'? No, no one is **declaring**; no, no one is **proclaiming**; no, no one is **hearing** your **words**.
27"**He** who is **First** *said* to Tsiyon, '**See, see** them!' And to Yerushalayim I give one who brings the **besorah** .
28"And I **see** that there is no man and of these, there is no counsellor, who, when I **ask** of them, answers a **word.**
29"**See, all** of them are *useless*, their **works** are *naught,* their *moulded images* are *wind* and *confusion.*

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"See, My Servant whom I uphold, My Chosen One My being has delighted in! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He brings forth right-ruling to the nations.

2"**He** *does not* cry out, nor lifts up **His voice**, nor **causes His voice** to be **heard** in the street.
3"A crushed reed **He** *does not* break and smoking flax **He** *does not* quench. **He** brings forth **right-ruling** in **accordance with truth.**
4"He *does not* become weak or crushed, until **He** has **established right-ruling** in the earth. And the coastlands wait for **His Torah**."
5Thus said the Ěl, יהוה, who created the heavens and **stretched** them out, who spread forth the earth and that which **comes** from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who **walk** on it:
6"I, יהוה, have called You in **righteousness** and I take hold of **Your hand** and **guard You** and give You for a **covenant** to a people, for a **light** to the *gentiles,*
7to **open** *blind* eyes, to bring out prisoners from the prison, those who sit in *darkness* from the prison house.
8"**I am** יהוה, that is **My Name** and **My esteem** I *do not give* to another, nor **My praise** to *idols.*
9"**See,** the former *predictions* have come and new ones I am **declaring**; before they spring forth I'll let you **hear** them."
10Sing to יהוה a new song; **His praise** from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea and **all** that is in it, you coastlands and you inhabitants of them!
11**Let** the wilderness and its cities lift up their **voice**, the villages where Qĕḏar dwells. **Let** the inhabitants of Sela sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.
12**Let** them give **esteem** to יהוה and **declare His praise** in the coastlands.
13יהוה goes forth like a mighty man. **He** stirs up **ardour** like a fighter. **He** cries out, yea, shout aloud. Over **His** enemies **He** shows **Himself** mighty.
14"I have kept *silent* from of old, I have been still and held **Myself** back. Like a woman in labour I **now** cry out, I pant and gasp at once.
15"I *lay waste* mountains and hills and I dry up **all** their plants. And I ***shall*** make rivers become coastlands and I dry up pools.
16"And I ***shall*** lead the *blind* by a **way** they have not **known** – in paths they have not **known** I lead them. I make *darkness* **light** before them and *crooked* places **straight.** These matters I ***shall*** do for them and I ***shall*** not *forsake* them.
17"Those who **trust** in *idols,* who say to the *moulded images*, 'You are our *mighty ones*,' ***shall*** **be** turned back, *utterly ashamed*.
18"**Hear,** you deaf! And **look**, you *blind,* and **see.**
19"***Who*** is *blind* but **My** servant, or *deaf* as **My** messenger whom I send? ***Who*** is *blind* as he who is at peace and *blind* as servant of יהוה?
20"You **see** much but *do not* **observe**;

your **ears** are open, but *do not* **hear.**"
[21]It has **delighted** יהוה, for the sake of **His righteousness**, to make the **Torah great and esteemed.**
[22]***But*** this is a people *robbed* and *plundered*, **all** of them are *snared* in holes and they are *hidden* in prison houses. They have become a *prey*, with no one to **deliver** – for *plunder* and no one to say, "**Restore!**"
[23]***Who*** among you gives ear to this, pays attention and **hears** for the **time** to **come?**
[24]***Who*** gave Ya'aqoḇ for plunder and Yisra'ĕl to the robbers? Was it not יהוה, **He** *against* whom we *sinned*? For they *would not* **walk** in **His** ways and they ***did not obey*** **His Torah**!
[25]So **He** has poured on him **His** *burning displeasure* and the strength of battle and it set him on *fire* **all** around, yet he *did not* **understand.** And it *burned against* him, yet he *did not* take it to heart!

43 ***But*** **now** thus said יהוה, your **Creator**, O Ya'aqoḇ and **He** who formed you, O Yisra'ĕl, "***Do not*** **fear,** for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name, you are **Mine.**
[2]"***When*** you pass through the waters, **I am with you**; and through rivers, they *do not* overflow you. ***When*** you **walk** through *fire*, you are not scorched and a *flame does not* burn you.
[3]"For I am יהוה your **Elohim**, the set-apart **One** of Yisra'ĕl, your **Saviour**; I gave Mitsrayim for your ransom, Kush and Seḇa in your place.
[4]"Since you were **precious** in **My** eyes, you have been esteemed and I have **loved** you. And I give men in your place and peoples for your **life**.
[5]"***Do not*** **fear,** for **I am with you.** I ***shall*** bring your seed from the east and **gather** you from the west.
[6]"I ***shall*** say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, '***Do not*** keep them back!' Bring **My** sons from afar and **My** daughters from the ends of the earth –
[7]all those who are called by **My Name,** whom I have created, formed, even made for **My** esteem."
[8]**He *shall*** bring out a *blind* people who have eyes and *deaf* ones who have **ears.**
[9]All the nations ***shall*** **be assembled** and the peoples be gathered. ***Who*** among them **declares** this and **show** us former *events*? **Let** them give their **witnesses,** to be **declared** right; or let them **hear** and say, "It is **truth**."
[10]"You are **My witnesses,**" **declares** יהוה, "And **My** servant whom I have **chosen**, so that you **know** and **believe Me** and **understand** that **I am He.** Before **Me** there was no Ěl formed, nor after **Me** there is none.
[11]**"I, I am** יהוה and **besides Me there is no saviour.**
[12]"I, I have **declared** and **saved** and made **known** and there was no foreign *mighty one* among you. You are **My witnesses,**" **declares** יהוה, "that I am Ěl.
[13]"Even from the day **I am He** and no one delivers out of **My hand.** I **work** and who turns it back?"
[14]Thus said יהוה, your **Redeemer**, the **Set-apart One** of Yisra'ĕl, "For your sake **I *shall* send** to Baḇel and bring them **all** down as fugitives, even the Chaldeans, who **rejoice** in their ships.
[15]"I am יהוה, your **Set-apart One, Creator** of Yisra'ĕl, your Sovereign."
[16]Thus said יהוה, who makes a **way** in the sea and a path through the mighty waters,
[17]who brings forth the chariot and horse, the army and the **power** (they *lie* down together, they *do not* rise, they have been extinguished, they have been *quenched* like a wick):
[18]"***Do not*** ***remember*** the former *events*, nor consider the *events* of old.
[19]"**See,** I am doing what is new, let it **now** spring forth. ***Do*** you not **know** it? I am even making a **way** in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
[20]"The beast of the field esteems **Me,** the jackals and the ostriches, **because** I have **given** waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to **My people**, **My chosen**,

[21]this people I have formed for **Myself**, let them relate **My** praise.
[22]"***But*** you have not called on **Me,** O Ya'aqoḇ, for you have been *weary* of **Me,** O Yisra'ĕl.
[23]"You have not brought **Me** the sheep for your burnt offerings, nor have you esteemed **Me** with your slaughterings. I have not **caused** you to **serve** with grain offerings, nor wearied you with incense.
[24]"You have not bought **Me sweet** cane with silver, nor have you **satisfied Me** with the fat of your slaughterings. You have only burdened **Me** with your *sins*, you have wearied **Me** with your *crookedness*es.
[25]"I, **I am He** who *blots* out your *transgressions* for **My** own sake and ***remember*** your *sins* no more.
[26]"Remind **Me,** let us enter into judgment, together; relate, that you might be **declared** right.
[27]"**Your first** father *sinned* and your ***interpreters*** have *transgressed* *against* **Me.**
[28]"So I have *profaned* the chief ones of the set-apart place and I have **delivered** up Ya'aqoḇ to the *curse* and Yisra'ĕl to *scorn*.

44 "***But*** **now hear,** O Ya'aqoḇ **My** servant and Yisra'ĕl whom I have **chosen**.
[2]Thus said **ꓬꓤꓬꓩ** who made you and formed you from the womb, who helps you, '***Do*** not **fear,** O Ya'aqoḇ **My** servant and Yeshurun, whom I have **chosen**.
[3]'For I pour water on the thirsty and floods on the dry ground. I pour **My Spirit** on your seed and **My blessing** on your offspring,
[4]and they ***shall*** spring up among the grass like willows by streams of water.'
[5]"One says, 'I belong to **ꓬꓤꓬꓩ**; another calls himself by the name of Ya'aqoḇ; another **write**s with his **hand,** 'Unto **ꓬꓤꓬꓩ**,' and names himself by the name of Yisra'ĕl.
[6]"Thus said **ꓬꓤꓬꓩ**, **Sovereign** of Yisra'ĕl and his **Redeemer**, **ꓬꓤꓬꓩ** of hosts**, 'I am the First and I am the Last, besides Me there is no Elohim.**
[7]'And who is like **Me? Let** him **call** and **declare** it and lay it before **Me,** since I **appointed** the **everlasting** people. And the events that are **coming** and those that do come, let them **declare** these to them.
[8]'***Do*** *not* **fear,** nor be *afraid*. Have I not since made you **hear** and **declared** it? You are **My witnesses.** Is there an Eloah besides **Me?** There is no other Rock, I **know** not one.' "
[9]Those who make an idol, **all** of them are *emptiness* and their delights *do not* profit. And they are their own witnesses; they neither **see** nor **know,** so that they are put to *shame.*
[10]***Who*** would form a *mighty one* or *cast* an *idol* that is of no value?
[11]**See, all** his companions are ashamed and the workmen, they are but men. **Let** them **all** be gathered together, let them **stand** up, let them **fear,** let them be put to shame, altogether.
[12]The craftsman in iron with the tools **works** one in the coals and fashions it with hammers and **works** it with the strength of his arms. Even so, he ***shall*** **be** *hungry* and has *no* strength; he drinks no water and is *weary*.
[13]The carpenter stretches out his **rule,** he outlines it with chalk; he fashions it with a plane and he outlines it with the compass and makes it like the figure of a man, **according** to the comeliness of a man, to remain in the house.
[14]He *cuts* down cedars for himself and takes cypress and oak, which he **raised** among the trees of the forest. He has planted a pine and the rain nourishes it.
[15]And it ***shall*** **be** for a man to burn, for he takes some of it and warms himself. He also kindles it and ***shall*** bake bread. He also makes a *mighty one* and *bows* himself to it – has made it a *carved image* and *falls* down before it.
[16]Half of it he ***shall*** *burn* in the *fire*; with this half he eats meat. He roasts a roast and is satisfied. He also warms

himself and says, “Aha, I am warm, I have **seen** the *fire*.”
[17]And the rest of it he makes into a *mighty one*, his *carved image.* He falls down before it and worships, prays to it and says, “Deliver me, for you are my *mighty one*.”
[18]They *do not* **know** nor *understand,* for **He** has *smeared* their eyes from **seeing** and their **hearts** from **understanding**.
[19]And no one *recalls* it to his **heart,** nor is there **knowledge** nor **understanding** to say, “I have *burned* half of it in the *fire* and I have also baked **bread** on its coals; I have roasted meat and eaten it. And ***shall*** I make the rest of it an **abomination**? ***Should*** I *fall* down before a log of wood?”
[20]Feeding on ashes, a ***deceived*** **heart** turns him aside and he *does not* **deliver** his being, nor says, “Is there not a *lie* in my **right hand?**”
[21]“**Remember** these matters, O Ya'aqoḇ and Yisra’ĕl, for you are **My** servant! I have formed you, you are **My** servant, O Yisra’ĕl, *do not forget* **Me!**
[22]“I ***shall*** wipe out your *transgressions* like a cloud and your *sins* like a mist. **Return to Me, for I *shall* redeem you.”**
[23]Sing, O heavens, for **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ *shall*** do it! Shout, O depths of the earth! Break forth into singing, O mountains, forest and **every** *tree* in it! For **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ *shall* redeem** Ya'aqoḇ and **make Himself clear** in Yisra’ĕl.
[24]Thus said **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**, your **Redeemer** and **He** who formed you from the womb, “I am **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**, doing **all,** stretching out the heavens **all** alone, spreading out the earth, with none beside **Me,**
[25]*frustrating* the **signs** of the babblers and *driving diviners* mad, *turning* **wise** men backward and making their **knowledge *foolish,***
[26]confirming the **Word** of **His** servant and completing the counsel of **His** messengers, who says of Yerushalayim, ‘Be inhabited,’ and of the cities of Yahuḏah, ‘They ***shall* be** built and her ruins **raised** up by **Me,**’
[27]who is saying to the deep, ‘Be dry and your rivers I dry up,’
[28]who is saying of Koresh, ‘He is **My** shepherd and he completes **all My** pleasure, even saying to Yerushalayim, “**Let** her be built,” and to the Hĕḵal, “**Let** her foundation be laid.” ’

45 “Thus said **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ** to **His anointed**, to Koresh, whose **right hand** I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and ungird the loins of sovereigns, to **open** before him the double **doors**, so that gates are not shut:
[2]‘I go before you and make the *crooked* places **straight**; I *shatter* the gates of bronze and *cut down* the bars of iron.
[3]‘And I ***shall*** give you the treasures of *darkness* and hoarded wealth of **secret** places, so that you **know** that I, **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**, who are calling you by your name, am the **Elohim** of Yisra’ĕl.
[4]‘For the sake of Ya'aqoḇ **My** servant and of Yisra’ĕl **My chosen**, I also **call** you by your name, I give you a title, though you have not **known Me.**
[5]“I am ꓤꓴꓤꓩ and **there is none else – there is no Elohim besides Me. I gird you, though you have not known Me,**
[6]so that they **know** from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none but **Me.** I am **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ** and there is none else,
[7]forming **light** and creating *darkness*, making **peace** and creating *evil*. I, **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**, do **all** these.’
[8]“‘Rain down, O heavens, from above and **let** clouds pour down **righteousness**. **Let** the earth open, **let** them bring forth **deliverance** and **let righteousness** spring up together. **I, ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, have created it.**
[9]“‘**Woe** to him who *strives* with his **Maker**! (a potsherd with the potsherds of the earth). Does clay say to him who forms it, ‘***What*** are you making?’ Or your handiwork say, ‘He has no hands’?
[10]“‘**Woe** to him who says to his father, ‘***What*** are you bringing forth?’ Or to the woman, ‘***What*** are you laboring over?’ ”

[11]Thus said ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, the **Set-apart One** of **Yisra'ĕl** and his **Maker**, "***Do*** you **ask Me** about **My** sons what is to **come?** And about the **work** of **My** hands do you **command Me?**

[12]"I have made the earth and created man on it. I, **My** hands have **stretched** out the heavens and **all** their host I have **commanded**.

[13]"I have stirred him up in **righteousness** and **all** his **ways** I make **straight. He** builds **My** city and lets **My** exiles go, not for price nor reward," **declares** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ of hosts.

[14]Thus said ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, "The labour of Mitsrayim and merchandise of Kush and of the Seḇaites, men of size, **come** over to you and they are yours. They **walk** behind you, they **come** over in chains and they bow down to you. They make supplication to you, saying, 'Indeed, Ĕl is in you and there is none else, no *mighty one*.' "

[15]**Truly** You are Ĕl, who hide **Yourself**, O **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, **Saviour**!

[16]They ***shall*** **be** put to shame and even be humiliated, **all** of them – the *makers* of *idols* ***shall*** go away **together** in *humiliation.*

[17]Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** **be saved** by ꓤꓰꓤꓶ with an **everlasting deliverance**. You are not to be *ashamed* nor hurt, **forever** and **ever.**

[18]For thus said ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, **Creator** of the heavens, **He** is **Elohim**, Former of earth and its **Maker**, **He established** it, **He** *did not* create it to be empty, **He** formed it to be inhabited: "I am ꓤꓰꓤꓶ and there is none else.

[19]"I have not **spoken** in **secret**, in a dark place of the earth. I have not said to the seed of Ya'aqoḇ, '**Seek Me** in vain.' I am ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, speaking **righteousness**, **declaring** matters that are **straight.**

[20]"**Gather** yourselves and come; draw **near** together, you who have **escaped** from the *gentiles.* No **knowledge** have they who are lifting up the ***wood*** of their *carved image* and pray to a *mighty one* that *does not* save.

[21]"**Declare** and bring near, let them even take counsel together. ***Who*** has **announced** this from of old? ***Who*** has **declared** it from that time? Is it not I, ꓤꓰꓤꓶ? And there is no *mighty one* besides **Me,** a **righteous** Ĕl and a **Saviour**, there is none besides **Me.**

[22]**"Turn to Me and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am Ĕl** and **there is none else.**

[23]"I have sworn by **Myself**, a **word** has gone out of **My mouth** in **righteousness** and ***shall*** not **return,** so that to **Me every** knee ***shall*** bow, **every** tongue swear.

[24]"One ***shall*** say, 'Only in ꓤꓰꓤꓶ do I have **righteousness** and strength' – he **comes** to **Him.** And **all** those *displeased* with **Him** ***shall*** **be** put to *shame.*

[25]"In ꓤꓰꓤꓶ **all** the **seed** of Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** **be declared right** and **boast**. "

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Bĕl has bowed down, Neḇo is stooping, their *idols* were on the ḇeasts and on the cattle. That which is carried is burdensome, a *burden* to the *weary*.

[2]They have stooped, they have ḇowed down together, they were *unable* to **deliver** the *burden,* but they themselves went into captivity.

[3]"**Listen** to **Me,** O house of Ya'aqoḇ and **all** the **remnant** of the house of Yisra'ĕl, who are borne from the belly, who are carried from the womb:

[4]even to your old age, **I am He** and even to grey hairs I carry! I have made and I bear and I carry and rescue.

[5]"To whom do you liken **Me** and compare **Me** and make **Me** similar, that we should be alike?

[6]"They pour gold out of the bag and weigh silver on the scale. They hire a goldsmith and he makes it a *mighty one*. They *fall* down and bow themselves.

[7]"They *bear* it on the *shoulder*, they *carry* it and *set* it in its place and it *stands* – from its place it *does not move*. Though one *cries* out to it, it *does not* answer nor **save** him from his *distress.*

[8]"**Remember** this and **show** yourselves men; turn it back, you

transgressors.
9"**Remember** the former *events* of old,
for I am Ěl and there is no one else –
Elohim and there is no one like **Me,**
10**declaring the end** from the
beginning and from of old that which
has not *yet* been done, saying, **'My**
counsel does **stand** and **all My delight**
I do,'
11calling a bird of prey from the east,
the man who executes **My** counsel, from
a distant land. Indeed I have **spoken** it, I
also bring it to pass. I have planned it, I
also do it.
12"**Listen** to **Me,** you stubborn-hearted,
who are far from **righteousness**:
13"I ***shall*** bring **My righteousness** near,
it is not far off and **My deliverance,**
it is not delayed. And I ***shall*** give
deliverance in Tsiyon, **My esteem** to
Yisra'ĕl.

47 **Come** down and sit in the dust,
O maiden daughter of Babel. Sit on the
ground without a throne, O daughter of
the Chaldeans! For no more do they **call**
you tender and delicate.
2"Take the millstones and grind flour.
Remove your veil, lift up the skirt,
uncover the leg, pass through rivers.
3"**Let** your nakedness be uncovered,
let your *shame* also be exposed. I take
vengeance and meet no man."
4Our Redeemer, יהוה of hosts
is His Name, the Set-apart One of
Yisra'ĕl.
5"Sit silent and go into *darkness*, O
daughter of the Chaldeans! For no more
do they **call** you Mistress of Reigns.
6"I was *wroth* with **My people**, I have
profaned **My inheritance** and I gave
them into your **hand.** You showed them
no **compassion**, you made your yoke
very *heavy* on the elderly.
7"And you said, **'I am *mistress***
forever,' so that you *did not* take these
matters to **heart** and *did not* ***remember***
the **latter** end of them.
8"And **now**, **hear** this, you who
are **given** to pleasures, who dwells
complacently, who says in your **heart,**
'I am and there is none but me. I *do not*
sit as a widow, nor do I **know** the loss of
children.'
9"*Both* of these **come to** you **suddenly**,
in one day: the *loss* of children and
widowhood. *They* ***shall*** **come** upon you
in completeness, **because** of your many
witchcrafts, for your numerous **great**
potent spells.
10"And you have **trusted** in your *evil*,
you have said, 'No one sees me.' **Your**
wisdom and your **knowledge** have led
you *astray*. And you have said in your
heart, 'I am and there is none but me.'
11"***But*** *evil* ***shall*** **come** upon you, you
not knowing from where it arises and
trouble fall upon you, you being *unable*
to put it off and *ruin* **come** upon you
suddenly, which you **know** not.
12"Stand **now** with your potent ***spells***
and your many *witchcrafts,* in which you
have laboured from your youth, if so be
you are able to profit, if so be you find
strength.
13"You are exhausted by your many
counsels; let the *astrologers,* the
stargazers and those who *prognosticate*
by the new moons **stand** up and **save**
you from what is **coming** upon you.
14"**See,** they ***shall*** **be** as stubble, *fire*
shall *burn* them, they *do not* **deliver**
themselves from the **power** of the flame,
there is not a coal to be warmed by, nor a
fire to sit before it!
15"So they ***shall*** **be** to you with whom
you have laboured, your *merchants* from
your youth. They ***shall*** *wander,* each one
his *own way,* there is none to **save** you.

48 **"Hear** this, O house of Ya'aqob,
who are called by the **Name** of Yisra'ĕl
and have **come** from the waters of
Yahudah, who swear by the **Name**
of יהוה and profess the **Elohim** of
Yisra'ĕl – *though not* in **truth** or in
righteousness –
2for they **call** themselves after the
set-apart city and lean on the **Elohim** of
Yisra'ĕl – יהוה of hosts is **His Name**:

3"I have **declared** the former *events* from the beginning and they went forth from **My mouth** and I made you **hear** them. **Suddenly** I **acted** and they **came to be.**
4"**Because** I **knew** that you were hard and your neck was an iron sinew and your forehead bronze,
5therefore I **declared** it to you long ago. Before it came I made you **hear,** lest you should say, **'My** *idol* has done them and my *carved image* and my *moulded image* **commanded** them.'
6"You have **heard**, look at them **all.** And do you not **declare** it? From **now** on I ***shall*** make you **hear** new ones, even *hidden* ones, which you have not **known**.
7"**Now** they ***shall*** **be** created and not long ago. And before this day you have not **heard** them, lest you should say, 'Look, I **knew** them.'
8"No, you have not **heard**; no, you have not **known**; no, from of old your ear has not been open. **Because** I **knew** that you are indeed treacherous and are called 'a *transgressor* from the womb.'
9"For **My Name's sake** I postponed **My** *displeasure* and for **My praise** I held it back from you, so as not to *cut* you off.
10"**See,** I have refined you, but not as silver; I have **chosen** you in the furnace of *affliction*.
11"For **My** own sake, for **My** own sake, I do it. For how is it *profaned?* And **My esteem** I *do not* give to another.
12"**Listen** to **Me,** O Ya'aqoḇ and Yisra'ĕl, **My** called: **I am He, I am the First**, **I am also the Last**.
13"Also, **My hand** has laid the foundation of the earth and **My right hand** has **stretched** out the **heavens.** I **call** to them, let them **stand** together.
14"All of you, **gather** yourselves and **hear! *Who*** among them has **declared** these? ꓤYHWH has **loved** him. **Let** him do **His** pleasure on Baḇel and **His** arm be on the Chaldeans.
15"I, I have **spoken**, I have also called him, I have brought him and he ***shall*** make his **way** prosperous.
16**"Come near** to **Me, hear** this: I have not **spoken** in **secret** from the beginning; from the **time** that it was, I was there. And **now** the **Master** ꓤYHWH has **sent Me** and **His Spirit.**"
17Thus said ꓤYHWH, your **Redeemer**, the **Set-apart One** of Yisra'ĕl, "I am ꓤYHWH your **Elohim**, **teaching** you what is best, leading you by the **way** you should go.
18"***If*** only you had **listened** to **My commands**! ***Then*** your **peace** would have been like a river and your **righteousness** like the waves of the sea.
19"And your seed would have been like the sand and the offspring of your inward parts like the grains of sand. His name *would not* have been *cut off* nor ***destroyed*** from before **Me.**
20**"Come out** of Baḇel! ***Flee*** from the Chaldeans! **Declare** this with a **voice** of singing, **proclaim** it, send it out to **the end** of the earth! Say, 'ꓤYHWH has **redeemed His servant Ya'aqoḇ!' "**
21And they *did not* thirst when **He** led them through the deserts; **He caused** waters from a rock to flow for them; **He** split the rock and waters gushed out.
22"There is *no* **peace** for the ***wrong***," said ꓤYHWH."

49 **Listen** to **Me,** O coastlands and **hear,** you peoples from afar! ꓤYHWH has called **Me** from the womb, from **My** mother's belly **He** has **caused My Name** to be **remembered**.
2And **He** made **My mouth** like a sharp *sword,* in the shadow of **His hand He** hid **Me** and made **Me** a polished shaft. In **His** quiver **He** hid **Me.**"
3And **He** said to **Me,** 'You are **My** servant, O Yisra'ĕl, in whom I am adorned.'
4And I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for *emptiness* and in vain. ***But*** my **right-ruling** is with ꓤYHWH and my **work is** with my **Elohim**.' "
5And **now** said ꓤYHWH – who formed **Me** from the womb to be **His** Servant,

to bring Ya'aqoḇ back to **Him,** though Yisra'ĕl is not gathered to **Him,** yet I am esteemed *in the eyes* of יהוה and **My Elohim** has been **My** strength –

6and **He** says, "***Shall*** it be a small matter for **You** to be **My** Servant to **raise** up the tribes of Ya'aqoḇ and to bring back the **preserved** ones of Yisra'ĕl? And I ***shall*** give **You** as a **light** to the *gentiles,* to be **My deliverance** to the ends of the earth!"

7Thus said יהוה, the **Redeemer** of Yisra'ĕl, their **Set-apart One,** to the *despised* , to the *loathed* **One** of the nation, to the Servant of rulers, "Sovereigns ***shall*** **see** and arise, rulers also ***shall*** bow themselves, **because** of יהוה who is steadfast, the **Set-apart One** of Yisra'ĕl. And **He** has **chosen You**!"

8Thus said יהוה, "In a favourable **time** I ***shall*** answer **You** and in the **day of deliverance** I ***shall*** help **You** – and I **guard You** and give **You** for a **covenant** of the people, to restore the earth, to **cause** them to inherit the *ruined* inheritances,

9to say to the prisoners, 'Go out,' to those who are in *darkness*, 'Show yourselves.' "**Let** them feed on the ways and let their pasture be on **all** bare hills.

10"They ***shall*** not hunger nor thirst, neither *heat* or sun *strike* them, for **He** who has **compassion** on them ***shall*** lead them, even by fountains of water guide them.

11"And I ***shall*** make **all My** mountains a **way** and **My** highways **raised** up.

12"**See,** these **come** from far away and **see,** those from the north and the west and these from the land of Sinim."

13Sing, O heavens, **rejoice,** O earth! And *break* out in singing, O mountains! For יהוה ***shall*** comfort **His** people and have **compassion** on **His** *afflicted* ones.

14***But*** Tsiyon says, "יהוה has ***forsaken*** me and יהוה has *forgotten* me."

15"Would a woman *forget* her nursing child and not have **compassion** on the son of her womb? Though they *forget*, **I'll never forget you.**

16"**See,** I have **inscribed** you on the palms of **My** hands; your walls are **always** before **Me.**

17"Your sons ***shall*** hurry, your destroyers and those who laid you *waste* depart from you.

18"Lift up your eyes round about and **see, all** of them **gather together** and **come to** you. **as I live," declares** יהוה, "you ***shall*** put on **all** of them as an ornament and bind them on you as a bride does.

19"For your wastes and your deserted places and the land of your ***destruction, shall*** soon be too **narrow** for the inhabitants, while those who swallowed you up are far away.

20"The sons of your bereavement ***shall*** yet say in your **ears,** 'The place is too **narrow** for me, make room for me to **live.**'

21"And you ***shall*** say in your **heart,** '***Who*** has brought forth these for me, since I am bereaved and *barren*, an exile and wandering to and fro? And who reared them? **See,** I was left alone – from where did these **come?**' "

22Thus said the **Master** יהוה, "**See,** I lift **My hand** up to the *gentiles* and set up **My** banner for the peoples; and they ***shall*** bring your sons in their arms and your daughters carried on their shoulders;

23"And sovereigns ***shall*** **be** your foster fathers and their sovereignesses your nursing mothers. They bow down to you with their faces to the earth and lick up the dust of your feet. **And you *shall* know that I am** יהוה – those who wait for **Me *shall*** not be ashamed."

24Is prey taken from the mighty and the captives of the **righteous delivered**?

25Yet thus said יהוה, "Even the captives of the mighty is taken away and the prey of the *ruthless* is **delivered**; and I *strive* with him who *strives* with you and I **save** your children.

26"And I ***shall*** feed those who *oppress* you with their own *flesh* and let them drink their own **blood** as **sweet wine**.

All *flesh* ***shall*** **know** that I, יהוה, am your **Saviour** and your **Redeemer**, the **Elohim** of Ya'aqoḇ."

50 Thus says יהוה, "Where is the certificate of your mother's *divorce*, whom I have put away? Or which of **My** creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Look, you were sold for your *crookedness*es and your mother was put away for your *transgressions*.

2"***When*** I came, why was there no one? ***When*** I called, why was there no one to answer? Was **My hand** too short to redeem? Or have I no **power** to deliver? **See,** by **My *rebuke*** I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness; their fish stink for there is not water and *die* of thirst.

3"I clothe the heavens with *darkness* and I make sackcloth their covering."

4The **Master** יהוה has **given Me** the tongue of **taught ones,** that I should **know** to help the *weary* with a **word. He** wakes **Me** morning by morning, he wakes **My** ear to **hear** as **taught ones.**

5The **Master** יהוה has opened **My** ear and I was not *rebellious nor did* I *turn away*.

6I gave **My** back to those who *struck* **Me** and **My** cheeks to those who *plucked* out the beard and I *did not* hide **My** face from *humiliation* and *spitting*.

7And the **Master** יהוה helps **Me,** therefore I ***shall*** not be humiliated. So I have set **My** face like a flint and I **know** that I am not put to *shame.*

8Near **is He** who **declares Me** right. ***Who*** would contend with **Me? Let** us **stand** together. ***Who*** is **My** adversary? **Let** him **come near Me.**

9**See,** the **Master** יהוה helps **Me. *Who*** would **declare Me** *wrong?* **See, all** of them wear out like a garment, a moth eats them.

10***Who*** among you is **fearing** יהוה, **obeying** the **voice** of **His** Servant, that has walked in *darkness* and has no **light**? **Let** him **trust** in the **Name** of יהוה and **lean** upon his **Elohim**!

11**See, all** you who **light** a *fire*, girding on *burning* arrows: **walk** in the **light** of your *fire* and in the *burning* arrows you have lit. From **My hand** you ***shall*** have this: you ***shall*** *lie* down in *grief*!

51 "**Listen** to **Me,** you who pursue **righteousness**, **seeking** יהוה: **Look** to the rock you were hewn from and to the hole of the pit you were dug from.

2"**Look** to Aḇrahim your father and to Sarah who bore you because he was alone when I called him and I **blessed** him and increased him.

3"For יהוה ***shall*** comfort Tsiyon, **He *shall*** comfort **all** her *waste* places. For **He** makes her wilderness like Ĕden and her desert like the garden of יהוה. **Joy** and **gladness** are **found** in it, **thanksgiving** and the **voice** of song.

4"**Listen** to **Me, My people** and give ear to **Me,** O **My** nation, for the **Torah** goes forth from **Me** and **My right-ruling** I set as a **light** to peoples.

5"**My righteousness** is near, **My deliverance *shall*** go forth and **My** arms **judge** peoples. Coastlands wait upon **Me** and for **My** arm they wait expectantly.

6"Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look on the earth beneath, for the heavens ***shall*** vanish like smoke and the earth wear out like a garment and those who dwell in it *die* as gnats. ***But*** **My deliverance** is **forever** and **My righteousness** is **not** *broken*.

7"**Listen** to **Me,** you who **know righteousness**, a people in whose **heart** is **My Torah**: *do not* **fear** the *reproach* of *men*, nor be *afraid* of their r*evil*ings.

8"For a moth eats them like a garment and a worm eats them like wool; ***but*** **My righteousness** is **forever** and **My deliverance** to **all** generations."

9Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of יהוה! Awake as in days of old, **everlasting** generations. Was it not **You** who *cut* Rahaḇ apart and *pierced* the Crocodile?

[10]Was it not **You** who dried up the sea, the waters of the **great** deep, who made the depths of the sea a **way** for the redeemed to pass over?
[11]And let the ransomed of יהוה return. And they ***shall*** **come to** Tsiyon with singing, with **everlasting joy** on their heads. **Let** them attain **joy** and **gladness**; *sorrow* and *sighing* ***shall flee*** away.
[12]"I, **I am He** who **comforts** you. ***Who*** are you that you should be *afraid* of man that dies and of the son of man who is made like grass?
[13]"And you have *forgotten* יהוה your **Maker** who **stretched** out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth and you continually **fear, all** the day, **because** of the *rage* of the oppressor, as he has prepared to *destroy.* And where is the *rage* of the oppressor?
[14]"Bowed, he hastens to be loosened, that he should not *die* in the pit and that his **bread** should not fail.
[15]"***But*** I am יהוה your **Elohim**, stirring up the sea and its waves roar. **יהוה of hosts is His Name.**
[16]"And I have put **My Words** in your mouth and with the shadow of **My hand** I have covered you, to plant the heavens and lay the foundations of the earth and to say to Tsiyon, 'You are **My people**.' "
[17]Awake, awake yourself! Rise up, O Yerushalayim, you who have drunk at the **hand** of יהוה the **cup** of **His** *wrath*. You have drunk the dregs of the **cup** of *reeling* and drained it out.
[18]Of **all** the sons she bore, she has none to guide her. And of **all** the sons she has brought up, none takes her by the **hand.**
[19]Both these are **coming** upon you – who is sorry for you?: *Ruin* and ***destruction,*** *scarcity of food* and *sword. **How shall*** I comfort you?
[20]**Your** sons have fainted, they *lie* at the head of **all** the streets, like a gazelle in a net. They are filled with the *wrath* of יהוה, the ***rebuke*** of your **Elohim**.
[21]Therefore please **hear** this, you *afflicted* and drunk, but not with **wine**.
[22]Thus said your **Master,** יהוה and your **Elohim**, who pleads the **cause** of **His** people, "**See,** I ***shall*** take out of your **hand** the **cup** of *reeling*, the dregs of the **cup** of **My** *wrath* – never again ***shall*** you drink it.
[23]"And I ***shall*** put ***it*** into the **hand** of those who *afflict* you, who have said to your being, 'Bow down and we pass over you.' And you made your back like the ground and as the street, to **walk** over."

52 **Awake**, **awake**! Put on your strength, O Tsiyon, put on your garments of splendour, O Yerushalayim, the set-apart city! For no more do the *uncircumcised* and the *unclean* **come** into you.
[2]Shake yourself from the dust, arise and sit down, O Yerushalayim. Loose yourself from the bonds of your neck, O captive daughter of Tsiyon!
[3]For thus said יהוה, "You have been sold for *naught* and you are **redeemed** not with silver."
[4]For thus said the **Master** יהוה, "At **first My people** went down into Mitsrayim to sojourn there and Ashshur *oppressed* them without **cause.**
[5]"And **now**, what have I here," **declares** יהוה, "that **My people** are taken away for *naught?* Those who **rule** over them make them ***wail***," **declares** יהוה, "***and*** **My Name *is*** *despised* **all *day continually.***
[6]"***Therefore*** **My people *shall* know My Name, *in that day***, for I am the **One** who is speaking. **See, it is I**."
[7]***How*** pleasant upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings the besorah, who proclaims peace, who brings good news, who proclaims **deliverance,** who says to Tsiyon "**Your Elohim reigns**!"
[8]The **voice** of your watchmen! They ***shall*** lift up their **voice**s, **together** they shout for joy, **because** eye to eye they **see** the **return** of יהוה to Tsiyon.
[9]Break forth into joy, sing together, you *waste* places of Yerushalayim! For **יהוה *shall* comfort His people,**

He *shall* redeem Yerushalayim.
10**יהוה *shall* lay bare His set-apart arm in the eyes of all the nations. And all the ends of the earth *shall* see the deliverance of our Elohim.**
11**Turn aside! Turn aside! Come out** from there, *touch not* the *unclean.* **Come out** of her **midst**, be **clean,** you who bear the vessels of **יהוה**.
12For you ***shall*** not **come out** in haste, nor go in f**light**. For **יהוה** is going before you and the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl is your **rear** guard.
13**See, My** Servant ***shall* work wisely**, **He *shall* be** exalted and lifted up and **very** high.
14As many were astonished at You – so the disfigurement beyond any man's and **His** form beyond the sons of men –
15**He *shall*** likewise startle many nations. Sovereigns shut their mouths at **Him,** for what had not been recounted to them they ***shall* see** and what they had not **heard** they ***shall* understand.**

53 ***Who*** has **believed** our report? And to whom was the arm of **יהוה revealed**?
2For **He** grew up before **Him** as a tender plant and as a root out of dry ground. **He** has no form or splendour that we should look upon **Him,** nor appearance that we should desire **Him** –
3*despised* and *rejected* by men, a man of *pains* and knowing *sickness*. And as one from whom the face is *hidden*, being *despised* and we *did not* consider **Him.**
4**Truly**, **He** has borne our *sicknesses* and carried our *pains*. Yet we reckoned **Him** *stricken*, *smitten* by **Elohim** and *afflicted*.
5***But* He** was *pierced* for our *transgressions*, **He** was *crushed* for our *crookedness*es. The *chastisement* for our **peace** was upon **Him** and by **His** *stripes* we are **healed**.
6***We* all,** like sheep, went *astray*, each one of us has turned to his *own way* and **יהוה** has *laid* on **Him** the *crookedness* of *us* **all.**
7**He** was *oppressed* and **He** was *afflicted*, but **He** *did not* **open His mouth. He** was led as a **lamb** to the *slaughter* and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, but **He** *did not* **open His mouth.**
8**He** was taken from prison and from judgment. And as for **His** generation, who considered that **He *shall* be** *cut off* from the land of the **living**? For the *transgression* of **My people He** was *stricken*.
9And **He** was **appointed** a grave with the ***wrong*** and with the rich at **His** *death,* **<u>because</u> He** had done no *violence*, nor was *deceit* in **His mouth.**
10***But* יהוה** was pleased to *crush* **Him, He** laid *sickness* on **Him,** that when **He** made **Himself** an offering for guilt, **He** would **see** a seed, **He** would prolong **His** days and the pleasure of **יהוה** prosper in **His hand.**
11**He** would **see** the result of the suffering of **His life** and be satisfied. Through **His knowledge My righteous** Servant makes many **righteous** and **He** bears their *crookedness*es.
12Therefore I give **Him** a portion among the great and **He** divides the spoil with the **strong, <u>because</u> He poured out His** being unto *death* and **He** was counted with the *transgressors* and **He** bore the *sin* of many and made intercession for the *transgressors*.

54 "Sing, O *barren* one, you who *did not* bear! Break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who have not been in labour! For the children of the deserted one are more than the children of the married woman," said **יהוה**.
2"Enlarge the place of your tent and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, spare not. Lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes.
3"For you ***shall*** *break* forth to the **right** and to the left and your seed inherit the nations and make the deserted cities inhabited.
4"***Do not* fear,** for you ***shall*** not be put to shame, nor hurt, you ***shall*** not be

humiliated. For the *shame* of your youth you ***shall*** *forget* and not ***remember*** the *reproach* of your widowhood any more.

5**"For your Maker is your husband, ה׳צבאות of hosts is His Name** and **the Set-apart One of Yisra'ĕl is your Redeemer. He is called the Elohim of all the earth.**

6"For ה׳צבאות has called you like a woman ***forsaken*** and *grieved* in spirit, like a wife of youth when you were *refused*," **declares** your **Elohim**.

7"For **a** *little* **while** I have ***forsaken*** you, but with **great compassion** I ***shall*** **gather** you.

8"In an overflow of *wrath* I hid **My** face from you for a *moment*, but with **everlasting kindness** I ***shall*** have **compassion** on you," said ה׳צבאות, your **Redeemer**.

9"For this is the waters of Noaḥ to **Me,** in that I have sworn that the waters of Noaḥ would never again cover the earth, so have I sworn not to be *wroth* with you, nor to ***rebuke*** you.

10"For though the mountains be removed and the hills be shaken, **My kindness** is not removed from you, nor is **My covenant** of **peace** shaken," said ה׳צבאות, who has **compassion** on you.

11"O you *afflicted* one, *tossed* with *storm* and *not* comforted, **see,** I am setting your stones in antimony and ***shall*** lay your foundations with sapphires,

12and ***shall*** make your battlements of rubies, your gates of crystal and **all** your walls of **precious** stones,

13and **all** your children **taught** by ה׳צבאות and the **peace** of your children **great**.

14"In **righteousness** you ***shall*** **be established** – far from oppression, for you ***shall*** not **fear** and *far* from *ruin,* for it *does not* **come near** you.

15"**See,** they ***shall*** indeed assemble, but not **because** of **Me.** ***Whoever shall*** **assemble** *against* you *falls* for your sake!

16"**See, I Myself** have created the blacksmith who blows the coals in the *fire*, who brings forth an instrument for his work. And I have created the waster to *destroy.*

17"No weapon formed *against* you ***shall*** prosper and **every** tongue which rises *against* you in judgment you ***shall*** prove *wrong.* This is the **inheritance** of the servants of ה׳צבאות and their **righteousness** from **Me,**" **declares** ה׳צבאות.

55 "Oh everyone who thirsts, **come to** the waters. And you who have no silver, come, buy and eat. **Come,** buy **wine** and milk without silver and without price.

2"***Why*** do you weigh out silver for what is not bread and your labour for what *does not* satisfy? **Listen**, **listen** to **Me** and eat what is **good** and **let** your being **delight** itself in fatness.

3"**Incline** your ear and **come to Me. Hear,** so that your being **lives. Let Me** make an **everlasting covenant** with you, the **trustworthy kindness**es of Dawiḏ.

4"**See,** I have **given Him** as a **witness** to the people, a **Leader** and a **Commander** for the people.

5"**See,** a nation *you do not* **know** you ***shall*** call and a nation who *does not* **know** you run to you, **because** of ה׳צבאות your **Elohim** and the **Set-apart One** of Yisra'ĕl, for **He** has adorned you."

6**Seek ה׳צבאות while He is to be found, call on Him while He is near.**

7**Let** the ***wrong*** *forsake* his **way** and the *unrighteous* man his thoughts. **Let** him **return** to ה׳צבאות, who has **compassion** on him and to our **Elohim**, for **He** pardons much.

8**"For My** *thoughts* **are not** *your thoughts***, neither are** *your ways* **My ways," declares ה׳צבאות.**

9"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are **My ways** higher than *your ways* and **My** *thoughts* than *your thoughts*.

10"For as the rain **comes** down and the snow from the heavens and *do not* **return** there, but water the earth and make it bring forth and bud and give seed to the sower and **bread** to the eater,

[11]so is **My Word** that goes forth from **My mouth** – it *does not* **return** to **Me** empty, but ***shall*** do what I **please** and ***shall*** certainly **accomplish** what I **sent it** for.

[12]"For with **joy** you go out and with **peace** you are brought in – the mountains and the hills *break* forth into singing before you and **all** the trees of the field clap the hands.

[13]"Instead of the thorn the cypress **comes** up and instead of the nettle the myrtle **comes** up. And it ***shall*** **be** to ꓤꓴꓤꓩ for a name, for an **everlasting sign** which is not *cut* off."

56 Thus said ꓤꓴꓤꓩ ,"**Guard** right-ruling and do **righteousness**, for **near** is **My deliverance** to come and **My righteousness** to be **revealed**.

[2]**"Blessed** is the man who does this and the son of man who lays hold on it, **guarding** the **Sabbath** lest he *profane* it and **guarding** his **hand** from doing any *evil*.

[3]"And let not the son of the foreigner who has joined himself to ꓤꓴꓤꓩ speak, saying, 'ꓤꓴꓤꓩ has certainly separated me from **His** people,' nor let the eunuch say, 'Look I am a dry *tree*.' "

[4]For thus said ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, "To the eunuchs who **guard My Sabbaths** and have **chosen** what **pleases Me** and hold fast to **My covenant**:

[5]to them I ***shall*** give in **My** house and within **My** walls a place and a **Name** better than that of sons and daughters – I give them an **everlasting Name** that is not *cut* off.

[6]"Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, to **serve Him** and to **love** the **Name** of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, to be **His** servants, **all** who **guard** the **Sabbath** and not *profane* it and hold **fast** to **My covenant** –

[7]them I ***shall*** bring to **My** set-apart mountain and let them **rejoice** in **My** house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their slaughterings are accepted on **My** altar, for **My** house is called a house of prayer for **all** the peoples."

[8]The **Master** ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, who gathers the outcasts of Yisra'ĕl, **declares**, "I **gather** still *others* to him besides those who are gathered to him."

[9]All you beasts of the field, **come to** devour, **all** you beasts in the forest.

[10]His watchmen are *blind,* **all** of them, they have not **known**. All of them are *dumb* dogs, *unable* to bark, **dream**ing, *lying* down, **loving** to slumber.

[11]And the dogs have a **strong** appetite, they never have enough. And they are shepherds! They have not **known understanding**. All of them look to their *own way,* **every** one for his own *gain,* from his own end, *saying*,

[12]**"Come,** let me bring **wine** and fill ourselves with **strong** drink. And **tomorrow *shall* be** as today, even much greater."

57 The **righteous** one has *perished* and no one takes it to **heart.** And **kind** men are taken away, while no one **understands** that the **righteous** one is taken away from the presence of *evil*,

[2]he enters into peace. They who **walk** in integrity rest on their beds.

[3]"***But*** **come** here, you sons of the sorceress, you offspring of the adulterer and the whore!

[4]Against whom are you sporting? Against whom do you make a wide **mouth** and stick out the tongue? Are you not children of *transgression,* offspring of *falsehood,*

[5]being *inflamed* with *mighty ones* under **every** *green tree, slay*ing the children in the valleys, under the clefts of the rocks?

[6]"Among the **smooth** stones of the stream is your portion; they, they, are your lot! Also to them you have poured a drink offering, you have offered a grain offering. Am I comforted in these?

[7]"On a high and lofty mountain you have set your bed. There, too, you went up to make an offering.

[8]"Behind the **doors** and their posts you

have set up your **remembrance**. For you have *departed* from **Me** and have gone up to them. You have made your bed wide and made a *covenant* with them. You have **loved** their bed, where you **saw** their **hand.**

9"And you went to the sovereign with ointment and increased your perfumes. And you **sent** your messengers far off and lowered yourself even to the grave.

10"You have *wearied* yourselves with your many *wanderings*, yet you *did not* say, 'I give up!' You have **found** the **life** of your **hand,** therefore you were not *grieved*.

11"And of whom have you been *afraid*, or **feared**, that you have *lied* and not **remembered Me,** nor taken it to your heart? Have I not been silent, even from of old and you have not ***feared*** **Me?**

12"**Let Me declare** your **righteousness** and your **works,** for they *do not* profit you.

13"***When*** you ***cry out***, let your collection *of idols* **deliver** you. ***But*** the *wind* ***shall*** bear them **all** away, a breath take them. ***But*** he who takes **refuge** in **Me** ***shall*** inherit the land and **possess My** set-apart mountain."

14And one ***shall*** say, "Heap it up! Heap it up! **Prepare** the **way,** take the *stumbling block* out of the **way** of **My people**."

15For thus **declares** the high and exalted One who dwells **forever**, whose **Name** is set-apart, "I dwell in the high and set-apart place, with him who has a bruised and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the **heart** of bruised ones.

16"For I *would not strive* **forever**, nor am I *wroth* **forever**, for the spirit would grow faint before **Me,** even the beings I have made.

17"For the *crookedness* of his unfair *gain* I was *wroth* and I *smote* him. I hid **Myself** and was *wroth* and he went on backsliding in the **way** of his **heart.**

18"I have **seen** his ways, but **now** I **heal** him and I lead him and restore **comforts** to him and to his mourners,

19creating the **fruit** of the lips: peace, **peace** to him who is far off and to him who is near," said יהוה,

"and I ***shall*** **heal** him."

20***But*** the ***wrong*** are like the *troubled* sea, for it is *unable* to rest and its waters *cast* up mud and dirt.

21"There is ***no*** peace," said my **Elohim**, "for the ***wrong***."

58 "Cry aloud, *do not spare*. Lift up your **voice** like a ram's horn. **Declare** to **My people** their *transgression,* and the house of Ya'aqoḇ *their sins.*

2"Yet they **seek Me** day by day and **delight to know My ways**, as a nation that did **righteousness** and *did not forsake* the **right-ruling** of their **Elohim**. They **ask** of **Me** rulings of **righteousness**, they **delight** in drawing **near** to **Elohim**.

3*They say*, '***Why*** have we fasted and **You** have not seen? ***Why*** have we *afflicted* our beings and **You** took no note?' "Look, in the **day of** your fasting you find pleasure and *drive* on **all** your labourers.

4"Look, you fast for *strife* and *contention* and to *strike* with the fist of *wrongness. you do not* fast as you do this day, to make your **voice heard** on high.

5"Is it a fast that I have **chosen**, a day for a man to *afflict* his being? Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush and to spread out sackcloth and ashes? ***Do*** you **call** this a fast and an **acceptable** day to יהוה?

6"Is this not the **fast** that I have **chosen**: to loosen the tight cords of *wrongness*, to undo the bands of the yoke, to exempt the *oppressed* and to *break* off **every** yoke?

7"Is it not to share your **bread** with the hungry and that you bring to your house the *poor* who are *cast* out; when you **see** the naked and cover him and not hide yourself from your own flesh?

8"***Then*** your **light** would *break* forth like the morning, your **healing** spring forth **speedily**. And your **righteousness** ***shall*** go before you, the **esteem** of יהוה would be your **rear guard**.

9"***Then***, when you call, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 would answer; when you cry, **He** would say, 'Here I am.' "***If*** you take away the yoke from your **midst**, the pointing of the **finger** and the speaking of *unrighteousness,*
10if you extend your being to the hungry and satisfy the *afflicted* being, then your **light *shall*** dawn in the *darkness* and your *darkness* be as noon.
11"***Then*** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 would **guide** you continually and **satisfy** your being in drought and strengthen your bones. You ***shall*** **be** like a watered garden and like a spring of water, whose waters *do not* fail.
12"And those from among you ***shall*** build the old *waste* places. You ***shall*** **raise** up the foundations of many generations. And you would be called the **Repairer** of the **Breach**, the **Restorer** of Streets to Dwell In.
13"***If*** you do **turn back** your foot from the **Sabbath,** from doing your pleasure on **My** set-apart day and ***shall*** **call** the **Sabbath** 'a **delight**,' the set-apart **day of** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 '**esteemed**,' and ***shall*** **esteem it**, *not doing* your *own ways*, nor finding your *own pleasure*, nor speaking your *own words*,
14***then*** you ***shall*** **delight** yourself in 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄. And I ***shall*** **cause** you to ride on the heights of the earth and feed you with the **inheritance** of Ya'aqob your father. For the **mouth** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 has **spoken** !"

59 Look, the **hand** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 has not become too short to save, nor **His** ear too *heavy* to **hear.**
2***But*** your *crookedness*es have separated you from your **Elohim**. And your *sins* have *hidden* **His** face from you, from **hearing**.
3For your hands have been *defiled* with **blood** and your fingers with *crookedness*; your lips have **spoken** *falsehood,* your tongue mutters *unrighteousness.*
4No one calls for **righteousness** and no one pleads for **truth**. They **trust** in *emptiness* and **speak** *worthless*ness; they conceive *trouble* and bring forth *wickedness*.
5They have hatched adders' ***eggs*** and they weave the spider's ***web***. ***Whoever*** eats their ***eggs*** dies and when one is *broken* an adder is hatched.
6Their webs *do not* become garments, nor do they cover themselves with their works. Their **works** are **works** of *wickedness* and a **deed** of *violence* is in their hands.
7Their feet run to *evil* and they hurry to shed **innocent** blood. Their *thoughts* are *thoughts* of *wickedness*, *wasting* and *ruin* are in their highways.
8The **way** of **peace** they have *not* **known** and there is *no* **right-ruling** in their ways. They have made *crooked paths* for themselves, ***whoever*** treads in them ***shall*** *not* **know** peace.
9Therefore **right-ruling** has been far from us and **righteousness** *does not* reach us. We look for **light**, but there is *darkness*; for **brightness**, but we **walk** in *thick darkness*!
10We feel for the wall like the *blind* and we feel as without eyes. At noon we *stumble* as at twi**light**, in deserted places, like the *dead.*
11All of us growl like bears and moan sadly like doves. We look for right-ruling, but there is none; for **deliverance,** but it is far from us.
12For our *transgressions* have increased before **You** and our *sins* **witnessed** *against* us. For our *transgressions* are with us and as for our *crookedness*es, we **know** them:
13*transgressing* and being *untrue* to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and *turning away from* our **Elohim**, speaking *oppression* and *apostasy*, *conceiving* and *pondering* ***words*** of *falsehood* from the **heart.**
14And **right-ruling** is *driven* back and **righteousness** *stands* far off. For **truth** has *fallen* in the street and **right** is *unable* to enter.
15And the **truth** is lacking and ***whoever*** turns away from *evil* makes himself a prey. And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **saw** and it *displeased* **Him** that there was no right-ruling.

16And **He saw** that there was ***no*** man and was astonished that there was ***no*** intercessor. So **His** own arm **saved** for **Him** and **His righteousness** upheld him.
17And **He** put on **righteousness** as a breastplate and a helmet of **deliverance** on **His** head. And **He** put on garments of **vengeance** for clothing and wrapped **Himself** with **ardour** as a mantle.
18According to their **deeds**, so **He repays**, *wrath* to **His** adversaries, **recompense** to **His** enemies. **He repays recompense** to the coastlands.
19And they ***shall* fear** the **Name** of ЭЎЭZ from the west and **His esteem** from the rising of the sun, when **He comes** like a *distressing* stream which the **Spirit** of ЭЎЭZ *drives* on.
20"And the **Redeemer *shall* come to** Tsiyon, and to those **turning** from *transgression* in Ya'aqob," **declares** ЭЎЭZ.
21"As for **Me,** this is **My covenant** with them," said ЭЎЭZ: "**My Spirit** that is upon you and **My Words** that I have put in your **mouth, *shall*** not be withdrawn from your **mouth,** nor from the **mouth** of your descendants, nor from the **mouth** of your descendants' descendants," said ЭЎЭZ, "from this **time** and **forever**."

60 "Arise, shine, for your **light** has **come!** And the **esteem** of ЭЎЭZ has risen upon you.
2"For look, *darkness* covers the earth and thick *darkness* the peoples. ***But*** ЭЎЭZ arises over you and **His esteem** is **seen** upon you.
3"And the *gentiles* ***shall* come to** your **light**, and sovereigns to the **brightness** of your rising.
4"Lift up your eyes **all** around and see: all of them have gathered, they have **come to** you; your sons **come** from afar and your daughters are supported on the side.
5"***Then*** you ***shall* see** and be **bright** and your **heart *shall*** throb and swell, for the wealth of the sea is turned to you, the riches of the *gentiles* **come to** you.
6"A stream of camels cover your land, the dromedaries of Miḏyan and Ěphah; **all** those from Sheḇa come, bearing gold and incense and **proclaiming** the praises of ЭЎЭZ.
7"All the flocks of Qĕḏar are gathered to you, the rams of Neḇayoth **serve** you; they **come** up for acceptance on **My** altar and I embellish **My** esteemed House.
8"***Who*** are these who fly like a cloud and like doves to their windows?
9"**Because** the coastlands wait for **Me** and the ships of Tarshish **first,** to bring your sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, to the **Name** of ЭЎЭZ your **Elohim** and to the **Set-apart One** of Yisra'ĕl, **because He** has adorned you.
10"And the sons of foreigners ***shall*** build your walls and their sovereigns **serve** you. For in **My** *wrath* I have *smitten* you, but in **My delight** I ***shall*** have **compassion** on you.
11"And your gates ***shall* be open** continually, they are not shut day or night, to bring to you the wealth of the *gentiles* and their sovereigns in procession.
12"For the nation and the **reign** that *do not* **serve** you ***shall*** *perish* and those *gentiles* ***shall* be** *utterly laid waste.*
13"The **esteem** of Leḇanon ***shall* come to** you, cypress, pine and the box *tree* together, to embellish the place of **My** set-apart place. And I ***shall*** make the place of **My** feet esteemed.
14"And the sons of those who *afflicted* you **come** bowing to you and **all** those who *despised* you ***shall*** bow themselves at the soles of your feet. And they ***shall* call** you: City of ЭЎЭZ, Tsiyon of the **Set-apart One** of Yisra'ĕl.
15"Instead of you being ***forsaken*** and *hated*, so that no one passes through you, I ***shall*** make you an **everlasting excellence**, a **joy** of many generations.
16"And you ***shall*** drink dry the milk of the *gentiles* and ***shall*** milk the breast of sovereigns. **And you *shall* know** that I, ЭЎЭZ, your **Saviour** and your **Redeemer**, am the **Elohim** of Ya'aqoḇ.

17"Instead of bronze I bring gold
and instead of iron I bring silver and
bronze instead of wood and iron instead
of stones. And I ***shall*** make your
officers peace and your magistrates
righteousness.
18"Violence ***shall*** no longer be **heard**
in your land, neither wasting nor *ruin*
within your borders. And you ***shall*** **call**
your walls Deliverance and your gates
Praise.
19"No longer is the sun your **light** by
day, nor does the moon give **light** to
you for brightness, but **יהוה** ***shall*** **be**
to you an **everlasting light** and your
Elohim your comeliness.
20"No longer does your sun go down,
nor your moon withdraw itself, for
יהוה ***shall*** **be** your **everlasting light**
and the days of your *mourning* ***shall*** **be**
ended.
21"And your people, **all** of them
righteous, ***shall*** inherit the earth **forever**
– a branch of **My** planting, a **work** of
My hands, to be adorned.
22"The *little* ***shall*** become a thousand
and the small one a **strong** nation. I,
יהוה, ***shall*** hasten it in its **time.** "

61 The **Spirit** of the **Master**
יהוה is upon **Me, <u>because</u> יהוה**
has **anointed Me** to bring the besorah
to the meek. **He** has **sent Me** to bind up
the *broken-hearted,* to **proclaim** release
to the captives and the opening of the
prison to those who are bound,
2to proclaim the acceptable year
of יהוה and **the day of vengeance**
of our Elohim, to comfort all who
mourn,
3to **appoint** unto those who *mourn* in
Tsiyon: to **give** them embellishment
for ashes, the oil of **joy** for mourning,
the garment of **praise** for the spirit of
heaviness**. They *shall* be called trees of**
righteousness, a planting of יהוה, to
be adorned.
4And they ***shall*** **rebuild** the old *ruins*,
raise up the former *wastes*. And they
shall **restore** the *ruined* cities, the
wastes of many generations.
5And strangers ***shall*** **stand** and
feed your flocks and the sons of the
foreigner be your ploughmen and your
vinedressers.
6***But*** you ***shall*** **be** called, '**Priests** of
יהוה,' '**Servants** of our **Elohim**'
shall **be** said of you. You ***shall*** *consume*
the strength of the *gentiles* and boast in
their esteem.
7Instead of your *shame* and *reproach*,
they **rejoice** a **second time** in their
portion. Therefore they take possession
a **second time** in their land, **everlasting**
joy is theirs.
8"For I, **יהוה**, **love right-ruling**; I
hate robbery for burnt offering. And **I**
shall **give their reward in truth and**
make an everlasting covenant with
them.
9"And their **seed** ***shall*** **be known**
among the *gentiles* and their offspring
in the **midst** of the peoples. All who **see**
them ***shall*** ac**knowledge** them, that they
are the **seed יהוה** has **blessed**."
10I greatly **rejoice** in **יהוה**, my
being exults in my **Elohim**. For **He** has
put garments of **deliverance** on me,
He has **covered** me with the **robe** of
righteousness, as a bridegroom decks
himself with ornaments and as a bride
adorns herself with her jewels.
11For as the earth brings forth its bud,
as the garden **causes** the seed to shoot
up, so the **Master יהוה causes**
righteousness and **praise** to shoot up
before **all** the nations!

62 **For Tsiyon's sake I am not**
silent and **for Yerushalayim's sake I do**
not rest, until her righteousness goes
forth as brightness and **her deliverance**
as a lamp that burns.
2And the nations ***shall*** **see** your
righteousness and **all** sovereigns your
esteem. And you ***shall*** **be** called by a
new name, which the **mouth** of **יהוה**
designates.
3And you ***shall*** **be** a crown of
comeliness in the **hand** of **יהוה** and
a royal head-dress in the **hand**

of your **Elohim**.
4No longer are you called "***Forsaken***," and no longer is your land called "***Deserted***." ***But*** you ***shall*** **be** called "Ḥephtsiḇah," and your land "Married," for ***shall*** **delight** in you and your land be married.
5For as a young man marries a maiden, so ***shall*** your sons marry you. And as the bridegroom **rejoices** over the bride, so ***shall*** your **Elohim rejoice** over you.
6I have set **watchmen** on your walls, O Yerushalayim, **all** the day and **all** the night, continually, who are not silent. You who ***remember*** , give yourselves no rest,
7and give **Him** no rest til **He** establishes and til **He** makes Yerushalayim a **praise** in the earth.
8 has sworn by **His right hand** and by the arm of **His** strength, "No more do I give your grain to be food for your enemies, nor do sons of the foreigner drink your new **wine**, for which you have laboured;
9but those gathering it ***shall*** eat it and **praise** . And those collecting it ***shall*** drink it in **My** set-apart courts."
10Pass through, pass through the gates! **Prepare** the **way** for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Lift up a banner for the peoples!
11**See,** has **proclaimed** to **the end** of the earth: "Say to the daughter of Tsiyon, '**See,** your **deliverance** has **come**; **see, His reward** is with **Him** and **His work** before **Him.**' "
12And they ***shall*** **be** called, "The set-apart People, the **Redeemed** of ." And you ***shall*** **be** called, "Sought Out, a City Not Forsaken."

63 ***Who*** is this **coming** from Edom, with garments of glowing colours from Botsrah, who is robed in splendour, striding forward in the greatness of **His** strength? "It is I who **speak** in **righteousness**, mighty to **save**."
2***Why*** is there red on **Your** raiment and **Your** garments like one who treads in the winepress?
3"I have trodden the winepress alone and from the peoples no one was with **Me.** And I trod them down in **My** *displeasure* and I *trampled* them in **My** *wrath*. Their **blood** is sprinkled upon **My** garments and I have *defiled* **all My** raiment.
4"For a **day of vengeance** is in **My heart** and the **year** of **My** redeemed has **come**.
5"And I looked, but there was ***none*** helping and I was astonished that there was ***none*** upholding. So **My** own arm **saved** for **Me** and **My** *wrath* upheld **Me.**
6"And I *trod* down peoples in **My** *displeasure* and *made* them drunk in **My** *wrath* and *brought down* their strength to earth."
7**Let** me recount the **kindness**es of and the praises of , **according** to **all** that has done for us and the **great goodness** toward the house of Yisra'ĕl, which **He** has done for them **according** to **His compassion** and **according** to **His** many **kindness**es.
8And He said, "They are My people, children who do not act falsely." And He became their Saviour.
9In **all** their *distress* **He** was *distressed* and the Messenger of **His Presence saved** them. In **His love** and in **His compassion He** redeemed them and **He** lifted them up and carried them **all** the days of old.
10But they *rebelled* and *grieved* **His Set-apart Spirit** so **He** turned *against* them as an enemy and **He** fought *against* them.
11***Then*** **He remembered** the days of old, Mosheh, **His** people,"Where **is He** who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of **His** flock? Where **is He** who put **His Set-apart Spirit** within him,
12who led them by the **right hand** of Mosheh, with **His** comely arm, dividing the water before them to make for **Himself** an **everlasting Name**,
13who led them through the deep? Like a horse in the wilderness they *did not stumble*."

[14]As a beast goes down into the valley and the **Spirit** of **יהוה causes** him to rest, so You led **Your people**, to make **Yourself** a comely Name.
[15]Look down from the heavens and **see** from **Your** set-apart and comely dwelling. Where are **Your ardour** and **Your** might, the stirring of **Your** inward parts and **Your compassion** toward me? Are they withheld?
[16]For **You** are our **Father,** though Abrahim *does not* **know** us and Yisra'ĕl *does not* recognise us. **You,** O **יהוה**, **are our Father, our Redeemer – Your Name is from of old.**
[17]O **יהוה**, why do **You** make us *stray* from **Your** ways and *harden* our **heart** from **Your fear**? Turn back, for the sake of **Your** servants, the tribes of **Your** inheritance.
[18]For **a** *little* **while Your** set-apart people possessed it – our adversaries have trodden down **Your** set-apart place.
[19]We have become like those over whom **You** never ruled – **Your Name** is not called on them!

64 Oh that **You** would *tear* the heavens open, **come** down, that mountains ***shall*** *shake* before **Your** ? –
[2]as when *fire* burns twigs, as *fire* makes water boil – to make **Your Name known** to **Your** adversaries, so that nations *tremble* before **You.**
[3]***When*** **You** did **awesome** matters, which we *did not* expect, **You** came down, mountains did *shake* before **You**!
[4]Since the beginning of the ages they have not **heard** nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye **seen** any **Elohim** besides **You,** who acts for those who **wait** for **Him.**
[5]**You *shall*** meet him who **rejoices** and does **righteousness**, who **remembers You** in **Your** ways. **See, You** were *wroth* when we *sinned* in them a long **time.** And should we be **saved**?
[6]And **all** of us have become as one *unclean* and **all** our **righteousness**es are as soiled rags. And **all** of us fade like a leaf and our *crookedness*es, like the wind, have taken us away.
[7]And there is no one who calls on **Your Name,** who stirs himself up to take hold of **You**; for **You** have *hidden* **Your** face from us and have *consumed* us **<u>because</u>** of our *crookedness*es.
[8]And **now**, O **יהוה**, **You** are our **Father.** We are the clay and **You** our potter. And we are **all** the **work** of **Your hand.**
[9]***Do*** *not* be *wroth*, O **יהוה**, nor ***remember*** *crookedness* **forever**. **See,** please look, **all** of us are **Your people**!
[10]**Your** set-apart cities has become a wilderness, Tsiyon has become a wilderness, Yerushalayim a *waste.*
[11]Our set-apart and comely House, where our fathers p**raised You,** has been *burned* up with *fire*. And **all** that we treasured has become a *ruin.*
[12]In view of **all** this, would **You** restrain **Yourself**, O **יהוה**? Would **You** keep *silent* and *afflict* us beyond measure?

65 "I have let **Myself** be **inquired** of, not by those who asked; I was found, not by those who sought **Me.** I said, 'Here I am, here I am,' to a nation ***not*** calling on **My Name.**
[2]"I have held out **My** hands **all** day long to a *stubborn* people, who **walk** in a *way* that is *not* **good**, after their *own* thoughts;
[3]the people who ***provoke*** **Me** continually to **My** face, who *slaughter* in gardens and burn incense on altars of brick;
[4]who *sit* among the *graves* and spend the night in **secret** places, who ***eat*** *flesh* of ***pigs,*** and the ***broth*** of *unclean meat* is in their pots,
[5]who say, 'Keep to yourself, *do not* **come near** me, for I am set-apart to you!' These are smoke in **My** nostrils, a *fire* that burns **all** day.
[6]**"'See, it is written before Me: I am not silent, but *shall* repay** and **I *shall* repay into their bosom,**
[7]your *crookedness*es and the *crookedness*es of your fathers together,"

said יהוה, "who *burned* incense on the mountains and *reproached* **Me** on the hills. And I ***shall*** measure their former **work** into their bosom."

[8]Thus said יהוה, "As the **new wine** is **found** in the cluster and one ***shall*** say, '***Do*** *not destroy* it, for there is **blessing** in it,' so I do for **My** servants' sake, **not** to *destroy* them **all.**

[9]"And I ***shall*** bring forth a **seed** from Ya'aqob and from Yahudah an **heir** of **My** mountains. **My chosen** ones ***shall*** inherit it and **My servants** dwell there.

[10]"And Sharon ***shall*** **be** a fold of flocks and the Valley of Akor a place for herds to *lie* down, for **My people** who have sought **Me.**

[11]"***But*** you are those who *forsake* יהוה, who *forget* **My** set-apart mountain, who *prepare* a table for *Gad* and who *fill* a drink offering for *Meni*.

[12]"And I ***shall*** allot you to the *sword* and let you **all** bow down to the *slaughter*, **because** I called and you *did not* **answer**, I spoke and you *did not* **hear** and you *did evil* before **My** eyes and **chose** that in which I *did not* delight."

[13]Therefore thus said the **Master** יהוה, "**See, My servants eat**, but you *hunger*; **see, My servants drink**, but you *thirst*; **see, My servants rejoice,** but you are put to *shame*;

[14]**See**, **My servants sing** for **joy** of **heart,** but you *cry* for *sorrow* of **heart** and *wail* for *breaking of spirit*.

[15]"And you ***shall*** leave your name as a *curse* to **My chosen**, for the **Master** יהוה ***shall*** put you to *death* and **call His** servants by another name,

[16]so that he who blesses himself in the earth does **bless** himself in the **Elohim** of **truth**. And he who swears in the earth does swear by the **Elohim** of **truth**. **Because** the former *distresses* ***shall*** **be** *forgotten* and **because** they ***shall*** **be** *hidden* from **My** eyes.

[17]"For look, I am creating new heavens and a new earth and the former ***shall*** not be **remembered**, nor **come to heart.**

[18]"***But*** be **glad** and **rejoice forever** in what I create; for look, I create Yerushalayim a rejoicing and her people a joy.

[19]"And I ***shall*** **rejoice** in Yerushalayim and ***shall*** **joy** in **My people** and let the **voice** of *weeping* no more be **heard** in her, nor the **voice** of crying.

[20]"No more is an infant from there going to **live** but a **few** days, nor an old man who *does not* **complete** his days, for the youth dies one hundred years old, but the *sinner* being one hundred years old ***shall*** **be** lightly esteemed.

[21]"And they ***shall*** build houses and inhabit them and plant vineyards and eat their **fruit.**

[22]"They ***shall*** not build and another inhabit; they ***shall*** not plant and another eat. For the days of **My people** are going to be as the days of a *tree* and **My chosen ones outlive** the **work** of their hands.

[23]"They ***shall*** not labour in vain, nor bring forth children for trouble. For they are the **seed** of the **blessed** of יהוה and their offspring with them.

[24]"And it *shall* be that before they call, I answer. And while they are still speaking, I hear.

[25]"Wolf and **lamb** feed together, a lion eats straw as an ox and dust is the snake's food. They ***shall*** do no *evil*, nor *destroy* in **all My** set-apart mountain," said יהוה.

66 Thus said יהוה, "The heavens are **My** throne and the earth is **My** footstool. Where is this house that you build for **Me?** And where is this place of **My** rest?

[2]"And **all** these **My hand** have made and **all** these that exist," **declares** יהוה. "Yet to such a one I look:
on him who is *poor* and bruised of spirit and who *trembles* at **My Word.**

[3]"***But whoever*** slaughters the bull *slays* a man; ***Whoever*** slaughters the **lamb** breaks a dog's neck; ***Whoever*** brings a grain offering – pig's blood; ***Whoever*** burns incense blesses an *idol*. Indeed, they have **chosen** their *own ways* and their being ***delights*** in their **abominations**.

4"I ***shall*** also **choose** their *punishment*s and **bring** their ***fears*** on them **<u>because</u>** I called, but no one answered. I spoke and they *did not* hear and they did *evil* before **My** eyes and **chose** what was *displeasing* to **Me.**"

5**Hear** the **Word** of **יהוה**, you who *tremble* at **His Word,** "**Your** brothers who *hate* you, who *cast* you out for **My Name's** sake, said, '**Let יהוה** be **esteemed**, so that we **see** your joy.' ***But*** they are put to *shame.*"

6"A roaring sound from the city, a **voice** from the Hĕkal, the **voice** of **יהוה**, repaying **His** enemies!

7"Before she laboured, she gave birth; before a pain came to her, she was **delivered** of a male child.

8"***Who*** has **heard** the like of this? ***Who*** has **seen** the like of these? Is a land brought forth in one day? Is a nation born at once? For as soon as Tsiyon laboured, she gave birth to her children.

9"***Shall*** I bring to birth and not give delivery?" says **יהוה**. "***Shall*** I who give delivery restrain birth?" said your **Elohim**.

10"**Rejoice** with Yerushalayim and be **glad** with her, **all** you who **love** her; **rejoice greatly** with her, **all** you who *mourn* for her;

11so that you feed and ***shall*** **be satisfied** with the breast of her **comforts**, so that you drink deeply and ***shall*** **delight** yourselves in her overflowing esteem."

12For thus said **יהוה**, "**See,** I am extending **peace** to her like a river and the **esteem** of the *gentiles* like a flowing stream. And you ***shall*** feed; you ***shall*** **be** carried on the side and be fondled on her knees.

13"As one whom his mother **comforts**, so I comfort you. And in Yerushalayim you are comforted."

14"And you ***shall*** **see** and your **heart** ***shall*** **rejoice** and your bones flourish as tender grass. And the **hand** of **יהוה** ***shall*** **be known** to **His** servants and **His** *displeasure* to **His** enemies.

15"For look, **יהוה** **comes** with *fire* and with **His** chariots, like a *whirlwind*, to render **His** *displeasure* with *burning* and **His** ***rebuke*** with *flames* of *fire*.

16"For by *fire* and by **His** *sword* **יהוה** ***shall*** **judge all** *flesh* and the *slain* of **יהוה** ***shall*** **be** many –

17those who set themselves apart and **cleanse** themselves at the gardens after 'One' in the **midst**, eating *flesh* of ***pigs*** and the **<u>abomination</u>** and the *mouse*, are ***snatched away***, together," **declares** **יהוה**. See Yeshayahu 65:4

18"And I, **<u>because</u>** of their **works** and their **imaginations**, am **coming** to **gather all** nations and tongues. And they ***shall*** **come** and **see My** esteem.

19"And I ***shall*** set a **sign** among them and ***shall*** send some of those who **escape** to the nations – Tarshish and Pul and Lud, who draw the bow and Tubal and Yawan, the coastlands afar off who have not **heard My** report nor **seen My** esteem. And they ***shall*** **declare My esteem** among the *gentiles.*

20"And they ***shall*** bring **all** your brothers as an offering to **יהוה** out of **all** the *gentiles,* on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to **My** set-apart mountain Yerushalayim," **declares** **יהוה**, "as the children of Yisra'ĕl bring an offering in a **clean** vessel into the House of **יהוה**.

21"And from them too I ***shall*** take for priests – for Lĕwites," **declares** **יהוה**.

22"For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make **stand** before **Me,**" **declares** **יהוה**, "so your seed and your name ***shall*** stand.

23"And it *shall* be that from New Moon to New Moon and **from Sabbath to Sabbath, all** *flesh* ***shall*** **come to worship before Me," declares** **יהוה.**

24"And they ***shall*** go forth and look upon the corpses of the men who have *transgressed* ***<u>against</u>*** **Me.** For their worm ***shall*** not *die* and their *fire* not be *quenched*. And they ***shall*** **be** ***repulsive*** to **all** flesh!"

See Yeshayahu 24:6, 34:2-3, Yirm. 25:33 and Teh. 110:6

YIRMEYAHU

JEREMIAH

1 The **words** of Yirmeyahu the son
of Ḥilqiyahu, of the priests who were in
Anathoth in the land of Binyamin,
2to whom the **Word** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 came
in the days of Yoshiyahu son of Amon,
sovereign of Yahuḏah, in the thirteenth
year of his reign.
3And it came in the days of
Yehoyaqim, son of Yoshiyahu, sovereign
of Yahuḏah, until **the end** of the eleventh
year of Tsiḏqiyahu, son of Yoshiyahu,
sovereign of Yahuḏah, until the exile of
Yerushalayim in the fifth month.
4**Now** the **Word** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **came to
me,** saying,
5"Before I formed you in the belly
I **knew** you and before you came out
of the womb I did set you apart – I
appointed you a **prophet** to nations."
6And said I, "Ah, **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄!
See, I *do not* **know** how to speak, for I
am a youth."
7And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 said to me, "***Do*** *not*
say, **'I am** a youth,' but go to **all** to
whom I **send** you and **speak** ***whatever*** I
command you.
8"***Do*** *not* **fear** their faces, for **I am
with you** to **deliver** you," **declares**
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
9***Then*** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 put forth **His hand** and
touched my **mouth** and 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 said to
me, "**See,** I have put **My words** in your
mouth.
10"**See,** I have this day set you over
the nations and over the reigns, to root
out and to pull down, to *destroy* and to
overthrow, to build and to plant."
11And the **Word** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **came to me,**
saying, "***What*** do you **see,** Yirmeyahu?"
And I said, "I **see** a branch of an almond
tree."
12And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 said to me, "You have
seen well, for I am watching over **My
word** to do it."
13And the **Word** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 came to me
a second **time,** saying, "***What*** do you
see?" And I said, "I **see** a boiling pot and
it is facing away from the north."
14And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 said to me, "Out of
the north *evil* is set loose on **all** the
inhabitants of the land.
15"For look, I am calling **all** the clans
of the reigns of the north," **declares**
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄. "And they ***shall*** **come** and each
one set his throne at the entrance of the
gates of Yerushalayim, *against* **all** its
walls **all** around and *against* **all** the cities
of Yahuḏah.
16"And I ***shall*** **pronounce My**
judgments *against* them concerning **all**
their *evil*, **because** they have ***forsaken***
Me, *burned* incense to other *mighty ones*
and bowed themselves to the **works** of
their own hands.
17"**Now**, gird up your loins and arise
and **speak** to them **all** that I **command**
you. ***Do*** *not break down* before their
faces, lest I *break* you before them.
18"For look, I have made you this day
a walled city and an iron column and
bronze walls *against* **all** the land, *against*
the sovereigns of Yahuḏah, *against* her
heads, *against* her priests and *against* the
people of the land.
19"And they ***shall*** *fight against* you,
but not **prevail** *against* you. For **I am
with you**," **declares** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, "to **deliver
you**."

2 And the **Word** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **came to
me,** saying,
2"Go and you ***shall*** cry in the
hearing of Yerushalayim, saying, 'Thus
said 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, "I ***remember*** you, the
kindness of your youth, the **love** of your
bridehood, when you went after **Me** in
the wilderness, in a land that was not
sown.

3"'Yisra'ĕl was set-apart to יהוה,
the **first-fruits** of **His** increase. All who
ate of it became *guilty – evil* came upon
them," **declares** יהוה.' "
4**Hear** the **Word** of יהוה, O house of
Ya'aqoḇ and **all** the clans of the house of
Yisra'ĕl.
5Thus said יהוה, "***What***
unrighteousness have your fathers
found in **Me,** that they have gone far
from **Me** and went after *worthless*ness
and became *worthless*?
6"'And *did not* they say, 'Where is
יהוה, who brought us up out of the
land of Mitsrayim, who led us through
the wilderness, through a land of
deserts and pits, through a land of
drought and the *shadow of death,* a
land that no one passed through and
where no one dwelt?'
7"'***Then*** I brought you into a garden
land, to eat its **fruit** and its **goodness**.
But when you entered, you *defiled*
My land and made **My inheritance** an
abomination.
8"'The priests *did not* say, 'Where
is יהוה?' And those who handle
the **Torah** *did not* **know Me** and the
shepherds *transgressed against* **Me**
and the prophets *prophesied* by ***Ba'al***
and walked after *matters* that *did not*
profit.
9"'Therefore I still *contend* with you,"
declares יהוה, "and with your
children's children I *contend*.
10"'For, pass beyond the isles of Kittim
and **see** and send to Qeḏar and **observe**
well and **see** if there has been any like
this.
11"'Has a nation *changed* its *mighty*
ones, which are not *mighty ones*? ***But***
My people *have changed* **My esteem**
for that which *does not* profit.
12"'Be amazed, O heavens, at this and be
frightened, be *utterly* dried up,"
declares יהוה.
13"'For **My people** have done two *evil*s:
they have ***forsaken*** **Me,** the fountain of
living waters, to *hew* out *for themselves*
cisterns, cracked cisterns, which *do not*
hold water.
14"'Is Yisra'ĕl a servant? Was he born in
the house? ***Why*** is he **given** to plunder?
15"'The young lions roared at him,
they growled and made his land waste;
his cities have been *burned*, without
inhabitant.
16"'Even the sons of Noph and of
Taḥpanḥes have shaven the crown of
your head.
17"'Have you not done this to yourself,
by *forsaking* יהוה your **Elohim** when
He led you in the **way?**
18"'And **now** why take the **way** to
Mitsrayim, to drink the waters of
Shiḥor? Or why take the **way** to
Ashshur, to drink the waters of the
River?
19"'**Your** own *evil* **instructs** you and
your *backslidings* **reprove** you. Know
therefore and **see** that it is *evil* and *bitter*
that you have ***forsaken*** יהוה your
Elohim and that **My fear** is not in you,"
declares the **Master** יהוה of hosts.
20"'For of old you have *broken* your
yoke and *tore* of your bonds. And you
said, '***I am not serving*** **You,**' when on
every high hill and under **every** *green*
tree you lay down, a *whore.*
21"'Yet I had planted you a choice vine,
all of it a **true** seed. ***How*** then have you
turned before **Me** into the *degenerate*
plant of a *strange vine*?
22"'Although you wash yourself
with lye and use much soap, yet your
crookedness is ingrained before **Me,**"
declares the **Master** יהוה.
23"'***How*** do you say, **'I am** not *defiled*, I
have not gone after the Ba'als'? **See** *your*
way in the valley, **know** what you have
done: a *swift* dromedary breaking loose
in her ways,
24a wild donkey used to the wilderness,
sniffing the *wind* in the desire of her
being – in her **time** of mating, who turns
her away? All those who **seek** her need
not *weary* themselves; in her month they
find her.
25"'Keep your foot from being bare and
your throat from thirst. ***But*** you said, 'It
is useless, **because** I **love** *strangers* and
after them I go.'

[26]"As the *thief* is *ashamed* when he is **found** out, so is the house of Yisra'ĕl *ashamed* – they and their sovereigns and their heads and their priests and their **prophets,**
[27]saying to a *tree,* 'You are my father,' and to a *stone*, 'You gave birth to me.' For they have *turned their back* to **Me** and not their face. ***But*** in the **time** of their *calamity* they say, '**Arise** and **save** us.'
[28]"***But*** where are your *mighty ones* that you have made for yourselves? ***Let*** them arise, **see** if they **save** you in the **time** of your *calamity*. **Because** your *mighty ones* have become as many as your cities, O Yahuḏah.
[29]"***Why*** do you *complain* to **Me?** You **all** have *transgressed against* **Me,**" **declares** ꓤYHWH.
[30]"In vain have I *smitten* your children – they received *no* **instruction.** Your *sword* has devoured your prophets like a destroying lion.
[31]"O generation, **see** the **Word** of ꓤYHWH! Have I been a wilderness to Yisra'ĕl, Or a land of *darkness*? ***Why*** do **My people** say, 'We have *broken loose*; *we come to* ***You*** *no more'?*
[32]"Would a maiden *forget* her ornaments, or a bride her headband? Yet **My people** have *forgotten* **Me,** days without number.
[33]"***Why*** do you embellish *your way* to **seek** love? Therefore you have even **taught** the *evil* women *your ways*.
[34]"Even on your *skirts* is **found** the *blood* of the lives of the *poor* **innocents**. You *did not* find them breaking in, but in spite of **all** these,
[35]you say, '**Because** I am innocent, certainly **His** *displeasure* ***shall turn*** from me.' **See,** I ***shall*** bring judgment on you, **because** you say, 'I have not *sinned*.'
[36]"***Why*** do you go about so much to *change* your **way?** Even of Mitsrayim you are to be ashamed, as you were *ashamed* of Ashshur.
[37]"Even from this one you ***shall*** go forth, with your hands on your head. For ꓤYHWH has *rejected* those you **trust** and you ***shall not*** prosper by them.

3 **Elohim** said, "***If*** a man puts away his wife and she goes from him and becomes another man's, does he **return** to her again? *would not* that land be made greatly unclean? ***But*** you have *committed whoring* with many lovers. And would you **return** to **Me?**" **declares** ꓤYHWH.
[2]"Lift up your eyes to the bare heights and see: where have you *not* lain with men? Besides the **ways** you have sat for them like an Araḇian in the wilderness. And you made the land *unclean* with your *whorings* and your *evil*.
[3]"Therefore the showers have been *withheld* and there has been no **latter** rain. You have had a *whore's* forehead, you *refuse* to be ashamed.
[4]"***Shall*** you not from **now** on cry to **Me, '**My father, You are the guide of my youth?
[5]'Does one bear a grudge **forever**? Does one keep it to the end?' **See,** you have **spoken** and done the *evil*s that you could."
[6]And ꓤYHWH said to me in the days of Yoshiyahu the sovereign, "Have you **seen** what *backsliding* Yisra'ĕl has done? She has gone up on **every** high mountain and under **every** *green tree* and there *committed whoring.*
[7]"And after she had done **all** these, I said '**Return to Me.**' ***But*** she *did not return*. And her *treacherous* sister Yahuḏah **saw** it.
[8]"And I **saw** that for **all** the **causes** for which backsliding Yisra'ĕl had *committed adultery*, I had put her away and **given** her a certificate of *divorce*; yet her treacherous sister Yahuḏah *did not* **fear,** but went and *committed whoring* too.
[9]"And it came to be, through her *frivolous whoring,* that she *defiled* the land and *committed* adultery with *stones* and *wood*.
[10]"And yet for **all** this her treacherous sister Yahuḏah has not turned to **Me** with **all** her **heart,** but ***falsely***,"

declares ה׳.
[11]And ה׳ said to me, "Backsliding Yisra'ĕl has shown herself more **righteous** than treacherous Yahuḏah.
[12]"Go and **proclaim** these **words** toward the north and say, '**Return,** O backsliding Yisra'ĕl,' **declares** ה׳, 'I ***shall*** not look on you in *displeasure,* for I am kind,' **declares** ה׳, 'and I *do not* bear a grudge **forever**.
[13]'Only, ac**knowledge** your *crookedness,* **<u>because</u>** you have *transgressed <u>against</u>* ה׳ your **Elohim** and have *scattered your ways* to strangers under **every** *green tree* and you have *not* **obeyed My voice**,' **declares** ה׳.
[14]"**Return,** O backsliding children," **declares** ה׳, "for I ***shall*** **rule** over you and ***shall*** take you, one from a city and two from a clan, and ***shall*** bring you to Tsiyon.
[15]"And I ***shall*** give you shepherds **according** to **My heart** and they ***shall*** feed you with **knowledge** and **understanding**.
[16]"And it ***shall*** **be,** when you have increased and ***shall*** bear **fruit** in the land in those days," **declares** ה׳, "that they no longer say, 'The ark of the **covenant** of ה׳.' Neither would it **come to heart,** nor would they ***remember*** it, nor would they **visit** it, nor would it be made again.
[17]"At that **time** Yerushalayim ***shall*** **be** called the throne of ה׳ and **all** the nations ***shall*** **be** gathered to it, to the **Name** of ה׳, to Yerushalayim and no longer **walk** after the *stubbornness* of their *evil* **heart.**
[18]"In those days the house of Yahuḏah ***shall*** go to the house of Yisra'ĕl and they ***shall*** **come together** out of the land of the north to the land that I have **given** as an **inheritance** to your fathers.
[19]"***But*** I said, '***How*** would I put you among the children and give you a pleasant land, a splendid **inheritance** of the hosts of nations?'
"And I said, '**Call Me, "My Father," and do not turn away from Me.**'
[20]"***But*** indeed as a wife *betrays* her husband, so have you *betrayed* **Me,** O house of Yisra'ĕl," **declares** ה׳.
[21]A **voice** was **heard** on the bare heights, *weeping* supplications of the children of Yisra'ĕl, **<u>because</u>** they have *perverted* their **way,** they have *forgotten* ה׳ their **Elohim**.
[22]"**Return,** O backsliding children, I ***shall*** make your *backslidings* cease."
"**See,** we have **come to You,** for **You** are ה׳ our **Elohim**.
[23]"**Truly**, *delusion* **comes** from the high hills, the noisy throng *on* the mountains. **Truly**, in ה׳ our **Elohim** is the **deliverance** of Yisra'ĕl.
[24]"For *shame* has devoured the labour of our fathers from our youth, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.
[25]"We ***shall*** *lie* down in our shame, while our *reproach* covers us. For we have *sinned <u>against</u>* ה׳ our **Elohim**, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day and have *not* **obeyed** the **voice** of ה׳ our **Elohim**."

4 "***If*** you do **return,** O Yisra'ĕl," **declares** ה׳, "**return** to **Me.**
And ***if*** you remove your **<u>abominations</u>** from **My presence** and cease *straying,*
[2]and ***shall*** swear, 'As ה׳ lives,' in **truth**, in right-ruling and in **righteousness** – then nations ***shall*** **bless** themselves in **Him** and they ***shall*** boast in **Him!**"
[3]For this is what ה׳ said to the men of Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim, "Break up your tilable ground and *do not* sow among thorns.
[4]"**Circumcise** yourselves unto ה׳ and take away the **foreskins** of your **hearts**, you men of Yahuḏah and inhabitants of Yerushalayim, lest **My** *wrath* **come** forth like *fire* and *burn*, with *none* to quench it, **<u>because</u>** of the *evil* of your **deeds**."
[5]**Declare** in Yahuḏah and **let it be heard** in Yerushalayim and say, "Blow the ram's horn in the land. Cry aloud

and say, '**Gather** yourselves and let us go into the walled city.'
6"Lift up the banner toward Tsiyon. Be **strong,** *do not* **stand** still! For I am bringing *evil* from the north and **great *destruction.***"
7"A lion has **come** up from his bush and the destroyer of nations is on his **way. He** has set out from his place to make your land a *ruin.* **Your** cities are *laid waste,* without inhabitant.
8"For this, gird yourself with sackcloth, *lament* and *wail*. For the *burning displeasure* of ֵיהוָה has not turned back from us.
9"And in that day it ***shall* be,** " **declares** ֵיהוָה, "that the **heart** of the sovereign ***shall** perish* and the **heart** of the heads. And the priests ***shall* be** astonished and the prophets **wonder.**"
10***Then*** I said, "Ah, **Master** ֵיהוָה! **Truly**, **You** have greatly ***deceived*** this people and Yerushalayim, saying, 'Peace is for you,' whereas the *sword reaches* to the **heart.**"
11At that **time** it ***shall* be** said to this people and to Yerushalayim, "A scorching *wind* of the bare heights blows in the wilderness toward the daughter of **My people**, not to fan or to cleanse.
12"A *wind* too **strong** for this ***shall* come** for **Me. Now** it is I who **speak judgments** *against* them.
13"**See,** he **comes** up like clouds and his chariots like a *whirlwind.* **His** horses ***shall* be** swifter than eagles. **Woe** to us, for we ***shall* be** ravaged!"
14O Yerushalayim, wash your **heart** from *evil* and be **saved**. Til when would your *wicked thoughts* remain within you?
15For a **voice** is **declaring** from Dan and is **proclaiming** *trouble* from Mount Ephrayim:
16"**Announce** to the nations, look, **proclaim** *against* Yerushalayim, that besiegers are **coming** from a distant land and **raise** their **voice** *against* the cities of Yahudah.
17"Like keepers of a field they are *against* her **all** around, **because** she has *rebelled against* **Me,**" **declares** ֵיהוָה.
18"*Your ways* and *your deeds* have brought this upon you. This is your *evil*, **because** it is *bitter*, **because** it has reached into your **heart.**"
19O my inward parts, my inward parts! I am in pain! O the walls of my heart! **My heart** pounds in me, I am not silent. For you have **heard**, O my being, the sound of the ram's horn, a shout of battle!
20*Destruction* upon ***destruction*** is cried, for **all** the land is *ravaged. Suddenly* my tents are ravaged – my curtains in a *moment*.
21***How*** long ***shall* I see** a banner and **hear** the sound of the ram's horn?
22"For **My people** are ***foolish,*** they have ***not* known Me.** They are *stupid* children and they have *no* **understanding**. They are **wise** to do *evil*, but to do **good** they have *no* **knowledge**."
23I **looked** at the earth and **saw** it was formless and empty. And the heavens, they had no **light**.
24I **looked** at the mountains and **saw** they *shook* and **all** the hills were *swaying*.
25I looked and **saw** there was no man and **all** the birds of the heavens had fled.
26I looked and **saw** the garden land was a wilderness and **all** its cities were *broken down* at the presence of ֵיהוָה, by **His** *burning displeasure.*
27For thus said ֵיהוָה, "All the earth ***shall* be** a *ruin,* but I ***shall*** not make a **complete end**.
28"On account of this, **let** the earth *mourn* and the heavens above be *dark*, **because** I have **spoken** , **because** I have **purposed** and ***shall** not* **relent,** *nor* do I **turn back** from **it**."
29All the city is *fleeing* from the noise of the horsemen and bowmen. They ***shall*** go into bushes and climb up on the rocks. All the city is ***forsaken*** and no one is dwelling in it.
30And when you are *ravaged*, what would you do? Though you put on crimson, though you adorn yourself with ornaments of gold, though you enlarge

your eyes with paint,
you adorn yourself in vain. Your *lovers despise* you, they **seek** your **life**.
[31]For I have **heard** a **voice** as of a woman in labour, the *distress* as of her who brings forth her **first** child, the **voice** of the daughter of Tsiyon! She *bewails* herself, she spreads out her hands, saying, "**Woe** to me, for my being faints **because** of murderers!"

5 "Diligently **search** the streets of Yerushalayim and please look and know and **seek** in her **open** places if you find a man, ***if*** there is **anyone doing right-ruling**, **seeking** the **truth**, ***then*** I ***shall*** pardon her.
[2]"Even when they say, '**As** יהוה **lives**,' they swear *falsely*, for certain."
[3]O יהוה, are **Your** eyes not on **truth?** You have *smitten* them, but they have not *grieved*. You have *consumed* them, but they have *refused to receive* ***instruction.*** They made their faces harder than rock and they *refused* to turn back.
[4]***Then*** I said, "These are only the *poor*. They have been ***foolish,*** for they have ***not*** **known** the **way** of יהוה, the **right-ruling** of their **Elohim**.
[5]"**Let** me go to the **great** men and **speak** to them, for they have **known** the **way** of יהוה, the **right-ruling** of their **Elohim**." ***But*** these have al**together** *broken* the yoke and *torn* off the bonds.
[6]Therefore a lion from the forest ***shall*** *smite* them, a wolf of the deserts ravage them. A leopard is watching over their cities, ***whoever*** **comes** out of them is *torn* in pieces. For their *transgressions* have been many and their *backslidings* have been numerous.
[7]"***Why*** should I pardon you for this? **Your** children have ***forsaken*** **Me** and sworn by those that are not *mighty ones*. ***When*** I had filled them up, they then *committed adultery* and they *thronged to the house of a whore.*
[8]"They were like well-fed horses, **every** one neighed after his neighbour's wife.
[9]"Would I **not** *punish* them for this?" **declares** יהוה. "And would I not revenge **Myself** on such a nation as this?
[10]"Go up on her walls and *destroy,* but *do not* make a **complete end**. Take away her branches, for they *do not* belong to יהוה.
[11]"For the house of Yisra'ĕl and the house of Yahuḏah have *utterly betrayed* **Me,**" **declares** יהוה.
[12]They have been *untrue* to יהוה and said, "It is not **He.** No *evil* **comes** upon us, nor do we **see** *sword* or *scarcity of food*."
[13]And the prophets have become wind and the **Word** is **not** in them. Thus ***shall*** **be done** to them:
[14]Therefore thus said יהוה **Elohim** of hosts, "**Because** you **speak** this **word, see,** I am making **My words** in your **mouth** *fire* and this people *wood* and it ***shall*** *devour* them.
[15]"**See,** I am bringing a nation *against* you from afar, O house of Yisra'ĕl," **declares** יהוה. "It is an enduring nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose **language** *you do not* **know,** nor do you **understand** what they say.
[16]"Their quiver is like an **open** tomb, **all** of them are mighty men.
[17]"And they ***shall*** eat up your harvest and your bread, which your sons and daughters should eat. They ***shall*** eat up your flocks and your herds, they ***shall*** eat up your vines and your fig trees. With the *sword* they ***shall*** demolish your walled cities, in which you are **trusting**.
[18]"***But*** even in those days," **declares** יהוה, **"I *shall* not make a complete end of you.**
[19]"And it ***shall*** **be,** when they say, '***Why*** does יהוה our **Elohim** do **all** this to us?' then you ***shall*** answer them, 'As you have ***forsaken*** **Me** and **served** foreign *mighty ones* in your land, so you ***shall*** **serve** foreigners in a land that is not yours.'
[20]"**Declare** this in the house of Ya'aqoḇ and **proclaim** it in Yahuḏah, saying,

[21]‘**Hear this now**, O ***foolish*** people *without* **heart,** who have eyes and **see *not*** and who have **ears** and **hear *not***:
[22]‘***Do*** you ***not fear* Me?**’ **declares** ꓤꓴꓤꓩ. ‘***Do*** you ***not*** *tremble* at **My** presence, who have placed the sand as the boundary of the sea, by an **everlasting law,** and it *does not* pass over it? Though its waves toss to and fro, they are not able; though they roar, they *do not* pass over it.
[23]‘***But*** *this* people has a *backsliding* and *rebellious* **heart,** they have *turned aside* and *gone away*.
[24]‘And they *do not* say in their **heart,** “**Let** us **now *fear*** ꓤꓴꓤꓩ our **Elohim**, who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season. **He** guards for us the **appointed weeks** of the harvest.”
[25]‘**Your** *crookedness*es have turned these away and your *sins* have kept the **good** from you.
[26]‘For among **My people** are **found *wrong*** men who *lie* in wait as one who sets *snares*. They have set up a *trap*, they ***catch*** men.
[27]‘As a cage is filled with birds, so their houses are filled with *deceit*. Therefore they have become great and grown rich.
[28]‘They have become *fat* and they are *sleek*. They also *overlook* the **deeds** of the *wrong.* They *did not* **rightly rule** the **cause** of the fatherless, so that they prosper. And the **right** of the needy they *did not* **rightly rule.**
[29]‘Would I not *punish* them for this?’ **declares** ꓤꓴꓤꓩ. ‘Would I not *revenge* **Myself** on such a nation as this?’
[30]“An *astounding* and *horrible matter* has **come to** be in the land:
[31]The prophets have *prophesied falsely* nd the priests **rule** by their *own* **hand** and **My people** have **loved** it so. And what are you going to do at **the end of it**?

6 “O children of Binyamin, **gather** your selves to ***flee*** out of the **midst** of Yerushalayim! Blow the ram’s horn in Teqowa and set up a signal-*fire* in Bĕyth Hakkerem, for *evil* has been **seen** from the north and **great *destruction.***
[2]“I ***shall cut*** *off* the lovely and delicate one, the daughter of Tsiyon.
[3]“The shepherds with their flocks ***shall* come to** her, they ***shall*** pitch their tents *against* her **all** around. They ***shall*** pasture, each one in his own place.”
[4]“Set apart battle *against* her. Arise and let us go up at noon. **Woe** to us, for the day goes away, for the shadows of the **evening** are lengthening.
[5]“Arise and let us go by night and let us *destroy* her palaces.”
[6]For thus said ꓤꓴꓤꓩ of hosts, “*Cut* down her trees and *cast* up a siege mound *against* Yerushalayim. She is the city to be *punished*, in whose **midst** there is only *oppression*.
[7]“As a well flows with water, so she flows with her *evil*. *Violence* and ***destruction*** are **heard** in her. Before **Me** continually are *suffering* and *smiting*.
[8]“**Be instructed,** O Yerushalayim, lest **My** being be *torn* from you, lest I make you a *waste,* a land not inhabited.”
[9]Thus said ꓤꓴꓤꓩ of hosts, “**Let** them thoroughly glean as a **vine** the **remnant** of Yisra’ĕl; pass your **hand** again over the branches like a grape-gatherer.”
[10]To whom ***shall*** I **speak** and **give** *warning*, so that *they* **hear**? **See,** their ear is *uncircumcised* and they are *unable* to **listen**. **See,** the **Word** of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ is a *reproach* to them, they *do not* **delight** in it.
[11]Therefore I am filled with the *wrath* of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ. I have become *weary* of containing it. “**Pour it out** on the children outside and on the company of young men together, for even husband and wife ***shall* be** *taken*, the aged and the **very** old.
[12]“And their houses ***shall* be** turned over to others, fields and wives together. For I ***shall*** stretch out **My hand** *against* the inhabitants of the land,” **declares** ꓤꓴꓤꓩ.
[13]“For from the least of them even to the greatest of them, they are **all** *greedy*

for *gain*. And from the **prophet** even to the priest, **all** act falsely.
14"And they **heal** the *breach* of **My people** slightly, saying, 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace.
15Were they *ashamed* when they had done **abomination**? **No**! They were not at **all** ashamed, *nor did* they **know** how to blush. Therefore they ***shall fall*** among those who fall. They ***shall*** *stumble* at the **time** I **visit** them," said יהוה.
16Thus said יהוה, "**Stand** in the **ways and see** and **ask for the old paths, where the good way is** and **walk in it; and find rest for yourselves.** ***But*** they said, *'We do not walk in it.'*
17"And I **raised** up **watchmen** over you and *said*, '**Listen** to the sound of the ram's horn!' ***But*** they said, *'We do not listen.'*
18"Therefore **hear,** you nations and **know,** O congregation, what is upon them!
19"Hear, O earth! See, I am bringing *evil* upon this people, even the **fruit** of their thoughts, **because** they have *not listened* to **My words**, nor **My Torah** – and they *rejected* it.
20"***What*** need have I of frankincense from Sheḇa and **sweet** cane from a distant land? **Your** burnt offerings are ***not*** **acceptable** and your slaughterings have ***not*** been **sweet** to **Me.**"
21Therefore thus said יהוה, "**See,** I am laying *stumbling-blocks* before this people. And the fathers and the sons **together** ***shall*** *stumble* on them, the neighbour and his friend ***shall*** *perish.*"
22Thus said יהוה, "**See,** a people ***shall*** **come** from the land of the north and a **great** nation is stirred up from the farthest parts of the earth,
23they *seize* bow and spear, they are *cruel* and have *no* **compassion**, their **voice** roars like the sea. And they ride on horses, set in array as a man for battle *against* you, O daughter of Tsiyon."
24We have **heard** the report of it, our hands grow weak. *Distress* has taken hold of us, *pain* as of a woman in labour.
25***Do*** *not* go out into the field, *nor* **walk** by the **way. Because** of the *sword* of the enemy, *fear* is on **every side**.
26O daughter of my people, gird on sackcloth and roll about in ashes! Make *mourning* as for an only son, most *bitter* lamentation **because suddenly** the ravager ***shall*** **come** upon us.
27"I have made you a trier and a stronghold among My people, so that you know and *shall* try their way.
28"All of them are ***rebels*** of rebels, walking as *slanderers*. They are bronze and iron, **all** of them are *corrupters*.
29"The bellows have *burned*, the lead has been *consumed* by *fire*. The refiner has refined in vain, for those who are *evil* have not been seperated.
30"They ***shall*** **call** them *rejected* silver, **because** יהוה has *rejected* them."

7 The **word** that came to Yirmeyahu from יהוה, saying,
2"**Stand** in the gate of the House of יהוה and you ***shall*** **proclaim** there this **word and *shall*** say, '**Hear** the **Word** of יהוה, **all** you of Yahuḏah who enter in at these gates to bow before יהוה!'"
3Thus said יהוה of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, "Make *your ways* and your **deeds good**, then I let you dwell in this place.
4"***Do*** *not* **trust** in these *false* **words**, saying, 'This is the Hĕḵal of יהוה, the Hĕḵal of יהוה, the Hĕḵal of יהוה!'
5"For if you **truly** make *your ways* and *your deeds* **good**, if you **truly** do **right-ruling** between a man and his neighbour,
6if *you do not oppress* the stranger, the fatherless and the widow and *do not* shed **innocent blood** in this place, or **walk** after other *mighty ones* to your own *evil*,
7then I ***shall*** let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers **forever** and **ever.**
8"**See,** you are **trusting** in *false* **words**, which *do not* profit –
9*stealing, murdering, committing adultery, swearing falsely* and *burning* incense to ***Ba'al*** and *walking* after *other mighty ones* you have ***not*** **known**.
10"And you came and stood before

Me in this house which is called by **My Name** and said, '*We have been* **delivered**' – **in order** to do **all** these **abominations**!

[11]"Has this house, which is called by **My Name,** become a den of ***robbers*** in your eyes? Look, I, even **I Myself** have **seen** it," **declares** יהוה.

[12]"***But*** go **now** to **My** place at Shiloh, where I set **My Name** at the **first** and **see** what I did to it **because** of the *evil* of **My people** Yisra'ěl.

[13]"And **now**, **because** you have *done* **all** these **works,**" **declares** יהוה, "and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you *did not* **hear** and I called you, but you *did not* answer,

[14]"I ***shall*** also do to this house, which is called by **My Name,** in which you **trust** and to this place which I gave to you and your fathers, as I did to Shiloh.

[15]"And I ***shall*** *cast* you out of **My** presence, as I have *cast* out **all** your brothers, **all** the seed of Ephrayim.

[16]"And you, ***do not*** pray for this people, ***nor*** lift up a cry or prayer for them, ***nor*** make intercession to **Me,** for I ***do not*** **hear** you.

[17]"***Do*** you not **see** what they are doing in the cities of Yahuḏah and in the streets of Yerushalayim?

[18]"The children are gathering *wood*, the fathers are *lighting* the *fire* and the women are *kneading* their *dough*, to make *cakes* for the ***sovereigness*** of the ***heavens*** and to **pour out** *drink offerings* to other *mighty ones*, to ***provoke*** **Me.**

[19]"Is it **Me** they are provoking?" **declares** יהוה. "Is it not themselves – unto the *shame* of their own faces?"

[20]Therefore, thus said the **Master** יהוה, "**See, My** *displeasure* and **My** *wrath* is **poured out** on this place, on man and on beast and on the *trees* of the field and on the **fruit** of the ground. And it ***shall*** *burn* and ***not*** be *quenched*."

[21]Thus said יהוה of hosts, the **Elohim** of **Yisra'ěl**, "Add your burnt offerings to your slaughterings and eat meat.

[22]"For I *did not* **speak** to your fathers, or **command** them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim, about *matters* of burnt offerings or slaughterings.

[23]"***But*** this **word** I did **command** them, '**Obey My voice**, and I ***shall*** **be** your **Elohim** and you be **My people**. **Walk** in **all the ways** that I have **commanded** you, so that it be **well** with you.'

[24]"***But*** they ***did not obey*** or incline their ear, ***but*** walked in the counsels, in the *stubbornness* of their *evil* **heart** and went *backward* and not **forward**.

[25]"From the day that your fathers came out of the land of Mitsrayim until this day, I have even **sent** to you **all My servants** the **prophets,** daily rising up early and sending them.

[26]"***But*** they ***did not obey*** **Me** or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck. They did *evil*, more than their fathers.

[27]"And you ***shall*** **speak all** these **words** to them, though they *do not* **listen** to you. And you ***shall*** also **call** to them, though they *do not* answer you.

[28]"***But*** you ***shall*** say to them, 'This is a nation that ***did not obey*** the **voice** of יהוה their **Elohim**, *nor did* they *accept* **instruction. Truth** has *perished* and has been *cut off* from their **mouth.**

[29]'*Cut off* your hair and *throw* it away and take up a lamentation on the bare heights, for יהוה has *rejected* and ***forsaken*** the generation of **His** *wrath*.'

[30]"For the children of Yahuḏah have done what is *evil* in **My** eyes," **declares** יהוה. "They have set their **abominations** in the house which is called by **My Name,** to *defile* it.

[31]"They have built the *high places* of Topheth, which is in the Valley of the **Son** of Hinnom, to *burn* their sons and daughters in the *fire*, which I *did not* **command,** *nor did* it **come** into **My heart.**

[32]"Therefore **see,** the days are **coming**," **declares** יהוה, "when it ***shall*** no longer be called Topheth, or the Valley of the **Son** of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter, for they ***shall*** bury in Topheth until no room is left.

33"And the corpses of this people ***shall*** **be** food for the birds of the heavens and for the beasts of the earth, with none to frighten them away.
34"And in the cities of Yahuḏah and in the streets of Yerushalayim I ***shall*** make to *cease* the **voice** of **rejoicing** and the **voice** of **gladness**, the **voice** of the bridegroom and the **voice** of the bride. ***For the land shall become a waste!***

8 "At that **time,** " **declares** ꓰꓴꓰꓵ, "they ***shall*** bring the bones of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah and the bones of its heads, the bones of the priests, the bones of the **prophets** and the bones of the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, out of their *graves*,
2and ***shall*** spread them before the sun and the moon and **all** the host of the heavens, which they have *loved* and which they have *served* and after which they have *walked*, which they have *sought* and to which they have *bowed* themselves. They ***shall*** not be gathered nor buried, they ***shall*** **be** for *dung* on the face of the earth.
3"And *death* ***shall*** **be** preferred to **life** by **all** the rest of *those who remain of this evil people*, who *remain* in **all** the places where I have *driven* them," **declares** ꓰꓴꓰꓵ of hosts.
4"And you ***shall*** say to them, 'Thus said ꓰꓴꓰꓵ, "Would they fall and not rise? Does one turn away and not return?
5"***Why*** then has this people, Yerushalayim, turned away in a continual backsliding? They **cling** to *deceit*, they *refuse* to turn back.
6"I have **listened** and **heard** – they *do not* **speak right**. No man has **repented** of his *evil*, saying, '***What*** have I done?' They **all** turned to their *own course*, like a horse rushing into battle.
7"Even a stork in the heavens **knows** her **appointed times** and a turtledove and a swallow and a thrush **observe** the **time** of their **coming**. ***But*** **My people** *do not* **know** the **right-ruling** of ꓰꓴꓰꓵ.
8"***How*** do you say, '*We* are **wise** and the **Torah** of ꓰꓴꓰꓵ is with *us*'?
But look, the *false pen* of the scribe has *worked falsehood.*
9"The **wise** ***shall*** **be** put to *shame*, they ***shall*** **be** *broken* down and *caught*. **See,** they have *rejected* the **Word** of ꓰꓴꓰꓵ, so what **wisdom** do they have?
10"Therefore I give their wives to others and their fields to possessing ones. For from the least even to the greatest, they are **all** *greedy* for *gain.* From the **prophet** to the priest, **all** act *falsely*.
11"And they **heal** the *breach* of the daughter of **My people** slightly, saying, 'Peace, peace!' when there is no peace.
12"Were they *ashamed* when they had done **abomination**? **No**! They were not at **all** *ashamed*, *nor did* they **know** how to blush. So they ***shall fall*** among those who fall. They ***shall*** *stumble* in the **time** of their **visitation**," said ꓰꓴꓰꓵ.
13"I ***shall*** *snatch* them away," **declares** ꓰꓴꓰꓵ. "There are no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig *tree* and the leaf has faded. And what I gave them ***shall*** pass away from them." ' "
14***Why*** are we sitting still? **Gather** yourselves,and let us go into the walled cities and be *silent* there. For ꓰꓴꓰꓵ our **Elohim** has **let** us *perish* and **given** us ***poisoned*** water to drink **because** *we* have *sinned against* ꓰꓴꓰꓵ.
15We **looked** for peace, but there was *no* **good**; *and* for a **time** of **healing** but **see** – **fear**!
16The snorting of his horses was **heard** from Dan. All the land *shook* at the sound of the neighing of his **strong** ones. They came and devoured the land and **all** that fills it, the city and those who dwell in it.
17"For look, I am sending among you *serpents*, *adders*, which have ***no enchanter*** and *they* ***shall*** *bite* you," **declares** ꓰꓴꓰꓵ.
18***When*** in *grief* I would **seek** comfort; my **heart** is *sick* within me.
19Observe! The **voice**, the *cry* of the daughter of my people from a distant land, "Is ꓰꓴꓰꓵ not in Tsiyon?
Is her **Sovereign** not in her?"
"***Why*** have they *provoked* **Me** with their *carved images* and with foreign

*worthless*nesses?"
[20]"The harvest is past, the summer is ended and we have *not* been **saved**!"
[21]For the *breach* of the daughter of my people I have been broken. I have grown sad; astonishment has *seized* me.
[22]Is there no balm in Gil'aḏ, is there no healer there? ***Why*** has the **healing** of the daughter of my people not **come?**

9 Oh, that my head were waters and my eyes a fountain of tears and I would weep day and night for the *slain* of the daughter of my people!
[2]Oh, that I had in the wilderness a lodging place for wayfaring men and I would leave my people and go from them! For they are **all** *adulterers*, an *assembly* of *treacherous men*.
[3]"And they bend their tongue like a bow. *Falsehood* and *not* **truth**, **prevails** on the earth. For they proceed from *evil* to *evil* and they have *not* **known Me,**" **declares** ֏ֵיהוָה.
[4]"**Let** everyone *beware* of his neighbour and not **trust** any brother. For **every** brother catches by the heel and **every** neighbour walks with *slanderers*.
[5]"And everyone *deceives* his neighbour and no one *speaks* the **truth**. They have **taught** their tongue to **speak** *falsehood* and have wearied themselves to *crook*.
[6]"You **live** in the **midst** of *deceit*; through *deceit* they have *refused* **to know Me,**" **declares** ֏ֵיהוָה.
[7]Therefore thus said ֏ֵיהוָה of hosts, "**See,** I ***shall*** refine them and ***shall*** try them, for what ***shall*** I do **<u>because</u>** of the daughter of **My people**?
[8]"Their tongue is an arrow shot out. It speaks *deceit* – speaks peaceably to his neighbour with his **mouth,** but in his **heart** he sets his ambush.
[9]"Would I *not punish* them for this?" **declares** ֏ֵיהוָה. "Would I *not revenge* **Myself** on such a nation as this?"
[10]"I ***shall*** take up a *weeping* and *wailing* for the mountains and for the pastures of the wilderness a *lamentation*, **<u>because</u>** they have been *burned* up, without any passing over, nor has the **voice** of cattle been **heard**. Both the birds of the heavens and the beasts have fled, they have gone.
[11]"And I ***shall*** make Yerushalayim a heap of *ruins*, a habitation for jackals; and the cities of Yahuḏah I ***shall*** make a *waste,* without an inhabitant."
[12]***Who*** is the **wise** man, that he **understands** this? And ***to whom*** has the **mouth** of ֏ֵיהוָה **spoken** , that he **declares** it? ***Why*** has the land *perished*, has it been *burned* up like a wilderness, with none passing through?
[13]And ֏ֵיהוָה says, "**<u>Because</u>** they have ***forsaken*** **My Torah** which I **set** before them and have *not* **obeyed My voice** *nor walked* **according** to **it**,
[14]but they have *walked* **according** to the *stubbornness* of their *own* **heart** and after the ***Ba'als***, which their *fathers had* **taught** *them*."
[15]Therefore thus said ֏ֵיהוָה of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, "**See,** I am making this people ***eat*** wormwood and I ***shall*** make them ***drink poisoned*** water.
[16]"And **I *shall*** *scatter* them among the *gentiles,* whom neither they nor their fathers have **known**. And **I *shall*** **send** a *sword* after them until I have *consumed* them."
[17]Thus said ֏ֵיהוָה of hosts, "**Discern**! And **call** for the *mourning* women, that they come. And send for the **wise** women, that they come.
[18]"And let them hasten and take up a *wailing* for us and let our eyes run with tears and our eyelids gush with water.
[19]"For a **voice** of *wailing* is **heard** from Tsiyon, '***How*** we are *ravaged*! We are greatly *ashamed*, **<u>because</u>** we have ***forsaken*** the land, **<u>because</u>** we have been *thrown* out of our dwellings.' " [20]***But*** **hear** the **Word** of ֏ֵיהוָה, O women and let your ear **receive** the **Word** of **His mouth.**
And **teach** your daughters wailing and each one her neighbour a lamentation.
[21]For *death* has **come** through our windows, has entered our palaces,

cutting off the children from the streets and the young men from the squares.
22Speak, "Thus **declares** ֵיהוָה, 'The corpses of men ***shall fall*** as *dung* on the face of the field, like cuttings after the reaper, with none to **gather** them.' "
23Thus said ֵיהוָה, "**Let** *not* the **wise boast** in his **wisdom, let** *not* the mighty **boast** in his might, *nor* **let** the rich **boast** in his riches,
24but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am ֵיהוָה**, doing kindness, right-ruling** and **righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," declares** ֵיהוָה**.**
25"**See,** the days are **coming**," **declares** ֵיהוָה, "when I ***shall*** *punish* **all circumcised** with the *uncircumcised* –
26"Mitsrayim and Yahuḏah and Eḏom and the children of Ammon and Mo'aḇ and **all** those trimmed on the edges, who dwell in the wilderness. For **all** the *gentiles* are *uncircumcised* and **all** the house of Yisra'ĕl are *uncircumcised* in **heart**!"

10 **Hear** the **word** which ֵיהוָה **speaks** to you, O house of Yisra'ĕl.
2Thus said ֵיהוָה, "***Do*** *not* **learn** the ***way*** of the *gentiles,* and *do not* be *awed* by the **signs** of the heavens, for the *gentiles* are awed by them.
3"For the ***prescribed*** *customs* of *these peoples* are *worthless*, for one *cuts* a *tree* from the forest, ***work*** for the hands of a craftsman with a cutting tool.
4"They ***adorn it*** with silver and gold and they ***fasten it*** with *nails* and *hammers* so that it *does not* topple.
5"***They*** are like a rounded post and they *do not* ***speak***. ***They*** have to be carried **because** they *do not* ***walk. Do*** *not* be *afraid* of ***them***, for they do no *evil*, nor is it in ***them*** to do any **good**."
6There is none like **You,** O ֵיהוָה. **You** are **great** and **great** is **Your Name** in **might**.
7***Who*** *would not* **fear You,** O **Sovereign** of the nations? For this is **Your** due, for among **all** the **wise** men of the nations and in **all** their reigns, there is *none* like **You.**
8They are both *brutish* and ***foolish,*** an **instruction** of *worthless*ness is the *tree.*
9Silver is *beaten* into plates; it is brought from Tarshish and gold from Uphaz, the **work** of the craftsman and of the hands of the smith; draped in blue and purple; **all** of them are the **work** of skilled ones.
10***But*** ֵיהוָה is **truly Elohim**. **He** is the **living Elohim** and the **everlasting** Sovereign. At **His** *wrath* the earth shakes and nations are *unable* to **stand His** *displeasure.*
11Say to them this, "The elah that *did not make* the heavens and the earth ***shall*** *perish* from the earth and from under these **heavens.**"
12**He** has made the earth by **His** power, **He** has **established** the world by **His wisdom** and has **stretched** out the heavens by **His understanding**.
13***When*** **He** makes **His voice heard**, there is a roaring of waters in the **heavens.** And **He** makes vapours rise from the ends of the earth. The lightnings for rain **He** has made and brings *wind* from **His** treasuries.
14Everyone is *brutish* in **knowledge**; **every** smith is put to *shame* by his idol. For his *moulded image* is *falsehood* and there is no spirit in them.
15They are *worthless*, a ***work*** of *mockery*. In the **time** of their *punishment* they *perish.*
16The **Portion** of **Ya'aqoḇ** is not like these, for **He** is the **Maker** of **all** and **Yisra'ĕl** is the tribe of **His inheritance** – **ֵיהוָה of hosts is His Name.**
17**Gather** up your bundle from the ground, you who **live** under siege!
18For thus said ֵיהוָה, "**See,** at this **time** I am *hurling* out the inhabitants of the land and ***shall*** *distress them* so that they **feel** it."
19**Woe** to me for my breaking! **My** wound is grievous, but I say, "This is my sickness and I bear it.
20"My tent has been ravaged and **all** my cords have been broken. **My** children

have gone from me and they are no more. There is no one to pitch my tent any more, or to set up my curtains.
[21]For the shepherds have become *brutish* and they have *not sought* **ꓤYHZ**. Therefore they *did not* **understand** and **all** their flock *scattered*."
[22]**See, it** has come, the **voice** of a **report** and a **great** *shaking* out of the land of the north, to make the cities of Yahuḏah a *waste,* a habitation of jackals.
[23]O **ꓤYHZ**, I **know** the **way** of man is *not* in himself, it is *not* for man who walks to *direct* his *own* steps.
[24]O **ꓤYHZ**, **chastise** me, but with **right-ruling** – *not* in **Your** *displeasure,* lest **You** bring me to *naught*.
[25]Pour out Your *wrath* on the *gentiles who do not* **know You** and on the tribes *who do not* **call on Your Name**. For they have *eaten* up Ya'aqoḇ, *devoured* him and *consumed* him and *laid waste* his home.

11 The **word** that came to Yirmeyahu from **ꓤYHZ**, saying,
[2]"**Hear** the **words** of this covenant and **speak** to the men of Yahuḏah and to the inhabitants of Yerushalayim.
[3]"And you ***shall*** say to them, 'Thus said **ꓤYHZ Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, ***"Cursed is the*** **man** who *does* ***not obey*** the **words** of **this covenant**,
[4]which I **commanded** your fathers in the day when I brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim, from the iron furnace, saying, '**Obey My voice**, and you ***shall*** **do according to all that I command you** and **you** ***shall*** **be My people** and **I be your Elohim,'**
[5]**in order** to **establish the oath** which I have **sworn** to your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day." ' " And I answered and said, "Amĕn, **ꓤYHZ**."
[6]And **ꓤYHZ** said to me, "**Proclaim all** these **words** in the cities of Yahuḏah and in the streets of Yerushalayim, saying, '**Hear the words of this covenant and do them.**
[7]'For I **earnestly warned** your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Mitsrayim, until this day, rising early and warning, saying, "**Obey My voice**."
[8]'***But*** they *did* ***not obey*** or incline their ear, but *everyone walked* in the *stubbornness* of his *evil* **heart.** So I **brought** on them **all** the **words** of **this covenant**, which I **commanded** them **to do** and they *did not do*.' "
[9]And **ꓤYHZ** said to me, "There is a ***conspiracy*** among the men of Yahuḏah and among the inhabitants of Yerushalayim.
[10]"'They have *turned back* to the *crookedness*es of their forefathers who *refused* to **hear My words** and they have gone after other *mighty ones* to *serve* them. The house of Yisra'ĕl and the house of Yahuḏah have *broken* **My covenant I made** with their fathers."
[11]Therefore thus said **ꓤYHZ**, "**See,** I am bringing *evil* on them which *they* are *unable* to **escape**. ***Then*** they ***shall*** cry out to **Me,** but I ***shall*** not **listen** to them.
[12]"'And the cities of Yahuḏah and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim ***shall*** go and cry out to the *mighty ones* to whom they burn incense, but they ***shall*** bring no **deliverance** to them at **all** in the **time** of their *evil*.
[13]"For your *mighty ones* have become as many as your cities, O Yahuḏah. And you have set up as many *altars* to *shame* as there are streets in Yerushalayim – altars to burn incense to ***Ba'al***.
[14]"'And you, *do not* pray for this people, or lift up a cry or prayer for *them*, for I *do not* **hear** *them* in the **time** that they *cry* out to **Me** **because** of their *evil*.
[15]"'***Why*** should **My** beloved be in **My** house – she has done *wickedness* with many. And does the set-apart *flesh* remove your *evil* from you?
Then you rejoice?
[16]"'**ꓤYHZ** has named you, 'Green Olive Tree, Fair, of Goodly Fruit.' With the noise of a **great** sound **He** has set it on *fire* and its branches ***shall*** **be** *broken*.

[17]"And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 of hosts, who **planted** you, has **spoken** *evil* <u>*against*</u> you for the *evil* of the house of Yisra'ĕl and of the house of Yahuḏah, which they have done <u>*against*</u> themselves to ***provoke*** **Me,** by *burning* incense to Ba'al."

[18]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 made it known to me and **I know it. *Then* You showed me their deeds.**

[19]***But*** I was like a gentle **lamb** brought to the slaughter. And I *did not* **know** that they had *plotted* <u>*against*</u> me, saying, "**Let** us *destroy* the *tree* with its **fruit** and let us *cut* him off from the land of the **living** and let his name be **remembered** no more."

[20]But, O 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 of hosts, who judges **righteously**, who tries kidneys and **heart, let** me **see Your vengeance** upon them, for unto **You** I have **revealed** my **cause.**

[21]"Therefore thus said 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 concerning the men of Anathoth who are **seeking** your **life**, saying, '***Do*** *not prophesy* in the **Name** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, lest you *die* by our hand' –

[22]therefore thus said 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 of hosts, '**See,** I am *punishing* them, the young men ***shall*** *die* by the *sword,* their sons and their daughters ***shall*** *die* by *scarcity of food*.

[23]'And there ***shall*** **be no remnant** of **them**, for I bring *evil* on the men of Anathoth – the **year** of their *punishment*.'"

12 **Righteous** are **You,** O 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, when I plead with **You.** Indeed, **let** me **speak** with **You** about **right-rulings**. ***Why*** has *the way* of the ***wrong*** prospered and all the *workers* of *treachery* are at ease?

[2]You have planted them and they have taken root, they grow and they bear **fruit. You** are **near** in their **mouth** but far from their kidneys.

[3]***But*** **You** have **known** me, O 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄. **You see** me and **You** have tried my **heart** toward **You.** *Draw* them away like sheep for *slaughter* and *separate* them for the **day of** *slaughter*.

[4]***How*** long ***shall*** the land *mourn* and the plants of **every** field *wither*? The beasts and birds are *consumed,* for the *evil* of those who dwell there, **<u>because</u>** they said, "He *does not* **see** our **latter** ending."

[5]"***If*** you have *run* with the footmen and they have *wearied* you, then how do you *contend* with horses? And if in the land of peace, you feel safe, then how do you manage in the Yarděn *jungle*?

[6]"For even your brothers, the house of your father, even they have *betrayed* you, even they have cried aloud after you. ***Do*** *not* **believe** them, even though they **speak smooth words** to you.

[7]"I have ***forsaken*** **My** house, I have *left* **My** inheritance, I have **given** the beloved of **My** being into the **hand** of her enemies.

[8]"**My inheritance** has become to **Me** like a lion in the forest. It cries out <u>*against*</u> **Me,** therefore I have *hated* it.

[9]"**My inheritance** is to **Me** like a speckled bird of prey, the birds of prey **all** around are <u>*against*</u> her. Go, **gather all** the beasts of the field, bring them to *devour*!

[10]"Many *shepherds* have ***destroyed*** **My** vineyard, they have *trodden* **My** portion under foot, they have *made* **My** pleasant portion become a deserted wilderness.

[11]"They have laid it *waste* – a *waste,* it mourns to **Me.** All the land is *laid waste,* **<u>because</u>** no one takes it to **heart.**

[12]"The *ravagers* have **come** on **all** the bare heights in the wilderness, for the *sword* of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is *devouring* from one end of the land to the other end of the land**. There is no peace to any** *flesh.*

[13]"They have sown wheat but *reaped* thorns, they have *exhausted* themselves – they *do not* profit. And they ***shall*** **be** *ashamed* of your harvest **<u>because</u>** of the *burning displeasure* of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄."

[14]Thus said 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, "As for **all My** *evil* neighbours who **touch** the **inheritance** which I have **caused My people** Yisra'ĕl to inherit; **see,** I am *plucking* them out of their land and I ***shall*** **pluck** out the

house of Yahuḏah from *their* **midst**.
15"And it ***shall* be,** after **My** plucking them out, I ***shall* return** and have **compassion** on them and bring them back, everyone to his **inheritance** and everyone to his land.
16"And it ***shall* be, *if*** they **learn well** the **ways** of **My people**, to swear by **My Name,** '**As** ꓤYꓤZ **lives**,' as *they* **taught My people** to swear by Baʿal, ***then*** they ***shall* be established** in the **midst** of **My people**.
17"***But*** if they *do not* **obey**, I ***shall*** *pluck up, pluck up and destroy that nation,"* **declares** ꓤYꓤZ.

13 Thus ꓤYꓤZ said to me, "Go and get yourself a linen girdle and put it on your loins, but *do not* put it in water."
2So I bought a girdle **according** to the **Word** of ꓤYꓤZ and put it on my loins.
3And the **Word** of ꓤYꓤZ came to me the second **time,** saying,
4"Take the girdle that you have bought, which is on your loins and arise, go to the Euphrates and hide it there in a hole in the rock."
5And I went and hid it by the Euphrates, as ꓤYꓤZ **commanded** me.
6And it came to be after many days that ꓤYꓤZ said to me, "Arise, go to the Euphrates and take from there the girdle which I **commanded** you to hide there."
7So I went to the Euphrates and dug and I took the girdle from the place where I had *hidden* it and the girdle was *ruined*. It was **completely** useless.
8"And the **Word** of ꓤYꓤZ **came to me,** saying,
9"Thus said ꓤYꓤZ, 'Thus I *ruin* the *pride* of Yahuḏah and the **great** *pride* of Yerushalayim.
10'This *evil* people, who *refuse* to **hear My Words**, who *walk* in the *stubbornness* of *their* **heart** and *walk after* other *mighty ones* to *serve* them and to *bow* themselves to *them*, is like this girdle which is **completely** *useless*.
11'For as the girdle **cling**s to the loins of a man, so I have **caused all** the house of Yisraʾĕl and **all** the house of Yahuḏah to **cling** to **Me,**' **declares** ꓤYꓤZ, 'to become **Mine** – for a people and for a name and for a praise and for an adorning. ***But*** they *did not* **listen**.'
12"And you ***shall* speak** to them this **word,** 'Thus said ꓤYꓤZ **Elohim** of Yisraʾĕl**, "Every bottle is to be filled with wine**." ' And when they say to you, '***Do*** we *not know* that **every** bottle should be **filled** with **wine**?'
13"***Then*** say to them, 'Thus said ꓤYꓤZ, "**See,** I am filling **all** the inhabitants of this land and the sovereigns who sit on the throne of Dawiḏ, the **priests**, the **prophets** and **all** the **inhabitants** of Yerushalayim with ***drunkenness***!
14"And I ***shall*** *dash* them one *against* another, both the fathers and the sons together," **declares** ꓤYꓤZ. "I *do not spare nor* pardon *nor* have **compassion**, that I should not *destroy* them." ' "
15**Listen** and give ear, *do not* be *proud*, for ꓤYꓤZ has **spoken** .
16**Give esteem** to ꓤYꓤZ your **Elohim** before **He** brings *darkness* and before your feet *stumble* on the *dark* mountains and while you are looking for **light**. **He** turns it into the *shadow of death* and makes it gross *darkness*.
17And if *you do not* **listen**, my being ***shall*** *weep* in **secret** for your *pride* and my eyes *bitterly weep* and run down with tears, **because** the flock of ꓤYꓤZ ***shall* be** taken *captive*.
18Say to the sovereign and to the ***sovereigness mother***, "Humble yourselves. Sit down, for your **rule,** the crown of your comeliness, has **come** *down*."
19The cities of the South ***shall* be** shut up, with no one to **open** them. Yahuḏah ***shall* be** taken into exile, **all of it**. She ***shall* be** taken into exile, **completely.**
20Lift up your eyes and **see** those who **come** from the north. Where is the flock that was **given** to you, your fair sheep?
21***What*** would you say when **He visits** you? For you have **taught** *them* to be chiefs, to be head over you.

***Do** not* pangs *seize* you, like a woman in labour?

[22]And when you say in your **heart,** "***Why*** has this **come** upon me?" It is **because** of your **great** *crookedness* that your skirts have been uncovered, your heels made bare.

[23]Does a Kushite *change* his skin and a leopard its spots? You who are **taught** to do *evil* are also *unable* to do **good**!

[24]"So **I *shall*** *scatter* them like *stubble* that passes away by the *wind* of the wilderness.

[25]"This is your **lot,** your measured portion from **Me,**" **declares** ꓤYHWH, "**because** *you have forgotten* **Me** and **trust** in *falsehood.*

[26]"I ***shall*** even *draw* your skirts over your face and your *shame* ***shall*** **be seen,**

[27]your *adulteries* and your *neighings*, the *wickedness* of your *whoring*! I have **seen** your **abominations** on the hills in the fields. **Woe** to you, O Yerushalayim! ***How*** long before you would be made **clean**?"

14 The **Word** of ꓤYHWH that came to Yirmeyahu concerning the matter of *droughts*.

[2]"Yahuḏah has mourned and her gates have languished. They have mourned on the ground and the *cry* of Yerushalayim has gone up.

[3]"And their nobles have **sent** their *little* ones for water, they went to the cisterns and **found** *no* water, they returned with their vessels empty. They were put to *shame* and blushed and covered their heads.

[4]"**Because** the ground became *cracked*, for there has been *no* rain in the land. The ploughmen were put to *shame*, they covered their heads.

[5]"Even the deer gave birth in the field, but left **because** there was no grass.

[6]"And wild donkeys stood in the bare heights, they sniffed at the *wind* like jackals. Their eyes have failed **because** there was no grass."

[7]O ꓤYHWH, though our *crookedness*es **witness** *against* us, **act**, for **Your Name's** sake. For our *backslidings* have been many, we have *sinned against* **You.**

[8]O **Expectation** of **Yisra'ĕl**, its **Saviour** in **time** of *distress,* why should **You** be like a stranger in the land, or like a traveller who turns aside to lodge?

[9]***Why*** should **You** be as one who is stunned, as a mighty man that is *unable* to save? Yet **You,** O ꓤYHWH, are in our **midst** and **Your Name** has been **called** on us. ***Do** not* **leave us**!

[10]Thus said ꓤYHWH to this people, "So they have **loved** to *wander,* they have *not* restrained their feet. Therefore ꓤYHWH has **not accepted** them. **Now He** does ***remember*** their *crookedness* and *punish their sins.* "

[11]And ꓤYHWH said to me, "***Do** not* pray for *this* people for their **good**.

[12]"***When*** they fast, I *do not* **hear** their *cry*. And when they offer burnt offering and grain offering, I *do not* **accept** them. Instead, I am *consuming* them by *sword* and by *scarcity of food* and by *pestilence.*"

[13]***But*** I said, "Ah, **Master** ꓤYHWH! **See,** the *prophets* say to them, 'You are ***not*** to **see** a *sword* ***nor*** have *scarcity of food*, for I give you **true peace** in this place.' "

[14]***Then*** ꓤYHWH said to me, "The *prophets prophesy falsehood* in **My Name.** I have ***not*** **sent** them ***nor*** **commanded** them ***nor*** **spoken** to them. They are prophesying to you a *false* **vision,** *worthless divination* and the *deceit* of their own **heart.**

[15]"Therefore thus said ꓤYHWH concerning the prophets who prophesy in **My Name,** whom I *did not* **send** and who say, '*Sword* and *scarcity of food* ***shall** not* be in this land.' 'By *sword* and *scarcity of food* those prophets ***shall*** **be** *consumed*!

[16]'And the people to whom they are prophesying ***shall*** **be** *thrown* out in the streets of Yerushalayim **because** of the *scarcity of food* and the *sword,* with no one to bury them – them nor their wives, their sons nor their daughters.

For I ***shall*** **pour** their *evil* on them.'
17"And you ***shall*** say this **word** to them, '**Let** my eyes flow with tears night and day and **let** them not cease; for the maiden daughter of my people has been *crushed* with a *mighty blow*, with a **very** *severe wound*.
18'***If*** I go out to the field, then **see** those slain with the sword! And if I enter the city, then **see** those *sick* from *scarcity of food*! For both prophet and priest go about in a land they *do not know***.**' "
19Have You **completely** *rejected* Yahuḏah? Has **Your** being *loathed* Tsiyon? ***Why*** have You *smitten* us so that there is no **healing** for us? We **looked** for peace, but there was no **good**; and for the **time** of **healing,** but **see** – **fear**!
20O ꓤYHWH, we **know** our ***wrong*** and the *crookedness* of our fathers, for we have *sinned* <u>*against*</u> **You.**
21***Do*** *not scorn* us, for **Your Name's sake**. ***Do*** *not despise* the throne of **Your esteem**. **Remember,** *do not break* **Your covenant** with us.
22Are there among the *worthless idols* of the nations any causing rain? And do the heavens give showers? Are **You** not **He,** O ꓤYHWH our **Elohim**? **We wait for You because You are the One who does all this.**

15 And ꓤYHWH said to me, "Even if Mosheh and Shemu'ĕl were to **stand** before **Me, My being** is not toward *this people*. **Send** them away from **My** presence, let them go.
2"And it ***shall*** **be,** when they say to you, '***Where*** do we go?' then you ***shall*** say to them, 'Thus said ꓤYHWH, "Those for *death,* to *death.* And those for the *sword,* to the *sword.* And those for *scarcity of food*, to *scarcity of food*. And those for *captivity*, to *captivity*." '
3"And I ***shall*** **appoint** over them four kinds," **declares** ꓤYHWH, "the *sword* to *slay*, the *dogs* to *drag*, the *birds* of the heavens and the beasts of the earth to *devour* and *destroy.*
4"'And I ***shall*** make them for a *horror* to **all** the reigns of the earth, on account of Menashsheh son of Ḥizqiyahu, sovereign of Yahuḏah, <u>**because**</u> of what he did in Yerushalayim.
5"'For who has **compassion** on you, O Yerushalayim? And who mourns for you? And who turns aside to **ask** how you are doing?
6"'*You* who have ***forsaken*** **Me,**" **declares** ꓤYHWH, "*you* have gone backward. Therefore I ***shall*** stretch out **My hand** <u>*against you*</u> and *destroy you*. I have been *weary* of ***relenting***!
7"'And I ***shall*** *winnow* them with a winnowing fan in the gates of the land. I ***shall*** *bereave*, **I** ***shall*** *destroy* **My people**. *They would not* **turn back** *from their ways.*
8"'Their widows ***shall*** **be** more numerous than the sand of the seas. I ***shall*** bring <u>*against*</u> them, <u>*against*</u> the mother of the young men, a *ravager* at noon. I ***shall*** **cause** *agitation* and **sudden** *alarm* to *fall* on her, **suddenly**.
9"'She who has borne seven ***shall*** pine away. She ***shall*** breathe her last**.** Her sun ***shall*** go down while it is yet day. She ***shall*** **be** put to *shame* and be humiliated. And *their* **remnant** I give up to the *sword* before their enemies," **declares** ꓤYHWH.
10<u>**Woe**</u> to me, my mother, that you have borne me, a man of *strife* and a man of *contention* to **all** the earth! I have neither lent for interest, nor have men lent to me for interest. All of them are r*evil*ing me.
11ꓤYHWH said, "Did I not **direct** you for *your* **good**? Did I not **intercede** for you in a **time** of *evil* and in a **time** of *distress* <u>*against*</u> the enemy?
12"'Does one *break* iron, iron or bronze from the north?
13"'**Your** wealth and your treasures I give as plunder, not for price, <u>**because**</u> of **all** your *sins*, even in **all** your borders.
14"'And I ***shall*** **cause** them to pass over with your enemies into a land which you *did not* **know,** for a *fire* is *kindled* in **My** *displeasure,* which *burns* upon *you*."
15**You Yourself know,** O ꓤYHWH.

Remember me and **visit** me and take **vengeance** for me on these who *persecute* me. In **Your** patience, *do not* take me away. **Know** that for **You** I have *suffered reproach.*

[16]**Your words were found** and **I ate them** and **Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart. For Your Name is called on me, O ה׳צבאות Elohim of hosts.**

[17]I have **not** sat in the company of the mockers, **nor** do I exult. I have sat alone **because** of **Your hand,** for **You** have filled me with *displeasure.*

[18]***Why*** is my pain without end and my wound *incurable,* which *refuses* to be healed? Are **You** to me like a failing stream, as waters not steadfast?

[19]Therefore thus said ה׳צבאות, "***If*** you turn back, ***then*** I ***shall*** bring you back. Before **Me** you ***shall*** stand. And ***if*** you take out the **precious** from the *worthless*, you ***shall*** become as **My mouth. Let** them **return** to you, ***but*** *do not* **return** to them.

[20]"And I ***shall*** make you to this people a **strong** bronze wall. And they ***shall*** *fight against* you, but not overcome you. For **I am with you** to **save** you and **deliver** you," **declares** ה׳צבאות.

[21]"And I ***shall*** **deliver** you from the **hand** of *evil-doers* and I ***shall*** **ransom** you from the grip of the *ruthless*."

16 And the **Word** of ה׳צבאות **came to me,** saying,

[2]"***Do*** *not* take a wife, nor have sons or daughters in this place."

[3]For thus said ה׳צבאות concerning the sons and daughters who are born in this place and concerning their mothers who bear them and their fathers who bring them forth in this land,

[4]"They ***shall*** *die* of *deaths* from *diseases*, they ***shall*** not be lamented nor be buried, but be like *dung* on the face of the earth and be *consumed* by *sword* and by *scarcity of food*. And their corpses ***shall*** **be** meat for the birds of the heavens and for the beasts of the earth."

[5]For thus said ה׳צבאות, "***Do*** *not* enter the house of *mourning*, *neither* go to *lament* or *mourn* for them, for I have *withdrawn* **My peace** from this people," **declares** ה׳צבאות, "even the **kindness** and the **compassion**s.

[6]"Both **great** and small ***shall*** *die* in this land. They ***shall*** *not* be buried and no one ***shall*** lament for them, or *cut* themselves, or make themselves bald for them.

[7]"Neither ***shall*** they *break* **bread** in *mourning* for them to comfort them for the *dead,* nor give them the **cup** of **comfort** to drink for their father or their mother.

[8]"***Do*** *not* enter the house of feasting to *sit* with them, to *eat* and *drink*."

[9]For thus said ה׳צבאות of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, "**See,** before your eyes and in your days, I am making the **voice** of **rejoicing** and the **voice** of **gladness**, the **voice** of the bridegroom and the **voice** of the bride to *cease* in this place.

[10]"And it ***shall*** **be,** when you **declare** to this people **all** these **words** and they ***shall*** say to you, '***Why*** has ה׳צבאות pronounced **all** this **great** *evil against* us? ***What*** is our *crookedness* and what is our *sin* that we have *committed against* ה׳צבאות our **Elohim**?'

[11]then you ***shall*** say to them, '**Because** your *fathers* have ***forsaken*** **Me,**' **declares** ה׳צבאות, 'and have *walked* after other *mighty ones* and *served them* and *bowed* themselves to *them* and have ***forsaken*** **Me** and *did not* **guard My Torah**.

[12]'And ***you*** have done more *evil* than your fathers, for look, *each one walks* **according** to the *stubbornness* of *his own evil* **heart, *without*** **listening** to **Me.**

[13]'So I ***shall*** *throw* you out of this land into a land that *you do not* **know,** neither you nor your fathers. And there you ***shall*** **serve** other *mighty ones* day and night, where I **show** you no **favour.**'

[14]"Therefore **see,** the days are **coming**," **declares** ה׳צבאות**, "when it is no longer said**, '**ה׳צבאות lives** who brought up the

children of Yisra'ĕl from the land of Mitsrayim,'

[15]***but***, '**ꓤꓴꓤꓩ lives** who brought up the children of Yisra'ĕl **from** the land of the north and from **all** the lands where **He** had *driven* them.' For I ***shall*** **bring them** back into their land I gave to their fathers.

[16]"**See,** I am sending for many **fishermen**," **declares ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**, "and they ***shall*** **fish** them. And *after* that **I *shall* send** for many **hunters** and they ***shall*** **hunt** them from **every** mountain, **every** hill and out of the holes of the rocks.

[17]"For **My eyes** are on **all** *their ways*; they have *not* been *hidden* from **My** face, *nor* has their *crookedness* been *hidden* from **My** eyes.

[18]"And **first** I ***shall*** **repay** double for their *crookedness* and their *sin,* **<u>because</u>** they have *defiled* **My** land with the *dead* bodies of their *disgusting matters* and have filled **My inheritance** with their **<u>abominations</u>**."

[19]O **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**, my **strength** and my **stronghold** and my **refuge**, in the **day of** *distress* the *gentiles* ***shall*** **come to You** from the ends of the earth and say, "*Our fathers have inherited only falsehood, futility* and *there is no value in them."*

[20]Would a man make *mighty ones* for himself, which are not *mighty ones*?

[21]**"Therefore see, I am causing them to know, this time I cause them to know My hand and My might. And they *shall* know that My Name is ꓤꓴꓤꓩ!"**

17 "The *sin* of Yahuḏah is **written** with a *pen of iron*, *engraved* with the point of a diamond *on* the *tablet* of their **heart** and on the horns of your *altars,*

[2]while their children ***remember*** their *altars* and their Ashĕrim by the spreading trees on the high hills.

[3]"My mountain in the field, I give as plunder your wealth, **all** your treasures, your *high places* of *sin,* throughout **all** your borders.

[4]"And you, even of yourself, ***shall*** let go of your **inheritance** which I gave you. And I ***shall*** make you **serve** your enemies in a land which you have not **known**, for you have *kindled* a *fire* in **My** *displeasure* which *burns* **forever**."

[5]Thus said **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**, ***"Cursed* is the *man*** who **trusts** in *man* and makes *flesh* his arm and whose **heart** *turns away* from **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**.

[6]"For he ***shall*** **be** like a shrub in the desert and *not* **see** when **good** comes and ***shall*** inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, a **salt** land that is *not* inhabited.

[7]**"Blessed is the man who trusts in ꓤꓴꓤꓩ** and **whose trust is ꓤꓴꓤꓩ.**

[8]"For he ***shall*** **be** like a **tree planted** by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river and *does not* **see** when *heat* comes. And his leaf ***shall*** **be green** and in the year of *drought* he is **not** *anxious*, **nor** does he *cease* from yielding **fruit.**

[9]"The **heart** is *crooked* above **all** and *desperately sick* – who ***shall*** **know** it?

[10]"I, **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**, **search** the **heart,** I **try** the kidneys and **give every** man **according** to his **ways** and **according** to the **fruit** of his **deeds**.

[11]"As a partridge that broods but *does not* hatch, so is he who gets riches, *but not* by right. It leaves him in the **midst** of his days and at his end he is a ***fool***."

[12]An esteemed throne, exalted from the beginning, is the place of our set-apart place.

[13]O **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**, the **expectation** of Yisra'ĕl, **all** who *forsake* **You** are put to *shame.* "Those who *depart from* **Me *shall* be written** in the earth **<u>because</u>** they have ***forsaken* ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**, the **fountain** of **living waters**."

[14]**Heal** me, O **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**, so that I am **healed**. **Save** me, so that I am **saved,** for **You** are my praise.

[15]**See,** they say to me, "***Where*** is the **Word** of **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**? **Let it come now!**"

[16]And I have not run away from being a **shepherd who follows You,** nor have I longed for the *desperately sick* day. **You Yourself have known, that which came out of my lips was before You.**

17***Do** not* be a *ruin* to me, **You** are my **shelter** in the **day of** *evil*.
18**Let** these who *persecute* me be put to *shame*, but *do not* let me be put to shame. **Let** them be *broken,* but *do not* let me be broken. Bring on them the **day of** *evil* and *destroy* them with ***double destruction***!
19Thus ֱיהוה said to me, "Go and **stand** in the gate of the children of the people, by which the sovereigns of Yahuḏah **come** in and by which they go out and in **all** the gates of Yerushalayim.
20"And you ***shall*** say to them, '**Hear** the **Word** of ֱיהוה, you sovereigns of Yahuḏah and **all** Yahuḏah and **all** the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, who enter by these gates.
21'Thus said ֱיהוה, "**Guard yourselves** and bear ***no*** *burden* on the **Sabbath** day, ***nor*** bring it in by the gates of Yerushalayim,
22nor take a *burden* out of your houses on the **Sabbath** day, ***nor*** do any work. And you ***shall*** set-apart the **Sabbath** day, as I **commanded** your fathers.
23"***But*** they *did not* **obey**, or incline their ear and they made their neck stiff not to **hear** and not to receive **instruction.**
24"And it ***shall*** **be, if you diligently obey Me,**" **declares** ֱיהוה, "to bring in ***no*** *burden* through the gates of this city on the **Sabbath** day and **dedicate** the **Sabbath** day, to do ***no*** **work** in it,
25then sovereigns and heads sitting on the throne of Dawiḏ ***shall*** enter in through the gates of this city, riding in chariots and on horses, they and their heads – the men of Yahuḏah and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim. And this city ***shall*** **be** inhabited **forever**.
26"And they ***shall*** **come** from the cities of Yahuḏah and from the places around Yerushalayim and from the land of Binyamin and from the low country, from the mountains and from the South, bringing burnt offerings and slaughterings, grain offerings and incense, bringing offerings of **praise** to the House of ֱיהוה.
27"***But*** if *you do not* ***obey*** **Me** to **dedicate** the **Sabbath** day and ***not*** to bear a *burden* when *entering* the gates of Yerushalayim on the **Sabbath** day, ***then*** I ***shall*** **kindle** a *fire* in its gates and it ***shall*** *consume* the palaces of Yerushalayim and not be *quenched*." ' "

18 The **word** which came to Yirmeyahu from ֱיהוה, saying,
2"Arise and go down to the potter's house and there I'll let you **hear My words**."
3So I went down to the potter's house and **saw** him doing a piece of **work** on the wheel.
4And the vessel that he made of clay was *ruined* in the **hand** of the potter, so he remade it into another vessel, as it seemed **good** to the potter to do.
5***Then*** the **Word** of ֱיהוה **came to me,** saying,
6"O house of Yisra'ĕl, am I not able to do with you as this potter?" **declares** ֱיהוה. "Look, as the clay is in the **hand** of the potter, so are you in **My hand,** O house of Yisra'ĕl!
7"**The moment** I **speak** concerning a **nation** and concerning a reign, to *pluck* up, to *pull down* and to *destroy* it,
8and that nation ***shall turn*** from its *evil* **because** I have **spoken** *against* it, then I ***shall*** **repent** of the *evil* that I thought to do to it.
9"And **the moment I speak** concerning a **nation** and concerning a reign, to **build** and to **plant** it,
10and it ***shall*** do *evil* in **My eyes** in ***not*** **obeying My voice**, then I ***shall*** **repent** concerning the **good** with which I **spoke** of doing to it.
11"**Now**, **speak** to the men of Yahuḏah and to the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, saying, 'Thus said ֱיהוה, "**See,** I am **forming** *evil* and **devising** a plan *against* you. **Return now every one** from *his evil* **way** and make *your ways* and *your* **deeds good**." ' "
*12**But** they **shall** say, "It is no use! For we walk* **according** *to our own plans*

and we do each one the stubbornness of his evil ***heart.***"
[13]Therefore thus said ֵיהוָה, "**Ask now** among the nations, who has **heard** the like of this? The maiden of Yisra'ĕl has done what is *most horrible*.
[14]"Does the snow of Lebanon cease from the rock of the field? Or the cool flowing waters from afar dry up?
[15]"***But*** **My people** have *forgotten* **Me,** *they have burned incense to what is false and they have stumbled from their ways*, from the **ancient paths**, to ***walk*** in by-paths and not on a highway,
[16]to make their land become a *ruin,* a *hissing* **forever** – everyone who passes by it is appalled and shakes his head.
[17]"I ***shall*** *scatter* them as with an east *wind* before the enemy; I ***shall*** **show** them the back and not the face in the **day of** *their calamity."*
[18]***Then*** they said, **"Come** and *let* us *devise* plans *against* Yirmeyahu, for the **Torah** ***shall*** not *perish* from the priest, nor **counsel** from the wise**,** nor the **word** from the prophet**. Come** and let us *smite* him with the ***tongue*** and let us ***not*** **listen** to any of his **words**."
[19]Attend to me, O ֵיהוָה and **listen** to the **voice** of my adversaries!
[20]***Should*** **good** be repaid with *evil*? For *they* have dug a pit for my **life**. ***remember*** that I **stood** before **You** to **speak good** for *them* and to turn away **Your** *wrath* from *them*.
[21]So **give** their children over to *scarcity of food* and **hand** them over to the **power** of the *sword.* **Let** their wives become widows and *bereaved* of their children. **Let** their men be put to *death,* their young men be *smitten* by the *sword* in battle.
[22]**Let** a *cry* be **heard** from their houses when **You** bring a raiding party **suddenly** upon them. For they have dug a pit to take me and laid *snares* for my feet.
[23]***But*** **You,** O ֵיהוָה, **You know all** their counsel *against* me, to *slay* me. ***Do*** *not* pardon their *crookedness,* nor *blot* out *their sin* from **Your** presence and let them be *overthrown* before **You.** **Deal** with them in the **time** of **Your** *displeasure.*

19 Thus said ֵיהוָה, "Go and get a potter's earthen jug and take some of the elders of the people and some of the elders of the priests.
[2]"***Then*** you ***shall*** go out to the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of the Potsherd Gate and ***shall*** **proclaim** there the **words** that I **speak** to you,
[3]and ***shall*** say, '**Hear** the **Word** of ֵיהוָה, O sovereigns of Yahuḏah and inhabitants of Yerushalayim. Thus said ֵיהוָה of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, **"See, I am bringing evil on this place, that makes the ears tingle of all who hear it.**
[4]"**Because** they have ***forsaken*** **Me** and have *profaned* this place and have *burned* incense in it to other *mighty ones* whom neither they, their fathers, nor the sovereigns of Yahuḏah have **known** and they have filled this place with the **blood of the innocents,**
[5]and have built the *high places* of Ba'al, to *burn* their sons with *fire* for burnt offerings to Ba'al, which I *did not* **command** or speak, *nor did* it **come** into **My heart.**
[6]"Therefore **see,** the days are **coming**," **declares** ֵיהוָה, "that this place ***shall*** no more be called Topheth or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but *rather* the Valley of Slaughter.
[7]"And I ***shall*** **pour out** the **counsel** of Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim in this place and I ***shall*** make them *fall* by the *sword* before their enemies and by the hands of those who **seek** their **lives.** And I ***shall*** give their corpses as meat for the birds of the heavens and for the beasts of the earth.
[8]"And I ***shall*** make this city a *ruin* and a *hissing* – everyone who passes by it is *appalled* and *hisses* **because** of **all** its *plagues*.

9"'And I ***shall*** make them to ***eat*** the *flesh* of their sons and their daughters and ***eat*** one another's *flesh* in the *siege* and in the *distress* with which their enemies and those who **seek** their lives *distress* them." '
10"'And you ***shall*** *break* the jug before the eyes of the men who go with you,
11and ***shall*** say to them, 'Thus said ƎYƎZ of hosts, "Even so I *break* this people and this city, as one *breaks* a potter's vessel, which one is *unable* to repair again. And let them bury them in Topheth til there is no place to bury.
12"'This is what I ***shall*** do to this place," **declares** ƎYƎZ, "and to its inhabitants, so as to make this city like Topheth.
13"'And the houses of Yerushalayim and the houses of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah ***shall*** **be** as *unclean* as the place of Topheth, **<u>because</u>** of **all** the houses on whose ***roofs*** they have *burned* incense to **all** the host of the heavens and **poured out** drink offerings to other *mighty ones*." ' "
14And when Yirmeyahu returned from Topheth, where ƎYƎZ had **sent** him to **prophesy,** he stood in the courtyard of the House of ƎYƎZ and said to **all** the people,
15"'Thus said ƎYƎZ of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, '**See,** I am **bringing** on this city and on **all** her towns **all** the *evil* that I have **pronounced** <u>*against*</u> it, **<u>because</u>** they have *stiffened* their necks so as not to **hear My words**.' "

20 And Pashhur son of Immĕr, the priest who was also chief governor in the House of ƎYƎZ, **heard** that Yirmeyahu prophesied these **words**,
2And Pashhur *smote* Yirmeyahu the **prophet** and put him in the stocks that were in the high gate of Binyamin, which was by the House of ƎYƎZ.
3And it came to be on the next day that Pashhur brought Yirmeyahu out of the stocks and Yirmeyahu said to him, "ƎYƎZ has not called your name Pashhur, but Maḡor-Missaḇiḇ.
4"'For thus said ƎYƎZ, '**See,** I am making you a **fear** to yourself and to **all** your friends. And they ***shall fall*** by the *sword* of their enemies, while your eyes **see** it. And I ***shall*** give **all** Yahuḏah into the **hand** of the sovereign of Baḇel and he ***shall*** exile them to Baḇel and *slay* them with the *sword.*
5'And I ***shall*** give **all** the wealth of this city, **all** its labour, **all** its valuables and **all** the treasures of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah, I give into the **hand** of their enemies, who ***shall*** *plunder* and *seize* them and ***shall*** bring them to Baḇel.
6'And you, Pashhur and **all** who dwell in your house, ***shall*** go into captivity and enter into Baḇel. And there you ***shall*** *die* and be buried there, you and **all** your friends, to whom you have *prophesied falsehood.*' "
7O ƎYƎZ, You enticed me and I was enticed. You are stronger than I and have prevailed. I have been *ridiculed* **all** day long and everyone *mocks* me.
8For when I speak, I cry out, **proclaiming** *violence* and *ruin* **<u>because</u>** the **Word** of ƎYƎZ was made to me a *reproach* and a *derision* daily.
9Whenever I said, "**Let** me not mention **Him,** nor **speak in His Name** again," it was in my **heart** like a *burning fire* shut up in my bones. I became *weary* of holding it back and was helpless.
10For I **heard** many *mocking,* "***Fear*** on every side!" "***Expose***," they say, "yea, let us expose **Him!**" All my friends watched for my *stumbling, saying*, "He might be *lured* away, so that we **prevail** <u>*against*</u> him and take our *revenge* on him."
11*But* ƎYƎZ is with me like a mighty, awesome one. Therefore my persecutors ***shall*** *stumble* and *not* prevail. They ***shall*** **be** greatly *ashamed*, for they have *not acted* **wisely** – an **everlasting** *reproach* **never** to be *forgotten*.
12But, O ƎYƎZ of hosts, **trying** the **righteous** and **seeing** the kidneys and **heart,** let me **see Your vengeance** on them, for I have **revealed** my **cause** to **You.**
13Sing to ƎYƎZ! **Praise** ƎYƎZ!

For **He** has **delivered** the being of the *poor* from the **hand** of *evil* ones.
[14]Cursed be the day in which I was born! **Let** the day not be **blessed** in which my mother bore me!
[15]**Let** the man be *cursed* who brought news to my father, saying, "A male child has been born to you," making him **very** glad.
[16]And let that man be like the cities which ֵיהוָה overthrew and repented not. **Let** him **hear** the cry in the morning and the shouting at noon,
[17]**because** I was not *slain* from the womb, so that my mother should have been my grave and her womb **forever** great.
[18]***Why*** did I **come** forth from the womb to **see** *toil* and *sorrow* and spend my days in shame?

21 The **word** that came to Yirmeyahu from ֵיהוָה when Sovereign Tsiḏqiyahu **sent** to him Pashhur son of Malkiyah and Tsephanyah the son of Ma'aseyah, the priest, saying,
[2]"Please **inquire** of ֵיהוָה on our behalf, for Nebuḵaḏretstsar sovereign of Baḇel has *started fighting against* us. It might be that ֵיהוָה **deals** with us **according** to **all His wondrous works,** so that he withdraws from us."
[3]***But*** Yirmeyahu said to them, "Say this to Tsiḏqiyahu,
[4]'Thus said ֵיהוָה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, "**See,** I am turning back the weapons of battle that are in your hands, with which you *fight against* the sovereign of Baḇel and the Chaldeans who besiege you outside the wall. And I ***shall*** **gather** them inside this city.
[5]"And **I Myself** ***shall*** *fight against* you with an outstretched **hand** and with a **strong** arm, even in *displeasure* and *rage* and **great** *wrath*.
[6]"And I ***shall*** *smite* the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast – let them *die* of a **great** *pestilence.*
[7]"And afterward," **declares** ֵיהוָה, "I give Tsiḏqiyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah, his servants and the people and such as are left in this city from the *pestilence* and the *sword* and the *scarcity of food*, into the **hand** of Nebuḵaḏretstsar sovereign of Baḇel, into the **hand** of their enemies and into the **hand** of those who **seek** their **life**. And he ***shall*** *smite* them with the edge of the *sword.* He ***shall*** not pardon them, nor spare nor have **compassion**." '
[8]"You ***shall*** also say to this people, 'Thus said ֵיהוָה, "**See,** I set before you the **way** of **life** and the *way* of *death.*
[9]"***Whoever*** stays in this city *dies* by the *sword,* by *scarcity of food* and by *pestilence.* ***But whoever*** goes out and ***shall*** go over to the Chaldeans who besiege you, is going to **live** and his **life** ***shall*** **be** as a **prize** to him.
[10]"For I have set **My** face *against* this city for *evil* and *not* for **good**," **declares** ֵיהוָה. "It is **given** into the **hand** of the sovereign of Baḇel and he ***shall*** *burn* it with *fire*." '
[11]"And to the house of the sovereign of Yahuḏah, *say*, 'Hear the **Word** of ֵיהוָה,
[12]'O house of Dawiḏ! Thus said ֵיהוָה, "**Render right-ruling** in the morning and **deliver** him who has been robbed out of the **hand** of the oppressor, lest **My** *wrath* go out like *fire* and *burn*, with no one to *quench* it, **because** of the *evil* of *your* **deeds**.
[13]"**See,** I am *against* you, O inhabitant of the valley, rock of the plain," **declares** ֵיהוָה, "who are saying, '***Who*** would **come** down *against* us? And who would **come** into our dwellings?'
[14]"And I ***shall*** *punish* you **according** to the **fruit** of your **deeds**," **declares** ֵיהוָה. "And I ***shall*** **kindle** a *fire* in its forest and it ***shall*** *consume* **all** that is around her." ' "

22 Thus said ֵיהוָה, "Go down to

the house of the sovereign of Yahuḏah. And there you ***shall*** **speak** this **word,**
[2]and ***shall*** say, '**Hear** the **Word** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, O sovereign of Yahuḏah, you who sit on the throne of Dawiḏ, you and your servants and your people who enter these gates!
[3]'Thus said ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, "***Do*** **right-ruling** and **righteousness** and **deliver** him who is robbed out of the **hand** of the oppressor. ***Do*** *not maltreat* nor do *violence* to the stranger, the fatherless, or the widow, nor shed **innocent blood** in this place.
[4]"For if you certainly do this **word,** then there ***shall*** enter in by the gates of this house sovereigns sitting on the throne of Dawiḏ, riding on horses and in chariots, he and his servants and his people.
[5]"'***But if*** *you do not* ***obey*** these **words**, I **swear by Myself**," **declares** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, "that this house ***shall*** become a *ruin*." ' "
[6]For thus said ꓤꓰꓤꓶ to the house of the sovereign of Yahuḏah, "You are *like* Gil'aḏ to **Me,** the head of Leḇanon. ***But*** I ***shall*** make you a wilderness and cities which are not inhabited.
[7]"And I ***shall*** **prepare** destroyers *against* you, each with his weapons. And they ***shall cut*** *down* your choice cedars and *throw* them into the *fire*.
[8]"And many *gentiles* ***shall*** pass by this city and they ***shall*** say to one another, '***Why*** has ꓤꓰꓤꓶ done so to this **great** city?'
[9]"'***Then*** they ***shall*** say, '**Because** they have ***forsaken*** the **covenant** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ their **Elohim** and *bowed* themselves to other *mighty ones* and *served* them.' "
[10]***Do*** *not weep* for the *dead,* nor *mourn* for him. Weep *bitterly* for him who goes away, for he ***shall*** never **come back** nor **see** the land of his birth.
[11]For thus said ꓤꓰꓤꓶ concerning Shallum son of Yoshiyahu, sovereign of Yahuḏah, who reigned instead of Yoshiyahu his father, who went from this place, "He ***shall*** never **come** back,
[12]but he ***shall*** *die* in the place where they have exiled him and not **see** this land again.
[13]"**Woe** to him who builds his house *without* **righteousness** and his rooms *without* **right-ruling**, who uses his neighbour's service without wages and *does not* give him his wages,
[14]who says, **'I am** going to build myself a wide house with spacious rooms and *cut* out windows for it, panelling it with cedar and painting it in red.'
[15]"***Do*** you **reign because** you enclose yourself in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do **right-ruling** and **righteousness**? ***Then*** it was well with him.
[16]"He defended the **cause** of the *poor* and needy – then it was well. Was this not **to know Me?**" **declares** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ.
[17]"***But*** your **eyes** and your **heart** are only upon your own *greedy gain* and on shedding **innocent blood** and on *oppression* and on *doing violence*."
[18]Therefore thus said ꓤꓰꓤꓶ concerning Yehoyaqim son of Yoshiyahu, sovereign of Yahuḏah,
"**Let** them not lament for him: 'Alas, my brother!' or 'Alas, my sister!' **Let** them not lament for him: 'Alas, **Master!**' or 'Alas, his excellency!'
[19]"He ***shall*** **be** buried with the burial of a donkey, *dragged* and *thrown* outside the gates of Yerushalayim.
[20]"Go up to Leḇanon and cry out and lift up your **voice** in Bashan. And cry from Aḇarim, for **all** your *lovers* are **destroyed**.
[21]"I have **spoken** to you in your ease, but you said, 'I *do not* **listen**.' This has been *your way* from your youth, for you *did* ***not obey*** **My voice**.
[22]"**Let all** your *shepherds* be *devoured* by the wind and your *lovers* go into captivity. ***Then*** you ***shall*** **be** *ashamed* and *humiliated* for **all** your *evil*.
[23]"You who dwell in Leḇanon, being nested in the cedars, how you ***shall*** groan when pangs **come** upon you, like the *pains* of a woman giving birth!
[24]"**As I live**," **declares** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, "though Konyahu son of Yehoyaqim, sovereign of Yahuḏah, were the **signet** on **My right hand,** I would still pull you off

from there;
25and I ***shall*** give you into the **hand** of those who **seek** your **life** and into the **hand** of those whose face you **fear,** into the **hand** of Nebukadretstsar sovereign of Babel and the **hand** of the Chaldeans.
26"And I ***shall*** *hurl* you out and your mother who bore you, into another land where you were not born and there you ***shall*** *die.*
27"***But*** they ***shall*** not **return** to the land to which their being yearns to return.
28"Is this man Konyahu a *despised* broken pot, or an undesirable vessel? ***Why*** are they hurled out, he and his descendants and *cast* into a land which they *do not* **know?**
29"O land, land, land! Hear the Word of יהוה!
30"Thus said יהוה, '**Write** this man down as childless, a **strong** man who is not to prosper in his days, for none of his descendants ***shall*** prosper, sitting on the throne of Dawid, or **rule** any more in Yahudah.' "

23 "**Woe** to the shepherds destroying and scattering the sheep of **My** pasture!" **declares יהוה.**
2Therefore thus said **יהוה Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl *against* the shepherds who feed **My people**, "You have *scattered* **My** flock, *driven* them away and have *not* tended them. **See,** I am *punishing you* for the *evil* of *your* **deeds**," **declares יהוה.**
3"Therefore I ***shall*** **gather** the **remnant** of **My** flock out of **all** the lands where I have *driven* them and ***shall*** bring them back to their fold. And they ***shall*** **bear** and increase.
4"And I ***shall*** **raise** up shepherds over them and they ***shall*** **feed** them. And they ***shall*** *fear* no more, nor be *discouraged*, nor ***shall*** they be *lacking*," **declares יהוה.**
5"**See,** the days are **coming**," **declares יהוה**, "when I ***shall*** **raise** for Dawid a **Branch** of **righteousness** and a **Sovereign *shall* reign** and **act wisely** and ***shall*** **do right-ruling** and **righteousness in the earth.**
6"In **His** days Yahudah ***shall*** **be saved** and Yisra'ĕl dwell safely. And this is **His Name** whereby **He *shall* be** called: '**יהוה our Righteousness**.'
7"Therefore, **see,** the days are **coming**," **declares יהוה**, "when they ***shall*** say no more, '**As יהוה lives** who brought up the children of Yisra'ĕl out of the land of Mitsrayim,'
8but, 'As יהוה lives who brought up and led the seed of the house of Yisra'ĕl out of the land of the north and from all the lands where I had *driven* **them.' And they *shall* dwell on their own soil."**
9My **heart** within me is *broken* **because** of the prophets; **all** my bones *shake.* I am like a drunken man and like a man overcome by **wine**, **because** of **יהוה** and **because** of **His** set-apart **words**.
10For the land is filled with adulterers; for the land mourns **because** of a *curse.* The pastures of the wilderness are dried up. And their course is *evil* and their might is not right.
11"For both **prophet** and **priest** have become *defiled*. Even in **My** house I have **found** their *evil*," **declares יהוה.**
12"Therefore *their way* is to them like *slippery ways* in the *dark*. They are *driven* on and they ***shall fall*** in them. For I bring *evil* on them, the **year of** *their punishment*," **declares יהוה.**
13"And I have **seen** *folly* in the prophets of Shomeron: they *prophesied* by Ba'al and *led* **My people** Yisra'ĕl *astray*.
14"And among the prophets of Yerushalayim I have **seen** a *horrible* matter: committing adultery and walking in *falsehood.* And they strengthen the hands of *evil* ones, so that no one turns back from his *evil*. All of them are like Sedom to **Me** and her inhabitants like Amorah.
15"Therefore thus said **יהוה** of hosts concerning the *prophets*, '**See,** I am making them ***eat*** wormwood and ***shall*** make them ***drink poisoned*** water.

For *defilement* has gone out into **all** the land from the prophets of Yerushalayim.' "

16Thus said ֵיהוָה of hosts, "***Do** not* **listen** to the **words** of the *prophets* who prophesy to you, they lead you *astray*. They **speak** a **vision** of their own **heart,** not from the **mouth** of ֵיהוָה.

17"They keep on saying to those who *despise* **Me,** 'ֵיהוָה has said you ***shall*** have peace.' And to **all** who **walk according** to the *stubbornness* of *their own* **heart** *they say*, 'No *evil* **comes** upon you.' "

18For who has stood in the counsel of ֵיהוָה and **has seen and heard His word? *Who* has listened to His word and obeyed it?**

19**See,** a *storm* of ֵיהוָה ***shall*** go forth in a *rage,* a *whirling* storm! It whirls on the head of the *wrong.*

20The *displeasure* of ֵיהוָה ***shall*** not **turn back** until **He** has done and **established** the purposes of **His heart.** In the **latter** days you ***shall*** **understand** it perfectly.

21"I *did not* send these **prophets,** yet they ran. I have not **spoken** to them, yet they prophesied.

22"***But if*** they had stood in **My counsel**, ***then*** they would have **let My people hear My Words** and they would have turned them from their *evil way* and from the *evil* of their *deeds*.

23"Am I an **Elohim** close by," **declares** ֵיהוָה, "and not an **Elohim** afar off?

24"***If*** anyone is *hidden* in **secret** places, would I not **see** him?" **declares** ֵיהוָה. "***Do*** I not fill the heavens and earth?" **declares** ֵיהוָה.

25"I have **heard** what the prophets have said who prophesy *falsehood* in **My Name,** saying, 'I have **dreamed**, I have **dreamed**!'

26"Til when ***shall*** it be in the **heart** of the prophets? – the prophets of *falsehood* and prophets of the *deceit* of their own **heart,**

27who try to make **My people** *forget* **My Name** by their **dreams** which everyone relates to his neighbour, as their fathers *forgot* **My Name** for Ba'al.

28"The **prophet** who has a **dream,** let him relate the **dream** and he who has **My Word,** let him **speak My Word** in **truth**. ***What*** is the *chaff* to the **wheat**?" **declares** ֵיהוָה.

29"Is not **My Word** like a *fire*?" **declares** ֵיהוָה, "and like a hammer that shatters a rock?

30"Therefore **see,** I am <u>*against*</u> the **prophets,**" **declares** ֵיהוָה, "who steal **My Words every** one from his neighbour.

31"**See,** I am <u>*against*</u> the **prophets,**" **declares** ֵיהוָה, "who use their *tongues* and say, '**He declares**.'

32"**See,** I am <u>*against*</u> those who prophesy *false* **dreams**," **declares** ֵיהוָה, "and relate them and *lead* **My people** *astray* by their *falsehoods* and by their reckless boasting. ***But* I Myself** *did not* **send** them nor have I **commanded** them. And they *do not* profit this people at **all,**" **declares** ֵיהוָה.

33"And when these people or the **prophet** or the priest **ask** you, saying, '***What*** is the **message** of ֵיהוָה?' then you ***shall*** say to them, '***What*** message?' I ***shall*** *forsake* you," **declares** ֵיהוָה.

34"As for the *prophet* and the *priest* and the people who say, 'The **message** of ֵיהוָה,' I ***shall*** *punish* that man and his house.

35"This is what each one says to his neighbour and each one to his brother, '***What*** has ֵיהוָה answered?' and, '***What*** has ֵיהוָה **spoken** ?'

36"***But*** the **message** of ֵיהוָה you no longer **remember**! For **every** man's **message** is his *own* **word,** for *you have changed* the **Words** of the **living Elohim**, ֵיהוָה of hosts, our **Elohim**!

37"This is what you say to the *prophet***,** '***What*** has ֵיהוָה answered you?' and, '***What*** has ֵיהוָה **spoken** ?'

38"***But*** since you say, 'The **message** of ֵיהוָה!' therefore thus said ֵיהוָה, '<u>**Because**</u> you say this **word,**

"The **message** of ֵיהוָה!"

and I have **sent** to you, saying, "***Do** not* say, 'The **message** of ֵיהוָה!' "

[39]therefore **see,** I, I ***shall*** *utterly forget* you and *cast* you away from **My** presence, along with the city that I gave you and your fathers.
[40]'And I ***shall*** put an **everlasting** *reproach* on you and an **everlasting** *shame* that is not *forgotten*.' "

24 ꓤꓳꓤꓩ showed me and look, there were two baskets of figs set before the Hēḵal of ꓤꓳꓤꓩ, after Neḇuḵaḏrets-tsar sovereign of Baḇel had exiled Yeḵonyahu son of Yehoyaqim, sovereign of Yahuḏah and the heads of Yahuḏah with the craftsmen and smiths, from Yerushalayim and had brought them to Baḇel.
[2]One basket had **very good** figs, like the figs that are **first** ripe. And the other basket had **very** spoilt figs which *could not* be eaten, they were so spoilt."
[3]And ꓤꓳꓤꓩ said to me, "***What*** do you **see,** Yirmeyahu?" And I said, "Figs, the **good** figs, **very good**. And the spoilt, **very** spoilt, which *could not* be eaten, they are so spoilt."
[4]Again the **Word** of ꓤꓳꓤꓩ **came to me,** saying,
[5]"'Thus said ꓤꓳꓤꓩ, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, 'Like these **good** figs, so do I ac**knowledge** the exiles of Yahuḏah, whom I have **sent** out of this place for **their own good**, into the land of the Chaldeans.
[6]'And I ***shall*** set **My eyes** on them for **good** and ***shall*** bring them back to this land. I ***shall*** build them and not pull them down and ***shall*** plant them and not pluck them up.
[7]**'And I *shall* give them a heart to know Me, that I am ꓤꓳꓤꓩ. They *shall* be My people and I *shall* be their Elohim, for they *shall turn* back to Me with all their heart.**
[8]'And as the spoilt figs that *could not* be eaten **<u>because</u>** they are so spoilt,' for thus said ꓤꓳꓤꓩ, 'so do I give up Tsiḏqiyahu, the sovereign of Yahuḏah, his heads, the rest of Yerushalayim who remain in this land and those who dwell in the land of Mitsrayim.
[9]'And I ***shall*** make them a *horror* to **all** the reigns of the earth, for *evil*, to be a *reproach* and a *byword*, a *mockery* and a *curse,* in **all** the places to which I *drive* them.
[10]'And **I *shall* send** the *sword,* the *scarcity of food* and the *pestilence* among them, til they are *consumed* from the land that I gave to them and their fathers.' "

25 The **word** that came to Yirmeyahu concerning **all** the people of Yahuḏah, in the fourth year of Yehoyaqim son of Yoshiyahu, the sovereign of Yahuḏah, which was the **first** year of Neḇuḵaḏretstsar sovereign of Baḇel,
[2]which Yirmeyahu the **prophet** spoke to **all** the people of Yahuḏah and to **all** the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, saying,
[3]"From the thirteenth year of Yoshiyahu son of Amon, sovereign of Yahuḏah, even to this day, this is the twenty-third year in which the **Word** of ꓤꓳꓤꓩ has **come to** me. And I have **spoken** to you, rising early and speaking, *but you have not listened.*
[4]"Moreover, ꓤꓳꓤꓩ has **sent** to you **all His** servants the **prophets,** rising early and sending them, but you have *not listened nor inclined* your ear to **hear,**
[5]saying, '**Turn back now** everyone from his *evil way* and from the *evil* of your *deeds* and dwell on the soil which ꓤꓳꓤꓩ has **given** to you and your fathers **forever** and **ever.**
[6]'And *do not* go after other *mighty ones* to *serve them* and to *bow* down to *them*. ***Do not provoke*** **Me** with the **works** of your hands, so that I do you no *evil*.'
[7]"***But*** *you did not* **listen** to **Me,**" **declares** ꓤꓳꓤꓩ, "so as to ***provoke*** **Me** with the **works** of your hands, for your own *evil*.
[8]"Therefore thus said ꓤꓳꓤꓩ of hosts, '**<u>Because</u>** you ***<u>did not obey</u>*** **My words**,
[9]see, I am sending and taking **all** the

tribes of the north,' **declares** ה׳, 'and Nebukadretstsar the sovereign of Babel, **My** servant and ***shall*** bring them *against* this land and *against* its inhabitants and *against* these nations **all** around and ***shall*** put them under the **ban** and make them an astonishment and a *hissing* and **everlasting** ruins.

10"And I ***shall*** banish from them the **voice** of rejoicing and the **voice** of **gladness**, the **voice** of the bridegroom and the **voice** of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the **light** of the lamp.

11"And **all** this land ***shall*** **be** a *ruin* and a *waste* and these nations ***shall*** **serve** the sovereign of Babel seventy years.

12"And it ***shall*** **be,** when seventy years are completed, that I ***shall*** *punish* the sovereign of Babel and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their *crookedness*,' **declares** ה׳, 'and ***shall*** make it **everlasting** ruins.

13"And I ***shall*** bring on that land **all My words** which I have **pronounced** *against* it, **all** that is **written** in this **book**, which Yirmeyahu has prophesied concerning **all** the nations.

14"For they too ***shall*** **be** *enslaved* by many nations and **great** sovereigns. And I ***shall*** **repay** them **according** to their **deeds** and **according** to the **works** of their hands.' "

15For thus said ה׳ **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl to me, "**Take this wine cup** of *wrath* from **My hand** and make **all** the nations, to whom I **send** you, **drink it**.

16"And they ***shall*** *drink* and *shake* and go *mad* **because** of the *sword* that I am sending among them."

17I then took the **cup** from the **hand** of ה׳ and made **all** the nations drink, to whom ה׳ had **sent** me,

18*namely* Yerushalayim and the cities of Yahudah and its sovereigns, its heads, to make them a *ruin,* an object of astonishment, a *hissing* and a *curse,* as it is this day;

19Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim and his servants and his heads and **all** his people;

20and **all** the mixed multitude and **all** the sovereigns of the land of Uts and **all** the sovereigns of the land of the Philistines – even Ashqelon and Azzah and Eqron and the **remnant** of Ashdod;

21Edom and Mo'ab and the children of Ammon;

22and **all** the sovereigns of Tsor and **all** the sovereigns of Tsidon and the sovereigns of the coastlands which are beyond the sea;

23Dedan and Tĕma and Buz and **all** who are in the farthest corners;

24and **all** the sovereigns of Arabia and **all** the sovereigns of the mixed multitude who dwell in the wilderness;

25and **all** the sovereigns of Zimri and **all** the sovereigns of Ĕylam and **all** the sovereigns of the Medes;

26and **all** the sovereigns of the north, far and near, one with another and **all** the reigns of the earth which are on the face of the ground. Also the sovereign of Shĕshak ***shall*** drink after them.

27"And you ***shall*** say to them, 'Thus said ה׳ of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, ***"Drink, be drunk*** and ***vomit! Fall and rise no more, because of the*** *sword* ***which I am sending among you." '***

28"And it ***shall*** **be,** when they *refuse* to take the **cup** from your **hand** to drink, then you ***shall*** say to them, 'Thus said ה׳ of hosts, "***You shall drink***!

29"For look, I am beginning to bring *evil* upon the city which is called by **My Name** and should you be entirely unpunished? You are not going unpunished, for I am calling for a *sword* on **all** the inhabitants of the earth," **declares** ה׳ of hosts.'

30"And you ***shall*** prophesy *against* them **all** these **words** and say to them, 'ה׳ roars from on high and utters **His voice** from **His** set-apart dwelling place. **He** roars **mightily** over **His** fold, a shout as those who tread the grapes, *against* **all** the inhabitants of the earth.

31"Tumult ***shall*** **come to** the ends of the earth, for ה׳ has a controversy with the nations. **He** ***shall*** enter into judgment with **all** *flesh.* The ***wrong*** **He** ***shall*** give to the *sword,*' **declares** ה׳."

[32]Thus said ꓤꓰꓤꓶ of hosts, "**See,** *evil* is going forth from nation to nation and a **great** *whirlwind* is **raised** up from the farthest parts of the earth.
[33]"And in that day the *slain* of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ ***shall* be** from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth. They ***shall*** not be lamented, or gathered, or buried, for they are *dung* on the face of the ground.
[34]"*Howl*, you shepherds and cry! And roll yourselves *in the ashes*, you leaders of the flock! For the days of your slaughter and your scatterings are completed and you ***shall fall*** like a choice vessel.
[35]"And a place of **refuge *shall*** *perish* from the shepherds and **escape** from the leaders of the flock.
[36]"**Hear** the *cry* of the *shepherds* and a *wailing* of the *leaders* of the flock, for ꓤꓰꓤꓶ is *ravaging* their pasture!
[37]"And the pastures of **peace *shall* be** *cut down* **because** of the *burning displeasure* of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ.
[38]"Like a **lion He *shall*** leave **His** hiding place, for their land ***shall*** become a *waste* **because** of the *sword* of *oppressors* and **because** of **His** *burning displeasure.*"

26 In the beginning of the **reign** of Yehoyaqim the son of Yoshiyahu, the sovereign of Yahuḏah, this **word** came from ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, saying,
[2]"Thus said ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, 'Stand in the courtyard of the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ and **speak** to **all** the cities of Yahuḏah, which **come to** bow themselves in the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, **all** the **words** that I **command** you to **speak** to them. ***Do*** *not diminish* a **word.**
[3]***'If*** so be that they **listen** and each **turn** from his *evil* **way,** ***then*** I ***shall* repent** of the *evil* that I **plan** to do to them, **because** of the *evil* of their **deeds**.'
[4]"And you ***shall*** say to them, 'Thus said ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, "***If*** *you do not* **listen** to **Me,** to **walk** in **My Torah** which I **set** before you,
[5]to **listen** to the **words** of **My servants** the prophets I am sending you, even rising up early and sending them – though you have *not listened* –
[6]then I ***shall*** make this house like Shiloh and make this city a *curse* to **all** the nations of the earth." ' "
[7]And the priests, the prophets and **all** the people **heard** Yirmeyahu speaking these **words** in the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ.
[8]And it came to be, when Yirmeyahu had ended speaking **all** that ꓤꓰꓤꓶ had **commanded** him to **speak** to **all** the people, that the priests and the prophets and **all** the people *seized* him, saying, "You ***shall*** certainly *die!*
[9]"***Why*** have you prophesied in the **Name** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, saying, 'This house ***shall* be** like Shiloh and this city be dried up, without an inhabitant'?" And **all** the people were gathered *against* Yirmeyahu in the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ.
[10]And the heads of Yahuḏah **heard** this and they came up from the sovereign's house to the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ and sat down in the entrance of the new gate of the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ.
[11]And the priests and the prophets spoke to the heads and **all** the people, saying, "A *death sentence* for this man! For he has *prophesied against* this city, as you have **heard** with your **ears.**"
[12]And Yirmeyahu spoke to **all** the heads and **all** the people, saying, "**ꓤꓰꓤꓶ sent** me to **prophesy** *against* this house and *against* this city with **all** the **words** you **heard**.
[13]"Now, make good *your ways* **and your deeds** and **obey the voice of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ your Elohim, then ꓤꓰꓤꓶ *shall* relent concerning the evil He has pronounced against you.**
[14]"And I, look I am in your **hand.** ***Do*** with me as seems **good** and **right** to you.
[15]"***But*** **know** for certain that if you put me to *death,* you are bringing **innocent blood** on yourselves and on this city and on its inhabitants. For **truly ꓤꓰꓤꓶ has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."**

16***Then*** the heads and **all** the people said to the priests and the prophets**,** "No *death sentence* for this man. For he has **spoken** to us **in the Name** of ꓤYHWH our **Elohim**."

17And some of the elders of the land rose up and spoke to **all** the assembly of the people, saying,

18"'Mikayah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Ḥizqiyahu the sovereign of Yahudah and he spoke to **all** the people of Yahudah, saying, 'Thus said ꓤYHWH of hosts, "Tsiyon ***shall*** become a ploughed field and Yerushalayim be heaps and the mountain of the House like the bare hills of the forest." '

19"'Did Ḥizqiyahu sovereign of Yahudah and **all** Yahudah indeed put him to death? Did he not **fear** ꓤYHWH and **seek** the **favour** of ꓤYHWH? And the **Master relented** concerning the *evil* which **He** had pronounced *against* them. ***But*** we are doing **great** *evil against* ourselves."

20There was however a man who prophesied in the **Name** of ꓤYHWH, Uriyahu the son of Shemayahu of Qiryath Ye'arim, who prophesied *against* this city and *against* this land **according** to **all** the **words** of Yirmeyahu.

21And when Yehoyaqim the sovereign, with **all** his mighty men and **all** the heads, **heard** his **words**, the sovereign sought to put him to *death.* ***But*** Uriyahu **heard** of it and was *afraid* and fled and went to Mitsrayim.

22***Then*** Yehoyaqim the sovereign **sent** men to Mitsrayim: Elnathan the son of Akbor and some men who went with him to Mitsrayim.

23And they brought Uriyahu from Mitsrayim and brought him to Yehoyaqim the sovereign, who *smote* him with the *sword* and threw his *dead* body into the *graves* of the *common* people.

24However, the **hand** of Ahiqam son of Shaphan was with Yirmeyahu, so as not to give him into the **hand** of the people to put him to *death.*

27 In the beginning of the **reign** of Yehoyaqim son of Yoshiyahu, the sovereign of Yahudah, this **word** came to Yirmeyah from ꓤYHWH, saying,

2"This is what ꓤYHWH said to me, 'Make for yourselves bands and yokes. ***Then*** you ***shall*** put them on your neck,

3and ***shall*** send them to the sovereign of Edom and the sovereign of Mo'ab and the sovereign of the Ammonites and the sovereign of Tsor and the sovereign of Tsidon, by the **hand** of the messengers who **come to** Yerushalayim to Tsidqiyahu, the sovereign of Yahudah.

4'And you ***shall*** **command** them to say to their masters, "Thus said ꓤYHWH of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, 'Say this to your masters,'

5'I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are on the face of the earth, by **My great power** and by **My** outstretched **arm**. And I ***shall*** give it to whom it seemed **right** in **My** eyes.

6'And **now**, I have **given all** these lands into the **hand** of Nebukadnetstsar the sovereign of Babel, **My** servant. And the beasts of the field I have also **given** him to **serve** him.

7'And **all** nations ***shall*** **serve** him and his son and his son's son, until the **time** of his land comes. And then many nations and **great** sovereigns ***shall*** make him **serve** them.

8'And it ***shall*** **be,** the nation and **reign** that *do not* **serve** Nebukadnetstsar the sovereign of Babel and the one that *does not* put its neck under the yoke of the sovereign of Babel, that nation I ***shall*** *punish,*' **declares** ꓤYHWH, 'with the *sword, scarcity of food* and the *pestilence*, until I have *consumed* them by his **hand.**

9'So *do not* **listen** to your *prophets***,** or to your *diviners*, or to your *dreamers*, or to your *observers* of clouds, or your *sorcerers*, who **speak** to you, saying, "***Do*** *not* **serve** the sovereign of Babel."

10'For they are prophesying *falsehood* to you, to ***remove*** you far from your land. And I ***shall*** *drive* you out and you ***shall*** *perish.*

11 "***But*** the nations that bring their necks
under the yoke of the sovereign of Baḇel
and **serve** him, I ***shall*** leave in their own
land,' **declares** ꓤꓔꓤꓩ, 'and they ***shall***
til it and dwell in it.' "
12 And I spoke to Tsiḏqiyah the
sovereign of Yahuḏah **according** to **all**
these **words**, saying, "Bring your necks
under the yoke of the sovereign of Baḇel
and **serve** him and his people and live!
13 "***Why*** should you *die,* you and your
people, by the *sword,* by the *scarcity of*
food and by the *pestilence*, as ꓤꓔꓤꓩ
has **spoken** *against* the nation that *does*
not **serve** the sovereign of Baḇel?
14 "***Do*** *not* **listen** to the **words** of the
prophets who **speak** to you, saying, '***Do***
not **serve** the sovereign of Baḇel,' for
they prophesy *falsehood* to you,
15 for I have not **sent** them," **declares**
ꓤꓔꓤꓩ, "yet they prophesy *falsehood*
in **My Name, in order** that I *drive* you
out. ***Then*** you ***shall*** *perish,* you and the
prophets who prophesy to you."
16 ***Then*** I spoke to the priests and to **all**
this people, saying, "Thus said ꓤꓔꓤꓩ,
'***Do*** *not* **listen** to the **words** of your
prophets who are prophesying to you,
saying, "**See,** the vessels of the House
of ꓤꓔꓤꓩ are brought back from Baḇel
soon **now**," for they prophesy *falsehood*
to you.
17 '***Do*** *not* **listen** to them. Serve the
sovereign of Baḇel and live! ***Why*** should
this city become a *ruin*?
18 '***But*** if they are **prophets** and if the
Word of ꓤꓔꓤꓩ is with them, let them
now make intercession to ꓤꓔꓤꓩ of
hosts, that the vessels which are left in
the House of ꓤꓔꓤꓩ and in the house
of the sovereign of Yahuḏah and at
Yerushalayim, ***shall*** not go to Baḇel.'
19 "For thus said ꓤꓔꓤꓩ of hosts
concerning the columns and concerning
the Sea and concerning the stands and
concerning the remainder of the vessels
which are left in this city,
20 which Neḇukaḏnetstsar the sovereign
of Baḇel *did not* take, when he exiled
Yeḵonyah the son of Yehoyaqim,
the sovereign of Yahuḏah, from
Yerushalayim to Baḇel and **all** the nobles
of Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim,
21 thus said ꓤꓔꓤꓩ of hosts, the **Elohim**
of Yisra'ĕl, concerning the vessels that
remain in the House of ꓤꓔꓤꓩ and in
the house of the sovereign of Yahuḏah
and of Yerushalayim:
22 "They ***shall*** **be** brought to Baḇel and
be there until the day that I **visit** them,'
declares ꓤꓔꓤꓩ. '***Then*** I ***shall*** bring
them back and **restore** them to this
place.' "

28 And it came to be in that year, at
the beginning of the **reign** of Tsiḏqiyah
sovereign of Yahuḏah, in the fourth year
and in the fifth month, that Ḥananyah
son of Azzur the **prophet,** who was from
Gib'on, spoke to me in the House of
ꓤꓔꓤꓩ in the presence of the priests and
of **all** the people, saying,
2 "Thus spoke ꓤꓔꓤꓩ of hosts, the
Elohim of Yisra'ĕl, saying, 'I have
broken the yoke of the sovereign of
Baḇel.
3 'Within two years I am going to bring
back to this place **all** the vessels of the
House of ꓤꓔꓤꓩ, that Neḇukaḏnetstsar
sovereign of Baḇel removed from this
place and took to Baḇel.
4 'And I am going to bring back to
this place Yeḵonyah son of Yehoyaqim,
sovereign of Yahuḏah, with **all** the
exiles of Yahuḏah who went to Baḇel,'
declares ꓤꓔꓤꓩ, 'for I am going to
break the yoke of the sovereign of
Baḇel.' "
5 ***Then*** the **prophet** Yirmeyah spoke to
the **prophet** Ḥananyah in the presence
of the priests and in the presence of **all**
the people who stood in the House of
ꓤꓔꓤꓩ,
6 and the **prophet** Yirmeyah said,
"Amĕn! ꓤꓔꓤꓩ do so! ꓤꓔꓤꓩ **establish**
your **words** which you have **prophesied,**
to bring back the vessels of the House
of ꓤꓔꓤꓩ and **all** the exiles from
Baḇel to this place!
7 "Only, **hear now** this **word** that
I **speak** in your **hearing** and in the

hearing of **all** the people:
[8]"The prophets who have been before me and before you of old prophesied *against* many lands and **great** reigns, of battle and of *evil* and of *pestilence.*
[9]"The **prophet** who prophesies of **peace** – when the **Word** of the **prophet comes** to pass, that **prophet** is **known** as one whom יהוה has **truly sent**."
[10]And Ḥananyah the **prophet** took the yoke off the **prophet** Yirmeyah's neck and broke it.
[11]And Ḥananyah spoke in the presence of **all** the people, saying, "Thus said יהוה, 'So **I *shall*** *break* the yoke of Neḇukaḏnetstsar sovereign of Baḇel from the neck of **all** nations within two years.' " And the **prophet** Yirmeyah went his **way.**
[12]And the **Word** of יהוה came to Yirmeyah, after Ḥananyah the **prophet** had broken the yoke from the neck of the **prophet** Yirmeyah, saying,
[13]"Go and **speak** to Ḥananyah, saying, 'Thus said יהוה, "You have broken the yokes of wood, but you ***shall*** make yokes of iron instead."
[14]'For thus said יהוה of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, "I have put a yoke of iron on the neck of **all** these nations, to **serve** Neḇukaḏnetstsar sovereign of Baḇel. And they ***shall*** **serve** him. And I have also **given** him the beasts of the field." ' "
[15]And the **prophet** Yirmeyah said to Ḥananyah the **prophet,** "**Listen**, please, Ḥananyah, יהוה has *not* **sent** you, *but* you have made this people **trust** in *falsehood.*
[16]"Therefore thus said יהוה, '**See,** I am sending you away from the face of the earth. This **year** you ***shall*** *die,* for you have **spoken *apostasy*** *against* יהוה.' "
[17]And Ḥananyah the **prophet** died the same year, in the seventh month.

29 And these are the **words** of the letter which Yirmeyah the **prophet** **sent** from Yerushalayim to the rest of the elders of the exile and to the priests and to the prophets and to **all** the people whom Neḇukaḏnetstsar had exiled from Yerushalayim to Baḇel –
[2]after Yeḵonyah the sovereign and the sovereigness mother and the eunuchs and the heads of Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim and the craftsmen and the smiths had gone *into exile* from Yerushalayim –
[3]by the **hand** of El'asah son of Shaphan and Gemaryah the son of Ḥilqiyah, whom Tsiḏqiyah sovereign of Yahuḏah **sent** to Baḇel, to Neḇukaḏnetstsar the sovereign of Baḇel, saying,
[4]"Thus said יהוה of hosts, **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, to **all** the exiles whom I exiled from Yerushalayim to Baḇel,
[5]'Build houses and dwell *in them*, plant gardens and eat their **fruit.**
[6]'Take wives and bring forth sons and daughters. And take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands and let them bear sons and daughters and be increased there and not diminished.
[7]'And **seek** the **peace** of the city where I have exiled you and pray to יהוה for it, for in its **peace** you have peace.'
[8]"For thus said יהוה of hosts, **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, '**Let *not*** your *prophets* and your *diviners* who are in your **midst *deceive*** you, neither **listen** to the **dreams** which you are **dream**ing.
[9]'For they are *prophesying falsely* to you in **My Name.** I have not **sent** them,' **declares** יהוה.
[10]"For thus said יהוה, '***When*** seventy years are completed, at Baḇel I ***shall*** **visit** you and **establish My good word** toward you, to bring you back to this place.
[11]'For I **know** the **plans** I am planning for you,' **declares** יהוה, '**plans** of **peace** and *not* of *evil*, to **give** you a **future** and an **expectancy**.
[12]'***Then*** you ***shall*** **call on Me** and ***shall*** **come** and pray to **Me** and I ***shall*** **listen** to you.
[13]'And you ***shall*** **seek Me** and ***shall***

find Me, when you **search** for **Me** with **all your heart.**
14 ‘And I ***shall*** **be found** by you,’ **declares** ꓤYHZ, ‘and **I *shall turn* back** your captivity and ***shall*** **gather** you from **all** the *gentiles* and from **all** the places where I have *driven* you, **declares** ꓤYHZ. And I ***shall*** **bring you back** to the place from which I have exiled you.’
15 “**Because** you have said, ‘ꓤYHZ has **raised** up prophets for us in Baḇel’ –
16 thus said ꓤYHZ concerning the sovereign who sits on the throne of Dawiḏ, concerning **all** the people who dwell in this city and concerning your brothers who have not gone out with you into exile,
17 thus said ꓤYHZ of hosts, ‘**See,** I am sending on them the *sword,* the *scarcity of food* and the *pestilence.* And I ***shall*** make them like spoilt figs, so spoilt as to be uneatable.
18 ‘And I ***shall*** pursue them with the *sword,* with *scarcity of food* and with *pestilence.* And I ***shall*** make them a *horror* among **all** the reigns of the earth, to be a *curse* and an *astonishment* and a *hissing* and a *reproach* among **all** the *gentiles* where I have *driven* them.
19 ‘For they *did not* **heed My words**,’ **declares** ꓤYHZ, ‘which I **sent** to them by **My servants** the **prophets,** rising up early and sending them, yet you *did not* **listen**,’ **declares** ꓤYHZ.
20 “You, therefore, **hear** the **Word** of ꓤYHZ, **all** you exiles whom I have **sent** from Yerushalayim to Baḇel.
21 “Thus said ꓤYHZ of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra’ĕl, concerning Aḥaḇ son of Qolayah and Tsiḏqiyahu son of Ma‘asĕyah, who are prophesying *falsely* to you in **My Name,** ‘**See,** I am giving them into the **hand** of Neḇukaḏretstsar sovereign of Baḇel and he ***shall*** *smite* them before your eyes.
22 ‘And **because** of them **all** the exiles of Yahuḏah who are in Baḇel ***shall*** use a *curse,* saying, “ꓤYHZ make you like Tsiḏqiyahu and Aḥaḇ, whom the sovereign of Baḇel roasted in the *fire*,”
23 **because** they have done *wickedness* in Yisra’ĕl and *committed adultery* with their neighbours’ wives and have **spoken** a **word in My Name** *falsely* which I have not **commanded** them. And **I am He** who **knows** and a **witness,**’ **declares** ꓤYHZ.
24 “And **speak** to Shemayahu the Neḥelamite, saying,
25 “Thus speaks ꓤYHZ of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra’ĕl, saying, ‘**Because** you have **sent** letters in your name to **all** the people who are at Yerushalayim, to Tsephanyah son of Ma‘asĕyah the priest and to **all** the priests, saying,
26 “ꓤYHZ has made you priest instead of Yehoyaḏa the priest, so that there are overseers in the House of ꓤYHZ over everyone who is mad and makes himself a **prophet,** that you should put him in the stocks and in the iron collar.
27 “So why have you not *reproved* Yirmeyahu of Anathoth who makes himself a **prophet** to you?
28 “For he has **sent** to us in Baḇel, saying, ‘This *captivity* is long – build houses and dwell *in them* and plant gardens and eat their **fruit.**’ ” ’ ”
29 And Tsephanyah the priest **read** this letter in the **hearing** of Yirmeyahu the **prophet.**
30 ***Then*** the **Word** of ꓤYHZ came to Yirmeyahu, saying,
31 “Send to **all** those in exile, saying, ‘Thus said ꓤYHZ concerning Shemayah the Neḥelamite, “**Because** Shemayah has prophesied to you and I have not **sent** him and he has made you to **trust** on *falsehood,*”
32 therefore thus said ꓤYHZ, “**See,** I am bringing *punishment* upon Shemayah the Neḥelamite and his seed: he ***shall*** have no one to dwell among this people, nor is he to **see** the **good** that I am about to do for **My people**,” **declares** ꓤYHZ, “**because** he has **spoken** ***apostasy*** *against* ꓤYHZ.” ’ ”

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The **word** that came to

Yirmeyahu from ꓤꓰꓤꓠ, saying,
2"Thus spoke ꓤꓰꓤꓠ **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, saying, '**Write** in a **book** for yourself **all** the **words** that I have **spoken** to you.
3'For look, the days are **coming**,' **declares** ꓤꓰꓤꓠ, 'when **I *shall turn* back** the captivity of **My people Yisra'ĕl** and **Yahuḏah**,' **declares** ꓤꓰꓤꓠ, 'and I ***shall*** bring them back to the land that I gave to their fathers and **let them possess it**.' "
4And these are the **words** ꓤꓰꓤꓠ spoke concerning Yisra'ĕl and Yahuḏah.
5"For this is what ꓤꓰꓤꓠ said, 'We have **heard** a **voice** of *trembling*, of **fear** and *not* of peace.
6'**Ask now** and **see** if a man is giving birth. ***Why*** do I **see every** man with his hands on his loins like a woman in labour and **all** faces turned pale?
7'Oh! For great is that day, there is none like it. And it is the time of Yaʿaqoḇ's distress, but he *shall* be saved out of it.
8'And it ***shall*** **be** in that **day**,' **declares** ꓤꓰꓤꓠ of hosts, 'that I *break* his yoke from your neck and *tear* off your bonds and foreigners no more enslave them.
9'And they ***shall*** **serve** ꓤꓰꓤꓠ their **Elohim** and Dawiḏ their sovereign, whom I **raise** up for them.
10'And you, *do not* **fear,** O Yaʿaqoḇ **My servant**,' **declares** ꓤꓰꓤꓠ, 'nor be discouraged, O Yisra'ĕl. For look, I am saving you from afar and your seed from the land of their captivity. And Yaʿaqoḇ ***shall*** **return** and have rest and be at ease, with no one to *trouble* him.
11'For **I am with you**,' **declares** ꓤꓰꓤꓠ, 'to **save** you. Though I make a **complete** end of **all** *gentiles* where I have *scattered* you, yet I *do not* make a **complete** end of you. ***But*** I ***shall*** **reprove** you in judgment and by no means leave you unpunished.'
12"For thus said ꓤꓰꓤꓠ, '**Your** *breach* is *incurable,* your *wound* is *grievous.*
13'No one pleads your **cause,** to bind up. There are *no* **healing** medicines for you.
14'All those **loving** you have *forgotten* you, they *do not* **seek** you. For I *smote* you as an enemy smites, with *cruel chastisement* **because** your *crookedness* is great, your *sins* have increased.
15'***Why*** do you cry about your breach? **Your** pain is incurable. **Because** of your many *crookedness*es, **because** your *sins* have increased, I have done this to you.
16'However, **all** those who *devour* you ***shall*** **be** devoured. And **all** your adversaries, **every** one of them, ***shall*** go into captivity. And those who *exploit* you ***shall*** **be** *exploited* and **all** who *prey* upon you I ***shall*** make a prey.
17'For I restore health to you and **heal** you of your *wounds*,' **declares** ꓤꓰꓤꓠ, 'for they have called you an outcast saying, "This is Tsiyon, no one is **seeking** her." '
18"Thus said ꓤꓰꓤꓠ, '**See,** I **turn back** the captivity of Yaʿaqoḇ's tents and have **compassion** on his dwelling places. And the city ***shall*** **be** built upon its own mound and the palace **stand** on its **right** place.
19'And out of them ***shall*** arise **thanksgiving** and the **voice** of those who are laughing. And I ***shall*** increase them and they ***shall*** not diminish. And I ***shall*** **esteem** them and they ***shall*** not be small.
20'And his children ***shall*** **be** as before and his congregation ***shall*** **be established** before **Me.** And I ***shall*** *punish* **all** who *oppress* them.
21'And his **Prince *shall* be** from him and his **Ruler *shall* come** from among him**. I *shall* bring him near and he *shall* approach Me, for who is this who pledged his heart to approach Me?' declares** ꓤꓰꓤꓠ.
22'And you *shall* be My people and **I *shall* be your Elohim.' "**
23**See,** the *storm* of ꓤꓰꓤꓠ ***shall*** go forth in a *rage,* a *whirling storm*! It *bursts* upon the head of the *wrong.*
24The *burning displeasure* of ꓤꓰꓤꓠ ***shall*** not **turn back** until **He** has done and **established** the **purposes** of **His heart.** In the **latter days** you ***shall***

understand it.

31 "At that **time,** " **declares** יהוה, "I ***shall*** **be** the **Elohim** of **all** the clans of Yisra'ĕl and they ***shall*** **be My people**."

[2]Thus said יהוה, "A people **escaped** from the *sword* **found favour** in the wilderness, Yisra'ĕl, when it went to find rest."

[3]יהוה appeared to me from afar, *saying*, "I have **loved** you with an **everlasting love,** therefore I ***shall*** draw you with **kindness**.

[4]"I am going to build you again. And you ***shall*** **be** rebuilt, O maiden of Yisra'ĕl! Again you ***shall*** take up your tambourines and go forth in the dances of those who rejoice.

[5]"Again you ***shall*** plant vines on the mountains of Shomeron. The planters ***shall*** plant and treat them as *common.*

[6]"For there ***shall*** **be** a day when the watchmen cry on Mount Ephrayim, 'Arise and let us go up to Tsiyon, to יהוה our **Elohim**.' "

[7]For thus said יהוה, "Sing with **gladness** for Ya'aqoḇ and shout among the chief of the nations. Cry out, give praise and say, 'O יהוה, **save Your people**, the **remnant** of Yisra'ĕl!'

[8]"**See,** I am bringing them from the land of the north and ***shall*** **gather** them from the ends of the earth, among them the *blind* and the lame, those with child and those in labour, **together** – a **great** assembly returning here.

[9]"With *weeping* they ***shall*** come and with *their* prayers I bring them. I ***shall*** make them **walk** by rivers of waters, in a **straight way** in which they *do not stumble.* For I ***shall*** **be** a **Father** to Yisra'ĕl and Ephrayim – he is **My** first-born.

[10]"**Hear** the **Word** of יהוה, O *gentiles* and **declare** it in the isles afar off and say, '**He** who *scattered* Yisra'ĕl gathers him and ***shall*** **guard** him as a shepherd his flock.'

[11]"For יהוה ***shall*** ransom Ya'aqoḇ and **redeem** him from the **hand** of one stronger than he.

[12]"And they ***shall*** **come** in and ***shall*** sing on the height of Tsiyon and stream to the **goodness** of יהוה, for grain and for **new wine** and for oil and for the young of the flock and the herd. And their being ***shall*** **be** like a well-watered garden and never languish again.

[13]"***Then shall*** a maiden **rejoice** in a dance and young men and old, together. And **I *shall turn*** their *mourning* to joy and ***shall*** comfort them and ***shall*** make them **rejoice** from their *sorrow,*

[14]and ***shall*** fill the being of the priests with fatness. And **My people *shall* be satisfied** with **My goodness**," **declares** יהוה.

[15]Thus said יהוה, "A **voice** was **heard** in Ramah, wailing, *bitter weeping*, Raḥĕl *weeping* for her children, ***refusing*** to be comforted for her children, **because** they are no more."

[16]Thus said יהוה, "Hold back your **voice** from *weeping* and your eyes from tears, for there is a reward for your **work,**" **declares** יהוה, "and they ***shall*** **return** from the land of the enemy.

[17]"And there is expectancy for your **latter** end," **declares** יהוה, "and your children ***shall*** **return** to their own country.

[18]"I have clearly **heard** Ephrayim lamenting, 'You have chastised me and I was chastised, like an untrained calf. Turn me back and **I *shall turn*** back, for You are יהוה my **Elohim**.

[19]'For after my turning back, I repented. And after I was **instructed,** I *struck* myself on the thigh. I was ashamed, even humiliated, for I bore the *reproach* of my youth.'

[20]"Is Ephrayim a **precious** son to **Me,** a child of delights? For though I spoke *against* him, I still **remembered** him. That is why **My** affections were deeply moved for him. I have **great compassion** for him," **declares** יהוה.

[21]"Set up signposts, make landmarks; set your **heart** toward the highway, the **way** in which you went. Turn back, O maiden of Yisra'ĕl, **turn back** to these

cities of yours!
22"Til when would you turn here and there, O backsliding daughter? For ֵיהוָה has created what is new on earth: a woman encompasses a man!"
23Thus said ֵיהוָה of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, "**Let** them once again say this **word** in the land of Yahuḏah and in its cities, when I **turn back** their captivity, 'ֵיהוָה **bless** you, O home of **righteousness**, mountain of set-apartness!'
24"And in Yahuḏah and **all** its cities farmers and those who journey with flocks, ***shall*** dwell together.
25"For I ***shall*** fill the *weary* being and I ***shall*** replenish **every** *grieved* being."
26At this I awoke and **looked** around and my sleep was **sweet** to me.
27"**See,** the days are **coming**," **declares** ֵיהוָה, "that I ***shall*** sow the house of Yisra'ĕl and the house of Yahuḏah with the seed of man and the seed of beast.
28"And it ***shall*** **be,** that as I have watched over them to *pluck up* and to *break down*, to *throw down*, to *destroy* and to *afflict*, so I ***shall*** **watch** over them to **build** and to **plant**," **declares** ֵיהוָה.
29"In those days they ***shall*** no longer say, 'The fathers ***ate*** sour grapes and the children's *teeth* are ***blunted***.'
30"***But*** each one ***shall*** *die* for his own *crookedness* – ***whoever eats*** sour grapes, his *teeth* ***shall*** **be** ***blunted***.
31"See, the days are coming," declares ֵיהוָה, "when I *shall* make a new covenant with the house of Yisra'ĕl and with the house of Yahuḏah,
32not like the **covenant** I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the **hand** to bring them out of the land of Mitsrayim, **My covenant** which they broke, though I was a husband to them," **declares** ֵיהוָה.
33"For this is the covenant I *shall* make with the house of Yisra'ĕl after those days, declares ֵיהוָה: I *shall* put My Torah in their inward parts and write it on their hearts. I *shall* be their Elohim and they *shall* be My people.
34"And no longer ***shall*** *they* **teach,** each one his neighbour and each one his brother, saying, 'Know ֵיהוָה,' **for they *shall* all know Me,** from the least of them to the greatest of them," **declares** ֵיהוָה. "**For** I ***shall*** **forgive their** *crookedness* and ***remember*** *their sin* **no more**."
35Thus said ֵיהוָה, who gives the sun for a **light** by day and the **laws** of the moon and the stars for a **light** by night, who stirs up the sea and its waves roar – ֵיהוָה of hosts is **His Name**:
36"***If*** these **laws** *vanish* from before **Me,**" **declares** ֵיהוָה, "***then*** the **seed** of Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** also *cease* from being a **nation** before **Me forever**."
37Thus said ֵיהוָה, "***If*** the heavens above could be measured and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I would also *cast* off **all** the seed of Yisra'ĕl for **all** that they have *done*," **declares** ֵיהוָה.
38"**See,** the days are **coming**," **declares** ֵיהוָה, "that the city ***shall*** **be** built for ֵיהוָה from the Tower of Ḥanan'ĕl to the Corner Gate.
39"And the measuring line ***shall*** again extend **straight** ahead to the hill Garĕḇ, then it ***shall turn*** toward Go'ah.
40"And **all** the valley of the *dead* bodies and of the ashes and **all** the fields as far as the wadi Qiḏron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, is to be set-apart to ֵיהוָה. It ***shall*** not be *plucked* up or *thrown* down any more **forever**."

32 The **word** that came to Yirmeyahu from ֵיהוָה in the tenth year of Tsiḏqiyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah, which was the eighteenth year of Neḇukaḏretstsar.
2**Now** at that **time** the army of the sovereign of Baḇel besieged Yerushalayim and Yirmeyahu the **prophet** was shut up in the court of the guard, which was in the house of the sovereign of Yahuḏah.
3For Tsiḏqiyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah

had shut him up, saying, "***Why*** are you prophesying, saying, 'Thus said ꓤꓴꓤꓶ, "**See,** I am giving this city into the **hand** of the sovereign of Baḇel and he ***shall*** take it,

[4]and Tsiḏqiyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah ***shall*** not **escape** from the **hand** of the Chaldeans, but certainly be **given** into the **hand** of the sovereign of Baḇel and ***shall*** **speak** with him face to face and **see** him eye to eye,

[5]and he ***shall*** lead Tsiḏqiyahu to Baḇel and be there until I **visit** him," **declares** ꓤꓴꓤꓶ, "though you *fight* with the Chaldeans, you ***shall*** not prosper" '?"

[6]And Yirmeyahu said, "The **Word** of ꓤꓴꓤꓶ **came to me,** saying,

[7]'**See,** Ḥaname'ĕl son of Shallum your uncle is **coming** to you, saying, "Buy my field which is in Anathoth, for the **right** of redemption is yours to buy it." '

[8]"'So Ḥaname'ĕl my uncle's son came to me in the court of the **guard according** to the **Word** of ꓤꓴꓤꓶ and said to me, 'Please buy my field that is in Anathoth, which is in the land of Binyamin, for the **right** of **inheritance** is yours and the redemption. Buy it for yourself.' And **I knew that this was the Word of** ꓤꓴꓤꓶ.

[9]"'And I bought the field which was at Anathoth from Ḥaname'ĕl, my uncle's son and weighed out to him the silver, seventeen sheqels of silver.

[10]"'And I signed the **deed** and **sealed** it, took **witnesses** and weighed the silver in the scales.

[11]"'***Then*** I took the **deed** of purchase – that which was **sealed according** to the **command** and **law,** and that which was **open** –

[12]and I gave the **deed** of purchase to Baruḵ son of Nĕriyah, son of Maḥsĕyah, in the presence of Ḥaname'ĕl my uncle's son and in the presence of the **witnesses** who signed the **deed** of purchase, before **all** the Yahuḏim who sat in the court of the guard.

[13]"'And I **commanded** Baruḵ before their eyes, saying,

[14]'Thus said ꓤꓴꓤꓶ of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, "Take these **deeds**, both this **deed** of purchase which is **sealed** and this **deed** which is open and put them in an earthen vessel, so that they remain many days."

[15]'For thus said ꓤꓴꓤꓶ of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, "Houses and fields and vineyards ***shall*** again be bought in this land." '

[16]"'And after I had **given** the **deed** of purchase to Baruḵ son of Nĕriyah, I prayed to ꓤꓴꓤꓶ, saying,

[17]'Ah, **Master** ꓤꓴꓤꓶ! **See, You** have made the heavens and the earth by **Your great power** and outstretched arm. There is no matter too hard for **You,**

[18]who **show kindness** to thousands and repay the *crookedness* of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them – the Great, the **Mighty** Ĕl, ꓤꓴꓤꓶ of hosts is **His Name,**

[19]great in counsel and mighty in **work,** for **Your** eyes are **open** to **all** the **ways** of the sons of men, to give everyone **according** to his **ways** and **according** to the **fruit** of his **deeds**.

[20]'For **You** have set **signs** and **wonders** in the land of Mitsrayim, to this day and in Yisra'ĕl and among other men. And **You** have made **Yourself** a **Name**, as it is this day.

[21]'And You have brought **Your people** Yisra'ĕl out of the land of Mitsrayim with **signs** and **wonders**, with a **strong hand** and an outstretched arm and with **great fearsome deeds**.

[22]'And **You** gave them this land, of which **You swore** to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey.

[23]'And they came in and possessed it, but they ***did <u>not obey</u>*** **Your voice**
nor did they **walk** in **Your Torah**.
They *did not* do **all** that **You commanded** them to do, so **You** brought **all** this *evil* upon them.

[24]'See the siege mounds! They have **come to** the city to take it. And the city has been **given** into the **hand** of the Chaldeans who *fight <u>against</u>* it, **<u>because</u>** of the *sword* and the *scarcity of food*

and the *pestilence.* And what **You** have **spoken** has **come about** and look, **You see it**!

25"Yet **You,** O **Master** ֲדֹנָי, have said to me, "Buy the field for silver and take witnesses"! although the city has been **given** into the **hand** of the Chaldeans.' "

26***Then*** the **Word** of ֲדֹנָי came to Yirmeyahu, saying,

27"**See,** I am ֲדֹנָי, the **Elohim** of **all** *flesh.* **Is there any matter too hard for Me?**"

28Therefore thus said ֲדֹנָי, "**See,** I am giving this city into the **hand** of the Chaldeans, into the **hand** of Nebukadretstsar sovereign of Babel and he ***shall*** take it.

29"And the Chaldeans who *fight* <u>*against*</u> this city ***shall*** **come** and set *fire* to this city and burn it, with the houses on whose roofs they *burned* incense to Ba'al and **poured out** drink offerings to other *mighty ones*, to ***provoke*** **Me.**

30"For the children of Yisra'ĕl and the children of Yahudah have done only *evil* before **Me,** from their youth. For the children of Yisra'ĕl have only *provoked* **Me** with the **work** of their hands," **declares** ֲדֹנָי.

31"For this city has been a **cause** for **My** *displeasure* and **My** *wrath* from the day that they built it, even to this day that I should remove it from before **My** face,

32<u>**because**</u> of **all** the *evil* of the children of Yisra'ĕl and the children of Yahudah, which they have done to ***provoke*** **Me** – they, their sovereigns, their heads, their priests, their **prophets** and the men of Yahudah and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim.

33"And they have turned their back to **Me** and not their face – though I **taught** them, rising up early and **teaching** them, they *did not* **listen** to receive **instruction.**

34"And they set their <u>**abominations**</u> in the house which is called by **My Name,** to *defile* it.

35"And they built the *high places* of Ba'al which are in the Valley of the son of Hinnom, to offer up their sons and their daughters to Molek, which I *did not* **command** them, *nor did* it **come** into **My heart,** that they should do this <u>**abomination**</u>, to make Yahudah *sin.*

36"And **now**, thus said ֲדֹנָי, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, concerning this city of which you say, 'It ***shall*** **be given** into the **hand** of the sovereign of Babel by the *sword* and by *scarcity of food* and by *pestilence*':

37'**See,** I am **gathering** them out of **all** the lands where I have *driven* them in **My** *displeasure*, in **My** *wrath* and in **great** *rage.* And I ***shall*** bring them back to this place and ***shall*** let them dwell in safety.

38'And they *shall* be My people and **I *shall* be their Elohim.**

39'And I *shall* give them one heart and one way, to fear Me all the days, for the good of them and of their children after them.

40'And I *shall* make an everlasting covenant with them, that I do not turn back from doing good to them. I *shall* put My fear in their hearts so as not to turn aside from Me.

41'And I *shall* rejoice over them to do good to them and *shall* plant them in this land in truth with all My heart and with all My being.'

42"For thus said ֲדֹנָי, 'As I have brought **all** this **great** *evil* on this people, so I am **bringing** on them **all** the **good** that I am speaking to them.

43'And fields ***shall*** **be** bought in this land of which you are saying, "It is a wasteland, without man or beast. It has been **given** into the **hand** of the Chaldeans."

44'Fields ***shall*** **be** bought for silver and **deeds** signed and **sealed** and **witnesses** be called, in the land of Binyamin and in the places around Yerushalayim and in the cities of Yahudah and in the cities of the mountains and in the cities of the low country and in the cities of the South. For **I *shall turn* back their captivity**,' **declares** ֲדֹנָי."

33 And the **Word** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ came to Yirmeyahu a **second time,** while he was still shut up in the court of the guard, saying,

2"Thus said ꓤꓴꓤꓵ who **made** it, ꓤꓴꓤꓵ who **formed** it to **establish** it, ꓤꓴꓤꓵ is **His Name,**

3**'Call unto Me** and **I *shall* answer you** and **show you great and inaccessible matters, which you have not known.'**

4"For thus said ꓤꓴꓤꓵ, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, concerning the houses of this city and the houses of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah, which are *thrown* down *against* the siege mounds and the *sword,*

5while **coming** to *fight* with the Chaldeans and to fill their places with the corpses of men whom I ***shall*** *slay* in **My** *displeasure* and **My** *wrath*, **all** for whose *evil* I have *hidden* **My** face from this city.

6'**See,** I am bringing to it **relief** and **healing**. I ***shall*** **heal** them and **reveal** to them the **riches** of **peace** and **truth**.

7'And **I *shall turn* back** the captivity of Yahuḏah and the captivity of Yisra'ĕl and ***shall*** build them as at the **first,**

8and ***shall*** **cleanse** them from **all** their *crookedness* that they have *sinned against* **Me.** And I ***shall*** pardon **all** their *crookedness*es that they have *sinned* and by which they have *transgressed against* **Me.**

9'And it ***shall*** **be** to **Me** a name of joy, a praise and a pride before **all** nations of the earth, **who hear all** the **good** I am doing to them and they ***shall*** *fear* and *tremble* for **all** the **goodness** and **all** the **peace** I am doing to it.'

10"Thus said ꓤꓴꓤꓵ, 'In this place of which you say, "It is dried up, without man and without beast," in the cities of Yahuḏah, in the streets of Yerushalayim that are deserted, without man and without inhabitant and without beast, there ***shall*** once again be **heard**

11the **voice** of **joy** and the **voice** of **gladness**, the **voice** of the bridegroom and the **voice** of the bride, the **voice** of those who are saying, "Praise ꓤꓴꓤꓵ of hosts, for ꓤꓴꓤꓵ is **good**, for **His kindness** is **forever**," of those who are bringing the offering of **praise** into the House of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ. For **I *shall turn* back** the captivity of the land, as at the **first,**' **declares** ꓤꓴꓤꓵ.

12"Thus said ꓤꓴꓤꓵ of hosts, 'In this place which is dried up, without man and without beast and in **all** its cities, there ***shall*** once again be a home of shepherds causing their flocks to *lie* down.

13'In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the low country and in the cities of the South and in the land of Binyamin and in the places around Yerushalayim and in the cities of Yahuḏah, the flocks once again pass under the hands of him who counts them,' **declares** ꓤꓴꓤꓵ.

14'**See,** the days are **coming**,' **declares** ꓤꓴꓤꓵ, 'when **I *shall* establish** the **good word** which I have **promised** to the house of Yisra'ĕl and to the house of Yahuḏah:

15**'In those days and at that time I cause a Branch of righteousness to spring forth for Dawiḏ. He *shall* do right-ruling and righteousness in the earth.**

16'In those days Yahuḏah ***shall*** **be saved** and Yerushalayim dwell in safety. And this is that which ***shall*** **be proclaimed** to her: '**ꓤꓴꓤꓵ our Righteousness**.'

17"For thus said ꓤꓴꓤꓵ, 'For Dawiḏ there is **not to cease** a man to sit on the throne of the house of Yisra'ĕl.

18'And for the priests, the Lĕwites, there is not to cease a man to offer burnt offer ings before **Me,** to **kindle** grain offerings and to slaughter continually.' "

19And the **Word** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ came to Yirmeyahu, saying,

20"Thus said ꓤꓴꓤꓵ, '***If*** you could *break* **My covenant** with the day and **My covenant** with the night, so that there be not day and night in their season,

21***then*** **My covenant** could also be broken with **Dawiḏ My servant** – so that he ***shall*** not have a son to **reign** upon his throne – and with the Lĕwites,

the priests, **My** attendants.
22‘As the host of the heavens is
not counted, nor the sand of the sea
measured, so I increase the descendants
of Dawiḏ **My** servant and the Lĕwites
who **attend** upon **Me.**’ ”
23And the **Word** of ֱיְהוָה came to
Yirmeyahu, saying,
24“Have you not **observed** what these
people have **spoken** , saying, ‘The two
clans which ֱיְהוָה has **chosen** have
been *rejected* by **Him**’? So they have
despised **My people**, no more to be a
nation before them.
25“Thus said ֱיְהוָה, ‘***If*** **My covenant**
is not with day and night and if I have
not **appointed** the **laws** of the heavens
and earth,
26then I would also *reject* the
descendants of Ya'aqoḇ and Dawiḏ **My**
servant, so that I should not take of
his descendants to be rulers over the
descendants of Aḇrahim, Yitsḥaq and
Ya'aqoḇ. For **I *shall turn* back** their
captivity and have **compassion** on
them.’ ”

34 The **word** which came to
Yirmeyahu from ֱיְהוָה, when
Neḇukaḏnetstsar sovereign of Baḇel and
all his army and **all** the reigns of the
earth under his **rule** and **all** the people,
fought *against* Yerushalayim and **all** its
cities, saying,
2“Thus said ֱיְהוָה the **Elohim** of
Yisra’ĕl, ‘Go and **speak** to Tsiḏqiyahu
sovereign of Yahuḏah and say to him,
“Thus said ֱיְהוָה, ‘**See,** I am giving
this city into the **hand** of the sovereign
of Baḇel. And he ***shall*** *burn* it with *fire*,
3and you ***shall*** not **escape** out of his
hand, but certainly be taken and **given**
into his **hand.** And your eyes ***shall*** **see**
the eyes of the sovereign of Baḇel and
his **mouth *shall* speak** with your **mouth**
and you ***shall*** go to Baḇel.’ ” ’
4“***But*** **hear** the **Word** of ֱיְהוָה, O
Tsiḏqiyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah! Thus
said ֱיְהוָה concerning you, ‘You ***shall***
not *die* by the *sword.*
5‘In **peace** you are to *die* and as in the
burnings of spices for your fathers, the
former sovereigns who were before you,
so they ***shall*** *burn* spices for you and
lament for you, saying, “Alas, **Master!**”
’ For I have **spoken** the **word,** ” **declares**
ֱיְהוָה.
6And Yirmeyahu the **prophet** spoke **all**
these **words** to Tsiḏqiyahu the sovereign
of Yahuḏah in Yerushalayim,
7while the sovereign of Baḇel’s army
was *fighting* *against* Yerushalayim and
all the cities of Yahuḏah that were left,
against Laḵish and Azĕqah. For only
these walled cities remained of the cities
of Yahuḏah.
8The **word** which came to Yirmeyahu
from ֱיְהוָה, after Sovereign Tsiḏqiyahu
had made a **covenant** with **all** the people
who were at Yerushalayim to **proclaim**
release to them:
9that everyone was to set **free** his male
and female slave, the Heḇrew man and
the Heḇrew woman, no one was to keep
a Yehuḏite, his brother, enslaved.
10And when **all** the heads and **all** the
people who had **come** into the **covenant**
heard that each one was to set **free** his
male and female slaves and not keep
them *enslaved* any longer, they **obeyed**
and released them.
11***But*** afterward they *changed* their
minds and made the male and female
slaves **return,** whom they had set **free**
and brought them into subjection as male
and female slaves.
12Therefore the **Word** of ֱיְהוָה came
to Yirmeyahu from ֱיְהוָה, saying,
13“Thus said ֱיְהוָה the **Elohim** of
Yisra’ĕl, ‘**I Myself** made a **covenant**
with your fathers in the day
that I brought them out of the land of
Mitsrayim, out of the house of bondage,
saying,
14“At **the end** of seven years each one
should set **free** his Heḇrew brother, who
has been sold to him. And when he has
served you six years, you ***shall*** let him
go **free** from you.” ***But*** your fathers *did*
not obey **Me *nor*** *incline* their *ear*.

15 "And you recently **turned** and did what was **right** in **My eyes**, each man **proclaiming** release to his neighbour. And you made a **covenant** before **Me** in the house which is called by **My Name.**
16 "***But*** you turned back and *profaned* **My Name** and each one of you took back his male and female slaves, whom he had set **free,** at their pleasure and brought them into subjection, to be your male and female slaves.'
17 "Therefore thus said ה׳, 'You have not **obeyed Me** in **proclaiming** release, each one to his brother and each one to his neighbour. **See,** I am **proclaiming** release to you,' **declares** ה׳, 'to the *sword,* to the *pestilence* and to the *scarcity of food*! I ***shall*** make you a *horror* to **all** reigns of the earth.
18 "And I ***shall*** give the men who are *transgressing* **My covenant**, who have not **established** the **words** of the **covenant** which they made before **Me,** when they *cut* the *calf* in two and passed between the parts of it:
19 the heads of Yahuḏah and the heads of Yerushalayim, the eunuchs and the priests and **all** the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf.
20 "And I ***shall*** give them into the **hand** of their enemies and into the **hand** of those who **seek** their **life**. And their corpses ***shall*** **be** for food to the birds of the heavens and the beasts of the earth.
21 "And I ***shall*** give Tsiḏqiyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah and his heads into the **hand** of their enemies and into the **hand** of those who **seek** their **life** and into the **hand** of the sovereign of Baḇel's army that has withdrawn from you.
22 "**See,** I am **commanding**,' **declares** ה׳, 'and ***shall*** bring them back to this city and they ***shall*** *fight* <u>*against*</u> it and take it and burn it with *fire*. And I ***shall*** make the cities of Yahuḏah a *ruin* without inhabitant.' "

35 The **word** which came to Yirme yahu from ה׳ in the days of Yehoyaqim son of Yoshiyahu, sovereign of Yahuḏah, saying,
2 "Go to the house of the Rĕḳaḇites. And you ***shall*** **speak** to them and bring them into the House of ה׳, into one of the rooms and give them **wine** to drink."
3 And I took Ya'azanyah the son of Yirmeyahu, the son of Ḥaḇatstsinyah and his brothers and **all** his sons and **all** the house of the Rĕḳaḇites,
4 and brought them into the House of ה׳, into the room of the sons of Ḥanan son of Yiğdalyahu, a man of **Elohim**, which was by the chamber of the heads, above the room of Ma'asĕyahu son of Shallum, the keeper of the **door.**
5 And I set before the sons of the house of the Rĕḳaḇites bowls filled with **wine** and cups and I said to them, "**Drink wine**."
6 ***But*** they said, "We *do not* **drink wine**, <u>**because**</u> Yonaḏaḇ the son of Rĕḳaḇ, our father, **commanded** us, saying, 'You ***shall*** not drink **wine**, neither you nor your sons, **forever**.
7 "And *do not* build a house, neither sow seed, nor plant a vineyard, nor have any of these, but dwell in tents **all** your days, so that you **live** many days on the face of the land where you are sojourners.'
8 "So we **obeyed** the **voice** of Yonaḏaḇ son of Rĕḳaḇ, our father, in **all** that he **commanded** us, to drink no **wine all** our days, we, our wives, our sons and our daughters,
9 nor to build ourselves houses to dwell in. And we have no vineyard, field or seed.
10 "***But*** we dwell in tents and have **obeyed** and done **according** to **all** that Yonaḏaḇ our father **commanded** us.
11 "And it came to be, when Neḇuḵaḏretstsar sovereign of Baḇel came up into the land, that we said, '**Come,** let us go to Yerushalayim for **fear** of the army of the Chaldeans and for **fear** of the army of the Arameans.' So we dwell at Yerushalayim."
12 And the **Word** of ה׳ came to Yirmeyahu, saying,

13"Thus said ꓤꓠꓤꓩ of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, 'Go and you ***shall*** say to the men of Yahuḏah and to the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, "**Have you not received instruction, to obey My words**?" **declares** ꓤꓠꓤꓩ.

14"'The **words** of Yonaḏaḇ son of Rĕḵaḇ, which he **commanded** his sons, not to drink **wine**, are **established** and they have not drunk unto this day, for they have **obeyed** their father's **command.** And as for **Me,** I have **spoken** to you, rising early and speaking, ***but you have not obeyed Me.***

15"'And I **sent** to you **all My servants** the **prophets,** rising up early and sending them, saying, '**Turn**, each one from his *evil* **way** and make **good** your **deeds** and *do not* go after other *mighty ones* to **serve** them and you ***shall*** dwell in the land which I have **given** you and your fathers***.' But you have not inclined your ear nor obeyed Me.***

16"'The sons of Yonaḏaḇ son of Rĕḵaḇ have indeed carried out the **command** of their father which he **commanded** them, ***but this people has not obeyed Me." '***

17"'Therefore thus said ꓤꓠꓤꓩ **Elohim** of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, '**See,** I am bringing on Yahuḏah and on **all** the inhabitants of Yerushalayim **all** the *evil* I have **pronounced** *against* them **because** I have **spoken** to them but they *did not* **listen** and I have **called** to them but they *did not answer*.' "

18And Yirmeyahu said to the house of the Rĕḵaḇites, "Thus said ꓤꓠꓤꓩ of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, '**Because** you have **obeyed** the **command** of Yonaḏaḇ your father and **guarded all** his **commands** and done **according** to **all** that he **commanded** you,

19therefore thus said ꓤꓠꓤꓩ of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, "Of Yonaḏaḇ son of Rĕḵaḇ there ***shall*** never cease to be a man to **stand** before **Me.**" ' "

36 And it came to be in the fourth year of Yehoyaqim son of Yoshiyahu, sovereign of Yahuḏah, that this **word** came to Yirmeyahu from ꓤꓠꓤꓩ, say ing,

2"Take a **scroll** and **write** on it **all** the **words** that I have **spoken** to you *against* Yisra'ĕl and *against* Yahuḏah and *against* **all** the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Yoshiyahu even to this day.

3"It could be that the house of Yahuḏah **hears** of **all** the *evil* which I plan to bring upon them, so that each one turns back from his *evil* **way** and I ***shall*** pardon their *crookedness* and *their sin*."

4And Yirmeyahu called Baruḵ son of Nĕriyah. And Baruḵ **wrote** on a **scroll** from the **mouth** of Yirmeyahu, **all** the **words** of ꓤꓠꓤꓩ which **He** had **spoken** to him.

5And Yirmeyahu **commanded** Baruḵ, saying, "I am shut up, I am *unable to enter* the House of ꓤꓠꓤꓩ.

6"'***But*** you ***shall*** enter and ***shall*** **read** from the **scroll** which you have **written** from my **mouth,** the **words** of ꓤꓠꓤꓩ, in the **hearing** of the people in the House of ꓤꓠꓤꓩ on the **day of** fasting. And also **read** them in the **hearing** of **all** Yahuḏah who **come** from their cities.

7"It could be that they present their supplication before ꓤꓠꓤꓩ and they turn back, each one from his *evil* **way.** For **great** is the *displeasure* and the *wrath* that ꓤꓠꓤꓩ has **spoken** *against* this people."

8And Baruḵ son of Nĕriyah did **according** to **all** that Yirmeyahu the **prophet commanded** him, reading from the **book** the **words** of ꓤꓠꓤꓩ in the House of ꓤꓠꓤꓩ.

9And it came to be in the fifth year of Yehoyaqim son of Yoshiyahu, sovereign of Yahuḏah, in the ninth month, that they called a fast before ꓤꓠꓤꓩ

to **all** the people in Yerushalayim and to **all** the people who came from the cities of Yahuḏah to Yerushalayim.

10And Baruḵ **read** from the **book** the **words** of Yirmeyahu in the House of ꓤꓠꓤꓩ, in the room of Gemaryahu son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper courtyard at the entry of the New Gate of the House of ꓤꓠꓤꓩ, in the **hearing** of **all** the people.

[11]And Mikayahu son of Gemaryahu, son of Shaphan, **heard all** the **words** of יהוה from the **book**,
[12]And then he went down to the sovereign's house, into the scribe's room. And there **all** the heads were sitting: Elishama the scribe and Delayahu son of Shemayahu and Elnathan son of Akbor and Gemaryahu son of Shaphan and Tsidqiyahu son of Hananyahu and **all** the heads.
[13]And Mikayehu told them **all** the **words** which he **heard** when Baruk **read** the **book** in the **hearing** of the people.
[14]***Then*** **all** the heads **sent** Yehudi son of Nethanyahu, son of Shelemyahu, son of Kushi, to Baruk, saying, "Take in your **hand** the **scroll** from which you have **read** in the **hearing** of the people and come." So Baruk son of Nĕriyahu took the **scroll** in his **hand** and came to them.
[15]And they said to him, "Sit down, please and **read** it in our **hearing**." ***Then*** Baruk **read** it in their **hearing**.
[16]And it came to be, when they had **heard all** the **words**, that they **looked** at each other in **fear** and said to Baruk, "We are certainly going to report **all** these **words** to the sovereign."
[17]And they asked Baruk, saying, "Please explain to us, how did you **write all** these **words**? From his mouth?"
[18]And Baruk answered them, "From his **mouth** he spoke **all** these **words** to me and I **wrote** them with ink in the **book**."
[19]***Then*** the heads said to Baruk, "Go, hide, you and Yirmeyahu and let no one **know** where you are."
[20]And they went to the sovereign, into the court. ***But*** they put the **scroll** in the room of Elishama the scribe and told **all** the **words** in the **hearing** of the sovereign.
[21]The sovereign therefore **sent** Yehudi to bring the scroll and he took it from the room of Elishama the scribe. And Yehudi **read** it in the **hearing** of the sovereign and in the **hearing** of **all** the heads standing beside the sovereign.
[22]And the sovereign was sitting in the winter house in the ninth month, with a *fire burning* on the hearth before him.
[23]***Then*** it came to be, when Yehudi had read three or four columns, that the sovereign *cut* it with the scribe's knife and threw it into the *fire* that was on the hearth, until the entire **scroll** was *burned* in the *fire* that was on the hearth.
[24]Yet the sovereign and **all** his servants **who heard all** these **words** were not *afraid*, *nor did* they *tear* their garments.
[25]Moreover, Elnathan and Delayahu and Gemaryahu pleaded with the sovereign not to burn the scroll, but he *did not* **listen** to them.
[26]And the sovereign **commanded** Yerahme'ĕl son of the sovereign and Serayahu son of Azri'ĕl and Shelemyahu son of Abde'ĕl, to *seize* Baruk the scribe and Yirmeyahu the **prophet,** but יהוה had hid them.
[27]And after the sovereign had *burned* the **scroll** with the **words** which Baruk had **written** from the **mouth** of Yirmeyahu, the **Word** of יהוה came to Yirmeyahu, saying,
[28]"Take another scroll and **write** on it **all** the former **words** that were in the **first scroll** which Yehoyaqim the sovereign of Yahudah has *burned*,
[29]and say to Yehoyaqim sovereign of Yahudah, 'Thus said יהוה, "You have *burned* this scroll, saying, '***Why*** have you **written** in it that the sovereign of Babel is certainly **coming** to *destroy* this land and **cause** man and beast to cease from here?' "
[30]'Therefore thus said יהוה concerning Yehoyaqim sovereign of Yahudah, "He ***shall*** have no one to sit on the throne of Dawid and his *dead* body is to be *thrown* out, to the *heat* of the day and the frost of the night.
[31]"And I ***shall*** *punish* him and his seed and his servants for their *crookedness*. And I ***shall*** bring on them and on the inhabitants of Yerushalayim and on the men of Yahudah **all** the *evil* I have **spoken** *against* them. ***But*** they *did not* **listen**." ' "
[32]So Yirmeyahu took another **scroll** and gave it to Baruk the scribe, son of Nĕriyahu, who **wrote** on it from the **mouth** of Yirmeyahu **all** the **words** of

the **book** which Yehoyaqim sovereign of Yahuḏah had *burned* in the *fire*. And many similar **words** were **added** to them.

37 And Sovereign Tsiḏqiyahu son of Yoshiyahu reigned instead of Konyahu son of Yehoyaqim, whom Neḇuḵaḏretstsar sovereign of Baḇel set up to **reign** in the land of Yahuḏah.
2***But*** neither he nor his servants nor the people of the land had **listened** to the **words** of ֵיהוָה which **He** spoke by the **prophet** Yirmeyahu.
3And Tsiḏqiyahu the sovereign **sent** Yehuḵal son of Shelemyah and the priest, Tsephanyahu son of Ma'aseĭyah, to the **prophet** Yirmeyahu, saying, "Please pray to ֵיהוָה our **Elohim** for us."
4**Now** Yirmeyahu was still **coming** and going among the people, for they had not yet put him in prison.
5Meanwhile, Pharaoh's army had set out from Mitsrayim. And when the Chaldeans who were besieging Yerushalayim **heard** news of them, they withdrew from Yerushalayim.
6And the **Word** of ֵיהוָה came to Yirmeyahu the **prophet,** saying,
7"Thus said ֵיהוָה the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, 'Say this to the sovereign of Yahuḏah, who **sent** you to **Me** to **inquire** of **Me,** "**See,** Pharaoh's army which has **come** up to help you, ***shall turn*** **back** to Mitsrayim, to their own land.
8"And the Chaldeans ***shall*** **return** and *fight* *against* this city and take it and burn it with *fire*." '
9"Thus said ֵיהוָה, '***Do*** *not* ***deceive*** yourselves, saying, "The Chaldeans ***shall*** go away from us," for they *do not* go.
10'For though you had *smitten* the entire army of the Chaldeans who are *fighting* *against* you and there remained only *wounded* men among them, they would get up, each man in his tent and burn the city with *fire*.' "
11And it came to be, when the army of the Chaldeans left the siege of Yerushalayim for **fear** of Pharaoh's army,
12that Yirmeyahu went out of Yerushalayim to go into the land of Binyamin to receive his portion there in the **midst** of the people.
13And it came to be, as he was in the gate of Binyamin, a master of the **guard** was there whose name was Yiriyah son of Shelemyah, son of Ḥananyah. And he seized Yirmeyahu the **prophet,** saying, "You are deserting to the Chaldeans!"
14***But*** Yirmeyahu said, "It is a lie! I am not deserting to the Chaldeans." ***But*** he *did not* **listen** to him and Yiriyah *seized* Yirmeyahu and brought him to the heads.
15And the heads were *wroth* with Yirmeyahu and *smote* him and put him in prison in the house of Yehonathan the scribe. For they had made that for a prison.
16***When*** Yirmeyahu had entered into the dungeon and into the cells, then Yirmeyahu remained there many days.
17And Tsiḏqiyahu the sovereign **sent** and took him out. And the sovereign asked him **secretly** in his house and said, "Is there any **word** from ֵיהוָה?" And Yirmeyahu said, "There is." And he said, "You are **given** into the **hand** of the sovereign of Baḇel!"
18And Yirmeyahu said to Tsiḏqiyahu the sovereign, "***What*** have I *sinned* *against* you and *against* your servants and *against* this people, that you have put me into prison?
19"Where are your prophets who prophesied to you, saying,
'The sovereign of Baḇel is not **coming** *against* you or *against* this land?'
20"***But*** **now**, please **hear,** O my master the sovereign. Please, let my petition be accepted before you and *do not* make me **return** to the house of Yehonathan the scribe, lest I *die* there."
21Tsiḏqiyahu the sovereign then gave orders for Yirmeyahu to be placed in the court of the guard and that they should give him daily a piece of **bread** from the bakers' street, until **all** the **bread** in the city was gone. So Yirmeyahu remained

in the court of the guard.

38 And Shephatyah son of Mattan and Gedalyahu son of Pashhur and Yukal son of Shelemyahu and Pashhur son of Malkiyah **heard** the **words** which Yirmeyahu had **spoken** to **all** the people, saying,

2"Thus said ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, '**He** who remains in this city ***shall*** *die* by the *sword,* by *scarcity of food* and by *pestilence*, but ***whoever*** goes over to the Chaldeans ***shall*** **live.** And his **life** ***shall*** **be** as a prize to him and he ***shall*** **live.**'

3"Thus said ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, 'This city is certainly **given** into the **hand** of the sovereign of Babel's army and he ***shall*** take it.' "

4***Then*** the heads said to the sovereign, "Please, let this man be put to *death,* **because** he is weakening the hands of the men of battle who are left in this city and the hands of **all** the people, by speaking such **words** to them. For this man *does not* **seek** the **peace** of this people, but the *evil*."

5And Tsidqiyahu the sovereign said, "Look, he is in your **hand.** For the sovereign is *unable* to do any matter *against* you."

6And they took Yirmeyahu and threw him into the dungeon of Malkiyahu the sovereign's son, which was in the court of the guard and they let Yirmeyahu down with ropes. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mud. So Yirmeyahu sank in the mud.

7And Ebed-Melek the Kushite, one of the eunuchs, who was in the sovereign's house, **heard** that they had put Yirmeyahu in the dungeon. And the sovereign was sitting at the Gate of Binyamin,

8And Ebed-Melek came from the sovereign's house and spoke to the sovereign, saying,

9"My master the sovereign, these men have done *evil* in **all** that they have done to Yirmeyahu the **prophet,** whom they have *thrown* into the dungeon and he is likely to *die* from hunger in the place where he is, for there is no more **bread** in the city."

10And the sovereign **commanded** EbedMelek the Kushite, saying, "Take thirty men from here with you and lift Yirmeyahu the **prophet** out of the dungeon before he dies."

11So Ebed-Melek took the men with him and went into the house of the sovereign under the treasury and took old clothes and old rags from there and let them down by ropes into the dungeon to Yirmeyahu.

12And Ebed-Melek the Kushite said to Yirmeyahu, "Please put these old clothes and rags under your armpits, under the ropes." And Yirmeyahu did so,

13and they pulled Yirmeyahu up with ropes and lifted him out of the dungeon. And Yirmeyahu remained in the court of the guard.

14***Then*** Tsidqiyahu the sovereign **sent** and had Yirmeyahu the **prophet** brought to him at the third entrance of the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ. And the sovereign said to Yirmeyahu, "I am **asking** you a matter. ***Do*** *not* hide a matter from me."

15And Yirmeyahu said to Tsidqiyahu, "***If*** I **declare** it to you, ***shall*** you not put me to death? And if I give you advice, you ***shall*** not **listen** to me."

16***But*** Tsidqiyahu the sovereign **swore secretly** to Yirmeyahu, saying, "As ꓤꓰꓤꓶ lives, who made us this **life**, I *do not* put you to *death,* nor do I give you into the **hand** of these men who **seek** your **life**."

17And Yirmeyahu said to Tsidqiyahu, "Thus said ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, the **Elohim** of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'el, '***If*** you do indeed surrender to the heads of the sovereign of Babel, then your being ***shall*** **live** and this city not be *burned* with *fire*. And you and your house ***shall*** **live.**

18'***But*** if *you do not* surrender to the heads of the sovereign of Babel, then this city ***shall*** **be given** into the **hand** of the Chaldeans and they ***shall*** *burn* it with *fire* and you ***shall*** not **escape** from their **hand.**' "

[19]***Then*** Tsiḏqiyahu the sovereign said to Yirmeyahu, "I am *afraid* of the Yahuḏim who have gone over to the Chaldeans, lest they give me into their **hand** and they maltreat me."
[20]***But*** Yirmeyahu said, "They ***shall*** not **hand** you over. Please, **obey** the **voice** of ꞮHWH which I **speak** to you and **let it be** well with you and your **life** be **spared**.
[21]"***But*** if you *refuse* to **surrender**, this is the **word** that ꞮHWH has **shown** me:
[22]'***Then*** **see, all** the women who are left in the sovereign of Yahuḏah's house ***shall*** **be** surrendered to the heads of the sovereign of Baḇel and **see,** they are saying, "**Your** close friends have set upon you and prevailed <u>*against*</u> you; your feet have sunk in the mire; they have turned away again."
[23]'And they are going to surrender **all** your wives and children to the Chaldeans and you yourself ***shall*** not **escape** from their **hand,** but be taken by the **hand** of the sovereign of Baḇel and this city ***shall*** **be** *burned* with *fire*.' "
[24]***Then*** Tsiḏqiyahu said to Yirmeyahu, "**Let** no one **know** of these **words** and you ***shall*** not *die.*
[25]"***But*** if the heads **hear** that I have **spoken** with you and they **come to** you and say to you, '**Declare** to us **now** what you have said to the sovereign and also what the sovereign said to you. ***Do*** *not* hide it from us and we *do not* put you to *death,*'
[26]then you ***shall*** say to them,
'I presented my petition before the sovereign, not to send me back to the house of Yonathan to *die* there.' "
[27]And **all** the heads came to Yirmeyahu and asked him. And he informed them **according** to **all** these **words** that the sovereign had **commanded**. And they said no more to him, for the matter was not **heard**.
[28]So Yirmeyahu remained in the court of the **guard** until the day that Yerushalayim was taken and he was *there* when Yerushalayim was taken.

39 In the ninth year of Tsiḏqiyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah, in the tenth month, Neḇuḵaḏretstsar sovereign of Baḇel and **all** his army came <u>*against*</u> Yerushalayim and besieged it.
[2]In the eleventh year of Tsiḏqiyahu, in the fourth month, on the ninth **day of** the month, the city was broken into.
[3]And **all** the heads of the sovereign of Baḇel came in and sat in the Middle Gate: Nĕrḡal-Shar'etser, Samgar-Neḇo, Sarseḵim, Raḇsaris, Nĕrḡal-Sarezer, Raḇmaḡ and **all** the rest of the heads of the sovereign of Baḇel.
[4]And it came to be, when Tsiḏqiyahu the sovereign of Yahuḏah and **all** the men of battle **saw** them, they fled and left the city by night, by **way** of the sovereign's garden, by the gate between the two walls. And he went out toward the desert plain.
[5]***But*** the army of the Chaldeans pursued them and overtook Tsiḏqiyahu in the desert plains of Yeriḥo. And they captured him and brought him up to Neḇuḵaḏnetstsar sovereign of Baḇel, to Riḇlah in the land of Ḥamath, where he spoke judgment on him.
[6]And the sovereign of Baḇel slew the sons of Tsiḏqiyahu before his eyes in Riḇlah. The sovereign of Baḇel also slew **all** the nobles of Yahuḏah.
[7]And he put out the eyes of Tsiḏqiyahu and *bound* him with bronze shackles to bring him to Baḇel.
[8]And the Chaldeans *burned* the house of the sovereign and the houses of the people with *fire* and they broke down the walls of Yerushalayim.
[9]And Neḇuzaraḏan, chief of the guard, exiled to Baḇel the **remnant** of the people who remained in the city and those who defected to him, with the rest of the people who were left.
[10]***But*** Neḇuzaraḏan, chief of the guard, left in the land of Yahuḏah the *poor* people, who had naught **whatever** and gave them vineyards and fields on the **same** day.
[11]And Neḇuḵaḏretstsar the sovereign

of Baḇel gave an order concerning Yirmeyahu to Neḇuzaraḏan, chief of the guard, saying,
12"Take him and look after him and do no harm whatsoever to him, but do to him even as he ***shall*** **speak** to you."
13And Neḇuzaraḏan, chief of the guard and Neḇushaz**ban** the Raḇsaris, NĕrḡalShar'etser the Raḇmaḡ and **all** the sovereign of Baḇel's chief officers **sent,**
14and had Yirmeyahu taken from the court of the guard and gave him to Geḏalyahu son of Aḥiqam, son of Shaphan, to take him home. And he dwelt among the people.
15And the **Word** of ה׳ had **come to** Yirmeyahu while he was shut up in the court of the guard, saying,
16"Go and you ***shall*** **speak** to EḇeḏMelek the Kushite, saying, 'Thus said ה׳ of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, "**See,** I am bringing **My words** upon this city for *evil* and not for **good** and they ***shall*** **be** before you in that day.
17"And I ***shall*** **deliver** you **in that day,"declares** ה׳, "so that you are not **given** into the **hand** of the men of whom you are *afraid*.
18"For I ***shall*** **rescue** you and you ***shall*** not *fall* by the *sword.* ***But*** your **life** ***shall*** **be** as a **prize** to you, for you have **put your trust** in **Me,**" **declares** ה׳.' "

40 The **word** that came to Yirmeyahu from ה׳ after Neḇuzaraḏan, chief of the guard, had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him *bound* in chains among **all** the exiles from Yerushalayim and Yahuḏah, who were being exiled to Baḇel.
2And the chief of the **guard** took Yirmeyahu and said to him, "ה׳ your **Elohim** has **spoken** this *evil* on this place.
3"And ה׳ has brought it on and has done as **He** has said **<u>because</u>** you have *sinned <u>against</u>* ה׳ and *<u>did **not obey**</u>* **His voice**, therefore this *matter* has **come** upon you.
4"And **now**, **see,** I loosen you today from the chains that were on your **hand.** ***If*** it seems **good** to you to **come** with me to Baḇel, come and I ***shall*** look after you. ***But*** if it seems ***wrong*** for you to **come** with me to Baḇel, remain here. **See, all** the land is before you, go wherever it seems **good** and **right** for you to go."
5And before he replied, Neḇuzaraḏan *said*, "Or go back to Geḏalyahu son of Aḥiqam, son of Shaphan, whom the sovereign of Baḇel has made governor over the cities of Yahuḏah and dwell with him among the people, or go wherever it seems **right** for you to go." And the chief of the **guard** gave him pro**visions** and a gift and let him go.
6So Yirmeyahu went to Geḏalyahu son of Aḥiqam, to Mitspah and dwelt with him among the people who were left in the land.
7And **all** the commanders of the armies who were in the fields, they and their men, **heard** that the sovereign of Baḇel had made Geḏalyahu son of Aḥiqam governor in the land and had put him in charge of the men and women and children and the *poor* of the land who had not been exiled to Baḇel.
8So they came to Geḏalyahu at Mitspah – Yishma'ĕl the son of Nethanyahu and Yoḥanan and Yonathan the sons of Qarĕaḥ and Serayah the son of Tanḥumeth and the sons of Ophai the Netophathite and Yezanyahu the son of a Ma'aḵathite, they and their men.
9And Geḏalyahu son of Aḥiqam, son of Shaphan, **swore** to them and their men, saying, "***Do*** *not* be *afraid* of serving the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and **serve** the sovereign of Baḇel and it ***shall*** **be** well with you.
10"And I, **see,** I am dwelling at Mitspah, to **serve** the Chaldeans who **come to** us. ***But*** you, **gather wine** and summer **fruit** and oil and put them in your vessels and dwell in your cities which you have taken."
11Also, when **all** the Yahuḏim who were

in Mo'aḇ and among the Ammonites and in Eḏom and who were in **all** the lands, **heard** that the sovereign of Baḇel had left a **remnant** of Yahuḏah and that he had set over them Geḏalyahu son of Aḥiqam, son of Shaphan,
12then **all** the Yahuḏim returned from **all** the places where they had been driven and came to the land of Yahuḏah, to Geḏalyahu at Mitspah and gathered **wine** and summer **fruit** in large quantities.
13And Yoḥanan son of Qarĕaḥ and **all** the commanders of the army that were in the fields came to Geḏalyahu at Mitspah,
14and they said to him, "***Do*** you **know** that Ba'alis sovereign of the Ammonites has **sent** Yishma'ĕl son of Nethanyah to take your **life**?" ***But*** Geḏalyahu son of Aḥiqam *would not* **believe** them.
15***Then*** Yoḥanan son of Qarĕaḥ spoke **secretly** to Geḏalyahu in Mitspah, saying, "Please let me go and *smite* Yishma'ĕl son of Nethanyah, without anyone knowing it. ***Why*** should he murder you and so let **all** the Yahuḏim who are gathered to you be *scattered* and the **remnant** in Yahuḏah perish?"
16***But*** Geḏalyahu son of Aḥiqam said to Yoḥanan son of Qarĕaḥ, "***Do*** *not* do this matter, for what you are saying about Yishma'ĕl is not **true.**"

41 And in the seventh month it came to be that Yishma'ĕl son of Nethanyah, son of Elishama, of the royal seed and of the officers of the sovereign, came with ten men to Geḏalyahu son of Aḥiqam, at Mitspah. And while they ate **bread together** there in Mitspah,
2Yishma'ĕl son of Nethanyah and the ten men who were with him, arose and *smote* Geḏalyahu son of Aḥiqam, son of Shaphan, with the *sword* and *killed* him whom the sovereign of Baḇel had made governor over the land.
3And Yishma'ĕl *smote* **all** the Yahuḏim who were with him, with Geḏalyahu at Mitspah and the Chaldeans who were **found** there, the men of battle.
4And it came to be, on the second day after he had *killed* Geḏalyahu, when no one yet **knew** it,
5that men came from Sheḵem, from Shiloh and from Shomeron, eighty men with their beards shaved and their garments torn, having *cut* themselves, with offerings and incense in their **hand,** to bring them to the House of יהוה.
6And Yishma'ĕl son of Nethanyah went out from Mitspah to meet them, *weeping* as he walked along. And it came to be, as he met them, that he said to them, **"Come to** Geḏalyahu son of Aḥiqam!"
7And it came to be, when they came inside the city, that Yishma'ĕl son of Nethanyah slew them, *throwing* them into a pit, he and the men who were with him.
8***But*** ten men were **found** among them who said to Yishma'ĕl, "***Do*** *not kill* us, for we have wheat and barley and oil and honey *hidden* in the field." So he held back and *did not kill* them among their brothers.
9And the pit into which Yishma'ĕl had *thrown* **all** the corpses of the men whom he had slain, **because** of Geḏalyahu, was the **same** one Asa the sovereign had made for **fear** of Ba'asha sovereign of Yisra'ĕl – Yishma'ĕl son of Nethanyahu had filled it with the slain.
10***Then*** Yishma'ĕl took captive **all** the rest of the people who were in Mitspah, the sovereign's daughters and **all** the people who were left in Mitspah, whom Neḇuzaraḏan, chief of the guard, had entrusted to Geḏalyahu son of Aḥiqam. And Yish ma'ĕl son of Nethanyahu took them captive and went to go over to the Ammonites.
11***But*** Yoḥanan son of Qarĕaḥ and **all** the commanders of the army that were with him **heard** of **all** the *evil* that Yishma'ĕl son of Nethanyah had done,
12so they took **all** the men and went to *fight* with Yishma'ĕl son of Nethanyah. And they **found** him by the **great** pool that is in Giḇ'on.
13And it came to be, when **all** the people who were with Yishma'ĕl **saw** Yoḥanan son of Qarĕaḥ and **all** the

commanders of the army who were with him, that they were glad.
[14]And **all** the people whom Yishma'ĕl had taken captive from Mitspah turned around and came back and went to Yoḥanan son of Qarĕaḥ.
[15]***But*** Yishma'ĕl the son of Nethanyah **escaped** from Yoḥanan with eight men and went to the Ammonites.
[16]***Then*** Yoḥanan son of Qarĕaḥ and **all** the commanders of the army that were with him, took from Mitspah **all** the rest of the people whom he had **recovered** from Yishma'ĕl son of Nethanyah after he had murdered Geḏalyah son of Aḥiqam – the mighty men of battle and the women and the children and the eunuchs, whom he had brought back from Gib'on.
[17]And they set out and dwelt in the lodging place of Kimham, which is **near** Bĕyth Leḥem, to go to enter Mitsrayim,
[18]**because** of the Chaldeans. For they were *afraid* of them, **because** Yishma'ĕl son of Nethanyah had *smitten* Geḏalyahu son of Aḥiqam, whom the sovereign of Baḇel had made governor in the land.

42 ***Then*** **all** the commanders of the army and Yoḥanan son of Qarĕaḥ and Yezanyah son of Hoshayah and **all** the people, from the least to the greatest, came **near**
[2]and said to Yirmeyahu the **prophet,** "We ***beg*** you, let our petition be **acceptable** to you and pray for us to יהוה your **Elohim**, for **all** this **remnant,** for we are **few** left of many, as your eyes **see** us.
[3]"And **let** יהוה your **Elohim show** us the **way** in which **we should walk and the word we should do."**
[4]And Yirmeyahu the **prophet** said to them, "I have **heard**. **See,** I am praying to יהוה your **Elohim according** to your **words** and it ***shall*** **be** that I **declare** to you **all** the **word** יהוה answers you. I withhold not a **word** from you."
[5]And they said to Yirmeyahu, "**Let** יהוה be a **true** and **steadfast witness** between us, if we *do not* do **according** to **all** the **word** which יהוה your **Elohim sends** us by you.
[6]"Whether **good** or *evil*, let us **obey** the **voice** of יהוה our **Elohim** to whom we send you, **in order** that it might be **well** with us when we **obey** the **voice** of יהוה our **Elohim**."
[7]And after ten days it came to be that the **Word** of יהוה came to Yirmeyahu.
[8]So he called Yoḥanan son of Qarĕaḥ and **all** the commanders of the army which were with him and **all** the people from the least even to the greatest,
[9]and said to them, "Thus said יהוה, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, to whom you **sent** me to present your petition before **Him,**
[10]'***If*** you would indeed stay in this land, then I ***shall*** build you and not pull you down and I ***shall*** plant you and not pluck you up. For I have **relented** of the *evil* I have done to you.
[11]'***Do*** *not* be *afraid* of the sovereign of Baḇel, of whom you are *afraid*. ***Do*** *not* be *afraid* of him,' **declares** יהוה, 'for **I am with you**, to **save** you and **deliver** you from his **hand.**
[12]'And I ***shall*** **show** you **compassion**, so that he has **compassion** on you and let you **return** to your own land.'
[13]"***But*** if you say, 'We are not staying in this land,' and so ***dis*****obey** the **voice** of יהוה your **Elohim**,
[14]saying, 'No, but we are going to the land of Mitsrayim so that we **see** no fighting, nor **hear** the sound of the ram's horn, nor hunger for bread and there we ***shall*** stay,'
[15]then **hear** the **Word** of יהוה, O **remnant** of Yahuḏah! Thus said יהוה of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, '***If*** you indeed set your faces to enter Mitsrayim and ***shall*** go to sojourn there,
[16]***then*** it ***shall*** **be** that the *sword* which you ***feared*** overtakes you there in the land of Mitsrayim and the *scarcity of food* of which you were *afraid* **cling**s to you there in Mitsrayim and you *die* there.
[17]'And so it ***shall*** **be** with **all** the men

who set their faces to go to Mitsrayim to sojourn there: they ***shall*** *die* by the *sword,* by *scarcity of food* and by *pestilence* and not one of them ***shall*** survive or **escape** from the *evil* I am bringing upon them.'

18"For thus said יהוה of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, 'As **My** *displeasure* and **My** *wrath* have been **poured out** on the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, so ***shall*** **My** *wrath* be **poured out** on you when you enter Mitsrayim. And you ***shall*** **be** an oath and an astonishment and a *curse* and a **reproach** and you ***shall*** **see** this place no more.'

19"יהוה has **spoken** about you, O **remnant** of Yahuḏah, '***Do*** *not* go to Mitsrayim**!' Know for certain that I have warned you this day.**

20"For you ***deceived*** yourselves when you **sent** me to יהוה your **Elohim**, saying, 'Pray for us to יהוה our **Elohim** and **according** to **all** that יהוה your **Elohim** says, so **declare** to us and we ***shall*** do it.'

21"So I have **declared** it to you today, but you have *not* **obeyed** the **voice** of יהוה your **Elohim** in **all** which **He** has **sent** me to you.

22"And **now**, **know** for certain that you ***shall*** *die* by the *sword,* by *scarcity of food* and by *pestilence* in the place where you have desired to go to sojourn."

43 And it came to be, when Yirmeyahu had ended speaking **all** these **words** to **all** the people – **all** the **words** of יהוה their **Elohim**, for which יהוה their **Elohim** had **sent** him to them –

2that Azaryah son of Hoshayah and Yoḥanan son of Qarĕaḥ and **all** the *proud* men spoke, saying to Yirmeyahu, "You are speaking a ***lie***! יהוה our **Elohim** has not **sent** you to say, '***Do*** *not* go to Mitsrayim to sojourn there.'

3"For Baruḵ son of Nĕriyah is moving you *against* us, to give us into the **hand** of the Chaldeans, to put us to *death* or exile us to Baḇel."

4So Yoḥanan son of Qarĕaḥ and **all** the commanders of the army and **all** the people ***disobeyed*** the **voice** of יהוה, to stay in the land of Yahuḏah.

5And Yoḥanan son of Qarĕaḥ and **all** the commanders of the army took **all** the **remnant** of Yahuḏah who had returned to dwell in the land of Yahuḏah, from **all** nations where they had been *driven* –

6the men and the women and the children and the sovereign's daughters and **every** being whom Neḇuzaraḏan, chief of the guard, had left with Geḏalyahu son of Aḥiqam, son of Shaphan and Yirmeyahu the **prophet** and Baruḵ son of Nĕriyahu.

7So they went to the land of Mitsrayim, for they ***disobeyed*** the **voice** of יהוה. And they went as far as Taḥpanḥes.

8And the **Word** of יהוה came to Yirmeyahu in Taḥpanḥes, saying,

9"Take large stones in your **hand** and you ***shall*** hide them before the eyes of the men of Yahuḏah, in the clay in the brick courtyard which is at the entrance to Pharaoh's house in Taḥpanḥes.

10"***Then*** you ***shall*** say to them, 'Thus said יהוה of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, "**See,** I am sending and I ***shall*** bring Neḇuḵaḏretstsar the sovereign of Baḇel, **My** servant. And I ***shall*** set his throne above these stones that I have *hidden*. And he ***shall*** spread his canopy over them.

11"And he ***shall*** **come** and *smite* the land of Mitsrayim, *bringing death* to those **appointed** for *death* and captivity to those for captivity and the *sword* to those for the *sword.*

12"And he ***shall*** set *fire* to the houses of the *mighty ones* of Mitsrayim. And he ***shall*** *burn* them and take them captive. And he ***shall*** cover himself with the land of Mitsrayim, as a shepherd puts on his garment and he ***shall*** go out from there in peace.

13"And he ***shall*** *break* the *stone pillars* of the ***House*** of the ***Sun*** which are in the land of Mitsrayim and he ***shall*** *burn* the houses of the *mighty ones* of the

Mitsrites with *fire*." ' "

44 The **word** that came to Yirmeyahu concerning **all** the Yahuḏim who were dwelling in the land of Mitsrayim – who were dwelling at Miḡdol and at Taḥpanḥes and at Noph and in the land of Pathros, saying,

2"'Thus said יהוה of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, 'You yourselves have **seen all** the *evil* that I have brought on Yerushalayim and on **all** the cities of Yahuḏah. And **see,** this day they are a *ruin* and no one dwells in them,

3**<u>because</u>** of their *evil* which they have done to ***provoke* Me,** by going to burn incense by serving other *mighty ones* whom they *did not* **know,** they nor you nor your fathers.

4'And I **sent** to you **all My servants** the **prophets,** rising early and sending them, saying, "***Please** do not do* this **<u>abominable</u>** *matter* that I *hate!*"

5'***But*** they *did not* **listen** or **incline** their ear, to **turn** from their *evil*, *not* to *burn* incense to other *mighty ones*.

6'So **My** *wrath* and **My** *displeasure* were **poured out** and *burned* in the cities of Yahuḏah and in the streets of Yerushalayim and they became a *ruin* and a *wasteland*, as it is this day.'

7"And **now**, thus said יהוה, the **Elohim** of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, '***Why*** are you doing this **great** *evil* <u>*against*</u> your lives, to *cut off* from you man and woman, child and infant, from the **midst** of Yahuḏah, leaving none to remain,

8by ***provoking* Me** with the **works** of your hands, by *burning* incense to other *mighty ones* in the land of Mitsrayim where you have gone to dwell, to *cut* yourselves off and be a *curse* and a *reproach* among **all** the nations of the earth?

9'Have you *forgotten* the *evil*s of your fathers and the *evil*s of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah and the *evil*s of their wives and your own *evil*s and the *evil*s of your wives, which they have done in the land of Yahuḏah and in the streets of Yerushalayim?

10'To this day they have not been humbled, nor have they **feared**, nor have they **walked** in **My Torah** and in **My laws** that I **set** before you and your fathers.'

11"'Therefore thus said יהוה of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, '**See,** I am setting **My** face <u>*against*</u> you for *evil* and for cutting off **all** Yahuḏah.

12'And I ***shall*** take the **remnant** of Yahuḏah who have set their faces to go into the land of Mitsrayim to sojourn there. And they ***shall* all** be *consumed* in the land of Mitsrayim – *fall* by the *sword, consumed* by *scarcity of food*. From the least to the greatest they ***shall*** *die,* by the *sword* and by *scarcity of food*. And they ***shall* be** an **oath** and an astonishment and a *curse* and a *reproach*!

13'And I ***shall*** *punish* those dwelling in the land of Mitsrayim, as I have punished Yerushalayim, by the *sword,* by *scarcity of food* and by *pestilence.*

14'And none of the **remnant** of Yahuḏah who have gone into the land of Mitsrayim to sojourn there ***shall* escape** or survive, lest they **return** to the land of Yahuḏah, to which they are longing to **return** to dwell there. For they ***shall*** not **return,** ***except*** those who **escape**.' "

15***Then* all** the men who **knew** that their wives had *burned* incense to other *mighty ones* and **all** the women who stood by, a **great assembly** and **all** the people who dwelt in the land of Mitsrayim, in Pathros, answered Yirmeyahu, saying,

16"'We are ***not going to* listen** to you in the *matter* about which you spoke to us in the **Name** of יהוה!

17***"But we shall do whatever has gone out of our own mouth, to burn incense to the sovereigness of the heavens and* pour out** ***drink offerings to her,*** as we have done, we and our fathers, our sovereigns and our heads, in the cities of Yahuḏah and in the streets of Yerushalayim***. We had plenty of food*** and ***were well-off*** and ***saw no evil.***

18"'***But*** since we ceased *burning* incense

to the sovereigness of the heavens and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked **all** and have been *consumed* by the *sword* and by *scarcity of food*.

19"And when we *burned* incense to the sovereigness of the heavens and **poured out** drink offerings to her, did we make *cakes* for her, to *idolize* her and **pour out** drink offerings to her, without our husbands?"

20***Then*** Yirmeyahu spoke to **all** the people – to the men and to the women and to **all** the people who had **given** him that answer, saying,

21"As for the incense that you *burned* in the cities of Yahuḏah and in the streets of Yerushalayim, you and your fathers, your sovereigns and your heads and the people of the land, *did not* **ꓤYHZ** ***remember*** *them*? And **it came into His heart**!

22"And **ꓤYHZ could** no **longer bear it <u>because</u>** of the *evil* of your **deeds** and **<u>because</u>** of the **<u>abominations</u>** which you did. Therefore your land is a *ruin,* an object of astonishment, a *curse* and without an inhabitant, as it is this day.

23"**<u>Because</u>** you have *burned* incense and **<u>because</u>** you have *sinned <u>against</u>* **ꓤYHZ** and *<u>did **not obey**</u>* the **voice** of **ꓤYHZ** or **walk** in **His Torah**, in **His laws** or in **His witnesses,** therefore this *evil* did befall you, as at this day."

24And Yirmeyahu said to **all** the people and to **all** the women, **"Hear** the **Word** of **ꓤYHZ**, **all** Yahuḏah who are in the land of Mitsrayim!

25"Thus spoke **ꓤYHZ** of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, saying, 'You and your wives have **spoken** with your mouths and have filled with your hands, saying, "We ***shall*** perform our vows that we have made, to *burn* incense to the ***sovereignness of the heavens*** and **pour out** drink offerings to her." ***Then*** **confirm** your vows and perform your vows!'

26"Therefore **hear** the **Word** of **ꓤYHZ**, **all** Yahuḏah who are dwelling in the land of Mitsrayim, '**See,** I have **sworn** by **My great Name,**' **declares** **ꓤYHZ**, **'My Name *shall* *no longer*** be **called upon** by the **mouth** of any man of Yahuḏah in **all** the land of Mitsrayim, saying, "**As the Master** **ꓤYHZ lives.**.."

27'**See,** I am watching over them for *evil* and *not* for **good**. And **all** the men of Yahuḏah who are in the land of Mitsrayim ***shall*** **be** *consumed* by the *sword* and by *scarcity of food*, until they **come to** an end.

28'And those who **escape** the *sword,* **few** in number, ***shall*** **return** from the land of Mitsrayim to the land of Yahuḏah. And **all** the **remnant** of Yahuḏah, who came into the land of Mitsrayim to sojourn there, ***shall*** **know** whose **word** is **established**, **Mine** or *theirs*.

29'And this is the **sign** to you,' **declares** **ꓤYHZ**, 'that I am *punishing* you in this place so that you **know** that **My words** are **certainly established** *<u>against</u> you* for *evil*.'

30"Thus said **ꓤYHZ**, '**See,** I am giving Pharaoh Ḥophra sovereign of Mitsrayim into the **hand** of his enemies and into the **hand** of those who **seek** his **life**, as I gave Tsiḏqiyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah into the **hand** of Neḇuḵaḏretstsar sovereign of Baḇel, his enemy who sought his **life**.' "

45 The **word** that Yirmeyahu the **prophet** spoke to Baruḵ son of Nĕriyah, when he had **written** these **words** in a **book** from the **mouth** of Yirmeyahu, in the fourth year of Yehoyaqim son of Yoshiyahu, sovereign of Yahuḏah, saying,

2"Thus said **ꓤYHZ**, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, concerning you, Baruḵ:

3'You have said, "**<u>Woe</u>** to me **now!** For **ꓤYHZ** has **added** grief to my pain. I have been wearied with my *sighing* and I have **found** no rest." '

4"Say this to him, 'Thus said **ꓤYHZ**, "**See,** what I have **built** I am *breaking down* and what I have **planted** I am *plucking up*, that is, the entire land.

5"And do you **seek great** *matters* for

yourself? ***Do*** *not* **seek** them, for look, I am bringing *evil* on **all** *flesh,*" **declares** ה׳. "***But*** I ***shall*** give your **life** to you as a **prize** in **all** places, wherever you go." ' "

46 The **Word** of ה׳ which came to Yirmeyahu the **prophet** concerning the *gentiles*:

2For Mitsrayim, concerning the army of Pharaoh Neḵo, sovereign of Mitsrayim, which was by the River Euphrates in Karkemish and which Nebuḵaḏretstsar the sovereign of Baḇel had *smitten* in the fourth year of Yehoyaqim, son of Yoshiyahu, sovereign of Yahuḏah:

3"**Prepare** the large and the small shield and draw **near** to battle!

4"Harness the horses and mount up, you horsemen! **stand** with helmets, polish the spears, put on the armour!

5"***Why*** do I **see** them *afraid*, turned back? And their fighters are *beaten* down. And they have fled in haste and *did not* look back, for **fear** was **all** around," **declares** ה׳.

6***Do*** *not* let the *swift* ***flee*** away, nor the mighty man **escape**. They ***shall*** *stumble* and *fall* toward the north, by the River Euphrates.

7***Who*** is this rising like a flood, whose waters surge about like the rivers?

8Mitsrayim rises like a flood and its waters surge about like the rivers. And he says, '**Let** me rise and cover the earth; let me *destroy* the city and its inhabitants.'

9Go up, O horses and *rage,* O chariots! And let the mighty men go forth – Kush and Put who handle the shield and Luḏ who handle and bend the bow.

10For this is the **day of** the **Master** ה׳ of hosts, a **day of vengeance**, to revenge **Himself** on **His** adversaries. And the *sword* ***shall*** *devour* and be **satisfied** and made drunk with their blood. For the **Master** ה׳ of hosts has a slaughtering in the land of the north by the River Euphrates.

11Go up to Gil'aḏ and take balm, O maiden, the daughter of Mitsrayim. In vain you have used many remedies, there is no **healing** for you.

12Nations have **heard** of your shame and your cry has filled the land. For the mighty has *stumbled* <u>*against*</u> the mighty, they have both fallen together.

13The **word** which ה׳ spoke to Yirmeyahu the **prophet,** about the **coming** of Nebuḵaḏretstsar sovereign of Baḇel, to *smite* the land of Mitsrayim:

14"**Declare** in Mitsrayim and **let it be** heard in Miḡdol. And **let it be heard** in Noph and in Taḥpanḥes. Say, 'Stand fast and be prepared, for a *sword* ***shall*** *devour* **all** around you.'

15"***Why*** were your **strong** ones swept away? They *did not* **stand** <u>**because**</u> ה׳ drove them away.

16"He made many stumble; indeed, they fell over each other and said, 'Arise! **Let** us go back to our own people and to the land of our birth, away from the oppressing *sword.*'

17"There they cried, 'Pharaoh, sovereign of Mitsrayim, is but a noise. **He** has let the **appointed time** pass by!'

18"**As** I **live**," **declares** the **Sovereign**, whose **Name** is ה׳ of hosts, "For as Taḇor is among the mountains and as Karmel by the sea, he ***shall*** come.

19"O you daughter dwelling in Mitsrayim, **prepare** yourself to go into exile!

For Noph ***shall*** become a *waste* and a *ruin* and be *burned*, without inhabitant.

20"Mitsrayim is like a **very** pretty heifer but ***destruction*** comes, it **comes** from the north.

21"Her hired ones too, in her **midst**, are like fattened calves, for they too ***shall*** turn, they ***shall flee*** away together. They ***shall*** not stand, for the **day of** their *calamity* has **come** upon them, the **time** of their *punishment*.

22"Its sound moves along like a *serpent,* for they move on like an army and **come** <u>*against*</u> her with axes, like woodcutters.

23"They ***shall cut*** *down* her forest,"

declares ה׳, "for it is not searched, **because** they are more numerous than locusts and without number.
[24]"The daughter of Mitsrayim ***shall*** **be** put to *shame.* She ***shall*** **be given** into the **hand** of the people of the north."
[25]ה׳ of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, has said, "**See,** I am bringing *punishment* on Amon of No and on Pharaoh and on Mitsrayim and on their *mighty ones* and on their sovereigns and on Pharaoh and on those **trusting** in him.
[26]"And I ***shall*** give them into the **hand** of those who **seek** their lives, into the **hand** of Nebukadretstsar sovereign of Babel and into the **hand** of his servants. And afterward it ***shall*** **be** inhabited as in the days of old," **declares** ה׳.
[27]"***But*** as for you, *do not* **fear,** O **My** servant Ya'aqob and *do not* be *discouraged*, O Yisra'ĕl! For look, I am saving you from afar and your descendants from the land of their captivity. And Ya'aqob ***shall*** **return** and ***shall*** have **rest** and be at ease, with no one disturbing.
[28]"***Do*** *not* **fear,** O Ya'aqob **My** servant," **declares** ה׳, "for **I am with you.** Though I make a **complete end** of **all** the *gentiles* to which I have *driven* you, yet I *do not* make a **complete** end of you. ***But*** I ***shall*** **reprove** you in right-ruling and by no means leave you *unpunished*."

47 The **Word** of ה׳ that came to Yirmeyahu the **prophet** concerning the Philistines, before Pharaoh *smote* Azzah:
[2]Thus said ה׳, "**See,** waters are rising out of the north and ***shall*** **be** an overflowing flood. And they ***shall*** overflow the land and **all** that is in it, the city and those who dwell within. And men ***shall*** cry and **all** the inhabitants of the land ***shall*** wail.
[3]"At the noise of the stamping hooves of his **strong** horses, at the rushing of his chariots, at the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers ***shall*** not look to their children, **because** of *weakness* of hands,
[4]**because** of the day that ***shall*** **come** **to** *ravage* **all** the Philistines, to *cut off* from Tsor and Tsidon **every Helper** that survives. For ה׳ is *ravaging* the Philistines, the **remnant** of the isle of Kaphtor.
[5]"Baldness ***shall*** **come** upon Azzah, Ashqelon ***shall*** **be** *cut off* with the **remnant** of their valley. Til when would you *cut* yourself?
[6]"O you *sword* of ה׳, how long til you rest? Put yourself up into your sheath, rest and be still!
[7]"***How shall*** it rest, when ה׳ has **given** it a **command?** Against Ashqelon and *against* the seashore – there **He** has **appointed it**."

48 Concerning Mo'ab. This is what ה׳ of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl said, "**Woe** to Nebo! For it is *ravaged*, Qiryathayim is put to *shame*, captured. The high *stronghold* is put to *shame* and *broken* down.
[2]"There is **praise** for Mo'ab no longer. In Ḥeshbon they have devised *evil against* her, **'Come** and let us *cut* it off as a nation.' O Madmĕn, you are also *cut* off, a *sword* goes after you.
[3]"**Listen**! An outcry from Ḥoronayim, *ravaging* and **great** destruction!
[4]"Mo'ab ***shall*** **be destroyed**, her *little* ones ***shall*** cry out.
[5]"For on the ascent to Luḥith they go up *weeping bitterly*. For in the descent of Ḥoronayim the enemies ***shall*** **hear** a cry of ***destruction.***
[6]"***Flee,*** **deliver** your own lives! And be like a bush in the wilderness.
[7]"For **because** you have **trusted** in your **works** and your treasures, you ***shall*** **be** captured. And Kemosh ***shall*** go forth into exile, his priests and his heads together.
[8]"And a ravager ***shall*** **come** into **every** city, no one **escapes**. And the valley ***shall*** *perish* and the plain be **destroyed**, as ה׳ has **spoken** .
[9]"Give wings to Mo'ab, for she has to ***flee*** away and her cities become a *ruin,* with no one to dwell in them.

10(***Cursed*** is he who is slack in doing the **work** of ה׳ and *cursed* is he who withholds his *sword* from blood).
11"Mo'aḇ has been at ease from his youth and he has settled on his dregs and has not been emptied from vessel to vessel, nor has he gone into exile. Therefore his flavour has stayed in him and his fragrance is unchanged.
12"Therefore **see,** the days are **coming**," **declares** ה׳, "when **I *shall* send** him tilters, who ***shall*** tilt him over and *empty* his vessels and *break* the bottles.
13"And Mo'aḇ ***shall* be** *ashamed* **because** of Kemosh, as the house of Yisra'ĕl was *ashamed* of Bĕyth Ĕl, their refuge.
14"***How*** do you say, 'We are mighty and **strong** men for battle'?
15"Mo'aḇ is ravaged and her cities have been entered. And her **chosen** young men have gone down to the slaughter," **declares** the Sovereign, whose **Name** is ה׳ of hosts.
16"The *calamity* of Mo'aḇ is **near** to **come** and his *affliction* hurries fast.
17"Lament for him, **all** you who are around him. And **all** you who **know** his name, say, '***How*** the **strong** sceptre has been *broken,* the staff of splendour!'
18**"Come** down from your esteem and sit in thirst, O inhabitant, daughter of Diḇon. For the ravager of Mo'aḇ ***shall* come** *against* you, he ***shall*** *destroy* your *strongholds*.
19"Stand by the **way** and **watch**, O inhabitant of Aro'ĕr. **ask** him who flees and her who **escapes**; say, '***What*** has been done?'
20"Mo'aḇ has been put to shame, for it has been broken down. *Howl* and cry! **Let** it be **heard** in Arnon that Mo'aḇ is *ravaged.*
21"And judgment has **come** on the plain country, on Ḥolon and on Yaḥtsah and on Mopha'ath,
22and on Diḇon and Neḇo and on Bĕyth Diḇlathayim,
23and on Qiryathayim and on Bĕyth Gamul and on Bĕyth Me'on,
24and on Qeriyoth and on Botsrah and on **all** the cities of the land of Mo'aḇ, far or **near.**
25"The horn of Mo'aḇ has been *cut* off and his arm has been *broken,*" **declares** ה׳.
26"Make him *drunk* **because** he has made himself **great** *against* ה׳. Mo'aḇ ***shall*** splash in his *vomit* and he ***shall*** also be in *mockery*.
27"And was not Yisra'ĕl a *mockery* to you? Was he **found** among thieves? For whenever you **speak** of him, you *shake* your head.
28"O inhabitants of Mo'aḇ, leave the cities and dwell in the rock and be like the dove making a nest in the sides of the cave's **mouth.**
29"We have **heard** of the pride of Mo'aḇ (he is **very** *proud*!), of his loftiness and arrogance and pride and of the haughtiness of his **heart.**"
30"I **know** his *wrath*," **declares** ה׳, "and his boastings are un**true** and his **deeds** are *false.*
31"Therefore I *wail* for Mo'aḇ and I cry out for **all** Mo'aḇ. I *mourn* for the men of Qir Ḥeres.
32"O **vine** of Siḇmah! I *weep* for you with the *weeping* of Ya'zĕr. **Your** branches have passed over the sea, they have **come to** the sea of Ya'zĕr. The ravager has fallen on your summer **fruit** and your grape harvest.
33"**Joy** and **gladness** have been taken away from the orchard and from the land of Mo'aḇ. And I have made **wine** to cease from the winepresses. No one treads with shouting – the shouting is no shouting!
34"From the outcry of Ḥeshbon unto El'alĕh, unto Yahats, they ***shall* raise** their **voice**, from Tso'ar to Ḥoronayim, like a three-year-old heifer, for even the waters of Nimrim are dried up.
35"And I ***shall*** make an end in Mo'aḇ to him who offers in the *high places* and burns incense to his *mighty ones*," **declares** ה׳.
36"So **My heart** sounds for Mo'aḇ like flutes and **My heart** sounds for the men of Qir Ḥeres like flutes. Therefore the

wealth they made ***shall*** **be** gone.
37"For **every** head is bald and **every** beard clipped – *cuts* on **all** the hands and sackcloth on the loins.
38"On **all** the house-tops of Mo'aḇ and in its streets it is **all** *lamentation*, for I have broken Mo'aḇ like a vessel in which no one delights," **declares** ꓤYHWH.
39"***How*** has she been broken down! They ***shall*** wail! ***How*** has Mo'aḇ turned her back with shame! So Mo'aḇ ***shall*** **be** a *mockery* and a *horror* to **all** those about her."
40For thus said ꓤYHWH, "**See,** he soars like an eagle and ***shall*** spread his wings over Mo'aḇ.
41"Qeriyoth ***shall*** **be** captured and the *strongholds* seized. And the **heart** of the mighty men in Mo'aḇ on that day ***shall*** **be** like the **heart** of a woman in labour.
42"And Mo'aḇ ***shall*** **be** ***destroyed*** as a people, **because** he has made himself **great** *against* ꓤYHWH.
43"**Fear** and the pit and the *snare* are upon you, O inhabitant of Mo'aḇ," **declares** ꓤYHWH.
44"He who *flees* from the **fear** falls into the pit and he who gets out of the pit is ***caught*** in the *snare*. For I am bringing upon Mo'aḇ the year of their *punishment*," **declares** ꓤYHWH.
45"Those who *fled* stood powerless under the shadow of Ḥeshbon. ***But*** a *fire* ***shall*** **come out** of Ḥeshbon and a *flame* from the **midst** of Siḥon and *consume* the brow of Mo'aḇ and the crown of the head of the sons of uproar.
46"**Woe** to you, O Mo'aḇ! The people of Kemosh have *perished*, for your sons have been taken into exile and your daughters into exile.
47"***But*** **I** ***shall turn*** **back** the captivity of Mo'aḇ in the **latter** days," **declares** ꓤYHWH. Thus far is the judgment of Mo'aḇ.

49 Concerning the Ammonites: Thus said ꓤYHWH, "Has Yisra'ĕl no sons? Has he no heir? ***Why*** has Malkam taken possession of Gaḏ and his people dwell in its cities?
2"Therefore **see,** the days are **coming**," **declares** ꓤYHWH, "when I ***shall*** sound a battle cry in Rabbah of the Ammonites. And it ***shall*** **be** a heap, a wasteland and her villages ***shall*** **be** *burned* with *fire*. ***Then*** Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** dispossess those who dispossessed him," **declares** ꓤYHWH.
3"*Howl*, O Ḥeshbon, for Ai is *ravaged*! Cry, daughters of Rabbah, gird on sackcloth! Lament and **diligently search** by the walls, for Malkam ***shall*** go into exile, with his priests and his heads.
4"***Why*** do you boast in the valleys, your flowing valley, O backsliding daughter who is **trusting** in her treasures, saying, '***Who*** would **come** *against* me?'
5"**See,** I am bringing **fear** upon you, from **all** those around you," **declares** the **Master** ꓤYHWH of hosts. "And you ***shall*** **be** *driven* out, each one **straight** ahead, with no one to bring home the wanderer.
6"And after this I **turn back** the captivity of the children of Ammon," **declares** ꓤYHWH.
7Concerning Eḏom: Thus said ꓤYHWH of hosts, "Is there no more **wisdom** in Tĕman? Has counsel been *lost* to those with **understanding**? Has their **wisdom** vanished?
8"***Flee,*** turn back, dwell in the depths, O inhabitants of Deḏan! For I ***shall*** bring the *calamity* of Ēsaw upon him, the **time** that I ***shall*** *punish* him.
9"***If*** grape-gatherers came to you, would they not leave some gleaning grapes? Even ***thieves*** by night would *destroy only* until they had enough!
10"***But*** as for **Me,** I ***shall*** make Ēsaw bare. I ***shall*** uncover his hiding places, so that he is *unable* to *conceal* himself. **His** seed is ravaged, his brothers and his neighbours and he is no more.
11"Leave your fatherless children, let **Me** keep them **alive.** And let your widows **trust** in **Me.**"
12For thus said ꓤYHWH, "**See,** those whose judgment was ***not*** to **drink** of the

cup have *certainly drunk*. And are you the one to go *unpunished*? You ***shall*** not go *unpunished*, but certainly *drink* of it.
[13]"For I have sworn by **Myself**," **declares** ꓤYHZ, "that Botsrah is to become a *ruin,* a *reproach*, a *waste* and a *curse* and **all** its cities become **everlasting** *wastes*."
[14]I have **heard** a report from ꓤYHZ and an envoy has been **sent** to the nations, "**Gather** together, **come** *against* her and rise up to battle!
[15]"For look, I ***shall*** make you small among nations, *despised* among men.
[16]"The *dread* for you, the pride of your **heart,** has ***deceived*** you, O you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, holding the height of the hill! Though you make your nest as high as the eagle, from there I bring you down," **declares** the **Master.**
[17]"And Edom ***shall*** **be** a *ruin,* everyone who passes by it is astonished and whistles at **all** its *plagues*.
[18]"As in the *overthrow* of Sedom and Amorah and their neighbouring cities," **declares** ꓤYHZ, "No one ***shall*** dwell there, nor would a son of man sojourn in it.
[19]"**See,** he **comes** up like a lion from the Yarděn jungle *against* the home of the strong. ***But*** in an **instant** I ***shall*** make him run away from her. And who is the **Chosen One,** to **appoint** over her? For who is like **Me?** And who summons **Me?**
And who is that **Shepherd** who stands before **Me?**"
[20]Therefore **hear** the counsel of ꓤYHZ which **He** has counselled concerning Edom and the purposes **He** has purposed concerning the inhabitants of Tĕman: the least of the flock ***shall*** drag them away! **He** ***shall*** make their pasture a *waste* before them!
[21]The earth ***shall*** **be** *shaken* at the noise of their fall. There is an outcry! Its noise is **heard** at the Sea of Reeds.
[22]**See,** like an eagle he flies up and spreads his wings over Botsrah. And the **heart** of the mighty men of Edom in that day ***shall*** **be** like the **heart** of a woman in her pain.
[23]Concerning Damascus: "Ḥamath and Arpad have been put to shame, for they have **heard** an *evil* report. They have been melted in anxiety, like the sea, *unable* to rest.
[24]"Damascus has become feeble, she has turned to ***flee*** and *trembling* has *seized* her. *Distress* and *pain* have taken hold of her like a woman in labour.
[25]"***How*** is the city of **praise** deserted, the city of **My** joy!
[26]"Therefore her young men *fall* in her streets and **all** the men of battle are *cut off* **in that day," declares** ꓤYHZ of hosts.
[27]"And I ***shall*** **kindle** a *fire* in the wall of Damascus and it ***shall*** *consume* the palaces of Ben-Hadad."
[28]To Qĕdar and to the reigns of Ḥatsor, which Nebukadretstsar sovereign of Babel *smote*: Thus said ꓤYHZ, "Arise, go up to Qĕdar and ravage the men of the East!
[29]"Their tents and their flocks, their curtains and **all** their vessels ***shall*** **be** taken. And they ***shall*** take away their camels for themselves. And they ***shall*** cry out to them, '**Fear** is on **every** side!'
[30]"***Flee,*** go away! Dwell in the depths, O inhabitants of Ḥatsor!" **declares** ꓤYHZ. "For Nebukadretstsar sovereign of Babel has taken counsel *against* you and has devised a plan *against* you.
[31]"Arise, go up to the nation at ease that dwells safely," **declares** ꓤYHZ. "It has no gates or bars, they dwell alone.
[32]"And their camels ***shall*** become plunder and their large herds booty. And **I** ***shall*** *scatter* them to **all** winds, those who *cut off* the corner and bring their *calamity* from **all** its sides," **declares** ꓤYHZ.
[33]"Ḥatsor ***shall*** **be** a habitation for jackals, a desert **forever**. No one dwells there, nor does son of man sojourn in it."
[34]The **Word** of ꓤYHZ that came to Yirmeyahu the **prophet** concerning Ělam, in the beginning of the **reign** of Tsidqiyah, the sovereign of Yahudah, saying,
[35]"Thus said ꓤYHZ of hosts, '**See,** I am

breaking the bow of Ěylam, the chief of their might.
36 "And I ***shall*** bring upon Ěylam the four winds from the four quarters of the heavens and *scatter* them toward **all** those winds. And there ***shall*** **be** no nation where the outcasts of Ěylam *do not* go.
37 "And **I** ***shall*** *break* Ěylam before their enemies and before those who **seek** their **life**. And I ***shall*** bring *evil* upon them, **My** *burning displeasure,*' **declares** ֱיהוה. 'And **I** ***shall*** **send** the *sword* after them until I have *consumed* them.
38 "And I ***shall*** set **My** throne in Ěylam and *destroy* from there the sovereign and the heads,' **declares** ֱיהוה.
39 "And it ***shall*** **be** in the **latter** days that I **turn back** the captivity of Ěylam,' **declares** ֱיהוה."

50 The **word** that ֱיהוה spoke concerning Baḇel, concerning the land of the Chaldeans by Yirmeyahu the **prophet.**
2 "**Declare** among the nations and **let it be heard**. And lift up a banner, **let it be heard** and *do not conceal* it. Say, 'Baḇel ***shall*** **be** taken, Bĕl ***shall*** **be** put to shame, Merodaḵ ***shall*** **be** *broken,* her *images* ***shall*** **be** put to shame, her *idols* ***shall*** **be** broken.'
3 For a nation ***shall*** **come** up *against* her from the north, which ***shall*** make her land *waste* and none ***shall*** dwell in it. They ***shall flee,*** they ***shall*** go, both man and beast.
4 "In those days and at that **time,** " **declares** ֱיהוה, "the children of Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** come, they and the children of Yahuḏah together, *weeping* as they come and **seek** ֱיהוה their **Elohim**.
5 "They ***shall*** **ask** the **way** to Tsiyon, their faces toward it, **'Come** and **let us join ourselves to** ֱיהוה**, in an everlasting covenant**, **never** to be *forgotten*.'
6 "**My** people have been wandering sheep. Their *shepherds* have led them *astray*, turning them *away* on the mountains. They have gone from mountain to hill, they have *forgotten* their **resting place**.
7 "All who **found** them have devoured them. And their adversaries have said, 'We are not *guilty*, **because** they have *sinned against* ֱיהוה, the **Home** of **righteousness** and the **Expectation** of their fathers: ֱיהוה.'
8 "***Flee*** from the **midst** of Baḇel, **come out** of the land of the Chaldeans. And be as rams before a flock.
9 "For look, I am *stirring* up and bringing up *against* Baḇel an assembly of **great** nations from a land of the north and they ***shall*** array themselves *against* her. From there she ***shall*** **be** captured – their arrows are like those of a mighty skilled man, not returning empty-handed.
10 "And Chaldea ***shall*** become plunder, **all** who plunder her ***shall*** satisfy themselves," **declares** ֱיהוה.
11 "**Because** you were glad, **because** you rejoiced, you who plunder **My** inheritance, **because** you have grown fat like a heifer threshing grain and you neigh like stallions,
12 your mother ***shall*** **be** greatly ashamed. She who bore you ***shall*** **be** humiliated. Look, the **last** of the nations, a wilderness, a dry land and a desert.
13 "**Because** of the *wrath* of ֱיהוה she ***shall*** not be inhabited, but she ***shall*** **be** deserted – **all** of it. Everyone passing by Baḇel ***shall*** **be** astonished and whistle at **all** her *plagues*.
14 "Set yourselves in array *against* Baḇel **all** around, **all** you who bend the bow. Shoot at her, spare no arrows, for she has *sinned against* ֱיהוה.
15 "Shout *against* her **all** around. She has **given** her **hand,** her foundations have fallen, her walls are *thrown* down, for it is the **vengeance** of ֱיהוה. **Take vengeance** on her. ***As she has done, so do to her.***
16 "*Cut off* the sower from Baḇel and him who handles the sickle at harvest **time.** From before the *sword* of the oppressor each one turns to his own

people and each one flees to his own land.
17"Yisra'ĕl is a *scattered* sheep, the lions have *driven* him away. **First** the sovereign of Ashshur devoured him and **now**, at **last,** this Nebukadretstsar sovereign of Babel has broken his bones."
18Therefore thus said יהוה of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, "**See,** I am punishing the sovereign of Babel and his land, as I have punished the sovereign of Ashshur.
19"And I ***shall*** bring back Yisra'ĕl to his pasture and he ***shall*** feed on Karmel and Bashan. And his being ***shall*** **be satisfied** on Mount Ephrayim and Gil'ad.
20"In those days and at that **time,** " **declares** יהוה, "the *crookedness* of Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** **be** searched for, but there ***shall*** **be** none; and the *sin* of Yahudah, but none ***shall*** **be** found. For I ***shall*** pardon those whom I leave as a remnant.
21"Go up *against* the land of Merathayim, *against* it and *against* the inhabitants of Peqod. *Slay* and put them under the **ban,**" **declares** יהוה, "and do **according** to **all** that I have **commanded** you.
22"There is a sound of battle in the land and of **great *destruction.***
23"***How*** the hammer of **all** the earth has been *cut off* and *broken*! ***How*** Babel has become a *ruin* among the nations!
24"I have laid a *snare* for you and you were captured, O Babel and you yourself *did not* **know!** You have been **found** and also *caught*, **because** you *strove against* יהוה."
25יהוה has opened **His** armoury and has brought out the weapons of **His** *displeasure,* for the **Master Elohim** of hosts has a **work** to do in the land of the Chaldeans.
26Come *against* her from **every** quarter, open her storehouses, pile her up as heaps of ruins and put her under the **ban. Let** her have **no remnant**.
27*Slay* **all** her bulls, let them go down to the slaughter. **Woe** to them! For their day has come, the **time** of their *punishment*.
28**Listen**! They ***flee*** and **escape** from the land of Babel, to **declare** in Tsiyon the **vengeance** of יהוה our **Elohim**, the **vengeance** of **His** Hĕkal.
29"Summon archers *against* Babel. All you who bend the bow, encamp *against* it **all** around, let no one **escape**. Repay her **according** to her **work,** do to her **according** to **all** she has done. For she has been *proud against* יהוה, *against* the **Set-apart One** of Yisra'ĕl.
30"Therefore her young men ***shall fall*** in the streets and **all** her men of battle ***shall*** *perish* **in that day," declares** יהוה.
31"**See,** I am *against* you, O *proud* one!" **declares** the **Master** יהוה of hosts, "for your day has come, the **time** for your *punishment*.
32"And the *proud* one ***shall*** *stumble* and he ***shall fall,*** with no one to **raise** him up. And I ***shall*** **kindle** a *fire* in his cities and it ***shall*** *devour* **all** around him."
33Thus said יהוה of hosts, "The children of Yisra'ĕl were *oppressed*, along with the children of Yahudah. And **all** who took them captive have held them fast, they *refused* to let them go.
34"Their **Redeemer** is **strong,** יהוה of hosts is **His Name. He *shall*** strongly plead their case, so as to give rest to the land, but unrest to the inhabitants of Babel.
35"A *sword* is upon the Chaldeans," **declares** יהוה, "and it is upon the inhabitants of Babel and upon her heads and upon her **wise** men.
36"A *sword* is upon the *liars* and they ***shall*** **be** ***fools***. A *sword* is upon her mighty men and they ***shall*** **be** broken down.
37"A *sword* is upon their horses and upon their chariots and upon **all** the mixed peoples who are in her **midst** and they ***shall*** become like women. A *sword* is upon her treasures and they ***shall*** **be** *plundered*.
38"A *sword* is upon her waters and they ***shall*** **be** dried up. For it is a land of *carved images* and they *boast* about their

idols.
39"Therefore the wild desert beasts ***shall*** dwell with the jackals and the ostriches dwell in it. And it ***shall*** never again be inhabited, nor dwelt in, unto **all** generations.
40"As **Elohim** overthrew Sedom and Amorah and their neighbouring cities," **declares** ֵיהוָה, "so no one would dwell there, nor would son of man sojourn in it.
41"**See,** a people ***shall*** **come** from the north and a **great** nation and many sovereigns stirred up from the ends of the earth.
42"They lay hold of bow and spear, they are cruel and they **show** no **compassion**. They sound like the roaring sea and ride on horses, set in array, like a man for the battle, *against* you, O daughter of Babel.
43"The sovereign of Babel has **heard** the report about them and his hands became weak. Distress has *seized* him, pain like that of a woman in labour.
44"**See,** he **comes** up like a **lion** from the Yarděn jungle, *against* the enduring pasture. ***But*** in an **instant** I ***shall*** make them run away from her. ***Who*** is the **Chosen One** whom I **appoint** *against* her? For ***who*** is like **Me? *Who*** summons **Me? *Who*** is that **Shepherd** who **stands** before **Me?**"
45Therefore **hear** the **counsel** of ֵיהוָה which **He** has **counselled** concerning Babel and **His purposes He** has **purposed** concerning the land of the Chaldeans: the least of the flock ***shall*** drag them away! **He *shall*** make their pasture a *waste* before them!
46At the sound of Babel's capture the earth ***shall*** **be** *shaken* and the *outcry* ***shall*** **be heard** among the nations.

51 Thus said ֵיהוָה, "**See,** I am stirring up the spirit of a *destroyer* *against* Babel, *against* those who dwell in Lěb – **My** opponents. And **I *shall*** **send** winnowers to Babel, who ***shall*** winnow her and *empty* her land. For they ***shall*** **be** *against* her **all** around, in the **day of** *evil*.
3"**Let** the archer draw his bow and let him **stand ready** in his armour. ***Do*** *not spare* her young men, put **all** her army under the **ban.**
4"And the *slain* ***shall fall*** in the land of the Chaldeans and the pierced-through in her streets.
5"For neither Yisra'ěl nor Yahudah is widowed by his **Elohim**, ֵיהוָה of hosts, though their land has been filled with *sin* *against* the **Set-apart One** of Yisra'ěl."
6Flee from the **midst** of Babel, and let each one **save** his **life**! ***Do*** *not* be *cut off* in her *crookedness,* for this is the **time** of the **vengeance** of ֵיהוָה, the **recompense He** is repaying her.
7Babel was a golden **cup** in the **hand** of ֵיהוָה, making drunk **all** the earth. The nations drank her **wine**, that is why the nations went mad!
8Babel ***shall*** **suddenly** *fall* and be broken. *Howl* for her! Take balm for her pain – if so be, she might be **healed**.
9We would have **healed** Babel, but she is not **healed**. **Let** us leave her and each go to his own land, for her judgment reaches to the heavens and is lifted up to the clouds.
10ֵיהוָה has brought forth our **righteousness**. **Come** and let us relate in Tsiyon the **work** of ֵיהוָה our **Elohim**.
11Polish the arrows! Put on the shields! ֵיהוָה has stirred up the spirit of the sovereigns of the Medes. For **His plan** is *against* Babel to *destroy* it, **because** it is the **vengeance** of ֵיהוָה, the **vengeance** for **His** Hěkal.
12Lift up a banner on the walls of Babel, strengthen the **watch**, station the watchmen, **prepare** the ***ambush***. For ֵיהוָה has both **planned** and **done** what **He spoke** concerning the inhabitants of Babel.
13You who dwell upon many waters, **great** in treasures, your **end** has come, the measure of your *greedy gain.*
14ֵיהוָה of hosts has sworn by **Himself**, "I ***shall*** certainly fill you with men, as with locusts and they ***shall*** lift up a shout

against you."
[15]**He** made the earth by **His** power, **He established** the world by **His wisdom** and **stretched** out the heavens by **His understanding**.
[16]***When*** **He** gives forth **His voice** the waters in the heavens roar and **He** makes vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; **He** makes lightnings for the rain and **He** brings the *wind* out of **His** treasuries.
[17]All mankind has become too brutish **to know, every** smith has been put to *shame* by the *carved image,* for his *moulded image* is *falsehood* and there is no breath in them.
[18]They are *worthless*, a **work** of *mockery*. In the **time** of their *punishment* they *perish.*
[19]The *Portion* of Ya'aqoḇ is not like them, for **He** is the **Maker** of **all** and Yisra'ĕl is the tribe of **His** inheritance. **ꓤYHWH** of hosts is **His Name.**
[20]"You are **My** battle-axe, weapons of battle and with you **I *shall*** *break* nations in pieces and with you **I *shall*** *destroy* reigns.
[21]"And with you **I *shall*** *break* in pieces the horse and its rider and with you **I *shall*** *break* in pieces the chariot and its rider.
[22]"And with you **I *shall*** *break* in pieces man and woman and with you **I *shall*** *break* in pieces old and young and with you **I *shall*** *break* in pieces the young man and the maiden.
[23]"And with you **I *shall*** *break* in pieces the shepherd and his flock and with you **I *shall*** *break* in pieces the farmer and his yoke of oxen. And with you **I *shall*** *break* in pieces governors and rulers.
[24]"And I ***shall*** **repay** Baḇel and **all** the inhabitants of Chaldea for **all** the *evil* they have done in Tsiyon before your eyes," **declares ꓤYHWH**.
[25]"**See,** I am *against* you, O destroying mountain, who destroys **all** the earth," **declares ꓤYHWH**. "And I ***shall*** stretch out **My hand** *against* you. And I ***shall*** roll you down from the rocks and make you a burnt mountain.
[26]"And they ***shall*** not take from you a stone for a corner nor a stone for a foundation, but you ***shall*** **be** a *waste* **forever**," **declares ꓤYHWH**.
[27]Lift up a banner in the land, **blow** the ram's horn among the nations! **Prepare** the nations *against* her, **call** the reigns **together** *against* her: Ararat, Minni and Ashkenaz. Appoint a commander *against* her, bring up horses like hairy locusts.
[28]Separate the nations *against* her, with the sovereigns of the Medes, its governors and **all** its rulers, **all** the land of his **rule,**
[29]so that the land shakes and writhes in pain. For **every plan** of **ꓤYHWH *shall*** **be established** *against* Baḇel, to make the land of Baḇel a *ruin,* without inhabitant.
[30]The mighty men of Baḇel have ceased to fight, they remained in their *strongholds*. Their might has failed, they became like women, they have *burned* her dwelling places. The bars of her gate have been broken.
[31]One runner runs to meet another and one reporter to meet another, to report to the sovereign of Baḇel that his city is taken on **all** sides,
[32]and the fords have been captured and they have *burned* the reeds with *fire* and the soldiers are startled.
[33]For thus said **ꓤYHWH** of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, "The daughter of Baḇel is like a threshing-floor at the **time** it is trodden. Yet **a** *little* **while** and the **time** of her harvest ***shall*** come."
[34]"Neḇukaḏretstsar the sovereign of Baḇel has devoured us, he has crushed us, he has made us an *empty* vessel, he has swallowed us up like a monster. **He** has filled his stomach with my delicacies, he has *driven* us away.
[35]"**Let** the *violence* done to me and my *flesh* be upon Baḇel," says the inhabitant of Tsiyon. And, "**Let** my **blood** be upon the inhabitants of Chaldea," says Yerushalayim.
[36]Therefore thus said **ꓤYHWH**, "**See,** I am pleading your case. And I ***shall*** take **vengeance** for you and dry up her sea and make her fountain dry.

37"And Baḇel ***shall*** become a heap, a habitation of jackals, an astonishment and a *hissing,* without inhabitant.
38"Together they roar like lions, they ***shall*** growl like lions' cubs.
39"In their *heat* I **prepare** their feasts. And I ***shall*** make them drunk, so that they **rejoice** and sleep a neverending sleep and not awake," **declares** יהוה.
40"I ***shall*** bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with male goats.
41"Oh, how Sheshaḵ has been captured, the **praise** of **all** the earth been seized! ***How*** Baḇel has become a *ruin* among the nations!
42"The sea has risen over Baḇel, she has been covered with the roaring of its waves.
43"Her cities have become a *ruin,* a dry land and a desert, a land where no one dwells, neither does son of man pass by it.
44"And I ***shall*** *punish* Bĕl in Baḇel. And I ***shall*** make him spew out what he has swallowed and nations ***shall*** no longer stream to him. Even the wall of Baḇel ***shall fall.***
45**"Come out of her midst, My people! Let everyone deliver his being from** the *burning displeasure* of יהוה.
46"And lest your **heart** grow faint and you **fear** the report **heard** in the land – for a report ***shall*** **come** one year and after that, in another year a report ***shall*** come and *violence* in the land, ruler *against* ruler –
47therefore **see,** the days are **coming** that I ***shall*** bring *punishment* on the *carved images* of Baḇel and **all** her land ***shall*** **be** put to shame and **all** her *slain fall* in her **midst**.
48"And the heavens and the earth and **all** that is in them ***shall*** shout for **joy** over Baḇel, for the ravagers ***shall*** **come to** her from the north," **declares** יהוה.
49As Baḇel is to *fall* for the *slain* of Yisra'ĕl, so for Baḇel the *slain* of **all** the earth ***shall fall.***
50You who have **escaped** the *sword,* go away! ***Do*** *not* **stand** still! ***remember*** יהוה from afar and let Yerushalayim **come to** your **heart.**
51We are *ashamed* **because** we have **heard** *reproach.* Shame has covered our faces, for strangers have **come** into the set-apart places of the House of יהוה.
52"Therefore **see,** the days are **coming**," **declares** יהוה, "that I ***shall*** bring *punishment* on her *carved images*, while the *wounded* groan throughout **all** her land.
53"Though Baḇel should mount up to the heavens and though she should make the height of her strength inaccessible, ravagers ***shall*** **come to** her from **Me,**" **declares** יהוה.
54**Listen**! A cry from Baḇel and **great** ***destruction*** from the land of the Chaldeans,
55**because** יהוה is *ravaging* Baḇel and ***shall*** silence her loud **voice**. And her waves ***shall*** roar like **great** waters, the noise of their **voice** ***shall*** resound,
56**because** the ravager ***shall*** **come** *against* her, *against* Baḇel and her mighty men ***shall*** **be** captured. Every one of their bows ***shall*** **be** *broken,* for יהוה is the Ĕl of recompense, **He** ***shall*** certainly repay.
57"And I ***shall*** make her rulers drunk and her **wise** men, her governors and her deputies and her mighty men. And they ***shall*** sleep a lasting sleep and not awake," **declares** the Sovereign, whose **Name** is יהוה of hosts.
58Thus said יהוה of hosts, "The broad walls of Baḇel are **completely** demolished and her high gates are *burned* with *fire* and peoples labour in vain and the nations *weary* themselves for *fire*."
59The **word** that Yirmeyahu the **prophet commanded** Serayah son of Nĕriyah, son of Maḥsĕyah, when he went with Tsiḏqiyahu the sovereign of Yahuḏah to Baḇel in the fourth year of his reign. And Serayah was a quartermaster.
60So Yirmeyahu **wrote** in a **book all** the *evil* that would **come** upon Baḇel, **all** these **words** which have been **written**

concerning Babel.
61And Yirmeyahu said to Serayah, "***When*** you **come to** Babel and **see** it and **read all** these **words**,
62then you ***shall*** say, 'O יהוה, **You** have **spoken** concerning this place to *cut it off*, so that none ***shall*** dwell in it, neither man nor beast, for it is a *ruin* **forever**.'
63"And it ***shall*** **be,** when you have ended reading this **book**, that you ***shall*** tie a stone to it and *throw* it into the **midst** of the Euphrates,
64and ***shall*** say, 'So does Babel sink and ***not*** rise from the *evil* that I am bringing upon her,and they ***shall*** *weary* them selves.' " Thus far are the **words** of Yirmeyahu.

52 Tsidqiyahu was twenty-one years old when he began to reign and he reigned eleven years in Yerushalayim. And his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Yirmeyahu of Libnah.
2And he did *evil in the eyes* of יהוה, **according** to **all** that Yehoyaqim had done.
3For through the *displeasure* of יהוה this came to be <u>*against*</u> Yerushalayim and Yahudah, until **He** had *cast* them out from **His** presence. And Tsidqiyahu *rebelled* <u>*against*</u> the sovereign of Babel.
4And it came to be in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth of the month, that Nebukadretstsar sovereign of Babel and **all** his army came <u>*against*</u> Yerushalayim and encamped <u>*against*</u> it.
And they built a siege wall <u>*against*</u> it **all** around.
5And the city was under siege until the eleventh year of Sovereign Tsidqiyahu.
6On the ninth of the fourth month the *scarcity of food* was so *severe* in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.
7***Then*** the city wall was breached and **all** the men of battle fled and went out of the city at night by **way** of the gate between the two walls, which was by the sovereign's garden, while the Chaldeans were **near** the city **all** around. And they went by **way** of the desert plain.
8***But*** the army of the Chaldeans pursued the sovereign and they overtook Tsidqiyahu in the desert plains of Yeriho and his entire army was *scattered* from him.
9***Then*** they captured the sovereign and brought him up to the sovereign of Babel at Riblah in the land of Hamath and he pronounced judgments on him.
10And the sovereign of Babel slew the sons of Tsidqiyahu before his eyes and he also slew **all** the heads of Yahudah in Riblah.
11And he put out the eyes of Tsidqiyahu. And the sovereign of Babel *bound* him in bronze shackles and took him to Babel and put him in prison til the **day of** his *death.*
12And on the tenth of the fifth month, which was the nineteenth year of sovereign Nebukadretstsar sovereign of Babel, Nebuzaradan, chief of the guard, who **served** the sovereign of Babel, came to Yerushalayim,
13and he *burned* the House of יהוה and the sovereign's house and **all** the houses of Yerushalayim and **all** the houses of the **great** men, he *burned* with *fire*.
14And **all** the army of the Chaldeans who were with the chief of the **guard** broke down **all** the walls of Yerushalayim **all** around.
15And Nebuzaradan, chief of the guard, exiled some of the *poor* people and the rest of the people who were left in the city and the defectors who had gone over to the sovereign of Babel and the rest of the craftsmen.
16***But*** Nebuzaradan, chief of the guard, left some of the *poor* of the land as vinedressers and farmers.
17And the Chaldeans broke the bronze columns that were in the House of יהוה and the stands and the bronze Sea that were in the House of יהוה and brought **all** their bronze to Babel.
18They also took away the pots and the

shovels and the snuffers and the bowls and the ladles and **all** the bronze utensils with which they **served**,

[19]and the basins and the *fire* holders, and the bowls and the pots and the lampstands and the ladles and the cups, ***whatever*** was of solid gold and ***whatever*** was of solid silver, the chief of the **guard** took.

[20]The two columns, one Sea, the twelve bronze bulls which were under it and the stands, which Sovereign Shelomoh had made for the House of יהוה– the bronze of **all** these vessels was beyond weighing.

[21]As for the columns, the height of one column was eighteen cubits and its circumference was twelve cubits and its thickness was four fingers, hollow.

[22]And a capital of bronze was on it. And the height of one capital was five cubits, with a network and pomegranates **all** around the capital, **all** of bronze. And the second column, with pomegranates was the **same.**

[23]And there were ninety-six pomegranates on the sides. All the pomegranates on the network were one hundred, **all** around.

[24]And the chief of the **guard** took Serayah the chief priest and Tsephanyah the second priest and the three doorkeepers.

[25]And from the city he took one eunuch who was in charge of the men of battle and seven men who **saw** the sovereign's face, who were **found** in the city and the scribe of the commander of the army who mustered the people of the land and sixty men of the people of the land who were **found** in the city.

[26]And Nebuzaradan, chief of the guard, took these and brought them to the sovereign of Babel at Riblah,

[27]and the sovereign of Babel *smote* them and put them to *death* at Riblah in the land of Ḥamath. Thus Yahudah was exiled from its own land.

[28]These are the people whom Nebukadretstsar exiled: in the seventh year, three thousand and twenty-three Yahudim;

[29]in the eighteenth year of Nebukadretstsar he exiled from Yerushalayim eight hundred and thirty-two beings;

[30]in the twenty-third year of Nebukadretstsar, Nebuzaradan, chief of the guard, exiled of the Yahudim seven hundred and forty-five beings. All the beings were four thousand six hundred.

[31]And it came to be in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Yehoyakin sovereign of Yahudah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-fifth of the month, that Ewil-Merodak sovereign of Babel, in the **first** year of his reign, lifted up the head of Yehoyakin sovereign of Yahudah and brought him out of prison,

[32]and spoke kindly to him and set his throne above those of the sovereigns who were with him in Babel.

[33]So he *changed* his prison garments and he ate **bread** continually before the sovereign **all** the days of his **life**.

[34]And as for his allowance, there was a continual allowance **given** him by the sovereign of Babel, a portion for each day until the **day of** his *death,* **all** the days of his **life**.

YEḤEZQĚL

EZEKIEL

1 And it came to be in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth of the month, as I was among the exiles by the River Keḇar, the heavens were opened and I **saw visions** of **Elohim**.
[2]On the fifth of the month, in the fifth year of Sovereign Yehoyaḳin's exile,
[3]the **Word** of יהוה came expressly to Yeḥezqĕl the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the River Keḇar. And the **hand** of יהוה came upon him there.
[4]And I **looked** and **saw** a *whirlwind* **coming** out of the north, a **great** cloud with *fire* flashing itself. And brightness was **all** around it and out of its **midst** like glowing metal, out of the **midst** of the *fire*,
[5]and out of the **midst** of it came what **looked** like four **living** creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man.
[6]And each one had four faces and each one had four wings.
[7]And their feet were **straight** feet and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calves' foot. And they sparkled like the appearance of polished bronze,
[8]and under their wings on their four sides were the hands of a man. And each of the four had faces and wings –
[9]their wings touched one another. They *did not* turn when they went, but each one went **straight** forward.
[10]And the likeness of their faces: the face of a man and each of the four had the face of a lion on the **right** side and each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side and each of the four had the face of an eagle.
[11]Such were their faces. Their wings were spread upward, two of each touched one another and two covered their bodies.
[12]And each one went **straight** forward, going wherever the spirit was to go and they *did not* turn when they went.
[13]And the likeness of the **living** creatures: their appearance was like *burning* coals of *fire* and like the appearance of torches, moving back and forth among the **living** creatures. And the *fire* was bright and out of the *fire* went *lightning*.
[14]And the **living** creatures ran back and forth, like the appearance of a flash of *lightning*.
[15]And I **looked** at the **living** creatures and **saw** a wheel on the earth beside each **living** creature with its four faces.
[16]The appearance of the wheels and their **works** was like the appearance of beryl and **all** four had the **same** form. The appearance of their **works** was, as it were, a wheel in the middle of a wheel.
[17]***When*** they went, they went in any one of four directions, they *did not* turn aside when they went.
[18]And their rims were high and **awesome** and their rims were covered with eyes, **all** around the four of them.
[19]And when the **living** creatures went, the wheels went beside them. And when the **living** creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.
[20]Wherever the spirit was to go, they went, **because** there the spirit went. And the wheels were lifted **together** with them, for the spirit of the **living** creatures was in the wheels.
[21]***When*** those went, these went; when those stood, these stood. And when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up **together** with them, for the spirit of the **living** creatures was in the wheels.
[22]And a likeness was over the heads of the **living** creatures, an expanse like the appearance of an **awesome** crystal, **stretched** out over their heads.

[23]And under the expanse their wings were **straight,** one toward another. Each one had two which covered one side and each one had two which covered the other side of the body.
[24]And when they went, I **heard** the noise of their wings, like the noise of many waters, like the **voice** of the **Almighty,** a tumult like the noise of an army. And when they stood still, they let down their wings.
[25]And a **voice** came from above the expanse that was over their heads. ***When*** they stood, they dropped their wings.
[26]And above the expanse over their heads was the likeness of a **throne**, in appearance like a sapphire stone. And on the likeness of the **throne** was a likeness as the appearance of a man high above it.
[27]And from the appearance of **His** waist and upward I **saw** what **looked** like glowing metal with the appearance of *fire* **all** around within it. And from the appearance of **His** waist and downward I **saw** what **looked** like *fire* and **brightness all** around.
[28]As the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the **brightness all** around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the **esteem** of **ה׳יהוה**. And when I **saw** it, I fell on my face and I **heard** a **voice** of **One speaking**.

2 And **He** said to me, "**Son** of man, **stand** on your feet, so that I **speak** to you."
[2]And the **Spirit** entered into me when **He** spoke to me and set me on my feet. And I **heard Him** who was speaking to me.
[3]And **He** said to me, "**Son** of man, I am **sending** you to the children of Yisra'ĕl, to a nation of ***rebels*** who have *rebelled <u>against</u>* **Me.** They and their fathers have *transgressed <u>against</u>* **Me,** until this day.
[4]"'And the children are *stiff of face* and *hard of heart* to whom I am sending you and you ***shall*** say to them, 'Thus said the **Master ה׳יהוה**.'
[5]"'And they – whether they **hear** or whether they *refuse*, for they are a *rebellious house* – ***shall*** **know** t**hat a prophet has been in their midst**.
[6]"'And you, son of man, *do not* be *afraid* of them, nor be *afraid* of their **words**, though *thistles* and *thorns* are with you and you dwell among *scorpions*. ***Do*** *not* be *afraid* of their *words* or *discouraged by their looks*, for they are a *rebellious house*.
[7]"'And you ***shall*** **speak My Words** to them, whether they **hear** or whether they *refuse*, for they are *rebellious*.
[8]"'And you, son of man, **hear** what I am speaking to you. ***Do*** *not* be *rebellious* like that *rebellious house*, **open** your **mouth** and **eat what I am giving you**."
[9]And I **looked** and **saw** a **hand stretched** out to me. And **see, a scroll of a book was in it,**
[10]and **He** spread it before me and it was **written** on the inside and on the outside. And **written** on it were *lamentations* and *mourning* and ***woe***.

3 And **He** said to me, "**Son** of man, **eat** what you find, **eat** this scroll and **go**, **speak** to the house of Yisra'ĕl."
[2]And I opened my **mouth** and **He fed me the scroll**.
[3]And **He** said to me, "**Son** of man, **feed** your stomach and **fill** your stomach with this **scroll** that I am giving you." And I **ate** it and it was as **sweet as honey** i**n my mouth.**
[4]And **He** said to me, "**Son** of man, go to the house of Yisra'ĕl and you ***shall*** **speak** to them with **My Words**.
[5]"'For you are *not* **sent** to a people of *foreign speech* and of *difficult language***,** but to the house of Yisra'ĕl,
[6]not to many people of *foreign speech* and of *difficult language***,** whose **words** *you do not understand***.** ***If*** I had rather **sent** you to them, **they would have listened to you**.
[7]"'***But*** the house of Yisra'ĕl is going to *refuse to listen to you*, for they ***refuse to listen to*** **Me.**

All the house of Yisra'ĕl are *hard of head and hard of heart.*
[8]"**See,** I ***shall*** make your face as *hard as their faces* and your forehead as *hard as their foreheads.*
[9]"Like adamant stone, harder than flint, I ***shall*** make your forehead. ***Do*** *not* be *afraid of them, nor be discouraged at their looks, for they are a rebellious house."*
[10]And **He** said to me, "**Son** of man, **receive** into your **heart all My Words** that I **speak** to you and **hear** with your **ears.**
[11]"And go! **Come to** the exiles, to the children of your people and **speak** to them and say to them, 'Thus said the **Master** ֲדֹנָי,' whether they **hear,** or *whether they refuse.*"
[12]And the **Spirit** lifted me up and behind me I **heard** the sound of a **great rumbling voice**, **"Blessed** be the **esteem** of ֲדֹנָי from **His place**,"
[13]and the sound of the wings of the **living** creatures touching one another and the sound of the wheels beside them and the sound of a great rushing.
[14]And the **Spirit** lifted me and took me away and I went in *bitterness*, in the *heat* of my spirit, while the **hand** of ֲדֹנָי was **strong upon me**.
[15]And I came to the exiles at Tĕl Aḇiḇ, who were dwelling by the River Keḇar. And I sat where they were sitting and sat there, *stunned* among them, seven days.
[16]And it came to be at **the end** of seven days that the **Word** of ֲדֹנָי **came to me,** saying,
[17]"**Son** of man, I have made you a **watchman** for the house of Yisra'ĕl. And you ***shall*** **hear** a **word** from **My mouth** and ***shall*** **warn them from Me.**
[18]"***When*** I say to the ***wrong***,'You ***shall*** *certainly die,'* and you have *not* **warned** him *nor* **spoke***n to warn the wrong from his wrong way, to save his life, that same wrong man shall die in his crookedness and his blood I require at your hand.*
[19]"***But*** if you have **warned** the ***wrong*** and he *does not turn from his* ***wrong,*** nor from his ***wrong*** *way***,**
he ***shall*** *die* in his *crookedness* and **you have delivered your being**.
[20]"And when a **righteous** one *turns* from **his righteousness** and ***shall*** do *unrighteousness,* when I have put a *stumbling-block* before him, he ***shall*** *die.* **Because** you *did not* **warn** him, he ***shall*** *die* in his *sin* and his **righteousness** which he has done is *not* **remembered** and *his blood I require at your hand.*
[21]"***But*** **if you have warned** the **righteous** one that the **righteous** should *not sin* and he *did not sin,* he ***shall*** **certainly live because he has been warned and you have delivered your being."**
[22]And the **hand** of ֲדֹנָי came upon me there and **He** said to me, "Arise, go out into the plain, so that **I might speak to you there."**
[23]So I got up and went out into the plain and **see,** the **esteem** of ֲדֹנָי stood there, like the **esteem** which I **saw** by the River Keḇar and I fell on my face.
[24]And the **Spirit** entered me and set me on my feet and spoke with me and said to me**, "Go, shut yourself inside your house**.
[25]"And you, O son of man, **see,** they ***shall*** put cords on you and bind you with them, so that *you do not go out in their midst*.
[26]"And I make your **tongue** stick to the roof of your **mouth,** so that you ***shall*** **be** *dumb* and ***not*** be a **reprover** to them, for they are a *rebellious house*.
[27]"***But*** when I **speak** with you, I **open** your **mouth** and you ***shall*** say to them, 'Thus said the **Master** ֲדֹנָי.' **He who hears**, **let him hear.** And he who *refuses*, let him *refuse*, for they are a *rebellious* house.

4 "And you, son of man, take a clay tablet and you ***shall*** lay it before you and ***shall*** **inscribe** on it a city, Yerushalayim,
[2]and ***shall*** lay siege *against* it and build a siege wall *against* it and heap up a mound *against* it and set camps *against* it and place battering rams *against* it **all around**.

3"***Then*** take an iron plate and set it as an iron wall between you and the city. And you ***shall*** set your face <u>*against*</u> it and it ***shall*** **be** *besieged* and you ***shall*** lay siege <u>*against*</u> it. **It is a sign to the house of Yisra'ĕl.**

4"And *lie* on your left side and you ***shall*** put the *crookedness* of the house of Yisra'ĕl on it. As many days as you *lie* on it, you ***shall*** *bear their crookedness*.

5"For **I Myself** have laid on you the *years of their crookedness,* **according** to the number of the days, <u>three hundred and ninety days</u>. And you ***shall*** *bear the crookedness* of the house of Yisra'ĕl.

6"And when you have **completed** them, you ***shall*** *lie* again on your **right** side and ***shall*** *bear the crookedness* of the house of Yahudah <u>forty days</u>, a day for a year. I have laid on you a day for a year.

7"***Then*** you ***shall*** set your face toward the *siege* of Yerushalayim, with your arm bared and you ***shall*** **prophesy** <u>*against*</u> it.

8"And **see,** I ***shall*** put cords on you so that *you do not* turn from one side to another untill you have **completed** *the days of your siege.*

9"And take wheat and barley and beans and lentils and millet and spelt. And you ***shall*** put them into one vessel and make **bread** of them. You ***shall*** eat it, as many days as you *lie* on your side, <u>three hundred and ninety days</u>.

10"And your food which you eat is by weight, twenty sheqels a day, to be eaten from **time to time.**

11"And drink water by measure, *one-sixth* of a hin, to be drunk from **time to time.**

12"And eat it as a barley cake. And bake it, before their eyes, on *human dung."*

13And **ADNY** said, "*Even so the children of Yisra'ĕl shall eat their defiled bread among the gentiles, to whom I drive them."*

14***Then*** I said, "Ah, **Master ADNY**! **See,** I have *never defiled* myself from my youth til now. I have never eaten *what died of itself or was torn by beasts, nor has unclean* meat ever **come into my mouth.**"

15And **He** said to me, "**See,** I am giving you the *dung* of cattle instead of *human dung* and you ***shall*** **prepare your bread** over it."

16And **He** said to me, "Son of man, **see,** I am going to *cut off* the **supply** of **bread** in Yerushalayim and they ***shall*** **eat bread** by weight and with **fear** and **drink water** by measure and with *dread,*

17so that they *lack* **bread** and **water** and **shall be** *appalled* with one another and be *consumed in their crookedness.*

5 "And you, son of man, take a sharp *sword,* take it as a barber's razor and you ***shall*** pass it over your head and your beard. And you ***shall*** take scales to weigh and divide the hair.

2"Burn with *fire* one-third in the **midst** of the city when the days of the *siege* are completed. And you ***shall*** take one-third and *strike* around it with the *sword* and *scatter* one-third in the wind. And I ***shall*** draw out a *sword* after them.

3"And you ***shall*** take a **few** hair*s* from there and bind them in the edge of your garment.

4"And take again some of them and *throw* them into the **midst** of the *fire* and burn them in the *fire*. From it a *fire* ***shall*** spread unto all the house of Yisra'ĕl.

5"Thus said the **Master ADNY**, 'This is Yerushalayim which I have set in the **midst** of the *gentiles,* with the *other* lands **all** around her.

6'***But*** *she rebelled <u>against</u>* **My right-rulings**, doing ***wrong,*** more than the *gentiles* and **My laws** more than the lands all around *her*. For they have *rejected* **My right-rulings** and they have ***not*** *walked* in **My laws**.'

7"Therefore thus said the **Master ADNY**, '**<u>Because</u>** you have *rebelled* more than the *gentiles* all around you and have ***not walked in*** **My laws**, ***nor done*** **My right-rulings**, ***nor even done*** **according** to the **right-rulings** *of the gentiles* all around you,'

8therefore thus said the **Master ADNY**, '**Look I Myself** am <u>*against*</u> you and ***shall*** *execute* **judgments** in your **midst**

before the *eyes of the gentiles.*
9"And I ***shall*** do among you what I have never done and the like of which I never do again, **because** *of all your* **abominations**.
10"Therefore fathers are going to *eat* their sons in your midst and sons *eat* their fathers. And I ***shall*** *execute* judgments among you and *scatter* all your **remnant** to all the winds.
11"Therefore, **as I live,**' **declares** the Master ֲדֹנָי, '**because** you have *defiled* **My** Set-apart place with all your *disgusting matters* and with all your **abominations**, therefore I also withdraw. And **My eye *shall* not pardon**, nor ***shall*** I **spare**.
12"One-third of you ***shall*** *die* of *pestilence* and be *consumed* with *scarcity of food* in your midst. One-third ***shall fall*** by the *sword* all around you and **I *shall*** *scatter* another third to all the *winds* and draw out a *sword* after them.
13"And **My** *displeasure* ***shall*** **be completed**. And I ***shall*** bring **My** *wrath to rest upon them* and I ***shall*** **be** eased. And they ***shall*** **know** that I, ֲדֹנָי, have **spoken** it in **My ardour,** when I have **completed My** *wrath upon them*.
14"And I ***shall*** *make you a waste and a reproach among the gentiles* that are **all** around you, before the eyes of all who pass by.
15"And it ***shall*** **be** a *reproach*, *an object of scorn, a warning and an astonishment to the gentiles that are all around you, when I execute judgments among you in displeasure and in wrath and in heated chastisements*. I, ֲדֹנָי, have **spoken** .
16"***When*** I send *against* them the *evil* arrows of *scarcity of food* which ***shall*** **be** for their ***destruction,*** which I send to *destroy* you, I ***shall*** *increase* the *scarcity of food* upon you and *cut off your supply of bread.*
17"And **I *shall* send** *against* you *scarcity of food* and *evil beasts* and they ***shall*** *bereave you.* And *pestilence* and *blood* ***shall*** pass through you, while I bring the *sword against* you. I, ֲדֹנָי, have **spoken** .' "

6 And the **Word** of ֲדֹנָי **came to me,** saying,
2"**Son** of man, set your face toward the mountains of Yisra'ĕl and **prophesy** *against* them.
3"And you ***shall*** say, 'O mountains of Yisra'ĕl, **hear** the **Word** of the **Master** ֲדֹנָי!' Thus said the **Master** ֲדֹנָי to the mountains, to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, "**Look**, **I Myself** am bringing a *sword against* you and **I *shall*** *destroy* your *high places*.
4"And your *altars* ***shall*** **be** *ruined*, your ***sun-****pillars* ***shall*** **be** *broken in pieces*. And I ***shall*** make *your slain fall* in front of *your idols,*
5and *lay the corpses of the children* of Yisra'ĕl in front of their *idols* and *scatter* your *bones* all around *your altars.*
6"In all your dwelling places the cities ***shall*** **be *destroyed*** and the *high places deserted*, so that your *altars* are *broken* and *bear their punishment*. And your *idols* ***shall*** **be** *smashed* and made to *cease* and your ***sun-****pillars cut down* and your **works** *blotted out*.
7"And the *slain* ***shall fall*** in your **midst** and **you *shall* know that I am** ֲדֹנָי.
8"***But*** I ***shall*** leave a **remnant,** in that some of you ***shall*** **escape** the *sword among the gentiles,* when you are *scattered* throughout the lands.
9"And those of you who **escape *shall remember*** **Me** among the *gentiles* where they have been taken captive, **because** I have been broken by their *adulterous heart which has turned away from* **Me** and by their *eyes which whored after their idols.* And they ***shall*** *loathe themselves for the evils which they have done in all their* **abominations**.
10"And they ***shall*** **know** that I am ֲדֹנָי and not for naught have I **spoken** to do this *evil* to them."
11"Thus said the **Master** ֲדֹנָי, "**Strike** with your **hand** and **stamp** your **feet** and say,
'Alas, **because** of **all** the *evil* **abominations** of the house of Yisra'ĕl who ***shall fall*** by *sword,* by *scarcity of*

food and by *pestilence*!
12‘He who is far off ***shall*** *die* by *pestilence*, he who is near *fall* by the *sword* and he who is left over and is *besieged die* by *scarcity of food*. And I ***shall*** **complete My** *wrath upon them*.
13‘And **you *shall* know that I am** ꓤꓴꓤꓶ, when *their slain are among their idols all around their altars, on every high hill, on all the mountaintops, under every green tree and under every thick oak, wherever they offered sweet incense to all their idols.*
14‘And I ***shall*** stretch out **My hand** *against them and make the land a wasteland*, even more *waste* than the wilderness toward Di̲blah, in **all** their dwelling places. **And they *shall* know** that I am ꓤꓴꓤꓶ.’ ” ’ ”

7 And the **Word** of ꓤꓴꓤꓶ **came to me,** saying,
2“And you, son of man, this is what the **Master** ꓤꓴꓤꓶ said to the land of Yisra’ĕl, ‘**An end**! **The end has come upon the four corners of the land**.
3‘**Now the end** is upon *you* and **I *shall* send My** *displeasure against you* and **judge** *you* **according** to *your ways* and **repay** *you for all your* **abominations**.
4‘And **My** eye ***shall not pardon*** *you*, ***nor would I spare***, for I **repay** *your ways* while *your* **abominations** are in *your midst*. **And *you shall* know that I am** ꓤꓴꓤꓶ!’
5“Thus said the **Master** ꓤꓴꓤꓶ, ‘A *calamity*, *an only calamity*, **look**, **it has come!**
6‘An **end** has **come**, **the end** has **come! It has awakened** *against you*, **look, it has come!**
7‘The ***turn*** has **come to** you, O inhabitants of the land. **The time has come,** *a day of uproar is near and not of rejoicing in the mountains*.
8‘Soon I ***shall* pour out My** *wrath* and ***shall* complete My** *displeasure upon you and judge you according to your ways and repay you for all your* **abominations**.
9‘And **My eye *shall not pardon, nor would I spare***. I give *you* **according** to *your ways while your* **abominations** *are in your midst*. **And *you shall* know that I am** ꓤꓴꓤꓶ **who *smites*.**
10‘**See, the day! See, it has come! The turn has come, the rod has blossomed, pride has budded**.
11‘The *violence* has grown into a **rod** of *wrongdoing*. There is none of them and none of its crowd and none of their riches and none eminent among them.
12‘The **time** has come *and* the **day** has **arrived**. ‘Let not the buyer **rejoice,** nor the seller *mourn*, *for* ***wrath*** *is on all its crowd.*
13‘For the seller ***shall*** not **return** to what has been sold, though they are still **alive. For the vision is for all its crowd** – it ***shall not turn back***. And **because** of *his crookedness* no one holds fast to his **life**.
14‘They have blown the trumpet and all is prepared, but no one goes to battle, for **My *wrath* is on all its crowd**.
15‘The *sword* is outside and the *pestilence* and the *scarcity of food* inside. He who is in the field *dies* by the *sword* and he who is in a city, *scarcity of food* and *pestilence devour* him,
16while they who **escape** of them ***shall* escape** and be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, each for *his crookedness.*
17‘All **hands go limp** and all **knees become as water.**
18‘And they ***shall*** gird on *sackcloth* and be covered with *trembling*. *Shame* ***shall* be** on **every** *face* and *baldness* on all their *heads*.
19‘They *throw* their silver into the streets and their gold becomes as *filth*. Their silver and their gold is *unable* to **deliver** them ***in the day of the wrath*** of ꓤꓴꓤꓶ. They *do not* satisfy their appetite, nor fill their stomachs, **because** *it has been their stumbling-block of crookedness.*
20‘**And the splendour of His ornaments, He set it in excellency *But*** they made from it the *images* of their **abominations** and their *disgusting matters*.

Therefore I ***shall*** make it like *filth* to them.
[21]'And I ***shall*** give it for a *prey* into the hands of strangers and to the ***wrong*** of the earth for a *spoil* and they ***shall*** *profane* it.
[22]'And **I *shall turn* My face** from them. They ***shall*** *profane* **My secret place**, for *destroyers* ***shall*** *enter it and profane it*.
[23]'Make a chain, for the land has been filled with *crimes* of *blood* and the city has been *filled with violence*.
[24]'And I ***shall*** bring the *evil ones* of the *gentiles* and they ***shall*** **possess** their houses. And I ***shall*** **cause *the pride of the strong to cease and their set-apart places shall be profaned.***
[25]*'Destruction* ***shall*** *come*. And they ***shall*** **seek peace** but there is none.
[26]*'Calamity* upon *calamity* ***shall*** come, and report ***shall*** **be** upon report. And they ***shall*** **seek** a **vision** from a **prophet.** ***But*** the **teaching** *has perished from the priest and counsel from the elders*!
[27]'**Let** the sovereign mourn and let the prince put on despair and let the hands of the *common people tremble.* And I ***shall*** **deal** with them **according** to *their way* and ***judge them with their own right-rulings*.** **They *shall* know that I am ֎֍֎֏**!' "

8 And it came to be in the sixth year, in the sixth month, on the fifth of the month, as I sat in my house with the elders of Yahuḏah sitting before me, that the **hand** of the **Master ֎֍֎֏** fell upon me there.
[2]And I **looked** and **saw** a likeness, like the appearance of *fire*. From **His** waist and downward the appearance was like *fire* and from **His** waist and upward the appearance of **brightness**, like glowing metal.
[3]And **He stretched** out the form of a **hand** and took me by a lock of my hair. And the **Spirit** lifted me up between the earth and the heavens and brought me in **visions** of **Elohim** to Yerushalayim, to the **door** of the north gate of the inner court, where the seat of the ***image of jealousy was, which causes jealousy.***
[4]And **see,** the **esteem** of the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl was there, like the **vision** that I **saw** in the plain.
[5]And **He** said to me, "Son of man, please lift your eyes toward the north." And I lifted my eyes northward and north of the altar gate I **saw** this ***image of jealousy*** in the entrance.
[6]And **He** said to me, "Son of man, do you **see** what they are doing, the ***great*** **abominations** which the house of Yisra'ĕl are doing here, driving **Me** away from **My Set-apart place**? And you are to **see** still ***greater*** **abominations**."
[7]***Then*** **He** brought me to the **door** of the court. And I **looked** and **saw** a hole in the wall.
[8]And **He** said to me, "Son of man, please dig into the wall." And when I dug into the wall I **saw a door.**
[9]And **He** said to me, "Go in and **see** the *evil* **abominations** which they are doing there."
[10]And I went in and **looked** and **saw all** kinds of *creeping creatures*, **abominable** *beasts* and *all the idols* of the house of Yisra'ĕl, *carved all around on the walls*.
[11]And facing them stood seventy men of the elders of the house of Yisra'ĕl and in their midst stood Ya'azanyahu son of Shaphan. Each one had a censer in his hand and a thick cloud of incense went up.
[12]And **He** said to me, "Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Yisra'ĕl are doing in the *dark*, *each one in the room of his idols?* For they say, '***֎֍֎֏*** *does not* **see** us, ***֎֍֎֏*** ***has forsaken the land***.' "
[13]And **He** said to me, "You are to **see** ***still greater*** **abominations** ***which they are doing."***
[14]And **He** brought me to the **door** of the north gate of the **House of ֎֍֎֏** and I **saw** ***women sitting there***, ***weeping for Tammuz***.
[15]***Then*** **He** said to me, "Have you **seen** this, O son of man? You are to **see *still greater*** **abominations** than these."
[16]And **He** brought me into the inner court of the **House of ֎֍֎֏**.

And there, at the **door** of the **Hĕk̲al of** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men with their *backs toward the* **Hĕk̲al of** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ and their *faces toward the east* and they were ***bowing themselves eastward to the sun.***

17And **He** said to me, "**Have you seen, O son of man? Is it a small matter to the house of Yahud̲ah to do the abominations which they have done here? For they have filled the land with** *violence* and **turn back** to ***provoke* Me.** ***And see, they are putting the branch to their noses***.

18"'***Therefore I shall indeed deal in wrath***. **My eye** ***shall not pardon nor would I spare. And they shall cry in* My ears** *with a loud* **voice** *but* I ***shall not hear them."***

9 And **He** called out in my **hearing** with a **loud voice**, saying, "**Let** the *punish*ers of the city draw near, each with his *weapon of* ***destruction*** in his **hand.**"

2And look, six men came from the direction of the upper gate, which faces north, each with his battle-axe in his **hand.** And one man in their midst was clothed with linen and had a **write**r's ink-horn at his side. And they came in and stood beside the bronze altar.

3And the **esteem** of the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl went up from the kerub̲, where it had been, to the threshold of the **House**. And **He** called to the man clothed with linen, who had the **write**r's ink-horn at his side,

4and ꓤꓰꓤꓶ said to him, "Pass on into the midst of the city, into the midst of Yerushalayim and you ***shall*** put a **mark on the foreheads** of the **men** *who sigh and cry over all the* **abominations** that are done within it."

5And to the others **He** said in my **hearing**, "Pass on into the city after him and *smite*, *do not let your eye pardon nor spare.*

6"'*Slay* to ***destruction*** *old, young men, maidens and children and women,* but **do not come near anyone upon whom is the mark and begin at My Set-apart place**." So they began with the elders who were in front of the **House**.

7And **He** said to them, "*Defile* the House and fill the courts with the *slain*. Go out!" And they went out and *smote* in the city.

8And as they were *smiting* them it came to be that I alone was left. And I fell on my face and *cried out* and said, "Ah, **Master** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ! Are **You** ***destroying* all** the **remnant** of Yisra'ĕl in **pouring** out **Your** ***wrath*** on Yerushalayim?"

9And **He** said to me, "The *crookedness* of the house of Yisra'ĕl and Yahud̲ah is ***exceedingly great*** and t***he land is filled with bloodshed*** and ***the city filled with that which is warped***. For they say, 'ꓤꓰꓤꓶ has ***forsaken the land*** and ꓤꓰꓤꓶ ***is not seeing***!'

10"'***But*** as for **Me, My eye** ***shall*** not ***pardon***, ***nor would I spare***, I ***shall recompense their deeds on their own head.***"

11And **see,** the man clothed with linen, who had the ink-horn at his side, reported back and said, "**I have done as You commanded me**."

10 And I **looked** and **saw** in the expanse that was above the head of the kerubim, like a sapphire stone, having the appearance of the likeness of a **throne**.

2And **He** spoke to the man clothed with linen and said, "Go in among the wheels, under the kerub̲ and fill your hands with *coals of fire* from among the kerubim and *scatter* over the city." And he went in before my eyes.

3And the kerubim were standing on the south side of the **House** when the man went in and the cloud filled the inner court.

4And the **esteem** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ went up from the kerub̲, over the threshold of the **House**. And the **House** was filled with the cloud and the court was filled with the **brightness** of the **esteem** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ.

5And the sound of the wings of the

kerubim was **heard** in the outer court, like the **voice** of Ěl **Shaddai** when **He speaks**.
[6]And it came to be, when **He commanded** the man clothed in linen, saying, "Take *fire* from among the wheels, from among the kerubim," that he went in and stood beside the wheel.
[7]And the kerub **stretched** out his **hand** from among the kerubim to the *fire* that was among the kerubim and took some and put it into the hands of the man clothed with linen, who took it and went out.
[8]And the form of a **man's hand** was **seen** under the wings of the kerubim.
[9]And I **looked** and **saw** four wheels beside the kerubim, one wheel beside each kerub and the wheels' appearance was like the colour of beryl stone.
[10]As for their appearance, all four **looked** alike; as if a wheel in the middle of a wheel.
[11]***When*** they went, they went on their four sides; they *did not* turn aside when they went, but went in the direction the head was facing. They *did not* turn aside when they went.
[12]And their entire bodies and their backs and their hands and their wings and the wheels that the four had, were covered with eyes all around.
[13]The wheels were called in my hearing, "Wheel."
[14]And each one had four faces: the first face was the face of a kerub and the second face the face of a man and the third the face of a lion and the fourth the face of an eagle.
[15]And the kerubim were lifted up – it was the **living** creature I **saw** by the River Kebar.
[16]And when the kerubim went the wheels went beside them. And when the kerubim lifted their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also *did not* turn from beside them.
[17]***When*** they stood still, the wheels stood still and when one was lifted up, the other lifted itself up, for the spirit of the **living** creature was in them.
[18]And the **esteem** of **ꓰꓴꓰꓷ** went from the threshold of the **House** and stood over the kerubim.
[19]And the kerubim lifted their wings and rose from the earth before my eyes. ***When*** they went out, the wheels were beside them. And it stood at the **door** of the east gate of the **House of ꓰꓴꓰꓷ** and the **esteem of the Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl was above them.
[20]It was the **living** creature I **saw** under the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl by the River Kebar and I **knew** they were kerubim.
[21]Each one had four faces and each one four wings and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings.
[22]And the likeness of their faces was the same as the faces which I had **seen** by the River Kebar, their appearances and themselves. Each one went **straight** forward.

11 And the **Spirit** lifted me up and brought me to the east gate of the **House of ꓰꓴꓰꓷ**, which faces east. And **see,** at the **door** of the gate were twenty-five men, among whom I **saw** Ya'azanyah son of Azzur and Pelatyahu son of Benayahu, heads of the people.
[2]And **He** said to me, "**Son** of man, *these are the men who plot wickedness and give evil counsel in this city,*
[3]who are saying, '*It is not near, let us build houses. This city is the cooking pot and we are the meat.*'
[4]"Therefore **prophesy** *against* them, **prophesy,** O son of man!"
[5]And the **Spirit** of **ꓰꓴꓰꓷ** fell upon me and said to me, **"Speak**! 'Thus said **ꓰꓴꓰꓷ**, "Thus you have said, O house of Yisra'ĕl. **For I know what comes up in your spiri**t.
[6]"'*You have increased your slain in this city and filled its streets with the slain.*"
[7]'Therefore thus said the **Master ꓰꓴꓰꓷ**, "*Your slain whom you have laid in its midst, they are the meat and this city is the cooking pot*. ***But*** I ***shall*** **bring you out of the midst of it.**
[8]"You have ***feared*** the *sword* and I bring a *sword* upon you," **declares** the

Master ֵיהוִה.
9"And I ***shall*** bring you out of its **midst** and give you into the hands of strangers and *execute judgments* on you.
10"By the *sword* you fall. At the border of Yisra'ĕl I **judge** you. **And you *shall* know that I am** ֵיהוִה.
11"This *city* is not your cooking pot, nor are you the meat in its midst. At the border of Yisra'ĕl I **judge** you.
12"And **you *shall* know that I am** ֵיהוִה, for you have *not walked* in **My laws** nor *executed* **My right-rulings**, ***but*** *have done according to the rulings of the gentiles which are all around you*." '
13And it came to be, while I was prophesying, that Pelatyahu son of Benayah *died.* And I fell on my face and *cried out* with a loud **voice** and said, "Ah, **Master** ֵיהוִה! **Are You making an end of the remnant of** Yisra'ĕl?"
14***Then*** the **Word** of ֵיהוִה **came to me,** saying,
15"Son of man, your brothers, your relatives, your kinsmen and all the house of Yisra'ĕl, all of it, are those about whom the inhabitants of Yerushalayim said, 'Keep far from ֵיהוִה, this land has been **given** to us as a possession.'
16"Therefore say, 'Thus said the **Master** ֵיהוִה, "Although I have *sent* them far off among the *gentiles* and although I have *scattered* them among the lands, yet I was for them a set-apart place for **a** *little* **while** in the lands to which they came." '
17"Therefore say, 'Thus said the **Master** ֵיהוִה, "**And I shall gather you from the peoples and I shall assemble you from the lands where you have been scattered and I shall give you the land of Yisra'**ĕl" '
18"And they ***shall*** go there and ***shall*** take away *all its disgusting matters* and *all its* **abominations** from there.
19"**And I shall give them one heart and** put **a new spirit within you**. And I ***shall*** take the *stony heart out of their flesh* and **give** them a **heart of flesh**,
20so that they walk in My laws and **guard My right-rulings** and ***shall*** **do them. And they *shall* be My people and I *shall* be their Elohim.**
21"***But*** *to those whose hearts walk after the heart of their disgusting matters and their* **abominations**, I ***shall*** *recompense their deeds on their own heads*," **declares** the **Master** ֵיהוִה.
22And the kerubim lifted up their wings, with the wheels beside them and the **esteem of the Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl was high above them.
23And the **esteem** of ֵיהוִה went up from the midst of the city and stood upon the mountain, which is on the east side of the city.
24And the **Spirit** lifted me up and brought me in a **vision** by the **Spirit of Elohim** into Chaldea, to those in exile. And the **vision** that I had **seen** went up from me.
25**And I spoke to those in exile of all the Words** of ֵיהוִה **which He had shown me.**

12 And the **Word** of ֵיהוִה **came to me,** saying,
2"**Son** of man, you are dwelling in the midst of a *rebellious house*. *They have eyes to see but they have not seen, they have ears to hear but they have not heard, for they are a rebellious house*.
3"Therefore, son of man, **prepare** your baggage for *exile* and go into *exile* by day before their eyes. And you ***shall*** go from your place into *exile* to another place before their eyes. It could be that they **see,** though they are a *rebellious house*.
4"And you ***shall*** bring out your baggage for *exile* before their eyes by day and at **evening** go before their eyes, like those who go into *exile*.
5"Dig through the wall before their eyes and you ***shall*** **bring them out through it –**
6take them on your shoulders and bring them out at dark before their eyes. Cover your face, so that *you do not* **see** the land, **for I have made you a sign to the house of Yisra**'ĕl."
7And so I did, as I was **commanded**.

I brought out my baggage for *exile* by day and at **evening** I dug through the wall with my **hand.** I brought them out at dark and I took them on my shoulder before their eyes.

[8]And in the morning the **Word** of **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ came to me,** saying,

[9]"Son of man, *did not* the *house of* Yisra'ĕl, the *rebellious house*, say to you, '***What*** are you doing?'

[10]"Say to them, 'Thus said the **Master ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**, "**This message** is to the prince in Yerushalayim and all the house of Yisra'ĕl who are in their **midst**." '

[11]"Say, **'I am a sign to you**. As I have done, so it is done to them – they are to go into *exile*, into *captivity*.'

[12]"And the prince who is in their midst is to bear his baggage on his shoulder at dark and go out. They are to dig through the wall to bring them out through it. He is to cover his face, so that he *does not see the land with his eyes*.

[13]"And I ***shall*** spread **My** *net over him and he* ***shall*** **be** ***caught*** in **My** *snare*. And I ***shall*** bring him to Babel, the land of the Chaldeans, but he ***shall*** *not* **see** it and yet *die* there.

[14]"And **I** ***shall*** *scatter* to *every wind* all who are around him to help him and all his bands and I ***shall*** *draw out the sword* after them.

[15]"And they ***shall*** **know** that I am **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**, when I *scatter* them among the *gentiles. And I shall disperse them throughout the lands*.

[16]"***But*** I ***shall*** let a **few** of their men **escape** from the *sword,* from *scarcity of food* and from *pestilence*, so that they *recount all their* **abominations** among the *gentiles* wherever they go. And they ***shall*** **know that I am ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**."

[17]And the **Word** of **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ came to me,** saying,

[18]"Son of man, **eat** your **bread** with *trembling* and **drink** your **water** with *fear* and with *anxiety*.

[19]"And you ***shall*** say to the people of the land, 'Thus said the **Master ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** to the inhabitants of Yerushalayim and to the land of Yisra'ĕl, "**Let** them **eat** their **bread** with *anxiety* and **drink** their **water** with *astonishment*, *for her land is emptied of all who are in it*, **because** of the *violence* of **all** those who dwell in it.

[20]"And the cities that are inhabited ***shall*** *be laid waste* and the land ***shall*** become a *wasteland*. **And you *shall* know that I am ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**." ' "

[21]And the **Word** of **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ came to me,** saying,

[22]"Son of man, what is this proverb that you people have about the land of Yisra'ĕl, which says, 'The days go by and **every vision *shall*** *come to* ***naught***'?

[23]"Therefore say to them, 'Thus said the **Master ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**, "I ***shall*** make this proverb to cease, so that they no longer use it as a proverb in Yisra'ĕl." ***But*** say to them, "**The days have drawn near, as well as the matter of every vision.**

[24]"For no longer is there to be any *false* ***vision*** or ***flattering divination*** within the house of Yisra'ĕl.

[25]"For **I am ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**, I **speak**. And the **Word which** I **speak is done**. **It is no longer deferred. For in your days,** O *rebellious house*, **when I speak the Word** I ***shall*** do it," **declares** the **Master ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**.' "

[26]Again the **Word** of **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ came to me,** saying,

[27]"Son of man, **see,** the house of Yisra'ĕl is saying, '*The vision that he is seeing is for many days from now and he is prophesying of times far off*.'

[28]"Therefore say to them, 'Thus said the **Master ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**, "**None** of **My Words are deferred any longer.** ***When*** **I speak a Word it is done," declares the Master ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**.' "

13 And the **Word** of **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ came to me,** saying,

[2]"Son of man, **prophesy** *against* the prophets of Yisra'ĕl who **prophesy** and say to those who **prophesy** *out of their own heart***,** '**Hear** the **Word** of **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**!' "

[3]Thus said the **Master ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**, "***Woe*** to the ***foolish prophets*****,** who are **following** their *own spirit*, *without having had a vision*!

4"O Yisra'ĕl, your *prophets* have been like *foxes* among ruins.
5"You have not gone up into the breaches, nor do you build a wall for the house of Yisra'ĕl to stand in battle on **the day of ֵיהוָה**.
6"*Their visions are false and their divinations a lie*, saying, 'Thus **declares ֵיהוָה**,' when **ֵיהוָה** has *not sent* them, yet they *expected* the **Word to be confirmed!**
7"Have you not *seen a false vision* and have you not *spoken a divination of lies*? You say, '**ֵיהוָה declares**,' when I have not **spoken**."
8Therefore thus said the **Master ֵיהוָה**, "**Because** you have *spoken falsehood* and *seen lies*, therefore **see, I am** *against* you," **declares** the **Master ֵיהוָה**.
9"**My hand *shall* be** *against the prophets who see falsehood and who divine lies*. They ***shall*** not be in the council of **My people**, nor be **written** in the record of the house of Yisra'ĕl and they ***shall*** *not enter into the land of* Yisra'ĕl. And **you *shall* know that I am** the **Master ֵיהוָה**.
10"**Because**, yes, **because** they have *led* **My people** *astray*, saying, 'Peace!' when there is no peace. And when one is building a wall, **see,** they are coating it with *whitewash*!
11"Say to those who coat it with *whitewash*: ***it shall fall***! *There shall be flooding rain and you, O great hailstones: fall! – and a stormy wind breaks it down,*
12*and see, the wall shall fall*! ***shall*** you not be asked, 'Where is the coating with which you coated it?' "
13Therefore thus said the **Master ֵיהוָה**, "I ***shall*** *break down* with a *stormy wind* in **My** *wrath* and a *flooding rain* in **My** *displeasure* and *great hailstones* in *wrath*, to *consume*.
14"And I ***shall*** *throw* down the wall you have coated with *whitewash* and bring it down to the ground and its foundation ***shall* be** *uncovered*. And it ***shall fall*** and you ***shall* be** *consumed* in the midst of it. And **you *shall* know that I am ֵיהוָה**.
15"**So** I ***shall* complete My** *wrath* on the *wall* and on those coating it with *whitewash* and say to you, 'The wall is no more, nor those whitewashing it –
16the prophets of Yisra'ĕl who are prophesying concerning Yerushalayim and who are *seeing visions of peace* for her when there is *no peace*,' " **declares** the **Master ֵיהוָה**.
17"And you, son of man, set your face *against* the daughters of your people, *who are prophesying out of their own heart and prophesy against them*.
18"And you ***shall*** say, 'This is what the **Master ֵיהוָה** said, "***Woe*** to the women sewing cushions for all joints of the hand and to those making ***veils*** for the heads of *people* of every size, ***to hunt beings***! ***You hunt the beings of* My people, *while you keep alive your own beings***!
19"And you have *profaned* **Me** among **My people** for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to put to *death* beings that should *not die* and to keep **alive** beings who should **not live,** by your *lying* to **My people** who **listen** to *lies!*"
20'Therefore thus said the **Master ֵיהוָה**, "**See,** I am *against* your cushions by which you hunt the beings there like birds. And I ***shall*** *tear* them from your arms and ***shall*** let the beings go, the beings you hunt like birds.
21"And I ***shall*** *tear* off your *veils* and ***shall* deliver My people** out of your **hand** and they ***shall*** no longer be as prey in your **hand. And you *shall* know that I am ֵיהוָה**." ' "
22"**Because** with *falsehood* you have made the **heart of the righteous** *sad*, whom I have not made sad. And you have strengthened the hands of the ***wrong,*** so that he *does not* turn from his *evil way***,** to keep him **alive.**
23"Therefore you ***shall*** no longer **see** *false visions,* nor *practise divination*. And I ***shall* deliver My people** out of your **hand** and **you *shall* know that I am ֵיהוָה**." ' "

14 And some of the elders of

Yisra'ĕl came to me and sat before me.
[2]And the **Word** of ꓤꓰꓢ **came to me,** saying,
[3]"Son of man, these men have set up *their idols* in *their hearts* and have put the *stumbling-block* of their *crookedness* before their face. ***Should*** I let them **inquire** of **Me** at **all?**
[4]"Therefore **speak** to them and you ***shall*** say to them, 'Thus said the **Master** ꓤꓰꓢ, "Everyone of the house of Yisra'ĕl who sets up his *idols in his heart and puts the stumbling-block of his crookedness before his face* and ***shall*** **come to** the **prophet** – I ꓤꓰꓢ ***shall*** answer him who comes, ***according to his many idols,***
[5]**in order** to lay hold of the house of Yisra'ĕl by ***their*** **heart,** ***for they have become estranged from*** **Me** ***by their idols, all of them." '***
[6]"Therefore say to the house of Yisra'ĕl, 'Thus said the **Master** ꓤꓰꓢ, "**Repent** and **turn back from your** *idols* **and turn back your faces from all your abominations**.
[7]"For anyone of the house of Yisra'ĕl, or of the strangers who sojourn in Yisra'ĕl, who separates himself from **Me** and *sets up his idols in his heart and puts the stumbling-block of his crookedness before his face* and ***shall*** **come to** a **prophet** to **inquire** of him concerning **Me,** I ꓤꓰꓢ ***shall*** **answer him Myself**.
[8]"And I ***shall*** set **My** face *against* that man and make him a **sign** and a **proverb** and I ***shall cut*** *him off from the midst of* **My people**. And **you *shall* know that I am** ꓤꓰꓢ.
[9]"And if the **prophet** is *deceived* and *shall speak a word*, I ꓤꓰꓢ have ***deceived*** that **prophet** and ***shall*** *stretch out* **My hand** *against* him and *destroy him from the midst of* **My people** Yisra'ĕl.
[10]"And they ***shall*** *bear their crookedness, the crookedness of the prophet is the same as the crookedness of the inquirer,*
[11]so that the house of Yisra'ĕl no longer *strays* from **Me,** *nor be made unclean any more with all their transgressions*. And they ***shall*** **be My people** and I be their **Elohim**," **declares** the **Master** ꓤꓰꓢ.' "
[12]And the **Word** of ꓤꓰꓢ came again to me, saying,
[13]"Son of man, when a land *sins against* **Me** to *commit* a *trespass* and I ***shall*** *stretch out* **My hand** *against* it and *cut off its* **supply** of **bread** and *send scarcity of food on it and cut off man and beast from it,*
[14]even though these three men, Noaḥ, Dani'ĕl and Iyoḇ, were in it, they would **deliver *only* themselves by their righteousness**," **declares** the **Master** ꓤꓰꓢ.
[15]"***If*** I **cause** an *evil beast* to pass through the land and it ***shall*** *bereave* it and it ***shall*** **be** a *wasteland*, so that no man passes through **because** of the *beasts*,
[16]even though these three men were in it, **as I live," declares** the **Master** ꓤꓰꓢ, "they would **deliver** *neither* sons nor daughters. **They alone would be delivered** *but the land be a wasteland*.
[17]"Or if I bring a *sword* on that land and I ***shall*** say, '*Sword*, go through the *land*,' and I ***shall cut*** *off man* and *beast* from it,
[18]even though these three men were in its **midst**, **as I live," declares** the **Master** ꓤꓰꓢ, "**they would deliver** *neither sons nor daughters*, for **they alone would be delivered**.
[19]"Or if I send a *pestilence* into that *land* and I ***shall*** **pour out My *wrath*** on it in ***blood*,** to *cut off* from it *man* and *beast*,
[20]even though Noaḥ, Dani'ĕl and Iyoḇ were in it, **as I live," declares** the **Master** ꓤꓰꓢ, "**they would deliver** *neither son nor daughter*. **They would deliver their own lives by their righteousness."**
[21]For thus said the **Master** ꓤꓰꓢ, "***How*** much more it ***shall*** **be** when I send **My *four evil judgments*** on Yerushalayim: the *sword* and *scarcity of food* and *evil beasts* and *pestilence*, *to cut off man and beast from it?*
[22]"***But*** **see,** there ***shall*** **be left** in it a **remnant** who are brought out, both sons

and daughters. **See,** they are **coming** out to you and you ***shall*** **see their ways** and **their deeds** and ***shall*** **be comforted** concerning the *evil* which **I have brought** upon Yerushalayim – **all that I have brought upon it.**

23"And they ***shall*** **comfort** you, when you **see their ways** and **their deeds**. **And you *shall* know that it was not for naught that I have done *whatever* I did in it**," declares the **Master** יהוה.

15 ***Then*** the **Word** of יהוה **came to me,** saying,

2"Son of man, how is the **vine tree** better than any *tree,* the **vine branch** that has been among the *trees* of the forest?

3"***Is*** wood taken from it to be made into any work? ***Do*** they take a peg from it to hang any vessel on?

4"**See,** into the *fire* it ***shall*** **be given** for fuel. Both ends of it the *fire* ***shall*** *burn* and its middle ***shall*** **be *scorched*. *Is*** it fit for any work?

5"**See,** when it was intact, it was not made for **work,** how much less when the *fire* has *burned* it and it is *scorched* ***shall*** it still be used for work?

6"Therefore thus said the **Master** יהוה, 'As the **vine tree** among the *trees* of the forest, which I have **given** to the *fire* for fuel, so I ***shall*** give up the inhabitants of Yerushalayim.

7'And I ***shall*** set **My face** *against* them. They ***shall*** go out from one *fire*, but another *fire consumes* them. **And you *shall* know that I am** יהוה, when I set **My face** *against* them.

8'And I ***shall*** make the land a ***wasteland***, **because** they ***committed trespass,*** ' **declares** the **Master** יהוה."

16 Again the **Word** of יהוה **came to me,** saying,

2"Son of man, make **known** to Yerushalayim ***her*** **abominations**,

3and say, 'Thus said the **Master** יהוה to Yerushalayim, "**Your** origin and your birth are from the land of Kena'an. Your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.

4"As for your birth, on the day you were born your navel cord was not cut, nor were you washed in water for cleansing and you were not rubbed with **salt** at all**,** nor wrapped in cloth at all**.**

5"No eye felt sorry for you, to do any of these for you, to have **compassion** on you. ***But*** *you were thrown out into the open field, to the loathing of your life on the day you were born*.

6"***Then*** I passed by you and saw you trampled down in your own ***blood*** and I said to you in your ***blood*****,** '**Live**!' And I said to you in your ***blood*****,** '**Live**!'

7"I have let you grow like a plant in the field. And you are grown and are great and you come in the finest ornaments. – breasts were formed, your hair grew and you were naked and bare.

8"Again I passed by you and looked upon you and saw that your time was the **time of love.** And I spread **My skirt** over you and **covered your nakedness**. **And I swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you and you became Mine**," **declares** the **Master** יהוה.

9"And I **washed** you in water and I washed off your ***blood*** and I **anointed you with oil**.

10"And I **dressed** you in embroidered work and **gave** you sandals of leather. And I **wrapped** you in fine linen and **covered** you with silk.

11"And I **adorned** you with ornaments and I **put** bracelets on your wrists and a chain on your neck.

12"And I **put** a ring on your nose and earrings in your **ears** and a crown of adorning on your head.

13"Thus you were adorned with gold and silver and your dress was of fine linen and silk and embroidered cloth. You ate fine flour and honey and oil. And you were exceedingly pretty and became fit for royalty.

14"And your name went out among the nations **because of your loveliness**, **for it was perfect, by My splendour which**

I had put on you," declares the **Master** ꓤꓴꓤꓩ.
15"***But*** you *trusted* in your own loveliness and *whored* **because** of your name and poured out your *whorings* on everyone passing by who would have it.
16"And you took some of your garments and made multi-coloured *high places* for yourself and *whored* on them – which should not have come about, nor ***shall*** it be.
17"And you took your splendid adornments, of **My gold** and **My silver** that I gave you and made for yourself *images of a male and whored* with them.
18"And you took your embroidered garments and covered them and you set **My oil** and **My incense** before them.
19"And **My food** which I gave you, fine flour and oil and honey which I fed you, you set it before them as **sweet incense** – and so it was," **declares** the **Master** ꓤꓴꓤꓩ.
20"And you took your *sons* and your *daughters*, whom you bore to **Me** and *these you slaughtered as food to them*. Were your *whorings* a small matter,
21*that you have slain* **My children** and *gave them up to them by causing them to pass through the fire*?
22"And in *all your* **abominations** and *whorings* you *did not* ***remember*** the days of your youth, when you were *naked* and *bare*, *trampled down in your blood*.
23"***Then*** it came to be after *all your evil* – '***Woe, woe*** to *you*!' **declares** the **Master** ꓤꓴꓤꓩ –
24that you also built an *arched place* for yourself and made a *high place* in every street for yourself.
25"You built your *high places* at the head of every way and made your *loveliness* to be *loathed*. And you *parted your feet* to everyone who passed by and increased your *whorings*.
26"And you *whored* with the sons of Mitsrayim, your neighbours, great of *flesh*. And you increased your *whorings* to ***provoke*** **Me.**
27"And **see,** I have **stretched** out **My hand** *against* you and *withdrew* your portion and *gave you up* to the desire of those who *hate* you, the daughters of the Philistines, who are *ashamed* of your *wicked way***.**
28"And you *whored* with the sons of Ashshur, *without being satisfied*. And you *whored* with them and *still were not satisfied.*
29"And you increased your *whorings* as far as the land of traders, Chaldea and *even then you were not satisfied*.
30"***How weak is your heart***!" **declares** the **Master** ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, "**seeing** you do all this, t*he deeds of a shameless whore.*
31"You built your *arched place* at the head of every way and built your *high place* in every street. Yet you were unlike a *whore,* you *scorned payment*!
32"The wife who *commits adultery* who takes strangers instead of her husband!
33"To ***all whores*** they give gifts, but you gave gifts to *all your lovers and bribed them to come to you from all around in your whorings*.
34"Thus you are different from other women in your *whorings*, **because** no *one whores* after you and in you giving a gift, while *a gift was not given* to you. ***Thus you are different***."
35'Therefore, O *whore,* **hear** the **Word** of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ!
36'Thus said the **Master** ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, "**Because** your *copper* was poured out and your *nakedness* uncovered in your *whorings* with *your lovers* and with the *idols of your* **abominations** and **because** *of the blood of your children which you gave to them*,
37therefore, **see,** I am gathering *all your lovers* with whom you took pleasure, *all those you loved*, with *all those you hated*. And I ***shall*** **gather** *them from all around against* you and ***shall*** *uncover your nakedness to them and they shall see all your nakedness.*
38"And I ***shall*** **judge** *you with judgments of adulteresses and shedders of blood.* And **I *shall* bring** *on you the blood of wrath and jealousy.*
39"And I ***shall*** **give** *you into their hand and they shall throw your arched place down and they shall break down your high places. And they shall strip you* of

your garments and they ***shall*** take your *splendid adornments and leave you naked and bare.*

40"*And they shall bring up an assembly <u>against</u> you and they shall stone you with stones and thrust you through with their swords,*

41*and burn your houses with fire and execute judgments on you before the eyes of many women.* And I ***shall*** **make you stop** *whoring* **and no longer give gifts.**

42"So I ***shall bring*** **My** ***wrath*** **to rest upon you and My** ***jealousy shall turn*** away from you. And I ***shall*** **be calm** and n**o longer be vexed**.

43"**<u>Because</u>** you *did not* ***<u>remember</u>*** the days of your youth, but *troubled* **Me** ***with all this***, so **see,** I ***shall*** also bring *your way on your own head*," **declares** the **Master** יהוה. "And ***shall*** I not do this thought for ***all your*** **<u>abominations</u>**?

44"**See,** all who use proverbs ***shall*** use this proverb *<u>against</u>* you, 'Like mother, like daughter!'

45"You are your mother's daughter, who *despises* her husband and her children. And you are the sister of your sisters, who *despised* their husbands and their children. Your mother was a Ḥittite and your father an Amorite.

46"And your elder sister is Shomeron, she and her daughters, who is dwelling to the north of you. And your younger sister, who is dwelling to the south of you, is Sedom and her daughters.

47"***And have you not walked in their ways and did according to their*** **<u>abominations</u>**? ***But*** in *all your ways* you soon became more *corrupt* than they.

48"**As I live**," **declares** the **Master** יהוה, "neither your sister Sedom nor her daughters have done as you and your daughters have done.

49"**See,** *this was the crookedness* of your sister Sedom: She and her daughter had *pride*, *sufficiency* of bread and *unconcerned ease*. ***And she did not help the poor and needy.***

50"And they were *haughty* and ***did*** **<u>abomination</u>** before **Me** and I took them away when I **saw** it.

51"And Shomeron *did not commit* half of your *sins*, but you have increased your **<u>abominations</u>** more than they and by all the **<u>abominations</u>** which you have done you made your sisters seem righteous!

52"You also, who pleaded for your sisters, bear your own shame, **<u>because</u>** the *sins which you committed were more* **<u>abominable</u>** than theirs. They are more **righteous** than you. So be *ashamed* too and bear your own shame, **<u>because</u>** you have made your sisters ***seem*** **righteous**.

53"And **I** ***shall turn*** **back** their captivity, the captivity of Sedom and her daughters and the captivity of Shomeron and her daughters and the captivity of your captives with them,

54so that you bear your shame and shall blush for all that you did when you comforted them,

55"and your sisters, Sedom and her daughters, return to their former state and Shomeron and her daughters return to their former state and you and your daughters return to your former state.

56"Was not your sister Sedom a by word in your mouth in the days of your *pride*,

57before your *evil* was exposed, as the time of the *reproach* of the daughters of Aram and all who were around her and of the daughters of the Philistines, who are *despising* you everywhere?

58"*You* ***shall*** bear *your wickedness* and *your* **<u>abominations</u>**," **declares** יהוה.

59'For thus said the **Master** יהוה, "I ***shall deal with you as you have done, in that you have despised*** the **oath by breaking the covenant.**

60"***But*** **I** ***shall remember*** **My covenant** with you in the days of your youth and **I** ***shall*** **establish** an **everlasting covenant with you**.

61"And you ***shall remember*** *your ways and be ashamed*, when you receive your older and your younger sisters. And I ***shall*** give them to you for daughters, though not by your own covenant**.**

62"And **I Myself** ***shall*** **establish My covenant with you**. And **you** ***shall*** **know that I am** יהוה,

63so that you ***remember.*** And *you* ***shall*** *be ashamed and never open your mouth*

any more **<u>because</u>** *of your shame*, when **I pardon you for all you have done**," **declares** the **Master** ꓤꓰꓤꓩ.' "

17 And the **Word** of ꓤꓰꓤꓩ **came to me,** saying,

2"'Son of man, put forth a riddle and speak a parable to the house of Yisra'ĕl.

3"'And you ***shall*** say, 'Thus said the **Master** ꓤꓰꓤꓩ, "The **great eagle** with large wings of long pinions, covered with feathers of various colours, came to Leḇanon and took the top of the cedar.

4"He *plucked* off the top most of its young twigs and brought it to a land of traders. In a city of *merchants* he placed it.

5"He also took some of the **seed** of the land and planted it in a field for seed. He took it by many waters, set it like a willow *tree.*

6"'So it grew and became a low, spreading vine. Its branches turned toward him and its **roots** were under it. And it became a vine and brought forth **branches** and sent out **shoots**.

7"'And there was another **great eagle** with large wings and many feathers. And **see,** this **vine** bent its **roots** toward him and **stretched** its **branches** toward him, to water it, away from the beds where it was planted.

8"'It was planted in a **good field** by **many waters**, to bring forth **branches** and to **bear fruit,** to be a **splendid vine**."'

9"'Say, 'Thus said the **Master** ꓤꓰꓤꓩ, **"Is it going to thrive?** Is he not going to *pull up* its **roots** and *cut off* its **fruit** and let it *wither*? All of its sprouting **leaves** wither, without great power or many people, to *pluck it up* by its roots.

10"'**See, it is planted**, **is it going to thrive?** Would it not *utterly wither* when the ***east*** *wind touches* it – *wither* in the beds where it grows?" ' "

11And the **Word** of ꓤꓰꓤꓩ **came to me,** saying,

12"'***Please say to the rebellious house***, '***Do*** you not **know** what these mean?' Say, '**See,** the sovereign of Baḇel went to Yerushalayim and took its sovereign and heads and brought them with him to Baḇel.

13'And he took one of the **royal seed** and made a **covenant** with him and put him under **oath**. And he took away **the mighty of the land,**

14so that the **reign** *would be brought low and not lift itself up*, but **guard** ***his covenant, that it might stand.***

15'***But*** he *rebelled <u>against</u>* him by sending his messengers to Mitsrayim, to give him horses and many people. ***Shall*** he *thrive*? ***Shall*** he *escape* who is doing these? And ***shall*** he *break* a **covenant** and *still escape*?

16'**As I live**,' **declares** the **Master** ꓤꓰꓤꓩ, 'in the place where the sovereign dwells who set him up to reign, whose **oath** he *despised* and whose **covenant** *he broke*, with him in the **midst** of Baḇel he ***shall*** *die!*

17'And Pharaoh with his great army and great company is *not going to help* him in battle, *when they heap up a siege mound and build a wall to cut off many beings*.

18'And he *despised* the **oath** by *breaking* the **covenant.** And **see,** he has given his hand and he has done all this, *he* is not going to **escape**.' "

19Therefore thus said the **Master** ꓤꓰꓤꓩ, "**As I live, My oath** which *he has despised* and **My covenant** which *he has broken,* ***shall I not put it on his own head?***

20"'And I ***shall*** spread **My** *net* over him and he *shall be taken* in **My** *snare*. And I ***shall*** bring him to Baḇel and enter into **judgment** with him there for the *trespass which he committed <u>against</u>* **Me,**

21and all his *fugitives* with all his *bands fall* by the *sword* and *those who are left* be *scattered* to **every** wind. **And you *shall* know** that I,ꓤꓰꓤꓩ, have **spoken**"

22Thus said the **Master** ꓤꓰꓤꓩ, "And I ***shall*** **take of the top** of the highest cedar and **set it out.** And **I Myself *shall* pluck off a tender one** from the top most of its young twigs and **plant it** on a high and

lofty mountain.
23"On the mountain height of Yisra'ĕl
I **plant it**. And it ***shall*** bring forth
branches and **bear fruit** and **become**
a big cedar. And under it ***shall*** dwell
birds of every sort, in the shadow of its
branches they shall dwell.
24"And all the **trees** of the field ***shall***
know that I, יהוה, *have brought*
down the *high tree* and **exalted the low**
tree*, dried up the green tree* and **made**
the dry tree flourish. I, יהוה, have
spoken and ***shall*** do it."

18 And the **Word** of יהוה **came**
to me, saying,
2"***What*** do you mean when you use
this proverb concerning the land of
Yisra'ĕl, saying, 'The fathers have eaten
sour grapes and the children's *teeth are*
blunted'?
3"**As I live**," **declares** the **Master**
יהוה, "you shall no longer use this
proverb in Yisra'ĕl.
4"**See, all beings are Mine,** the being
of the father as well as the being of the
son is **Mine.** ***The being that is sinning***
shall die.
5"***But*** if a man is **righteous** and ***shall***
do **right-ruling** and **righteousness**,
6*if he has not eaten on the mountains*,
nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of
the house of Yisra'ĕl, *nor defiled his*
neighbour's wife, nor comes near a
woman during her uncleanness,
7*if he does not oppress anyone,* **does**
return to the debtor his pledge, *does*
not commit ***robbery***, **does give his**
bread to the hungry and covers the
naked with a garment,
8**if he does not lend on interest or**
take increase, turns back his hand
from *unrighteousness,* **executes right-**
ruling in truth between man and man,
9***if*** **he walks in My laws and he has**
guarded My right-rulings in **truth** –
he is righteous and he ***shall*** **certainly**
live!" **declares** the **Master** יהוה.
10"***But*** if he has brought forth a son
who is a robber or a shedder of **blood,**
who does any of these –
11whereas he himself *did not* do any
of these – that also he has eaten on the
mountains or *defiled* his neighbour's
wife,
12***if*** he has *oppressed* the *poor* and
needy, has committed robbery, he *does*
not **return** a pledge, has lifted his eyes
to the *idols,* or did **abomination**,
13***if*** he has lent on interest or taken
increase – ***shall*** he live? **He *shall***
not live! ***If*** he has done any of these
abominations, he ***shall*** certainly *die,* his
blood is upon him.
14"***But*** **see,** if he has brought forth a son
who sees **all** the *sins* which his father
has done, but he ***fears*** and *does not* do
likewise,
15has not eaten on the mountains and
has not lifted his eyes to the *idols* of the
house of Yisra'ĕl, has not *defiled* his
neighbour's wife,
16has not *oppressed* anyone, nor
withheld a pledge, nor committed
robbery, has **given** his **bread** to the
hungry and covered the naked with a
garment,
17turns back his **hand** from *wronging*
the *poor* and he has not taken interest or
increase, **has** *executed* **My right-rulings**
and walked in **My laws** – he ***shall*** not
die for the *crookedness* of his father, he
shall **certainly live**!
18"**His** father, **because** he used
oppression, robbed his brother and
did what is *not good* among his people,
see, he ***shall*** *die* for his *crookedness.*
19"And you said, '***Why*** should the son
not bear the *crookedness* of the **Father?**'
But **the son has done right-ruling and**
righteousness, he has guarded all My
laws and he does them,
he *shall* certainly live.
20"The being who *sins* ***shall*** *die.* The
son ***shall*** **not** bear the *crookedness*
of the father, nor the father bear
the *crookedness* of the son. The
righteousness of the **righteous** is upon
himself and the *wrongness* of the ***wrong***
is upon himself.
21"***But*** the **wrong**, *if* he turns from
all his *sins* which he has done and he
shall **guard all My laws** and ***shall*** do

right-ruling and **righteousness**, he ***shall*** **certainly live,** he ***shall*** not *die.*
22"All the *transgressions* which he has done ***shall*** not be **remembered** *against* him – in his **righteousness** that he has done, he ***shall*** **live.**
23"Have I any pleasure in the *death* of the *wrong?*" **declares** the **Master** ֲדֹנָי. "Is it not that he should turn from his ways and live?
24"***But*** when a **righteous** one *turns* away from his **righteousness** and does *unrighteousness,* **according** to **all** the **abominations** that the ***wrong*** one has done, ***shall*** he live? All his **righteousness** which he has done ***shall*** *not* be **remembered**. For his *trespass* which he has *committed* and for his *sin* which he has *committed*, for them he ***shall*** *die.*
25"And you said, '**The way** of ֲדֹנָי is not right.' **Hear now**, O house of Yisra'ĕl, is **My way** not right? Is it not *your ways* that are not right?
26"***When*** a **righteous** one *turns* away from his **righteousness** and does *unrighteousness* and he *dies* in it, it is **because** of his *unrighteousness* which he has *done* that he *dies*.
27"And when the ***wrong*** turns away from the ***wrong*** which he has done and he does **right-ruling** and **righteousness**, he keeps himself **alive.**
28"**Because** he sees and turns away from **all** the *transgressions* which he has done, he ***shall*** **certainly live,** he ***shall*** ***not*** *die.*
29"And the house of Yisra'ĕl have said, '**The way** of ֲדֹנָי is not **right**.' Are **My ways** not **right**, O house of Yisra'ĕl? ***Is it not*** *your ways* ***that are not right?***
30"Therefore I **judge** you, O house of Yisra'ĕl, **every** one **according** to *his ways*," **declares** the **Master** ֲדֹנָי. "**Repent** and **turn back** from **all** your *transgressions* and let not *crookedness* be a *stumbling-block* to you.
31"**Cast** away from you **all** the *transgressions*, by which you have *transgressed* and make for yourselves a **new heart** and a **new spirit**. For why should you *die,* O house of Yisra'ĕl?
32"For I have ***no*** pleasure in the *death* of one who dies," **declares** the **Master** ֲדֹנָי. **"So turn back and live!"**

19 "And take up a *lamentation* for the leaders of Yisra'ĕl,
2and you ***shall*** say, '***What*** a lioness was your mother among the lions! She lay down among the lions, in the **midst** of the young lions she reared her cubs.
3'And she brought up one of her cubs, and he became a young lion. And he **learned** to *tear* the prey, he devoured men.
4'***Then*** nations **heard** of him. **He** was ***caught*** in their pit and they brought him with chains to the land of Mitsrayim.
5'***When*** she **saw,** as she waited, that her expectancy was lost, she took another of her cubs and made him a young lion.
6'And he went about among the lions and became a young lion. And he **learned** to *tear* the prey, he devoured men.
7'And he **knew** their widows and laid *waste* their cities. And the land and **all** who filled it was stunned by the noise of his roaring.
8'***Then*** nations set *against* him from the provinces on **every** side and spread their *net* over him, he was ***caught*** in their pit.
9'And they put him in a cage in chains and brought him to the sovereign of Baḇel. They brought him in nets, so his roar was no longer **heard** on the mountains of Yisra'ĕl.
10'**Your** mother was like a **vine** in your vineyard, planted by the waters, a bearer of **fruit** and branching, **because** of many waters.
11'And she had **strong** rods for sceptres of rulers. And her stature was exalted among the thick branches and was **seen** in her height with the mass of its branches.
12'***But*** she was *uprooted* in *wrath*, she was *cast* down to the ground and the east *wind* dried her **fruit.** Her **strong** rods

were *broken* and *withered*, *fire consumed* them.
13‘And **now** she is planted in the wilderness, in a *dry* and *thirsty* land.
14‘And *fire* went out from a **rod** of her branches. It *devoured* her **fruit,** so that she has no **strong** rod, a sceptre to **rule.**’ ” This is a lament and it ***shall* be** a lament.

20 And it came to be in the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth of the month, that certain of the elders of Yisra’ĕl came to **inquire** of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ and sat before me.
2And the **Word** of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ **came to me,** saying,
3“Son of man, **speak** to the elders of Yisra’ĕl and say to them, ‘Thus said the **Master** ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, “Have you **come to inquire** of **Me? as I live,** I am not being **inquired** of by you,” **declares** the **Master** ꓤꓴꓤꓩ.’
4“**Judge** them, son of man, **judge** them! Make **known** to them the **abominations** of their fathers.
5“And you ***shall*** say to them, ‘Thus said the **Master** ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, “On the day when I **chose** Yisra’ĕl and lifted **My hand** in an **oath** to the seed of the house of Ya'aqoḇ and made **Myself known** to them in the land of Mitsrayim, I lifted **My hand** in an **oath** to them, saying, **‘I am** ꓤꓴꓤꓩ your **Elohim**.’
6“On that day I lifted **My hand** in an **oath** to them, to bring them out of the land of Mitsrayim into a land that I had searched out for them, flowing with milk and honey, the splendour of **all** lands.
7“And I said to them, ‘Each one of you, *throw away* the **abominations** which are before his eyes and *do not defile* yourselves with the *idols* of Mitsrayim! I am ꓤꓴꓤꓩ your **Elohim**.’
8“***But*** they *rebelled against* **Me** and *would not* ***obey*** **Me.** All of them *did not throw* away the **abominations** which were before their eyes, *nor did* they *forsake* the *idols* of Mitsrayim. So I **resolved** to **pour out My wrath** on them to **complete My** *displeasure against* them in the **midst** of the land of Mitsrayim.
9“***But*** I *acted* for **My Name’s sake**, that it should not be *profaned* before the eyes of the *gentiles* among whom they were – before whose eyes I had made **Myself known** to them, to bring them out of the land of Mitsrayim.
10“So I took them out of the land of Mitsrayim and I brought them into the wilderness.
11“And I **gave** them **My laws** and **showed** them **My right-rulings**, ‘which, if a man does, he ***shall* live** by them.’
12“And I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, to know that I am ꓤꓴꓤꓩ **who sets them apart.**
13“***But*** the house of Yisra’ĕl *rebelled against* **Me** in the wilderness. They *did not* **walk** in **My laws** and they *rejected* **My right-rulings**, which, if a man does, he ***shall* live** by them. And they ***greatly*** *profaned* **My Sabbath**s. ***Then*** I said I would **pour out My wrath** on them in the wilderness, to *consume* them.
14“***But*** I *acted* for **My Name’s sake**, not to *profane* it before the *gentiles,* before whose eyes I had brought them out.
15“And **I Myself** also lifted **My hand** in an **oath** to them in the wilderness, not to bring them into the land which I had **given** them, flowing with milk and honey, the splendour of **all** lands,
16**because** they *rejected* **My right-rulings** and *did not* **walk** in **My laws** and they *profaned* **My Sabbath**s. For their **heart** went after their *idols.*
17“And **My** eye pardoned them, from destroying them. And I *did not* make an end of them in the wilderness.
18“And I said to their **children** in the wilderness, ‘***Do not* walk** in the **laws** of your fathers, ***nor* observe** their rulings, nor *defile* yourselves with their *idols.*
19‘I am ꓤꓴꓤꓩ your **Elohim**. **Walk** in **My laws** and **guard My right-rulings** and **do** them.
20‘And set-apart My Sabbaths and they *shall* be a sign between Me and

you, to know that I am ֱיהוה your Elohim.'

21"***But*** the children *rebelled <u>against</u>* **Me.** They *did not* **walk** in **My laws** and **My right-rulings** they *did not* **guard** to do them, which, if a man does, he ***shall* live** by them. They *profaned* **My Sabbaths,** so I **resolved** to **pour out My wrath** on them to **complete My** *displeasure <u>against</u>* them in the wilderness.

22"***But*** I held back **My hand** and *acted* for **My Name's sake**, not to *profane* it before the eyes of the *gentiles,* before whose eyes I had brought them out.

23"Also, **I Myself** lifted **My hand** in an oath to those in the wilderness, to *scatter* them among the *gentiles* and *disperse* them throughout the lands,

24**<u>because</u>** they had *not* done **My right-rulings** and they *rejected* **My laws** and they *profaned* **My Sabbaths** and their eyes were on their fathers' *idols.*

25"And I also gave them up to **laws** that were not **good** and **right-rulings** by which they *would not* **live.**

26"And I *defiled* them by their own gifts, as they passed **all** their first-born through *the fire*, so that I might stun them, so that they **know** that I am ֱיהוה." '

27"Therefore, son of man, **speak** to the house of Yisra'ĕl and you ***shall*** say to them, 'Thus said the **Master ֱיהוה**, "In this your fathers have further *reviled* **Me,** by *committing trespass <u>against</u>* **Me.**

28"***When*** I brought them into the land for which I had lifted **My hand** in an **oath** to give them and they **saw all** the high hills and **all** the thick trees, they offered their *slaughterings* there and *provoked* **Me** with their offerings there. And they **sent** up their **sweet** fragrance there and **poured out** their drink offerings there.

29"And I said to them, '***What*** is this *high place* to which you go?' So its name is called High Place to this day." '

30"Therefore say to the house of Yisra'ĕl, 'Thus said the **Master ֱיהוה**, "Are you defiling yourselves in the **way** of your fathers? And do you *whore* after their **<u>abominations</u>**?

31"For when you lift up your gifts and make your sons pass through the *fire*, you *defile* yourselves with **all** your *idols,* even to this day. And ***shall*** I be **inquired** of by you, O house of Yisra'ĕl? **as I live," declares** the **Master ֱיהוה**,

"I am *not* being **inquired** of by you.

32"And what **comes** up in your spirit ***shall*** never be, when you say, '**Let** us be like the *gentiles,* like the tribes in other lands, *serving* ***wood*** and *stone*.'

33"As I live," declares the Master ֱיהוה, "**do not I, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out, reign over you**?

34"And I ***shall* bring** you out from the peoples and **gather** you out of the lands where you are *scattered*, with a mighty **hand** and with an outstretched arm and with *wrath* **poured out**.

35"And I ***shall*** bring you into the wilderness of the peoples and ***shall*** enter into judgment with you face to face there.

36"As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Mitsrayim, so I ***shall*** enter into judgment with you," **declares** the **Master ֱיהוה**.

37"And I ***shall*** make you pass under the rod and ***shall*** bring you into the bond of **the covenant**,

38and *purge* the ***rebels*** from among you and those who *transgress <u>against</u>* **Me.** From the land where they sojourn I bring them out, but they ***shall*** not **come** into the land of Yisra'ĕl. And **you *shall* know that I am ֱיהוה**.

39"As for you, O house of Yisra'ĕl," thus said the **Master ֱיהוה**,

"Go, *serve* each of you his *idols* and afterwards, if you are not *listening* to **Me.** ***But*** *do not profane* **My set-apart Name** any more with your *gifts* and your *idols.*

40"For on **My** set-apart mountain, on the mountain height of Yisra'ĕl," **declares** the **Master ֱיהוה**, "there **all** the house of Yisra'ĕl, **all** of them in the land, ***shall* serve Me.** There I ***shall* accept** them and there I ***shall* require** your offerings and the **first-fruits** of

your offerings, **together** with **all** your set-apart gifts.
41"As a **sweet** fragrance I ***shall* accept** you when I **bring** you out from the peoples. And I ***shall* gather** you out of the lands where you have been *scattered*. **And I *shall* be set-apart in you before** *the gentiles*.
42"And **you *shall* know that I am** ꓤYHZ, when I bring you into the land of Yisra'ĕl, into the land for which I lifted **My hand** in an **oath** to give to your fathers.
43"And there you ***shall remember*** *your ways* and **all** *your deeds* with which you were *defiled*. And you ***shall*** *loathe* yourselves in your own **sight** **<u>because</u>** of **all** the *evil*s that you did.
44"And **you *shall* know that I am** ꓤYHZ, when I have dealt with you for **My Name's sake**, not **according** to your *evil ways* nor **according** to your *corrupt deeds*, O house of Yisra'ĕl," **declares** the **Master** ꓤYHZ.' "
45And the **Word** of ꓤYHZ **came to me,** saying,
46"Son of man, set your face toward the south and drop **Word** *<u>against</u>* the south and **prophesy** *<u>against</u>* the forest land, the South.
47"And you ***shall*** say to the forest of the South, '**Hear** the **Word** of ꓤYHZ! Thus said the **Master** ꓤYHZ, "**See,** I am kindling a *fire* in you and it ***shall*** *devour* **every** *green tree* and **every** dry *tree* in you – the blazing *flame* is not *quenched*. And it ***shall*** *burn* **all** faces from the south to the north.
48"And **all** *flesh* ***shall* see** that I, ꓤYHZ, have **kindled** it, it is not *quenched*." ' "
49And I said, "Ah, **Master** ꓤYHZ! They are saying of me, 'Is he not speaking parables?' "

21 And the **Word** of ꓤYHZ **came to me,** saying,
2"Son of man, set your face toward Yerushalayim and drop **Word** *<u>against</u>* the set-apart places and **prophesy** *<u>against</u>* the land of Yisra'ĕl.
3"And you ***shall*** say to the land of Yisra'ĕl, 'Thus said ꓤYHZ, "**See,** I am *<u>against</u>* you and I ***shall*** draw **My** *sword* out of its sheath and *cut off* from you the **righteous** and the *wrong*.
4"**<u>Because</u>** I ***shall cut*** *off* from you the **righteous** and the ***wrong,*** therefore **My** *sword* ***shall*** go out of its sheath *<u>against</u>* **all** *flesh* from south to north.
5"And **all** *flesh* ***shall* know** that I, ꓤYHZ, have drawn **My** *sword* out of its sheath, not to **turn back** again." '
6"And you, son of man, sigh with a breaking of loins and sigh with *bitterness* before their eyes.
7"And it ***shall* be** when they say to you, '***Why*** are you *sighing*?' that you ***shall*** say, '**<u>Because</u>** of the report that is **coming**. And **every heart *shall*** *melt* and **all** hands ***shall*** go *limp* and **every** spirit become *faint* and **all** knees be *weak* as water. **See, *it*** is **coming** and ***it shall* be,** ' **declares** the **Master** ꓤYHZ."
8And the **Word** of ꓤYHZ **came to me,** saying,
9"Son of man, **prophesy** and you ***shall*** say, 'Thus said ꓤYHZ! "Say, 'A *sword,* a *sword* is sharpened and also polished!
10'It is sharpened to make a slaughter,
it is polished to flash like lightning!'
Or ***shall*** we rejoice? **My** son, you have *despised* the rod, **every** stick!
11"And **He** has **given** it to be polished, to be taken by the **hand.** This *sword* is sharpened and polished, to be **given** into the **hand** of the slayer.
12"Cry and *wail,* son of man, for it ***shall* be** on **My people**, on **all** the leaders of Yisra'ĕl. They ***shall* be delivered** to the *sword* **together** with **My people**, therefore *strike* your thigh.
13"For it is a trier and what if it even despises the rod? ***shall*** it not be?" **declares** the **Master** ꓤYHZ.
14"And you, son of man, **prophesy** and *strike* your hands together. And let the *sword* **come** down **twice**, **thrice**, the *sword* for the slain. It is the *sword* of the slain, the **great** one, which surrounds them.
15"I have set the point of the *sword* *<u>against</u>* **all** their gates, to melt the

heart and that the *overthrown* be many. Ah! It is made like lightning, keen for slaughter.
16"'Sharpen yourself on the right, set yourself on the left, wherever your edge is **appointed**!
17"'And I too, I ***shall*** *strike* **My** hands **together** and **cause My** *wrath* to rest. I, ֵיהוָה, have **spoken** ."
18And the **Word** of ֵיהוָה came to me again, saying,
19"'And you, son of man, **appoint** for yourself two **ways** for the *sword* of the sovereign of Baḇel to go, both of them **coming** from one land. And place a signpost, put it at the head of the **way** to the city.
20"'**Appoint** a **way** for the *sword* to go to Rabbah of the Ammonites and to Yahuḏah, into the walled Yerushalayim.
21"'For the sovereign of Baḇel ***shall*** **stand** at the parting of the **way,** at the fork of the two ways, to *practise* divination. He ***shall*** *shake* the arrows, he ***shall*** **ask** the household *idols,* he ***shall*** look at the liver.
22"'In his **right hand** ***shall*** **be** the divination for Yerushalayim: to set up battering rams, to **call** for a slaughter, to lift the **voice** with shouting, to set battering rams *against* the gates, to heap up a siege mound, to build a wall.
23"'And it ***shall*** **be** to them as a *false* divination *in the eyes* of those who have sworn oaths to them. ***But*** he is bringing their *crookedness* to **remembrance**, so that they are taken.
24"'Therefore thus said the **Master** ֵיהוָה, '**Because** you have made your *crookedness* to be **remembered**, in that your *transgressions* are *uncovered*, so that your *sins* are **seen** in **all** your *deeds*. **Because** you have been **remembered**, you are taken by **hand.**
25'And to you, O *profane*, ***wrong*** one, leader of Yisra'ĕl, whose day has come, in the **time** of the *crookedness* of **the end,**
26thus said the **Master** ֵיהוָה, 'Remove the turban and take off the crown! This ***shall*** not remain! Exalt the humble and humble the exalted.
27'*Overthrown*, *overthrown*, I make it *overthrown*! It ***shall*** **be** no longer, until **He comes** to whom it **rightly** belongs – and I ***shall*** give it!'
28"'And you, son of man, **prophesy** and say, 'Thus said the **Master** ֵיהוָה concerning the Ammonites and concerning their *reproach.*' And you ***shall*** say, 'A *sword,* a *sword,* drawn for slaughter, polished to the utmost like lightning –
29while they **see** *false* **visions** for you, while they divine a *lie* to you – to put you on the necks of the *profaned* ones, the ***wrong*** ones whose day has **come**, in the **time** of the *crookedness* of **the end.**
30'Return it to its sheath. In the place where you were created, in the land of your origin, I ***shall*** **judge** you.
31'And I ***shall*** **pour out My** *displeasure* on you, **blow** *against* you with the *fire* of **My** *wrath* and ***shall*** give you into the hands of beastly men, skilled to *destroy.*
32'You are to be fuel for the *fire*, your **blood** to be in the **midst** of the land. You are not to be **remembered**, for I ֵיהוָה have **spoken** .' "

22 And the **Word** of ֵיהוָה **came to me,** saying,
2"'And **now**, son of man, judge, **judge** the city of blood! And you ***shall*** **show** her **all** her **abominations**!
3"'And you ***shall*** say, 'Thus said the **Master** ֵיהוָה, "The city sheds **blood** in her **midst**, that her **time** might come. And she has made *idols* within herself to become *defiled*.
4"'You have become *guilty* by the **blood** which you have shed and have *defiled* yourself with the *idols* which you have made. Thus you have brought your days near and have **come to the end** of your years. Therefore I ***shall*** make you a *reproach* to the *gentiles* and a *mockery* to **all** lands.
5"'Those **near** and those far from you *mock* you – *defiled* is *your name and great the confusion!*
6"'**See** the leaders of Yisra'ĕl: each one

has used his arm to shed **blood** in you.
7"They have *despised* father and mother within you. They have *oppressed* the stranger in your **midst**. They have *wronged* the fatherless and the widow within you.
8"You have *despised* that which is **dedicated** to **Me** and you have *profaned* **My Sabbath**s.
9"Slanderous men have been in you to shed blood. And in you are those who eat on the mountains. They have done *wickedness* in your **midst**.
10"In you they have uncovered the nakedness of a father. In you they have humbled women who are *defiled* during their *uncleanness*.
11"And the one has done **abomination** with his neighbour's wife. And another has *wicked*ly *defiled* his daughter-in-law. And another within you has humbled his sister, his father's daughter.
12"In you they have taken a *bribe* to shed blood. You have taken interest and increase. You have *cut off* your neighbour by extortion. And you have *forgotten* **Me,**" **declares** the **Master** ֵיהוִה.
13"And **see,** I ***shall*** *smite* **My hand because** of your *greedy gain* which you have made and at the bloodshed which has been in your **midst**.
14"Would your **heart** stand, your hands remain **strong,** in the days when I deal with you? I, ֵיהוִה, have **spoken** and ***shall*** do it.
15"And **I *shall*** *scatter* you among the *gentiles* and ***shall*** *disperse* you throughout the lands and ***shall*** *consume* your *filthiness* out of you.
16"And you ***shall*** *profane* yourself before the eyes of the *gentiles*. And **you *shall* know that I am** ֵיהוִה." ' "
17And the **Word** of ֵיהוִה **came to me,** saying,
18"Son of man, the house of Yisra'ĕl has become dross to **Me.** All of them are bronze and tin and iron and lead, in the **midst** of a furnace – they have become the dross of silver.
19"Therefore thus said the **Master** ֵיהוִה, '**Because all** of you have become dross, therefore **see,** I am gathering you into the midst of Yerushalayim.
20'As they **gather** silver and bronze and iron and lead and tin into the **midst** of a furnace, to **blow** *fire* on it, to melt it, so I **gather** you in **My** *displeasure* and in **My** *wrath*. And I ***shall*** **blow** and melt you.
21'And I ***shall*** **gather** you and **blow** on you with the *fire* of **My** *wrath* and you ***shall*** **be** melted in its **midst**.
22'As silver is melted in the **midst** of a furnace, so are you melted in its **midst**. And **you *shall* know** that I, ֵיהוִה, have **poured out My** *wrath* on you.' "
23And the **Word** of ֵיהוִה **came to me,** saying,
24"Son of man, say to her, 'You are a land that is not **cleansed** or rained upon in the **day of** *displeasure*.'
25"There is a ***conspiracy*** of her *prophets* in her **midst**, like a roaring lion tearing the prey. They have *devoured* **life**, they have taken wealth and **precious** matters, they have made many widows in her **midst**.
26"Her *priests* have done *violence* to **My teaching** and they *profane* **My** set-apart matters. They have ***not*** *distinguished* between the **set-apart** and *profane* nor have they made **known** *the difference* between the *unclean* and the **clean.** And they have *hidden* their eyes from **My Sabbaths** and I am *profaned* in their **midst**.
27"*Her leaders* in her **midst** are like *wolves tearing* the prey, to *shed* **blood,** to *destroy* lives and to get *greedy gain*.
28"And *her prophets* have coated them with whitewash, **seeing** a *false* **vision** and divining a *lie* for them, saying, 'Thus said the **Master** ֵיהוִה,' when ֵיהוִה had ***not*** **spoken** .
29"The people of the land have *practised oppression* and *committed robbery* and have *wronged* the *poor* and needy. And they *oppressed* the stranger *without* right-ruling.
30"And I sought for a ***man*** among them who would make a wall and **stand** in the *breach* before **Me** on behalf of the land, that I should *not destroy* it – ***but I did not find one!***

[31]"Therefore I have **poured out My** *displeasure* on them, I have *consumed* them with the *fire* of **My** *wrath*. And I have put *their way* on their own head," **declares** the **Master** ADNY.

23 And the **Word** of ADNY **came to me,** saying,
[2]"Son of man, there were two women, daughters of one mother.
[3]"And they *whored* in Mitsrayim, they *whored* in their youth. There their breasts were handled and there their maiden nipples were squeezed.
[4]"And their names were: Oholah the elder and Oholiḇah her sister. And they were **Mine** and they bore sons and daughters. And their names: Shomeron is Oholah and Yerushalayim is Oholiḇah.
[5]"And Oholah *whored* while she was **Mine.** And she *lusted* for her *lovers,* the neighbouring Ashshurians,
[6]dressed in purple, officers and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding on horses.
[7]"So she gave her *whorings* on them, all of them choice sons of Ashshur. And with all for whom she lusted, with all their *idols,* she *defiled* herself.
[8]"And she *did not forsake* her *whorings* from Mitsrayim, for in her youth they had lain with her and they squeezed her maiden nipples and **poured out** their *whorings* on her.
[9]"Therefore I have **given** her into the **hand** of her *lovers,* into the hand of the Ashshurians, for whom she lusted.
[10]"They uncovered her nakedness, they took away her sons and daughters and slew her with the *sword.* And she became a by-**word** among women and they *executed* judgments on her.
[11]"And her sister Oholiḇah **saw** this, yet she became more *corrupt* in her lust than she and in her *whorings* more *corrupt* than her sister's *whorings*.
[12]"She lusted for the sons of Ashshur, officers and rulers, the ones near, perfectly dressed, horsemen riding on horses, all of them desirable young men.
[13]"And I **saw** that she was *defiled*, they both took the *same way.*
[14]"***But*** she increased her *whorings* and she **looked** at men *carved* on the wall, *images* of Chaldeans portrayed in ***red***,
[15]girded with belts around their loins, flowing turbans on their heads, **all** of them looking like officers, like the Baḇelians of Chaldea, the land of their birth.
[16]"As soon as her eyes **saw** them, she *lusted* for them and **sent** messengers to them in Chaldea.
[17]"And the Baḇelians came to her, into the bed of **love** and they *defiled* her with their *whorings*. And she was *defiled* by them and her being turned from them in disgust.
[18]"And she *uncovered* her *whorings* and *uncovered* her *nakedness*. ***Then*** I turned **My** being from her in disgust, as **My** being had turned from her sister in disgust.
[19]"And she increased her *whorings*, **remembering** the days of her youth, when she *whored* in the land of Mitsrayim.
[20]"And she lusted after her *lovers,* whose *flesh* is like the *flesh* of donkeys and whose emission is like the emission of horses.
[21]"Thus you longed for the *wickedness* of your youth, when the Mitsrites squeezed your nipples **<u>because</u>** of the breasts of your youth.
[22]"Therefore, Oholiḇah, thus said the **Master** ADNY, '**See,** I am stirring up your *lovers* *<u>against</u>* you, from whom your being turned in disgust and ***shall*** bring them *<u>against</u>* you from **every** side:
[23]the Baḇelians and **all** the Chaldeans, Peqoḏ and Showa and Qowa, **all** the sons of Ashshur with them, **all** of them desirable young men, governors and rulers, officers and men of name, **all** of them riding on horses.
[24]'And they ***shall*** **come** *<u>against</u>* you with battle-axe, chariots, vehicles and with an assembly of peoples. They ***shall*** set *<u>against</u>* you armour and shield and helmet **all** around. And I ***shall*** *commit* the judgment to them and they ***shall***

judge you **according** to their rulings.
25‘And I ***shall*** set **My** *jealousy* *against* you and they ***shall*** deal heatedly with you. They ***shall cut*** *off* your nose and your **ears,** while the rest of you *fall* by the *sword.* **Your** sons and your daughters they ***shall*** take away, while the rest of you ***shall*** **be** *consumed* by *fire*.
26‘And they ***shall*** *strip* you of your garments and ***shall*** *take* your pretty jewels.
27‘And I ***shall*** put **an end** to your *wickedness* and to your *whorings* from the land of Mitsrayim, so that *you do not* lift your eyes to them neither ***remember*** Mitsrayim any more.’
28“For thus said the **Master** ֵיהוִה, ‘**See,** I am giving you into the **hand** of those whom you *hate,* into the **hand** of those from whom your being turned in disgust.
29‘And they ***shall*** deal with you in *hatred* and they ***shall*** take away **all** you have worked for and they ***shall*** leave you naked and bare. And the *nakedness* of your *whorings* ***shall*** **be** *uncovered* and the *wickedness* of your *whorings*.
30‘I do this to you **because** of your *whoring* after the *gentiles,* **because** you have been *defiled* by their *idols.*
31‘You have *walked* in the *way* of your sister and I ***shall*** give *her* **cup** into your **hand.**’
32“Thus said the **Master** ֵיהוִה, ‘**Drink** of your sister’s **cup,** the deep and wide one – you being *laughed* at and *mocked* at – for it holds much.
33‘Be filled with *drunkenness* and *sorrow,* the **cup** of *astonishment* and *ruin,* the **cup** of your sister Shomeron.
34‘And you ***shall*** **drink** it and ***shall*** **drain** it and **gnaw** its shards and *tear* at your own breasts. For I have **spoken** ,’ **declares** the **Master** ֵיהוִה.
35“Therefore thus said the **Master** ֵיהוִה, ‘**Because** you have *forgotten* **Me** and *cast* **Me** behind your back, **therefore** you ***shall*** bear your *wickedness* and your *whorings*.’ ”
36And ֵיהוִה said to me, “**Son** of man, **judge** Oholah and Oholiḇah! And **declare** to them their **abominations**.
37“For they have *committed adultery* and **blood** is on their hands. They have *committed adultery* with their ***idols*** and even offered their sons whom they bore to **Me,** passing them through *the fire*, to *devour*.
38“They also did this to **Me:** They have *defiled* **My** set-apart place on the **same** day and they have *profaned* **My Sabbath**s.
39“For when they had *slain* their children for their *idols,* on the **same** day they came into **My** set-apart place to *profane* it. And **see,** that is what they did in the **midst** of **My House**.
40“And they even **sent** for men to **come** from afar, to whom a messenger was **sent**. And **see,** they came – for whom you washed yourself, painted your eyes and adorned yourself with ornaments.
41“And you sat on a splendid couch, with a table prepared before it, on which you had set **My** incense and **My** oil.
42“And the sound of a crowd at ease was with her and drunkards were brought from the wilderness with men of the commonest sort. And they put bracelets on their wrists and pretty crowns on their heads.
43“***Then*** I said concerning the one worn out in *adulteries,* ‘**Now** let them *commit* her *whorings*, even hers!’
44“And they went in to her, as men go in to a woman who is a *whore.* Thus they went in to Oholah and Oholiḇah, the *wicked* women.
45“***But* let righteous men judge** them with the judgment of adulteresses and the judgment of women who shed **blood,** for they are adulteresses and **blood** is on their hands.
46“For thus said the **Master** ֵיהוִה, ‘Bring up an assembly *against* them, give them up to *maltreatment* and plunder.
47‘The assembly ***shall*** stone them with stones and *cut* them with their s**words**. They ***shall*** *slay* their sons and daughters and burn their houses with *fire*.
48‘And I ***shall*** put an **end** to *wickedness* in the land and **all** the women ***shall*** **be instructed** *not* to *commit wickedness* as

you have done.
49‘And they ***shall*** put your *wickedness* on you and you ***shall*** bear the *sins* of your *idols.* And **you *shall* know that I am** the **Master** יהוה.’ ”

24 And in the ninth year, in the tenth month, on the tenth of the month, the **Word** of יהוה **came to me,** saying,
2“Son of man, **write** down the name of the day, for on this **same** day the sovereign of Bavel has *thrown* himself *against* Yerushalayim.
3“And **speak** a parable to the *rebellious* house and you ***shall*** say to them, ‘Thus said the **Master** יהוה, “Put on a pot, put it on and also pour water into it.
4“**Gather** pieces of meat in it, **every good** piece, the thigh and the shoulder, fill it with choice bones.
5“Take the choice of the flock, also pile bones under it, cook it thoroughly, also let the bones cook in it.”
6‘Therefore thus said the **Master** יהוה, “**Woe** to the city of **blood,** to the pot in which there is rust and whose rust has *not* gone out of it! Bring it out piece by piece, on which no **lot** has fallen.
7“For her **blood** is in her **midst**. She has set it on a shining rock. She *did not* pour it on the ground, to cover it with dust.
8“To stir up *wrath* and take **vengeance**, I have set her **blood** on a shining rock, so that it *would not* be covered.”
9‘Therefore thus said the **Master** יהוה, “***Woe*** to the city of blood! **Let Me** also make the pile great.
10“Heap on the wood, **kindle** the *fire*, cook the meat well, mixing in the spices and let the bones be *burned* up.
11“And set it on the coals, empty, so that it gets hot and its bronze glows. And its *filthiness* ***shall*** **be** melted in it and its rust be *consumed.*
12“She has wearied herself with sorrows and her **great** rust has not gone from her. Into the *fire* with her rust!
13“In your *filthiness* is *wickedness*. **Because** I have **cleansed** you, but you *are not clean***.** You ***shall*** not be **cleansed** of your *filthiness* any more, til I have **caused My** *wrath to rest upon you.*
14“I, יהוה, have **spoken** . ***It shall*** come and I ***shall*** do ***it***. I *do not* hold back, nor do I pardon, nor do I relent. According to *your ways* and **according** to *your deeds* they ***shall*** **judge** you,” **declares** the **Master** יהוה.’ ”
15And the **Word** of יהוה **came to me,** saying,
16“Son of man, **see,** I am taking away from you the desire of your eyes with one stroke. ***But*** *do not mourn*, nor weep, nor let your tears run down.
17“Groan silently, make no *mourning* for the *dead.* Bind your turban on your head and put your sandals on your feet. ***Do*** *not* cover your upper lip and *do not* eat man’s **bread** of *sorrow*.”
18And I spoke to the people in the morning and in the **evening** my wife *died.* And the next morning I did as I was **commanded**.
19And the people said to me, “Would you not explain to us what these *matters* you are doing mean to us?”
20And I said to them, “The **Word** of יהוה **came to me,** saying,
21‘Speak to the house of Yisra’ĕl, “Thus said the **Master** יהוה, ‘**See,** I am profaning **My** set-apart place – the pride of your strength, the desire of your eyes and the **delight** of your being. And your sons and daughters whom you left behind ***shall fall*** by the *sword.*
22‘And you ***shall*** do as I have done, do not cover your upper lip nor eat man’s **bread** of *sorrow,*
23and let your turbans remain on your heads and your sandals on your feet. ***Do*** *not mourn*, nor weep, but you ***shall*** pine away in your *crookedness*es and groan with one another.
24‘And Yeḥezqĕl ***shall*** **be** a **sign** to you. ***Do*** **according** to **all** that he has done. ***When*** this comes, **you *shall* know that I am** the **Master** יהוה.’ ”
25‘And you, son of man, on the day when I take from them their *stronghold,* the **joy** of their adorning, the desire of

their eyes and the lifting up of their being, their sons and their daughters,
[26]on that day one that has **escaped** ***shall*** come to you to let you hear it with your **ears.**
[27]'On that day your **mouth** ***shall*** **be** opened to him who has **escaped** and you ***shall*** **speak** and no longer be silent. **You** ***shall*** **be** a **sign** to them and they ***shall*** **know** that I am ꓤYHZ.' "

25 And the **Word** of ꓤYHZ **came to me,** saying,
[2]"Son of man, set your face *against* the Ammonites and prophesy *against* them.
[3]"And you ***shall*** say to the Ammonites, 'Hear the **Word** of the **Master** ꓤYHZ! Thus said the **Master** ꓤYHZ, "**Because** you said, 'Aha!' *against* **My** set-apart place when it was profaned and *against* the land of Yisra'ĕl when it was *ruined* and *against* the house of Yahuḏah when they went into exile,
[4]therefore, **see,** I am giving you as a possession to the men of the East and they ***shall*** set their encampments among you and make their dwellings among you – they ***shall*** eat your **fruit** and they ***shall*** drink your milk.
[5]"And I ***shall*** make Rabbah a pasture for camels and Ammon a resting place for flocks. And **you** ***shall*** **know that I am** ꓤYHZ."
[6]'For this is what the **Master** ꓤYHZ said, "**Because** you clapped your hands and you stamped your feet and rejoiced with **all** the *scorn* of your being *against* the land of Yisra'ĕl,
[7]therefore **see, I Myself** ***shall*** stretch out **My hand** *against* you and give you as plunder to the nations. And I ***shall cut*** you off from the peoples and make you *perish* from the lands. **I** ***shall*** *destroy* you and **you** ***shall*** **know that I am** ꓤYHZ."
[8]'This is what **Master** ꓤYHZ said, "**Because** Mo'aḇ and Sĕ'ir say, 'See, the house of Yahuḏah is *like* **all** the *gentiles*,'
[9]therefore, **see,** I am opening the flank of Mo'aḇ on the side of the cities, on the side of his cities on its frontiers, the splendour of the land, Bĕyth Yeshimoth, Ba'al Me'on and Qiryathayim,
[10]and I ***shall*** give it, **together** with the Ammonites, as a possession to the men of the East, so that the Ammonites are no more **remembered** among the nations.
[11]"Also on Mo'aḇ I *execute* judgments and they ***shall*** **know** that I am ꓤYHZ."
[12]'Thus said the **Master** ꓤYHZ, "**Because** of what Eḏom has done *against* the house of Yahuḏah by taking **vengeance**, so that they became **very** *guilty* and they have taken **vengeance** on them,"
[13]therefore thus said the **Master** ꓤYHZ, "I ***shall*** stretch out **My hand** *against* Eḏom and I ***shall cut*** *off* man and beast from it and lay it *waste* – from Tĕman even to Deḏan they ***shall fall*** by the *sword.*
[14]"And **I** ***shall*** **lay My vengeance** on Eḏom by the **hand** of **My people** Yisra'ĕl. And they ***shall*** do in Eḏom **according** to **My** *displeasure* and **according** to **My** *wrath*. So they ***shall*** **know My vengeance**," **declares** the **Master** ꓤYHZ.
[15]'Thus said the **Master** ꓤYHZ, "**Because** the Philistines have *acted* in **vengeance** and took **vengeance** with *scorn* in *their* being, to *destroy* with lasting enmity,"
[16]therefore thus said the **Master** ꓤYHZ, "**See,** I am stretching out **My hand** *against* the Philistines and I ***shall cut*** *off* the Kerĕthites and *destroy* the **remnant** of the seacoast,
[17]and *execute* **great vengeance** on them with *raging reproofs*. And they ***shall*** **know** that I am ꓤYHZ, when I lay **My vengeance** upon them." ' "

26 And it came to be in the eleventh year, on the **first** of the month, the **Word** of ꓤYHZ **came to me,** saying,
[2]"Son of man, **because** Tsor has **spoken** *against* Yerushalayim, 'Aha! She, the gateway of the peoples, has been *broken,* she has been turned over

to me. **Let** me be filled, she has been *ruined*.'

3"'Therefore thus said the **Master** ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה, '**See,** I am *against* you, O Tsor and ***shall*** **cause** many nations to **come** up *against* you, as the sea **causes** its waves to **come** up.

4'And they ***shall*** *destroy* the walls of Tsor and they ***shall*** *break down* her towers. And I ***shall*** scrape her dust from her and ***shall*** make her like a shining rock.

5'She ***shall*** **be** a place for spreading nets in the **midst** of the sea, for I have **spoken** ,' **declares** the **Master** ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה. 'And she ***shall*** become plunder for the nations,

6while her daughter villages which are in the fields are *slain* by the *sword*. And they ***shall*** **know** that I am ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה.'

7"'For thus said the **Master** ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה, '**See,** I am bringing *against* Tsor from the north Nebukadretstsar sovereign of Babel, a sovereign of sovereigns, with horses and chariots and with horsemen, even an **assembly** and many people.

8'With the *sword* he ***shall*** *slay* your daughter villages in the fields. And he ***shall*** heap up a siege mound *against* you and ***shall*** build a wall *against* you and ***shall*** **raise** a large shield *against* you,

9and set the **blow** of his battering rams *against* your walls and *break down* your towers with his weapons.

10'From his many horses, their dust ***shall*** cover you. From the noise of the horsemen and vehicles and chariots, your walls ***shall*** *shake* as he enters your gates, as men enter a city that is breached.

11'With the hooves of his horses he tramples **all** your streets, he *slay*s your people by the *sword* and the columns of your strength ***shall fall*** to the ground.

12'And they ***shall*** *plunder* your riches and they ***shall*** *loot* your merchandise. And they ***shall*** *break down* your walls and *destroy* your pleasant houses. And they ***shall*** put your stones and your timber and your dust in the **midst** of the water.

13'And I ***shall*** **cause** the sound of your songs to *cease* and let the sound of your lyres be **heard** no more.

14'And I ***shall*** make you like a shining rock and let you be a place for spreading nets, never to be rebuilt, for I ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה have **spoken** ,' **declares** the **Master** ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה.

15"'Thus said the **Master** ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה to Tsor, 'Would the coastlands not *shake* at the sound of your fall, when the *wounded* cry, when slaughter is made in your **midst**?

16'And **all** the princes of the sea ***shall*** **come** down from their thrones and they ***shall*** lay aside their robes and take off their embroidered garments and put on *trembling* and sit on the ground. And they ***shall*** *tremble* continuously and they ***shall*** **be** astonished at you.

17'And they ***shall*** take up a lamentation for you and say to you, "***How*** you have perished, O one inhabited by seafaring men, the city well-p**raised**,
who was **strong** at sea, she and her inhabitants, who put their **fear** on **all** her inhabitants!

18**Now** the coastlands *tremble* on the **day of** your fall! And the coastlands by the sea ***shall*** *shudder* at your going out." '

19"'For thus said the **Master** ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה, '***When*** I make you a *ruined* city,
like cities no longer inhabited, when I bring the deep upon you and **great** waters cover you,

20then I ***shall*** bring you down with those who go down into the ***Pit***, to the people of old. And I ***shall*** make you dwell in the lowest part of the earth, in wastes of old, with those who go to the Pit, so that *you do not* return. ***But*** **I** ***shall*** **establish** splendour in the land of the **living**.

21'I make you a *horror* and **let** you be no more. And you are sought for ***but*** never **found** again,' **declares** the **Master** ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה."

27 The **Word** of ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה came again to me, saying,

2"'**Now**, son of man, take up a

lamentation for Tsor,
3and you ***shall*** say to Tsor, ‘You who dwell at the entrance to the sea, *merchant* of the peoples on many coastlands, thus said the **Master** ֲדֹנָי, “O Tsor, you yourself have said, **‘I am perfect** in loveliness.’
4“Your borders are in the **heart** of the seas. Your builders have **perfected** your loveliness.
5“They have made **all** your timbers of fir trees from Senir. They took a cedar from Leḇanon to make a mast for you.
6“From the oaks of Bashan they made your oars. They made your deck with ivory from the coasts of Kittim.
7“Of fine embroidered linen from Mitsrayim was your sail to **serve** you as banner. Of blue and purple from the coasts of Elishah was your covering.
8“The inhabitants of Tsiḏon and Arwaḏ were your seamen. Your **wise** men, O Tsor, were in you, they were your sailors.
9“The elders of Geḇal and its **wise** men were in you repairing your seams. All the ships of the sea and their seamen were in you to trade your merchandise.
10“Those from Persia, Luḏ and Put were in your army as men of battle. Shield and helmet they hung up within you, they gave splendour to you.
11“The sons of Arwaḏ and your army were on your walls **all** around and the Gammaḏites were in your towers. They hung their shields on your walls **all** around, they **perfected** your loveliness.
12“Tarshish was your *merchant* **because** of your **great** wealth. They gave you silver, iron, tin and lead for your merchandise.
13“Yawan, Tuḇal and Meshek were your traders. They exchanged slaves and objects of bronze for your merchandise.
14“Those from the house of Toġarmah exchanged horses and horsemen and mules for your merchandise.
15“The men of Deḏan traded with you. Many isles were your market, they brought you ivory tusks and ebony as payment.
16“Aram was your *merchant* **because** of the multitude of your works. They gave you emeralds, purple and embroidery and fine linen and corals and rubies for your wares.
17“Yahuḏah and the land of Yisra’ĕl were your traders. For your merchandise they exchanged wheat of Minnith and early figs and honey and oil and balm.
18“Damascus was your *merchant* **because** of the multitude of your **works, because** of your **great** wealth of goods, with the **wine** of Ḥelbon and with white wool.
19“Weḏan and Yawan from Uzal paid for your wares, they exchanged wrought iron, cassia and cane for your *merchandise*.
20“Deḏan traded with you in saddle cloths for riding.
21“Araḇia and **all** princes of Qēḏar, were *merchants* for you. In lambs and rams and goats they were your merchants.
22“The traders of Sheḇa and Ra'mah were your traders. They paid for your wares with the choicest spices and **all** kinds of **precious** stones and gold.
23“Ḥaran and Kanneh and Ĕḏen, traders of Sheḇa, Ashshur and Kilmaḏ traded with you.
24“They traded with you in **perfect** items, in purple clothes, in embroidered garments, in chests of multi-coloured clothes, in **strong** t**wine**d cords, among your *merchandise*.
25“The ships of Tarshish were the travellers of your *merchandise*. And you were filled and richly laden in the **heart** of the seas.
26“Your seamen brought you into many waters, but the east *wind* broke you in the **heart** of the seas.
27“Your wealth and your wares, your merchandise, your mariners and your sailors, your repairers of seams and your dealers in merchandise and **all** your *fighting* men who are in you and the entire company which is in your **midst**, ***shall*** go down into the **heart** of the seas on the **day of** your fall,
28the coasts *shaking* at the sound of the cry of your sailors.

[29]"And **all** the oarsmen, the mariners, **all** the sailors of the sea ***shall*** **come** down from their ships. They ***shall*** **stand** on the shore,
[30]and they ***shall*** **raise** their **voice** and cry *bitterly* over you and *cast* dust on their heads, rolling themselves in ashes.
[31]"And they ***shall*** shave themselves bald **<u>because</u>** of you and ***shall*** gird themselves with sackcloth. And they ***shall*** *weep* for you with *bitterness* of **heart** and *bitter wailing*.
[32]"And in their *wailing* for you they ***shall*** take up a lamentation. And they ***shall*** lament for you, '***Who*** is *cut off* in the **midst** of the sea like Tsor?
[33]'***When*** your wares went out by sea, you have filled many peoples; with your **great** wealth and your merchandise you have made the sovereigns of the earth rich.
[34]'In the **time** you are broken by the seas in the depths of the waters, your merchandise and **all** your company ***shall*** ***fall*** in your **midst**.
[35]'All the inhabitants of the isles ***shall*** **be** astonished at you and their sovereigns ***shall*** **be** greatly *afraid*, their faces ***shall*** **be** troubled.
[36]'The *merchants* among the peoples ***shall*** whistle at you. You ***shall*** become a *horror* and be no more, **forever**.' "

28 And the **Word** of **יהוה** **came to me,** saying,
[2]"Son of man, say to the prince of Tsor, 'Thus said the **Master** **יהוה**, "**<u>Because</u>** your **heart** is lifted up and you say, **'I am** Ěl, I sit in the seat of **Elohim**, in the **heart** of the seas,' whereas you are a man and not Ěl, though you set your **heart** as the **heart** of **Elohim**!
[3]"Look, are you wiser than Dani'ěl? Has no **secret** been *hidden* from you?
[4]"By your **wisdom** and your **understanding** you have made riches for yourself and gathered gold and silver into your treasuries.
[5]"By your **great wisdom,** by your trade you have increased your riches and your **heart** is lifted up **<u>because</u>** of your riches."
[6]'Therefore thus said the **Master** **יהוה**, "**<u>Because</u>** you have set your **heart** as the **heart** of **Elohim**,
[7]therefore **see,** I am bringing *<u>against</u>* you strangers, the *ruthless* ones of the nations. And they ***shall*** draw their s**words** *<u>against</u>* the loveliness of your **wisdom** and they ***shall*** *profane* your splendour.
[8]"Down into the Pit they ***shall*** bring you and you ***shall*** *die* the *death* of the *slain* in the **heart** of the seas.
[9]"Would you still say before him who *slay*s you, **'I am Elohim**', whereas you are man and not Ěl, in the **hand** of him who *slay*s you?
[10]"The *death* of the *uncircumcised* you ***shall*** *die,* by the **hand** of foreigners. For I have **spoken** ," **declares** the **Master** **יהוה**.' "
[11]And the **Word** of **יהוה** **came to me,**
[12]"Son of man, take up a lamentation for the sovereign of Tsor and you ***shall*** say to him, 'Thus said the **Master** **יהוה**, "You were sealing up a pattern, **complete** in **wisdom** and **perfect** in loveliness.
[13]"You were in Ěḏen, the garden of **Elohim**. Every **precious** stone was your covering: the ruby, topaz and diamond, beryl, shoham and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and emerald and gold. The workmanship of your settings and mountings was prepared for you on the day you were created.
[14]"You were the **anointed** kerub that covered. And I placed you, you were on the set-apart mountain of **Elohim**. You walked up and down in the **midst** of stones of *fire*.
[15]"You were **perfect** in *your ways* from the day you were created, until *unrighteousness* was **found** in you.
[16]"By the greatness of your trade you became filled with *violence* within and you *sinned*. So I ***thrust*** you from the mountain of **Elohim** and I ***destroyed*** you, O covering kerub, from the **midst** of the stones of *fire*.
[17]"**Your heart** was lifted up **<u>because</u>**

of your loveliness, you *corrupted* your **wisdom** for the sake of your splendour. I threw you to the earth, I laid you before sovereigns, to look at you.
18"You *profaned* your set-apart places by your many *crookedness*es, by the *unrighteousness* of your *trading*. Therefore I brought forth *fire* from your **midst**. It has devoured you and I turned you to ashes upon the earth before the eyes of **all** who **see** you.
19"All who **knew** you among the peoples were astonished at you. Waste you ***shall* be** and cease to be **forever**." "
20And the **Word** of **꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ came to me,**
21"Son of man, set your face toward Tsiḏon and prophesy *against* her,
22and you ***shall*** say, 'Thus said the **Master ꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ**, "**See,** I am *against* you, O Tsiḏon and I ***shall* be** esteemed in your **midst**. And they ***shall* know** that I am **꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ**, when I *execute* judgments in her. And I ***shall* be** set-apart in her.
23"And **I *shall* send** *pestilence* upon her and **blood** in her streets. And the *slain* ***shall fall*** in her **midst** by the *sword against* her, from **all** sides. And they ***shall* know** that I am **꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ**.
24"There ***shall*** no longer be a pricking brier or a paining thorn for the house of Yisra'ĕl from among **all** who are around them, who *despise* them. And they ***shall* know** that I am the **Master ꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ**."
25'Thus said the **Master ꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ**, "***When*** I have **gathered** the house of Yisra'ĕl from the peoples among whom they are *scattered*, I ***shall* be** set-apart in them before the eyes of the *gentiles*. And they ***shall*** dwell in their own land which I gave to **My** servant Ya'aqoḇ.
26"And they ***shall*** dwell safely and build houses and plant vineyards and dwell safely, when I *execute* judgments on **all** those around them who *despise* them. And they ***shall* know** that I am **꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ** their **Elohim**." ' "

29 In the tenth year, in the tenth month, on the twelfth of the month, the **Word** of **꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ came to me,** saying,
2"Son of man, set your face *against* Pharaoh the sovereign of Mitsrayim and prophesy *against* him and *against* Mitsrayim, **all** of it.
3**"Speak** and you ***shall*** say, 'Thus said the **Master ꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ**, "**See,** I am *against* you, O Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim, O **great** monster who lies in the **midst** of his rivers, who has said, **'**My River is my own and I, I have made it for myself.'
4"And I ***shall*** put hooks in your jaws and I ***shall*** make the ***fish*** of your rivers **cling** to your scales. And I ***shall*** bring you up out of the **midst** of your rivers and **all** the ***fish*** in your rivers **cling** to your scales.
5"And I ***shall*** leave you in the wilderness, you and **all** the ***fish*** of your rivers. On the face of the field you ***shall fall*** and you ***shall*** not be picked up or gathered. I ***shall*** give you as food to the beasts of the field and to the birds of the **heavens.**
6"And **all** the inhabitants of Mitsrayim ***shall* know** that I am **꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ**, **because** they have been a staff of reed to the house of Yisra'ĕl.
7"***When*** they grasped you with the **hand,** you broke and tore **all** their shoulders. ***When*** they leaned on you, you broke and made **all** their loins *shake*."
8'Therefore thus said the **Master ꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ**, "**See,** I am bringing a *sword* upon you and ***shall cut*** *off* from you man and beast.
9"And the land of Mitsrayim ***shall*** become a desert and a *waste*. And they ***shall* know** that I am **꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ**, **because** he said, 'The River is mine and I have made it.'
10"Therefore **see,** I am *against* you and *against* your rivers and ***shall*** make the land of Mitsrayim an utter *waste* and a desert, from Miḡdol to Sewĕnēh, as far as the border of Kush.
11"No foot of man ***shall*** pass through it, nor foot of beast pass through it, neither ***shall*** it be inhabited for forty years.
12"And I ***shall*** make the land of Mitsrayim a desert in the **midst** of the lands that are *waste*. And among the

cities that are *ruined*, her cities ***shall*** **be** a *waste* forty years. And **I** ***shall*** *scatter* the Mitsrites among the nations and I ***shall*** *disperse* them throughout the lands."

13"'For thus said the **Master** ꓤꓨꓤꓩ, "At **the end** of forty years I ***shall*** **gather** the Mitsrites from the peoples among whom they were *scattered*.

14"'And **I** ***shall turn*** **back** the captivity of Mitsrayim and I ***shall*** bring them back to the land of Pathros, to the land of their birth and there they ***shall*** **be** a lowly reign,

15being the lowliest of reigns and never again **exalt** itself above the nations. And I ***shall*** make them **few** so as not to **rule** over the nations.

16"'And no longer is it to be the **refuge** of the house of Yisra'ĕl, bringing to **remembrance** their *crookedness* when they turned to **follow** them. And they ***shall*** **know** that I am the **Master** ꓤꓨꓤꓩ.'" '"

17And it came to be in the twenty-seventh year, in the **first** month, on the **first** of the month, that the **Word** of ꓤꓨꓤꓩ **came to me,** saying,

18"'Son of man, Nebukadretstsar sovereign of Babel made his army to **serve** a **great** service *against* Tsor, **every** head was made bald and **every** shoulder worn bare. ***But*** he and his army received no reward from Tsor, for the service he **served** *against* it.

19"'Therefore thus said the **Master** ꓤꓨꓤꓩ, '**See,** I am giving the land of Mitsrayim to Nebukadretstsar sovereign of Babel. He ***shall*** take away her wealth, take her spoil and remove her pillage and it ***shall*** **be** a reward for his army.

20'I have **given** him the land of Mitsrayim as a reward for his labour, **because** they worked for **Me,**' **declares** the **Master** ꓤꓨꓤꓩ.

21'In that day I ***shall*** make the horn of the house of Yisra'ĕl to spring forth, while I **open** your **mouth** to **speak** in their **midst**. And they ***shall*** **know** that I am ꓤꓨꓤꓩ.' "

30 And the **Word** of ꓤꓨꓤꓩ **came to me,** saying,

2"'Son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus said the **Master** ꓤꓨꓤꓩ, "*Howl*, '***Woe*** **to the day!'**

3"'For the **day** is near, even the **day of** ꓤꓨꓤꓩ is **near.** It is a **day of** clouds and the **time** of the nations.

4"'The *sword* ***shall*** **come** upon Mitsrayim and **great** anguish ***shall*** **be** in Kush, when the *slain fall* in Mitsrayim and they take away her wealth and her foundations are broken down.

5"'Kush and Put and Lud, **all** the mixed people and Kub and the sons of the land of the covenant, ***shall fall*** with them by the *sword.*"

6'Thus said ꓤꓨꓤꓩ, "Those who lean on Mitsrayim ***shall fall*** and the pride of her **power** ***shall*** **come** down. From Migdol to Sewĕnĕh those within her ***shall fall*** by the *sword,*" **declares** the **Master** ꓤꓨꓤꓩ.

7"'They ***shall*** **be** *ruined* a**midst** the wasted lands and her cities ***shall*** **be** in the **midst** of the cities that are dried up.

8"'And they ***shall*** **know** that I am ꓤꓨꓤꓩ, when I have set a *fire* in Mitsrayim and **all** her helpers are *crushed*.

9"'On that day messengers ***shall*** go forth before **Me** in ships to make the complacent Kushites *afraid* and **great** *anguish* ***shall*** **come** upon them, as on the **day of** Mitsrayim – for look, it is **coming**!"

10'Thus said the **Master** ꓤꓨꓤꓩ, "I ***shall*** **cause** the crowd of Mitsrayim to cease, by the **hand** of Nebukadretstsar sovereign of Babel.

11"He and his people with him, the *ruthless* ones of the nations, are brought to *destroy* the land. And they ***shall*** draw their s**words** *against* Mitsrayim and ***shall*** fill the land with the slain.

12"'And I ***shall*** make the rivers dry and I ***shall*** sell the land into the **hand** of *evil* ones. And **I** ***shall*** **lay** the land *waste* and **all** that is in it, by the **hand** of foreigners. I, ꓤꓨꓤꓩ, have **spoken** ."

13"Thus said the **Master** ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה, "And **I** ***shall*** *destroy* the *idols* and make an end of the *images* in Noph and there ***shall*** no longer be a prince from the land of Mitsrayim and I ***shall*** put **fear** in the land of Mitsrayim.
14"And I ***shall*** make Pathros a *waste* and I ***shall*** set *fire* to Tso'an and I ***shall*** *execute* judgments in No.
15"And I ***shall*** **pour out My wrath** on *Sin,* the stronghold of Mitsrayim. And I ***shall cut*** *off* the crowd of No.
16"And I ***shall*** set a *fire* in Mitsrayim, *sin* ***shall*** writhe in anguish, No is to be split open and Noph has adversaries daily.
17"The young men of Awen and Pi Beseth ***shall fall*** by the *sword,* while these cities go into captivity.
18"And in Teḥaphneḥes the day ***shall*** **be** darkened, when I *shatter* the yokes of Mitsrayim there. The pride of her strength ***shall*** cease in her and a cloud ***shall*** cover her. And her daughters ***shall*** go into captivity.
19"And I ***shall*** *execute* judgments on Mitsrayim and they ***shall*** **know** that I am ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה." ' "
20And it came to be in the eleventh year, in the **first** month, on the seventh of the month, that the **Word** of ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה **came to me,** saying,
21"Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim. And **see,** it has not been *bound* up for **healing,** to put a bandage to bind it, to make it **strong** to hold a *sword.*
22"Therefore thus said the **Master** ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה, 'See, I am *against* Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim and ***shall*** *break* his arms, both the **strong** one and the one that was *broken* and ***shall*** make the *sword fall* out of his **hand,**
23and ***shall*** *scatter* the Mitsrites among the nations and *disperse* them throughout the lands,
24and strengthen the arms of the sovereign of Baḇel. And I ***shall*** put **My** *sword* in his **hand.** And **I** ***shall*** *break* Pharaoh's arms and he ***shall*** groan before him with the groanings of the *slain* before him.
25'And I ***shall*** strengthen the arms of the sovereign of Baḇel, but the arms of Pharaoh ***shall fall.*** And they ***shall*** **know** that I am ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה, when I put **My** *sword* into the **hand** of the sovereign of Baḇel and he ***shall*** stretch it out *against* the land of Mitsrayim.
26'And **I** ***shall*** *scatter* the Mitsrites among the nations and I ***shall*** *disperse* them throughout the lands. And they ***shall*** **know** that I am ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה.' "

31 And it came to be in the eleventh year, in the third month, on the **first** of the month, that the **Word** of ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה **came to me,** saying,
2"Son of man, say to Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim and to his crowd, 'To whom are you to be compared in your greatness?
3'**See,** Ashshur was a cedar in Leḇanon, fair branches and forest shade and of high stature. And its top was among the thick foliage.
4'The waters made him great, the deep gave it height with its rivers running around its planting and **sent** their channels to **all** the trees of the field.
5'Therefore its height was lifted up above **all** the trees of the field and its boughs were increased and its branches became long **because** of the many waters, as it **sent** them out.
6'All the birds of the heavens made their nests in its boughs and under its branches **all** the beasts of the field gave birth. And in its shadow **all great** nations dwelt.
7'And it was fair in greatness and in the length of its branches, for its roots reached to many waters.
8'Cedars in the garden of **Elohim** *did not* hide it, fir trees were not like its boughs and the chestnut trees were not like its branches. No *tree* in the garden of **Elohim** was as pretty as it.
9'I made it pretty by its many branches, so that **all** the trees of Ěḏen which were in the garden of **Elohim** were ***jealous*** of it.'

10"'Therefore thus said the **Master** ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה, 'Because you have increased in height and it set its top among the thick foliage and its **heart** was lifted up in its height,
11'I give it into the **hand** of the *mighty one* of the nations and he ***shall*** certainly deal with it. I have *driven* it out for its *wrong.*
12'And foreigners, the most *ruthless* of the nations, ***shall cut*** it down and leave it. Its branches ***shall fall*** on the mountains and in all the valleys, its boughs *lie* broken by all the rivers of the land. **All** the peoples of the earth ***shall*** **come out** from under its shadow and *leave* it.
13'On its *ruin* ***shall*** dwell **all** the birds of the heavens and **all** the beasts of the field ***shall*** **be** on its *fallen* branches,
14so that none of the trees by the waters would **exalt** themselves **because** of their height, nor set their tops among the thick foliage and that no *tree* which drinks water would ever be high enough to reach up to them. 'For **all** of them ***shall*** **be given** up to *death,* to the depths of the earth, among the children of men who go down to the Pit.'
15"'Thus said the **Master** ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה, 'In the day when it is brought down to the grave I ***shall*** **cause** mourning. I ***shall*** cover the deep **because** of it and hold back its streams and many waters ***shall*** **be** confined. And I ***shall*** make Leḇanon *mourn* for it and **all** the trees of the field ***shall*** *wither* away **because** of it.
16'I ***shall*** make the nations *shake* at the sound of its fall, when I bring it down to the grave **together** with those who ḏescend into the Pit. And **all** the trees of Ēḏen, the choice and best of Leḇanon, **all** that drink water, ***shall*** **be** comforted in the depths of the earth.
17'They too ***shall*** go down to the *grave* with it, with those *slain* by the *sword.* And those who were its strength ***shall*** dwell in its shadows among the nations.
18'To whom are you to be compared in **esteem** and greatness among the trees in Ēḏen? ***But*** you ***shall*** **be** brought down with the trees of Ēḏen to the depths of the earth, *lie* in the **midst** of the *uncircumcised,* with those *slain* by the *sword.* This is Pharaoh and **all** his crowd,' **declares** the **Master** ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה."

32 And it came to be in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, on the **first** of the month, that the **Word** of ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה **came to me,** saying,
2"'**Son** of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim and you ***shall*** say to him, 'You were like a young lion among the nations and you are like a monster in the seas and you burst forth in your rivers and *trouble* the waters with your feet and muddy their rivers.'
3"'Thus said the **Master** ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה, 'And I ***shall*** spread **My** *net* over you with an assembly of many peoples and they ***shall*** bring you up in **My** *net*.
4'And I ***shall*** *leave* you on the land, hurl you out on the **open** fields and make **all** the birds of the heavens dwell on you. And with you I ***shall*** satisfy the beasts of **all** the earth.
5'And I ***shall*** put your *flesh* on the mountains and fill the valleys with your height,
6and water the land with the flow of your **blood** unto the mountains and let streams be filled with you.
7'And when I *extinguish* you, I ***shall*** cover the heavens and make its stars dark. I ***shall*** cover the sun with a cloud and the moon ***shall*** not give her **light**.
8'All the **bright light**s of the heavens I ***shall*** make dark over you and I ***shall*** bring *darkness* upon your land,' **declares** the **Master** ֲדֹנָי יְהוִה.
9'And I ***shall*** *trouble* the **hearts** of many peoples, when I bring your ***destruction*** among the nations, into the lands which you have not **known**.
10'And I ***shall*** make many peoples appalled at you and their sovereigns ***shall*** **be** greatly *afraid* of you when I swing **My** *sword* before them. And they ***shall*** *tremble* continually, **every** man for his own **life**, in the **day of** your fall.'

[11]"For thus said the **Master** ֲדֹנָי, 'The *sword* of the sovereign of Baḇel ***shall*** **come** upon you.
[12]'By the s**words** of the mighty men, **all** of them the *ruthless* ones of the nations, I ***shall*** make your host fall. And they ***shall*** ravage the arrogance of Mitsrayim and **all** its host ***shall*** **be destroyed**.
[13]'And **I** ***shall*** *destroy* **all** its beasts from beside its **great** waters and let the foot of man *trouble* them no more, nor let the hooves of beasts *trouble* them.
[14]'***Then*** I ***shall*** make their waters clear and make their rivers run like oil,' **declares** the **Master** ֲדֹנָי.
[15]'***When*** I lay the land of Mitsrayim *waste* and the land ***shall*** **be** stripped of **all** that once filled it, when I have *smitten* **all** who dwell in it, then they ***shall*** **know** that I am ֲדֹנָי.
[16]'This is the lamentation and they ***shall*** lament her, the daughters of the nations lament her. Over Mitsrayim and over **all** her crowd they ***shall*** lament her,' **declares** the **Master** ֲדֹנָי."
[17]And it came to be in the twelfth year, on the fifteenth of the month, that the **Word** of ֲדֹנָי **came to me,** saying,
[18]"Son of man, *wail* over the crowd of Mitsrayim and send them down to the depths of the earth, her and the daughters of the mighty nations, with those going down to the Pit.
[19]'Are you more pleasant than others? Go down, be placed with the *uncircumcised*.'
[20]"In the **midst** of those *slain* by the s**word** they fall. She ***shall*** **be given** to the sword, drawing her and **all** her crowds.
[21]"The mightiest among the mighty **speak** to him out of the **midst** of the grave with those who help him, 'They have gone down, they *lie* with the *uncircumcised*, *slain* by the *sword.*'
[22]"Ashshur is there and **all** her **assembly,** with their *graves* **all** around her, **all** of them slain, fallen by the *sword,*
[23]whose *graves* are set in the sides of the Pit and her assembly is **all** around her grave, **all** of them slain, fallen by the *sword,* **<u>because</u>** they instilled **fear** in the land of the **living**.
[24]"There is Ěylam and **all** her crowd, around her grave, **all** of them slain, fallen by the *sword,* who have gone down *uncircumcised* to the lower parts of the earth, **<u>because</u>** they instilled **fear** in the land of the **living**. And they bear their *shame* with those going down to the Pit.
[25]"They have set her bed in the **midst** of the slain, with **all** her crowd, with her *graves* **all** around it, **all** of them *uncircumcised*, *slain* by the *sword,* for the **fear** they instilled in the land of the **living**. So they **bear** their *shame* with those going down to the Pit. In the **midst** of the *slain* they have been placed.
[26]"There are Meshek and Tuḇal and **all** her crowd, with **all** their *graves* around it, **all** of them *uncircumcised*, *slain* by the *sword,* **<u>because</u>** they *instilled* **fear** in the land of the **living**.
[27]"And they ***shall*** not *lie* with the mighty who are fallen of the *uncircumcised*, who have gone down to the grave with their battle gear and whose s**words** were laid under their heads. ***But*** their *crookedness*es are on their bones, **<u>because</u>** of the **fear** of the mighty in the land of the **living**.
[28]"And you ***shall*** **be** *broken* in the midst of the *uncircumcised* and *lie* with those *slain* by the *sword.*
[29]"There is Eḏom, her sovereigns and **all** her princes, who ***shall*** **be given** up in their might, with those *slain* by the *sword.* With the *uncircumcised* they lie and with those going down to the Pit.
[30]"There are the princes of the north, **all** of them and **all** the Tsiḏonians, who have gone down with the slain, **<u>because</u>** of the **fear** they instilled. They are *ashamed* of their might. And they *lie uncircumcised* with those *slain* by the *sword* and bear their *shame* with those going down to the Pit.
[31]"Pharaoh – Pharaoh and **all** his army – ***shall*** **see** them and he ***shall*** **be** comforted for **all** his host that were *slain* by the *sword,*" **declares** the **Master** ֲדֹנָי.

32"I have put a **fear** of him in the land of the **living**, yet he ***shall* be** placed in the **midst** of the *uncircumcised* with those *slain* by the *sword* – Pharaoh and **all** his host," **declares** the **Master** ֲדֹנָי.

33 And the **Word** of ֲדֹנָי **came to me,** saying,
2"Son of man, **speak** to the children of your people and you ***shall*** say to them, '***When*** I **bring** the *sword* upon a land and the people of the land ***shall*** take a man from their borders and ***shall*** make him their **watchman**,
3and he sees the *sword* **coming** upon the land and ***shall* blow** the ram's horn and ***shall* warn** the people,
4then ***whoever shall* hear** the sound of the ram's horn and ***shall*** *not take* **warning**, ***if*** the *sword* **comes** and takes him away, his **blood** is on his *own head*.
5'**He heard** the sound of the ram's horn ***but*** he *did not* take warning and his **blood** is on himself. ***But*** he who takes **warning *shall* deliver** his being.
6'***But*** if the **watchman sees** the *sword* **coming** and ***shall*** *not* **blow** the ram's horn and the people ***shall*** *not* be **warned** and the *sword* **comes** and takes any being from among them, *he* is taken away *in* his *crookedness* and *his* **blood** I **require** at the **watchman's hand.**'
7"And you, son of man, **I have made you** a **watchman** for the house of Yisra'ĕl. And you ***shall* hear** a **Word** from **My mouth** and **you *shall* warn** them for **Me.**
8"'***When* I say** to the ***wrong,*** 'O ***wrong*** one, *you* ***shall*** certainly *die!*' and you have *not* **spoken** to **warn** the ***wrong*** from *his way***,** that ***wrong*** one ***shall*** *die* in his *crookedness* and *his* **blood** I **require** at your **hand.**
9"'***But*** when you have **warned** the ***wrong*** to turn from *his way* and *he* has not turned from *his way***,** *he* ***shall*** *die* in *his crookedness,* but you have **delivered** your being.
10"And you, O son of man, say to the house of Yisra'ĕl, 'This is what you have said, "***If*** our *transgressions* and our *sins lie* upon us and we pine away in them, how then ***shall*** we **live**?" '
11"Say to them, '**As I live**,' **declares** the **Master** ֲדֹנָי, 'I have ***no* pleasure** in the *death* of the ***wrong, but*** that the ***wrong* turn** from *his way* and **live. Turn back**, **turn back** from your *evil ways*! ***Why*** should you *die,* O house of Yisra'ĕl?'
12"And you, O son of man, say to the children of your people, 'The **righteousness** of the **righteous** man ***shall*** *not* **deliver** him in the **day of** his *transgression.* And as for the *wrongness* of the ***wrong,*** he ***shall*** not *stumble* **because** of *it* in the day that he **turns** from his *wrong.* And the **righteous *shall*** *not be able* to **live because** of his **righteousness** in the day that he *sins*.'
13"'***When*** I say to the **righteous** that he ***shall* live** and he has **trusted** in his **righteousness** and ***shall*** do *unrighteousness,* none of his **righteousness *shall* be remembered**, *but* **because** of his *unrighteousness* that he has done, he ***shall*** *die.*
14"'Again, when I say to the ***wrong,*** '*You* ***shall*** certainly *die,*' if he **turns** from his *sin* and does **right** and **righteousness**,
15***if*** the ***wrong* restores** the **pledge**, gives back what he has *stolen* and **walks** in the **laws of life** *without* doing *crookedness,* he ***shall*** certainly **live**; he ***shall*** not *die.*
16"'None of his *sins* which he has committed ***shall* be remembered** *against* him – he has done **right** and **righteousness**; he ***shall*** certainly **live.**
17"'The children of your people have said, '**The way** of ֲדֹנָי is *not* fair.' ***But it is their way which is not fair!***
18"'***When*** the **righteous** *turns* from his **righteousness** and does *unrighteousness,* he ***shall*** *die* **because** of *it*.
19"'***When*** the ***wrong* turns** from his *wrongness* and does **right** and **righteousness**, he ***shall* live because** of **it**.

20"And you have said, 'The way of יהוה is not fair.' O house of Yisra'ĕl, I *shall* judge every one of you according to his own ways."

21And it came to be in the twelfth year of our exile, in the tenth month, on the fifth of the month, that one who had escaped from Yerushalayim came to me and said, "The city has been smitten!"

22And the hand of יהוה came upon me the evening before the man came who had escaped. And He had opened my mouth, before he came to me in the morning. And my mouth was opened and I was no longer silent.

23*Then* the Word of יהוה came to me, saying,

24"Son of man, they who inhabit those ruins in the land of Yisra'ĕl are saying, 'Aḇrahim was only one and he inherited the land. *But* we are many, let the land be given to us as a possession.'

25"Therefore say to them, 'Thus said the Master יהוה, "You eat meat with blood and you lift up your eyes toward your *idols* and shed blood. *Should* you then possess the land?

26"You depend on your *sword* and you *commit* abominations and each of you defiles his neighbour's wife. *Should* you then possess the land?" '

27"Say this to them, 'Thus said the Master יהוה, "As I live, those who are in the ruins *shall fall* by the *sword* and the one who is in the open field I *shall* give to the beasts to be *devoured* and those who are in the *strongholds* and caves *shall die* of the *pestilence.*

28"And I *shall* make the land a desert and a *waste,* the arrogance of her strength *shall* cease and the mountains of Yisra'ĕl *shall* be a *waste,* with none passing through.

29"And they *shall* know that I am יהוה, when I have made the land a *desert* and a *waste,* because of all their abominations which they have done." '

30"As for you, son of man, the children of your people are talking about you beside the walls and in the doors of the houses. And they speak to each other, each saying to his brother, 'Please come and hear what the Word is that comes from יהוה.'

31"And they come to you as people do and they sit before you as My people and they hear your words, *but they do not do them*. For with their mouth they show much love – their hearts pursue their *greedy gain.*

32"And see, you are to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and playing well on an instrument. And they hear your words *but they do not do them*.

33"And when it comes – see, it *shall* come – then they *shall* know that a prophet has been in their midst."

34 And the Word of יהוה came to me, saying,

2"Son of man, prophesy *against* the shepherds of Yisra'ĕl, prophesy and say to them, 'Thus said the Master יהוה to the shepherds, "*Woe* to the *shepherds* of Yisra'ĕl who have been feeding themselves! *Should* not the *shepherds* feed the flock?

3"You eat the fat and you put on the wool. You slaughter the fatlings – *you do not* feed the flock.

4"You have *not* strengthened the weak, *nor* have you healed the *sick, nor bound* up the *broken, nor* brought back the *straying, nor* sought what was lost; *but* you have *ruled* them with *might* and *harshness.*

5"And they were *scattered* because there was no shepherd. And they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were *scattered*.

6"My sheep wandered through all the mountains and on every high hill. And My sheep were *scattered* over all the face of the earth and no one was seeking or *searching* for them."

7'Therefore, you *shepherds*, hear the Word of יהוה:

8"As I live," declares the Master יהוה, "because My flock became a prey and My flock became food for every beast of the field, from not having

a shepherd and **My** *shepherds did not* **search** for **My** flock, but the *shepherds* fed themselves and *did not* feed **My** flock,"
[9]therefore, O *shepherds*, **hear** the **Word** of ֲדֹנָי!
[10]'Thus said the **Master** ֲדֹנָי, "**See,** I am *against* the shepherds and ***shall*** **require My** flock at their **hand** and ***shall*** make them *cease* feeding the sheep and the *shepherds* ***shall*** feed themselves *no more*. I ***shall*** **deliver My** flock from their mouths and they ***shall*** no longer be food for them."
[11]'For thus said the **Master** ֲדֹנָי, "**See, I Myself *shall* search** for **My sheep and seek them out.**
[12]"As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his *scattered* sheep, so I ***shall*** **seek** out **My sheep** and **deliver** them from **all** the places where they were *scattered* in a **day of** cloud and thick *darkness*.
13"And I ***shall*** bring them out from the peoples and **gather** them from the lands and ***shall*** bring them to their own land. And I ***shall*** **feed** them on the mountains of Yisra'ĕl, in the valleys and in **all** the dwellings of the land.
[14]"In **good** pasture I ***shall*** **feed** them and their fold ***shall*** **be** on the high mountains of Yisra'ĕl. They ***shall*** *lie* there in a **good** fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Yisra'ĕl.
[15]"I ***shall*** **feed My flock** and make them lie down," **declares** the **Master** ֲדֹנָי.
[16]"I *shall* seek out the *lost* and bring back the strayed. And I *shall* bind up the broken and strengthen what was *sick,* **but the fat and the strong I *shall* destroy. I *shall* feed them with right-ruling."**
[17]'And as for you, O **My flock**, thus said the **Master** ֲדֹנָי, "**See,** I am **judging** between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats.
[18]"Is it not enough for you to have eaten up the **good** pasture and the rest of your pasture you trample with your feet. Or that you should drink of the clear waters and the rest you muddy with your feet?
[19]"And as for **My flock**, they eat what you have ***trampled*** with your feet and they drink what you have ***muddied*** with your feet."
[20]'Therefore thus said the **Master** ֲדֹנָי to them, "**See, I Myself *shall* judge** between fat and lean sheep.
[21]"**Because** you have *pushed* with flank and shoulder and ***thrust*** at **all** the weak ones with your horns and *scattered* them abroad,
[22]therefore I ***shall*** **save My flock** and **let** them no longer be a prey. And I ***shall*** **judge** between sheep and sheep.
[23]"And I ***shall*** **raise** up over them one shepherd, **My** servant Dawiḏ and he ***shall*** feed them. **He *shall*** feed them and be their **shepherd**.
[24]"And I, ֲדֹנָי, ***shall*** **be** their **Elohim** and **My** servant Dawiḏ a prince in their **midst**. I, ֲדֹנָי, have **spoken** .
[25]"And I ***shall*** make a **covenant** of **peace** with them and make *evil* beasts *cease* from the land. And they ***shall*** dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the forest.
[26]"I ***shall*** make them and the places **all** around **My** hill a blessing and ***shall*** **cause** showers to **come** down in their season, showers of **blessing** they are.
[27]"And the trees of the field ***shall*** yield their **fruit** and the earth yield her increase and they ***shall*** **be safe** in their land. And they ***shall*** **know** that I am ֲדֹנָי, when I have *broken* the bars of their yoke. I ***shall*** **deliver** them from the **hand** of those who *enslaved* them,
[28]and they ***shall*** no longer be a prey for the *gentiles* and the beast of the earth ***shall*** not *devour* them. They ***shall*** dwell safely, with no one to make them *afraid*.
[29]"And I ***shall*** **raise** up for them a planting place of name and they ***shall*** no longer be *consumed* by hunger in the land nor bear the *shame* of the *gentiles* any more.
[30]"And they ***shall*** **know** that I, ֲדֹנָי their **Elohim**, am with them and that they, the **house of Yisra'ĕl**, are **My people**," **declares** the **Master** ֲדֹנָי.' "
[31]"And you, **My flock**, the flock of **My** pasture, are **men** and I am your **Elohim**," **declares Master** ֲדֹנָי.' "

35 And the **Word** of ֵיהוָה **came to me,** saying,
[2]"Son of man, set your face *against* Mount Sĕʿir and prophesy *against* it,
[3]and you ***shall*** say to it, 'Thus said the **Master** ֵיהוָה, "**See,** O Mount Sĕʿir, I am *against* you and ***shall*** stretch out **My hand** *against* you and ***shall*** make you a *ruin* and a *waste.*
[4]"**Your** cities I *destroy* and **let** you be a *ruin.* And **you *shall* know that I am** ֵיהוָה.
[5]"**Because** you have had a continuous *enmity* and handed the children of Yisra'ĕl over to the **power** of the *sword* at the **time** of their *calamity*, at the **time** of the *crookedness* of **the end.**
[6]"Therefore, **as I live," declares** the **Master** ֵיהוָה, "I ***shall* appoint** you for **blood** and let **blood** pursue you. Since you *did not hate* **blood,** therefore **blood *shall*** pursue you.
[7]"And I ***shall*** make Mount Sĕʿir a *ruin* and a *waste* and *cut off* from it the one who leaves and the one who returns,
[8]and ***shall*** fill its mountains with the slain, those *slain* by the *sword* falling on your hills and in your valleys and in **all** your ravines.
[9]"I ***shall*** make you an **everlasting** *ruin* and your cities uninhabited. And **you *shall* know that I am** ֵיהוָה.
[10]"**Because** you have said, 'These two nations and these two lands are mine and we ***shall*** **possess** them,' although ֵיהוָה was there,
[11]therefore, **as I live," declares** the **Master** ֵיהוָה, "I ***shall*** do **according** to your *displeasure* and **according** to your *envy* which you showed in your hatred *against* them. And I ***shall*** make **Myself known** among them when I **judge** you.
[12]"And **you *shall* know that I am** ֵיהוָה. I have **heard all** your *scorns* which you have **spoken** *against* the mountains of Yisra'ĕl, saying, 'They are *laid waste* and they were **given** to us for food.'
[13]"And with your **mouth** you have boasted *against* **Me** and increased your **words** *against* **Me – I Myself have heard**."
[14]'Thus said the **Master** ֵיהוָה, "As **all** the earth is rejoicing I ***shall*** make you a *ruin.*
[15]"As you rejoiced **because** the **inheritance** of the house of Yisra'ĕl was *laid waste,* so I do to you: be a *ruin,* O Mount Sĕʿir, as well as **all** of Eḏom, **all** of it! And they ***shall* know** that I am ֵיהוָה." '

36 "And you, son of man, **prophesy** to the mountains of Yisra'ĕl and you ***shall*** say, 'O mountains of Yisra'ĕl, **hear** the **Word** of ֵיהוָה!
[2]'Thus said the **Master** ֵיהוָה, "**Because** the enemy has said of you, 'Aha! The heights of old have become our possession,' " '
[3]therefore **prophesy** and you ***shall*** say, 'Thus said the **Master** ֵיהוָה, "**Because** they *laid* you *waste* and swallowed you up on **every** side, so that you became the possession of the rest of the *gentiles* and you are taken up by the lips of talkers and *slandered* by the people,"
[4]therefore, O mountains of Yisra'ĕl, **hear** the **Word** of the **Master** ֵיהוָה! Thus said the **Master** ֵיהוָה to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, the valleys, the deserted ruins and to the cities that have been ***forsaken***, which became a prey and a *mocking* to the rest of the *gentiles* **all** around;
[5]therefore thus said the **Master** ֵיהוָה, "Have I not **spoken** in **My** *burning jealousy against* the rest of the *gentiles* and *against* **all** Eḏom, who gave **My land** to themselves as a possession, with **all joy** of **heart,** with *scorn* in their being, to *drive* it out for a prey?" '
[6]"Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Yisra'ĕl and you ***shall*** say to mountains and to hills, to rivers and to valleys, 'Thus said the **Master** ֵיהוָה, "**See,** I have **spoken** in **My** *jealousy* and **My** *wrath*, **because** you have borne the *shame* of the *gentiles*."
[7]'Therefore thus said the **Master**

ꓤYHZ, "I have lifted **My hand** in an **oath** that the *gentiles* that are around you ***shall*** bear their own *shame.*

8"'***But*** you, O mountains of Yisra'ĕl, put forth your branches and bear your **fruit** to **My people** Yisra'ĕl, for they are about to **come!**

9"For look, I am for you and **I *shall turn*** to you and you ***shall*** **be** tilled and sown.

10"And I ***shall*** increase men upon you, **all** the house of Yisra'ĕl, **all** of it. And the cities ***shall*** **be** inhabited and the ruins rebuilt.

11"And I ***shall*** increase upon you man and beast and they ***shall*** increase and bear young. And I ***shall*** make you inhabited as of old and do better for you than at your beginnings. And **you *shall* know that I am ꓤYHZ**.

12"And I ***shall*** let men, **My people Yisra'ĕl**, **walk** upon you and let them **possess** you and you ***shall*** **be** their inheritance and no longer let you add to their bereavement."

13'Thus said the **Master ꓤYHZ**, "**Because** they say to you, 'You *devour* men and have bereaved your nation,'

14therefore you ***shall*** no longer *devour* men and no longer bereave your nation," **declares** the **Master ꓤYHZ**.

15"And no longer ***shall*** I let you **hear** the *insults* of the *gentiles.* And the *reproach* of the peoples you ***shall*** bear no more and no longer **cause** your nations to *stumble,*" **declares** the **Master ꓤYHZ**.' "

16And the **Word** of **ꓤYHZ came to me,**

17"Son of man, when the house of Yisra'ĕl dwelt in their own land, they *defiled* it by their *own ways* and *deeds*. To **Me** *their way* was like the *uncleanness* of a *woman* in her *monthly period*.

18"***So*** I **poured out My** *wrath* on them for the **blood** they had shed on the land and for their *idols* they *defiled* it.

19"***And*** I *scattered* them among the *gentiles* and they were *dispersed* throughout the lands. I have judged them **according** to their *ways* and their *deeds*.

20"And when they came to the *gentiles,* wherever they went, they *profaned* **My set-apart Name** for it was said of them, 'These are the people of **ꓤYHZ** and yet they have gone out of **His** land.'

21"***But*** I had **compassion** on **My set-apart Name**, which the house of Yisra'ĕl had *profaned* among the *gentiles* wherever they went.

22"Therefore say to the house of Yisra'ĕl, 'Thus said the **Master ꓤYHZ**, "I *do not* do this for your sake, O house of Yisra'ĕl, but for **My set-apart Name's sake,** which you have *profaned* among the *gentiles* wherever you went.

23"And I ***shall*** set-apart **My great Name,** which has been *profaned* among the *gentiles,* which you have *profaned* in their **midst**. And the *gentiles* ***shall*** **know** that I am **ꓤYHZ**," **declares** the **Master ꓤYHZ, "when I am set-apart in you before their eyes.**

24"And I ***shall*** **take** you from among the *gentiles* and I ***shall*** **gather** you out of **all** lands and I ***shall*** **bring** you into your own land.

25"And I ***shall*** **sprinkle clean** water on you and you ***shall*** **be clean** – from **all** your *filthiness* and from **all** your *idols* I **cleanse** you.

26"'I *shall* give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you and I *shall* take the heart of stone out of your *flesh* and I *shall* give you a heart of *flesh,*

27and put My Spirit within you. And I *shall* cause you to walk in My laws and guard My right-rulings and *shall* do them.

28"And you ***shall*** dwell in the land that I **gave** to your fathers and you ***shall*** **be My people** and I ***shall*** **be** your **Elohim**.

29"I ***shall*** **save** you from **all** your uncleannesses and I ***shall*** **call** for the grain and increase it and ***shall*** bring no *scarcity of food* upon you.

30"And I ***shall*** increase the **fruit** of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the *reproach* of *scarcity of food* among the *gentiles.*

31"And you ***shall remember*** your *evil* **ways** and your **deeds** that were not

good. And you ***shall*** loathe yourselves in your own eyes, for your *crookedness*es and your **abominations**.

[32]"Not for your sake am I acting," **declares** the **Master** ADNY, "**let it be known** to you. Be *ashamed* and blush for your ways, O house of Yisra'ĕl!"

[33]'Thus said the **Master** ADNY, "On the day that I **cleanse** you from **all** your *crookedness*es, I ***shall*** **cause** the cities to be inhabited and the *ruined* places ***shall*** **be** rebuilt,

[34]and the land that was laid *waste* tiled instead of being a *ruin* before the eyes of **all** who pass by.

[35]"'And they ***shall*** say, 'This land that was laid *waste* has become like the garden of Ĕḏen. And the wasted, the deserted and the ***destroyed*** cities are **now** walled and inhabited.'

[36]"'***Then*** the *gentiles* which are left **all** around **you** ***shall*** **know** that I, ADNY, have rebuilt the ***destroyed*** places and planted what was laid *waste*. I, ADNY, have **spoken** it and I ***shall*** do it."

[37]'Thus said the **Master** ADNY, "Once again I ***shall*** let the house of Yisra'ĕl **inquire** of **Me** to do for them: I ***shall*** increase their men like a flock.

[38]"'As a set-apart flock, as the flock at Yerushalayim at her **appointed times,** so ***shall*** the wasted cities be filled with flocks of men. And they ***shall*** **know** that I am ADNY.' "

37 The **hand** of ADNY was upon me and took me out by the **Spirit** of ADNY and set me down in the **midst** of the valley. And it was filled with bones.

[2]And **He** made me pass among them, **all** around and **see,** there were **very** many on the surface of the valley and **see,** they were **very** dry.

[3]And **He** said to me, "Son of man, would these bones live?" And I said, "O **Master** ADNY, **You know.**"

[4]Again **He** said to me, "**Prophesy** to these bones and you ***shall*** say to them, **'O dry bones, hear the Word of ADNY!**

[5]'Thus said the **Master** ADNY to these bones, "**See,** I **am bringing into you a spirit and you *shall* live.**

[6]**"'I *shall* put sinews on you and bring *flesh* upon you and cover you with skin and put a spirit in you and you *shall* live. You *shall* know that I am ADNY.'" "**

[18]"'And when the children of your people **speak** to you, saying, 'Won't you **show** us what you mean by these?'

[7]And I prophesied as I was **commanded**. And as I **prophesied,** there was a noise and there was a rattling. And the bones came together, bone to bone.

[8]And I **looked** and **saw** sinews and *flesh* came upon them and skin covered them, but there was no spirit in them.

[9]**He** then said to me, "**Prophesy** to the spirit, **prophesy,** son of man and you ***shall*** say to the spirit,

'Thus said the **Master** ADNY, **"Come** from the four winds, O spirit and breathe on these slain, so that they **live.**" ' "

[10]And I prophesied as **He commanded** me and the spirit came into them and they lived and stood upon their feet, a **very great** army.

[11]And **He** said to me, "Son of man, these bones are **all** the house of Yisra'ĕl. **See,** they say, 'Our bones are dry, our expectancy has *perished* and we ourselves have been *cut* off!'

[12]"'Therefore **prophesy** and you ***shall*** say to them, 'Thus said the **Master** ADNY, "**See,** O **My people**, I am opening your *graves* and ***shall*** bring you up from your *graves* and ***shall*** bring you into the land of Yisra'ĕl.

[13]"'And **you *shall* know that I am** ADNY, when I **open** your *graves*, O **My people** and bring you up from your *graves*.

[14]"'And I ***shall*** put **My Spirit** in you and you ***shall*** **live** and I ***shall*** settle you in your own land. **And you *shall* know** that I ADNY have **spoken** and I have done it," **declares** ADNY.' "

[15]And the **Word** of ADNY **came to me,** saying,

[16]"'And you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and **write** on it, 'For Yahuḏah

and for the children of Yisra'ĕl, his companions.' ***Then*** take another stick and **write** on it, 'For Yosĕph, the stick of Ephrayim and for **all** the house of Yisra'ĕl, his companions.'

17"***Then*** bring them **together** for yourself into one stick and they ***shall*** become one in your **hand.**

19say to them, 'Thus said the **Master** ֵיהוָה, "**See,** I am taking the stick of Yosĕph, which is in the **hand** of Ephrayim and the tribes of Yisra'ĕl, his companions. And I ***shall*** give them unto him, with the stick of Yahuḏah and make them one stick and they ***shall*** **be** one in **My hand.**" '

20"And the sticks on which you **write** ***shall*** **be** in your **hand** before their eyes.

21"And **speak** to them, 'Thus said the **Master** ֵיהוָה, "**See,** I am taking the children of Yisra'ĕl from among the *gentiles,* wherever they have gone and ***shall*** **gather** them from **all** around and I ***shall*** bring them into their land.

22"And I ***shall*** make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Yisra'ĕl. And one sovereign ***shall*** **be** sovereign over them **all** and let them no longer be two nations and let them no longer be divided into two reigns.

23"And they ***shall*** no longer *defile* themselves with their *idols,* nor with their disgusting matters, nor with any of their *transgressions*. And I ***shall*** **save** them from **all** their dwelling places in which they have *sinned* and I ***shall*** **cleanse** them. And they ***shall*** **be My people** and I be their **Elohim**,

24while Dawiḏ **My** servant is sovereign over them. And they ***shall*** **all** have one shepherd and **walk** in **My right-rulings** and **guard My laws** and ***shall*** do them.

25"And they ***shall*** dwell in the land that I have **given** to Ya'aqoḇ **My** servant, where your fathers dwelt. And they ***shall*** dwell in it, they and their children and their children's children, **forever** and **My** servant Dawiḏ be their prince **forever**.

26"And I ***shall*** make a **covenant** of **peace** with them – an **everlasting covenant** it is with them. And I ***shall*** place them and increase them and ***shall*** place **My** set-apart place in their **midst**, **forever**.

27"And **My Dwelling Place *shall* be** over them. And I ***shall*** **be** their **Elohim** and they ***shall*** **be My people**.

28"And the *gentiles* ***shall*** **know** that I, ֵיהוָה, am setting Yisra'ĕl apart, when **My** set-apart place is in their **midst** – **forever**." ' "

38 And the **Word** of ֵיהוָה **came to me,** saying,

2"**Son** of man, set your face *against* Goḡ, of the land of Maḡoḡ, the prince of Rosh, Meshek and Tuḇal and prophesy *against* him.

3"And you ***shall*** say, 'Thus says the **Master** ֵיהוָה, "**See,** I am *against* you, O Goḡ, the prince of Rosh, Meshek and Tuḇal.

4"And **I *shall turn*** you around and I ***shall*** put hooks into your jaws and ***shall*** lead you out, with **all** your army, horses and horsemen, clad perfectly, a **great** assembly with armour and shields, **all** of them handling s**words**.

5"Persia, Kush and Put are with them, **all** of them with shield and helmet,

6"Gomer and **all** its bands, the house of Toḡarmah from the far north and **all** its bands, many peoples with you.

7"Be ready, **prepare** yourself, you and **all** your assemblies that are **assembled** unto you. And you ***shall*** **be** a **guard** for them.

8"After many days you ***shall*** **be** called up. In the **latter** years you ***shall*** **come** into the land of those brought back from the *sword* and gathered from many people on the mountains of Yisra'ĕl, which had been a continual *waste.* ***But*** they were brought out of the *gentiles* and **all** of them ***shall*** dwell safely.

9"And you ***shall*** go up, **coming** like a *storm,* covering the land like a cloud, you and **all** your bands and many peoples with you."

10"Thus said the **Master** ֵיהוָה, "And it ***shall*** **be** in that day that **words** arise in

your **heart** and you ***shall*** devise an *evil* plan:
[11]"And you ***shall*** say, '**Let** me go up *against* a land of unwalled villages, let me go to those at rest who dwell safely, **all** of them dwelling without walls and having neither bars nor gates,'
[12]to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out your **hand** *against* the *waste* places that are again inhabited and *against* a people gathered from the *gentiles,* acquiring livestock and goods, who dwell in the middle of the land.
[13]"Sheḇa and Dedan and the *merchants* of Tarshish and **all** their young lions ***shall*** say to you, 'Have you **come to** take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to bear away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take **great** plunder?' " '
[14]"Therefore, son of man, **prophesy** and you ***shall*** say to Goḡ, 'Thus said the **Master** ה'ת'ז, "In that day when **My people** Yisra'ĕl dwell safely, would you not **know?**
[15]"And you ***shall*** **come** from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, **all** of them riding on horses, a **great** assembly and a mighty army.
[16]"And you ***shall*** **come** up *against* **My people** Yisra'ĕl like a cloud, to cover the land – in the **latter** days it ***shall*** **be.** And I ***shall*** bring you *against* **My** land, **in order** that the *gentiles* **know Me,** when I am set-apart in you, O Goḡ, before their eyes."
[17]'Thus said the **Master** ה'ת'ז, "Are you the one I spoke of in former days by **My servants** the prophets of Yisra'ĕl, who prophesied for years in those days, to bring you *against* them?
[18]"And it ***shall*** **be** on that day, on the day when Goḡ **comes** *against* the land of Yisra'ĕl," **declares** the **Master** ה'ת'ז, "that **My** *wrath* ***shall*** **come** up in **My** face.
[19]"For in **My** *jealousy* and in the *fire* of **My** *wrath* I have **spoken**, 'On that day there ***shall*** **be** a **great** *shaking* in the land of Yisra'ĕl,
[20]so that the fish of the sea and the birds of the heavens and the beasts of the field and **all** creeping creatures that creep on the earth and *all men* who are on the face of the earth ***shall*** *shake* at **My** presence. And the mountains ***shall*** **be** *thrown* down and the steep places ***shall fall*** and **every** wall *fall* to the ground.'
[21]"And I ***shall*** **call** for a *sword* *against* Goḡ on **all My** mountains," **declares** the **Master** ה'ת'ז, "the *sword* of each one being *against* his brother.
[22]"And I ***shall*** **judge** him with *pestilence* and **blood** and rain down flooding rain and hailstones, *fire* and sulphur, on him and on his bands and on the many peoples who are with him.
[23]"And I ***shall*** **exalt Myself** and set **Myself** apart and I ***shall*** **be known** *in the eyes* of many nations. They ***shall*** **know** that I am ה'ת'ז." '

39 "And you, son of man, prophesy *against* Goḡ and you ***shall*** say, 'Thus said the **Master** ה'ת'ז, "**See,** I am *against* you, O Goḡ, the prince of Rosh, Meshek and Tuḇal,
[2]and ***shall turn*** you around and lead you on and bring you up from the uttermost parts of the north and bring you *against* the mountains of Yisra'ĕl,
[3]and ***shall*** *smite* the bow out of your left **hand** and make the arrows *fall* from your **right hand.**
[4]"On the mountains of Yisra'ĕl you ***shall fall,*** you and **all** your bands and the peoples who are with you. To the birds of prey of **every** sort and to the beasts of the field I ***shall*** give you for food.
[5]"On the face of the field you ***shall fall,*** for I have **spoken**," **declares** the **Master** ה'ת'ז.
[6]"And **I** ***shall*** **send** *fire* upon Maḡoḡ and on those who **live** undisturbed in the coastlands. And they ***shall*** **know** that I am ה'ת'ז.
[7]"**And I shall make My set-apart Name known in the midst of My people Yisra**'ĕl **and not let My set-apart Name** *be profaned* any more. And the *gentiles* ***shall*** **know** that I am ה'ת'ז,

the **Set-apart One** in Yisra'ĕl.
8"**See,** it ***shall*** come and it ***shall*** **be** done," **declares** the **Master** יהוה. "This is the **day of** which I have **spoken.**
9"And those who inhabit the cities of Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** go out and set on *fire* and burn the weapons, both the shields and armour, the clubs and spears. And they ***shall*** make *fire*s with them for seven years,
10and take no ***wood*** from the field nor *cut down* any from the forests, for with the weapons they make *fire*. And they ***shall*** plunder those who plundered them and loot those who looted them," **declares** the **Master** יהוה.
11"And it ***shall*** **be** on that day that I give Goḡ a burial site there in Yisra'ĕl, the valley of those passing by east of the sea and stopping those passing by, **because** there they ***shall*** bury Goḡ and **all** his crowd and ***shall*** **call** it the Valley of Hamon Goḡ.
12"And the house of Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** bury them for seven months, **in order** to **cleanse** the land.
13"And **all** the people of the land ***shall*** bury them and it ***shall*** **be** for a **Name** to them on the day that I am esteemed," **declares** the **Master** יהוה.
14"And they ***shall*** separate men who continually pass through the land, burying those who were passing through, those left on the surface of the ground, **in order** to **cleanse** it. At **the end** of seven months they ***shall*** search,
15and those passing through ***shall*** pass through the land and when anyone sees a man's bone, he ***shall*** set up a **sign** beside it, til the buriers have buried it in the Valley of Hamon Goḡ.
16"And also a city named Hamonah ***shall*** **be** there. So they ***shall*** **cleanse** the land." '
17"And you, son of man, thus said the **Master** יהוה, 'Speak to **every** sort of bird and to **every** beast of the field, "**Assemble** yourselves and come, **gather** from **all** around to **My** offering which I am slaughtering for you, a **great** offering on the mountains of Yisra'ĕl and you ***shall*** eat *flesh* and drink blood.
18"Eat the *flesh* of the mighty, drink the **blood** of the princes of the earth, of rams and lambs, of goats and bulls, **all** of them fatlings of Bashan.
19"And you ***shall*** eat fat til you are filled and drink **blood** til you are drunk, at **My** offering which I am slaughtering for you.
20"And you ***shall*** **be satisfied** at **My** table with horses and riders, with mighty men and with **all** the men of battle," **declares** the **Master** יהוה.
21"And I ***shall*** set **My esteem** among the *gentiles.* And **all** *gentiles* ***shall*** **see** **My** judgment which I have *executed* and **My hand** which I have laid on them.
22"And the house of Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** **know** that I am יהוה their **Elohim** from that day onward.
23"And the *gentiles* ***shall*** **know** that the house of Yisra'ĕl went into exile for their *crookedness,* **because** they have trespassed *against* **Me,** so that I hid **My** face from them and I gave them into the **hand** of their adversaries and they **all** fell by the *sword.*
24"According to their *uncleanness* and **according** to their *transgressions* I have dealt with them and *hidden* **My** face from them." '
25"Therefore thus said the **Master** יהוה, 'Now I am going to bring back the captives of Ya'aqoḇ. And I ***shall*** have **compassion** on **all** the house of Yisra'ĕl and ***shall*** **be** ***jealous*** for **My** set-apart **Name**.
26'And they ***shall*** have borne their shame and **all** their *trespass* they committed *against* **Me,** when they dwell safely in their own land, with none to make them *afraid*,
27when I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of the lands of their enemies. And I ***shall*** **be** set-apart in them before the eyes of many *gentiles.*
28'And they ***shall*** **know** that I am יהוה their **Elohim**, who **sent** them into exile among the *gentiles* and then gathered them back to their own land and left none of them behind.
29'And no longer do I hide **My** face

from them, for I ***shall*** have **poured out My Spirit** on the house of Yisra'ĕl,' **declares** the **Master** ֵיהוָה.”

40 In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was smitten, on that **same** day the **hand** of ֵיהוָה came upon me and **He** brought me there.

[2]In **visions** of **Elohim He** brought me into the land of Yisra'ĕl and set me on a **very** high mountain and upon it toward the south was as the structure of a city.

[3]So **He** brought me there and look, a man whose appearance was like the appearance of bronze and a line of flax and a measuring **rod** in his **hand** and he stood in the gateway.

[4]And the man said to me, “Son of man, **see** with your eyes and **hear** with your **ears** and set your **heart** on **all** that I am showing you, for you were brought here **in order** to **show** them to you. **Declare** to the house of Yisra'ĕl **all** that you are seeing.”

[5]And look: a wall **all** around the outside of the House and in the man's **hand** a measuring **rod** six cubits long, each being a cubit and a handbreadth. And he measured the width of the wall structure, one rod and the height one rod.

[6]***Then*** he came to the gate facing east. And he went up its stairs and measured the threshold of the gate, one **rod** wide and the other threshold, one **rod** wide,

[7]and the *little* room one **rod** long and one **rod** wide and between the *little* rooms a space of five cubits. And the threshold of the gate inwards from the porch of the gate was one rod.

[8]***Then*** he measured the porch of the inside gate, one rod.

[9]And he measured the porch of the gate, eight cubits and its posts two cubits. And the porch of the gate was on the inside.

[10]And the *little* rooms of the east gate three on one side and three on the other, **all** three of the **same** size. And posts were of the **same** size on this side and that side.

[11]And he measured the width of the entrance of the gate, ten cubits and the length of the gate thirteen cubits.

[12]And the border in front of the *little* rooms, one cubit on this side and one cubit on that side. And the gate room was six cubits on this side and six cubits on that side.

[13]And he measured the gate from the roof of one *little* room to the roof of the other, the width was twenty-five cubits, **door** to **door.**

[14]And he measured the posts, sixty cubits high, even to the post of the courtyard **all** around the gate.

[15]And from the front of the entrance gate to the front of the porch of the inner gate was fifty cubits.

[16]And there were narrowed window frames in the *little* rooms and to their posts at the inside of the gate **all** around and for the porches too. And there were windows **all** around on the inside. And on each post were palm trees.

[17]And he brought me into the outer courtyard and look, rooms and a pavement made **all** around the courtyard, thirty rooms on the pavement.

[18]And the pavement was by the side of the gates, equal to the length of the gates – the lower pavement.

[19]And he measured the width from the front of the lower gate to the front of the inner courtyard on the outside, one hundred cubits toward the east and the north.

[20]And the gate of the outer courtyard facing north he measured its length and its width.

[21]And its *little* rooms, three on this side and three on that side, its posts and its porches, had the **same** measurements as the **first** gate, its length was fifty cubits and its width twenty-five cubits.

[22]And its windows and its porches and its palm trees, had the **same** measurements as the gate facing east. And they went up to it by seven steps and its porch was in front of it.

[23]And the gate of the inner courtyard

was opposite the northern gate and at the eastern gate. And he measured from gate to gate, one hundred cubits.
[24]And he took me toward the south and look, a gate toward the south. And he measured its posts and porches **according** to these measurements.
[25]And windows were in it and in its porches **all** around like those windows, its length was fifty cubits and its width twenty-five cubits.
[26]And seven steps led up to it and its porch was in front of them. And it had palm trees on its posts, one on this side and one on that side.
[27]And the inner courtyard had a gate toward the south. And he measured from gate to gate toward the south, one hundred cubits.
[28]And he brought me to the inner court yard through the south gate and he measured the southern gate **according** to these measurements.
[29]And its *little* rooms and its posts and its porches were **according** to these measurements. And windows were in it and in its porches **all** around – fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.
[30]And there were porches **all** around, twenty-five cubits long and five cubits wide.
[31]And its porches were toward the outer courtyard and palm trees were on its posts and eight steps led up to it.
[32]And he brought me into the inner courtyard toward the east and he measured the gate **according** to these measurements.
[33]And its *little* rooms and its posts and its porches were **according** to these measurements. And windows were in it and in its porches **all** around – fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.
[34]And its porches were toward the outer courtyard and palm trees were on its posts on this side and on that side and eight steps led up to it.
[35]And he brought me to the north gate and he measured it **according** to these measurements,
[36]its *little* rooms, its posts and its porches. And it had windows **all** around, its length was fifty cubits and its width twenty-five cubits.
[37]And its posts were toward the outer courtyard and palm trees were on its posts on this side and on that side and eight steps led up to it.
[38]And there was a room with its entrance by the posts of the gate, where they washed the burnt offering.
[39]And in the porch of the gate were two tables on this side and two tables on that side, on which to slaughter the burnt offering and the *sin* offering and the *guilt* offering.
[40]And on the outer side, as one went up to the entrance of the north gate, were two tables. And on the other side of the porch of the gate were two tables.
[41]Four tables were on this side and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate, eight tables on which they slaughtered.
[42]And there were four tables of hewn stone for the burnt offering, one cubit and a half long, one cubit and a half wide and one cubit high. On these they placed the instruments with which they slaughtered the burnt offering and the offering.
[43]And the double hooks, a handbreadth wide, were fastened **all** around. And on the tables was the *flesh* of the offerings.
[44]And on the outside of the inner gate were the rooms for the singers in the inner courtyard, one at the side of the north gate and facing south and the other at the side of the south gate facing north.
[45]And he said to me, "This room facing south is for the priests who **guard** the duty of the House.
[46]"And the room facing north is for the priests who **guard** the duty of the altar, they are the sons of Tsaḏoq, from the sons of Lĕwi, who **come near** יהוה to **serve Him.**"
[47]And he measured the courtyard, one hundred cubits long and one hundred cubits wide, a square. And the altar was in front of the House.
[48]And he brought me to the porch of the House and measured the doorposts of the porch, five cubits on this side and

five cubits on that side. And the width of the gate was three cubits on this side and three cubits on that side.
[49]The length of the porch was twenty cubits and the width eleven cubits. And by the steps which led up to it there were columns by the doorposts, one on this side and one on that side.

41 And he brought me into the Hĕḵal and he measured the doorposts, six cubits wide on one side and six cubits wide on the other side, the width of the **Tent**.
[2]And the entrance was ten cubits wide and the side walls of the entrance were five cubits on this side and five cubits on the other side. And he measured its length, forty cubits and twenty cubits wide.
[3]And he went inside and measured the doorposts, two cubits and the entrance six cubits high and the width of the entrance seven cubits.
[4]And he measured the length, twenty cubits and the width twenty cubits, to the front of the Hĕḵal. And he said to me, "This is the **Most Set-apart Place.**"
[5]And he measured the wall of the House, six cubits and the width of each side room **all** around the House was four cubits on **every** side.
[6]And the side rooms were on three *levels*, one above the other, thirty rooms on each *level*, they rested on ledges which were for the side rooms **all** around, to be supported, but not fastened to the wall of the House.
[7]And there was a broadening and a winding upwards for the side rooms, for the winding around the House went up like steps. And the width of the structure increased as one went up from the lowest *level* to the highest by **way** of the middle one.
[8]And I **saw** the height **all** around the House: the foundation of the side rooms, a rod's length of six cubits.
[9]The thickness of the outer wall of the side rooms was five cubits and that which was left between the side rooms of the House
[10]and the rooms was a width of twenty cubits **all** around the House on **every** side.
[11]And the **door** of the side room was toward the **open** space, one **door** toward the north and another toward the south. And the width of the place of the **open** space was five cubits **all** around.
[12]And the building that was in front of the separate place at the side toward the west was seventy cubits wide and the wall of the building was five cubits thick **all** around and its length ninety cubits.
[13]***Then*** he measured the House, one hundred cubits long. And the separate place with the building and its walls, were one hundred cubits long,
[14]and the width of the front of the House and of the separate place eastward, was one hundred cubits.
[15]And he measured the length of the building to the front of the separate place behind it and its galleries on the one side and on the other side, one hundred cubits, as well as the inner Hĕḵal and the porches of the courtyard.
[16]The doorposts and the narrowed window frames and the galleries **all** around, their three *levels* opposite the threshold, were panelled with wood. From the ground to the windows and the windows were covered,
[17]from the space above the **door,** even to the inner house, as well as outside and on **every** wall **all** around, inside and outside, by measure.
[18]And it was made with kerubim and palm trees and a palm *tree* between kerub and kerub. A kerub had two faces,
[19]so that the face of a man was toward a palm *tree* on one side and the face of a young lion toward a palm *tree* on the other side – made on **all** the House **all** around.
[20]From the floor to the space above the **door,** and on the wall of the Hĕḵal, kerubim and palm trees were *carved*.
[21]The doorposts of the Hĕḵal were square and the front of the set-apart place, the appearance of one was like the

appearance of the other.
[22]The altar was of wood, three cubits high and its length two cubits. And its corners and its length and its sides were of wood. And he said to me, "This is the table that is before ꓤYHWH."
[23]And the Hĕ̱kal and the set-apart place had two **doors**.
[24]And each of the **doors** had two panels, two folding panels, two panels for one **door** and two panels for the other **door.**
[25]And kerubim and palm trees were *carved* on the **doors** of the Hĕ̱kal, like those *carved* on the walls. And thick ***wood*** was on the front of the porch outside.
[26]And narrowed window frames and palm trees were on one side and on the other, on the sides of the porch and on the side rooms of the House and thick wood.

42 And he brought me out into the outer courtyard, the **way** toward the north. And he brought me into the room which was opposite the separate place and which was opposite the building to the north.
[2]Along the length which was one hun dred cubits, was the north **door,** the width was fifty cubits.
[3]Opposite the inner courtyard of twenty *cubits* and opposite the pavement of the outer courtyard, gallery *against* gallery in three *levels*.
[4]And before the rooms, toward the inside, was a **walk** ten cubits wide, a **way** of one cubit. And their **doors** were to the north.
[5]And the upper rooms were shorter, **because** the galleries took away space from them more than from the lower and middle *levels* of the building.
[6]For they were in three *levels* and had no columns like the columns of the courtyards, so the upper *level* was set back more than the lower and middle *levels* from the ground up.
[7]As for the outer wall by the side of the rooms, toward the outer courtyard facing the rooms, its length was fifty cubits.
[8]For the length of the rooms toward the outer courtyard was fifty cubits and that facing the Hĕ̱kal was one hundred cubits.
[9]And below these rooms was the entrance on the east side, as one enters them from the outer courtyard.
[10]In the thickness of the wall of the courtyard toward the east, opposite the separate place and opposite the building, were rooms.
[11]And the **way** in front of them was like the appearance of the rooms which were toward the north, as long and as wide as the others and **all** their exits and entrances were **according** to plan.
[12]And **according** to the **doors** of the rooms that were toward the south, there was a **door** in front of the **way,** the **way** in front of the wall toward the east, as one enters them.
[13]And he said to me, "The north rooms and the south rooms, which are opposite the separate place, are the set-apart rooms where the priests who approach ꓤYHWH eat the most set-apart offerings. There they place the most set-apart *items* and the grain offering and the *sin* offering and the *guilt* offering, for the place is set-apart.
[14]"***When*** the priests enter, they are not to go out of the set-apart room into the outer courtyard, but leave their garments in which they attend there, for they are set-apart and ***shall*** put on other garments and ***shall*** draw **near** to that which is for the people."
[15]And when he had ended measuring the inner House, he brought me out through the gate that faces east and measured it **all** around.
[16]He measured the east side with the measuring rod, five hundred rods by the measuring **rod all** around.
[17]He measured the north side, five hundred rods by the measuring **rod all** around.
[18]He measured the south side, five hundred rods by the measuring rod.

[19]He turned round to the west side
and measured five hundred rods by the
measuring rod.
[20]On the four sides he measured it.
It had a wall **all** around, five hundred
cubits long and five hundred wide, to
separate the set-apart places from the
common.

43 And he led me to the gate, the
gate facing east.
[2]And **see,** the **esteem** of the **Elohim** of
Yisra'ĕl came from the **way** of the east.
And **His voice** was like the sound of
many waters and the earth shone from
His esteem.
[3]And it was like the appearance of
the **vision** which I **saw,** like the **vision**
which I **saw** when **He** came to *destroy*
the city. And the **visions** were like the
vision which I **saw** by the River Keḇar
and I fell on my face.
[4]And the **esteem** of ֵיהוָה came into
the House by **way** of the gate facing
east.
[5]And the **Spirit** took me up and
brought me into the inner courtyard.
And **see,** the **esteem** of ֵיהוָה filled the
House.
[6]And I **heard** someone speaking to
me from the House, while a man stood
beside me.
[7]And **He** said to me, "Son of man, this
is the place of **My** throne and the place
of the soles of **My** feet, when I dwell
in the **midst** of the children of Yisra'ĕl
forever and the house of Yisra'ĕl ***shall***
no longer *defile* **My** set-apart **Name**,
they nor their sovereigns,
by their *whoring* and by the corpses of
their sovereigns on their *high places*.
[8]"***When*** they placed their threshold by
My threshold and their doorpost by **My**
doorpost, with a wall between them and
Me, they *defiled* **My** set-apart **Name** by
the **abominations** which they have done.
So I *consumed* them in **My** *displeasure.*
[9]"**Now** let them put their *whoring* and
the *corpses* of their sovereigns far away
from **Me** and I ***shall*** dwell in their **midst**
forever.
[10]"Son of man, explain the House to
the house of Yisra'ĕl and when they are
ashamed of their *crookedness*es, they
shall measure the measurements.
[11]"And since they ***shall*** **be** *ashamed* of
all that they did, make **known** to them
the **design of the** House and its structure
and its exits and its entrances, its entire
design and **all** its **laws** and **all** its forms
and **all** its **Torot**. And **write** it down
before their eyes, so that they **observe**
its entire **design** and **all** its **laws** and
shall do them.
[12]"This is the **Torah** of the House:
Upon the mountaintop, **all** the boundary
of it, **all** around, is most set-apart. **See,**
this is the **Torah** of the House.
[13]"And these are the measurements of
the altar in cubits, that cubit being one
cubit and a handbreadth and the base one
cubit high and one cubit wide, with a rim
all around its edge of one span. And this
is the upper part of the altar.
[14]"And from the base on the ground
to the lower ledge, two cubits and the
width of the ledge one cubit and from
the smaller ledge to the larger ledge four
cubits and the width of the ledge one
cubit.
[15]"And the altar hearth is four cubits
high and four horns extending upward
from the hearth.
[16]"And the altar hearth is twelve cubits
long and twelve wide, square at its four
corners.
[17]"And the ledge is fourteen long and
fourteen wide on its four sides, with a
rim of half a cubit around it and its base
one cubit **all** around and its steps face
east."
[18]And **He** said to me, "**Son** of man, thus
said the **Master** ֵיהוָה, 'These are the
laws for the altar on the day when it is
made, for offering burnt offerings on it
and for sprinkling **blood** on it.
[19]'And you ***shall*** give a young bull for
a *sin* offering to the priests, the Lĕwites,
who are of the seed of Tsaḏoq, who
approach unto **Me,**' **declares** the **Master**
ֵיהוָה.
[20]'And you ***shall*** take some of its **blood**

and put it on the four horns of the altar, on the four corners of the ledge and on the rim around it and ***shall*** **cleanse** it and make atonement for it.
[21]'And you ***shall*** take the bull of the *sin* offering and ***shall*** *burn* it in the **appointed** place of the House, outside the set-apart place.
[22]'And on the second day you bring a male goat, a **perfect** one, for a *sin* offering. And they ***shall*** **cleanse** the altar, as they **cleansed** it with the bull.
[23]'***When*** you have ended **cleansing** it, bring a young bull, a **perfect** one and a ram from the flock, a **perfect** one.
[24]'And you ***shall*** bring them before ꓤꓰꓤꓶ and the priests ***shall*** *throw* **salt** on them and offer them up as a burnt offering to ꓤꓰꓤꓶ.
[25]'**Prepare** a goat for a *sin* offering daily for seven days and **prepare** a young bull and a ram from the flock, **perfect** ones.
[26]'For seven days they ***shall*** make atonement for the altar and **cleanse** it and ordain it.
[27]'And when these days are **completed** it ***shall*** **be,** on the eighth day and thereafter, that the priests make your burnt offerings and your **peace** offerings on the altar and I ***shall*** **accept** you,' **declares** the **Master** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ."

44 And **He** brought me back to the outer gate of the set-apart place which faces east and it was shut.
[2]And ꓤꓰꓤꓶ said to me, "This gate is shut, it is not opened and no one enters it, **<u>because</u>** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl has entered by it and it ***shall*** **be** shut.
[3]"The prince, as prince, he sits in it to eat **bread** before ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, **coming** in by **way** of the porch of the gate and going out the **same way.**"
[4]And **He** brought me by **way** of the north gate to the front of the House. And I **looked** and **saw** the **esteem** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ filled the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ and I fell on my face.
[5]And ꓤꓰꓤꓶ said to me, "**Son** of man, set your **heart** and **see** with your eyes and **hear** with your **ears, all** that I say to you concerning **all** the **laws** of the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ and **all** its **Torot**. And you ***shall*** set your **heart** to the entrance of the house, with **all** the exits of the set-apart place,
[6]and ***shall*** say to the *rebellious*, to the house of Yisra'ĕl, 'Thus said the **Master** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, "O house of Yisra'ĕl, enough of **all** these **<u>abominations</u>** of yours,
[7]that you brought in sons of a foreigner, *uncircumcised* in **heart** and *uncircumcised* in *flesh,* to be in **My** set-apart place to *profane* it, **My** house! That you brought **near My** food, the fat and the **blood** and you broke **My covenant <u>because</u>** of **all** your **<u>abominations</u>**.
[8]"'And you *did not* **guard** the charge of that which is set-apart to **Me** but you have set others to **guard** the charge of **My** set-apart place for you."
[9]'Thus said the **Master** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, "No son of a foreigner, *uncircumcised* in **heart** or *uncircumcised* in *flesh,* **comes** into **My** set-apart place, even any son of a foreigner who is among the children of Yisra'ĕl.
[10]"'And the Lĕwites who went far from **Me,** when Yisra'ĕl went *astray*, who *strayed* away from **Me** after their *idols,* they ***shall*** bear their *crookedness.*
[11]"'And they were attendants in **My** set-apart place, as gatekeepers of the house and attendants of the house, slaughtering the burnt offering and the offering for the people and standing before them to attend to them.
[12]"'**<u>Because</u>** they attended to them before their *idols* and became a *stumbling-block* of *crookedness* to the house of Yisra'ĕl, therefore I have lifted **My hand** in an **oath** *<u>against</u>* them," **declares** the **Master** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, "that they ***shall*** bear their *crookedness,*
[13]and not **come near Me** to **serve** as **My** priest, nor **come near** any of that which is set-apart to **Me,** nor into the Most **Set-apart Place.** And they ***shall*** bear their *shame* and their **<u>abominations</u>** which they have done.
[14]"'Yet I ***shall*** make them those who

guard the duty of the House, for **all** its **work** and for **all** that has to be done in it.
15"***But*** the priests, the Lĕwites, the sons of Tsaḏoq, who **guarded** the duty of **My** set-apart place when the children of Yisra'ĕl went *astray* from **Me,** they ***shall*** draw **near** to **Me** to **serve Me** and ***shall*** **stand** before **Me** to bring to **Me** the fat and the **blood,**" **declares** the **Master** יהוה.
16"They ***shall*** enter **My** set-apart place and they ***shall*** draw **near** to **My** table to **serve Me** and they ***shall*** **guard My** charge.
17"And it ***shall*** **be,** when they enter the gates of the inner courtyard, that they put on linen garments and no wool ***shall*** **come** upon them while they attend within the gates of the inner courtyard or within the house.
18"They ***shall*** have linen turbans on their heads and linen trousers on their bodies, they ***shall*** not gird themselves with sweat.
19"And when they go out to the outer courtyard, to the outer courtyard to the people, they ***shall*** take off their garments in which they have attended and ***shall*** leave them in the set-apart rooms and ***shall*** put on other garments. And they ***shall*** set-apart the people in their set-apart garments.
20"And their heads they ***shall*** not shave, nor ***shall*** they let their hair grow long – they ***shall*** keep their hair well trimmed.
21"And no priest is to drink **wine** when he **comes** into the inner court.
22"And they *do not* take as wife a widow or a divorced woman, but take maidens of the seed of the house of Yisra'ĕl, or widows of priests.
23"And they are to **teach My people** the *difference* between the set-apart and the profane and make them **know** what is *unclean* and **clean.**
24"And they are to **stand** as judges in a *dispute* and **judge** it **according** to **My right-rulings**. And they are to **guard My Torot** and **My laws** in **all My appointed** festivals and set-apart **My Sabbath**s.
25"And they are not to *defile* themselves by **coming near** a *dead* man. Only for a father or mother, for a son or daughter, for a brother or unmarried sister they *defile* themselves.
26"And after his cleansing, they count seven days for him,
27and on the day that he **comes** into the inner court of the set-apart place to attend in the set-apart place, he brings his *sin* offering," **declares** the **Master** יהוה.
28"And it ***shall*** **be** to them for an inheritance, I am their inheritance. And you give them no possession in Yisra'ĕl – I am their possession.
29"The grain offering and the *sin* offering and the *guilt* offering they are to eat and **all** that is **dedicated** in Yisra'ĕl is theirs.
30"And the **first** of **all** the **first-fruits** of **all** and **every** contribution of **all,** of **all** your contributions, belong to the priests. And the **first** of your ground meal you give to the priest, so that a **blessing** rests on your house.
31"The priests are not to eat any bird or beast **found** *dead* or *torn* to pieces.

45 "And when you divide the land by **lot** into inheritance, offer a contribution to יהוה, a set-apart portion of the land, in length twenty-five thousand *cubits* long and in width ten thousand, this being set-apart throughout its border **all** around.
2"Of this a square *plot* is to be for the set-apart place, five hundred by five hundred, with fifty cubits around it for an **open** space.
3"And from this measure you are to measure: twenty-five thousand *cubits* long and ten thousand wide. And in it is to be the set-apart place, the Most **Set-apart Place.**
4"This is to be a set-apart portion of the land, belonging to the priests, the attendants of the set-apart place, who draw **near** to **serve** יהוה. And it ***shall*** **be** a place for their houses and set-apart ground for the set-apart place.

[5]"And twenty-five thousand *cubits* in length and ten thousand in width is for the Lĕwites, the attendants of the House, for them for a possession, twenty rooms.
[6]"And give the city as possession: five thousand *cubits* wide and twenty-five thousand long, beside the contribution of the set-apart portion – it belongs to **all** the house of Yisra'ĕl.
[7]"And the prince is to have a portion on one side and the other of the set-apart contribution and of the possession of the city. And bordering on the set-apart contribution and the possession of the city, on the west side westward and on the east side eastward and the length alongside one of the portions, from the west border to the east border.
[8]"Of the land this is his possession in Yisra'ĕl and **My** princes ***shall*** no longer *oppress* **My people**. And they ***shall*** give the land to the house of Yisra'ĕl, **according** to their tribes."
[9]'Thus said the **Master** יהוה, "Enough, you princes of Yisra'ĕl! Put away *violence* and plundering and do **right-ruling** and **righteousness** and stop your evictions of **My people**," **declares** the **Master** יהוה.
[10]"Have **right** scales and a **right** ĕphah and a **right** bath.
[11]"**Let** the ĕphah and the bath be of the **same** measure, so that the bath contains one-tenth of a ḥomer and the ĕphah one-tenth of a ḥomer. **Let** their measure be **according** to the ḥomer.
[12]"And the sheqel is twenty gĕrahs. Your mina is twenty sheqels, twenty-five sheqels, fifteen sheqels.
[13]"This is the contribution which you present: you ***shall*** give one-sixth of an ĕphah from a ḥomer of wheat and one-sixth of an ĕphah from a ḥomer of barley.
[14]"And the **law** concerning oil, the bath of oil, is one-tenth of a bath from a kor. A kor is a ḥomer or ten baths, for ten baths are a ḥomer.
[15]"And one **lamb** from a flock, from two hundred, from the watered pastures of Yisra'ĕl, for grain offerings and for a burnt offering and for **peace** offerings, to make atonement for them," **declares** the **Master** יהוה.
[16]"All the people of the land are to give this contribution to the prince in Yisra'ĕl.
[17]"And on the prince are the burnt offerings and the grain offerings and drink offerings, at the **festivals,** the **New Moons**, the **Sabbaths** – in **all** the **appointed times** of the house of Yisra'ĕl. **He** is to **prepare** the *sin* offering and the grain offering and the burnt offering and the **peace** offerings to make atonement for the house of Yisra'ĕl."
[18]'Thus said the **Master** יהוה, "In the **first** month, on the **first** of the month, you are to take a young bull, a **perfect** one and ***shall*** **cleanse** the Set-apart place.
[19]"And the priest ***shall*** take some of the **blood** of the *sin* offering and put it on the doorposts of the House, on the four corners of the ledge of the altar and on the posts of the gate of the inner courtyard.
[20]"And do the **same** on the seventh of the month for anyone who makes a *mistake* or is *foolish.* And you ***shall*** make atonement for the House.
[21]"In the **first** month, on the fourteenth **day of** the month, you have the **Passover**, a **festival** of seven days, unleavened **bread** is eaten.
[22]"And on that day the prince ***shall*** **prepare** for himself and for **all** the people of the land a bull for a *sin* offering.
[23]"And *during* the seven days of the **festival** he prepares a burnt offering to יהוה, seven bulls and seven rams, **perfect** ones, daily for seven days and a male goat daily for a *sin* offering.
[24]"And he prepares a grain offering of one ĕphah for each bull and one ĕphah for each ram, **together** with a hin of oil for each ĕphah.
[25]"In the seventh month, on the fifteenth **day of** the month, at the **festival,** he prepares like these seven days, as the *sin* offering, as the burnt offering, as the grain offering and as the oil."

46 ‘Thus said the **Master** ֲדֹנָי, “The gate of the inner courtyard facing east is shut the six days of **work,** but on the **Sabbath** it is opened and on the **day of** the New Moon it is opened.
2“And the prince ***shall*** enter by **way** of the porch of that gate from the outside and he ***shall*** **stand** by the post. And the priests ***shall*** **prepare** his burnt offering and his **peace** offerings. And he ***shall*** bow himself at the threshold of the gate and ***shall*** go out, but the gate is not shut until **evening**.
3“And the people of the land ***shall*** also bow themselves at the entrance to this gate before ֲדֹנָי, on the **Sabbaths** and on the **New Moons**.
4“And the burnt offering which the prince brings to ֲדֹנָי on the **Sabbath** day is six lambs, **perfect** ones and a ram, a **perfect** one.
5“And the grain offering is one ĕphah for a ram and the grain offering for the lambs, a gift of his **hand** and a hin of oil for an ĕphah.
6“And on the **day of** the New Moon: a young bull, a **perfect** one, six lambs and a ram, they should be **perfect.**
7“And he prepares a grain offering of an ĕphah for a bull and an ĕphah for a ram and for the lambs as his **hand** attains and a hin of oil for an ĕphah.
8“And when the prince enters, he **comes** in by **way** of the porch of that gate and goes out the *same way.*
9“And when the people of the land enter before ֲדֹנָי at the **appointed times,** ***whoever shall*** enter by **way** of the north gate to bow himself, goes out by **way** of the south gate. And ***whoever*** enters by **way** of the south gate, goes out by **way** of the north gate, he ***shall*** not **return** by **way** of the gate through which he came, but goes out through the opposite one.
10“And the prince is to be in their **midst**, *entering* when they enter and going out when they go out.
11“And in the festivals and in the **appointed times** the grain offering is an ĕphah for a bull and an ĕphah for a ram and for lambs the gift of his **hand** and a hin of oil for an ĕphah.
12“And when the prince makes a spontaneous burnt offering or spontaneous **peace** offerings to ֲדֹנָי, the gate facing east ***shall*** **be** opened for him. And he ***shall*** **prepare** his burnt offering and his **peace** offerings as he did on the **Sabbath** day. And he ***shall*** go out and after he goes out the gate ***shall*** **be** shut.
13“And make a daily burnt offering to ֲדֹנָי of a **lamb** a year old, a **perfect** one, preparing it morning by morning.
14“And **prepare** a grain offering with it morning by morning, a sixth of an ĕphah and a third of a hin of oil to moisten the fine flour, a grain offering to ֲדֹנָי – continual **everlasting laws**.
15“And **prepare** the lamb and the grain offering and the oil, morning by morning, a continual burnt offering.”
16‘Thus said the **Master** ֲדֹנָי, “***When*** the prince gives a gift of some of his **inheritance** to any of his sons, it belongs to his sons, it is their possession by inheritance.
17“And when he gives a gift of some of his **inheritance** to one of his servants, then it ***shall*** **be** his til the year of release, then it ***shall*** **return** to the prince. Only the **inheritance** of his sons is theirs.
18“And the prince *does not* take any of the people’s **inheritance** by evicting them from their possession. **He** is to give his sons their **inheritance** from his own possession, so that none of **My people** are separated from his possession.” ’ ”
19And he brought me through the entrance, which was at the side of the gate, into the set-apart rooms of the priests facing north. And look, there was a place at the extreme rear toward the west.
20And he said to me, “This is the place where the priests cook the *guilt* offering and the *sin* offering, where they bake the grain offering, so as not to bring them out into the outer courtyard to set the people apart.”
21And he brought me out into the outer courtyard and made me pass along to the

four corners of the courtyard. And look, in **every** corner of the courtyard was another courtyard.
22 In the four corners of the courtyard were courtyards covered over, forty cubits long and thirty wide, these four corners having one measure,
23 and a row of building stones **all** around in them, **all** around the four of them and places for *fire* were made under the rows, **all** around.
24 And he said to me, "These are the kitchens where the attendants of the House cook the slaughterings of the people."

47 And he turned me back to the **door** of the House. And look, water was flowing from under the threshold of the House toward the east, for the House faced east and the water was flowing from under the **right** side of the House, from the south of the altar.
2 And he led me out by **way** of the north gate and took me round on the outside to the outer gate facing east. And look, water trickling out on the **right** side.
3 As the man went out to the east with the line in his **hand,** he measured one thousand cubits and he made me pass over into water, water to the ankles.
4 And he measured one thousand and made me pass over into water, water to the knees. And he measured one thousand and made me pass over, water to the loins.
5 And he measured one thousand, a stream that I was *unable* to pass over, for the water had risen, water to swim, a stream that is not passed over.
6 And he said to me, "Son of man, have you **seen** this?" And he led me and brought me back to the bank of the stream.
7 ***When*** I returned, then look, along the bank of the stream were **very** many trees on one side and the other.
8 And he said to me, "These waters are flowing toward the eastern country and go down into the Araḇah and enter the sea, being made to flow into the sea and the waters ***shall* be healed**.
9 "And it ***shall* be** that **every** swarming creature, wherever the stream goes, ***shall* live.** And there ***shall* be very** many fish, for these waters ***shall*** go there and they are **healed**. And wherever the stream flows **all *shall* live.**
10 "And it ***shall* be** that fishermen **stand** along it, from Ěn Geḏi to Ěn Eglayim, being places for spreading their nets. Their fish is to be of the **same kind** as the fish of the Great Sea, **very** many.
11 "Its swamps and marshes ***shall*** not be **healed**, they ***shall* be given** over to **salt.**
12 "And by the bank of the stream, on both sides, grow **all** kinds of trees used for food, whose leaves *do not wither* and **fruit** *do not* fail. They bear **fruit every** month, **<u>because</u>** their water flows from the set-apart place. And their **fruit *shall* be** for food and their leaves for healing."
13 Thus said the **Master** ꓤꓴꓤꓶ, "This is the border by which you inherit the land, **according** to the twelve tribes of Yisra'ĕl, two portions for Yosĕph.
14 "And you ***shall*** inherit it, each one the **same** as his brother. For I lifted **My hand** in an **oath** to give it to your fathers and this land ***shall fall*** to you as your inheritance.
15 "And this is the border of the land on the north: from the Great Sea, the **way** of Ḥethlon, as one goes to Tseḏaḏ,
16 "Ḥamath, Bĕrothah, Sibrayim, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Ḥamath, Ḥatsar Hattiḵon, which is on the border of Ḥawran.
17 "And the border ***shall* be** from the Sea to Ḥatsar Ĕnan, the border of Damascus and on the north toward the north is the border of Ḥamath. This is the north side.
18 "And the east side is from between Ḥawran and Damascus and Gil'aḏ and the land of Yisra'ĕl; the Yarděn, from the border to the eastern side of the sea you are to measure. This is the east side.
19 "And the south side toward the South is from Tamar to the waters of Meriḇah by Qaḏĕsh, along the Wadi to the Great Sea. This is the south side toward the

South.
20"And the west side is the Great Sea, from the border to the point opposite Ḥamath. This is the west side.
21"And you ***shall*** divide this land among yourselves **according** to the tribes of Yisra'ĕl.
22"And it ***shall*** **be** that you divide it by **lot** as an **inheritance** for yourselves and for the strangers who sojourn in your **midst** and who bear children among you. And they ***shall*** **be** to you as native-born among the children of Yisra'ĕl – with you they have an **inheritance** in the **midst** of the tribes of Yisra'ĕl.
23"And it ***shall*** **be** that in ***whatever*** tribe the stranger sojourns, there you give him his inheritance," **declares** the **Master** ֎ֲֲ֗֎.

48 "And these are the names of the tribes: From the north end along the **way** to Ḥethlon at the entrance of Ḥamath, to Ḥatsar Ĕnan, the border of Damascus northward by the side of Ḥamath, from its east to its west side, Dan: one.
2"And by the border of Dan, from the east side to the west, Asher: one.
3"And by the border of Asher, from the east side to the west, Naphtali: one.
4"And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side to the west, Menashsheh: one.
5"And by the border of Menashsheh, from the east side to the west, Ephrayim: one.
6"And by the border of Ephrayim, from the east side to the west, Re'ubĕn: one.
7"And by the border of Re'ubĕn, from the east side to the west, Yahudah: one.
8"And by the border of Yahudah, from the east side to the west, is the contribution which you offer up, twenty-five thousand *cubits* in width and in length the **same** as one of the portions, from the east side to the west, with the set-apart place in its **midst**.
9"The contribution that you offer up to ֎ֲֲ֗֎ is twenty-five thousand *cubits* in length and ten thousand in width.
10"And of these is the set-apart contribution for the priests: on the north twentyfive thousand *cubits* and on the west ten thousand in width and on the east ten thousand in width and on the south twenty-five thousand in length. And the set-apart place of ֎ֲֲ֗֎ ***shall*** **be** in its **midst** –
11for the priests of the sons of Tsadoq, who are set-apart, who did **guard My Charge,** who *did not* go *astray* when the children of Yisra'ĕl went *astray*, as the Lĕwites went *astray*.
12"So this contribution ***shall*** **be** to them, from the contribution of the land, a most set-apart place by the border of the Lĕwites.
13"And alongside the border of the priests, the Lĕwites have twenty-five thousand *cubits* in length and ten thousand in width, its entire length is twenty-five thousand and its width ten thousand.
14"And they *do not* sell any of it, nor exchange it, nor transfer this best part of the land, for it is set-apart to ֎ֲֲ֗֎.
15"And the five thousand *cubits* in width that is left, facing the twenty-five thousand, is for *common* use by the city, for dwellings and **open** land. And the city ***shall*** **be** in its **midst**.
16"And these are its measurements: the north side four thousand five hundred *cubits* and the south side four thousand five hundred and the east side four thousand five hundred and the west side four thousand five hundred.
17"And the **open** land of the city ***shall*** be: to the north two hundred and fifty *cubits* and to the south two hundred and fifty and to the east two hundred and fifty and to the west two hundred and fifty.
18"And the rest of the length, alongside the contribution of the set-apart portion, is ten thousand *cubits* to the east and ten thousand to the west. And it ***shall*** **be** alongside the contribution of the set-apart portion and its increase ***shall*** **be** food for the workers of the city.
19"And the workers of the city, from **all** the tribes of Yisra'ĕl, ***shall*** til it.

[20]"The entire contribution is twenty-five thousand *cubits* by twenty-five thousand cubits, foursquare. You are to offer up the set-apart contribution with the possession of the city.
[21]"And the rest is for the prince, on one side and on the other of the set-apart contribution and of the possession of the city, facing the twenty-five thousand *cubits* of the set-apart contribution as far as the eastern border and westward facing the twenty-five thousand as far as the western border, alongside the portions of the prince. And the set-apart contribution and the set-apart place of the House ***shall*** **be** in its **midst**.
[22]"So the possession of the Lĕwites and the possession of the city are in the **midst** of what belongs to the prince – between the border of Yahuḏah and the border of Binyamin, it belongs to the prince.
[23]"As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side to the west side, Binyamin: one.
[24]"And by the border of Binyamin, from the east side to the west side, Shim'on: one.
[25]"And by the border of Shim'on, from the east side to the west side, Yissasḵar: one.
[26]"And by the border of Yissasḵar, from the east side to the west side, Zeḇulun: one.
[27]"And by the border of Zeḇulun, from the east side to the west side, Gaḏ: one.
[28]"And by the border of Gaḏ, on the south side toward the South, the border ***shall*** **be** from Tamar to the waters of Meriḇah by Qaḏĕsh, along the Wadi to the Great Sea.
[29]"This is the land which you divide by **lot** as an **inheritance** among the tribes of Yisra'ĕl and these are their portions," **declares** the **Master** יהוה.
[30]"And these are the exits of the city, the gates of the city **according** to the names of the tribes of Yisra'ĕl: On the north side, measuring four thousand five hundred *cubits*,
[31]the three gates northward: one gate for Re'uḇĕn, one gate for Yahuḏah, one gate for Lĕwi.
[32]"And on the east side, four thousand five hundred *cubits*, three gates: one gate for Yosĕph, one gate for Binyamin, one gate for Dan.
[33]"And on the south side, measuring four thousand five hundred *cubits*, three gates: one gate for Shim'on, one gate for Yissasḵar, one gate for Zeḇulun.
[34]"And on the west side, four thousand five hundred *cubits* with their three gates: one gate for Gaḏ, one gate for Ashĕr, one gate for Naphtali.
[35]"All around: eighteen thousand cubits. And the name of the city from that day is: **יהוה שָׁמָּה is there**!"

DANI'ĔL

1 In the third year of the **reign** of Yehoyaqim, sovereign of Yahuḏah, Neḇuḵaḏnetstsar, sovereign of Bāḇel came to Yerushalayim and besieged it.
2 And ֲאדֹנָי gave Yehoyaqim sovereign of Yahuḏah into his **hand,** with some of the utensils of the House of **Elohim**, which he brought to the land of Shin'ar to the house of his *mighty one*. And he brought the utensils into the treasure house of his *mighty one*.
3 And the sovereign said to Ashpenaz, the chief of his eunuchs, to bring some of the children of Yisra'ĕl and some of the sovereign's descendants and some of the nobles,
4 young men in whom there was no blemish, but good-looking, having **insight** in **all wisdom,** having **knowledge** and **understanding** learning, capable to **stand** in the sovereign's palace and to **teach** them the **writing** and speech of the Chaldeans.
5 And the sovereign **appointed** for them a daily ration of the sovereign's food and of the **wine** which he drank and three years of training for them, so that at **the end** thereof they should **stand** before the sovereign.
6 **Now** among them were from the sons of Yahuḏah: Dani'ĕl, Ḥananyah, Misha'ĕl and Azaryah.
7 And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names. For he called Dani'ĕl, Bĕlteshatstsar; and Ḥananyah, Shaḏraḵ; and Misha'ĕl, Mēyshaḵ; and Azaryah, Aḇĕḏ Neḡo.
8 ***But*** Dani'ĕl laid it upon his **heart** that he *would not defile* himself with the portion of the sovereign's food, nor with the **wine** which he drank. So he asked *permission* from the chief of the eunuchs not to *defile* himself.
9 And **Elohim** granted Dani'ĕl **kindness** and **compassion** from the chief of the eunuchs,
10 but the chief of the eunuchs said to Dani'ĕl, "I **fear** my master the sovereign, who has **appointed** your food and drink. For why should he **see** your faces looking worse than the young men who are your age? ***Then*** you would make my head *guilty* before the sovereign!"
11 And Dani'ĕl said to the overseer whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Dani'ĕl, Ḥananyah, Misha'ĕl and Azaryah,
12 "Please try your servants for ten days and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink.
13 "***Then*** let our appearances be examined before you and the appearances of the young men who eat the portion of the sovereign's food. And do with your servants as you **see** fit."
14 And he **listened** to them in this matter and tried them ten days.
15 And at **the end** of ten days their appearances **looked** better and fatter in *flesh* than **all** the young men who ate the portion of the sovereign's food.
16 And it came to be that the overseer took away their portion of food and the **wine** they were to drink and gave them vegetables.
17 As for these four young men, **Elohim** gave them **knowledge** and **skill** in **all learning** and **wisdom**. And Dani'ĕl had **understanding** in **all visions** and **dreams**.
18 And at **the end** of the days, when the sovereign had said that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Neḇuḵaḏnetstsar.
19 And the sovereign spoke with them and none among them **all** were **found** like Dani'ĕl, Ḥananyah, Misha'ĕl and Azaryah, so they stood before the sovereign.
20 And in any **Word** of **wisdom** and **understanding** about which the sovereign examined them,

he **found** them ten times better than **all** the *magicians,* the *astrologers,* who were in **all** his reign.
[21]And Dani'ĕl continued until the **first** year of Sovereign Koresh.

2 And in the second year of the **reign** of Nebukadnetstsar, Nebukadnetstsar had **dreams**. And his spirit was so *troubled* that his sleep left him.
[2]And the sovereign gave orders to **call** the *magicians* and the *astrologers* and the *practisers* of ***witchcraft*** and the Chaldeans to **declare** to the sovereign his **dreams**. So they came and stood before the sovereign.
[3]And the sovereign said to them, "I have had a **dream** and my spirit is *troubled* **to know** the **dream**."
[4]And the Chaldeans spoke to the sovereign in Aramaic, "O sovereign, **live forever**! Relate the **dream** to your servants and we ***shall*** **reveal** the interpretation."
[5]The sovereign answered and said to the Chaldeans, "My decision is firm: if *you do not* make **known** the **dream** and its interpretation to me, your limbs ***shall*** **be** taken from you and your houses made dunghills.
[6]"***But*** if you **reveal** the **dream** and its interpretation, you ***shall*** receive gifts and rewards and **great esteem** from me. So **reveal** to me the **dream** and its interpretation."
[7]They answered again and said, "**Let** the sovereign relate to his servants the **dream** and we ***shall*** **reveal** its interpretation."
[8]The sovereign answered and said, "I **know** for certain that you would *gain* **time, because** you **see** that my decision is firm:
[9]"***If*** *you do not* make **known** the **dream** to me, there is only one decree for you! For you have **agreed** to **speak** *lying* and *corrupt* **words** before me til the **time** has *changed*. So relate the **dream** to me, then I ***shall*** **know** that you ***shall*** **reveal** its interpretation for me."
[10]The Chaldeans answered the sovereign and said, "There is no one on earth who **is able to reveal** the matter of the sovereign. **Because** no sovereign, master, or ruler has ever asked a matter like this of any *magician,* or *astrologer,* or Chaldean.
[11]"And the matter that the sovereign is **asking** is difficult and there is no other who **is able to reveal** it to the sovereign ***except*** the elahin, whose dwelling is not with *flesh.*"
[12]**Because** of this the sovereign was **enraged** and **very** *wroth* and gave orders to *destroy* **all** the **wise** ones of Babel.
[13]So the decree went out and they began killing the **wise** ones. And they sought Dani'ĕl and his companions, to *kill* them.
[14]***Then*** with **counsel and wisdom** Dani'ĕl answered Aryok, the chief of the sovereign's guard, who had gone out to *kill* the **wise** ones of Babel –
[15]he answered and said to Aryok the sovereign's officer, "***Why*** is the decree from the sovereign so urgent?" So Aryok made the decision **known** to Dani'ĕl.
[16]And Dani'ĕl went in and asked the sovereign to give him **time,** and he would **show** the sovereign the interpretation.
[17]***Then*** Dani'ĕl went to his house and made the decision **known** to Ḥananyah, Misha'ĕl and Azaryah, his companions,
[18]to **seek compassion** from the **Elah** of the heavens concerning this secret, so that Dani'ĕl and his companions should not *perish* with the rest of the **wise** ones of Babel.
[19]***Then*** the **secret** was **revealed** to Dani'ĕl in a night **vision** and Dani'ĕl **blessed** the **Elah** of the **heavens.**
[20]Dani'ĕl responded and said, **"Blessed** be the **Name** of **Elah forever** and **ever,** for **wisdom** and might are **His**.
[21]"And **He** *change*s the times and the seasons. **He** removes sovereigns and raises up sovereigns. **He** gives **wisdom** to the **wise** and **knowledge** to those who **possess understanding**.
[22]"He **reveals** deep and **secret** matters.

He knows what is in the *darkness* and **light** dwells with **Him.**
23"I **thank You** and **praise You,** O **Elah** of my fathers. **You** have **given** me **wisdom** and might and have **now** made **known** to me what we asked of **You,** for **You** have made **known** to us the sovereign's matter."
24So Dani'ĕl went to Aryoḵ, whom the sovereign had **appointed** to *destroy* the **wise** ones of Baḇel. **He** went and said this to him, "***Do*** *not destroy* the **wise** ones of Baḇel. Bring me in before the sovereign and I ***shall*** **show** the interpretation to the sovereign."
25***Then*** Aryoḵ brought Dani'ĕl in a hurry before the sovereign and said thus to him, "I have **found** a man among the sons of the exile of Yahuḏah, who does make **known** to the sovereign the interpretation."
26The sovereign answered and said to Dani'ĕl, whose name was Bĕlteshatstsar, "Are you able to make **known** to me the **dream** which I have **seen** and its interpretation?"
27Dani'ĕl answered before the sovereign and said, "The **secret** which the sovereign is **asking** – the **wise** ones, the *astrologers,* the *magicians* and the *diviners* are *unable* to **show** it to the sovereign.
28"***But*** there is an **Elah** in the heavens who **reveals secrets,** and **He** has made **known** to Sovereign Neḇuḵaḏnetstsar what is to be in the **latter** ḏays. Your **dream** and the **visions** of your head upon your bed, were these:
29"As for you, O sovereign, on your bed your *thoughts* came up: ***What*** is going to take place after this. And **He** who **reveals secrets** has made **known** to you what ***shall*** **be** *after this*.
30"As for me, this **secret** has not been **revealed** to me **because** I have more **wisdom** than anyone **living**, but for our sakes who make **known** the interpretation to the sovereign and that you should **know** the *thoughts* of your **heart.**
31"You, O sovereign, were looking on and **saw** a **great** image! This **great** *image* and its brightness excellent, was standing before you and its form was **awesome.**
32"This image's head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze,
33its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.
34"You were looking on, until a stone was *cut* out without hands and it *smote* the *image* on its feet of iron and clay and broke them in pieces.
35"***Then*** the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed together and became like chaff from the summer threshing-floors. And the *wind* took them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that *smote* the *image* became a **great** mountain and filled **all** the earth.
36"This is the **dream** and its interpretation we **declare** before the sovereign.
37"You, O sovereign, are a sovereign of sovereigns. For the **Elah** of the heavens has **given** you a reign, power and strength and preciousness,
38and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heavens, **He** has **given** them into your **hand** and has made you ruler over them **all.** You are the head of gold.
39"And after you rises up another **reign** lower than yours and another third **reign** of bronze that rules over **all** the earth.
40"And the fourth **reign** is as **strong** as iron, **because** iron crushes and shatters **all.** So, like iron that breaks in pieces, it crushes and breaks **all** these.
41"Yet, as you **saw** the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the **reign** is to be divided. ***But*** some of the strength of the iron is to be in it, **because** you **saw** the iron mixed with muddy clay.
42"And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the **reign** is partly **strong** and partly brittle.

43"And as you **saw** iron mixed with muddy clay, they are mixing themselves with the seed of men, but they are not **clinging** to each other, even as iron *does not* mix with clay.
44"And in the days of these sovereigns the **Elah** of the heavens ***shall*** set up a **reign** which ***shall*** never be **destroyed**, nor the **reign** pass on to other people – it crushes and puts to an end **all** these reigns and it ***shall*** **stand forever**.
45"**Because** you **saw** that the stone was *cut* out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, the **great Elah** has made **known** to the sovereign what ***shall*** **be** after this. And the **dream** is **true** and its interpretation is **trustworthy**."
46***Then*** Sovereign Nebukadnetstsar fell on his face and did obeisance before Dani'ĕl and gave orders to present to him an offering and incense.
47The sovereign answered Dani'ĕl and said, "**Truly** your **Elah** is the **Elah** of elahin, the **Master** of sovereigns and a revealer of **secrets,** since you were **able to reveal** this **secret.**"
48***Then*** the sovereign made Dani'ĕl **great** and gave him many **great** gifts and made him ruler over **all** the province of Babel and chief of the nobles, over **all** the **wise** ones of Babel.
49And Dani'ĕl asked of the sovereign and he set Shadrak, Mĕyshak and Abĕdnego over the **work** of the province of Babel and Dani'ĕl in the gate of the sovereign.

3 Nebukadnetstsar the sovereign made an *image* of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its width six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babel.
2And Sovereign Nebukadnetstsar **sent word** to **gather together** the viceroys, the nobles and the governors, the counsellors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates and **all** the officials of the provinces, to **come to** the **dedication** of the *image* which Sovereign Nebukadnetstsar had set up.
3***Then*** the viceroys, the nobles and the governors, the counsellors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates and **all** the officials of the provinces gathered **together** for the **dedication** of the *image* that Sovereign Nebukadnetstsar had set up. And they stood before the *image* that Nebukadnetstsar had set up.
4***Then*** a herald loudly **proclaimed**, "To you it is **commanded**, O peoples, nations and languages,
5that as soon as you **hear** the sound of the horn, the flute, the zither, the lyre, the harp, the pipes and **all** kinds of instruments, you ***shall fall*** down and do obeisance to the gold *image* that Sovereign Nebukadnetstsar has set up.
6"And ***whoever*** *does not fall* down and do obeisance is **immediately** *thrown* into the **midst** of a *burning* furnace of *fire*."
7So as soon as **all** the people **heard** the sound of the horn, the flute, the zither, the lyre, the harp, **all** kinds of instruments, **all** the people, nations and languages fell down and did obeisance to the gold *image* that Sovereign Nebukadnetstsar had set up.
8Thereupon, at that **time,** certain Chaldeans came forward and *accused* the Yahudim.
9They spoke and said to Sovereign Nebukadnetstsar, "O sovereign, **live forever**!
10"You, O sovereign, have made a decree that everyone **who hears** the sound of the horn, the flute, the zither, the lyre, the harp, the pipes and **all** kinds of instruments, ***shall fall*** down and do obeisance to the gold *image,*
11and ***whoever*** *does not fall* down and do obeisance is *thrown* into the **midst** of a *burning* furnace of *fire*.
12"There are certain Yahudim whom you have set over the **work** of the province of Babel: Shadrak, Mĕyshak and Abĕdnego. These men, O sovereign, pay no **heed** to you. They *do not* **serve** your elahin and they are *not doing*

obeisance to the gold *image* which you have set up."
[13]***Then*** Nebukadnetstsar, in *rage* and *wrath*, gave orders to bring Shadrak, Měyshak and Aběd-Nego. ***Then*** they brought these men before the sovereign.
[14]Nebukadnetstsar spoke and said to them, "Is it **true,** Shadrak, Měyshak and Aběd-Nego, that *you do not* **serve** my elahin and *you do not* do obeisance to the gold *image* which I have set up?
[15]"**Now** if you are **ready** when you **hear** the sound of the horn, the flute, the zither, the lyre, the harp, the pipes and **all** kinds of instruments and you *fall* down and do obeisance to the *image* which I have made, **good**! ***But*** if *you do not* do obeisance, you are **immediately** *thrown* into the **midst** of a *burning* furnace of *fire*. And who is the elah who does **deliver** you from my hands?"
[16]Shadrak, Měyshak and Aběd-Nego answered and said to the sovereign, "O Nebukadnetstsar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.
[17]"For if so, our **Elah** whom we **serve** **is able** to **deliver** us from the *burning* furnace of *fire* and from your **hand,** O sovereign – **He** does deliver!
[18]"***But*** if not, **let it be known** to you, O sovereign, that we *do not* **serve** your elahin, nor do we do obeisance to the gold *image* which you have set up."
[19]***Then*** Nebukadnetstsar was filled with *wrath* and the expression on his face *changed* toward Shadrak, Měyshak and Aběd-Nego. He responded and gave orders that they *heat* the furnace seven times more than it was usual to *heat* it.
[20]And he **commanded** some of the strongest men of his army to bind Shadrak, Měyshak and Aběd-Nego and *throw* them into the *burning* furnace of *fire*.
[21]So these men were *bound* in their coats, their trousers and their turbans and their other garments and were *thrown* into the **midst** of the *burning* furnace of *fire*.
[22]Thereupon, **<u>because</u>** the sovereign's order was urgent and the furnace exceedingly hot, the *flame* of the *fire* *killed* those men who took up Shadrak, Měyshak and Aběd-Nego.
[23]And these three men, Shadrak, Měyshak and Aběd-Nego, fell down *bound* into the **midst** of the *burning* furnace of *fire*.
[24]***Then*** Sovereign Nebukadnetstsar was amazed and stood up in haste and spoke and said to his counsellors, "Did we not *throw* three men *bound* into the **midst** of the *fire*?" They answered and said to the sovereign, "Certainly, O sovereign."
[25]**He** answered and said, "Look! I **see** four men loose, walking in the **midst** of the *fire*. And they are not hurt and the form of the fourth is like the **Son** of Elah."
[26]***Then*** Nebukadnetstsar went **near** the **mouth** of the *burning* furnace of *fire*. **He** spoke and said, "Shadrak, Měyshak and Aběd-Nego, servants of the **Most High** **Elah, come** out and **come** here." ***Then*** Shadrak, Měyshak and Aběd-Nego came from the **midst** of the *fire*.
[27]And the viceroys, the nobles and the governors and the sovereign's counsellors gathered together, **seeing** these men on whose bodies the *fire* had no power and the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments *changed*, *nor did* the *smell* of *fire* **come** on them.
[28]Nebukadnetstsar responded and said, **"Blessed** be the **Elah** of Shadrak, Měyshak and Aběd-Nego, who **sent His** Messenger and **delivered His** servants who **trusted** in **Him** and *changed* the sovereign's order and gave up their bodies, that they should not **serve** nor do obeisance to any elah ***except*** their own **Elah**!
[29]"Therefore I make a decree that ***whoever*** of any people, nation, or **language** who speaks any ***wrong*** <u>*against*</u> the **Elah** of Shadrak, Měyshak and Aběd-Nego, his limbs ***shall*** **be** taken and his house made a dunghill, **<u>because</u>** there is no other **Elah** who **is able** to **deliver** like this."
[30]***Then*** the sovereign promoted Shadrak, Měyshak and Aběd-Nego

in the province of Babel.

4 Nebukadnetstsar the sovereign, to **all** peoples, nations and languages that dwell in **all** the earth: Peace be increased to you.

2I thought it **good** to **declare** the **signs** and **wonders** which the **Most High Elah** has worked for me.

3***How*** **great** are **His signs** and how mighty **His wonders**! **His reign** is an **everlasting** reign and **His** rulership is from generation to generation.

4I, Nebukadnetstsar, was at rest in my house and prospering in my palace.

5I **saw** a **dream** and it frightened me and the *thoughts* on my bed and the **visions** of my head *alarmed* me.

6So I issued a decree to bring in **all** the **wise** ones of Babel before me, to make **known** to me the interpretation of the **dream.**

7So the *magicians,* the *astrologers,* the Chaldeans and the *diviners* came in and I related the **dream** to them, but its interpretation they *did not* make **known** to me.

8And at **last** Dani'ĕl, whose name is Bĕlteshatstsar, **according** to the name of my elah, came before me. In him is the **Spirit** of the **Set-apart** Elah. So I related the **dream** to him, saying,

9"Bĕlteshatstsar, chief of the *magicians,* **<u>because</u>** I **know** that the **Spirit** of the set-apart **Elah** is in you and no **secret** is too difficult for you, explain to me the **visions** of my **dream** that I have **seen** and its interpretation.

10"**Now** the **visions** of my head on my bed were these: I looked and **saw** a *tree* in the **midst** of the earth and its height great.

11"The *tree* became **great** and **strong** and its height reached to the heavens and it was visible to the ends of **all** the earth.

12"Its leaves were lovely and its **fruit** plenty and in it was food for **all.** The beasts of the field **found** shade under it and the birds of the heavens dwelt in its branches and **all** *flesh* was fed from it.

13"In the **visions** of my head on my bed, I **looked** and **saw** a Watcher, even a set-apart one, **coming** down from the **heavens.**

14"He cried aloud and said this, 'Hew down the *tree* and *cut off* its branches, strip off its leaves and *scatter* its **fruit. Let** the beasts ***flee*** from under it and the birds from its branches.

15'***But*** leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field. And **let it be** wet with the dew of the heavens and let his portion be with the beasts on the grass of the earth.

16'**Let** his **heart** be *changed* from man's, let him be **given** the **heart** of a beast and seven times pass over him.

17'This matter is by the decree of the watchers and the **command** by the **Word** of the set-apart ones, so that the **living know** that the **Most High** is ruler in the **reign** of men and gives it to ***whomever*** **He wishes** and sets over it the lowest of men.'

18"This **dream** have I **seen,** I, Sovereign Nebukadnetstsar. And you, Bĕlteshatstsar, **reveal** its interpretation, since **all** the **wise** ones of my **reign** are *unable* to make **known** to me the interpretation. ***But*** you are able, for the **Spirit** of the **Set-apart Elah** is in you."

19***Then*** Dani'ĕl, whose name was Bĕlteshatstsar, was stunned for **a short time,** and his *thoughts alarmed* him. The sovereign responded and said, "Bĕlteshatstsar, *do not* let the **dream** or its interpretation *alarm* you." Bĕlteshatstsar answered and said, "My master, the **dream** is to those who *hate* you and its interpretation to your enemies!

20"The *tree* you **saw,** which became **great** and **strong,** whose height reached to the heavens and was visible to **all** the earth,

21whose leaves were lovely and its **fruit** plenty and in it was food for **all,** under which the beasts of the field dwelt and on whose branches the birds of the heavens sat –

[22]it is you, O sovereign, for you have become **great** and strong. And your greatness has grown and has reached to the heavens and your rulership to **the end** of the earth.

[23]"And as the sovereign **saw** a Watcher, even a set-apart one, **coming** down from the heavens and he said, 'Hew down the *tree* and *destroy* it, but leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze in the tender grass of the field. And **let it be** wet with the dew of the heavens and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, til seven times pass over him' –

[24]this is the interpretation, O sovereign and this is the decree of the **Most High,** which has **come** upon my master the sovereign:

[25]"That you are going to be *driven* away from men and your dwelling be with the beasts of the field and you be **given** grass to eat like oxen and you be wetted with the dew of the heavens and seven times pass over you, til you **know** that the **Most High is ruler in the reign of men and that He gives it to *whomever* He wishes**.

[26]"And they that gave the **command** to leave the stump of its roots of the tree: your **reign** remains yours, from the **time** you **come to know** that the heavens are ruling.

[27]"Therefore, O sovereign, let my counsel be **acceptable** to you and *break* off your *sins* by **righteousness** and your *crookedness*es by showing **favour** to the *poor* – your prosperity might be extended."

[28]All this came upon Sovereign Nebukadnetstsar.

[29]At **the end** of the twelve months he was walking about the palace of the **reign** of Babel.

[30]The sovereign spoke and said, "Is not this **great** Babel, which I myself have built, for the house of the reign, by the might of my **power** and for the **esteem** of my splendour?"

[31]The **word** was still in the sovereign's **mouth,** when a **voice** fell from the heavens, "Sovereign Nebukadnetstsar, to you it is **spoken** : the **reign** has been taken away from you,

[32]and you are *driven* away from men and your dwelling is to be with the beasts of the field. You are **given** grass to eat like oxen and seven seasons ***shall*** pass over you, until you **know** that the **Most High is ruler in the reign of men and He gives it to *whomever* He wishes**."

[33]In that **hour** the **word** was *executed* on Nebukadnetstsar and he was *driven* from men and he ate grass like oxen and his body was wet with the dew of the heavens til his hair had grown like eagles' *feathers* and his nails like birds' *claws*.

[34]And at **the end** of the days I, Nebukadnetstsar, lifted my eyes to the heavens and my **understanding** returned to me. **And I blessed the Most High and praised and made Him great who lives forever, whose rule is an everlasting rule and His reign is from generation to generation.**

[35]And **all** the inhabitants of the earth are of no account and **He** does as **He wishes** with the host of the heavens and among the inhabitants of the earth. And there is none to *strike <u>against</u>* **His hand** or say to **Him,** "***What*** have **You** done?"

[36]At the **same time** my **understanding** returned to me and for the preciousness of my reign, my **esteem** and splendour were returning to me. And my counsellors and nobles sought me out and I was re**established** to my reign and excellent greatness was **added** to me.

[37]**Now** I, Nebukadnetstsar, am praising and exalting and esteeming the Sovereign of the heavens, for **all His works** are **truth** and **His ways** right. And those who **walk** in pride **He is able** to humble.

5 Bĕlshatstsar the sovereign made a **great** feast for a thousand of his **great**

men and drank **wine** in the presence of the thousand.

[2]While tasting the **wine**, Bĕlshatstsar gave orders to bring the gold and silver vessels which his father Nebukadnetstsar had taken from the Hĕkal which had been in Yerushalayim, that the sovereign and his **great** men, his wives and his concubines could drink from them.

[3]***Then*** they brought the gold vessels that had been taken from the Hĕkal of the House of **Elah** which had been in Yerushalayim. And the sovereign and his **great** men, his wives and his concubines drank out of them.

[4]They drank **wine** and p**raised** the elahin of gold and of silver, of bronze, of iron, of ***wood*** and of stone.

[5]At that moment the fingers of a man's **hand** appeared and **wrote** opposite the **lampstand** on the plaster of the wall of the sovereign's palace. And the sovereign **saw** the part of the **hand** that **wrote**.

[6]***Then*** the sovereign's colour *changed* and his *thoughts alarmed* him, so that the joints of his hips were loosened and his knees knocked *against* each other.

[7]The sovereign called loudly to bring in the *astrologers,* the Chaldeans and the *diviners.* The sovereign spoke and said to the **wise** ones of Babel, "***Whoever* reads** this **writing,** and shows me its interpretation, is robed in purple and has a chain of gold around his neck and ***shall* be** the third ruler in the reign."

[8]So **all** the sovereign's **wise** ones came, but they were *unable* to **read** the **writing,** or to make **known** its interpretation to the sovereign.

[9]***Then*** Sovereign Bĕlshatstsar was greatly *alarmed* and his colour *changed* and his **great** men were puzzled.

[10]The sovereigness, **because** of the **words** of the sovereign and his **great** men, came to the banquet hall. And the sovereigness spoke and said, "O sovereign, **live forever**! ***Do not*** let your *thoughts alarm* you, nor let your colour *change*.

[11]"There is a man in your **reign** in whom is the **Spirit** of the **Set-apart Elah**. And in the days of your father, **light** and **understanding** and **wisdom,** like the **wisdom** of the elahin, were **found** in him. And Sovereign Nebukadnetstsar your father, your father the sovereign, made him chief of the *magicians, astrologers,* Chaldeans and diviners,

[12]**because** an excellent spirit, **knowledge** and **understanding**, interpreting **dreams** and explaining riddles and solving difficult problems were **found** in this Dani'ĕl, whom the sovereign named Bĕlteshatstsar. **Now** let Dani'ĕl be called and let him **show** the interpretation."

[13]So Dani'ĕl was brought in before the sovereign. The sovereign spoke and said to Dani'ĕl, "Are you that Dani'ĕl who is one of the sons of the exile from Yahudah, whom my father the sovereign brought from Yahudah?

[14]"I have **heard** of you, that the **Spirit** of **Elah** is in you and that **light** and **understanding** and excellent **wisdom** are **found** in you.

[15]"And the **wise** ones, the *astrologers,* have been brought in before me, that they should **read** this **writing** and make **known** to me its interpretation, but they were *unable* to **show** the interpretation of the **word.**

[16]"And I myself have **heard** of you, that you are able to give interpretations and to solve difficult problems. **Now** if you are able to **read** the **writing** and make **known** its interpretation to me, you are to be robed in purple and have a chain of gold around your neck and ***shall* be** the third ruler in the reign."

[17]***Then*** Dani'ĕl answered and said before the sovereign, "**Let** your gifts be for yourself and give your rewards to another. Yet I ***shall* read** the **writing** to the sovereign and make **known** the interpretation to him.

[18]"O sovereign, the **Most High Elah** gave Nebukadnetstsar your father a **reign** and greatness and preciousness and esteem.

19"And **because** of the greatness which **He** gave him, **all** peoples, nations and languages *trembled* and ***feared*** before him. ***whomever*** he **wished** he *executed* and ***whomever*** he **wished** he kept **alive** and ***whomever*** he **wished** he **raised** up and ***whomever*** he **wished** he made low.
20"***But*** when his **heart** was lifted up and his spirit was so **strong** as to act *proud*ly, he was put down from his throne of reign and they took his preciousness from him.
21"***Then*** he was *driven* from the sons of men and his **heart** was made like the beasts and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. **He** was **given** grass to eat like oxen and his body was wet with the dew of the heavens, til he **knew** that the **Most High Elah** is ruler in the **reign** of men and **He** sets up over it ***whomever*** **He wishes**.
22"And you his son, Bĕlshatstsar, have not humbled your **heart,** although you **knew all** this.
23"And you have lifted yourself up *against* the **Master** of the **heavens.** And they brought before you the vessels of **His** house and you and your **great** men, your wives and your concubines, have been drinking **wine** from them. And you have p**raised** the *elahin* of silver and of gold, of bronze, of iron, of wood and of stone, which neither **see** nor **hear** nor **know.** ***But*** the **Elah** who holds your breath in **His hand** and owns **all** your ways, you have ***not*** made great.
24"***Then*** the part of the **hand** was **sent** from **Him** and this **writing** was **inscribed**.
25"And this is the **writing** that was **inscribed**: MENĔ, MENĔ, TEQĔL, UPHARSIN.
26"This is the interpretation of each word: MENĔ – **Elah** has numbered your reign and put an end to it.
27"TEQĔL – You have been weighed on the scales and **found** *lacking*.
28"PERES – **Your reign** has been divided and **given** to the Medes and Persians."
29***Then*** Bĕlshatstsar gave orders and they robed Dani'ĕl in purple and put a chain of gold around his neck and they **proclaimed** concerning him that he is the third ruler in the reign.
30In that night Bĕlshatstsar, sovereign of the Chaldeans, was slain.
31And Dareyawesh the Mede took over the reign, being about sixty-two years old.

6 It pleased Dareyawesh to **appoint** over the **reign** one hundred and twenty viceroys, to be over **all** the reign,
2and over them three governors, of whom Dani'ĕl was one, so that these viceroys should give account to them and the sovereign *suffer* no loss.
3***Then*** this Dani'ĕl distinguished himself above the governors and viceroys, **because** an excellent spirit was in him. And the sovereign planned to **appoint** him over **all** the reign.
4***Then*** the governors and viceroys sought to find occasion *against* Dani'ĕl concerning the reign. ***But*** they were *unable* to find occasion or *corruption*, **because** he was steadfast and no *negligence* or *corruption* was **found** in him.
5***Then*** these men said, "We ***shall*** not find any occasion *against* this Dani'ĕl ***unless*** we find it *against* him concerning the **law** of his Elah."
6***Then*** these governors and viceroys tumultuously gathered before the sovereign and said this to him, "Sovereign Dareyawesh, **live forever**!
7"All the governors of the reign, the nobles and viceroys, the counsellors and advisors, have consulted **together** to **establish** a royal decree and to make a **strong** interdict, that ***whoever*** petitions any elah or man for thirty days, ***except*** you, O sovereign, is *thrown* into the den of lions.
8"**Now**, O sovereign, **establish** the interdict and **sign** the **writing,** so that it is not to be *changed*, **according** to the **law** of the Medes and Persians, which *does not* pass away."

[9]So Sovereign Dareyawesh **signed** the **written** interdict.
[10]And Dani'ěl, when he **knew** that the **writing** was **signed**, went home and in his upper room with his windows **open** toward Yerushalayim he knelt down on his knees **three times** a day and prayed and gave **thanks** before his **Elah,** as he had done before.
[11]***Then*** these men tumultuously gathered and **found** Dani'ěl praying and entreating before his **Elah.**
[12]***Then*** they approached the sovereign and spoke concerning the sovereign's interdict, "Have you not signed a interdict that **every** man who petitions any elah or man within thirty days, ***except*** you, O sovereign, is *thrown* into the den of lions?" The sovereign answered and said, "The **word** is certain, **according** to the **law** of the Medes and Persians, which *does not* pass away."
[13]***Then*** they answered and said before the sovereign, "Dani'ěl, who is one of the sons of the exile from Yahudah, pays no **heed** to you, O sovereign, nor for the interdict that you have signed, but makes his petition *three times* a day."
[14]***Then*** the sovereign, when he **heard** these **words**, was greatly *displeased* with himself and set his **heart** on Dani'ěl to **deliver** him. And he laboured til the going down of the sun to **deliver** him.
[15]***Then*** these men tumultuously gathered before the sovereign and said to the sovereign, "Know, O sovereign, that it is the **law** of the Medes and Persians that any interdict or decree which the sovereign establishes is not to be *changed*."
[16]***Then*** the sovereign gave orders and they brought Dani'ěl and threw him into the den of lions. ***But*** the sovereign spoke and said to Dani'ěl, "**Your Elah,** whom you **serve** continually, **He Himself** delivers you."
[17]And a stone was brought and laid on the **mouth** of the den and the sovereign **sealed** it with his own **signet** and with the signets of his **great** men, that the situation concerning Dani'ěl might not be *changed*.
[18]And the sovereign went to his palace and spent the night fasting. And no entertainment was brought before him and his sleep fled from him.
[19]***Then*** the sovereign rose up **very** early in the morning and hurried to the den of lions.
[20]And when he came to the den, he called with a grieved **voice** to Dani'ěl. The sovereign spoke and said to Dani'ěl, "Dani'ěl, servant of the **living Elah,** has your **Elah,** whom you **serve** continually, been able to **deliver** you from the lions?"
[21]***Then*** Dani'ěl said to the sovereign, "O sovereign, **live forever**!
[22]"My **Elah** has **sent His** messenger and has shut the lions' mouths and they *did not* harm me, **because** I was **found innocent** before **Him.** And also before you, O sovereign, I have done no harm."
[23]***Then*** the sovereign was **very glad** and gave orders that Dani'ěl be taken up out of the den. And Dani'ěl was taken up out of the den and no harm was **found** on him, **because** he **trusted** in his **Elah.**
[24]And the sovereign gave orders and they brought those men who had *accused* Dani'ěl and they threw them, their children and their wives into the den of lions. And the lions overpowered them and broke **all** their bones in pieces before they reached the floor of the den.
[25]***Then*** Sovereign Dareyawesh **wrote** to **all** peoples, nations and languages that dwell in **all** the earth: "Peace be increased to you.
[26]"From before me is made a decree that throughout **every rule** of my **reign** men are to *tremble* and **fear** before the **Elah** of Dani'ěl, for **He** is the **living Elah** and steadfast **forever**. And **His reign** is one which is not ***destroyed*** and **His rule** is unto **the end.**
[27]"He delivers and rescues and **He works signs** and **wonders** in the heavens and on earth, for **He** has **delivered** Dani'ěl from the **power** of the lions."
[28]And this Dani'ěl prospered in the **reign** of Dareyawesh and in the **reign** of Koresh the Persian.

7 In the **first** year of Bělshatstsar sovereign of Babel, Dani'ěl had a **dream** and **visions** of his head on his bed. ***Then*** he **wrote** down the **dream,** giving a summary of the matters.

[2]Dani'ěl spoke and said, "I was looking in my **vision** by night and **saw** the four winds of the heavens stirring up the Great Sea.

[3]"And four **great** beasts came up from the sea, different from one another.

[4]"The **first** was like a lion and had eagle's wings. I was looking until its wings were *plucked* off and it was lifted up from the earth and made to **stand** on two feet like a man and it was **given** a man's **heart.**

[5]"And **see,** another beast, a second, like a bear. And it was **raised** up on one side and had three ribs in its **mouth** between its *teeth*. And they said this to it, 'Arise, *devour* much flesh!'

[6]"After this I **looked** and **saw** another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads and **rule** was **given** to it.

[7]"After this I **looked** in the night **visions** and **saw** a fourth beast, **fear**some and burly, exceedingly strong. And it had **great** iron *teeth*. It devoured and crushed and trampled down the rest with its feet. And it was different from **all** the beasts that were before it and it had ten horns.

[8]"I was thinking about the horns, then **saw** another horn, a *little* one, **coming** up among them and three of the **first** horns were *plucked* out by the roots before it. And **see,** eyes like the eyes of a man were in this horn and a **mouth** speaking **great words**.

[9]"I was looking until thrones were set up and the **Ancient of Days** was seated. **His** garment was white as snow and the hair of **His** head was like **clean** wool, **His** throne was *flames* of *fire*, its wheels *burning fire*.

[10]"A stream of *fire* was flowing and **coming** forth from **His** presence and a thousand thousands **served Him** and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before **Him,** the **Judge** was seated and the **book**s were opened.

[11]"I was looking. Then, **<u>because</u>** of the sound of the **great words** which the horn was speaking, I was looking until the beast was slain and its body ***destroyed*** and **given** to the *burning fire*,

[12]and the rest of the beasts had their **rule** taken away. ***But*** a lengthening of **life** was **given** to them, for a season and a **time.**

[13]"I was looking in the night **visions** and **saw One** like the **Son** of Enosh, **coming** with the clouds of the heavens! And **He** came to the Ancient of Days and they brought **Him near** before **Him.**

[14]"And to **Him** was **given** rulership and preciousness and a reign, that **all** peoples, nations and languages should **serve Him. His rule** is an **everlasting rule** which ***shall*** not pass away and **His reign** that which ***shall*** not be **destroyed**.

[15]"As for me, Dani'ěl, my spirit was *pierced* within my body and the **visions** of my head *alarmed* me.

[16]"I drew **near** to one of those who stood by and asked him the certainty of **all** this. And he spoke to me and made **known** to me the interpretation of the matters:

[17]'These **great** beasts, which are four, are four sovereigns which rise up from the earth.

[18]'***Then*** the set-apart ones of the **Most High** ***shall*** receive the reign and **possess** the **reign forever**, even **forever** and **ever.**'

[19]"***Then*** I desired for certainty concerning the fourth beast, which was different from **all** the others, **very** *fearsome*, with its *teeth* of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, crushed and trampled down the rest with its feet,

[20]and concerning the ten horns that were on its head and of the other *horn* that came up, before which three fell – this horn which had eyes and a **mouth** which spoke **great words**, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.

[21]"I was looking and this horn was *fighting <u>against</u>* the set-apart ones and was **prevailing** *<u>against</u>* them,

[22]until the **Ancient of Days** came and

right-ruling was **given** to the set-apart ones of the **Most High** and the **time** came and the set-apart ones took possession of the reign.
23"'This is what he said, 'The fourth beast is the fourth **reign** on earth, which is different from **all** other reigns and it devours **all** the earth, tramples it down and crushes it.
24'And the ten horns are ten sovereigns from this reign. They ***shall*** rise and another ***shall*** rise after them and it is different from the **first** ones and it humbles three sovereigns,
25and it speaks **words** *against* the **Most High** and it wears out the set-apart ones of the **Most High** and it intends to *change* **appointed** times and **law,** and they are **given** into its **hand** for a **time** and times and half a **time.**
26'***But*** the **Judgement *shall*** sit and they ***shall*** take away its **rule,** to *cut off* and to *destroy,* until **the end.**
27'And the reign and the rulership and the greatness of the reigns under **all** the heavens, ***shall*** **be given** to the people, the set-apart ones of the **Most High. His reign** is an **everlasting reign** and **all** rulerships ***shall*** **serve** and **obey Him.**'
28"'This is **the end** of the matter. As for me, Dani'ĕl, my *thoughts* greatly *alarmed* me and my colour *changed*. And I kept the matter in my **heart.**"

8 In the third year of the **reign** of Bĕlshatstsar the sovereign, a **vision** appeared to me, Dani'ĕl, after the one that appeared to me the **first time.**
2And I **looked** in the **vision** and it came to be while I was looking, that I was in the citadel of Shushan, which is in the province of Ĕylam. And I **looked** in the **vision** and I was by the River Ulai.
3And I lifted my eyes and **looked** and **saw** a ram standing beside the river and it had two horns and the two horns were high. And the one was higher than the other and the higher one came up **last.**
4I **saw** the ram pushing westward and northward and southward, so that no beast could **stand** before him and there was no one to **deliver** from his **hand,** while he did as he pleased and became great.
5And I was observing and **saw** a male goat came from the west, over the surface of **all** the earth, without touching the ground. And the goat had a conspicuous horn between his eyes.
6And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had **seen** standing beside the river and ran at him in the *rage* of his power.
7And I **saw** him **come** close to the ram and he became embittered *against* him and *smote* the ram and broke his two horns. And there was no **power** in the ram to withstand him, but he threw him down to the ground and trampled on him. And there was no one to **deliver** the ram from his **hand.**
8And the male goat became **very** great. ***But*** when he was **strong,** the large horn was *broken* and in place of it four conspicuous ones came up toward the four winds of the **heavens.**
9And from one of them came a *little* horn which became exceedingly **great** toward the south and toward the east and toward the Splendid Land.
10And it became great, up to the host of the **heavens.** And it **caused** some of the host and some of the stars to *fall* to the earth and trampled them down.
11It even exalted itself as high as the Prince of the host. And it took that which is continual away from **Him** and threw down the foundation of **His** set-apart place.
12And **because** of *transgression,* an army was **given** over *to the horn* to *oppose* that which is continual. And it threw the **truth** down to the ground, and it *acted* and prospered.
13***Then*** I **heard** a certain set-apart one speaking. And another set-apart one said to that certain one who was speaking, "Til when is the **vision,** concerning that which is continual and the *transgression* that lays *waste,* to make both the Set-apart place and the host to be trampled under foot?"

[14]And he said to me, "For two thousand three hundred days, then that which is set-apart ***shall*** **be** made right."

[15]And it came to be, when I, Dani'ěl, had **seen** the **vision,** that I sought **understanding** and **see,** before me stood one having the appearance of a mighty man.

[16]And I **heard** a man's **voice** between *the banks of* Ulai, who called and said, "Gaḇri'ěl, make this man **understand** the **vision.**"

[17]**He** then came **near** where I stood. And when he came I ***feared*** and I fell on my face, but he said to me, "**Understand**, son of man, for the **vision** is for the **time** of **the end.**"

[18]And, as he was speaking with me, I fell *stunned* upon my face to the ground, but he touched me and made me **stand** up **straight,**

[19]and said, "Look, I am making **known** to you what ***shall*** take place in the **latter time** of the *wrath*, for at the **appointed time *shall* be the end.**

[20]"The ram which you **saw,** having two horns, are the sovereigns of Media and Persia.

[21]"And the male goat is the sovereign of Greece and the large horn between its eyes is the **first** sovereign.

[22]"And that it was broken and four stood up in its place: are four rulerships arising out of that nation, but not in its power.

[23]"And in the **latter time** of their **rule,** when the *transgressors* have filled up their measure, a sovereign, **fierce** of face and skilled at intrigues, ***shall*** **stand** up.

[24]"And his **power *shall* be** mighty, but not by his own power and he ***shall*** *destroy* incredibly and ***shall*** prosper and thrive and *destroy* mighty men and the set-apart people.

[25]"And through his **skill** he ***shall*** make *deceit* prosper in his **hand** and hold himself to be **great** in his **heart** and *destroy* many who are at ease and even **stand** <u>*against*</u> the Prince of princes – yet without **hand** he ***shall*** **be** broken.

[26]"And what was said in the **vision** of the **evening**s and mornings is **truth**. And hide the **vision,** for it is after many days."

[27]And I, Dani'ěl, was *stricken* and became *sick* for days. ***Then*** I rose up and went about the sovereign's work. And I was amazed at the **vision,** but there was no **understanding**.

9 In the **first** year of Dareyawesh the son of Aḥashwěrosh, of the seed of the Medes, who was set up as sovereign over the **reign** of the Chaldeans –

[2]in the **first** year of his **reign** I, Dani'ěl, **observed** from the **Scriptures** the number of the years, **according** to the **Word** of ה׳ **given** to Yirmeyah the **prophet,** for the completion of the wastes of Yerushalayim would be **seventy years.**

[3]So I set my face toward ה׳ the **Elohim** to **seek** by prayer and supplications, with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.

[4]And I prayed to ה׳ my **Elohim** and made confession and said, "O ה׳, **great** and **awesome** Ěl, **guarding** the **covenant** and the **kindness** to those who **love Him** and to those who **guard His commands**.

[5]"We have *sinned* and did *crookedness* and did ***wrong*** and *rebelled*, to *turn* aside from **Your commands** and from **Your right-rulings**.

[6]"And we have *not listened* to **Your** servants the **prophets,** who spoke in **Your Name** to our sovereigns, our heads and our fathers and to **all** the people of the land.

[7]"O ה׳, to **You** is the **righteousness** and to us the *shame* of face, as it is this day – to the men of Yahuḏah, to the inhabitants of Yerushalayim and **all** Yisra'ěl, those **near** and those far off in **all** the lands to which **You** have *driven* them <u>**because**</u> of their *trespass* which they have *trespassed* <u>*against*</u> **You.**

[8]"O **Master,** to us is the *shame* of face, to our sovereigns, to our heads and to our fathers, <u>**because**</u> we have

sinned <u>*against*</u> **You.**
9"To ֱיְהוָה our **Elohim** are the **compassion**s and **forgiveness**es,
for we have *rebelled* <u>*against*</u> **Him.**
10"And we have *not* **obeyed** the **voice** of ֱיְהוָה our **Elohim**, to **walk** in **His Torot**, which **He** set before us through **His** servants the **prophets.**
11"And **all** Yisra'ĕl have *transgressed* **Your Torah** and turned aside, so as *not* to **obey Your voice**. So the *curse* and the **oath written** in the **Torah** of Mosheh the servant of **Elohim** have been **poured out** on us, for we have *sinned* <u>*against*</u> **Him.**
12"And **He** has **confirmed His words**, which **He** spoke <u>*against*</u> us and <u>*against*</u> our rulers who judged us, by bringing upon us **great** *evil*. For under **all** the heavens there has not been done like what was done to Yerushalayim.
13"As it is **written** in the **Torah** of Mosheh, **all** this *evil* has **come** upon us and we have not entreated the face of ֱיְהוָה our **Elohim**, to **turn back** from our *crookedness*es and to **study Your truth**.
14"Hence ֱיְהוָה has watched over the *evil* and has brought it upon us. For ֱיְהוָה our **Elohim** is **righteous** in **all** the **works** which **He** has done, but we have not **obeyed His voice**.
15"And **now**, O ֱיְהוָה our **Elohim**, who brought **Your people** out of the land of Mitsrayim with a **strong hand** and made **Yourself** a Name, as it is this day – we have *sinned*, we have done ***wrong!***
16"O ֱיְהוָה, **according** to **all Your righteousness**, I pray, let **Your** *displeasure* and **Your** *wrath* be turned away from **Your** city Yerushalayim, **Your** set-apart mountain. For, <u>**because**</u> of our *sins* and <u>**because**</u> of the *crookedness*es of our fathers, Yerushalayim and **Your people** have become a *reproach* to **all** those around us.
17"And **now**, our **Elohim**, **hear** the prayer of **Your** servant and his supplications and for the sake of ֱיְהוָה **cause Your** face to shine on **Your** Set-apart place, which is laid *waste*.
18"O my **Elohim**, incline **Your** ear and **hear. open Your** eyes and **see** our wastes and the city which is called by **Your Name**. For we *do not* present our supplications before **You** <u>**because**</u> of our **righteous deeds** but <u>**because**</u> of **Your great compassion**s.
19"O ֱיְהוָה, **hear!** O ֱיְהוָה, forgive! O ֱיְהוָה, **listen** and **act**! ***Do*** *not* delay for **Your** own sake, my **Elohim**, for **Your** city and **Your people** are called by **Your Name**."
20And while I was speaking and praying and confessing my *sin* and the *sin* of my people Yisra'ĕl and presenting my supplication before ֱיְהוָה my **Elohim** for the set-apart mountain of my **Elohim**,
21while I was still speaking in prayer, the man Gaḇri'ĕl, whom I had **seen** in the **vision** at the beginning, came close to me, in *swift* f**light** about the **time** of the **evening** offering.
22And he made me *understand* and talked with me and said, "O Dani'ĕl, I have **now come** forth to make you **wise** concerning **understanding**.
23"At the beginning of your supplications a **word** went out and I have **come to** make it **known**, for you are greatly appreciated. So consider the **word** and **understand** the vision:
24"Seventy weeks are decreed for your people and for your set-apart city, to put an end to the *transgression,* and to **seal** up *sins* and to cover *crookedness* and to bring in **everlasting righteousness** and to **seal** up **vision** and **prophet** and to **anoint** the Most Set-apart.
25"Know, then and understand: from the going forth of the **command** to restore and build Yerushalayim until **Messiah** the Prince is seven weeks and sixty-two weeks. It ***shall*** **be** built again, with streets and a trench, but in times of *affliction*.
26"And after the sixty-two weeks **Messiah** ***shall*** **be** *cut off* and have naught. And the people of
a **coming** prince ***shall*** *destroy* the city

and the set-apart place. And **the end** of it is with a flood. And wastes are decreed and *fighting* until **the end.**

[27]"And he ***shall*** **confirm** a **covenant** with many for one week. And in the middle of the week he ***shall*** put an end to slaughtering and meal offering. And on the wing of **abominations** he ***shall*** lay *waste,* even until the **complete** end and that which is decreed is poured out on the one who lays *waste.*"

10 In the third year of Koresh sover eign of Persia a **word** was **revealed** to Dani'ĕl, whose name was called Bĕlteshatstsar. And the **word** was **true** and the conflict great. And he understood the **word and** had **understanding** of the **vision.**

[2]In those days I, Dani'ĕl, was *mourning* three weeks of days.

[3]I *did not* eat desirable food and meat and **wine** *did not* **come** into my **mouth,** and I *did not* **anoint** myself at **all,** til the completion of three weeks of days.

[4]And on the twenty-fourth **day of** the **first** month, while I was by the side of the **great** river, that is Ḥiddeqel,

[5]then I lifted my eyes and **looked** and **saw** a certain man dressed in linen, whose loins were girded with gold of Uphaz!

[6]And his body was like beryl and his face like the appearance of lightning and his eyes like torches of *fire* and his arms and feet like polished bronze in appearance and the sound of his **words** like the sound of a crowd.

[7]And I, Dani'ĕl, alone **saw** the **vision,** for the men who were with me *did not* **see** the **vision,** but a **great** *trembling* fell upon them and they ran away to hide themselves.

[8]So I was left alone when I **saw** this **great vision** and no strength remained in me, for my comeliness was ***destroyed*** in me and I retained no strength.

[9]***But*** I **heard** the sound of his **words**. And while I **heard** the sound of his **words** I was *stunned lying* with my face to the ground.

[10]And **see,** a **hand** touched me and set me *trembling* on my knees and on the palms of my hands.

[11]And he said to me, "O Dani'ĕl, man greatly appreciated, **understand** the **words** that I **speak** to you and **stand upright,** for I have **now** been **sent** to you." And while he was speaking this **word** to me, I stood *trembling*.

[12]And he said to me, "***Do*** *not* **fear,** Dani'ĕl, for from the **first** day that you set your **heart** to **understand** and to humble yourself before your **Elohim**, your **words** were **heard** and I have **come because** of your **words**.

[13]"***But*** the head of the **rule** of Persia withstood me twenty-one days. And **see,** Mika'ĕl, one of the chief heads, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the sovereigns of Persia.

[14]"And I have **come to** make you **understand** what is to befall your people in the **latter** days. For the **vision** is yet for days to come."

[15]And when he had **spoken** such **words** to me, I turned my face toward the ground and kept silent.

[16]And **see,** one who **looked** like the sons of men touched my lips and I opened my **mouth** and spoke and said to him who stood before me, "My master, **because** of the **vision** I have been *seized* with *pains* and I have retained no strength.

[17]"So how was this servant of my master able to **speak** with you, my **Master?** As for me, no strength remains in me **now**, nor is any breath left in me."

[18]And again the one who **looked** like a man touched me and strengthened me.

[19]And he said, "***Do*** *not* **fear,** O man greatly appreciated! Peace be to you, be **strong now**, be **strong**!" So when he spoke to me I was strengthened and said, "**Let** my master speak, for you have strengthened me."

[20]And he said, "***Do*** you **know** why I have **come to** you? And **now** I **return** to *fight* with the head of Persia.

And when I have left, **see,** the head of

Greece ***shall*** come.
21"***But*** let me **declare** to you what is **written** in the **Scripture of Truth** and there is no one supporting me *against* these, ***except*** Mika'ĕl your head.

11 "And in the **first** year of Dareyawesh the Mede, I myself stood up to support and protect him.
2"And **now** I **declare** the **truth** to you: **See,** three more sovereigns are to arise in Persia and the fourth is to become far richer than them **all.** And by his power, through his riches, he stirs up **all** *against* the rulership of Greece.
3"And a mighty sovereign ***shall*** arise and he ***shall*** **rule** with **great** authority, and do as he pleases.
4"***But*** when he has arisen, his **rule** ***shall*** **be** broken up and divided toward the four winds of the heavens, but not among his descendants nor **according** to his **authority** with which he ruled, **because** his **rule** ***shall*** **be** uprooted, even for others besides these.
5"And a sovereign of the South ***shall*** become **strong,** along with one of his princes who gains **power** over him and ***shall*** **rule** – his **rule** being a **great rule.**
6"And at **the end** of years they ***shall*** join themselves together and a daughter of the sovereign of the South ***shall*** **come to** the sovereign of the North to make an alliance. ***But*** she ***shall*** not retain the strength of her power, nor would he or his **power** stand. And she ***shall*** **be given** up, with those who brought her and he who brought her forth and he who supported her in those times.
7"***But*** from a branch of her roots one ***shall*** arise in his place and he ***shall*** **come** into the defence and **come** into a stronghold of the sovereign of the North and ***shall*** act *against* them and ***shall*** prevail,
8and also their *mighty ones*, with their princes and their **precious** utensils of silver and gold he ***shall*** *seize* and bring to Mitsrayim. And he ***shall*** **stand** more years than the sovereign of the North.
9"***Then*** he ***shall*** enter the **reign** of the sovereign of the South, but ***shall*** **return** to his own land.
10"***But*** his sons ***shall*** stir themselves up and **assemble** a **great** army. And he ***shall*** certainly **come** and overflow and pass through, then **return** to his *stronghold* and be stirred up.
11"***Then*** the sovereign of the South ***shall*** **be enraged** and go out to *fight* with him, with the sovereign of the North, who ***shall*** **raise** a large army. ***But*** the army ***shall*** **be given** into the **hand** of his enemy,
12and he ***shall*** capture the army, his **heart** being exalted. And he ***shall*** **cause** tens of thousands to fall, but not prevail.
13"And the sovereign of the North ***shall*** **return** and **raise** an army greater than the former and certainly **come** at **the end** of some years with a **great** army and much supplies.
14"And in those times many ***shall*** rise up *against* the sovereign of the South, while some *violent* ones among your people **exalt** themselves to **establish** the **vision,** but they ***shall*** *stumble.*
15"***Then*** the sovereign of the North ***shall*** come in and build a siege mound and capture a city of *strongholds*. And the arms of the South ***shall*** not stand, nor his choice people, for there is no strength to stand.
16"So his opponent ***shall*** do as he **pleases** – with no one standing *against* him – and **stand** in the Splendid Land with ***destruction*** in his **hand.**
17"And he ***shall*** set his face to enter with the strength of his entire **rule** and make an alliance with him. And he ***shall*** do so and give him the daughter of women to *corrupt* her. ***But*** she ***shall*** not stand, neither be for him.
18"***Then*** he ***shall turn*** his face to the coastlands and capture many. ***But*** a ruler ***shall*** bring the *reproach* *against* them to an end. And with the *reproach* removed, he ***shall turn*** **back** on him.

19"'***Then*** he ***shall turn*** his face toward the *strongholds* of his own land, but ***shall*** *stumble* and fall and not be found.
20"'And in his place one ***shall*** **stand** up who imposes taxes on the adorned *city* of the **rule,** but within a **few** days he is **destroyed**, but not in *wrath* or in battle.
21"'And in his place ***shall*** arise a *despised* one, to whom they ***shall*** not give the excellency of the **rule.** ***But*** he ***shall*** **come** in peaceably and *seize* the **rule** by flatteries.
22"'And the arms of the *flood* ***shall*** **be** swept away from before him and be *broken* and also the prince of the **covenant.**
23"'And after they joined him, he ***shall*** **work** *deceit* and ***shall*** **come** up and become **strong** with a small nation.
24"He ***shall*** enter peaceably, even into the richest places of the province and do what his fathers have not done, nor his forefathers: distribute among them plunder and spoil and supplies and devise his plots *against* the *strongholds*, but only for a **time.**
25"'And he ***shall*** stir up his **power** and his **heart** *against* the sovereign of the South with a **great** army and the sovereign of the South ***shall*** **be** stirred up to battle with a **very great** and mighty army, but not stand, for they ***shall*** devise plots *against* him.
26"'And those who have been eating his food ***shall*** *destroy* him and his army be swept away and many *fall* down slain.
27"'And both these sovereigns' **hearts** are to do *evil* and **speak** lies at the **same** table, but not prosper, for **the end** is still for an **appointed time.**
28"'***Then*** he ***shall*** **return** to his land with much supplies and his **heart** be *against* the **set-apart covenant.** And he ***shall*** act and ***shall*** **return** to his land.
29"'At the **appointed time** he ***shall*** **return** and go toward the south, but it ***shall*** not be like the former or the latter.
30"'For ships from Kittim ***shall*** **come** *against* him and he ***shall*** lose **heart** and ***shall*** **return** in *rage* *against* the **set-apart covenant** and ***shall*** act and ***shall*** **return** and consider those who *forsake* the **set-apart covenant.**
31"'And **strong** ones ***shall*** arise from him and *profane* the set-apart place, the *stronghold* and ***shall*** take away that which is continual and set up the **abomination** that lays *waste.*
32"'And by flatteries he ***shall*** *profane* those who do ***wrong*** *against* the covenant, but the people who **know** their **Elohim** ***shall*** **be strong** and ***shall*** act.
33"'And those of the people who have **insight** ***shall*** give **understanding** to many. And they ***shall*** *stumble* by *sword* and flame, by captivity and plundering, for days.
34"'And when they *stumble,* they ***shall*** **be** helped, a *little* help, but many ***shall*** join them, by flatteries.
35"'And some of those who have **insight** ***shall*** *stumble,* to refine them and to **cleanse** them and to make them white, until the **time** of **the end,** for it is still for an **appointed time.**
36"'And the sovereign ***shall*** do as he pleases and **exalt** himself and **show** himself to be **great** above **every** *mighty one* and **speak** incredible matters *against* the Ěl of *mighty ones* and ***shall*** prosper until the *wrath* has been **accomplished** – for what has been decreed ***shall*** **be** done –
37and have no regard for the *mighty ones* of his fathers nor for the desire of women, nor have regard for any *mighty one*, but **exalt** himself above them **all.**
38"'***But*** in his place he ***shall*** give **esteem** to a *mighty one* of *strongholds*. And to a *mighty one* which his fathers *did not* **know** he ***shall*** give **esteem** with gold and silver, with **precious** stones and costly gifts.
39"'And he ***shall*** act *against* the strongest *strongholds* with a foreign *mighty one*, which he ***shall*** ac**knowledge**. **He** ***shall*** increase in **esteem** and **cause** them to **rule** over many and divide the land for *gain.*
40"'At the **time** of **the end** the sovereign of the South ***shall*** push at him and the sovereign of the North rush *against*

him like a whirlwind, with chariots and with horsemen and with many ships. And he ***shall*** enter the lands and ***shall*** overflow and pass over,
41and ***shall*** enter the **Splendid Land** and many ***shall*** *stumble,* but these **escape** from his hand: Ed̲om and Mo'ab̲ and the chief of the sons of Ammon.
42"And he ***shall*** stretch out his **hand** *against* the lands and the land of Mitsrayim ***shall not escape***.
43"And he ***shall*** **rule** over the treasures of gold and silver and over **all** the riches of Mitsrayim and Libyans and Kushites ***shall*** **be** at his steps.
44"***Then*** reports from the east and the north ***shall*** disturb him and he ***shall*** go out with **great** *wrath* to *destroy* and put many under the **ban,**
45and he ***shall*** pitch the tents of his palace between the seas and the splendid set-apart mountain, but ***shall*** **come to** his end with none to help him.

12 "**Now** at that **time** Miḳa'ĕl ***shall*** stand up, the **great** head who is̄ standing over the sons of your people. And there ***shall*** **be** a **time** of *distress,* such as never was since there was a nation, until that **time.** And at that **time** your people ***shall*** **be delivered**, **every one who is found written in the book,**
2and many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth wake up, some to **everlasting life** and some to *reproaches, everlasting abhorrence.*
3"And those who have **insight** ***shall*** **shine like the brightness of the expanse and those who lead many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.**
4"***But*** **you, Dani'ĕl, hide the words** and **seal the book until the time of the end. Many** ***shall*** **diligently search and knowledge** ***shall*** **increase."**
5***Then*** I, Dani'ĕl, **looked** and **saw** two others standing, one on this bank of the river and the other on that bank.
6And one said to the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "***How*** long until **the end** of these **wonders**?"
7And I **heard** the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river and he held up his **right hand** and his left **hand** to the heavens and **swore** by **Him who lives forever**, that it would be for a **time, times and half a time.** And when they have ended *scattering* the **power** of the set-apart people, then **all** these ***shall*** **be** completed.
8And I **heard**, but I *did not understand,* so I said, "My master, what is the **latter end of these matters**?"
9And he said, "Go, Dani'ĕl, for the **words** are *hidden* and **sealed til the time of the end.**
10"Many ***shall*** **be cleansed** and made **white** and **refined.** ***But*** the ***wrong shall*** do ***wrong*** – and *none of the* ***wrong shall*** *understand,* **but those who have insight** ***shall*** **understand.**
11"And from the **time** that which is continual is taken away and the **abomination** that *lays waste* is set up, is one thousand two hundred and ninety days.
12**"Blessed** is he who is **waiting earnestly** and **comes** to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.
13"***But*** you, go *your way* until **the end.** And rest and arise to your **lot** at **the end** of the days."

HOSHĔA

1 The **Word** of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ that came to Hoshĕa son of Be'ĕri, in the days of Uzziyah, Yotham, Aḥaz and Ḥizqiyah, sovereigns of Yahuḏah and in the days of Yarobʿam son of Yo'ash, sovereign of Yisra'ĕl.

2 The beginning of the **Word** of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ with Hoshĕa. And ꓤꓴꓤꓩ said to Hoshĕa, "Go, take yourself a woman of *whoring* and children of *whoring,* for the land has *utterly whored* away from ꓤꓴꓤꓩ."

3 So he went and took Gomer, daughter of Diḇlayim and she conceived and bore him a son.

4 And ꓤꓴꓤꓩ said to him, "Call his name Yizreʿĕl, for in **a** *little* **while** I ***shall*** revenge the bloodshed of Yizreʿĕl on the house of Yĕhu and put an end to the **reign** of the house of Yisra'ĕl.

5 "And it ***shall*** **be** in that day that **I** ***shall*** *break* the bow of Yisra'ĕl in the Valley of Yizreʿĕl."

6 And she conceived again and bore a daughter. And **He** said to him, "Call her name Lo-Ruḥamah, for no longer do I have **compassion** on the house of Yisra'ĕl so as to **forgive** them at **all.**

7 "***But*** I ***shall*** have **compassion** on the house of Yahuḏah and **save** them by ꓤꓴꓤꓩ their **Elohim** and not **save** them by bow or by *sword* or battle, by horses or horsemen."

8 And she weaned Lo-Ruḥamah and conceived and bore a son,

9 then **He** said, "Call his name Lo-Ammi, for you are ***not*** **My people** and I am not for you.

10 "Yet the number of the children of Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** **be** as the sand of the sea, which is not measured nor counted. And it ***shall*** **be** in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not **My people**,' they ***shall*** **be** called, 'You are the sons of the **living** Ĕl.'

11 "And the children of Yahuḏah and the children of Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** **be** gathered together and **appoint** for themselves one head and ***shall*** **come** up out of the earth, for **great** is the **day of** Yizreʿĕl!

2 "Say to your brothers, 'O my people,' and to your sisters, 'O, **compassioned** one.'

2 "*Strive* with your mother, *strive,* for she is not **My** wife, nor am I her **Husband! Let** her put away her *whorings* from her face and her *adulteries* from between her breasts,

3 lest I strip her naked and ***shall*** set her up as on the day she was born and ***shall*** make her like a wilderness and ***shall*** set her like a dry land and ***shall*** put her to *death* with thirst.

4 "And I ***shall*** not have **compassion** on her children, for they are the children of *whorings*.

5 "For their mother has *whored,* she who conceived them has *acted* shamelessly. For she said, 'I go after my *lovers,* who give me my **bread** and my water, my wool and my linen, my oil and my drink.'

6 "Therefore, **see,** I am hedging up *your way* with thorns and I ***shall*** wall her in, so that she *does not* find her paths.

7 "And she ***shall*** pursue her *lovers* but not overtake them and ***shall*** **seek** them but not find them. ***Then*** she ***shall*** say, '**Let** me go and **return** to my **first** husband, for then it was better for me than *now.*'

8 "And she *did not* ac**knowledge** that I gave her grain and **new wine** and oil and increased her silver and gold which they prepared for Baʿal.

9 "Therefore **I** ***shall turn*** **back** and ***shall*** take my grain in its **time** and **My new wine** in its season and I ***shall*** take away **My** wool and **My** linen covering her nakedness.

10 "And **now** I ***shall*** **uncover** her *shame* before the eyes of her *lovers* and no one ***shall*** **deliver** her from **My hand.**

11 "And I ***shall*** **cause all** her rejoicing,

her festivals, her **New Moons** and her **Sabbaths,** even **all** her **appointed times,** to *cease*,
[12]and *lay waste* her vines and her fig trees, of which she has said, 'these are my rewards that my *lovers* have **given** me.' And I ***shall*** make them a forest and the beasts of the field ***shall*** eat them.
[13]"And I ***shall*** *punish* her for the days of the Ba'als to which she *burned* incense and adorned herself with her rings and jewelry and went after her *lovers* and *forgot* **Me,**" **declares** ֵיהוָה.
[14]"Therefore, **see,** I am alluring her and ***shall*** lead her into the wilderness and ***shall*** **speak** to her **heart,**
[15]and give to her vineyards from there and the Valley of Aḵor as a **door** of expectation. And there she ***shall*** respond as in the days of her youth, as in the day when she came up from the land of Mitsrayim.
[16]"And it ***shall*** **be, in that day,**" **declares** ֵיהוָה, "that you **call Me 'My Husband,**' and no longer **call Me 'My *Ba'al***.'
[17]"And I *shall* remove the names of the *Ba'als* from her mouth and **they *shall* no more be remembered by their name.**
[18]"And in that day I ***shall*** make a **covenant** for them with the beasts of the field and with the birds of the heavens and with the creeping creatures of the ground, when bow and *sword* and battle I *break* from the earth. And I ***shall*** make them *lie* down in safety.
[19]"And I ***shall*** take you as a bride unto **Me forever** and take you as a bride unto **Me** in **righteousness** and in right-ruling and **kindness** and **compassion**.
[20]"And I ***shall*** take you as a bride unto **Me** in **trustworthiness** and **you *shall* know** ֵיהוָה.
[21]"And it ***shall*** **be** in that day that I answer," **declares** ֵיהוָה, "that I answer the heavens and they answer the earth,
[22]and the earth answer the grain and the **new wine** and the oil and they answer Yizre'ĕl.
[23]"And I ***shall*** sow her for **Myself** in the earth and I ***shall*** have **compassion** on her who had not obtained **compassion**. And I ***shall*** say to those who were not **My people**, 'You are **My people**,' while they say, **'My Elohim**!'

3 ***Then*** ֵיהוָה said to me, "Go again, **love** a woman **loved** by a friend and an adulteress, **according** to the **love** of ֵיהוָה for the children of Yisra'ĕl, though they are turning to other *mighty ones* and **love** their raisin cakes."
[2]So I bought her for myself for fifteen pieces of silver and one and one-half ḥomers of barley.
[3]And I said to her, "You are to remain with me many days, you are not to *whore,* nor become any man's and so I ***shall*** also be towards you."
[4]For many days the children of Yisra'ĕl are to remain without sovereign and without prince and without slaughtering and without pillar and without shoulder garment or house *idols*.
[5]Afterward the children of Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** **return** and **seek** ֵיהוָה their **Elohim** and Dawiḏ their sovereign,and **fear** ֵיהוָה and **His goodness**, in the **latter days**.

4 **Hear** the **Word** of ֵיהוָה, you children of Yisra'ĕl, for ֵיהוָה has a case *against* the inhabitants of the land: "For there is ***no*** **truth** or **kindness** or **knowledge** of **Elohim** in the land.
[2]*"Swearing, lying, murdering, stealing* and *committing adultery* have increased. And bloodshed **follow**s bloodshed.
[3]"Therefore the land mourns and everyone **living** there languishes, with the beasts of the field and the birds of the **heavens.** And the fish of the sea are taken away.
[4]"However, let no one *strive* or **reprove** another, for your people are like those striving with a priest.

[5]"And you ***shall*** *stumble* in the day

and the **prophet *shall*** also *stumble* with you in the night. And I ***shall*** make your mother *perish.*

6"***My people have*** *perished* ***for lack of*** **knowledge. <u>Because</u>** you have *rejected* **knowledge**, I *reject* you from being priest for **Me.** Since you have *forgotten* the **Torah** of your **Elohim**, I also *forget* your children.

7"As they were increased, so they *sinned <u>against</u>* **Me. My esteem** they *have changed* into *shame.*

8"They eat the *sin* of **My people** and lift up their desire to their *crookedness*.

9"And it ***shall*** be: like people, like priest. And I ***shall*** *punish* them for their ways and reward them for their **deeds**.

10"And they ***shall*** eat but not be satisfied, they ***shall*** *whore* but not increase, for they have *stopped* **obey**ing יהוה.

11"***Who****ring* and **wine** and **new wine** enslave the **heart.**

12"My people **ask** from their Wood and their Staff **declares** to them. For a spirit of *whorings* has led them *astray* and they went *whoring* from under their **Elohim**.

13"They slaughter on the mountaintops and burn incense on the hills, under oak and poplars and terebinth, **<u>because</u>** its shade is **good**. Therefore your daughters *commit whoring* and your brides *commit* adultery.

14"I *would not punish* your daughters when they *commit whoring,* nor your brides when they *commit* adultery, for *the men* themselves go aside with *whores* and offer with cult prostitutes – a people that *do not* **understand** are ***thrust*** down!

15"Though you are a *whore,* Yisra'ĕl, let not Yahuḏah become *guilty*. ***Do not*** **come** up to Gilgal, nor go up to Bĕyth Awen, nor swear an oath, saying, 'As יהוה lives!'

16"For Yisra'ĕl is *stubborn,* like a *stubborn* calf. Would יהוה **now** feed them like a **lamb** in a broad place?

17"Ephrayim is joined to *idols,* let him alone.

18"Their drink is sour, they have *whored* continually. Her rulers *wildly* **loved** *shame.*

19"A *wind* has *bound* her up in its wings and they are *ashamed* **<u>because</u>** of their slaughterings.

5 " **Hear** this, O priests! And **listen**, O house of Yisra'ĕl! Give ear, O house of the sovereign! For the judgment is for you, for you have been a *snare* to Mitspah and a *net* spread on Taḇor.

2"And they have made deep the pit of Shittim, so I **reprove** them **all.**

3"I have **known** Ephrayim and Yisra'ĕl has not been *hidden* from **Me.** For **now**, O Ephrayim, you have *whored,* Yisra'ĕl is *defiled*.

4"Their **deeds** *do not* allow them to **turn back** to their **Elohim**, for the spirit of *whorings* is among them and they *do not* **know** יהוה.

5"And the Excellency of Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** **witness** to his face and Yisra'ĕl and Ephrayim *stumble* in their *crookedness.* Yahuḏah ***shall*** also *stumble* with them.

6"With their flocks and herds they go to **seek** יהוה, but *do not* find **Him** – **He** has withdrawn from them.

7"They have *acted* treacherously *<u>against</u>* יהוה, for they have brought forth *strange* children. **Now** a new moon ***shall*** *devour* them with their portions.

8"Blow the ram's horn in Gib'ah, the trumpet in Ramah! Shout, O Bĕyth Awen! Behind you, O Binyamin!

9"Ephrayim is laid *waste* in the **day of** rebuke. Among the tribes of Yisra'ĕl I ***shall*** make **known** what is certain.

10"The chiefs of Yahuḏah ***shall*** **be** like those who remove a border – on them I **pour out My wrath** like water.

11"Ephrayim is *oppressed*, crushed in judgment, **<u>because</u>** it pleased him to **walk** after Tsaw.

12"So I am to Ephrayim like a moth and to the house of Yahuḏah like rottenness.

13"***When*** Ephrayim **saw** his *sickness* and Yahuḏah **saw** his wound,

then Ephrayim went to Ashshur and

sent to Sovereign Yarĕb. ***But*** he is *unable* to **heal** you or to remove the wound from you.
14"For I am like a lion to Ephrayim and like a young lion to the house of Yahuḏah. **I Myself** *tear* them and go, I take them away and there is no one to deliver.
15"I ***shall*** go, I ***shall*** **return** to **My** place, until they confess their *guilt* and **seek My** face, in their *distress* **diligently search** for **Me** and *say*,

6 'Come and let us **turn back** to יהוה. For **He** has *torn* but **He** does **heal** us, **He** has *stricken* but **He** binds us up.
2'After two days **He *shall*** revive us, on the third day **He *shall*** **raise** us up, so that we **live** before **Him.**
3'So let us **know,** let us pursue **to know** יהוה. **His** going forth is as certain as the morning. And **He comes** to us like the rain, like the **latter** rain watering the earth.'
4"Ephrayim, what would I do with you? Yahuḏah, what would I do with you? For your trustworthiness is like a morning cloud and like the early dew it goes away.
5"Therefore I have hewn *them* by the **prophets,** I have *slain* them by the **words** of **My mouth.** And **My right-rulings** *break* forth as the **light**.
6"For I **delight** in **kindness** and not slaughtering and in the **knowledge** of **Elohim** mor than burnt offerings.
7"***But*** like Aḏam they *transgressed* **the covenant.** There they *acted* treacherously *against* **Me.**
8"Gil'aḏ is a city of workers of *wickedness* – tracked up with blood.
9"And as bands of ***robbers*** *lie* in wait for a man, so the company of priests murder on the **way** to Sheḵem, for they have done *wickedness*.
10"I have **seen** a *horrible* matter in the house of Yisra'ĕl: the *whoring* of Ephrayim is there, Yisra'ĕl is *defiled*.
11"Also, a harvest is **appointed** for you, O Yahuḏah, when I **turn back** the captivity of **My people**.

7 " Whenever I would **heal** Yisra'ĕl, then the *crookedness* of Ephrayim is uncovered and the *evil* **deeds** of Shomeron. For they have wrought *falsehood* and a *thief* **comes** in, a band of ***robbers*** raids outside.
2"And they *do not* say to their **hearts** that I ***remember*** **all** their *evil*. **Now** their *own deeds* have surrounded them, they have been before **Me.**
3"With their *evil* they make a sovereign glad and rulers with their lies.
4"All of them are adulterers, as an oven heated by a baker, who ceases stirring the *fire* after kneading the dough, until it is leavened.
5"In the **day of** our sovereign rulers became *sick, inflamed* with **wine**. **He** extended his **hand** with scoffers.
6"For they have drawn near, their **heart** is like an oven. While they *lie* in wait **all** the night their baker sleeps. In the morning it burns like a flaming *fire*.
7"All of them are as hot as an oven and they *consumed* their rulers. All their sovereigns have fallen – *not one among them* **calls on Me.**
8"Ephrayim mixes himself among the peoples, Ephrayim has become a cake unturned.
9"Strangers have devoured his strength but he *does not* **know** it. Grey hairs are also sprinkled on him and he *does not* **know** it.
10"And the **Excellency** of **Yisra'ĕl** did **witness** to his face but they *did not* **return** to יהוה their **Elohim** *nor did* they **seek Him** for **all** this.
11"And Ephrayim has become a simple dove without **heart,** they have called on Mitsrayim, they have gone to Ashshur.
12"***When*** they go I spread **My** *net* over them, I bring them down like the birds of the heavens, I chastise them as their congregation has **heard**.
13"**Woe** to them, for they have *strayed* from **Me! *destruction*** to them, **because** they have *transgressed against* **Me!**

And **I Myself** have ransomed them, yet they have **spoken** *falsehoods* *against* **Me,**
[14]and *did not* cry out to **Me** with their **heart** when they wailed upon their beds. For grain and **new wine** they **assemble** themselves; they turn away from **Me.**
[15]"And I **instructed,** I strengthened their arms, but they *plot evil* *against* **Me.**
[16]"They **return,** but not to the **Most High.** They have been like a slack bow. Their rulers *fall* by the *sword* for the cursings of their tongue. This is their *scorn* in the land of Mitsrayim.

8 " Put the ram's horn to your **mouth,** like an eagle *against* the House of ה׳ה׳ז, **because** they have *transgressed* **My covenant** and they have *rebelled* *against* **My Torah**.
[2]"They cry out to **Me, 'My Elohim** – we, Yisra'ĕl, **know You**!'
[3]"Yisra'ĕl has *rejected* what is **good**, an enemy pursues him.
[4]"They have made sovereigns, but not from **Me.** They have made rulers, but I have not **known**. From their silver and gold they made *idols* for themselves, so that they are *cut* off.
[5]"O Shomeron, your *calf* has been *cast* off! **My** *wrath* has *burned* *against* them. ***How*** long ***shall*** they be incapable of innocence?
[6]"For from Yisra'ĕl is even this: a workman made it and it is not **Elohim**! For the *calf* of Shomeron is ***splinters***!
[7]"For they sow the wind and reap the *whirlwind.* The stalk has no bud, it yields no grain. ***If*** it does yield, strangers swallow it up.
[8]"Yisra'ĕl has been swallowed up. They have **now** become among the nations as a vessel in which is no pleasure.
[9]"For they themselves have gone up to Ashshur. A wild donkey alone by itself is Ephrayim, they have hired lovers.
[10]"Also, although they sold themselves among the nations, this **time** I ***shall*** **gather** them, when they have suffered for a while from the *burden* of a sovereign, of rulers.
[11]"Since Ephrayim has made many altars for *sin,* they have been altars for *sinning* to him.
[12]"I have **written** for him numerous matters of **My Torah** – they were regarded as *strange.*
[13]"As for **My** offerings: they slaughter *flesh* and they eat. ה׳ה׳ז ***shall*** not **accept** them. **Now** does **He** ***remember*** their *crookedness* and *punish their sins.* **Let** them **return** to Mitsrayim!
[14]"For Yisra'ĕl has *forgotten* his **Maker** and has built palaces. And Yahuḏah has increased walled cities. ***But*** **I** ***shall*** **send** *fire* upon his cities and it ***shall*** *devour* his *strongholds*."

9 O Yisra'ĕl, *do not* **rejoice** with exultation like the peoples, for you have *whored* from your **Elohim**. You have **loved** a love-fee at **all** threshing-floors.
[2]Threshing floor and winepress ***shall*** not feed them and **new wine** ***shall*** fail in her.
[3]They ***shall*** not dwell in the land of ה׳ה׳ז but Ephrayim ***shall*** **return** to Mitsrayim and eat *unclean food* in Ashshur.
[4]They *do not* pour **wine** offerings to ה׳ה׳ז, nor are their offerings pleasing to **Him** – it being like **bread** of mourners to them, **all** who eat it are *defiled*. For their **bread** is for their **life**, it *does not* **come** into the House of ה׳ה׳ז.
[5]***What*** **do you do for the appointed meeting and in the day of the festival of** ה׳ה׳ז?
[6]For look, they ***shall*** go **because** of ***destruction*** – Mitsrayim gathers them up, Moph buries them, nettles **possess** their valuables of silver, thorns are in their tents.
[7]The days of *punishment* have **come**, the days of *retribution* have come. Yisra'ĕl knows! The **prophet** is a *fool*, the 'man of the Spirit' is ***mad***, **because** of the greatness of your *crookedness* and **great** is the *enmity*.

[8]**Elohim**'s watchman over you, Ephrayim, is the **prophet,** but a trapper's *snare* is in **all** his ways. ***Enmity*** is in the House of his **Elohim**.

[9]They have deeply *corrupted* themselves, as in the days of Gib'ah. **He remembers** their *crookedness,* **He** *punishes their sins.*

[10]"I **found** Yisra'ĕl like grapes in the wilderness. I **saw** your fathers as the firstfruits on the fig *tree* in its beginning. They themselves have gone to Ba'al Pe'or and separated themselves to shame and became as **abominable** as that which they **loved**.

[11]"Ephrayim is like a bird, their **esteem** has flown away – no birth and none with child and no conception!

[12]"Though they bring up their children, I ***shall*** make them childless, without man. For it is **woe** to them when I turn away from them!

[13]"I have **seen** Ephrayim, like Tsor, planted in a pleasant place. ***But*** Ephrayim ***shall*** bring out his children to the murderer."

[14]Give them, O יהוה – give what? Give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.

[15]"All their *evil* is in Gilgal, for there I have *hated* them. **Because** of the *evil* of their **deeds** I *drive* them from **My** house, no more do I **love** them. All their rulers are *rebels.*

[16]"Ephrayim has been smitten, their root has dried up, they yield no **fruit.** Even if they bear children, I ***shall*** put to *death* the **precious** ones of their womb."

[17]My **Elohim** *rejects* them, **because** they have not **obeyed Him,** so that they become wanderers among the *gentiles*!

10 Yisra'ĕl is a *degenerate* vine, he brings forth **fruit** for himself. As his **fruit** increased, he increased the *altars.* And the better his land, the better they made the *pillars*.

[2]Their **heart** has been slippery, **now** they are *guilty*. **He** breaks down their altars, **He** destroys their *pillars*.

[3]For **now** they say, "We have no sovereign, **because** we *did not* **fear** יהוה. ***What*** would the sovereign do for us?"

[4]They have **spoken words**, swearing *falsely* in making a **covenant.** Therefore judgment ***shall*** spring up like poisonous weeds in the furrows of the field.

[5]The inhabitants of Shomeron **fear** **because** of the *calf* of Bĕyth Awen. For its people ***shall*** *mourn* for it, as well as its priests who used to **rejoice** over it, **because** of its **esteem** that has departed from it.

[6]It is also brought to Ashshur as a present for Sovereign Yarĕḇ. Ephrayim does receive shame and Yisra'ĕl is put to *shame* through his counsel.

[7]Shomeron is *cut* off, her sovereign is like a twig on the surface of the water.

[8]And the *high places* of Awen, the *sin* of Yisra'ĕl, ***shall*** **be destroyed**, thorn and thistle **come** up on their *altars.* And they ***shall*** say to the mountains, "Cover us!" and to the hills, "Fall on us!"

[9]"O Yisra'ĕl, you have *sinned* from the days of Gib'ah. There they stood! The battle in Gib'ah *against* the children of *perversity did not* overtake them.

[10]"***When*** I desire, then I bind them. And peoples ***shall*** **be** gathered *against* them when I bind them for their double guilt.

[11]"And Ephrayim is a trained heifer, loving to thresh grain. ***But*** **I Myself** ***shall*** pass over her comely neck – I put Ephrayim to the yoke, Yahuḏah ploughs, Ya'aqoḇ harrows for him."

[12]Sow for yourselves **righteousness**, reap **according** to **kindness**, *break* up your tilable ground, it is **time** to **seek** יהוה, til **He comes** and rains **righteousness** on you.

[13]You have ploughed *wrongness*, you have reaped *unrighteousness,* you have eaten the **fruit** of *lying*, **because** you **trusted** in your *own way,* in your many mighty men.

[14]And uproar ***shall*** arise among your people and **all** your *strongholds* ***shall*** **be** ravaged as Shalman ravaged Bĕyth Arbĕl in the **day of** battle – a mother dashed in pieces on her children.

15Thus it ***shall*** **be** done to you, O Bĕyth Ĕl, **because** of the *evil* of your *wickedness*. At dawn the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl is **completely** *cut* off!

11 "***When*** Yisra'ĕl was a child, I **loved** him and out of Mitsrayim I called **My** son.
2"They called to them, so they went from their face. They slaughtered to the Ba'als and *burned* incense to *carved images*.
3"And I **taught** Ephrayim to **walk,** taking them by their arms, but they *did not* **know** that I **healed** them.
4"I drew them with ropes of man, with cords of **love** and I was to them as those who take the yoke from their neck. And I bent down, fed them.
5"No, let him **return** to the land of Mitsrayim and let Ashshur be his sovereign, **because** they *refused* to **repent!**
6"And the *sword* ***shall*** whirl in his cities and it ***shall*** demolish his gate bars and *consume,* **because** of their own counsels.
7"**My** people are bent towards back sliding from **Me.** Though they **call** to the **Most High, He** lifts none of them up.
8"***How*** could I give you up, Ephrayim? ***How*** could I **hand** you over, Yisra'ĕl? ***How*** could I make you like Admah? ***How*** could I set you like Tseboyim? **My heart** turns within **Me, all My compassion** is kindled.
9"I ***shall*** not let the *heat* of **My** *wrath* burn, I ***shall*** not turn to *destroy* Ephrayim. For I am Ĕl and not man, the **Set-apart One** in your **midst** and I ***shall*** not **come** in enmity.
10"**Let** them **follow** יהוה. Like a lion **He** roars. ***When*** **He** roars, then sons ***shall*** *tremble* from the west.
11"They ***shall*** *tremble* like a bird from Mitsrayim and like a dove from the land of Ashshur. And I ***shall*** let them dwell in their own houses," **declares** יהוה.
12"Ephrayim has surrounded **Me** with *lying* and the house of Yisra'ĕl with *deceit*. ***But*** Yahudah is still wandering with Ĕl and is **true** to the **Set-apart One**."

12 Ephrayim is feeding on wind and pursuing an east wind. All the day he increases *falsehood* and *ruin.* And they make a **covenant** with Ashshur and oil is **sent** to Mitsrayim.
2And יהוה has a controversy with Yahudah, to *punish* Ya'aqob **according** to his ways, to **repay** him **according** to his **deeds**.
3He took his brother by the heel in the womb and in his strength he *strove* with **Elohim**.
4He *strove* with the Messenger and overcame, he wept and sought **His favour.** He **found Him** in Bĕyth Ĕl and there **He** spoke to us –
5even **יהוה Elohim** of hosts, **יהוה** is **His remembrance**.
6Therefore, **return** to your **Elohim**. **Guard kindness** and right-ruling and wait on your **Elohim** continually.
7A merchant! In his **hand** are scales of *deceit*, he **loved** to *oppress.*
8And Ephrayim says, "Indeed, I have become rich, I have **found** wealth for myself. In **all** my labours they ***shall*** find in me no *crookedness* that is *sin.*"
9"***But*** I am יהוה your **Elohim** since the land of Mitsrayim, again I ***shall*** make you dwell in tents as in the days of the **appointed time.**
10"And I have **spoken** to the **prophets** and have increased visions. And through the prophets I gave parables."
11Is Gil'ad *wicked*? Certainly, they have been *false!* In Gilgal they have offered bulls. Also their altars are as heaps on a ploughed field.
12And when Ya'aqob fled to the country of Aram, Yisra'ĕl **served** for a wife and for a wife he kept **watch**.
13And by a **prophet** יהוה brought Yisra'ĕl out of Mitsrayim and by a **prophet** he was watched over.
14Ephrayim has *provoked* most *bitterly*. So his **Master** left his blood-guilt on

him and repaid him for his *reproach.*

13 ***When*** Ephrayim spoke there was *trembling*, he was lifted up in Yisra'ěl. ***But*** through Ba'al he became *guilty* and he *died.*

[2]And **now** they *sin* more and more and make for themselves *moulded images* from their silver, *idols* **according** to their skill, **all** of them the **work** of craftsmen. They say of them, "**Let** the men who slaughter kiss the *calves*!"

[3]Therefore they ***shall*** **be** like a morning cloud and like dew that goes away early, like chaff blown off from a threshing-floor and like smoke from a window.

[4]"***But*** I am 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** since the land of Mitsrayim and an **Elohim** besides **Me** you ***shall*** not **know,** for there is no **Saviour** besides **Me.**

[5]"I **knew** you in the wilderness, in the land of drought.

[6]"***When*** they were fed they were satisfied. They were **satisfied** and their **heart** was exalted, therefore they *forgot* **Me.**

[7]"So I am become like a lion to them, like a leopard I **watch** by the **way,**

[8]like a bear robbed of her young I attack them and rip **open** the enclosure of their **heart.** And there I *devour* them like a lion, a wild beast *tear* them apart.

[9]"You have ***destroyed*** yourself, O Yisra'ěl, but your help is in **Me.**

[10]"Where is your sovereign **now** to **save** you in **all** your cities and your rulers of whom you said, 'Give me a sovereign and rulers'?

[11]"I gave you a sovereign in **My** *displeasure,* but I took *him* away in **My** *wrath*.

[12]"The *crookedness* of Ephrayim is *bound* up, his *sin* is *hidden*.

[13]"Pains of a woman in labour ***shall*** **come** upon him. He is not a **wise** son, for it is not the **time** that he should delay at the breaking forth of children.

[14]"From the **power** of the grave I ransom them, from *death* I **redeem** them. Where is your *plague,* O Death? Where is your ***destruction,*** O Grave? **repentance** is *hidden* from **My** eyes.

[15]"Though he bears **fruit** among his brothers, an east *wind* comes, a *wind* from 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **comes** up from the wilderness and it dries up his fountain and his spring becomes dry – it plunders a treasure of **all** desirable objects.

[16]"Shomeron is held *guilty*, for she has *rebelled <u>against</u>* her **Elohim** – they *fall* by the *sword,* their infants are dashed in pieces and their pregnant women *ripped* open."

14 O Yisra'ěl, **return** to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**, for you have *stumbled* by your *crookedness*.

[2]Take **words** with you and **return** to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄. **Say** to **Him,** "Take away **all** *crookedness* and **accept** what is **good** and we render the bulls of our lips.

[3]"Ashshur *does not* **save** us. We *do not* ride on horses, nor ever again do we say to the **work** of our hands, 'Our *mighty ones*.' For the fatherless finds **compassion** in **You.**"

[4]"I ***shall*** **heal** their backsliding, I ***shall*** **love** them spontaneously, for **My** *displeasure* has turned away from him.

[5]"I ***shall*** **be** like the dew to Yisra'ěl. **He** ***shall*** blossom like the lily and *cast* out his roots like Lebanon.

[6]"**His** branches ***shall*** spread and his splendour ***shall*** **be** like an olive *tree* and his fragrance like Lebanon.

[7]"Those who dwell under his shadow ***shall*** return. They ***shall*** revive like grain and blossom like the vine and become as fragrant as the **wine** of Lebanon.

[8]"***What*** more has Ephrayim to do with *idols?* It is I who answer and look after him. I am like a green cypress *tree,* your **fruit comes** from **Me.**"

[9]***Who*** is **wise** and **understands** these **words**, **discerning** and **knows** them? For the **ways** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 are **straight** and the **righteous walk** in them but the *transgressors stumble* in them.

YO'ĚL

JOEL

1 The **Word** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ that came to Yo'ĕl son of Pethu'ĕl.

2**Hear** this, you elders and give ear, **all** you inhabitants of the land! Has this *ever* been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?

3Relate it to your children and your children to their children and their children to the generation after them.

4***What*** the gnawing locust left the swarming locust has eaten and what the swarming locust left the crawling locust has eaten and what the crawling locust left the *consuming* locust has eaten.

5Wake up, you drunkards and weep. And *wail,* **all** you drinkers of **wine**, on account of the new **wine**, for it has been *cut off* from your **mouth.**

6For a nation has **come** up *against* **My** land, **strong** and innumerable. Its *teeth* are the *teeth* of a lion and it has the fangs of a lioness.

7It has laid *waste* **My vine** and splintered **My** fig *tree.* It has made it entirely bare and *cast* it away, its branches became white.

8*Wail* like a maiden girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.

9The grain offering and the drink offering have been *cut off* from the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ. The priests, servants of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, have mourned.

10The field is ravaged, the ground has mourned, for the grain is *ruined*, the **new wine** has dried up, the oil fails.

11The farmers are ashamed, the vinedressers *wail* over the wheat and over the barley, for the harvest of the field is **destroyed**.

12The **vine** has dried up and the fig *tree* droops, pomegranate, also palm and apple *tree,* **all** the trees of the field are dried up, **because joy** has dried up among the sons of men.

13Gird yourselves and lament, you priests. *Wail,* you attendants of the altar. **Come,** *lie* **all** night in sackcloth, you attendants of my **Elohim**. For the grain offering and the drink offering are withheld from the house of your **Elohim**.

14Set apart a fast. Call an **assembly, gather** the elders, **all** the inhabitants of the land, into the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ your **Elohim** and cry out to ꓤꓰꓤꓶ.

15Alas for the day! For the **day of** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ is **near** and it **comes** as ***destruction*** from the Almighty.

16Is not the food *cut off* before our eyes, **joy** and **gladness** from the House of our **Elohim**?

17The seed has rotted under their clods, storehouses are laid *waste,* grainaries are broken down, for the grain has withered.

18***How*** the beasts moan! The herds of cattle are restless, **because** they have no pasture. The flocks of sheep also *perish.*

19I cry to **You** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, for *fire* has *consumed* the pastures of the wilderness and a *flame* has set on *fire* **all** the trees of the field.

20Even the beasts of the field cry out to **You,** for the water streams are dried up and *fire* has *consumed* the pastures of the wilderness.

2 Blow a ram's horn in Tsiyon and sound an *alarm* in **My** set-apart mountain! **Let all** the inhabitants of the earth *tremble,* for the **day of** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ is **coming**, for it is near:

2a **day of** *darkness* and gloom, a **day of** clouds and thick *darkness*, like the morning clouds spread over the mountains – a people many and **strong,** the like of whom has never been, nor ***shall*** there ever be again after them, to the years of many generations.

[3]Ahead of them a *fire* has *consumed,* and behind them a *flame burns*. Before them the land is like the Garden of Ĕḏen and behind them a desert *waste.* And from them there is no **escape**.

[4]Their appearance is like the appearance of horses and they run like steeds.

[5]As the noise of chariots they leap over mountaintops, as the noise of a flaming *fire consuming* stubble, as a mighty people set in battle array.

[6]Before them peoples are in anguish, **all** faces become flushed.

[7]They run like mighty men, they climb the wall like men of battle, **every** one goes on his **way** and they *do not break* ranks.

[8]And they *do not* press one another, **every** one goes in his path. They *fall* among the weapons, but they *do not* stop.

[9]They rush on the city, they run on the wall. They climb into the houses, they enter at the windows like a thief.

[10]The earth ***shall*** *tremble* before them, the heavens ***shall*** *shake.* Sun and moon ***shall*** **be** darkened and the stars withdraw their brightness.

[11]And ֱיהוה ***shall*** give forth **His voice** before **His** army, for **His** camp is **very** great, for mighty is the **doer** of **His word.** For the **day of** ֱיהוה is **great** and **very awesome** and who does bear it?

[12]"Yet even **now**," **declares** ֱיהוה, "turn to **Me** with **all** your **heart** and with fasting and with *weeping* and with mourning."

[13]And *tear* your **heart** and not your garments and **turn back** to ֱיהוה your **Elohim**, for **He** shows **favour** and is **compassionate**, patient and of **great kindness** and **He *shall*** relent concerning the *evil*.

[14]***Who*** **knows** – **He** might turn and **relent** and leave a **blessing** behind **Him,** a grain offering and a drink offering for ֱיהוה your **Elohim**?

[15]Blow a ram's horn in Tsiyon, set-apart a fast, **call** an assembly.

[16]**Gather** the people, set the assembly apart, **assemble** the elders, **gather** the children and nursing babes. **Let** a bridegroom **come out** from his room and a bride from her dressing room.

[17]**Let** the priests, servants of ֱיהוה, *weep* between the porch and the altar. And let them say, "**Spare Your people**, O ֱיהוה and *do not* give **Your inheritance** to reproach, for the *gentiles* to **rule** over them. ***Why*** should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their **Elohim**?' "

[18]And let ֱיהוה be ***jealous*** for **His** land and spare **His** people.

[19]And let ֱיהוה answer and say to **His** people, "**See,** I am sending you the grain and the **new wine** and the oil and you ***shall*** **be satisfied** by them. And no longer do I make you a *reproach* among the *gentiles.*

[20]"And the Northerner I ***shall*** remove far from you and *drive* him away into a dry and deserted land, with his face toward the eastern sea and his rear toward the western sea. And his *stench* ***shall*** **come** up and his *smell* rise, for he has done greatly."

[21]***Do*** *not* **fear,** O soil, be **glad** and **rejoice,** for ֱיהוה has done greatly!

[22]***Do*** *not* **fear,** you beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness ***shall*** spring forth and the *tree* ***shall*** bear its **fruit,** the fig *tree* and the **vine *shall*** yield their strength.

[23]And you children of Tsiyon, be **glad** and **rejoice** in ֱיהוה your **Elohim**, for **He *shall*** give you the **Teacher** of **Righteousness** and **cause** the rain to **come** down for you, the former rain and the **latter** rain, as before.

[24]And the threshing-floors ***shall*** **be** filled with grain and the vats ***shall*** overflow with **new wine** and oil.

[25]"***Then*** I ***shall*** **repay** you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust and the *consuming* locust and the gnawing locust, **My great** army which I **sent** among you.

[26]"***Then*** you ***shall*** eat – eat and be **satisfied** – and ***shall*** **praise**

the **Name** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**, who has done with you so wondrously. And **My people** ***shall*** never be put to *shame.*
27"And **you *shall* know that I am** in the **midst** of Yisra'ĕl, and that I am 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** and there is no one else. And **My people *shall*** never be put to *shame.*

28"And after this it *shall* be that I pour out My Spirit on all *flesh.* **Your sons and your daughters *shall* prophesy, your old men dream dreams, your young men see visions.**
29"And also on the male servants and on the female servants I ***shall* pour out My Spirit** in those days.
30"And I ***shall*** give **signs** in the heavens and upon the earth: **blood** and *fire* and columns of smoke,
31the sun is turned into *darkness* and the moon into **blood,** before the **coming** of the **great** and **awesome day of** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
32"And it ***shall* be** that everyone who calls on the **Name** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 ***shall* be delivered**. For on Mount Tsiyon and in Yerushalayim there ***shall* be** an **escape** as 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 has said and among the survivors whom 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 calls.

3 "For look, in those days and at that **time,** when I **turn back** the captivity of Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim,
2then I ***shall* gather all** *gentiles* and bring them down to the Valley of Yehoshaphat. And I ***shall*** enter into judgment with them there for **My people**, **My inheritance** Yisra'ĕl, whom they have *scattered* among the *gentiles* and they have divided up **My** land.
3"And they have *cast* **lots** for **My people** and have **given** a young man for a *whore* and sold a girl for **wine** and drank it.
4"And also, what are you to **Me,** O Tsor and Tsiḏon and **all** the coasts of Philistia? Are you repaying **Me?** And if you are repaying **Me,** I would swiftly and **speedily return** your reward on your own head.
5"For you have taken **My** silver and **My** gold and brought **My** treasures into your temples,
6and the people of Yahuḏah and the people of Yerushalayim you have sold to the sons of Yawan, to remove them far from their borders.
7"**See,** I am stirring them up out of the place to which you have sold them and I ***shall* return** on your own head what you have done,
8and ***shall*** sell your sons and your daughters into the **hand** of the people of Yahuḏah and they ***shall*** sell them to the Sheḇaites, to a nation far off. For 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 has **spoken** ."
9**Proclaim** this among the *gentiles,* "**Prepare** for battle! Wake up the mighty men, let **all** the men of battle draw near, let them **come** up.
10"Beat your ploughshares into s**words** and your pruning-hooks into spears, let the weak say, **'I am** strong.' "
11Hasten and come, **all** you *gentiles* and **gather together all** around. O 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, let **Your** mighty men **come** down here.
12"**Let** the *gentiles* be aroused and **come** up to the Valley of Yehoshaphat. For there I ***shall*** sit to **judge all** the *gentiles* on **every** side.
13"Put in the sickle, for the harvest has grown ripe. **Come,** go down, for the winepress is filled, the vats overflow, for their *evil* is great."
14Crowds, crowds in the valley of decision! For the **day of** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is **near** in the valley of decision.
15Sun and moon ***shall*** become dark and stars ***shall*** withdraw their brightness.
16And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 ***shall*** roar from Tsiyon and give forth **His voice** from Yerushalayim. And the heavens and earth ***shall*** *shake,* but 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 ***shall* be** a **refuge** for **His** people and a stronghold for the children of Yisra'ĕl.
17"***Then* you *shall* know that I am** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**, dwelling in Tsiyon, **My** set-apart mountain. And Yerushalayim ***shall* be** set-apart and foreigners ***shall*** not pass through her again.

[18]"And it ***shall* be** in that day that the mountains drip with new **wine** and the hills flow with milk. And **all** the streams of Yahuḏah ***shall* be** flooded with water and a fountain flow from the House of יהוה and water the wadi Shittim.

[19]"Mitsrayim ***shall*** become a *ruin* and Eḏom a *ruin,* a wilderness, **<u>because</u>** of *violence* done to the people of Yahuḏah, whose **innocent blood** they shed in their land.

[20]"***But*** Yahuḏah ***shall*** dwell **forever** and Yerushalayim to **all** generations.

[21]"And I ***shall avenge*** their **blood,** which I have not **avenged**. And יהוה ***shall* be** dwelling in **Tsiyon**!"

AMOS

1 The **words** of Amos, who was among the herdsmen of Teqowa, which he **saw** concerning Yisra'ĕl in the days of Uzziyah sovereign of Yahuḏah and in the days of Yarob'am son of Yo'ash, sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, two years before the earthquake.

2And he said, "יהוה roars from Tsiyon and gives forth **His voice** from Yerushalayim. And the pastures of the shepherds ***shall*** mourn and the top of Karmel ***shall*** wither."

3Thus said יהוה, "For three *transgressions* of Damascus and for four, I *do not* turn it back, **because** they threshed Gil'aḏ with threshing implements of iron.

4"***But*** **I** ***shall*** **send** *fire* upon the house of Ḥaza'ĕl and it ***shall*** *consume* the palaces of Ben-Haḏaḏ.

5"And **I** ***shall*** *break* the bar of Damascus and *cut off* the inhabitant from the Valley of Awen and the one who holds the sceptre from Bĕyth Ĕḏen. And the people of Aram ***shall*** go exiled to Qir," said יהוה.

6Thus said יהוה, "For three *transgressions* of Azzah and for four, I *do not* turn it back, **because** they took into exile an entire exile, to surrender it to Eḏom.

7"***But*** **I** ***shall*** **send** *fire* upon the wall of Azzah and it ***shall*** *consume* its palaces.

8"And I ***shall*** ***cut*** *off* the inhabitant from Ashḏoḏ and the one who holds the sceptre from Ashqelon. And **I** ***shall*** ***turn*** **My hand** *against* Eqron and the **remnant** of the Philistines ***shall*** *perish,*" said the **Master** יהוה.

9Thus said יהוה, "For three *transgressions* of Tsor and for four, I *do not* turn it back, **because** they surrendered an entire exile to Eḏom and *did not* ***remember*** the brotherly **covenant.**

10"***But*** **I** ***shall*** **send** *fire* upon the wall of Tsor and it ***shall*** *consume* its palaces."

11Thus said יהוה, "For three *transgressions* of Eḏom and for four, I *do not* turn it back, **because** he pursued his brother with the *sword* and *cast* off **all compassion**. And his *displeasure* tore incessantly and he kept his *wrath* **forever**.

12"***But*** **I** ***shall*** **send** *fire* upon Tĕman and it ***shall*** *consume* the palaces of Botsrah."

13Thus said יהוה, "For three *transgressions* of the children of Ammon and for four, I *do not* turn it back, **because** they *ripped* **open** the pregnant women in Gil'aḏ, to enlarge their border.

14"So I ***shall*** **kindle** a *fire* upon the wall of Rabbah and it ***shall*** *consume* its palaces, with a shout in the **day of** battle, with a *storm* in the **day of** the *whirlwind.*

15"And their sovereign ***shall*** go into exile, he and his heads together," said יהוה.

2 Thus said יהוה, "For three *transgressions* of Mo'aḇ and for four, I *do not* turn it back, **because** he *burned* the bones of the sovereign of Eḏom to lime.

2"***But*** **I** ***shall*** **send** *fire* upon Mo'aḇ and it ***shall*** *consume* the palaces of Qeriyoth. And Mo'aḇ ***shall*** *die* amid uproar, with a cry and with the sound of a ram's horn.

3"And I ***shall*** ***cut*** *off* the **judge** from its **midst** and *slay* **all** its heads with him," said יהוה.

4Thus said יהוה, "For three *transgressions* of Yahuḏah and for four, I *do not* turn it back **because** they have *rejected* the **Torah** of יהוה and *did not* **guard His laws**. And their *lies* after which their fathers walked lead them *astray*.

5"***But*** **I *shall*** **send** *fire* upon Yahuḏah and it ***shall*** *consume* the palaces of Yerushalayim."

6Thus said **ꓤꓰꓤꓶ**, "For three *transgressions* of Yisra'ĕl and for four, I *do not* turn it back, **because** they sell the **righteous** for silver and the *poor* for a pair of sandals,

7who *crush* the head of the *poor* ones in the dust of the earth and turn aside the **way** of the meek. And a man and his father go in to the **same** girl, to *defile* **My** set-apart **Name**.

8"And they *lie* down by **every** altar on garments taken in pledge and in the house of their *mighty one* they drink the **wine** of those who have been fined.

9"Yet I ***destroyed*** the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars. And he was as **strong** as the oaks, yet I ***destroyed*** his **fruit** from above and his roots from beneath.

10"And I brought you up from the land of Mitsrayim and led you forty years through the wilderness, to **possess** the land of the Amorite.

11"And I **raised** up some of your sons as **prophets** and some of your young men as Nazirites. Not so? O you children of Yisra'ĕl?" **declares** **ꓤꓰꓤꓶ**.

12"***But*** you made the Nazirites drink **wine** and **commanded** the prophets saying, '***Do*** *not* prophesy!'

13"**See,** I am weighed down by you, as a wagon is weighed down when filled with sheaves.

14"And a place to ***flee*** ***shall*** *perish* from the swift and the **strong** not strengthen his power and the mighty not **save** his **life**,

15and he who handles the bow not stand and the *swift* of foot not save, nor he who rides a horse **save** his **life**,

16and the bravest among the mighty ***flee*** naked, **in that day," declares** **ꓤꓰꓤꓶ**.

3 **Hear** this **word** that **ꓤꓰꓤꓶ** has **spoken** *against* you, O children of Yisra'ĕl, *against* the entire clan which I brought up from the land of Mitsrayim, saying,

2"You alone have I **known** of **all** the clans of the earth, therefore I *punish* you for **all** your *crookedness*es."

3Would two **walk** together, without having met?

4Does a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey? Does a young lion give forth his **voice** out of his den ***unless*** he has caught?

5Does a bird *fall* into a *snare* on the earth, where there is no *trap* for it? Does a *snare* spring up from the earth, if it has not captured prey?

6***If*** a ram's horn is blown in a city, do the people not tremble? ***If*** there is *calamity* in a city, ***shall*** not **ꓤꓰꓤꓶ** have done it?

7For the **Master** **ꓤꓰꓤꓶ** does no matter ***unless*** **He reveals His secret** to **His** servants the **prophets.**

8A lion has roared! ***Who*** is not *afraid*? The **Master** **ꓤꓰꓤꓶ** has **spoken** ! ***Who*** *would not* prophesy?

9"Cry out at the palaces in Ashdoḏ and at the palaces in the land of Mitsrayim and say, '**Gather** on the mountains of Shomeron and **see** the many unrests in her **midst** and the *oppressed* ones within her.

10'***But*** they *do not* **know** to do what is right,' **declares** **ꓤꓰꓤꓶ**, 'these who store up plunder and loot in their palaces.' "

11Therefore thus said the **Master** **ꓤꓰꓤꓶ**, "An enemy, even **all** around the land! And he ***shall*** bring down your strength from you and your palaces ***shall*** **be** plundered."

12Thus said **ꓤꓰꓤꓶ**, "As a shepherd rescues from the **mouth** of a lion two legs or a piece of an ear, so are the children of Yisra'ĕl who dwell in Shomeron to be rescued – in the corner of a bed and on the edge of a couch!

13"**Hear** and **witness** *against* the house of Ya'aqoḇ," **declares** the **Master** **ꓤꓰꓤꓶ**, the **Elohim** of hosts.

14"For in the day I **visit** Yisra'ĕl for their *transgressions*, I ***shall*** also *punish* concerning the altars of Bĕyth Ěl.

And the horns of the altar ***shall*** **be** *broken* and they ***shall fall*** to the ground.
15"And I ***shall*** *smite* the winter house along with the summer house. And the houses of ivory ***shall*** *perish* and the **great** houses ***shall*** **be** swept away," **declares** ꓤYꓤZ.

4 **Hear** this **word,** you cows of Bashan,who are on the mountain of Shomeron, who are oppressing the *poor*, who are crushing the needy, who are saying to their masters, "Bring **wine**, let us drink!"
2The **Master** ꓤYꓤZ has sworn by **His** set-apartness, "**See,** days are **coming** upon you when **He *shall*** take you away with hooks and your descendants with fish-hooks,
3and let you go out at the breaches, each woman before her and you ***shall*** **be** *cast* out toward Harmon," **declares** ꓤYꓤZ.
4**"Come to** Bĕyth Ĕl and *transgress,* to Gilgal, increase *transgression.* And bring your slaughterings **every** morning, your tithes **every** three days.
5"And burn an offering of **thanksgiving** with leaven, **proclaim** voluntary offerings, loudly. For you have **loved** this, you children of Yisra'ĕl!" **declares** the **Master** ꓤYꓤZ.
6"And I also gave you **cleanness** of *teeth* in **all** your cities and lack of **bread** in **all** your places. ***But*** you *did not* **turn back** to **Me,**" **declares** ꓤYꓤZ.
7"And I also withheld rain from you, three months before the harvest. ***Then*** I would send rain on one city and on another city I *would not* send rain. **One** part was rained upon and where it *did not* rain the part would dry up.
8"***Then*** two or three cities would *wander* to another city to drink water, but they were not satisfied. ***But*** you *did not* **turn back** to **Me,**" **declares** ꓤYꓤZ.
9"I have *smitten* you with *blight* and with mildew. The creeping locust devoured your many gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees. ***But*** you *did not* **turn back** to **Me,**" **declares** ꓤYꓤZ.
10"I have **sent** among you a *plague* in the **way** of Mitsrayim. I have *slain* your young men with a *sword,* along with your captured horses. And I made the *stench* of your camps **come** up into your nostrils. ***But*** you *did not* **turn back** to **Me,**" **declares** ꓤYꓤZ.
11"I have *overthrown* some of you, as **Elohim** overthrew Sedom and Amorah and you were like a *burning* stick *plucked* from the burning. ***But*** you *did not* **turn back** to **Me,**" **declares** ꓤYꓤZ.
12"Therefore I am doing this to you, O Yisra'ĕl. And **because** I do this to you, **prepare** to meet your **Elohim**, O Yisra'ĕl!"
13For look, **He** who forms mountains and creates the wind and who **declares** to man what **His** thought is and makes the morning *darkness* and who treads the *high places* of the earth, ꓤYꓤZ **Elohim** of hosts is **His Name.**

5 **Hear** this **word** which I take up *against* you, this lamentation, O house of Yisra'ĕl:
2The maiden of Yisra'ĕl has fallen, not to rise again. She lies ***forsaken*** on her land, with no one to lift her up.
3For thus said the **Master** ꓤYꓤZ, "The city that goes out by a thousand has a hundred left and that which goes out by a hundred has ten left to the house of Yisra'ĕl."
4For thus said ꓤYꓤZ to the house of Yisra'ĕl, "**Seek Me** and **live,**
5but *do not* **seek** Bĕyth Ĕl, nor enter Gilgal, nor pass over to Be'ĕrsheba. For Gilgal ***shall*** certainly go into exile and Bĕyth Ĕl become a non-entity.
6"**Seek** ꓤYꓤZ and **live,** lest **He** *break* out like *fire* upon the house of Yosĕph and ***shall*** *consume* it, with no one to quench it in Bĕyth Ĕl.

7"O you who are turning **right-ruling** to wormwood and have *cast* down **righteousness** to the earth!"
8**He** who made Kimah and Kesil and who turns the *shadow of death* into morning and darkened day into night, who is calling for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the face of the earth – יהוה is **His Name** –
9who is flashing forth ***destruction*** upon the **strong,** so that ***destruction*** **comes** upon the stronghold.
10They *hated* the one who reproves in the gate and they *despise* the one who speaks the **truth**.
11Therefore, **because** you trample on the *poor* and take grain taxes from him – you have built houses of hewn stone but you are not going to dwell in them, you have planted pleasant vineyards but not drink **wine** from them.
12For I **know** your *transgressions* are many and your *sins* are great, afflicting the **righteous** and accepting bribes and turning aside the *poor* at the gate.
13Therefore the **wise** keep *silent* at that **time,** for it is an *evil* **time.**
14**Seek good** and not *evil*, so that you **live.** And let יהוה **Elohim** of hosts be with you, as you have **spoken** .
15*Hate evil* and **love good** and set up **right-ruling** in the gate. It might be that יהוה **Elohim** of hosts shows **favour** to the **remnant** of Yosĕph.
16Therefore יהוה **Elohim** of hosts, יהוה, said this, "There is *wailing* in **all open** squares and in **all** the streets they say, 'Alas! Alas!' and ***shall*** **call** the farmer to mourning and skilled lamenters to wailing.
17"And in **all** vineyards there is wailing, for I pass through your **midst**," said יהוה.
18**Woe** to you who are longing for the **day of** יהוה! ***What*** does the **day of** יהוה mean to you? It is *darkness* and not **light**,
19as when a man flees from a lion and a bear ***shall*** meet him; or entered his house, rested his **hand** on the wall and a *serpent* ***shall*** bite him.
20Is not the **day of** יהוה *darkness* and not **light**? Is it not **very** dark, with no brightness in it?
21"I have *hated*, I have *despised* your festivals and I am *not pleased* with your assemblies.
22"Though you offer **Me** burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I *do not* **accept** them, nor do I look on your fattened **peace** offerings.
23"Take away from **Me** the noise of your songs, for I *do not* **hear** the sound of your stringed instruments.
24"And let **right-ruling** roll on like water and **righteousness** like a mighty stream.
25"You brought **Me** slaughterings and meal offerings in the wilderness for forty years, O house of Yisra'ĕl,
26but you took up Sikkuth your sovereign and Kiyyun, your *idols,* your astral *mighty ones*, which you made for yourselves!
27"Therefore **I *shall* send** you into exile beyond Damascus," said יהוה **Elohim** of hosts – **His Name.**

6 **Woe** to those at ease in Tsiyon and those **trusting** in Mount Shomeron, the distinguished ones among the chief of the nations, to whom the house of Yisra'ĕl comes!
2Pass over to Kalneh and **see** and from there go to Ḥamath the great. ***Then*** go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these reigns, or is their border greater than your border?
3You who are putting off the **day of** *evil*, yet bring **near** the seat of *violence*,
4who are *lying* on beds of ivory and are **stretched** out on your couches and are eating lambs from the flock and calves from the **midst** of the stall,
5who are singing to the sound of the harp, having composed songs for themselves like Dawiḏ,
6who are drinking **wine** from bowls and **anoint** with the finest ointments, yet they have not been pained over the *breach* of Yosĕph!

[7]Therefore they ***shall*** **now** go into exile, with the **first** of the exiles and the feasting of the **stretched**-out ones ***shall*** cease!

[8]The **Master** יהוה has sworn by **Himself**, יהוה **Elohim** of hosts **declares**, "I am *loathing* the pride of Ya'aqoḇ and I have *hated* his palaces. Therefore I ***shall*** **deliver** up the city and **all** that is in it."

[9]And it ***shall*** **be,** that if ten men remain in one house, they ***shall*** *die.*

[10]And if a relative, or his undertaker, brings the remains out of the house, he ***shall*** say to one inside the house, "Is anyone with you?" and he says, "No," then he ***shall*** say, "Hush!" For we have not **remembered** the **Name** of יהוה!

[11]For look, יהוה is **commanding** and **He** ***shall*** *smite* the **great** house with breaches and the *little* house with clefts.

[12]***Do*** horses run on a rock? Does one plough it with oxen? For you have turned **right-ruling** into poison and the **fruit** of **righteousness** into wormwood,

[13]you who are rejoicing over a matter of *naught,* who say, "Have we not taken horns for ourselves by our own strength?"

[14]"For look, I am raising up a nation *against* you, O house of Yisra'ĕl," **declares** יהוה **Elohim** of hosts, "and they ***shall*** *oppress* you from the entrance of Ḥamath to the wadi Araḇah."

7 This is what the **Master** יהוה showed me and **see, He** was forming locust swarms at the beginning of the late crop. And **see,** it was the late crop after the mowings of the sovereign.

[2]And it came to be, when they had **finished** eating the grass of the land, that I said, "O **Master** יהוה, **forgive,** I pray! ***How*** does Ya'aqoḇ survive, for he is small?"

[3]יהוה **relented** concerning this. "It ***shall*** not be," said יהוה.

[4]This is what the **Master** יהוה showed me and **see,** the **Master** יהוה was calling to contend by *fire* and it *consumed* the **great** deep and did *consume* the portion,

[5]and I said, "O **Master** יהוה, please stop! ***How*** does Ya'aqoḇ survive, for he is small?"

[6]יהוה **relented** concerning this. "This ***shall*** not be either," said the **Master** יהוה.

[7]This is what **He** showed me and **see,** יהוה stood on a wall made with a plumbline, with a plumb-line in **His hand,**

[8]and יהוה said to me, "Amos, what do you **see?**" And I said, "A plumb-line." And יהוה said, "**See,** I am setting a plumb-line in the **midst** of **My people** Yisra'ĕl, no longer do I pardon them.

[9]"'And the *high places* of Yitsḥaq ***shall*** **be** laid *waste* and the set-apart places of Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** **be destroyed**. And I ***shall*** rise with the *sword against* the house of Yaroḇ'am."

[10]***Then*** Amatsyah the priest of Bĕyth Ĕl **sent** to Yaroḇ'am sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, saying, "Amos has *conspired against* you in the **midst** of the house of Yisra'ĕl. The land is not able to endure **all** his **words**,

[11]for this is what Amos said, 'Yaroḇ'am ***shall*** *die* by the *sword* and Yisra'ĕl certainly be exiled from their own land.' "

[12]And Amatsyah said to Amos, "Go, you seer! ***Flee*** to the land of Yahuḏah and eat **bread** and prophesy there,

[13]but *do not* prophesy any more at Bĕyth Ĕl, for it is the sovereign's set-apart place and it is the house of the reign."

[14]And Amos answered and said to Amatsyah, "I am not a **prophet,** nor am I a son of a **prophet,** for I am a herdsman and a grower of sycamore figs.

[15]"'***But*** יהוה took me from behind the flock and יהוה said to me, 'Go, prophesy to **My people** Yisra'ĕl.'

[16]"'And **now**, **hear** the **Word** of יהוה. You are saying, '***Do*** *not* prophesy *against* Yisra'ĕl and *do not* drop **words** *against* the house of Yitsḥaq.'

[17]"'Therefore thus said יהוה, '**Your**

wife ***shall*** become a *whore* in the city and your sons and daughters *fall* by the *sword* and your land be divided by a *measuring* line and you *die* in a *defiled* land and Yisra'ĕl ***shall*** certainly be exiled from its land.' "

8 This is what the **Master** ֲדֹנָי showed me and **see,** a basket of summer **fruit.**

[2]And **He** said, "Amos, what do you **see?**" And I said, "A basket of summer **fruit.**" And ֲדֹנָי said to me, "The end has **come** upon my people Yisra'ĕl, no longer do I pardon them.

[3]"And the songs of the hēḵal ***shall*** **be** *wailing* **in that day," declares** the **Master** ֲדֹנָי, "many *dead* bodies everywhere, *thrown* into any place – hush!"

[4]**Hear** this, you who are swallowing up the needy, to do away with the *poor* of the land,

[5]saying, "***When*** does the New Moon pass so that we sell grain and the **Sabbath** so that we trade our wheat, to make the ĕphah small and the sheqel large and to falsify the scales by *deceit*,

[6]to buy the *poor* for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?"

[7]ֲדֹנָי has sworn by the Excellency of Ya'aqoḇ, "I ***shall*** never *forget* any of their works.

[8]"***Shall*** the land not *tremble* for this and everyone *mourn* who dwells in it? And **all** of it ***shall*** swell like the River, heave and subside like the River of Mitsrayim.

[9]"And it ***shall*** **be in that day," declares** the **Master** ֲדֹנָי, "that I ***shall*** **cause** the sun to go down at noon and ***shall*** darken the earth on a **day of** brightness,

[10]and ***shall turn your festivals*** into mourning and **all** your songs into lamentation and bring sackcloth on **all** loins and baldness on **every** head and ***shall*** make it like *mourning* for an only son and its end like a **day of** *bitterness*.

[11]"**See,** days are **coming**," **declares** the **Master** ֲדֹנָי, "that **I *shall* send** a hunger in the land, not a hunger for bread, nor a thirst for water, but for **hearing** the **Words** of ֲדֹנָי.

[12]"And they ***shall*** *wander* from sea to sea and from north to east – they ***shall*** **diligently** search, **seeking** the **Word** of ֲדֹנָי, but they ***shall*** not find it.

[13]"In that day the pretty maidens and **strong** young men ***shall*** faint from thirst,

[14]those swearing by the *guilt* of Shomeron, who say, 'As your *mighty one* lives, O Dan!' and, 'As the **way** of Be'ĕrsheḇa lives!' And they ***shall fall*** and never rise again."

9 I **saw** ֲדֹנָי standing by the altar and **He** said, "Smite the column head, so that the thresholds *shake* and *break* them off by the head, **all** of them. And the **last** of them I *slay* with the *sword.* Not one of them *fleeing* gets away and not one fugitive of them **escapes**.

[2]"***If*** they dig into the grave, from there my **hand** does take them; and if they climb up to the heavens, from there I bring them down.

[3]"And if they hide themselves on top of Karmel, from there I ***shall*** search and take them. And if they hide from before **My** eyes at the bottom of the sea, from there I ***shall*** **command** the *serpent* and it ***shall*** bite them.

[4]"And if they go into captivity before their enemies, from there I ***shall*** **command** the *sword* and it ***shall*** *slay* them. And I ***shall*** set **My** eyes on them for *evil* and not for **good**."

[5]And the **Master** ֲדֹנָי of hosts **is He** who *touches* the earth so that it melts and **all** who dwell in it mourn and **all** of it **come** up like the River and subside like the River of Mitsrayim –

[6]who is building **His** upper room in the heavens and has founded **His** firmament on the earth, who is calling for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the face of the earth – ֲדֹנָי is **His**

Name.

7"Are you not like the people of Kush to **Me,** O children of Yisra'ĕl?" **declares** ꓰꓤꓰꓩ. "Did I not bring up Yisra'ĕl from the land of Mitsrayim and the Philistines from Kaphtor and Aram from Qir?

8"Look, the eyes of the **Master** ꓰꓤꓰꓩ are on the *sinful* reign, and **I *shall*** *destroy* it from the face of the earth, ***except*** that, I *do not* **completely** *destroy* the house of Ya'aqob," **declares** ꓰꓤꓰꓩ.

9"For look, I am **commanding** and I ***shall*** sift the house of Yisra'ĕl among **all** the *gentiles,* as one sifts with a sieve, yet not a grain falls to the ground.

10"All the *sinners* of **My people** are going to *die* by the *sword,* those who are saying, '*Evil does not* overtake us nor meet us.'

11"In that day I ***shall*** **raise** up the booth of Dawiḏ which has fallen down. And I ***shall*** repair its breaches and **raise** up its ruins. And I ***shall*** build it as in the days of old,

12so that they **possess** the **remnant** of Eḏom and **all** the *gentiles* on whom **My Name** is called," **declares** ꓰꓤꓰꓩ who does this.

13"Look, the days are **coming**," **declares** ꓰꓤꓰꓩ, "that the ploughman ***shall*** overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows seed. And the mountains ***shall*** drip new **wine** and **all** the hills melt.

14"And **I *shall turn* back** the captivity of **My people** Yisra'ĕl. And they ***shall*** build the *waste* cities and inhabit them. And they ***shall*** plant vineyards and drink **wine** from them and ***shall*** make gardens and eat their **fruit.**

15"And I ***shall*** plant them on their own soil and not uproot them any more from their own soil I have **given** them," said ꓰꓤꓰꓩ your **Elohim**!

OḆAḌYAH

1 The **vision** of Oḇaḏyah: This is what the **Master** ֲדֹנָי said concerning Eḏom. We have **heard** a report from ֲדֹנָי and a messenger has been **sent** among the nations, saying, "Arise and let us rise up *against* her for battle!"

2"**See,** I have made you small among the nations, you are greatly *despised*.

3"The pride of your **heart** has ***deceived*** you, you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, whose dwelling is high, who say in your **heart,** '***Who shall*** bring me down to the ground?'

4"Though you rise high as the eagle and though you set your nest among the stars, from there I ***shall*** bring you down," **declares** ֲדֹנָי.

5"***If thieves*** came to you, if ***robbers*** by night, how *ruined* you would have been! Would they not steal til they had enough? ***If*** grape-gatherers had **come to** you, would they not leave gleanings?

6"***How*** Ěsaw ***shall*** **be** searched out! **His** *hidden* treasures ***shall*** **be** sought out!

7"All your allies ***shall*** send you forth to the border, your friends ***shall deceive*** you and overpower you. They make your **bread** a *snare* under you, without you **discerning** it!

8"In that day,"**declares** ֲדֹנָי,"I ***shall*** *destroy* the **wise** men from Eḏom and discernment from the mountains of Ěsaw!

9"Your mighty men ***shall*** **be** discouraged, O Tĕman, so that everyone from the mountains of Ěsaw is *cut off* by slaughter.

10"**Because** of your *violence against* your brother Ya'aqoḇ, let *shame* cover you. And you ***shall*** **be** *cut off* **forever**.

11"In the day that you stood on the other side, in the day that strangers took captive his wealth, when foreigners entered his gates and *cast* **lots** for Yerushalayim, you also were like one of them!

12"And you should not have **looked** on your brother's day in the **day of** his estrangement, nor rejoiced over the children of Yahuḏah in the **day of** their ***destruction,*** nor made your **mouth great** in the **day of** *distress,*

13nor have entered the gate of **My people** in the **day of** their *calamity*, nor **looked** down on their *evil* in the **day of** their *calamity*, nor have *seized* their wealth in the **day of** their *calamity*,

14nor have stood at the parting of the **way** to *cut off* his fugitives, nor handed over his survivors in the **day of** *distress.*

15"For the **day of** ֲדֹנָי is **near** upon **all** the *gentiles.* As you have done, it ***shall*** **be** done to you, your reward ***shall*** **come back** on your own head.

16"For as you have drunk on my set-apart mountain, so do **all** the *gentiles* drink continually. And they ***shall*** drink and ***shall*** swallow and they ***shall*** **be** as though they had never been.

17"***But*** on Mount **Tsiyon** there ***shall*** **be** an **escape** and they ***shall*** **be** set-apart. And the house of Ya'aqoḇ ***shall*** **possess** their possessions.

18"And the house of Ya'aqoḇ ***shall*** **be** a *fire* and the house of Yosĕph a flame, but the house of Ěsaw for stubble. And they ***shall*** *burn* among them and they ***shall*** *consume* them, so that no survivor is left of the house of Ěsaw." For ֲדֹנָי has **spoken** .

19And they ***shall*** **possess** the South with the mountains of Ěsaw and low country with the Philistines. They ***shall*** **possess** the fields of Ephrayim and the fields of Shomeron and Binyamin with Gil'aḏ,

20and the exiles of this host of the children of Yisra'ĕl **possess** that of the Kena'anites as far as Tsarephath and the exiles of Yerushalayim who are in Sepharaḏ **possess** the cities of the South.

21And saviours ***shall*** **come to** Mount Tsiyon to **judge** the mountains of Ěsaw. And the **reign** ***shall*** belong to ֲדֹנָי.

YONAH

1 And the **Word** of ꓤYꓤꓩ came to Yonah son of Amittai, saying,
[2]"Arise, go to Ninewĕh, the **great** city and cry out *against* it, for their *evil*s have **come** up before **Me.**"
[3]***But*** Yonah rose up to ***flee*** to Tarshish from the presence of ꓤYꓤꓩ and went down to Yapho and **found** a ship going to Tarshish. And he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of ꓤYꓤꓩ.
[4]And ꓤYꓤꓩ **sent** out a **great** *wind* on the sea and there was a **great** *storm* on the sea, so that the ship was thought to be broken up.
[5]And the seamen were *afraid* and each one *cried out* to his *mighty one* and threw the cargo which was in the ship into the sea, to Lighten the load. ***But*** Yonah had gone down into the lowest parts of the ship and he lay down and was fast asleep.
[6]And the captain came to him and said to him, "***What*** do you mean, sleeper? Arise, cry out to your **Elohim**, if so be that **Elohim *shall*** *think* about us, so that we *do not perish*."
[7]And they said to each other, **"Come** and let us *cast* **lots,** so that we **know** for whose sake this *evil* has **come** upon us." So they *cast* **lots** and the **lot** fell on Yonah.
[8]So they said to him, "Please explain to us! For whose sake is this *evil* upon us? ***What*** is your occupation? And where do you **come** from? ***What*** is your country? And from what people are you?"
[9]And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew. And I am **fearing** ꓤYꓤꓩ, the **Elohim** of the heavens, who made the sea and the dry land."
[10]And the men were exceedingly *afraid* and said to him, "***Why*** have you done this?" For the men **knew** that he fled from the presence of ꓤYꓤꓩ, for he had informed them.
[11]And they said to him, "***What*** are we to do to you to make the sea calm for us?"
For the sea was growing more stormy.
[12]And he said to them, "Take me and *throw* me into the sea, so that the sea becomes calm for you. For I **know** that this **great** *storm* is **because** of me."
[13]However, the men rowed hard to bring the ship to land, but were *unable*, for the sea continued to grow more stormy *against* them.
[14]And they *cried out* to ꓤYꓤꓩ and said, "We pray, O ꓤYꓤꓩ, please, let us not *perish* for this man's **life** and *do not* lay on us **innocent** blood. For **You,** O ꓤYꓤꓩ, have done as it pleased **You.**"
[15]***Then*** they took Yonah and threw him into the sea and the sea *stopped* raging.
[16]And the men ***feared*** ꓤYꓤꓩ exceedingly and brought an offering to ꓤYꓤꓩ and made vows.
[17]***But*** ꓤYꓤꓩ **appointed** a **great** fish to swallow Yonah. And Yonah was in the stomach of the fish **three days and three nights**.

2 And Yonah prayed to ꓤYꓤꓩ his **Elohim** from the stomach of the fish.
[2]And he said, "I called to ꓤYꓤꓩ **because** of my *distress* and **He** answered me. From the stomach of the grave I cried and You **heard** my **voice**.
[3]"For You threw me into the deep, into the **heart** of the seas and the floods surrounded me. All **Your** breakers and **Your** waves passed over me.
[4]"So I said, 'I have been *driven* away from **Your** eyes. Would I ever look again toward **Your** set-apart Hĕkal?'
[5]"Waters encompassed me, unto **life**, the deep closed around me, weeds were wrapped around my head.

6"I went down to the base of the mountains, the earth with its bars were behind me **forever**. ***But*** **You** brought up my **life** from the pit, O 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, my **Elohim**.
7"***When*** my **life** fainted within me, I **remembered** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄. And my prayer went up to **You,** into **Your** set-apart Hĕkal.
8"Those observing *false worthlessnesses forsake their own* **kindness**.
9"***But*** I offer to **You** with the **voice** of **thanksgiving**, I pay what I have vowed. **Deliverance** is of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄."
10***Then*** **𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 spoke** to the fish and it *vomited* Yonah on the dry land.

3 And the **Word** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 came to Yonah the second **time,** saying,
2"Arise, go to Ninewĕh, that **great** city and **proclaim** to it the **message** that I am speaking to you."
3And Yonah arose and went to Ninewĕh, **according** to the **Word** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄. **Now** Ninewĕh was a **great** city before **Elohim**, of three day's journey.
4And Yonah began to go in to the city on the **first** day's **walk.** And he *cried out* and said, "Yet forty days and Ninewĕh ***shall*** **be** *overthrown*!"
5And the men of Ninewĕh **believed** in **Elohim** and **proclaimed** a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them.
6And the **word** reached the sovereign of Ninewĕh, so he arose from his throne and took off his robe and covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes.
7And he **proclaimed** and said throughout Ninewĕh, "By decree of the sovereign and his nobles: No man or beast, herd or flock, ***shall*** taste ***whatever*** – let them not eat, let them not even drink water.
8"***But*** let man and beast be covered with sackcloth and **call mightily** to **Elohim**.

And let each one turn from his *evil* **way** and from the *violence* that is in his hands.
9"***Who*** **knows** whether **Elohim** does turn and **relent** and ***shall turn*** away from the *heat* of **His** *displeasure,* so that we *do not* perish?"
10**And Elohim saw their works, that they turned from their evil way. And Elohim relented from the evil which He had said He would do to them** and **He did not do it**.

4 ***But*** it greatly *displeased* Yonah and he was *grieved*.
2And he prayed to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and he said, "Please, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, was this not what I said while I was in my own land? This is why I went ahead and fled to Tarshish. For I **know** that **You** are an Ĕl showing **favour** and **compassionate**, patient and of **great kindness** and relenting from doing *evil*.
3"And **now**, O 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, please take my **life** from me, for it is better for me to *die* than to **live**!"
4And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 said, "***Are*** you **right** to be *displeased*?"
5***Then*** Yonah went out of the city and sat on the east side of the city and made himself a shelter there and sat under it in the shade, to **see** what would become of the city.
6And **𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 Elohim appointed** a plant and made it **come** up over Yonah, to be a shade for his head to **deliver** him from his discomfort. And Yonah greatly rejoiced over the plant.
7***But*** as morning dawned the next day **Elohim appointed** a worm which attacked the plant so that it withered.
8And it came to be when the sun came up, that **Elohim appointed** a scorching east wind and the sun *smote* on Yonah's head, so that he grew faint and asked for his **life** to *die* and said, "It is better for me to *die* than to **live.**"
9And **Elohim** said to Yonah, "Have you **rightly** become *displeased* over the plant?"

And he said, “I have **rightly** become
displeased, even to death!”
[10]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 said, “You felt sorry
for the plant for which you have not
laboured, nor made it grow, which came
up in a night and *perished* in a night.
[11]“And should I not pardon Nineweh,
that **great** city, in which are more than
one hundred and twenty thousand beings
who have not **known** their **right hand**
from their left and much cattle?”

MIḴAH

MICAH

1 The **Word** of ֵיהוָה that came to Miḵah of Moresheth in the days of Yotham, Aḥaz, Ḥizqiyah, sovereigns of Yahuḏah, which he **saw** concerning Shomeron and Yerushalayim.

[2]**Hear, all** you peoples! **Listen**, O earth and **all** who are in it! And let the **Master** ֵיהוָה be a **witness** *against* you – ֵיהוָה from **His** set-apart Hēḵal.

[3]For look, ֵיהוָה is **coming** out of **His** place, and **He *shall* come** down and ***shall*** tread on the *high places* of the earth.

[4]And the mountains ***shall*** melt under **Him,** and the valleys be cleft as wax before the *fire*, as waters poured down a steep place.

[5]All this is for the *transgression* of Yaʽaqoḇ and for the *sins* of the house of Yisra'ĕl. ***What*** is the *transgression* of Yaʽaqoḇ? Is it not Shomeron? And what are the *high places* of Yahuḏah? Are they not Yerushalayim?

[6]"'And I ***shall*** make Shomeron a heap in the field, places for planting a vineyard. And I ***shall*** pour down her stones into the valley and uncover her foundations.

[7]"'And **all** her *carved images* ***shall*** **be** *beaten* in pieces and **all** her gifts be *burned* with the *fire*. And **all** her *idols* **I *shall* lay** *waste,* for she gathered it from the hire of a *whore* and they ***shall*** **return** to the hire of a *whore*."

[8]**Because** of this I lament and howl. I go stripped and naked. I make a lamentation like jackals and a *mourning* like ostriches.

[9]For her *wounds* are incurable. For it has **come to** Yahuḏah, it has **come to** the gate of **My people**, to Yerushalayim.

[10]***Do not*** **declare** it in Gath, *weep* not at **all** in Bĕyth Aphrah,

roll yourself in the dust.

[11]Pass by in nakedness and shame, you inhabitant of Shaphir. The inhabitant of Tsa'anan has not gone out. The lamentation of Bĕyth Ĕtsel takes from you its standing place.

[12]Though the inhabitants of Maroth waited for **good**, yet *evil* came down from ֵיהוָה to the gate of Yerushalayim.

[13]O inhabitant of Laḵish, harness the chariot to the horse – she was the beginning of *sin* to the daughter of **Tsiyon** – for the *transgressions* of Yisra'ĕl were **found** in you.

[14]Therefore you ***shall*** give parting gifts to Moresheth Gath, the houses of Aḵziḇ becoming a ***deception*** to the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl.

[15]Again I ***shall*** bring a dispossessor to you, O inhabitant of Marĕshah. The **esteem** of Yisra'ĕl ***shall* come to** Aḏullam.

[16]Make yourself bald and *cut off* your hair for the children of your delight. Enlarge your baldness like an eagle, for they ***shall* be** exiled from you.

2 **Woe** to those plotting *wickedness* and working out *evil* upon their beds! In the **light** of the morning they practise it, **because** it is in the might of their **hand.**

[2]And they *coveted* fields and *seized* them, also houses and took them away. And they *oppressed* a man and his house, a man and his inheritance.

[3]Therefore thus said ֵיהוָה, "**See,** *against* this clan I am **planning** *evil*, from which *you do not* remove your necks, nor **walk** *proud*ly, for this is a **time** of *evil*.

[4]"'In that day one ***shall*** lift up a proverb *against* you and he ***shall*** lament with

a *bitter* lamentation and ***shall*** say, 'We have been *utterly* ravaged! **He** *change*s the **inheritance** of my people. ***How*** **He** removes it from me! **He** apportions our fields to the backslider.' "

5"Therefore you ***shall*** have no one in the assembly of ꓤYHWH to divide the land by **lot.**

6"You *do not* preach, they preach. They *do not* preach to these, *reproaches* are not turned back.

7"Are you called 'House of Ya'aqoḇ'? Has the **Spirit** of ꓤYHWH been limited? Are these **His** doings? ***Do not*** **My words** do **good** to the one walking up**rightly**?

8"And lately **My people** have risen up as an enemy. You strip off the **robe** with the garment from those who **trust** you, as they pass by – those returning from battle.

9"You have *driven* the women of **My people** from their pleasant houses. You have taken away **My** splendour from their children **forever**.

10"**Arise** and go, for this is not your rest, **<u>because</u>** *uncleanness* destroys and the ***destruction*** is *grievous.*

11"***If*** a man walking after *wind* and *falsehood* has lied: 'I preach to you of **wine** and of **strong** drink,' he ***shall*** **be** the 'preacher' of this people!

12"I ***shall*** certainly **gather all** of you, O Ya'aqoḇ, I ***shall*** bring **together** the **remnant** of Yisra'ĕl, put them **together** like sheep of the fold, like a flock in the **midst** of their pasture, they being noisy **<u>because</u>** of men.

13"The breach-maker ***shall*** go up before them. They ***shall*** *break* out and pass through the gate and go out by it and their sovereign pass before them, with ꓤYHWH at their head!"

3 ***Then*** I said, **"Hear now**, O heads of Ya'aqoḇ and you rulers of the house of Yisra'ĕl: ***Should*** you ***not*** **know right-ruling,**

2you who are *hating* **good** and **loving** *evil*, tearing away the skin from **My people** and the *flesh* from their bones,

3and who have eaten the *flesh* of **My people** and stripped off their skin and have broken their bones and have *cut* it up as into a pot, like *flesh* in the cooking pot?"

4Therefore, when they cry to ꓤYHWH **He** *does not* answer them and hides **His** face from them at that **time,** as they have made their **deeds** *evil*.

5Thus said ꓤYHWH concerning the prophets who lead my people *astray*, who are biting with their *teeth* and have called out, "Peace!" They even set-apart a battle *<u>against</u>* him who *does not* give for their mouths.

6Therefore it ***shall*** **be** night to you without **vision** and *darkness* to you without divination. The sun ***shall*** go down on the **prophets** and the day ***shall*** **be** dark for them.

7And the **seers** ***shall*** **be** ashamed and the *diviners* embarrassed. And they ***shall*** **all** cover their lips, for there is no answer, O **Elohim**.

8***But*** **truly** I am **filled** with power, with the **Spirit** of ꓤYHWH and with **right-ruling** and with **might**, to **declare** to Ya'aqoḇ his *transgression* and to Yisra'ĕl his *sin.*

9**Hear** this, please, you heads of the house of Ya'aqoḇ and you rulers of the house of Yisra'ĕl, who *despise* **right-ruling** and *distort* **all** that is **straight,**

10those building up **Tsiyon** with bloodshed and Yerushalayim with *unrighteousness.*

11Her heads **judge** for a *bribe,* her priests **teach** for pay, and her prophets divine for a price. Yet they lean on ꓤYHWH and say, "Is not ꓤYHWH in our **midst**? *Evil does not* **come** upon us."

12Therefore, **<u>because</u>** of you, **Tsiyon** is ploughed like a field and Yerushalayim becomes heaps and the mountain of the House like a wooded height.

4 And in the **latter days** it ***shall*** **be** that the mountain of the House of ꓤYHWH is **established** on the top of the

mountains and ***shall*** **be** exalted above the hills and peoples ***shall*** flow to it.
[2]And many nations ***shall*** **come** and say, **"Come** and let us go up to the mountain of ֱיְהֹוִה, to the House of the **Elohim** of Ya'aqoḇ and **let Him teach** us **His** ways and **let** us **walk** in **His paths**. For out of **Tsiyon comes** forth the **Torah** and the **Word** of ֱיְהֹוִה from Yerushalayim."
[3]And **He *shall* judge** among many peoples and **reprove strong** nations afar off. They ***shall*** beat their s**words** into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks – nation ***shall*** not lift up *sword* *against* nation, neither **teach** battle any more.
[4]***But*** each one ***shall*** sit under his **vine** and under his fig *tree,* with no one to make them *afraid*, for the **mouth** of ֱיְהֹוִה of hosts has **spoken** .
[5]For **all** the peoples **walk,** each one in the **Name** of his *mighty one*, ***but*** **we walk in the Name of ֱיְהֹוִה our Elohim forever** and **ever.**
[6]"In that day," **declares** ֱיְהֹוִה, "I **gather** the *lame* and I bring **together** the outcast and those whom I have *afflicted*.
[7]"And I ***shall*** make the *lame* a **remnant** and the outcast a **strong** nation. And ֱיְהֹוִה ***shall*** **reign** over them in Mount **Tsiyon,** from **now** on and **forever**.
[8]"And you, O tower of the flock, stronghold of the daughter of **Tsiyon,** it ***shall*** **come to** you, the former **rule** ***shall*** come, the **reign** of the daughter of Yerushalayim."
[9]**Now** why do you cry aloud? Is there no sovereign in you? Has your **counsellor** perished? For pain has gripped you like a woman in labour.
[10]Be in pain and deliver, O daughter of **Tsiyon,** like a woman in labour. For **now** you are to leave the city and you ***shall*** dwell in the field. And you ***shall*** go to Baḇel, there you ***shall*** **be delivered**, there ֱיְהֹוִה ***shall*** **redeem** you from the **hand** of your enemies.
[11]And **now**, many *gentiles* ***shall*** **be** gathered *against* you, who are saying, "**Let** her be *defiled* and let our eyes look upon Tsiyon!"
[12]***But*** they *do not* **know** the *thoughts* of ֱיְהֹוִה nor do they **understand His counsel**. For **He** has gathered them like sheaves to the threshing-floor.
[13]"**Arise** and thresh, O daughter of **Tsiyon**, for I make your horn iron and your hooves bronze. And you ***shall*** beat many peoples into pieces and I ***shall*** seclude their *gain* to ֱיְהֹוִה and their wealth to the **Master** of **all** the earth."

5 **Now** you are raided, O daughter of raiders, a siege has been laid *against* us. They *strike* the Judge of Yisra'ĕl with a **rod** on the cheek.
[2]"***But*** you, Bĕyth Leḥem Ephrathah, you who are *little* among the clans of Yahuḏah, out of you ***shall*** **come** forth to **Me** the **One** to become **Ruler** in Yisra'ĕl. And **His coming**s forth are of old, from **everlasting**."
[3]Therefore **He *shall*** give them up, until the **time** that she who is in labour has **given** birth and the **remnant** of **His** brothers **return** to the children of Yisra'ĕl.
[4]And **He *shall* stand** and **shepherd** in the strength of ֱיְהֹוִה, in the excellency of the **Name** of ֱיְהֹוִה **His Elohim**. And they ***shall*** dwell, for at that **time He *shall* be** great, to the ends of the earth.
[5]And this ***shall*** **be** peace. ***When*** Ashshur **comes** into our land and when he treads in our palaces, we ***shall*** **raise** *against* him seven shepherds and eight leaders of men.
[6]And they ***shall*** shepherd the land of Ashshur with the *sword* and the land of Nimroḏ at its entrances. And **He *shall*** **deliver** us from Ashshur, when he **comes** into our land and when he treads within our borders.
[7]And the **remnant** of Ya'aqoḇ ***shall*** **be** in the **midst** of many peoples, as dew from ֱיְהֹוִה, as showers on the grass, which *do not* wait for man nor delay for the sons of men.
[8]And the **remnant** of Ya'aqoḇ ***shall*** **be**

among the *gentiles,* in the **midst** of many peoples, like a lion among the beasts of a forest, like a young lion among flocks of sheep, who, if he passes through, ***shall*** both tread down and ***shall*** tear and there is no one to deliver.

[9]**Let** your **hand** be lifted up *against* your adversaries and **all** your enemies be *cut* off.

[10]"And it ***shall* be in that day," declares** ה׳, "that I ***shall cut*** *off* your horses out of your **midst** and **I *shall*** *destroy* your chariots.

[11]"And I ***shall cut*** *off* the cities of your land and I ***shall*** pull down **all** your *strongholds*.

[12]"And I ***shall cut*** *off witchcrafts* out of your **hand** and let you have no *magicians.*

[13]"And I ***shall cut*** *off* your *carved images* and your *pillars* from your **midst**, so that you no longer bow down to the **work** of your hands.

[14]"And I ***shall*** *pluck* your Ashĕrim out of your **midst** and **I *shall*** *destroy* your cities.

[15]"And I ***shall*** take **vengeance** in *wrath* and *rage* on the *gentiles* who *did not* **obey.**"

6 **Hear now** what ה׳ is saying, "Arise, *strive* with the mountains and let the hills **hear** your **voice**.

[2]"**Hear,** O you mountains, the *controversy* of ה׳ and you **everlasting** foundations of the earth! For ה׳ has a *controversy* with **His** people and **He *shall* reprove** Yisra'ĕl.

[3]"**My** people, what have I done to you and how have I wearied you? **Answer Me,**

[4]for I brought you up from the land of Mitsrayim and I ransomed you from the house of bondage. And I **sent** Mosheh, Aharon and Miryam before you.

[5]"My people, **remember,** please, what Balaq sovereign of Mo'aḇ counselled and what Bil'am son of Be'or answered him, from Shittim to Gilgal, **in order to know** the **righteousness** of ה׳."

[6]With what ***shall*** I **come** before ה׳, bow myself before the high **Elohim**? ***shall*** I **come** before **Him** with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

[7]Is ה׳ pleased with thousands of rams or ten thousand rivers of oil? ***shall*** I give my first-born for my *transgression,* the **fruit** of my body for the *sin* of my being?

[8]He has declared to you, O man, what is good. And what does ה׳ require of you but to do right and **to love kindness** and **to walk humbly with your Elohim?**

[9]The **voice** of ה׳ cries to the city – and let sound **wisdom see Your Name! "Hear the Rod and Him who appointed it**!

[10]"Are there still treasures of *wrongness* in the house of the ***wrong*** and the short measure that is an **abomination**?"

[11]Would I be **innocent** with ***wrong*** scales and with a bag of *false* weights?

[12]"For her rich men are filled with cruel *unrighteousness* and her inhabitants have **spoken** *falsehood* and their tongue is *deceit* in their **mouth.**

[13]"So I also, I ***shall*** *smite* you with a *grievous* wound, to lay you *waste* **because** of your *sins*:

[14]"You ***shall*** eat but not be satisfied and your inside be empty. And you ***shall*** store up but not save and what you **save** I ***shall*** give to the *sword.*

[15]"You ***shall*** sow but *not* reap, you ***shall*** tread the olives but *not* **anoint** yourselves with oil and make **sweet wine** but *not* drink **wine**.

[16]"For the **laws** of Omri are strictly observed and **all** the **works** of the house of Aḥab and you **walk** in their counsels. Therefore I give you for a *ruin* and your inhabitants for a *hissing* and let you bear the *reproach* of **My people**."

7 **Woe** to me! For I am as gatherings of summer **fruit,** as gleanings of the grape harvest. There is no cluster to eat. **My** being has desired the first-ripe **fruit.**

[2]The **kind** one has *perished* from the

earth and there is no one **straight** among men. All of them *lie* in wait for **blood,** everyone hunts his brother with a net.

[3]Both hands are on the *evil*, to do it well. The prince asks for gifts, the **judge** seeks a *bribe* and the **great** man speaks the desire of his being. And they weave it together.

[4]The best of them is like a prickly plant, the most **straight** is sharper than a thorn hedge. The **day of** your watchman and your *punishment* has come, **now** is their *confusion.*

[5]**Trust** no friend, ***rely*** on no companion, **guard** the **doors** of your **mouth** from her who lies in your bosom.

[6]For son is despising father, daughter rises up *against* her mother, daughter-in-law *against* her mother-in-law, the enemies of a man are the men of his own house.

[7]**As for me, I look to ꓤYHWH, I wait for the Elohim of my deliverance, my Elohim does hear me.**

[8]***Do*** *not* **rejoice** over me, O my enemy. ***When*** I have fallen I have risen, when I sit in *darkness* ꓤYHWH is a **light** to me.

[9]I bear the *displeasure* of ꓤYHWH, for I have *sinned against* **Him,** until **He** pleads my case and ***shall*** *execute* **right-ruling** for me, *until* **He** brings me out into the **light** and I look on **His righteousness**.

[10]And let my enemy **see** it and let *shame* cover her who said to me, "Where is ꓤYHWH your **Elohim**?" **Let** my eyes look on her: **now** she is trampled down like mud in the streets.

[11]The day for building your walls! **Let** the decree go far and wide in that day –

[12]that day when they **come to** you from Ashshur and the besieged cities of Mitsrayim and from the siege to the River and from sea to sea and mountain to mountain.

[13]***But*** the earth ***shall*** become a *waste* **because** of those who dwell in it and for the **fruit** of their **deeds**.

[14]Shepherd **Your people** with **Your** rod, the flock of **Your** inheritance, who dwell alone in a forest, in the **midst** of Karmel. **Let** them feed in Bashan and Gil'aḏ, as in days of old.

[15]"As in the days when you came out of the land of Mitsrayim, I ***shall*** let him **see wonders**."

[16]**Let** the *gentiles* **see** and be *ashamed* of **all** their might, let them put their **hand** over their **mouth,** let their **ears** be deaf.

[18]***Who*** is an Ěl like **You** – taking away *crookedness* and passing over the *transgression* of the **remnant** of **His** inheritance? **He *shall*** not retain **His** *wrath* **forever**, for **He Himself** delights in **kindness**.

[19]**He *shall turn*** back, **He *shall*** have **compassion** on us, **He *shall*** trample upon our *crookedness*es! And **You** *throw* **all** our *sins* into the depths of the sea!

[20]**You give truth** to Ya'aqoḇ, **kindness** to Aḇrahim, which **You swore** to our fathers from the days of old!

NAḤUM

1 The **message** concerning Ninewĕh.
The **book** of the **vision** of Naḥum the Elqoshite.
[2]**ꓤꓴꓤꓩ** is a ***jealous*** and *revenging* Ĕl, **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ** is a *revenger* and a possessor of *wrath*. **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ** takes **vengeance** on **His** adversaries and **He** watches for **His** enemies.
[3]**ꓤꓴꓤꓩ** is patient and **great** in power, but by no means leaves unpunished. **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ** has **His way** in the *whirlwind* and in the *storm* and the clouds are the dust of **His** feet.
[4]**He** is rebuking the sea and dries it up. And **all** the floods **He** has made dry, Bashan and Karmel are withering and the flower of Leḇanon is languishing.
[5]Mountains have *shaken* before **Him** and the hills have melted. And the earth is lifted up at **His** presence and the world and **all** who dwell in it.
[6]***Who*** does **stand** before **His** rage? ***Who*** rises up in the *heat* of **His** displeasure? **His** *wrath* is **poured out** like *fire* and the rocks have been broken by **Him.**
[7]**ꓤꓴꓤꓩ** is **good**, as a **stronghold** in the **day of** *distress*. And **He knows** those who take **refuge** in **Him.**
[8]With an overwhelming *flood* **He** makes a **complete** end of the place of *NinewÃh* and *darkness* pursues **His** enemies.
[9]***What*** do you *plot* <u>*against*</u> **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**? **He** makes a **complete** end of it. Distress *does* ***not rise*** up a second **time.**
[10]Though they are as entangled thorns and as drunkards with their drink, they ***shall*** **be** *consumed* like stubble thoroughly dried.
[11]From you came forth one who plots *evil* <u>*against*</u> **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**, a counsellor of Beliya'al.
[12]Thus said **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**, "Though they are **strong** and many, even so, they ***shall*** **be** *cut off* and pass away.
Though I have *afflicted* you, I *afflict* you no more.
[13]"So **now** I *break* his yoke from you and *tear* off your shackles."
[14]And **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ** has **commanded** concerning you, "Your name ***shall*** no longer be sown. From the house of your *mighty ones* I ***shall cut*** *off* the *carved and moulded image and* **appoint** your grave, for you have been of no account."
[15]**See,** on the mountains the feet of him who brings the **besorah**, who proclaims peace! O Yahuḏah, **observe** your festivals and **perform** your vows. For Beliya'al ***shall*** no more pass through you. He has been *cut off* **completely.**

2 **He** who breaks in pieces has **come** up before your face. **Guard** the ramparts! **Watch** the **way!** Strengthen your loins and your **power** greatly!
[2]For **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ** ***shall turn*** **back** the splendour of Ya'aqoḇ like the splendour of Yisra'ĕl, for the emptiers have emptied them out and *ruined* their **vine** branches.
[3]The shields of his mighty men have become red, the men of battle are in scarlet. The chariots are like flaming torches in the **day of** his **preparation** and the cypresses ***shall*** **be** *shaken.*
[4]The chariots dash about in the streets, they rush one another in the broad ways. They look like flaming torches, they run like lightning.
[5]**He remembers** his noble ones, they *stumble* in their **walk,** they hurry to her walls and the defence is prepared.
[6]The river gates have been opened and the palace is melted.
[7]And it is **established**: she ***shall*** **be** exiled, she ***shall*** **be** led away. And her female servants are moaning as with the **voice** of doves, *beating* on their breasts.
[8]And Ninewĕh of old was like a pool of water, **now** they ***flee*** away."Stop!

Stop!" they cry, but no one turns back.
9Plunder the silver! Plunder the gold! There is no limit to the treasure – a wealth of **all precious** objects.
10She is empty, even *emptiness* and waste! And the **heart** has melted and the knees have knocked together and much pain is in **all** loins and **all** their faces have become flushed.
11Where is the den of the lions and the feeding place of the young lions, where the lion, the lioness and the lion's cub walked, with no one to disturb them?
12The lion tore in pieces enough for his cubs and *strangled* for his lionesses and filled his caves with prey and his dens with *torn* prey.
13"**See,** I am *against* you," **declares** יהוה of hosts, "and I ***shall*** *burn* your chariots in smoke and the *sword devour* your young lions. And I ***shall cut*** *off* your prey from the earth and no longer is the **voice** of your messengers **heard**."

3 **Woe** to the city of blood! All of it is a lie, filled with plunder, the prey is not lacking.
2The sound of a whip and the sound of rattling wheels, of galloping horses, of jolting chariots,
3mounted horsemen with **bright** *sword* and glittering spear and many wounded and a mass of *dead* bodies and no end of corpses, they *stumble* over the corpses –
4**because** of the many *whorings* of the well-favoured *whore,* the ***mistress*** of ***sorceries,*** who sells nations by her *whorings* and clans by her ***sorceries.***
5"**See,** I am *against* you," **declares** יהוה of hosts, "and ***shall*** lift up your skirts over your face, ***shall*** **show** nations your nakedness and reigns your *shame.*
6"I ***shall*** *cast* **abominations** upon you, treat you as ***foolish*** and make a spectacle of you.
7"And it ***shall*** **be** that **all** who **see** you ***flee*** from you and say, 'Nineweh is laid waste! ***Who*** does *mourn* for her?' Where do I **seek** comforters for you?"
8Are you better than No Amon, who dwelt by the Nile-streams, with waters around her, whose rampart was like the sea, whose wall was like the sea?
9Kush and Mitsrayim were her strength, even unlimited. Put and Luḇim were your helpers.
10Yet she was exiled, she went into captivity. At the head of **every** street her young children were dashed to pieces. Lots were *cast* for her esteemed men and **all** her **great** men were *bound* in chains.
11You too are to become drunk, you are to go into hiding. You too are to **seek refuge** from the enemy.
12All your *strongholds* are fig trees with ripened figs, when *shaken* they ***shall fall*** into the **mouth** of the eater.
13**See,** your people in your **midst** are women! The gates of your land ***shall*** **be** opened wide to your enemies. Fire ***shall*** *consume* your gate bars.
14Draw for yourself water for the siege! Strengthen your defences! Go into the clay and tread the mortar, lay hold of the brick mould!
15There a *fire* ***shall*** *consume* you, a *sword cut* you off, eat you up like a locust. Make yourself many like the locust and like the swarming locust!
16You have increased your *merchants* more than the stars of the **heavens.** The locust ***shall*** strip off and fly away.
17Your officials are like the locusts and your marshals are like the **great** grasshoppers, which settle in the hedges on a cold day – when the sun rises they ***flee*** away and the place where they are is unknown.
18Your shepherds have slumbered, O sovereign of Ashshur, your nobles *lie* down to rest. **Your people** are *scattered* on the mountains and no one gathers them.
19Your injury has no **healing,** your wound is *grievous.* All **who hear** news of you ***shall*** clap their hands over you. For over whom did your *evil* not pass continually?
20You give truth to Ya'aqob, kindness to Abrahim, which You swore to our fathers from the days of old!

ḤABAQQUQ

1 The **message** which the **prophet** Ḥabaqquq **saw**.

[2]Ō 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, til when ***shall*** I cry and **You** not hear? I cry to **You,** "Violence!" and *you do not* save.

[3]***Why*** do **You show** me *wickedness* and **cause** me to **see** *perversity*? For *ruin* and *violence* are before me. And there is *strife* and contention arises.

[4]Therefore the **Torah** *ceases* and **right-ruling** never goes forth. For the ***wrong*** hem in the **righteous,** so that **right-ruling comes** out *twisted*.

[5]"Look among the nations and **see** and be amazed, be amazed! For a **work** is being wrought in your days which you *would not* **believe** if it were told.

[6]"**See,** I am raising up the Chaldeans, a *bitter* and *hasty* nation, who is going through the breadth of the earth, to **possess** dwelling places that are not theirs.

[7]"They are *frightening* and *fearsome*, their **right-ruling** and their exaltation proceed from themselves.

[8]"Their horses ***shall*** **be** swifter than leopards and more **fierce** than **evening** *wolves*. And their horsemen ***shall*** charge ahead and their horsemen **come** from afar. They fly as the eagle, rushing to eat.

[9]"All of them **come** for *violence*, the direction of their faces is like the east wind and they **gather** captives like sand.

[10]"And they scoff at sovereigns and princes are a laughing matter to them. They laugh at **every** *stronghold,* for they pile up earth and *seize* it.

[11]"***Then shall*** he pass on as a wind and *transgress* and be *guilty* and ascribe this **power** to his *mighty one*."

[12]Are **You** not from **everlasting**, O 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 my **Elohim**, my **Set-apart One**? *you do not die!* O 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, **You** have **appointed** them for right-ruling, O Rock, **You** have **established** them for *reproof.*

[13]**You**, whose eyes are too **clean** to **see** *evil*, **You** are not able to look on *wrong.* ***Why*** do **You** look on those who act treacherously – keep *silent* when the ***wrong*** devours one more **righteous** than he?

[14]And would **You** make men like fish of the sea, like creeping creatures that have no ruler over them?

[15]*The wicked foe* has pulled **all** of them up with a hook, ***caught*** them in his *net* and gathers them in his dragnet. Therefore he **rejoices** and exults.

[16]Therefore he offers to his net and burns incense to his dragnet, for by them is his portion fat and his food is rich.

[17]Is he therefore to keep on emptying his net and *slay*ing nations without sparing?

2 I **stand** at my **watch** and station myself on the watch-tower and wait to **see** what **He** says to me and what to answer when I am reproved.

[2]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 answered me and said, **"Write the vision and inscribe it on tablets, so that he who reads it runs.**

[3]"For the **vision** is yet for an **appointed time,** and it speaks of **the end** and *does not lie. **If*** it lingers, wait for it, for it ***shall*** certainly **come**, it ***shall*** not delay.

[4]"**See,** he whose being is not **upright** in him is puffed up. ***But*** the **righteous** one lives by his steadfastness.

[5]"And also, **<u>because</u> wine** betrays him, a man is *proud* and he *does not* stay at home. **<u>Because</u>** he enlarges his appetite as the grave and he is like *death* and is not satisfied and gathers to himself **all** nations and heaps up for himself **all** peoples.

[6]"***Shall*** not **all** these lift up a proverb *<u>against</u>* him and a *mocking* riddle *<u>against</u>* him and say,

‘**Woe** to him who increases what is not his! Til when is he to load on himself many pledges’?
7“***Do** not* your creditors rise up **suddenly**? And those who make you *tremble* wake up and you be plunder for them?
8“**Because** you have plundered many nations, **all** the **remnant** of the people ***shall*** plunder you, **because** of men’s **blood** and doing *violence* to the land, to the city and to **all** who dwell in it.
9“**Woe** to him who is getting *evil gain* for his house, **in order** to set his nest on high, to **escape** the clutches of *evil*!
10“You have counselled *shame* for your house, to *cut off* many peoples and your being is *sinning*.
11“For a stone from the wall cries out and a beam from the timbers answers it.
12“**Woe** to him who builds a town by **blood** and establishes a city by *unrighteousness*!
13“**See,** it is ***not*** from ֱיהוָה of hosts that peoples labour only for *fire* and nations *weary* themselves for *naught,*
14for the earth *shall* be filled with the knowledge of the esteem of ֱיהוָה, as the waters cover the sea!
15“**Woe** to him who gives drink to his neighbour, pouring out your **wine**skin and also making him drunk – **in order** to look on their nakedness!
16“You ***shall* be** filled with *shame* instead of esteem. Drink, you too and be exposed as *uncircumcised*! **The cup** of the **right hand** of ֱיהוָה ***shall* come** around to you and **great** *shame* upon your esteem.
17“For the *violence* done to Leḇanon is to overwhelm you – and the *ravaging* of beasts by which you made them *afraid* – **because** of men’s **blood** and the *violence* to the land, to the city and of **all** who dwell in it.
18“Of what use ***shall*** a *carved image* be? For its maker has *carved* it: a *moulded image* and **teacher** of *falsehood!* For the maker **trusts** what he has made: to make *dumb idols!*
19“**Woe** to him who says to wood, ‘Awake!’ to *silent* stone, ‘Arise!’ Is it a teacher? **See,** it is overlaid with gold and silver and there is no spirit at **all** inside it.
20“***But*** ֱיהוָה is in **His** set-apart Hĕḵal. **Let all the earth be** *silent* **before Him.”**

3 A prayer of Ḥaḇaqquq the **prophet,** on Shiḡionoth.
2O ֱיהוָה, I have **heard** your **report**, I was *afraid*.
O ֱיהוָה, **renew Your work** in the **midst** of the years!
Make it **known** in the **midst** of the years.
In *wrath* ***remember*** **compassion**.
3Eloah **comes** from Tĕman,
And the **Set-apart One** from Mount Paran. Selah.
His splendour ***shall*** cover the heavens,
And **His praise *shall*** fill the earth.
4And the brightness is as the **light**,
He has rays from **His hand,**
And there **His power** is *hidden*.
5Before **Him** goes *pestilence*,
And a *burning flame* goes forth at **His** feet.
6**He *shall* stand** and measure the earth.
He *shall* look and *shake* the nations.
And the ancient mountains are shattered,
The age-old hills ***shall*** bow.
His ways are **everlasting**.
7I **saw** the tents of Kushan under sorrow,
The curtains of the land of Miḏyan *tremble.*
8***Shall*** ֱיהוָה burn *against* the rivers?
Is **Your** *displeasure against* the rivers,
Is **Your** *wrath against* the sea,
That **You** ride on **Your** horses,
Your chariots of **deliverance**?
9**You** uncover **Your** bow,
The oaths of the **rod** of the **Word.**
Selah.
You *cut* through the earth with rivers.
10The mountains ***shall* see You,**
they *tremble.*

The *storm* of water ***shall*** pass over.
The deep ***shall*** give forth its **voice**,
It ***shall*** lift up its hands.
[11]Sun, moon ***shall*** **stand** still in their
places. Like **light Your** arrows fly,
Like lightning is **Your** glittering spear.
[12]**You** step through the earth in *rage,*
You ***thresh*** the *gentiles* in *wrath*.
[13]**You** ***shall*** go forth to **save Your**
people, To **save Your** Anointed.
You ***shall*** *smite* the Head from the
house of the ***wrong,*** By laying bare from
foundation to neck. Selah.
[14]**You** ***shall*** pierce with his own arrows
The head of his leaders. They stormed
along to *scatter* me, Rejoicing as if to
devour the *poor* in **secret.**
[15]You ***shall*** tread the sea with **Your**
horses, The foaming of many waters.
[16]I **heard** and my body trembled,
My lips quivered at the sound,
Rottenness came into my bones.
And I *trembled* within myself,
That I might rest for the **day of** *distress,*
To **come** upon the people who would
attack us.
[17]Though the fig *tree does not* blossom
and there is no **fruit** on the vine,
The yield of the olive has failed,
And the fields brought forth no food,
The flock has been *cut off* from the fold
and there is no herd in the stalls,
[18]Yet I exult in יהוה, I **rejoice** in the
Elohim of my **deliverance**.
[19]יהוה the **Master** is my strength.
And **He** makes my feet like those of
deer, And makes me **walk** on my high
places.
To the chief singer with my stringed
instruments.

TSEPHANYAH

ZEPHANIAH

1 The **Word** of ꓤYHꓤ which came to Tsephanyah son of Kushi, son of Ged̲alyah, son of Amaryah, son of Ḥizqiyah, in the days of Yoshiyahu son of Amon, sovereign of Yahud̲ah.

2"I ***shall*** *snatch* away **all** from the face of the earth," **declares** ꓤYHꓤ –

3"I *snatch* away man and beast, I *snatch* away the birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea and the *stumbling-blocks*, with the ***wrong,*** when I ***shall cut*** *off* man from the face of the earth," **declares** ꓤYHꓤ.

4"And I ***shall*** stretch out **My hand** *against* Yahud̲ah and *against* **all** the inhabitants of Yerushalayim and *cut off* **every** trace of Ba'al from this place, the names of the *idolatrous* priests, with the priests,

5and those bowing down to the host of the heavens on the house-tops and those bowing themselves, swearing by ꓤYHꓤ and swearing by Malkam;

6and those who turn away from **following** ꓤYHꓤ and who have not sought ꓤYHꓤ or **inquired** of **Him.**"

7Hush! in the presence of the **Master** ꓤYHꓤ. For the **day of** ꓤYHꓤ is **near**, for ꓤYHꓤ has prepared a slaughter, **He** has set-apart **His** invited ones.

8"And it ***shall*** **be,** in the **day of** the slaughter of ꓤYHꓤ, that I ***shall*** *punish* the rulers and the sons of the sovereign and **all** such as are clad in foreign garments.

9"And I ***shall*** *punish* on that day **all** who leap over the threshold, who fill their masters' houses with *violence* and *deceit*.

10"And on that day there ***shall*** **be,** " **declares** ꓤYHꓤ, "the sound of a cry from the Fish Gate and of a *howling* from the Second Quarter and of a **great** crashing from the hills.

11"*Howl*, you inhabitants of Maḳtĕsh, for **all** the *merchant* people ***shall*** **be** silenced, **all** those weighing out silver ***shall*** **be** *cut* off.

12"And at that **time** it ***shall*** **be,** that I **search** Yerushalayim with **lamps** and *punish* the men who are settled on their dregs, who say in their **heart,** 'ꓤYHꓤ does no **good**, nor does **He** *evil*.'

13"And their wealth ***shall*** become plunder and their houses laid *waste.* And they ***shall*** build houses but not inhabit them and they ***shall*** plant vineyards but not drink their **wine**."

14Near is the **great day of** ꓤYHꓤ, **near** and hurrying greatly, the noise of the **day of** ꓤYHꓤ. **Let** the mighty man then *bitterly* cry out!

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15That **day** is a **day of** *wrath*, a **day of** *distress* and *trouble,* a **day of** *waste* and *ruin,* a **day of** *darkness* and *gloominess,* a **day of** clouds and thick *darkness*,

16a **day of** ram's horn and *alarm* – *against* the walled cities and *against* the corner towers.

17"And I ***shall*** bring *distress* on men and they ***shall*** **walk** like *blind* men – **because** they have *sinned against* ꓤYHꓤ and their **blood** ***shall*** **be poured out** like dust and their *flesh* like *dung.*"

18Neither their silver nor their gold ***shall*** **be** able to **deliver** them in the **day of** the *wrath* of ꓤYHꓤ. And by the *fire* of **His** *jealousy* **all** the earth ***shall*** **be** *consumed,* for **He** makes a **sudden end** of **all** those who dwell in the earth.

2 **Gather** together, **gather** together, O nation without shame,

[2]before the decree is born – the day ***shall*** pass on like chaff – before the *burning wrath* of **ꓤYHZ comes** upon you, before the **day of** *wrath* of **ꓤYHZ comes** upon you!

[3]**Seek ꓤYHZ**, **all** you meek ones of the earth, who have done **His** right-ruling. **Seek righteousness**, **seek** meekness, if so be that you are *hidden* in the **day of** *wrath* of **ꓤYHZ**.

[4]For Azzah is *abandoned* and Ashqelon laid *waste,* Ashdo̲d is *driven* out at noonday and Eqron is uprooted.

[5]**Woe** to the inhabitants of the seacoast, the nation of the Kerĕthites! The **Word** of **ꓤYHZ** is *against* you, O Kena'an, land of the Philistines, "And **I *shall*** *destroy* you, so that there is no inhabitant."

[6]And the seacoast ***shall*** **be** pastures, shepherds' meadows and enclosures for flocks.

[7]And the coast ***shall*** **be** for the **remnant** of the house of Yahud̲ah. They ***shall*** feed their flocks on it, at **evening** they *lie* down in the houses of Ashqelon. For **ꓤYHZ** their **Elohim *shall* visit** them and **turn back** their captivity.

[8]"I have **heard** the *reproach* of Mo'ab̲ and the r*evil*ings of the children of Ammon, with which they have reproached **My people** and exalted themselves *against* their borders.

[9]"Therefore, **as I live," declares ꓤYHZ** of hosts, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, "Mo'ab̲ ***shall*** **be** like Sed̲om and the children of Ammon like Amorah – a possession for weeds and a pit of salt and a *waste* **forever**, the **remnant** of **My people** plunder them and the rest of **My** nation **possess** them."

[10]This is what they get for their pride, **because** they have reproached and exalted themselves *against* the people of **ꓤYHZ** of hosts.

[11]**ꓤYHZ *shall* be awesome** to them, for **He *shall*** make **all** the *mighty ones* of the earth to shrivel, while **all** the coastlands of the nations bow down to **Him,** each one from his place.

[12]"You too, O Kushites, are to be *slain* by **My** *sword.*"

[13]And **He *shall*** stretch out **His hand** *against* the north and *destroy* Ashshur and make Newĕh a *waste,* as dry as a wilderness.

[14]And droves ***shall*** *lie* down in her **midst**, **every** beast of the nation, both pelican and bittern lodge in the tops of her columns, a **voice** singing at the window, *ruin* be at the threshold, for the cedar **work** is exposed.

[15]This is the exultant city that is dwelling in safety, that said in her **heart,** "I am it and there is none but me." ***How*** has she become a *waste,* a place for beasts to *lie* down! Everyone who passes by her whistles and shakes his fist.

3 **Woe** to her who is *rebellious* and *defiled*, the oppressing city!

[2]She *did* ***not obey*** the **voice**, she *did not* **accept** instruction, she *did not* **trust** in **ꓤYHZ**, she *did not* draw **near** to her **Elohim**.

[3]Her rulers in her **midst** are roaring lions, her judges are **evening** *wolves*, they ***shall*** leave no bone until morning.

[4]Her prophets are reckless, treacherous men. Her priests have *profaned* the set-apart place, they have done *violence* to the **Torah**.

[5]**ꓤYHZ** is **righteous** in her **midst**, **He** does no *unrighteousness.* Morning by morning **He** brings **His right-ruling** to **light**, it has not been lacking, yet the *unrighteous* one **knows** no *shame.*

[6]"I have *cut off* nations, their corner towers are in ruins. I have made their streets deserted, with no one passing by. Their cities are **destroyed**, without man, without inhabitant.

[7]"I have said, 'Only **fear Me, accept instruction.**' And her dwelling *would not* be *cut* off, **all** that I have **appointed** for her. ***But*** they rose up early, they *corrupted* **all** their **deeds**.

[8]"Therefore wait for **Me,**" **declares ꓤYHZ**, "until the day I rise up for plunder. For **My** judgment is to **gather** nations, to **assemble** reigns,

to **pour out** on them **My** *rage,* **all** my *burning wrath*. For by the *fire* of **My** *jealousy* **all** the earth ***shall* be** *consumed.*

9"For then **I *shall turn*** unto the peoples a **clean** lip, so that they **all call on** the **Name** of יהוה, to **serve Him** with one shoulder.

10"From beyond the rivers of Kush my worshippers, the daughter of **My** *dispersed* ones, ***shall*** bring **My** offering.

11"In that day you ***shall*** not be put to shame for any of your **deeds** in which you have *transgressed* <u>*against*</u> **Me,** for then I ***shall*** remove from your **midst** your *proud*
exulting ones and you ***shall*** no more be haughty in **My** set-apart mountain.

12"***But*** I ***shall*** leave in your **midst** an *oppressed* and *poor* people and they ***shall* trust** in the **Name** of יהוה.

13"The **remnant** of Yisra'ĕl ***shall***
do no *unrighteousness* and **speak** no *falsehood,* nor is a tongue of *deceit* **found** in their **mouth.** For they ***shall***
feed their flocks and *lie* down, with none to frighten them."

14Shout for joy, O daughter of **Tsiyon**! Shout, O Yisra'ĕl! Be **glad** and **rejoice** with **all** your **heart,** O daughter of Yerushalayim!

15יהוה has turned aside your judgments. **He** has faced your enemy. The Sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, יהוה, is in your **midst**. No longer need you **fear** *evil*.

16In that day it ***shall* be** said to Yerushalayim, "***Do*** *not* **fear,** Tsiyon, *do not* let your hands be weak.

17"יהוה your **Elohim** in your **midst**, is mighty to save. **He rejoices** over you with joy, **He** is *silent* in **His love, He rejoices** over you with singing."

18"I ***shall* gather** those who grieve about the **appointed** place, who are among you, to whom its *reproach* is a *burden.*

19"**See,** I am **dealing** with **all** those afflicting you at that **time.** I ***shall* save** the *lame* and **gather** those who were *cast* out.

And I ***shall*** give them for a **praise** and for a **Name** in **all** the earth where they were put to *shame.*

20"At that **time** I ***shall*** bring you in, even at the **time** I **gather** you, for I ***shall*** give you for a name and for a praise, among **all** the peoples of the earth, when I **turn back** your captivity before your eyes," said יהוה.

ḤAGGAI

1 In the second year of Dareyawesh
the sovereign, in the sixth month, on the
first **day of** the month, the **Word** of
ꓤYꓤZ came by Ḥaggai the **prophet** to
Zerubbaḇel son of She'alti'ĕl, governor
of Yahuḏah and to Yahusha son of
Yehotsaḏaq, the high priest, saying,
2"Thus spoke ꓤYꓤZ of hosts, saying,
'This people have said, "The **time** has
not come, the **time** the House of ꓤYꓤZ
is to be built." ' "
3***Then*** the **Word** of ꓤYꓤZ came by
Ḥaggai the **prophet,** saying,
4"Is it **time** for you yourselves to dwell
in your panelled houses and this House
be in ruins?"
5And **now**, thus said ꓤYꓤZ of hosts,
"**Consider** *your ways*!
6"You have sown much, but brought in
little; eat, but *do not* have enough; drink,
but you are not filled with drink; clothe
yourselves, but no one is warm; and he
who earns wages, earns wages to put
into a bag with holes."
7Thus said ꓤYꓤZ of hosts, "**Consider**
your ways!
8Go up to the mountain and you ***shall***
bring ***wood*** and build the House. And
I will be pleased with it and let **Me** be
esteemed," said ꓤYꓤZ.
9"***When*** you **looked** for much, then
see, it came to little. And when you
brought it home, I would **blow** on
it. Why?" **declares** ꓤYꓤZ of hosts.
"**Because** of **My** House which lies in
ruins, while each of you runs to his own
house.
10"Therefore the heavens above you
have withheld the dew and the earth has
withheld its **fruit.**
11"And I called for a drought on the
land and on the mountains and on the
grain and on the new **wine** and on the
oil and on ***whatever*** the ground brings
forth and on man and on livestock
and on **all** the labour of the hands."
12***Then*** Zerubbaḇel son of She'alti'ĕl
and Yahusha son of Yehotsaḏaq, the
high priest, with **all** the **remnant** of the
people, **obeyed** the **voice** of ꓤYꓤZ
their **Elohim** and the **words** of Ḥaggai
the **prophet,** as ꓤYꓤZ their **Elohim**
had **sent** him. And the people ***feared*** the
presence of ꓤYꓤZ.
13And Ḥaggai, the messenger of
ꓤYꓤZ, spoke the **message** of ꓤYꓤZ
to the people, saying, "I am with you,
declares ꓤYꓤZ."
14And ꓤYꓤZ stirred up the spirit of
Zerubbaḇel son of She'alti'ĕl, governor
of Yahuḏah and the spirit of Yahusha son
of Yehotsaḏaq, the high priest and the
spirit of **all** the **remnant** of the people.
And they came and worked on the
House of ꓤYꓤZ of hosts, their **Elohim**,
15on the twenty-fourth **day of** the
sixth month, in the second year of
Dareyawesh the sovereign.

2 In the seventh month, on the twenty
first of the month, the **Word** of ꓤYꓤZ
came by Ḥaggai the **prophet,** saying,
2**"Speak**, please, to Zerubbaḇel son
of She'alti'ĕl, governor of Yahuḏah and
to Yahusha son of Yehotsaḏaq, the high
priest and to the **remnant** of the people,
saying,
3'***Who*** is there left among you who
saw this House in its former esteem?
And how do you **see** it **now**? Is it not in
your eyes as naught when compared to
it?
4'And **now**, be **strong,** Zerubbaḇel,'
declares ꓤYꓤZ. 'And be **strong,**
Yahusha, son of Yehotsaḏaq, the high
priest. And be **strong, all** you people of
the land,' **declares** ꓤYꓤZ, 'and work.
For **I am with you**,' **declares** ꓤYꓤZ of
hosts –
5the **Word** that I covenanted with you
when you came out of Mitsrayim and
My Spirit is remaining in your **midst**,

do not **fear**!'

6"For thus said ֱיהוה of hosts, 'Once more, in **a** *little* **while** and I am *shaking* the heavens and earth, the sea and dry land.

7'And I ***shall*** *shake* **all** the nations and they ***shall*** **come to** the **Delight** of **all** the nations and I ***shall*** fill this House with esteem,' said ֱיהוה of hosts.

8'The silver is **Mine** and the gold is **Mine**,' **declares** ֱיהוה of hosts.

9'**Let** the **esteem** of this **latter** House be greater than the former,' said ֱיהוה of hosts. 'And in this place I give peace,' **declares** ֱיהוה of hosts."

10On the twenty-fourth of the ninth month, in the second year of Dareyawesh, the **Word** of ֱיהוה came unto Ḥaggai the **prophet,** saying,

11"Thus said ֱיהוה of hosts, 'Now, **ask** the priests concerning the **Torah**, saying,

12"***If*** one bears set-apart meat in the fold of his garment and with the edge he *touches* **bread** or stew, or **wine** or oil, or any food, is it set-apart?" ' " And the priests answered and said, "No."

13And Ḥaggai said, "***If*** someone *defiled* by a *dead* body *touches* any of these, is it *defiled*?" And the priests answered and said, "It is *defiled*."

14And Ḥaggai answered and said, " 'So is this people and so is this nation before **Me,**' **declares** ֱיהוה, 'and so is **every work** of their hands. And ***whatever*** they bring **near** there is *defiled*.

15'***But*** **now**, please consider, from this day onward: Before a stone was laid on a stone in the Hĕḵal of ֱיהוה,

16since those days – one came to a heap of twenty ĕphahs and there were ten; one came to the winepress to draw out fifty baths from the press and there were twenty –

17'I *smote* you with *blight* and *mildew* and *hail* in **all** the labours of your hands and their was none of you with **Me,**' **declares** ֱיהוה.

18'**Consider now** from this day forward, from the twenty-fourth **day of** the ninth month, from the day that the foundation of the Hĕḵal of ֱיהוה was laid, consider it:

19'Is the seed yet in the storehouse? And until **now** the vine and the fig *tree* and the pomegranate and the olive *tree* have not yielded fruit! From this day on I ***shall*** **bless** you!' "

20And a second **time** the **Word** of ֱיהוה came to Ḥaggai on the twenty-fourth **day of** the month, saying,

21**"Speak** to Zerubbaḇel, the governor of Yahuḏah, saying, **'I am** *shaking* the heavens and earth.

22'And I ***shall*** *overturn* the throne of reigns. And **I *shall*** *destroy* the might of the gentile reigns, and *overturn* the chariots and their riders. And the horses and their riders ***shall*** **come** down, each by the *sword* of his brother.

23'In that day,' **declares** ֱיהוה of hosts, 'I ***shall*** take you, Zerubbaḇel **My** servant, son of She'alti'ĕl,' **declares** ֱיהוה, 'and ***shall*** make you as a **signet, for I have chosen you,' declares** ֱיהוה of hosts."

ZEḴARYAH

ZECHARIAH

1 In the eighth month of the second year of Dareyawesh, the **Word** of ꓤYꓤZ came to Zeḵaryah son of Bereḵyah, son of Iddo the **prophet,** saying,
2"ꓤYꓤZ was **very** *wroth* with your fathers.
3"And you ***shall*** say to them, 'Thus said ꓤYꓤZ of hosts, "Turn back to **Me,**" **declares** ꓤYꓤZ of hosts, "and **I *shall turn* back** to you," **declares** ꓤYꓤZ of hosts.
4"***Do*** *not* be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets **proclaimed**, saying, 'Thus said ꓤYꓤZ of hosts, "Turn back **now** from your *evil* **ways** and your *evil* **deeds**." ' ***But*** they *did* ***not obey*** or give **heed** to **Me,**" **declares** ꓤYꓤZ.
5"Your fathers, where are they? And the **prophets,** do they **live forever**?
6"***But*** **My words** and **My laws**, which I **commanded My servants** the **prophets,** did they not overtake your fathers?" "***Then*** they turned back and said, 'As ꓤYꓤZ of hosts planned to do to us, **according** to our *ways* and **according** to our **deeds**, so **He** has done with us.' " ' "
7On the twenty-fourth **day of** the eleventh month, which is the month Sheḇat, in the second year of Dareyawesh, the **Word** of ꓤYꓤZ came to Zeḵaryah son of Bereḵyahu, son of Iddo the **prophet,** saying,
8"I **looked** at night and **saw** a man riding on a red horse and he was standing among the myrtle trees in the shade. And behind him were horses: red, sorrel and white."
9And I said, "My master, what are these?" And the messenger who was speaking to me said to me, "**Let** me **show** you what they are."
10And the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, "They are the ones ꓤYꓤZ has **sent** to go throughout the earth."
11And they answered the messenger of ꓤYꓤZ, who stood among the myrtle trees and said, "We have gone throughout the earth and **see, all** the earth is at **peace** and rest."
12And the messenger of ꓤYꓤZ answered and said, "O ꓤYꓤZ of hosts, how long would You have no **compassion** on Yerushalayim and on the cities of Yahuḏah, *against* which You were **enraged** these seventy years?"
13And ꓤYꓤZ answered the messenger who talked to me, **good words**, comforting **words**.
14And the messenger who spoke with me said to me, "**Proclaim**, saying, 'Thus said ꓤYꓤZ of hosts, "I have been ***jealous*** for Yerushalayim and for Tsiyon with **great** *jealousy*.
15"And I am **very** *wroth* with the nations who are at ease, for when I was a *little wroth*, they furthered the *evil*!"
16"Therefore thus said ꓤYꓤZ, "I ***shall* return** to Yerushalayim with **compassion**. **My** house ***shall* be** built in it," **declares** ꓤYꓤZ of hosts, "and a surveyor's line be **stretched** out over Yerushalayim." '
17"Again **proclaim,** saying, 'Thus said ꓤYꓤZ of hosts, "Again **My** cities ***shall*** overflow with **goodness**. And ꓤYꓤZ ***shall*** again comfort Tsiyon and ***shall*** again choose Yerushalayim." ' "
18And I lifted up my eyes and looked and **saw** four horns.
19And I said to the messenger who was speaking to me, "***What*** are these?" And he said to me, "These are the horns that have *scattered* Yahuḏah, Yisra'ĕl and Yerushalayim."
20And ꓤYꓤZ showed me four craftsmen.

[21]And I said, "***What*** are these **coming** to do?" And he spoke saying, "These are the horns that *scattered* Yahuḏah, so that no one lifted up his head. ***But*** these **come to** *trouble* them, to *throw* down the horns of the *gentiles* that lifted up their horn *against* the land of Yahuḏah to *scatter* it."

2 And I lifted up my eyes and looked and **saw** a man with a measuring line in his **hand.**

[2]And I said, "Where are you going?" And he said to me, "To measure Yerushalayim, to **see** what is its width and what is its length."

[3]And **see,** the messenger who was speaking to me was going out. And another messenger was **coming** out to meet him,

[4]and he said to him, "Run, **speak** to this young man, saying, 'Yerushalayim is to remain unwalled, **because** of the many men and livestock in it.

[5]'For **I Myself** am to her,' **declares** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, 'a wall of *fire* **all** around and for **esteem** I am in her **midst**.' "

[6]"Oh, Oh! And ***flee*** from the land of the north," **declares** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, "for I have *scattered* you like the four winds of the heavens," **declares** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ.

[7]"Oh, Tsiyon! **Escape**, you who dwell with the daughter of Baḇel."

[8]For thus said ꓤꓰꓤꓶ of hosts (for the sake of **esteem He sent** me to the *gentiles* which plunder you): "For he who *touches* you *touches* the apple of **My** eye.

[9]"For look, I am waving **My hand** *against* them and they ***shall*** become spoil for their servants. **And you *shall* know** that ꓤꓰꓤꓶ of hosts has **sent Me.**

[10]"Sing and **rejoice,** O daughter of Tsiyon! For look, I am **coming** and ***shall*** dwell in your **midst**," **declares** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ.

[11]"And many *gentiles* ***shall*** **be** joined to ꓤꓰꓤꓶ in that day and they ***shall*** become **My people**. And I ***shall*** dwell in your **midst**. And **you *shall* know** that ꓤꓰꓤꓶ of hosts has **sent Me** to you.

[12]"And ꓤꓰꓤꓶ ***shall*** inherit Yahuḏah, **His** portion in the **Set-apart** Land. And **He *shall*** again choose Yerushalayim.

[13]"Hush, all *flesh,* **before** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ**, for He has roused Himself out of His set-apart dwelling.**

3 And he showed me Yahusha the high priest standing before the messenger of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ and Satan standing at his **right hand** to be an adversary to him.

[2]And ꓤꓰꓤꓶ said to Satan, "ꓤꓰꓤꓶ ***rebuke*** you, Satan! ꓤꓰꓤꓶ who has **chosen** Yerushalayim ***rebuke*** you! Is this not a brand *plucked* from the *fire*?"

[3]And Yahusha was dressed in *filthy* garments and was standing before the messenger.

[4]And **He** answered and spoke to those who stood before **Him,** saying, "Remove the *filthy* garments from him." And to him **He** said, "**See,** I have removed your *guilt* from you and ***shall*** put costly robes on you."

[5]And I said, "**Let** them put a **clean** turban on his head." ***Then*** they put a **clean** turban on his head and they put garments on him. And the messenger of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ stood by.

[6]And the messenger of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ **witnessed** to Yahusha, saying,

[7]"Thus said ꓤꓰꓤꓶ of hosts, '***If*** you **walk** in **My** ways and if you **guard My** duty, then you ***shall*** also **rule My** house and also **guard My** courts. And I ***shall*** give you access among these standing here.

[8]'**Now listen**, Yahusha the high priest, you and your companions who sit before you, for they are men of symbol. For look, I am bringing forth **My Servant – the Branch.**

[9]'See the stone which I have put before Yahusha: on one stone are seven eyes. **See,** I am engraving its inscription,' **declares** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ of hosts, 'and I ***shall*** remove the *guilt* of that land in **one day.**

[10]'In that day,' **declares** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ of hosts, 'you ***shall*** invite one another, under the **vine** and under the fig *tree.*' "

4 And the messenger who was speaking to me came back and woke me up as a man is awakened from sleep.
[2]And he said to me, "***What*** do you **see?**" So I said, "I have looked and see: a **lampstand all** of gold with a bowl on top of it and on the **stand** seven **lamps** with seven spouts to the seven lamps.
[3]"And two olive trees are by it, one at the **right** of the bowl and the other at its left."
[4]***Then*** I responded and spoke to the messenger who was speaking to me, saying, "***What*** are these, my **Master?**"
[5]And the messenger who was speaking to me answered and said to me, "***Do*** you not **know** what these are?" And I said, "No, my **Master.**"
[6]And he answered and said to me, "This is the **Word** of ꓤYꓤꓩ to Zerubbaḇel, **'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,**' said ꓤYꓤꓩ of hosts.
[7]'***Who*** are you, **great** mountain, before Zerubbaḇel? A plain! And he ***shall*** bring forth the capstone with shouts of "Favour, **favour** to it!" ' "
[8]And the **Word** of ꓤYꓤꓩ **came to me,** saying,
[9]"The hands of Zerubbaḇel have laid the foundation of this House and his hands ***shall*** **complete** it. **And you *shall* know that ꓤYꓤꓩ of hosts has sent Me to you.**
[10]"For who has *despised* the **day of** small *beginnings*? They ***shall*** **rejoice** when they **see** the plumb-line in the **hand** of Zerubbaḇel. These seven are the eyes of ꓤYꓤꓩ, which **diligently search** throughout **all** the earth."
[11]***Then*** I responded and said to him, "***What*** are these two olive trees, one at the **right** of the **lampstand** and the other at its left?"
[12]And I responded a second **time** and said to him, "***What*** are these two olive branches which *empty* golden *oil* from themselves by means of the two gold pipes?"
[13]And he answered me and said, "***Do*** you not **know** what these are?" And I said, "No, my **Master.**"
[14]And he said, "These are the two **anointed** ones, who **stand** beside the **Master of all the earth."**

5 And I lifted up my eyes again and **looked** and **saw** a flying scroll.
[2]And he said to me, "***What*** do you **see?**" And I answered, "I **see** a flying scroll, twenty cubits long and ten cubits wide."
[3]And he said to me, "This is the *curse* that goes forth over the face of **all** the earth: 'everyone who is stealing ***shall*** go unpunished,' on the one side, **according** to it, and, 'everyone who has sworn *falsely* ***shall*** go unpunished,' on the other side, **according** to it."
[4]"**I *shall* send** it out," **declares** ꓤYꓤꓩ of hosts, "and it ***shall*** **come** into the house of the *thief* and the house of the one who ***shall*** swear *falsely* by **My Name.** And it ***shall*** remain in the **midst** of his house and ***shall*** *consume* it, both its timber and stones."
[5]And the messenger who was speaking with me came out and said to me, "Lift up your eyes **now** and **see** what this is that is going forth."
[6]And I said, "***What*** is it?" And he said, "It is an ĕphah-measure that is going forth." Again he said, "This is their appearance throughout the earth:
[7]"And **see,** a lead cover lifted up and this: a woman sitting inside the ĕphahmeasure!"
[8]And he said, "***This is Wrongness***!" And he threw her down into the ĕphah-measure and threw the lead weight over its **mouth.**
[9]And I lifted up my eyes and **looked** and **saw** two women, **coming** with the *wind* in their wings. And they had wings like the wings of a stork and they lifted up the ĕphah-measure between earth and the **heavens.**

[10]***Then*** I said to the messenger who was speaking to me, "Where are they taking the ĕphah-measure?"
[11]And he said to me, "To build a house for it in the land of Shin'ar. And it ***shall*** **be established** and set there on its own base."

6 And I lifted up my eyes again and **looked** and **saw** four chariots **coming** from between two mountains and the mountains were mountains of bronze.
[2]With the **first** chariot were red horses and with the second chariot black horses,
[3]and with the third chariot white horses and with the fourth chariot **strong** speckled horses.
[4]So I responded and said to the messenger who was speaking to me, "***What*** are these, my **Master?**"
[5]And the messenger answered and said to me, "These are four spirits of the heavens, **coming** forth from presenting themselves before the **Master** of **all** the earth.
[6]"The one with the black horses is going out to the land of the north and the white ones have gone out after them and the speckled ones have gone out to the land of the south."
[7]And the **strong** ones went out, eager to go, to **walk** to and fro in the earth. And **He** said, "Go, **walk** to and fro in the earth." So they walked to and fro in the earth.
[8]And **He** called to me and spoke to me, saying, "**See,** those who go toward the land of the north have **given** rest to **My Spirit** in the land of the north."
[9]And the **Word** of ЭУЭZ **came to me,** saying,
[10]"Receive the gift from the exiles, from Ḥeldai, Toḇiyah and Yeḏayah, who have **come** from Baḇel. ***Then*** you ***shall*** go the **same** day and enter the house of Yoshiyah son of Tsephanyah.
[11]"And you ***shall*** take the silver and gold, make a crown and set it on the head of Yahusha the son of Yehotsaḏaq, the high priest,
[12]and ***shall*** **speak** to him, saying, 'Thus said ЭУЭZ of hosts, saying, "**See,** the **Man** whose **Name** is the **Branch**! And from **His** place **He** ***shall*** branch out and **He** ***shall*** build the Hĕḵal of ЭУЭZ.
[13]"It **is He** who is going to build the Hĕḵal of ЭУЭZ. It **is He** who is going to bear the splendour. And **He** ***shall*** sit and **rule** on **His** throne and ***shall*** **be** a priest on **His** throne and the counsel of **peace** ***shall*** **be** between Them both," '
[14]while the crown is for a **remembrance** in the Hĕḵal of ЭУЭZ to Ḥĕlem and to Toḇiyah and to Yeḏayah and to Ḥĕn son of Tsephanyah.
[15]"And those who are far away ***shall*** **come** and build the Hĕḵal of ЭУЭZ. And **you** ***shall*** **know** that ЭУЭZ of hosts has **sent Me to you**. And this ***shall*** **be,** ***if*** **you diligently obey** the **voice** of ЭУЭZ your **Elohim**."

7 And in the fourth year of Sovereign Dareyawesh it came to be that the **word** of ЭУЭZ came to Zeḵaryah, on the fourth of the ninth month, Kislĕw.
[2]**Now** Bĕyth Ĕl had **sent** Shar'etser, with Reḡem-Meleḵ and his men, to pray before ЭУЭZ,
[3]speaking to the priests who belonged to the House of ЭУЭZ of hosts and to the **prophets,** saying, "***Should*** I *weep* in the fifth month and fast as I have done for so many years?"
[4]***Then*** the **Word** of ЭУЭZ of hosts **came to me,** saying,
[5]**"Speak** to **all** the people of the land and to the priests, saying, '***When*** you fasted and lamented in the fifth and seventh months **all** these seventy years, did you **truly** fast for **Me** – for **Me?**
[6]'And when you ate and when you drank, was it not for those eating and for those drinking?
[7]'Are these not the **words** which ЭУЭZ **proclaimed** through the former prophets when Yerushalayim and the cities around it were inhabited and in safety and the South and the low country were inhabited?' "

[8]And the **Word** of ֵיהוָה came to Zeḳaryah, saying,
[9]"Thus said ֵיהוָה of hosts, 'Execute **true right-ruling, show kindness** and **compassion** everyone to his brother.
[10]"***Do*** *not oppress* the widow or the fatherless, the stranger or the *poor*. And *do not plot evil* in your **hearts** *against* one another.'
[11]"***But*** they *refused* to **listen** and they shrugged their shoulders and *stopped* their **ears** from **hearing**.
[12]"And they made their **hearts** like flint *against* **hearing** the **Torah** and the **words**, which ֵיהוָה of hosts had **sent** by **His Spirit** through the former **prophets.** Therefore **great** *wrath* came from ֵיהוָה of hosts.
[13]"And it came to be: as **He** called and they *did not* **hear,** so let them call, but I ***shall*** not **hear,**" said ֵיהוָה of hosts.
[14]"And I *scattered* them with a *storm wind* among **all** the *gentiles* which they had not **known**. And the land was laid *waste* behind them, no one passing through or returning, for they made the pleasant land a *waste*."

8 And the **Word** of ֵיהוָה of hosts came, saying,
[2]"Thus said ֵיהוָה of hosts, 'I ***shall*** **be** ***jealous*** for Tsiyon with **great** *jealousy*, with **great** *wrath* I ***shall*** **be** ***jealous*** for her.'
[3]"Thus said ֵיהוָה, 'I ***shall*** **return** to Tsiyon and I ***shall*** dwell in the **midst** of Yerushalayim. And Yerushalayim ***shall*** **be** called: City of the **Truth** and the Mountain of ֵיהוָה of hosts, the **Set-apart** Mountain.'
[4]"Thus said ֵיהוָה of hosts, 'Again old men and old women ***shall*** dwell in the streets of Yerushalayim, each one with his staff in his **hand** **because** of **great** age,
[5]and the streets of the city ***shall*** **be** filled with boys and girls playing in its streets.'
[6]"Thus said ֵיהוָה of hosts, '***If*** it is **marvellous** *in the eyes* of the **remnant** of this people in these days, should it also be **marvellous** in **My** eyes?' **declares** ֵיהוָה of hosts.
[7]"Thus said ֵיהוָה of hosts, '**See,** I am saving **My people** from the land of the sunrise and from the land of the sunset.
[8]'And I ***shall*** bring them back and they ***shall*** dwell in the **midst** of Yerushalayim. And they ***shall*** **be My people** and I ***shall*** **be** their **Elohim**, in **truth** and in **righteousness**.'
[9]"Thus said ֵיהוָה of hosts, '**Let** your hands be **strong,** you who are **listen**ing in these days to these **words**, from the **mouth** of the **prophets,** of the day the foundation was laid for the House of ֵיהוָה of hosts, the Hēḵal that was to be rebuilt.
[10]'For before these days there was not a wage for a man, nor a hire for beast and there was no **peace** for him who went out or came in, **because** of his enemies and I set *all men* one *against* another.
[11]'***But*** **now** I am not as in the former days to the **remnant** of this people,' **declares** ֵיהוָה of hosts.
[12]'**Because** of the sowing of **peace** the **vine** does give its **fruit,** the ground does give her increase and the heavens do give their dew. And I ***shall*** **cause** the **remnant** of this people to inherit **all** these.
[13]'And it ***shall*** **be,** as you were a *curse* among the *gentiles,* O house of Yahuḏah and house of Yisra'ĕl, so I ***shall*** **save** you and you ***shall*** **be** a **blessing.** ***Do*** *not* **fear,** let your hands be strong.'
[14]"For thus said ֵיהוָה of hosts, 'As I purposed to do *evil* to you when your fathers *provoked* **Me,**' **declares** ֵיהוָה of hosts, 'and I *did not* **relent,**
[15]so again in these days I have purposed to do **good** to Yerushalayim and to the house of Yahuḏah. ***Do*** *not* **fear**!
[16]'These are the words you should do: speak the truth to one another, judge with truth and right-ruling for peace in your gates.

[17]'And *do not plot evil* in your **heart**

against another and *do not* **love** a *false oath*. For **all** these I *hate,*' **declares** ꓤYHWH."

[18]And the **Word** of ꓤYHWH of hosts **came to me,** saying,

[19]"Thus said ꓤYHWH of hosts, 'The fast of the fourth and the fast of the fifth and the fast of the seventh and the fast of the tenth *months*, are to be **joy** and **gladness** and pleasant **appointed times** for the house of Yahuḏah – and they ***shall*** **love** the **truth** and the peace.'

[20]"Thus said ꓤYHWH of hosts, 'Peoples ***shall*** yet come, inhabitants of many cities,

[21]and the inhabitants of the one go to another, saying, "**Let** us **earnestly** go and pray before ꓤYHWH and **seek** ꓤYHWH of hosts. I myself am going."

[22]'And many peoples and **strong** nations ***shall*** **come to seek** ꓤYHWH of hosts in Yerushalayim and to pray before ꓤYHWH.'

[23]"Thus said ꓤYHWH of hosts, 'In those days ten men from **all** languages of the nations take hold, yea, they ***shall*** take hold of the edge of the garment of a man, a Yehuḏite, saying, "**Let** us go with you, for we have **heard** that **Elohim** is with you ." ' "

9 The **message** of the **Word** of ꓤYHWH *against* the land of Ḥadraḵ and Damascus its resting place – when the eye of man and **all** the tribes of Yisra'ĕl are on ꓤYHWH–

[2]and Ḥamath also borders on it, Tsor and Tsiḏon, though they are **very wise.**

[3]For Tsor built herself a tower, heaped up silver like the dust and gold like the mud of the streets.

[4]**See,** ꓤYHWH ***shall*** dispossess her and **He** ***shall*** *destroy* her **power** in the sea and she ***shall*** **be** *consumed* by *fire*.

[5]Ashqelon sees it and ***fears,*** Azzah too, writhing in anguish and Eqron, for her expectation has dried up. And the sovereign ***shall*** *perish* from Azzah and Ashqelon ***shall*** not be inhabited.

[6]"And a half-breed ***shall*** settle in Ashḏoḏ. So I ***shall cut*** *off* the pride of the Philistines,

[7]and ***shall*** take away his **blood** from his **mouth** and the **abominations** from between his *teeth*. And he ***shall*** remain, even he, to our **Elohim** and he ***shall*** **be** like a leader in Yahuḏah and Eqron like a Yeḇusite.

[8]And I ***shall*** encamp around **My** house, *against* an army, *against* him who passes by and him who returns, so that no oppressor passes through them again, for **now** I have **seen** with **My** eyes.

[9]"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Tsiyon! Shout, O daughter of Yerushalayim! **See,** your Sovereign is **coming** to you, **He** is **righteous** and endowed with **deliverance,** humble and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.

[10]"And I ***shall cut*** *off* the chariot from Ephrayim and the horse from Yerushalayim. And the battle bow ***shall*** **be** *cut* off. And **He** ***shall*** **speak peace** to the nations and **His rule** is from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

[11]"Also you, **because** of the **blood** of your covenant, **I** ***shall*** **send** your prisoners out of the pit.

[12]"Return to the *stronghold,* you prisoners of the expectation. Even today I **declare** that I **return** double to you.

[13]"For I ***shall*** bend Yahuḏah for **Me,** I ***shall*** fill the bow with Ephrayim and I ***shall*** stir up your sons, O Tsiyon, *against* your sons, O Greece and I ***shall*** make you like the *sword* of a mighty man."

[14]And ꓤYHWH ***shall*** appear for them and **His** arrow go forth like lightning and the **Master** ꓤYHWH sound the ram's horn. And **He** ***shall*** go with whirlwinds from the south,

[15]ꓤYHWH of hosts ***shall*** shield them. And they ***shall*** *devour* and trample on sling stones. And they ***shall*** drink, roar as if with **wine** and they ***shall*** **be** filled like basins, like the corners of the altar.

[16]And ꓤYHWH their **Elohim** ***shall***

save them in that day, as the flock of **His** people, for the stones of a diadem, sparkling over **His** land.
[17]For what **goodness** is **His** and what comeliness is **His**. Grain make the young men thrive and **new wine** the maidens!

10 **ask** ֱיהוה for rain in the **time** of the **latter** rain, ֱיהוה who makes *storm* clouds. And **He** gives them showers of rain, the plants in the field to everyone.
[2]For the household *idols* spoke *emptiness*, the *diviners* **saw** *falsehood* and relate **dreams** of *deceit*, they comfort in vain. Therefore they have wandered about like sheep. They are *afflicted*, for there is no shepherd.
[3]"**My** *wrath* burns *against* the shepherds and I lay a charge *against* the leaders. For ֱיהוה of hosts ***shall*** **visit** **His** flock, the house of Yahuḏah and make them like **His** splendid horse in battle.
[4]"From him **comes** the corner-stone, from him the tent peg, from him the battle bow, from him **every** ruler, together.
[5]"And they ***shall*** **be** like mighty men, who trample down the mud of the streets in the battle. And they ***shall*** *fight* **because** ֱיהוה is with them and the riders on horses ***shall*** **be** put to *shame.*
[6]"And I ***shall*** make the house of Yahuḏah mighty and **save** the house of Yosĕph. And I ***shall*** bring them back, **because** I have **compassion** on them. And they ***shall*** **be** as though I had not pushed them aside. For I am ֱיהוה their **Elohim** and I answer them.
[7]"And Ephrayim ***shall*** **be** as a mighty man and their **heart** ***shall*** **rejoice** as if with **wine**. And their children ***shall*** **see** and **rejoice,** their **heart** exulting in ֱיהוה.
[8]"I ***shall*** whistle for them and **gather** them, for I ***shall*** ransom them. And they ***shall*** increase as they once increased.
[9]"Though I sow them among peoples, they ***shall remember*** **Me** in places far away. And they ***shall*** **live, together** with their children and they ***shall*** return.
[10]"And I ***shall*** bring them back from the land of Mitsrayim and **gather** them from Ashshur and bring them into the land of Gil'aḏ and Leḇanon, until no more room is **found** for them.
[11]"And **He** ***shall*** pass through the sea of *distress* and *strike* the waves of the sea and **all** the depths of the River ***shall*** dry up. And the pride of Ashshur ***shall*** **be** brought down and the sceptre of Mitsrayim be taken away.
[12]"And I ***shall*** make them mighty in ֱיהוה, so that they **walk** up and down in **His Name,**" **declares** ֱיהוה.

11 **open** your **doors**, O Leḇanon and let *fire devour* your cedars.
[2]*Howl*, O cypress, for the cedar has fallen, **because** the mighty are *ravaged. Howl*, O oaks of Bashan, for the dense forest has **come** down.
[3]**Listen**! The *howling* of shepherds, for their splendour is *ravaged.* **Listen**! The roaring of lions, for the pride of the Yarděn is *ravaged.*
[4]Thus said ֱיהוה my **Elohim**, "Feed the flock for slaughter,
[5]whose owners slaughter them and feel no guilt and their sellers say, ' **Blessed** be ֱיהוה, for I have become rich.' And their own shepherds *do not spare* them.
[6]"For I ***shall*** no longer spare the inhabitants of the land," **declares** ֱיהוה. "***But*** **see,** I am delivering up mankind, each one into his neighbour's **hand** and into the **hand** of his sovereign. And they ***shall*** *crush* the earth, but I *do not* **deliver** from their **hand.**"
[7]So **I** shepherded the flock **meant for** ***slaughter***, the **truly** *poor* of the flock. And I took for myself two staffs, the one I called **Pleasantness** and the other I called **Unity** and I shepherded the flock.
[8]***Then*** I **sent** off the *three shepherds* in one month, for my being *despised* them and their being also *loathed* me.

[9]So I said, "I am not shepherding you.

Let the *dying die* and the *straying stray* and let those who are left eat each other's *flesh.*"

[10]And I took my staff, **Pleasantness** and *cut* it in two, to *break* the **covenant** which I had made with **all** the peoples.

[11]So it was broken on that day. And the *poor* of the flock, who were watching me, **knew** that it was the **Word** of ꓤYHWH.

[12]And I said to them, "***If*** it is **good** in your eyes, give me my wages. And if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver.

[13]And ꓤYHWH said to me, "Throw it to the potter," the splendid price at which I was valued by them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the House of ꓤYHWH for the potter.

[14]***Then*** I *cut* in two my other staff, **Unity,** to *break* the brotherhood between Yahuḏah and Yisra'ĕl.

[15]And ꓤYHWH said to me, "Take again the implements of a ***foolish*** shepherd.

[16]"For look, I am raising up a shepherd in the land who *does not* **visit** those *straying,* nor **seek** the young, nor **heal** those that are *broken, nor feed* those that still stand. ***But*** he does eat the *flesh* of the fat and *tear* off their hooves.

[17]"**Woe** to the *worthless* shepherd *forsaking* the flock! **Let** a *sword* be upon his arm and upon his **right** eye! **His** arm ***shall*** *wither* and his **right** eye ***shall*** **be** dimmed."

12 The **message** of the **Word** of ꓤYHWH *against* Yisra'ĕl. ꓤYHWH, stretching out the heavens and laying the foundation of the earth and forming the spirit of man within him, **declares**,

[2]"**See,** I am making Yerushalayim a **cup** of reeling to **all** the people **all** around and also *against* Yahuḏah it is in the siege *against* Yerushalayim.

[3]"And in that day it ***shall*** **be** that I make Yerushalayim a **very** *heavy* stone for **all** peoples – **all** lifting it are severely injured. And **all** the nations of the earth ***shall*** **be** gathered *against* it.

[4]"'In that day,' **declares** ꓤYHWH, "I *smite* **every** horse with bewilderment and its rider with *madness*. And on the house of Yahuḏah I **open My** eyes, but **every** horse of the peoples I *smite* with blindness.

[5]"And the leaders of Yahuḏah ***shall*** say in their **heart,** 'The inhabitants of Yerushalayim are a strength to me, through ꓤYHWH of hosts, their **Elohim**.'

[6]"In that day I make the leaders of Yahuḏah like a *fire* pot among trees and like a torch of *fire* in the sheaves. And they ***shall*** *consume* **all** the peoples **all** around, on the **right** and on the left. And Yerushalayim ***shall*** dwell again in her own place, in Yerushalayim.

[7]"And ꓤYHWH ***shall*** **save** the tents of Yahuḏah **first,** so that the comeliness of the house of Dawiḏ and the comeliness of the inhabitants of Yerushalayim *would not* become greater than that of Yahuḏah.

[8]"In that day ꓤYHWH ***shall*** shield the inhabitants of Yerushalayim. And the feeble among them in that day ***shall*** **be** like Dawiḏ and the house of Dawiḏ like **Elohim**, like the Messenger of ꓤYHWH before them!

[9]"And it ***shall*** **be** in that day that I **seek** to *destroy* **all** the *gentiles* that **come** *against* Yerushalayim.

[10]"And I ***shall*** pour on the house of Dawiḏ and on the inhabitants of Yerushalayim a spirit of **favour** and prayers. They ***shall*** look on **Me** whom they pierced and they ***shall*** *mourn* for **Him** as one mourns for his only son. And they ***shall*** **be** in *bitterness* over **Him** as a *bitterness* over the first-born.

[11]"In that day the *mourning* in Yerushalayim is going to be great, like the *mourning* at Haḏaḏ Rimmon in the valley of Meḡiddo.

[12]"And the land ***shall*** mourn, **every** clan by itself: the clan of the house of Dawiḏ by itself and their women by themselves; the clan of the house of Nathan by itself and their women by themselves;

[13]the clan of the house of Lĕwi by itself

and their women by themselves; the clan of Shim'i by itself and their women by themselves;
[14]all the rest of the clans, **every** clan by itself and their women by themselves.

13 "In that day a fountain ***shall* be** opened for the house of Dawiḏ and for the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, for *sin* and for *uncleanness*.
[2]"And it ***shall* be in that day," declares** יהוה of hosts, "that I *cut off* the names of the *idols* from the earth, and they ***shall* be remembered** no more and I ***shall*** also remove the prophets and the ***unclean spirit*** from the earth.
[3]"And it ***shall* be,** when one prophesies again, then his father and mother who brought him forth ***shall*** say to him, 'You ***shall*** not to **live, <u>because</u>** you have **spoken** *falsehood* in the **Name** of יהוה.' And his father and mother who brought him forth ***shall*** pierce him through when he prophesies.
[4]"And it ***shall* be** in that day that the prophets ***shall* be** ashamed, everyone of his **vision** when he prophesies and not put a hairy **robe** on **in order** to *deceive*,
[5]but ***shall*** say, **'I am** no **prophet,** I am a farmer, for a man sold me as a slave in my youth.'
[6]"And one ***shall*** say to him, '***What*** are these *wounds* in your hands?' And he ***shall*** say, '**<u>Because</u>** I was *wounded* at home by those who **love** me.'
[7]"O *sword,* awake *<u>against</u>* **My Shepherd**, *<u>against</u>* the Man who is **My Companion**," **declares** יהוה of hosts. "***Smite*** the **Shepherd** and let the sheep be *scattered*. ***But* I *shall turn* My hand** upon the *little* ones.
[8]And it ***shall* be** throughout **all** the soil," **declares** יהוה, "that two-thirds there in are *cut off* and *die* and one-third is left therein.
[9]"And I ***shall*** bring the third into *fire* and refine them as silver is refined and try them as gold is tried. They ***shall* call on My Name** and I ***shall*** answer them. I ***shall*** say, 'This is **My people**,' while they say, '**יהוה** is my **Elohim**.' "

14 **See,** a day ***shall* come** for **יהוה** and your spoil ***shall* be** divided in your **midst**.
[2]And I ***shall* gather all** the *gentiles* to battle *<u>against</u>* Yerushalayim. And the city ***shall* be** taken, the houses plundered and the women ravished. Half of the city ***shall*** go into exile, but the **remnant** of the people ***shall*** not be *cut off* from the city.
[3]And **יהוה *shall*** go forth and **He *shall* *fight* *<u>against</u>*** those *gentiles,* as **He** fights in the **day of** battle.
[4]And in that day **His** feet ***shall* stand** upon the Mount of Olives, which faces Yerushalayim on the east. And the Mount of Olives ***shall* be** split in two, from east to west, a **very great** valley and half of the mountain ***shall*** move toward the north and half of it toward the south.
[5]And you ***shall flee*** to the valley of **My** mountain – for the valley of the mountains reaches to Atsal. And you ***shall flee*** as you fled from the *earthquake* in the days of Uzziyah sovereign of Yahuḏah. And **יהוה** my **Elohim *shall* come – all** the set-apart ones with **You.**
[6]And in that day it ***shall*** be: there is no **light**, it is dark.
[7]And it ***shall* be** one day which is **known** to **יהוה**, neither day nor night, but at **evening time** there ***shall* be light**.
[8]And in that day it ***shall* be** that **living** waters flow from Yerushalayim, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea, in summer as well as in winter.
[9]And יהוה *shall* be Sovereign over all the earth. In that day there *shall* be one יהוה and His Name one.
[10]All the land ***shall* be** *changed* into a desert plain from Geḇa to Rimmon south of Yerushalayim and she ***shall* be raised** up and inhabited in her place from Binyamin's Gate to the place of the **First**

Gate and the Corner Gate and from the Tower of Ḥanan'ĕl to the winepresses of the sovereign.
[11]And they ***shall*** dwell in her and there ***shall*** **be** no more utter ***destruction,*** but Yerushalayim ***shall*** **be** safely inhabited.
[12]And this is the *plague* with which ꓤꓴꓤꓩ *plagues* **all** the people who fought *against* Yerushalayim: their *flesh* ***shall*** decay while they **stand** on their feet and their eyes decay in their sockets and their tongues decay in their mouths.
[13]And it ***shall*** **be** in that day that a **great** *confusion* from ꓤꓴꓤꓩ is among them and everyone of them ***shall*** *seize* the **hand** of his neighbour and his **hand** rise up *against* his neighbour's **hand.**
[14]And Yahuḏah ***shall*** *fight* at Yerushalayim as well. And the wealth of **all** the *gentiles* round about ***shall*** **be** gathered together: gold and silver and garments in **great** quantities.
[15]So also is the *plague* on the horse and the mule, on the camel and the donkey and on **all** the cattle that are in those camps – as this *plague.*
[16]And it ***shall*** **be** that **all** who are left from **all** the *gentiles* which came up *against* Yerushalayim, ***shall*** go up from year to year to bow themselves to the Sovereign, ꓤꓴꓤꓩ of hosts and to **observe** the **Festival of Booths**.
[17]And it ***shall*** **be,** that if anyone of the clans of the earth *does not* **come** up to Yerushalayim to bow himself to the Sovereign, ꓤꓴꓤꓩ of hosts, on them there is to be no rain.
[18]And if the clan of Mitsrayim *does not* **come** up and enter in, then there is no *rain*. On them is the *plague* with which ꓤꓴꓤꓩ *plagues* the *gentiles* who *do not* **come** up to **observe** the **Festival of Booths**.
[19]This is the *punishment* of Mitsrayim and the *punishment* of **all** the *gentiles* that *do not* **come** up to **observe** the **Festival of Booths**.
[20]In that day:"**SET-APART TO** ꓤꓴꓤꓩ" ***shall*** **be** engraved on the bells of the horses. And the pots in the House of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ ***shall*** **be** like the bowls before the altar.
[21]And **every** pot in Yerushalayim and Yahuḏah ***shall*** **be** set-apart to ꓤꓴꓤꓩ of hosts. And **all** those who slaughter ***shall*** **come** and take them and cook in them. And there ***shall*** no longer be a *merchant* in the House of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ of hosts, in that day.

MAL'AḴI

MALACHI

1 The **message** of the **Word** of ꓤYHZ to Yisra'ĕl by Mal'aḵi.

[2]"I have **loved** you," said ꓤYHZ. "***But*** you asked, 'In what **way** have **You loved** us?' "Was not Ĕsaw Ya'aqoḇ's brother?" **declares** ꓤYHZ. "And Ī **love** Ya'aqoḇ,

[3]but I have *hated* Ĕsaw and have laid *waste* his mountains and his **inheritance** for the jackals of the wilderness."

[4]***If*** Eḏom says, "We have been *beaten* down, Ī̆et us **return** and build the ruins," ꓤYHZ of hosts said thus: "**Let** them build, but I *tear* down. And they ***shall* be** called '**Border of Wrongness**' and the people *against* whom ꓤYHZ is **enraged forever**.

[5]And your eyes ***shall* see** and you ***shall*** say, '**Great** is ꓤYHZ beyond the border of Yisra'ĕl!'

[6]"'A son esteems his father and a servant his master. And if I am the **Father,** where is **My** esteem? And if I am a **Master,** where is **My fear**? said ꓤYHZ of hosts to you priests who *despise* **My Name.** ***But*** you asked, 'In what **way** have *we despised* **Your Name**?'

[7]"'You are presenting *defiled* food on **My** altar. ***But*** you asked, 'In what **way** have we *defiled* **You?**' **Because** you say, 'The table of ꓤYHZ is *despicable*.'

[8]"'And when you present the *blind* as a slaughtering, is it not *evil*? And when you present the *lame* and *sick,* is it not *evil*? Bring it then to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he **accept** you favourably?" said ꓤYHZ of hosts.

[9]"'And **now**, entreat the face of Ĕl to **show favour** to us. This has been done by your hands. Would **He show favour** to you?" said ꓤYHZ of hosts.

[10]"'***Who*** among you who would shut the **doors**, so that you *would not* **kindle** *fire* on **My** altar for naught? I have ***no*** pleasure in you," said ꓤYHZ of hosts, "'***Nor*** do I **accept** an offering from your hands.

[11]"'For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, **My Name** is **great** among nations and in **every** place incense is presented to **My Name** and a **clean** offering. For **My Name** is **great** among nations," said ꓤYHZ of hosts.

[12]"'***But*** you are *profaning* **Me,** in that you say, 'The table of ꓤYHZ is *defiled* and its **fruit,** its food, is *despicable*.'

[13]"'And you said, 'Oh, what weariness!' and you *sneered* at it," said ꓤYHZ of hosts. "'And you brought in plunder and the lame and the *sick* – thus you have brought in the offering! ***Should*** I **accept** this from your **hand?**" said ꓤYHZ.

[14]"'***But*** *cursed* be the *deceiver* who has a male in his flock and makes a vow, but is slaughtering to ꓤYHZ what is blemished. For I am a **great** Sovereign," said ꓤYHZ of hosts, "'and **My Name** is ***feared*** among nations.

2 "'And **now**, O priests, this **command** is for you.

[2]"'***If*** *you do not hear* and if *you do not* take it to **heart,** to give **esteem** to **My Name,**" said ꓤYHZ of hosts, "'**I *shall* send** a *curse* upon you and I ***shall*** *curse* your **blessings**. And indeed, I have *cursed* them, **because** *you do not* take it to **heart.**

[3]"'**See,** I ***shall rebuke*** your seed and *scatter dung* before your faces, the *dung* of ***your festivals***. And you ***shall* be** taken away with it.

4"And **you *shall* know** that I have **sent** this **command** to you, as being **My covenant** with Lĕwi," said יהוה of hosts.
5"**My covenant** with him was **life** and peace and I gave them to him, to **fear.** And he ***feared*** **Me** and stood in awe of **My Name.**
6"The **Torah** of **truth** was in his **mouth** and *unrighteousness* was not **found** on his lips. **He** walked with **Me** in **peace** and straightness and turned many away from *crookedness.*
7"For the lips of a priest should **guard knowledge** and they **seek** the **Torah** from his **mouth,** for he is the messenger of יהוה of hosts.
8"***But*** you, you have turned from the **way,** you have **caused** many to *stumble* in the **Torah**. You have *corrupted* the **covenant** of Lĕwi," said יהוה of hosts.
9"And I also, I ***shall*** make you *despised* and low before **all** the people, **because** you are not **guarding My** ways and are showing partiality in the **Torah**."
10Have we not **all** one **Father?** Did not one Ěl create us? ***Why*** do we act treacherously *against* one another, to *profane* the **covenant** of the fathers?
11Yahuḏah has *acted* treacherously and an **abomination** has been done in Yisra'ĕl and in Yerushalayim, for Yahuḏah has *profaned* what is set-apart to יהוה – which **He** had **loved** – and has married the daughter of a foreign *mighty one*.
12**Let** יהוה *cut off* from the tents of Ya'aqoḇ the man who does this – stirring up or answering and bringing an offering to יהוה of hosts!
13And this you have done a second time: you cover the altar of יהוה with tears, with *weeping* and crying, **because He** no longer regards the offering, nor receives it with pleasure from your hands.
14And you said, "Why?" **Because** יהוה has been **witness** between you and the wife of your youth, *against* whom you have *acted* treacherously, though she is your companion and the wife of your **covenant.**
15And did **He** not make one? And **He** had the **remnant** of the **Spirit**? And what is the one *alone*? **He** seeks a seed of **Elohim**. So you ***shall*** **guard** your spirit and let none act treacherously *against* the wife of his youth.
16"For I *hate* divorce," said יהוה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, "and the one who covers his garment with cruelty," said יהוה of hosts. "So you ***shall*** **guard** your spirit and *do not* act treacherously."
17You have wearied יהוה with your **words** and you have said, "In what **way** have we wearied Him?" In that you say, "Everyone who does *evil* is **good** *in the eyes* of יהוה and **He** is delighting in them," or, "Where is the **Elohim** of **right** ruling?"

3 "**See,** I am sending **My** messenger and he ***shall*** **prepare** the **way** before **Me.** ***Then*** **suddenly** the **Master** you are **seeking comes** to **His** Hĕḵal, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. **See, He** is **coming**," said יהוה of hosts.
2"And who **is able** to bear the **day of His coming** and who **is able** to **stand** when **He** appears? For **He** is like the *fire* of a refiner and like the soap of a launderer.
3"And **He *shall*** sit as a refiner and a cleanser of silver. And **He *shall* cleanse** the sons of Lĕwi and refine them as gold and silver and they ***shall*** belong to יהוה, bringing **near** an offering in **righteousness**.
4"***Then shall*** the offering of Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim be pleasant to יהוה, as in the days of old, as in former years.
5"And I ***shall*** draw **near** to you for right-ruling. And I ***shall*** **be** a *swift* **witness** *against* the *practisers* of ***witchcraft*** and *against* adulterers and *against* them that swear to *falsehood* and *against* those who *oppress* the wage earner in his wages and widows

and the fatherless and those who turn away a sojourner and *do not* **fear Me,**" said ꓤYHWH of hosts.

6"For I am ꓤYHWH, **I *shall* not** *change* and you, O sons of Ya'aqoḇ, ***shall*** not **come to** an end.

7"From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from **My laws** and *did not* **guard** them. Turn back to **Me** and **I *shall turn* back** to you," said ꓤYHWH of hosts. "***But*** you said, 'In what ***shall*** we turn back?'

8"Would a man rob **Elohim**? Yet you are robbing **Me! *But*** you said, 'In what have we robbed **You?**' In the tithe and the offering!

9"You have *cursed* **Me** with a *curse,* for you are robbing **Me,** this nation, **all** of it!

10"Bring **all** the tithes into the storehouse and let there be food in **My** house. And please prove **Me** in this," said ꓤYHWH of hosts, "whether I *do not* **open** for you the windows of the heavens and ***shall* pour out** for you boundless **blessing!**

11"And I ***shall rebuke*** the devourer for you, so that it *does not destroy* the **fruit** of your ground, nor does the **vine** fail to bear **fruit** for you in the field," said ꓤYHWH of hosts.

12"And **all** nations ***shall* call** you **blessed**, for you ***shall* be** a land of delight," said ꓤYHWH of hosts.

13"*Your words* have been harsh *against* **Me,**" said ꓤYHWH, "but you have said, '***What*** have we **spoken** *against* **You?**'

14"You have said, 'It is *worthless* to **serve Elohim**. And what did we *gain* when we **guarded His Charge** and when we walked as mourners before ꓤYHWH of hosts?

15'And **now** we are calling the *proud* **blessed** – not only are the *doers* of *wrongness* built up, but they also try **Elohim** and **escape**.' "

16***Then shall*** those who **fear** ꓤYHWH **speak** to one another and ꓤYHWH **listen** and **hear** and a **book** of **remembrance** be **written** before **Him,** of those who **fear** ꓤYHWH and those who **think** upon **His Name.**

17"And they ***shall* be Mine**," said ꓤYHWH of hosts, "on the day that I **prepare** a treasured possession. And I ***shall*** spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.

18"***Then*** you ***shall*** again **see** the *difference* between the **righteous** and the ***wrong,*** between one who **serves Elohim** and one who *does not* **serve Him.**

4 "For look, the day ***shall*** come, *burning* like a furnace and **all** the *proud* and every ***wrongdoer shall* be** stubble. And the day that ***shall* come *shall*** *burn* them up," said ꓤYHWH of hosts, "which leaves to them neither root nor branch.

2"***But*** to you who **fear My Name** the Sun of Righteousness ***shall*** arise with **healing** in **His** wings. And you ***shall*** go out and leap for **joy** like calves from the stall.

3"And you ***shall*** trample the ***wrongdoers***, for they ***shall* be** ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I do this," said ꓤYHWH of hosts.

4"**Remember** the **Torah** of Mosheh, **My** servant, which I **commanded** him in Ḥoreḇ for **all** Yisra'ĕl – **laws** and **right-rulings**.

5"**See,** I am sending you Ĕliyah the **prophet** before the **coming** of the **great** and **awesome day of** ꓤYHWH.

6"And he ***shall turn*** the **hearts** of the fathers to the children and the **hearts** of the children to their fathers, lest I **come** and *smite* the earth with utter ***destruction.***"

TEHILLIM

PSALMS

1 **Blessed** is the man who ***shall*** not **walk** in the counsel of the ***wrong,***
And ***shall*** not **stand** in the path of sinners,
And ***shall*** not sit in the seat of scoffers,
[2]***But*** his **delight** is in the **Torah** of יהוה,
And he meditates in **His Torah** day and night.
[3]For he ***shall*** **be** as a *tree*
Planted by the rivers of water,
That yields its **fruit** in its season,
And whose leaf *does not* wither,
And ***whatever*** he does prospers.
[4]The ***wrong*** are not so,
But are like the chaff which the *wind* blows away.
[5]Therefore the ***wrong shall not rise*** in the judgment,
Nor *sinners* in the congregation of the righteous.
[6]For יהוה **knows** the **way** of the **righteous,**
But the **way** of the ***wrong*** **comes** to naught.

2 ***Why*** do the *gentiles rage,*
And the peoples meditate *emptiness*?
[2]The sovereigns of the earth take their stand,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against יהוה and *against* **His Messiah** and *say*,
[3]"**Let** us *tear* apart Their bonds,
And *throw* away Their ropes from us."
[4]**He** who is sitting in the heavens laughs,
יהוה mocks at them.
[5]***Then*** **He** speaks to them in **His** *wrath*,
And troubles them in **His** *rage, saying*,
[6]"***But*** I, I have set **My** Sovereign on Tsiyon,
My set-apart mountain."
[7]"I **inscribe** for a law:
יהוה to **Me,** '**You** are **My Son**,
Today I have brought **You** forth.
[8]'**Ask** of **Me** and I make the *gentiles* **Your** inheritance,
And the ends of the earth **Your** possession.
[9]'Break them with a **rod** of iron,
Dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' "
[10]And **now**, be **wise,** O sovereigns;
Be **instructed,** you rulers of the earth.
[11]Serve יהוה with **fear,**
And **rejoice** with *trembling*.
[12]Kiss the **Son**, lest **He** be **enraged**,
And you *perish* in the **way,**
For soon **His** *wrath* is to be kindled.
Blessed are **all** those taking **refuge** in Him.

3 O יהוה, how my adversaries have increased!
Many rising up *against* me.
[2]Many are saying of me,
"There is no **deliverance** for him in **Elohim**." Selah.
[3] ***But*** **You,** O יהוה, are a shield for me,
My esteem and the **One** lifting up my head.
[4]I cried to יהוה with my **voice**,
And **He heard** me from **His** set-apart mountain. Selah.
[5]I, I laid down and slept;
I awoke, for יהוה sustained me.
[6]I am not *afraid* of ten thousands of people
Who have set themselves *against* me all around.
[7]Arise, O יהוה; **Save** me, O my **Elohim**!

Because You have *smitten* **all** my enemies on the cheek;
You have broken the *teeth* of the *wrong*.
[8]Deliverance belongs to ꓤYHWH.
Your blessing is on **Your people**.
Selah.

4 Answer me when I call,
O **Elohim** of my **righteousness**!
You gave relief to me when I was in distress;
Show **favour** to me and **hear** my prayer.
[2]Til when, O you sons of men,
Would you turn my **esteem** to shame,
Would you **love** *emptiness*, **seek** *falsehood?* Selah.
[3]***But* know** that ꓤYHWH
has separated a kind one for **Himself**;
ꓤYHWH **hears** when I **call** to **Him.**
[4]Tremble and *do not sin.*
Speak within your **heart** on your bed, and be still. Selah.
[5]Offer slaughterings of **righteousness**,
And **trust** in ꓤYHWH.
[6]Many are saying, "***Who*** would **show** us **good**?"
ꓤYHWH, lift up the **light** of **Your** face upon us.
[7]**You** have put more **gladness** in my heart,
Than in the season that their grain and **wine** increased.
[8]I *lie* down in **peace** altogether and sleep;
For **You** alone, O ꓤYHWH,
make me dwell in safety.

5 Give ear to my **words**, O ꓤYHWH,
Consider my meditation.
[2]Attend to the **voice** of my cry,
My Sovereign and my **Elohim**,
For unto **You** I pray.
[3]O ꓤYHWH, in the morning **You hear** my **voice**;
I present myself to **You** in the morning,
And I look up.
[4]For **You** are not an Ěl taking **delight** in ***wrong,***
Nor does *evil* dwell with **You.**
[5]The boasters *do not* **stand** before **Your** eyes;
You *hate* **all** workers of *wickedness*.
[6]**You** *destroy* those speaking falsehood;
ꓤYHWH loathes a man of **blood** and *deceit*.
[7]***But*** I, I enter **Your** house
In the greatness of **Your kindness**;
I bow myself toward **Your** set-apart Hĕk̲al in **Your fear.**
[8]O ꓤYHWH, lead me in **Your righteousness** **because** of those watching me;
Make *your way* **straight** before my face.
[9]For there is no stability in their mouth;
Their inward part is destruction;
Their throat is an **open** grave;
They flatter with their tongue.
[10]**Declare** them *guilty*, O **Elohim**!
Let them *fall* by their own counsels;
Thrust them away for their many *transgressions*,
Because they have *rebelled against* **You**.
[11]***But*** let **all** who take **refuge** in **You** rejoice;
Let them ever shout for joy, **because** **You** shelter them;
And let those who **love Your Name** exult in **You.**
[12]For **You bless** the **righteous,**
O ꓤYHWH;
You surround him with favour as with a shield.

6 O ꓤYHWH, *do not* ***rebuke*** me in **Your** *displeasure,*
Nor **discipline** me in **Your** *wrath*.
[2]Show **favour** to me, O ꓤYHWH,
for I am fading away;

O יהוה, **heal** me,
for my bones have been troubled.
[3]And my being has been greatly troubled;
And **You,** O יהוה – til when?
[4]**Return,** O יהוה, **rescue** my **life**!
Oh, **save** me for **Your kindness**' sake!
[5]For in *death* there's no **remembrance** of **You**;
Who gives **You thanks** in the grave?
[6]I have grown *weary* with my groaning;
Every night I *flood* my bed;
I drench my couch with my tears.
[7]My eye has grown dim **because** of grief;
It grows old **because** of **all** my adversaries.
[8]Depart from me, **all** you workers of *wickedness*;
For יהוה has **heard** the **voice** of my *weeping*.
[9]יהוה has **heard** my pleading;
יהוה receives my prayer.
[10]**Let all** my enemies be *ashamed* and greatly troubled;
They **turn back suddenly**, ashamed.

7 O יהוה my **Elohim**,
in **You** I have taken refuge;
Save me from **all** my pursuers;
And **deliver** me,
[2]Lest they *tear* at my throat like a lion,
Rending in pieces, with no one to deliver.
[3]O יהוה my **Elohim**, if I have done this:
If there is *unrighteousness* in my hands,
[4]***If*** I have done *evil* to him who was at peace with me,
Or have plundered my enemy without cause,
[5]**Let** the enemy pursue me and overtake my being,
And trample my **life** to the ground,
And lay my **esteem** in the dust. Selah.
[6]Arise, O יהוה, in **Your** displeasure;
Lift **Yourself** up *against* the *rage* of my adversaries,
And awake for me!
You *shall* command judgment!
[7]And let the congregation of the peoples **gather** about **You**;
And over them **return** on high.
[8]יהוה judges the peoples;
Judge me, O יהוה, **according** to my **righteousness**,
And **according** to my integrity within me.
[9]Please let the *evil* of the ***wrong*** be ended,
And **establish** the righteous;
For the **righteous Elohim** is a trier of hearts and kidneys.
[10]My shield is upon **Elohim**,
Who **saves** the **upright** in **heart.**
[11]**Elohim** is a **righteous** judge.
And Ěl is **enraged every** day,
[12]***If*** one *does not* **repent!**
He sharpens **His** *sword,*
He bends **His** bow and makes it ready,
[13]And **He** has prepared for **Himself** instruments of *death,*
He makes **His** arrows hot for pursuers.
[14]**See,** he who is *bound* with *wickedness*,
And has conceived *trouble* and brought forth *falsehood,*
[15]**He** has made a pit and dug it out,
And falls into the ditch he made!
[16]**His** *trouble* turns back upon his own head,
And his wrongdoing **comes** down on the top of his head.
[17]I give **thanks** to יהוה **according** to **His righteousness**,
And **praise** the **Name** of יהוה **Most High**.

8 O יהוה, our **Master,**
how excellent is **Your Name** in **all** the earth,

You who set **Your** splendour above
the heavens!
[2]Out of the **mouth** of babes and infants
You have founded strength,
Because of **Your** adversaries,
To put an end to enemy and avenger.
[3]For I **see Your** heavens, the **work** of
Your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which **You**
have **established**.
[4]***What*** is man that **You** ***remember***
him?
And the son of man that **You visit**
him?
[5]Yet **You** have made him a *little* less
than **Elohim**,
And have crowned him with **esteem**
and splendour.
[6]**You** made him **rule** over the **works** of
Your hands;
You have put **all** under his feet,
[7]All sheep and oxen,
And also the beasts of the field,
[8]The birds of the heavens,
And the fish of the sea,
Passing through the paths of the seas.
[9]O יהוה, our **Master,**
How excellent is **Your Name**
in **all** the earth!

9 I **praise You,** O יהוה,
with **all** my heart;
I **declare all Your wonders**.
[2]I **rejoice** and exult in You;
I sing **praise** to **Your Name,**
O **Most High.**
[3]***When*** my enemies turn back,
They *stumble* and *perish* before **You.**
[4]For **You** *executed* my **right** and my
cause,
You sat on the throne judging in
righteousness.
[5]**You** have ***rebuked*** the *gentiles,*
You have ***destroyed*** the ***wrong,***
You have wiped out their **Name**
forever and **ever.**
[6]The enemy is no more – ruins
everlasting!
And **You** have uprooted the cities;
Even their **remembrance** has
perished.
[7]***But*** יהוה abides **forever**,
He is preparing **His** throne for
judgment.
[8]And **He** judges the world in
righteousness,
He judges the peoples in straightness.
[9]And יהוה is a **refuge** for the
crushed one,
A **refuge** in times of *distress.*
[10]And those who **know Your Name**
trust in **You,**
For **You** have not ***forsaken*** those who
seek **You,** O יהוה.
[11]Sing praises to יהוה, who dwells
in Tsiyon!
Declare His deeds among the peoples.
[12]For **He remembers** the seekers of
bloodshed,
He *does not forget* the cry of the
afflicted.
[13]Show **favour** to me, O יהוה!
See my *affliction* by those who *hate*
me,
You who lift me up from the gates of
death,
[14]So that I **declare all Your praise**
In the gates of the daughter of
Tsiyon.
I **rejoice** in **Your deliverance**.
[15]The *gentiles* have sunk down in the
pit which they made;
In the *net* which they hid, their own
foot is caught.
[16]יהוה has made **Himself known**,
He has done right-ruling;
The ***wrong*** is snared in the **work** of
his own hands.
Meditation. Selah.
[17]The ***wrong*** **return** to the grave,
All the *gentiles* that *forget* **Elohim**.
[18]For the needy is not **always**
forgotten;
Neither the expectancy of the *poor*
lost **forever**.
[19]Arise, O יהוה,
Do *not* let man prevail;
Let the *gentiles* be judged before

Your face.
[20]Put them in **fear,** O יהוה,
Let the *gentiles* **know**
they are *but* men. Selah.

10 ***Why*** do you **stand** afar off,
O יהוה, hiding in times of distress?
[2]In arrogance the ***wrongdoer*** hotly
pursues the *poor*;
They are ***caught*** by the schemes
which they devised.
[3]For the ***wrongdoer*** boasted of his
cravings;
And the *greedy* one *cursed* and
despised יהוה.
[4]In the pride of his face
The ***wrongdoer*** *does not* **seek Him,**
In **all** his *thoughts* there is no
Elohim!
[5]**His ways** are **always** prosperous!
Your right-rulings are on high,
out of his sight!
He snorts at **all** his adversaries!
[6]**He** has said in his **heart,**
"I ***shall*** not be moved;
From generation to generation,
never be in *evil*!"
[7]**His mouth** is filled with cursing and
deceit and oppression;
Under his tongue is *trouble* and
wickedness.
[8]**He** sits in the hiding places of the
villages;
In the **secret** places he *murders* the
innocent;
His eyes are on the lookout for the
helpless.
[9]**He** lies in wait in a **secret** place,
as a lion in his den;
He lies in wait to ***catch*** the *poor*;
He catches the *poor*, drawing him
into his net.
[10]And he crouches, he lies low,
And the helpless *fall* under his
strength.
[11]**He** has said in his **heart,**
"Ěl has *forgotten*, **He** has *hidden* **His**
face, **He *shall*** never **see.**"
[12]Arise, O יהוה! O Ěl, lift up **Your**
hand!
Do *not forget* the lowly ones.
[13]***Why*** do the ***wrong*** *scorn* **Elohim**?
He has said in his **heart,** "It is not
required."
[14]**You** have **seen** it, for **You observe**
trouble and grief,
To **repay** with **Your hand.**
The *poor* commits himself to You;
You are the **Helper** of the fatherless.
[15]Break the arm of the ***wrong*** one and
the *evil* one;
Search out his *wrongness* that would
not be **found** out.
[16]יהוה is Sovereign **forever** and
ever; The *gentiles* ***shall*** *perish* from
His land.
[17]יהוה, **You** have **heard** the desire of
the lowly ones;
You prepare their heart;
You incline **Your** ear,
[18]To defend the fatherless and the
downtrodden;
So that man who is of the earth no
longer oppresses!

11 In יהוה I have taken refuge;
Why do you say to me,
"Flee to your mountain like a bird"?
[2]For look! The ***wrong*** bend a bow,
They set their arrow on the string,
To shoot in *darkness* at the **upright**
in heart.
[3]***When*** the foundations are **destroyed**,
What shall the **righteous** do?
[4]יהוה is in **His** set-apart Hěḳal,
The throne of יהוה is in the
heavens.
His eyes **see, His** eyelids examine
the sons of men.
[5]יהוה tries the **righteous,**
But **His** being ***shall*** *hate* the ***wrong***
And the one who loves *violence*.
[6]Upon the ***wrong*** **He** rains *snares*,
Fire and sulphur and a scorching *wind*
Are the portion of their **cup.**

[7]For יהוה is **righteous,**
He has **loved righteousness**;
The **upright** ***shall*** **see His** face.

12 Save, יהוה, for the **kind** one
is no more!
For the **trustworthy** have ceased
from among the sons of men.
[2]They **speak** *falsehood*
with each other;
They **speak** *with* flattering lips,
a double **heart.**
[3]יהוה does *cut off* **all** flattering lips,
A tongue that speaks swelling **words**,
[4]***Who*** have said, "With our tongue
we do mightily;
Our lips are our own;
Who is master over us?"
[5]"**Because** of the *oppression*
of the *poor*,
because of the *sighing* of the needy,
I **now** arise," says יהוה,
"I set in safety – he pants for it."
[6]The **Words** of יהוה
are **clean Words**,
Silver tried in a furnace of earth,
Refined seven times.
[7]**You guard** them, O יהוה,
You preserve them from
this generation **forever**.
[8]The ***wrong*** **walk** around on **every** side
w***hen*** *worthless*ness is exalted among
the sons of men.

13 ***How*** long would **You** *forget* me,
O יהוה? **Forever**?
How long would **You** hide **Your** face
from me?
[2]***How*** long would I take counsel in my
being,
Grief in my **heart** day by day?
How long would my enemy be
exalted over me?
[3]Look! Answer me, O יהוה my
Elohim; **enlighten** my eyes,
Lest I sleep in death;
[4]Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed
against him,"
Lest my adversaries **rejoice** when I
am moved.
[5]***But*** I have **trusted** in **Your kindness**;
My heart rejoices in **Your**
deliverance.
[6]I sing to יהוה,
Because He has been good to me

14 The *fool* has said in his **heart,**
"There is no יהוה."
They have done *corruptly*,
They have done an **abominable deed**,
There is no one who does **good**.
[2]יהוה **looked** down from the
heavens on the sons of mankind,
To **see** if there is a **wise** one,
seeking יהוה.
[3]They have **all** turned aside,
They have **together** become *filthy*;
No one is doing **good**, not even one.
[4]Have **all** the workers of *wickedness*
no **knowledge**,
Who eat up my people as they eat
bread,
And *do not* **call on** יהוה?
[5]There they are in **great fear,**
For יהוה is with
the generation of the righteous.
[6]**You** would put to *shame*
the counsel of the *poor*,
But יהוה is his refuge.
[7]O that the **deliverance** of Yisra'ĕl
Would be **given** out of Tsiyon!
When יהוה turns back
the captivity of **His** people,
Let Ya'aqoḇ **rejoice,** let Yisra'ĕl be
glad.

15 יהוה, who does sojourn in
Your Tent?
Who does dwell in **Your** set-apart
mountain?
[2]**He** who walks blamelessly,
And does **righteousness**
and speaks the **truth** in his **heart.**

[3]**He** has not *slandered* with his tongue,
He has not done *evil* to his neighbour,
Nor lifted up a *reproach* <u>*against*</u>
his friend;
[4]In whose eyes a reprobate one is
despised,
But he esteems those who **fear**
יהוה;
He who swears to his own hurt
and *does not change*;
[5]**He** has not put out his silver
at interest,
And has not taken a bribe
<u>*against*</u> the innocent.
He who does these is never moved.

16 **Guard** me, O Ěl,
For I have taken **refuge** in **You.**
[2]I have said to **יהוה**,
"**You** are **יהוה**,
I have no **good** beside **You.**"
[3]As for the set-apart ones who are on
the earth, They are the excellent ones,
in whom is **all** my delight.
[4]The sorrows of those who run after
another one are increased;
I *would not* **pour out** their drink
offerings of **blood,**
Nor take up their names on my lips.
[5]**יהוה** is the portion of my
inheritance and my cup;
You uphold my **lot.**
[6]*Boundary* lines have fallen to me in
pleasant places;
Indeed, a **good inheritance** is mine.
[7]I **bless יהוה** who has **given** me
counsel;
My kidneys also **instruct** me in the
nights.
[8]I have set **יהוה always** before me;
<u>**Because**</u> **He** is at my **right**
hand I am not *shaken.*
[9]Therefore my **heart** was glad,
and my esteem rejoices;
My *flesh* also dwells in safety.
[10]For *you do not* leave my being in the
grave,
Neither let **Your kind One see**
corruption.
[11]**You show** me the path of **life**;
In **Your** presence is **joy** to satisfaction;
At **Your right hand** are pleasures
forever.

17 **Hear righteousness**, **יהוה**,
Listen to my cry;
Give ear to my prayer,
From lips without *deceit*.
[2]**Let** my **right-ruling** go out from
Your presence;
Let Your eyes **see** what is **straight.**
[3]**You** have examined my heart;
You have **visited** me in the night;
You have tried me –
You find I have not schemed;
My **mouth** *would not transgress*.
[4]As for the **deeds** of men –
By the **Word** of **Your** lips,
I have kept myself from the paths of
the destroyer.
[5]My steps have held fast to **Your**
paths,
My feet have not slipped.
[6]I have called upon **You,** for **You**
answer me, O Ěl;
Incline **Your** ear to me, **hear** my
speech.
[7]**Let Your kindness** be distinguished,
You who **save** by **Your right hand**
those who take **refuge**
From those who rise up.
[8]**Guard** me as the apple of **Your** eye.
Hide me under the shadow of
Your wings,
[9]From the face of the ***wrong*** who
ravage me,
From my deadly enemies who
surround me.
[10]They are enclosed in their own fat,
They **speak** *proud*ly
with their mouths,
[11]They have **now** surrounded us in our
steps,
They set their eyes to *cast us* to the

ground,
[12]Like a lion who is eager to *tear* his prey,
And as a young lion crouching in cover.
[13]Arise, O ꓤYHꓤZ,
Confront him, **cause** him to bend;
Deliver my being from the ***wrong*** by **Your** *sword,*
[14]From men by **Your hand,** O ꓤYHꓤZ,
From men of the world whose portion is in *this* **life**,
And **You** fill their bellies with **Your** treasure,
They are **satisfied** with children,
And ***shall*** leave their riches to their babes.
[15]As for me, let **Me see Your** face in **righteousness**;
I am **satisfied** *to* **see Your** appearance when I awake.

18

I **love** you, O ꓤYHꓤZ
My **strength**.
[2]ꓤYHꓤZ is my **rock** and my **stronghold** and my **deliverer**;
My Ěl is my **rock**, I take **refuge** in **Him**;
My **shield** and the **horn** of my **deliverance**, my **high tower**.
[3]I **call** upon ꓤYHꓤZ, the **One** to be p**raised**,
And I am **saved** from my enemies.
[4]The cords of *death* surrounded me,
And the floods of Beliya'al made me *afraid*.
[5]The cords of the grave were **all** around me;
The *snares* of *death* were before me.
[6]In my *distress* I called upon ꓤYHꓤZ,
And to my **Elohim** I cried;
He heard my **voice** from **His** Hěk̲al,
And my cry went before **Him,** into **His ears.**
[7]And the earth *shook* and trembled;
Even the foundations of the mountains were *troubled*
And they shook, **<u>because</u> He** was *wroth*.
[8]Smoke went up from **His** nostrils,
And *consuming fire* from **His** mouth;
Coals were kindled by it.
[9]And **He** bowed the heavens and came down,
And thick *darkness* was under **His** feet.
[10]And **He** rode upon a keru̲b and flew;
He flew upon the wings of the wind.
[11]**He** made *darkness* **His** covering;
Around **Him His** booth,
Darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.
[12]From the brightness before **Him,**
His thick clouds passed, *hail* and coals of *fire*.
[13]And ꓤYHꓤZ thundered in the heavens,
And the **Most High sent** forth **His voice**,
Hail and coals of *fire*.
[14]And **He sent** out **His** arrows and *scattered* them,
And much lightning and confused them.
[15]And the channels of waters were seen,
And the foundations of the world were uncovered
At **Your** rebuke, O ꓤYHꓤZ,
At the blast of the breath of **Your** nostrils.
[16]**He sent** from above, **He** took me;
He drew me out of many waters.
[17]**He delivered** me from my **strong** enemy,
And from those *hating* me,
For they were stronger than I.
[18]They confronted me in the **day of** my *calamity*,
But ꓤYHꓤZ was my support.
[19]And **He** brought me out into a large place;

He delivered me
for **He delighted** in me.
[20]**יהוה rewarded** me **according** to
my **righteousness**;
According to the **cleanness** of my
hands **He** repaid me.
[21]For I have **guarded** the **ways** of
יהוה,
And have not *acted* wrongly *against*
my **Elohim**.
[22]For **all His right-rulings** are before
me, And I *did not* turn from **His**
laws.
[23]And I am **perfect** before **Him,**
And I **guard** myself from my
crookedness.
[24]And **יהוה repays** me **according** to
my **righteousness**,
According to the **cleanness** of my
hands before **His** eyes.
[25]With the **kind You show Yourself**
kind;
With the **perfect** one **You show**
Yourself perfect;
[26]With the **clean You show Yourself**
clean;
And with the *crooked* **You show**
Yourself twisted.
[27]For **You save** the *afflicted* people,
But bring down those whose eyes are
haughty.
[28]For **You Yourself light** my lamp;
יהוה my **Elohim** makes my
darkness **light**.
[29]For with **You** I run *against* a band,
And with my **Elohim** I leap over a
wall.
[30]The Ěl – **His way** is perfect;
The **Word** of **יהוה** is proven;
He is a shield to **all** who take **refuge**
in **Him.**
[31]For who is Eloah, besides **יהוה**?
And who is a rock, ***except*** our
Elohim?
[32]It is Ěl who girds me with strength,
And makes my **way perfect,**
[33]Making my feet like the feet of deer,
And sets me on my *high places*,
[34]**Teaching** my hands for battle,
So that my arms ***shall*** bend a bow of
bronze.
[35]And **You** give me the shield of **Your**
deliverance;
And **Your right hand** supports me,
And **Your** lowliness makes me great.
[36]**You** enlarge my step under me; And
my feet ***shall*** not slip.
[37]I pursue my enemies and overtake
them;
And *do not* **turn back** til they are
destroyed.
[38]I *crush* them and they are *unable* to
rise;
They *fall* under my feet.
[39]And **You** gird me with strength for
battle;
Cause my adversaries to bow under
me.
[40]And **You** have made my enemies
turn their backs,
As for those hating me, I *cut* them off.
[41]They cry – but no one is there to
save,
To **יהוה**– but **He** answers them not.
[42]And I beat them as dust before the
wind;
I *empty* them out like dirt in the
streets.
[43]**You deliver** me from the strivings of
the people,
You set me at the head of the nations;
A people I have not **known serve** me.
[44]As soon as they **hear** of me they
obey me;
The foreigners submit to me.
[45]The foreigners fade away,
And **come** frightened from their
strongholds.
[46]**יהוה lives**! And **blessed** is my
Rock!
And exalted is the Elohim of my
deliverance,
[47]The Ěl who avenges me,
And **He** humbles the peoples under

me;
48My deliverer from my enemies.
You lift me up above those who rise *against* me;
You deliver me from a man of *violence*.
49Therefore I give **thanks** to **You,**
O יהוה, among nations,
And I sing **praise** to **Your Name,**
50Making **great** the **deliverance** of **His** sovereign,
And showing **kindness** to **His anointed**,
To Dawiḏ and his seed, **forever**.

19 The heavens are **proclaiming** the **esteem** of Ěl; And the expanse is **declaring** the **work** of **His hand.**
2Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night **reveals knowledge**.
3There is no speech and there are no **words**,
Their **voice** is not **heard**.
4Their line has gone out through **all** the earth,
And their **words** to **the end** of the world.
In them **He** set up a tent for the sun,
5And it is like a bridegroom **coming** out of his room,
It **rejoices** like a **strong** man to run the path.
6Its rising is from one end of the heavens,
And its circuit to the other end;
And naught is *hidden* from its heat.
7The **Torah** of יהוה is **perfect,** bringing back the being;
The **witness** of יהוה is **trustworthy**, making **wise** the simple;
8The orders of יהוה are **straight,** rejoicing the heart;
The **command** of יהוה is clear, enlightening the eyes;
9The **fear** of יהוה is **clean,** standing **forever**;
The **right-rulings** of יהוה are **true,**
They are **righteous** altogether,
10More desirable than gold,
Than much fine gold;
And sweeter than honey and the honeycomb.
11Also, **Your** servant is **warned** by them, In **guarding** them there is great reward.
12***Who discerns*** mistakes?
Declare me **innocent** from those that are secret,
13Also keep **Your** servant back from presumptuous ones,
Do *not* let them **rule** over me.
Then shall I be **perfect** and **innocent** of **great** *transgression.*
14**Let** the **words** of my **mouth** and the meditation of my **heart**
Be pleasing before **You,**
O יהוה, my rock and my redeemer.

20 יהוה does answer you in the **day of** distress!
The **Name** of the **Elohim** of Yaʿaqoḇ does set you on high!
2**He** does send you help from the set apart place,
And does uphold you from Tsiyon!
3**He** does ***remember*** **all** your offerings, And does **accept** your burnt offering! Selah.
4**He** does give you **according** to your heart,
And fills **all** your plans!
5We sing of **Your deliverance,**
And in the **Name** of our **Elohim** we set up a banner!
יהוה does fill **all** your requests!
6**Now** I **know** that יהוה ***shall*** **save** **His** Anointed;
He answers him from **His** set-apart heavens
With the saving might of **His right** hand.

[7]Some **trust** in chariots and some in horses,
But we ***remember*** the **Name** of יהוה our **Elohim**.
[8]They, they have bowed down and fallen;
But we have risen and are **established**.
[9]Save, יהוה!
Let the Sovereign answer us in the day we call.

21 The sovereign **rejoices** in **Your**
strength, O יהוה;
And how greatly he exults in **Your deliverance**!
[2]**You** have **given** him the desire of his heart,
And **You** have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah.
[3]For **You** put before him the **blessings** of **goodness**;
You set a crown of fine gold on his head.
[4]**He** asked **life** from **You** and **You** gave it to him –
Length of days **forever** and **ever.**
[5]Through **Your deliverance** his **esteem** is great;
You have laid excellency and splendour on him.
[6]For **You** have made him most **blessed forever**;
You have made him **glad** with the **joy** of **Your** presence.
[7]For the sovereign is **trusting** in יהוה,
And through the **kindness** of the **Most High** he is not moved.
[8]**Your hand** reaches **all Your** enemies;
Your right hand reaches those who *hate* **You.**
[9]**You** make them as a furnace of *fire* in the **time** of **Your** presence;
יהוה does swallow them up in **His** *wrath*,
And *fire* does *consume* them.
[10]**You** *destroy* their **fruit** from the earth,
And their seed from among the sons of men.
[11]For they held out *evil* <u>*against*</u> You;
They devised a plot; they *do not* prevail.
[12]For **You** make them turn their back,
When **You** aim with **Your** bowstring toward their faces.
[13]Be exalted, O יהוה, in **Your** strength!
We sing and we **praise Your** might.

22 **My** Ěl, **My** Ěl, why have **You** ***forsaken*** **Me** –
Far from saving **Me,** *far from* the **words** of **My** groaning?
[2]O **My Elohim**, I **call** by day, but **You** *do not* answer;
And by night, but I find no rest.
[3]Yet **You** are set-apart,
Enthroned on the praises of Yisra'ěl.
[4]Our fathers **trusted** in You;
They **trusted** and **You delivered** them.
[5]They cried to **You** and were **delivered**;
They **trusted** in **You** and were not ashamed.
[6]***But*** I am a worm and no man;
A *reproach* of men and *despised* by the people.
[7]All those who **see Me** *mock* Me;
They shoot out the lip, they *shake* the head, *saying*,
[8]"He **trusted** in יהוה, let **Him** rescue Him;
Let Him deliver Him, seeing He has **delighted** in **Him!**"
[9]For **You** are the **One** who took **Me** out of the womb;
Causing **Me** to **trust** *while* on **My** mother's breasts.
[10]I was *cast* upon **You** from birth.
From **My** mother's belly **You** have been **My** Ěl.

[11]***Do not*** be far from **Me,**
For *distress* is near;
For there is none to help.
[12]Many bulls have surrounded Me;
Strong ones of Bashan have encircled **Me.**
[13]They have opened their mouths *against* **Me,**
As a raging and roaring lion.
[14]I have been **poured out** like water,
And **all My** bones have been spread apart;
My **heart** has become like wax;
It has melted in the **midst** of **My** inward parts.
[15]My strength is dried like a potsherd,
And **My** tongue is cleaving to **My** jaws;
And to the dust of *death* **You** are appointing **Me.**
[16]For dogs have surrounded Me;
A crowd of *evil* ones have encircled **Me,**
Piercing **My** hands and **My** feet;
[17]I count **all My** bones.
They look, they stare at **Me.**
[18]They divide **My** garments among them,
And for **My** raiment they *cast* lots.
[19]***But*** **You,** O יהוה, *do not* be far off;
O **My** Strength, hasten to help **Me!**
[20]Deliver **My life** from the *sword,*
My only **life** from the **power** of the dog.
[21]**Save Me** from the **mouth** of the lion,
And from the horns of the wild beasts!
You have answered **Me.**
[22]I make **known Your Name** to **My** brothers;
In the **midst** of the assembly I **praise** You.
[23]**You** who **fear** יהוה, **praise Him!**
All you seed of Ya'aqob, **esteem Him,**
And **fear Him, all** you seed of Yisra'ĕl!
[24]For **He** has not *despised*
Nor *hated* the *affliction* of the *afflicted*;
Or has **He** *hidden* **His** face from **Him**;
But when **He** cried to **Him, He heard**.
[25]From **You** is **My praise** in the **great** assembly;
I pay **My** vows before those who **fear** Him.
[26]The meek ones do eat and are satisfied;
Let those who **seek Him praise** יהוה.
Let your **heart live forever**!
[27]**Let all** the ends of the earth
Remember and turn to יהוה,
And **all** clans of the nations
Bow themselves before **You.**
[28]For the **reign** belongs to יהוה,
And **He** is ruling over the nations.
[29]All the fat ones of the earth
Shall eat and bow themselves;
All who go down to the dust bow before **Him,**
Even he who *did not* keep **alive** his own **life**.
[30]A seed ***shall*** **serve Him.**
It is **declared** of יהוה to the **coming** generation.
[31]They ***shall*** **come** and **declare His righteousness**
To a people *yet* to be born,
For **He *shall*** do it!

23

יהוה is my **shepherd**;
I *do not* lack.
[2]**He** makes me to *lie* down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters.
[3]**He** turns back my being;
He leads me in paths of **righteousness**
For **His Name**'s **sake**.
[4]***When*** I **walk** through
the valley of the shadow of *death,*
I **fear** no *evil*.
For **You** are with me;
Your rod and **Your** staff,
they comfort me.

[5]**You** spread before me a table in the face of my enemies;
You have **anointed** my head with oil;
My **cup** runs over.
[6]Only **goodness** and **kindness follow** me
All the days of my **life**;
And I ***shall*** dwell in the **House** of ֵיהוָה, To the length of days!

24 The earth belongs to ֵיהוָה,
And **all** that fills it –
The world and those who dwell in it.
[2]For **He** has founded it upon the seas,
And upon the waters **He** does **establish** it.
[3]***Who*** does go up into the mountain of ֵיהוָה?
And who does **stand** in **His** set-apart place?
[4]**He** who has **innocent** hands and a **clean heart,**
Who *did not* bring his **life** to *naught,*
And *did not* swear deceivingly.
[5]**He** receives a **blessing** from ֵיהוָה,
And **righteousness** from the **Elohim** of his **deliverance**.
[6]This is the generation of those who seek Him;
Ya'aqoḇ, who **seek Your** face. Selah.
[7]Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you **everlasting doors**!
Let the Sovereign of **esteem come** in.
[8]***Who*** is this Sovereign of esteem?
ֵיהוָה **strong** and mighty,
ֵיהוָה mighty in battle.
[9]Lift up your heads, O you gates!
Even lift up, you **everlasting doors**!
Let the Sovereign of **esteem come** in.
[10]***Who*** is this Sovereign of esteem?
ֵיהוָה of hosts, **He** is the Sovereign of esteem! Selah.

25 To **You,** O ֵיהוָה, lift up my being.
[2]O my **Elohim**, in **You** I have put my trust;
Let me not be ashamed;
Let not my enemies exult over me.
[3]Indeed, let no one who waits on **You** be ashamed;
Let those who are treacherous without cause be ashamed.
[4]**Show** me **Your** ways, O ֵיהוָה;
Teach me **Your** paths.
[5]Lead me in **Your truth** and **teach** me,
For **You** are the **Elohim** of my **deliverance**;
On **You** I wait **all** the day.
[6]**Remember,** O ֵיהוָה, **Your compassion** and **Your kindness**es,
For they are from **everlasting**.
[7]***Do*** *not* ***remember*** the *sins* of my youth and my *transgressions*;
According to **Your kindness remember** me,
For **Your goodness**' sake, O ֵיהוָה.
[8]**Good** and **straight** is ֵיהוָה;
Therefore **He teaches** *sinners* in the way.
[9]**He** guides the meek ones in right-ruling,
And **He teaches** the meek ones **His** way.
[10]All the paths of ֵיהוָה are **kindness** and **truth**,
To those who **guard His covenant** and **His witnesses.**
[11]For **Your Name's** sake, O ֵיהוָה,
You *shall* pardon my *crookedness,* though it is great.
[12]***Who***, then, is the man that ***fears*** ֵיהוָה?
He teaches him in the **way** he should choose.
[13]**His life** dwells in **good**, And his seed inherits the earth.
[14]The **secret** of ֵיהוָה is with those who **fear Him,**
And **He** makes **His covenant known** to them.
[15]My eyes are ever toward ֵיהוָה,

For **He** brings my feet out of the net.
[16]Turn **Your** face to me and **show** me favour,
For I am lonely and *afflicted*.
[17]The *distresses* of my **heart** have enlarged;
Oh, bring me out of my *distresses*!
[18]Look on my *affliction* and my toil,
And **forgive all** my *sins*.
[19]**See** how many
my enemies have become;
And they *hate* me
with a *violent* hatred.
[20]Oh, **guard** my **life** and **deliver** me;
Let me not be ashamed,
for I have taken **refuge** in **You.**
[21]**Let** integrity and straightness
guard me,
For I have waited for **You.**
[22]Redeem Yisra'ĕl, O **Elohim**, Out of **all** his *distresses*!

26

Rule me **rightly**, O יהוה,
For I have walked in my integrity.And I have **trusted** in יהוה, without wavering.
[2]Examine me, O יהוה and prove me; Try my kidneys and my **heart.**
[3]For **Your kindness** is before my eyes,
And I have walked in **Your truth**.
[4]I have not sat with men of *falsehood,*
Nor do I enter with pretenders.
[5]I have *hated* the assembly of *evil* doers,
And I *do not* sit with the *wrong*.
[6]I wash my hands in innocence;
And I **walk** around **Your** altar,
O יהוה,
[7]To **raise** a **voice** of **thanksgiving**,
And to **declare all Your wonders**.
[8]יהוה, I have **loved**
the abode of **Your** house,
And the place
where **Your esteem** dwells.
[9]***Do** not* **gather** my being
together with sinners,
Nor my **life** with bloodthirsty men,
[10]In whose hands is a plot,
And their **right hand**
is filled with bribes.
[11]***But*** as for me,
I **walk** in my integrity;
Redeem me and **show** me favour.
[12]My foot ***shall*** **stand** on a level place;

In the assemblies I **bless** יהוה.

27

יהוה is my **light** and my **deliverance**;
Whom should I **fear**?
יהוה is the refuge of my **life**;
Whom should I dread?
[2]***When** evil-doers* **come** *against* me
To eat up my *flesh,*
My adversaries and my enemies,
They ***shall*** *stumble* and fall.
[3]Though an army encamps *against* me,
My **heart** *does not* **fear**;
Though battle **comes** up *against* me,
Even then I would be **trusting**.
[4]One matter I asked of יהוה–
this I seek:
To dwell in the House of יהוה
All the days of my **life**,
To **see** the pleasantness of יהוה,
And to **inquire** in **His** Hĕḵal.
[5]For in the **day of** *evil* **He** hides me in **His** booth;
In the covering of **His Tent He** hides me;
On a rock **He** raises me up.
[6]And **now** my head is lifted up above my enemies **all** around me;
And I offer in **His Tent** with shouts of joy;
I sing, yea, I sing praises to יהוה.
[7]**Hear,** O יהוה, when I cry with my **voice**!
And **show** me **favour** and answer me.
[8]To my **heart You** have said, "**Seek My** face." **Your** face, יהוה, I seek.

[9]***Do*** *not* hide **Your** face from me;
Do *not* turn **Your** servant away in displeasure; **You** have been my help;
Do *not* leave me nor *forsake* me,
O **Elohim** of my **deliverance**.
[10]***When*** my father and my mother have ***forsaken*** me,
Then **ꓤYHWH** does take me in.
[11]**Teach** me **Your way,** O **ꓤYHWH**,
And lead me in a **smooth** path,
because of my enemies.
[12]***Do*** *not* give me over
To the desire of my adversaries;
For *false* **witnesses** have risen *against* me,
And they breathe out cruelty to me.
[13]***What*** if I had not **believed**
To **see** the **goodness** of **ꓤYHWH**
In the land of the **living**!
[14]Wait on **ꓤYHWH**, be **strong,**
And let **Him** strengthen your heart!
Wait, I say, on **ꓤYHWH**!

28 I cry to **You,** O **ꓤYHWH**,
my Rock: ***Do*** *not* be *deaf* to me!
For if **You** are *silent* to me,
I ***shall*** **be** like those
who go down to the pit.
[2]**Hear** the **voice** of my prayers
when I cry to **You,**
When I lift up my hands
Toward **Your Set-apart**
Speaking Place.
[3]***Do*** *not* draw me away with the ***wrong***
And with the workers of *wickedness*,
Who **speak peace** to their neighbours,
But *evil* is in their **hearts**.
[4]Give to them **according** to their **deeds**,
And **according** to the *evil* of their practices;
Give to them **according**
to the **work** of their hands;
Bring back to them what they deserve.
[5]**Because** they *do not* **heed**
the **works** of **ꓤYHWH**,
Nor the **works** of **His** hands,
He throws them down,
And *does not* build them up.
[6] **Blessed** be **ꓤYHWH**,
Because He has heard the **voice** of my prayers!
[7]**ꓤYHWH** is my strength and my shield;
My heart has **trusted** in **Him,**
and I have been helped;
Therefore my **heart** exults,
And with my song I **thank Him.**
[8]**ꓤYHWH** is the strength of **His** people,
And **He** is the stronghold of
deliverance of **His anointed**.
[9]**Save Your people** and **bless Your** inheritance;
And be their Shepherd and bear them up **forever**.

29 Ascribe to **ꓤYHWH**, O you sons of the mighty,
Ascribe to **ꓤYHWH** **esteem** and strength.
[2]Ascribe to **ꓤYHWH** the **esteem** of **His Name**;
Bow yourselves to **ꓤYHWH** in the splendour of set-apartness.
[3]The **voice** of **ꓤYHWH** is over the waters; The Ěl of **esteem** thunders;
ꓤYHWH is over many waters.
[4]The **voice** of **ꓤYHWH** is with power,
The **voice** of **ꓤYHWH** is with greatness.
[5]The **voice** of **ꓤYHWH** is breaking the cedars,
ꓤYHWH is breaking the cedars of Leḇanon in pieces.
[6]And **Hē** makes them skip like a calf,
Leḇanon and Siryon like a young wild ox.
[7]The **voice** of **ꓤYHWH** *strikes with* flashes of lightning.
[8]The **voice** of **ꓤYHWH** *shakes* the wilderness;
ꓤYHWH *shakes* the Wilderness of Qaḏēsh.
[9]The **voice** of **ꓤYHWH** twists the oaks
And strips the forests bare.

And in **His** Hĕ̱kal everyone says,
"Esteem!"
[10] **יהוה** sits enthroned over the flood;
יהוה is enthroned as Sovereign
forever.
[11] **יהוה** gives strength to **His people**;
יהוה blessses **His people** with peace

30 I **exalt You,** O **יהוה**,
for you have drawn me up,
And have not let my enemies
rejoice over me.
[2] **יהוה** my **Elohim**, I have cried to
You and **You** have **healed** me.
[3] **יהוה**, **You** brought me up
from the grave;
You have kept me **alive,**
from going down into the pit.
[4] Sing **praise** to **יהוה**,
You **kind** ones of **His**,
And give **thanks** at the **remembrance**
of **His** Set-apartness.
[5] For **His** *displeasure* is for a moment,
His delight is for **life**;
Weeping might **last** for the night,
But **joy comes** in the morning.
[6] As for me, I have said in my ease,
"Never would I be shaken!"
[7] **יהוה**, in **Your good** pleasure
You have made my mountain
to **stand** strong;
You hid **Your** face and I was troubled.
[8] I *cried out* to **You,** O **יהוה**;
And to **יהוה** I prayed:
[9] "***What*** *gain* is there in my **blood,**
When I go down to the pit?
Would dust **praise You?**
Would it **declare Your truth?**
[10] "**Hear,** O **יהוה** and **show** me
favour; **יהוה**, be my helper!"
[11] **You** have turned my *mourning* into
dancing for me;
You have *torn* off my sackcloth and
girded me with **gladness**,
[12] So that **esteem** might **praise You**
and not be silent.
O **יהוה** my **Elohim**, I **thank You**
forever.

31 In **You,** O **יהוה**, I have taken
refuge;
Let me never be ashamed;
Deliver me in **Your righteousness**.
[2] Incline **Your** ear to me,
Deliver me **speedily**;
Be a rock of **refuge** to me,
A house of defence to **save** me.
[3] For **You** are my rock and my
stronghold;
For **Your Name's sake** lead me and
guide me.
[4] Bring me out of the *net* which they
have *hidden* for me,
For **You** are my stronghold.
[5] Into **Your hand** I *commit* my spirit;
You have redeemed me, O **יהוה**
Ĕl of **truth**.
[6] I have *hated* those who **observe**
lying vanities;
But I **trust** in **יהוה**.
[7] I exult and **rejoice** in **Your kindness**,
For **You** have **seen** my *affliction*;
You have **known** the *distresses* of my
life,
[8] And **You** have not shut me up into the
hand of the enemy.
You have set my feet in a large place.
[9] Show me **favour,** O **יהוה**, for I am
in distress;
My eye, my being and my body have
become old with *grief!*
[10] For my **life** is *consumed* in *sorrow,*
And my years in *sighing*;
My strength fails **<u>because</u>** of my
crookedness,
And my bones have become old.
[11] I am a *reproach* among **all** my
adversaries,
But most of **all** among my neighbours,
And a *dread* to my friends;

Those who **see** me outside ***flee*** from me.
[12]I have been *forgotten* like someone dead from the heart;
I have been like a missing vessel.
[13]For I **hear** the *evil* report of many;
Fear is from **all** around;
When they take counsel **together** *against* me,
They *plot* to take away my **life**.
[14]***But*** I, I have put my **trust** in **You,** O֯֯֯;
I have said, "**You** are my **Elohim**."
[15]My times are in **Your** hand;
Deliver me from the **hand** of my enemies,
And from those who pursue me.
[16]Make **Your** face shine upon **Your** servant;
Save me in **Your kindness**.
[17]***Do*** *not* let me be ashamed,
O ֯֯֯,
For I have called upon You;
Let the ***wrong*** be ashamed;
Let them be silenced in the grave.
[18]**Let** lips of *falsehood* be stilled,
Which **speak** recklessly *against* the **righteous,**
With pride and scorn.
[19]***How*** **great** is **Your goodness**,
Which **You** have laid up
for those **fearing You,**
Which **You** have prepared
for those taking **refuge** in **You**
In the **sight** of the sons of men!
[20]In the secrecy of **Your** presence
You ***shall*** hide them
from the plots of man;
You shelter them in a booth
from the strife of tongues.
[21] **Blessed** be ֯֯֯,
For **He** has made marvellous
His kindness to me in a **strong** city!
[22]And I, I have said in my haste, "I am *cut off* from before **Your** eyes,"
Yet **You heard** the **voice** of my prayers
When I *cried out* to **You.**
[23]**Love** ֯֯֯, **all** you **His kind** ones!
For ֯֯֯ guards the **trustworthy** ones,
And exceedingly **repays** the doer of pride.
[24]Be **strong** and let **Him** strengthen your **heart,**
All you who are waiting for ֯֯֯.

32

Blessed is he whose *transgression* is **forgiven**,
Whose *sin* is covered.
[2] **Blessed** is the man to whom ֯֯֯ imputes no *crookedness,*
And in whose spirit there is no *deceit*.
[3]***When*** I kept silent, my bones became old
Through my groaning **all** the day.
[4]For day and night **Your hand** was heavy upon me;
My sap was turned into the droughts of summer. Selah.
[5]I ac**knowledge**d my *sin* to **You,**
And my *crookedness* I *did not* hide.
I have said, "I confess my transgressions to ֯֯֯,"
And **You** forgave the *crookedness* of my *sin.* Selah.
[6]Therefore, let **every kind** one pray to **You**
While **You** might be found;
Even in a *flood* of **great** waters
They *would not* reach him.
[7]**You** are my hiding place;
You preserve me from distress;
You surround me with songs of **deliverance**. Selah.
[8]"**Let Me instruct** you and **teach** you in the **way** you should go;
Let Me counsel, **My** eye be on you.
[9]***Do*** *not* be like the horse,
like the mule,
With no **understanding**,
with bit and bridle,

Else they *do not* **come near** you."
[10]Many are the sorrows of the wrong;
But as for the one **trusting** in ꓤꓴꓤꓵ,
Kindness surrounds him.
[11]Be **glad** in ꓤꓴꓤꓵ and exult,
you righteous;
Shout for joy **all** you **upright** in
heart!

33 Shout for **joy** in ꓤꓴꓤꓵ, you
righteous!
Praise is fitting for the straight!
[2]Praise ꓤꓴꓤꓵ with the lyre;
Sing to **Him** with an instrument of ten
strings.
[3]Sing to **Him** a new song;
Play sweetly with a shout of joy.
[4]For the **Word** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ is **straight,**
And **all His works** are in **truth**,
[5]Loving **righteousness** and
right-ruling;
The earth is filled with the **kindness**
of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ.
[6]By the **Word** of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ the heavens
were made,
And **all** their host by the **Spirit** of **His**
mouth,
[7]Gathering the waters of the sea
together as a heap;
Laying up the deep in storehouses.
[8]**Let all** the earth **fear** ꓤꓴꓤꓵ;
Let all the inhabitants of the world
stand in awe of **Him.**
[9]For **He** spoke and it came to be;
He commanded and it stood fast.
[10]ꓤꓴꓤꓵ brings the counsel of the
nations to naught;
He thwarts the plans of the peoples.
[11]The counsel of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ stands
forever,
The plans of **His heart** to **all**
generations.
[12] **Blessed** is the nation whose **Elohim**
is ꓤꓴꓤꓵ,
The people whom **He** has **chosen** as
His own inheritance.
[13]ꓤꓴꓤꓵ has **looked** from the
heavens;
He has seen all the sons of men.
[14]**He looked** from **His** dwelling place
On **all** the inhabitants of the earth –
[15]**He** who fashions the **hearts** of **all,**
He who **understands all** their works.
[16]The sovereign is not **saved** by the
multitude of an army;
A mighty man is not **delivered** by
great strength.
[17]A horse is a vain means of safety;
Neither does it **rescue** any by its **great**
power.
[18]**See,** the eye of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ is on those
fearing Him,
On those waiting for **His kindness**,
[19]To **deliver** their being from *death,*
And to keep them **alive** during scarcity
of food.
[20]Our being has longed for ꓤꓴꓤꓵ;
Our help and our shield **is He.**
[21]For our **heart** does **rejoice** in **Him,**
For we have put our **trust** in **His** set
apart **Name**.
[22]**Let Your kindness**, O ꓤꓴꓤꓵ, be
upon us, Even as we wait for **You.**

34 I **bless** ꓤꓴꓤꓵ at **all** times;
His praise is continually in my
mouth.
[2]My being makes its boast in ꓤꓴꓤꓵ;
Let the humble **hear** and be glad.
[3]Oh, make ꓤꓴꓤꓵ **great** with me,
And let us **exalt His Name** together.
[4]I sought ꓤꓴꓤꓵ and **He** answered
me,
And **delivered** me from **all** my ***fears.***
[5]They **looked** to **Him** and were
enlightened,
And their faces were not ashamed.
[6]This *poor* one *cried out* and ꓤꓴꓤꓵ
heard him,
And **saved** him out of **all** his
distresses.
[7]The messenger of ꓤꓴꓤꓵ encamps
all around those who **fear Him,**
And rescues them.
[8]Oh, taste and **see** that ꓤꓴꓤꓵ is **good**;
Blessed is the man that
takes **refuge** in Him!
[9]**Fear** ꓤꓴꓤꓵ, you **His** set-apart ones,
For there is no lack
to them who **fear** Him!
[10]Young lions have lacked

and been hungry;
But those who **seek** יהוה
lack not any **good** matter.
[11]**Come,** you children, **listen** to me;
Let me **teach** you the **fear** of יהוה.
[12]***Who*** is the man who desires **life**,
Who loves many days, **in order** to **see good**?
[13]Keep your tongue from *evil*,
And your lips from speaking *deceit*.
[14]Turn away from *evil* and do **good**;
Seek peace and pursue it.
[15]The eyes of יהוה
are on the **righteous,**
And **His ears** unto their cry.
[16]The face of יהוה is
against *evil-doers*,
To *cut off* their **remembrance** from the earth.
[17]*The righteous cried out* and יהוה heard,
And **delivered** them out of **all** their *distresses*.
[18]יהוה is **near**
to the *broken-hearted,*
And **saves** those
whose spirit is crushed.
[19]Many are the *evil*s of the righteous,
But יהוה delivers
him out of them **all.**
[20]**He** is **guarding all** his bones;
Not one of them is broken.
[21]*Evil* does *slay* the ***wrong,***
And those who *hate* the **righteous**
are *guilty*.
[22]יהוה redeems the lives
of **His** servants,
And none of those taking **refuge**
in Him are *guilty*.

35

O יהוה,
strive with those who *strive* with me;
Fight *against* those who *fight against* me.
[2]Take hold of shield and armour,
And rise for my help.
[3]And draw out spear and lance,
To meet those who pursue me.
Say to my **life**, "I am your **deliverance**."
[4]**Let** those be *ashamed* and blush
Who **seek** my **life**;
Let those be turned back and abashed
Who *plot evil* to me.
[5]**Let** them be as chaff before the wind,
With a messenger of יהוה
driving on.
[6]**Let** their **way** be dark and slippery,
With a messenger of יהוה
pursuing them.
[7]For without **cause**
they hid their *net* for me;
Without **cause** they dug *a pit* for my life.
[8]**Let** *ruin* **come** upon him unawares,
And let his *net* that he hid ***catch*** himself;
Let him *fall* in it, into *ruin.*
[9]***But*** let my own being exult in יהוה
Let it **rejoice** in **His deliverance**.
[10]**Let all** my bones say, "יהוה,
who is like **You,**
Delivering the *poor*
from one stronger than he,
And the *poor* and the needy from him who robs him?"
[11]Ruthless **witnesses** rise up;
They **ask** me that which I **knew** not.
[12]They reward me *evil* for **good**,
bereaving my **life**.
[13]***But*** I, when they were *sick,*
I put on sackcloth;
I humbled my being with fastings;
And my prayer would **return** to my own bosom.
[14]I walked about as though he were my friend or brother;
I bowed down mourning, as one mourning for a mother.
[15]***But*** they rejoiced at my *stumbling*
And gathered together;
The smiters gathered *against* me,
And I *did not* **know** it;
They tore in pieces without ceasing,
[16]With *unclean* ones, *mockers* at feasts,
Gnashing at me with their *teeth*.
[17]יהוה, how long would **You** look on?
Rescue my being from their destructions,
My only **life** from the lions.
[18]I give **You thanks** in the **great** assembly;

I **praise You** among a mighty people.
[19]**Let** not my *lying* enemies **rejoice**
over me;
Or those who *hate* me without **cause**
wink their eyes.
[20]For they *do not* **speak** peace,
But they devise **words** of *deceit*
Against the **peaceable**
ones of the land.
[21]And they **open** their **mouth**
wide *against* me,
They said, "Aha, aha! Our eyes have
seen it."
[22]This **You** have **seen,** O יהוה;
Do *not* be silent.
O יהוה, *do not* be far from me.
[23]Stir up **Yourself** and awake to my
right-ruling –
To my **cause,** my **Elohim** and my
Master.
[24]Rule me **rightly**, O יהוה my
Elohim,
According to **Your righteousness**;
And let them not **rejoice** over me.
[25]**Let** them not say in their **hearts**,
"Aha, our desire!" **Let** them not say,
"We have swallowed him up."
[26]**Let** those who are rejoicing at my
evil
Be *ashamed* and abashed altogether;
Let those who are exalting themselves
over me
Be clad in *shame* and *humiliation.*
[27]**Let** those who **delight** in my
righteous cause
Shout for **joy** and be glad,
And let them **always** say,
"**Let** יהוה be made great,
Who is desiring the **peace** of **His**
servant."
[28]And my tongue ***shall*** **speak**
of **Your righteousness**, **Your** praise,
All day long.

36 Transgression speaks
to the ***wrong*** within his heart;
Fear of **Elohim** is not before his eyes.
[2]For he flatters himself in his own
eyes,
To find his *crookedness* to be
hated.
[3]The **words** of his **mouth** are
wickedness and *deceit*;
He has ceased to be **wise,** to do **good**.
[4]He plots *wickedness* on his bed;
He sets himself in a **way**
that is not **good**;
He *does not despise evil*.
[5]O יהוה, **Your kindness**
is in the heavens,
And **Your** trustworthiness
reaches to the clouds.
[6]**Your righteousness** is
like the mighty mountains;
Your right-rulings are a **great** deep;
O יהוה, **You save** man and beast.
[7]***How*** **precious** is **Your kindness**,
O **Elohim**!
And the sons of men take **refuge** in
the shadow of **Your** wings.
[8]They are filled from the fatness of
Your house,
And **You** give them drink from the
river of **Your** pleasures.
[9]For with **You** is the fountain of **life**;
In **Your light** we **see light**.
[10]Draw out **Your kindness** to those
who know **You,**
And **Your righteousness** to the
upright in **heart.**
[11]**Let** not the foot of pride **come**
against me,
And the **hand** of the ***wrong*** *drive* me
away.
[12]There the workers of *wickedness*
have fallen;
They have been *overthrown*
And have been *unable* to rise.

37 ***Do*** *not* fret
because of *evil-doers*,
Do *not* be envious
of the workers of *unrighteousness*.
[2]For they soon *wither* like grass,
And fade like green plants.
[3]Trust in יהוה and do **good**;
Dwell in the earth and feed on
steadfastness.
[4]And **delight** yourself in יהוה,
And let **Him** give you
the desires of your **heart.**

[5]Commit *your way* to **יהוה**,
And **trust** in **Him** and **He** does it.
[6]And **He *shall*** bring forth your
righteousness as the **light**,
And your **right-ruling** as midday.
[7]Rest in **יהוה** and wait patiently for
Him;
Do *not* fret **<u>because</u>** of him
who prospers in *his way*,
<u>Because</u> of the man doing *wicked*
devices.
[8]Abstain from *displeasure*
and *forsake wrath*;
Do *not* fret, also to do *evil*.
[9]For *evil-doers* are *cut* off;
But those who wait on **יהוה**,
They ***shall*** inherit the earth.
[10]Yet **a** *little* **while** and the ***wrong*** is no
more;
And you ***shall*** look on his place,
But it is not.
[11]***But*** the meek ones ***shall*** inherit the
earth,
And **delight** themselves in plenty of
peace.
[12]The ***wrong*** plots
<u>against</u> the **righteous,**
And gnashes his *teeth* at him.
[13]**יהוה** laughs at him,
For **He sees** that his day is **coming**.
[14]The ***wrong*** have drawn the *sword*
And have bent their bow,
To **cause** the *poor* and needy to fall,
To *slay* those who **walk** straightly.
[15]Their *sword* does enter into their
own heart,
And their bows are broken.
[16]Better is the *little* of the **righteous**
one,
Than the riches of many ***wrongdoers***.
[17]For the arms of the ***wrongdoers*** are
broken,
But **יהוה** sustains the righteous.
[18]**יהוה knows** the days of the
perfect,
And their **inheritance** is **forever**.
[19]They are not *ashamed* in a **time** of
evil,
And in the days of *scarcity of food*
they are satisfied.
[20]***But*** the ***wrongdoers shall*** perish;
And the enemies of **יהוה**,
Like the splendour
of the meadows they vanish,
Like smoke they vanish away.
[21]The ***wrongdoer***
is borrowing and does not repay,
But the **righteous** one
shows **favour** and gives.
[22]For **His blessed** ones
inherit the earth,
But those *cursed* by **Him** are *cut* off.
[23]The steps of a man are ordered by
יהוה,
And **He** delights in his **way.**
[24]Though he falls, he is not *cast* down,
For **יהוה** is supporting his **hand.**
[25]I have been young and **now** I am
old;
Yet I have not **seen** the **righteous**
forsaken,
Or his seed begging bread.
[26]All day long he is showing **favour**
and lending;
And his seed is for a **blessing.**
[27]Turn away from *evil* and do **good**;
And dwell **forever**.
[28]For **יהוה** loves right-ruling,
And *does not forsake* **His kind** ones;
They ***shall*** **be guarded forever**,
But the seed of the ***wrongdoers*** is *cut*
off.
[29]The **righteous *shall*** inherit the earth,
And dwell in it **forever**.
[30]The **mouth** of the **righteous**
speaks **wisdom**,
And his tongue talks of right-ruling.
[31]The **Torah** of his **Elohim**
is in his heart;
His steps *do not* slide.
[32]The ***wrong*** one is watching
for the **righteous,**
And is **seeking** to *slay* him.
[33]**יהוה** *does not* leave him
in his hand,
Or let him be **declared *wrong***
when he is judged.
[34]Wait on **יהוה** and **guard His way,**
And **He *shall* exalt** you
to inherit the earth –
When the ***wrongdoers*** are *cut* off,
you shall **see** it.
[35]I have **seen** the ***wrongdoer***
in **great** power,

And spreading himself
like a native green *tree.*
[36]Yet he passed away and **see,**
he was not;
And I sought him,
but he was not found.
[37]**Watch** the **perfect**
and **observe** the straight;
For the **latter** end of each is peace.
[38]***But*** the *transgressors* ***shall*** **be**
destroyed together;
The **latter** end of the ***wrong***
shall **be** cut off.
[39]***But*** the **deliverance**
of the **righteous** is from יהוה,
Their strength in **time** of *distress.*
[40]And יהוה does help them and
deliver them;
He delivers them from
the ***wrongdoers*** and **saves** them,
Because they took **refuge** in **Him.**

38 O יהוה, *do not* ***rebuke*** me
in **Your** *wrath*,
Nor chastise me
in **Your** hot displeasure!
[2]For **Your** arrows have *pierced* me,
And **Your hand comes** down on me.
[3]There is no soundness in my *flesh*
because of **Your** *rage,*
Nor **peace** in my bones
because of my *sin.*
[4]For my *crookedness*es
have passed over my head;
Like a heavy *burden,*too *heavy* for me.
[5]My *wounds* have become
stinky, festering **because** of my folly.
[6]I have been bent down;
I have been bowed down very much;
All day long I have gone mourning.
[7]For my loins have become
filled with burning,
And there is no soundness in my *flesh.*
[8]I have become weak and greatly
crushed;
I howled from the groaning of my
heart.
[9]יהוה, **all** my desire is before You;
And my *sighing* has not
been hid from **You.**
[10]My **heart** is throbbing,
my strength has ***forsaken*** me;
The **light** of my eyes
also is not with me.
[11]My **loved** ones and my friends
stand back from my *plague,*
And my neighbours **stand** far away.
[12]And those **seeking** my **life**
lay a snare;
And those **seeking** my *evil*
have spoken of ***destruction,***
And utter *deceit* **all** day long.
[13]***But*** I, as one deaf, *do not* hear;
And as a *dumb* one who
does not **open** his **mouth.**
[14]I am like a man who *does not hear,*
And who has no rebukes in his **mouth.**
[15]For on **You,** O יהוה,
I have waited;
You do answer, O יהוה my **Elohim**.
[16]For I said, "Otherwise
they would rejoice over me,
When my foot slips they would **exalt**
themselves over me."
[17]For I am **ready** to fall,
And my pain is **always** with me.
[18]For I confess my *crookedness*;
I am sorry over my *sin.*
[19]***But*** my enemies are alive;
They have become strong;
And those hating me *falsely* are many.
[20]And those who **repay** *evil* for **good**,
They *oppose* me, **because** I **follow**
what is **good**.
[21]***Do*** *not forsake* me, O יהוה;
O my **Elohim**, be not far from me!
[22]Hasten to help me,
O יהוה, my **deliverance**!

39 I have said,
"**Let** me **guard** my **ways**
Against *sinning* with my tongue;
Let me **guard** my **mouth**

with a muzzle,
While the ***wrongdoer*** is before me."
[2]I became *dumb,* keeping still;
I was silent, from **good**;
And my pain was stirred.
[3]My **heart** was hot within me;
While I was meditating,
the *fire burned*.
Then I spoke with my tongue:
[4]"יהוה, let me **know** my end,
And the measure of my days,
what it is,
Let me **know** how short-lived I am.
[5]"**See, You** have made my days as handbreadths,
And my **life**time is as non-existence before You;
Only, *all men* standing, are **all** breath. Selah.
[6]"As but a shadow each one walks;
They busy themselves, only in vain;
He heaps up *wealth*,
But **knows** not who gathers them.
[7]"And **now**, יהוה, what do I wait for?
My expectancy is in **You.**
[8]"Deliver me from **all** my transgressions;
Do *not* make me the *reproach* of the foolish.
[9]"I was *dumb,* I *did not* **open** my **mouth,**
Because it was **You** who did it.
[10]"Turn aside **Your** stroke from me;
I am overcome by the **blow** of **Your** hand.
[11]"***When*** **You** chastise man for *crookedness* with reproofs,
You *consume* what he loves, like a moth;
All men are but a breath. Selah.
[12]"**Hear** my prayer, O יהוה,
And give ear to my cry;
Do *not* be *silent* at my tears;
For I am a stranger with **You,**
A sojourner, as **all** my fathers were.
[13]"Look away from me,
That I might brighten up,
Before I go away and am no more."

40 I waited, waited for יהוה;
And **He** inclined to me and **heard** my cry.
[2]And **He** drew me
Out of the pit of ***destruction,***
Out of the muddy clay,
And **He** set my feet upon a rock,
He is establishing my steps.
[3]***Then*** **He** put a new song in my mouth;
Praise to our **Elohim**;
Many do **see** it and **fear,**
And **trust** in יהוה.
[4] **Blessed** is that man who has made יהוה his **trust,**
And has not turned to the *proud*,
And those turning aside to *falsehood.*
[5]O יהוה my **Elohim**, many are the **wonders**
Which **You** have done and **Your** purposes toward us;
There is no one to compare with You;
I **declare** and speak:
They are too many to be numbered.
[6]Slaughtering and meal offering **You** *did not* desire;
You have opened my ears;
Burnt offering and *sin* offering **You** did not **ask** for.
[7]***Then*** I said, "**See,** I have come;
In the **scroll** of the **Book** it is prescribed for me.
[8]I have **delighted** to do **Your** pleasure, O my **Elohim**,
And **Your Torah** is within my **heart.**"
[9]I have **proclaimed** the the **besorah** of **righteousness**,
In the **great** assembly;
See, I *do not* restrain my lips,
O יהוה, **You know.**
[10]I *did not conceal* **Your righteousness** within my heart;
I have **declared Your** trustworthiness

and **Your deliverance**;
I *did not* hide **Your kindness**
and **Your truth**
From the **great** assembly.
[11]***Do*** *not* withhold **Your compassion**
from me, O יהוה;
Let Your kindness and **Your truth**
always **watch** over me.
[12]For *evil*s without number have
surrounded me;
My *crookedness*es have overtaken me,
And I have been *unable* to see;
They became more than the hairs of
my head;
And my **heart** has failed me.
[13]Be **pleased**, O יהוה, to **deliver** me;
O יהוה, hasten to help me!
[14]**Let** those who **seek**
to *destroy* my **life**
Be *ashamed* and abashed altogether;
Let those who are desiring my *evil*
Be *driven* back and put to *shame.*
[15]**Let** those who say to me,"Aha,aha!"
Be appalled at their own *shame.*
[16]**Let all** those who **seek You**
Rejoice and be **glad** in You;
Let those who **love Your deliverance**
always say, "יהוה be exalted!"
[17]***But*** I am *poor* and needy;
Let יהוה *think* upon me.
You are my help and my deliverer;
O my **Elohim**, *do not* delay!

41 **Blessed** is he
who considers the *poor*;
יהוה does **deliver**
him in a day of *evil*.
[2]יהוה does **guard**
him and keep him alive;
He is **blessed** on the earth,
And *you do not* **hand** him over
To the desire of his enemies.
[3]יהוה sustains him on his sickbed;
In his *weakness* on his bed
You bring a *change*.
[4]As for me, I said, "O יהוה,
show me favour;
Heal me,
for I have *sinned* <u>*against*</u> You."
[5]My enemies **speak** *evil* of me,
"***When*** he dies
his name ***shall*** *perish.*"
[6]And when one **comes** to visit,
he speaks falsely;
His heart gathers *wickedness* to itself;
He goes out, he speaks of it.
[7]All who *hate* me whisper
together <u>*against*</u> me;
They *plot evil* to me, *saying*,
[8]"A matter of Beliya'al
is **poured out** on him,
That when he lies down,
he *would not* rise again."
[9]Even my own friend in whom
I **trusted**, who ate my bread,
Has lifted up his heel <u>*against*</u> me.
[10]***But*** **You,** יהוה, **show** me **favour**
and **raise** me up,
And let me **repay** them.
[11]By this I **know**
that **You** did **delight** in me,
<u>**Because**</u> my enemy
does not shout for **joy** over me.
[12]And I, **You** uphold me
in my integrity,
And set me before **Your** face **forever**.
[13] **Blessed** be יהוה **Elohim**
of Yisra'ĕl
From **everlasting** to **everlasting**!
Amĕn and Amĕn.

42 As a deer longs
for the water streams,
So my being longs for **You,**
O **Elohim**.
[2]My being thirsts for **Elohim**,
for the living Ĕl.
When shall I enter in to appear before
Elohim?
[3]My tears have been my food
day and night,
While they say to me **all** day,

"Where is your **Elohim**?"
[4]These I **remember** and **pour out**
my being within me.
For I used to pass
along with the throng;
I went with them
to the House of **Elohim**,
With the **voice** of **joy** and praise,
A multitude keeping a festival!
[5]***Why*** are you depressed, O my being?
And *why* are you restless within me?
Wait for **Elohim**:
for I ***shall*** yet **thank** Him,
For the **deliverance** of **His** face!
[6]O my **Elohim**,
my being is depressed within me;
Therefore I ***remember***
You from the land of the Yarděn,
And from the heights of Ḥermon,
From Mount Mits'ar.
[7]Deep calls to deep at the sound of
Your waterfalls;
All **Your** waves
and breakers passed over me.
[8]By day יהוה
commands His kindness,
And by night **His** song is with me;
A prayer to the Ěl of my **life**.
[9]I say to Ěl my Rock,
"***Why*** have **You** *forgotten* me?
Why do I go *mourning* **<u>because</u>**
of the oppression of the enemy?"
[10]My enemies have reproached me,
Like a crushing of my bones,
While they say to me **all** day long,
"Where is your **Elohim**?"
[11]***Why*** are you depressed, O my being?
And why are you restless within me?
Wait for **Elohim**: for I ***shall*** yet **thank**
Him, the **deliverance** of my face,
And my **Elohim**.

43 Rule me **rightly**, O **Elohim**,
And plead my **cause**
<u>against</u> a nation without **kindness**.
Oh, **deliver** me from a man of *deceit*
and *unrighteousness*!
[2]For **You** are the **Elohim** of my
strength.
Why have **You** *rejected* me?
Why do I go *mourning* **<u>because</u>** of the
oppression of the enemy?
[3]Send forth **Your light** and **Your**
truth!
Let them lead me **let** them bring me
to **Your** set-apart mountain
And to **Your** dwelling places.
[4]That I might **come to** the altar of
Elohim,
To Ěl, the **joy** of my delight,
And **praise You** with the lyre,
O **Elohim**, my **Elohim**.
[5]***Why*** are you depressed, O my being?
And why are you restless within me?
Wait for **Elohim**: for I ***shall*** yet **thank**
Him, the **deliverance** of my face,
And my **Elohim**.

44 O **Elohim**, we have **heard**
with our **ears,**
Our fathers have related to us,
[2]**You** drove out the nations
with **Your** hand,
But them **You** planted.
You *afflicted* peoples and **sent** them
out.
[3]For not by their own *sword*
did they possess the land,
Neither did their own arm **save** them;
But it was **Your right hand** and
Your arm and the light of **Your** face,
<u>Because</u> You delighted in them.
[4]**You Yourself** are my Sovereign,
O **Elohim**;
Command deliverances for Ya'aqoḇ.
[5]Through **You** we push our enemies;
Through **Your Name** we tread down
those who rise up *<u>against</u>* us.
[6]For I *do not* **trust** in my bow,
And my *sword does not* **save** me.
[7]For **You** have **saved** us from our
enemies,
And have put to *shame* those who
hated us.
[8]In **Elohim** we ***shall*** boast **all** day
long,
And **praise Your Name forever**.

Selah.
[9]Yet **You** have *rejected* us and put us
to shame,
And *you do not* go with our armies.
[10]**You** make us **turn back** from the
adversary,
And those who *hate* us have plundered
us.
[11]**You** do give us as sheep to be eaten,
And **You** have *scattered* us among the
gentiles.
[12]**You** sell **Your people** for no value,
And have set no high price on them.
[13]**You** make us a *reproach* to our
neighbours,
A *scorn* and a *mockery* to those round
about us.
[14]**You** make us a proverb among the
nations,
A *shaking* of the head among the
peoples.
[15]My *reproach* is **always** before me,
And the *shame* of my face has
covered me,
[16]**Because** of the **voice**
of the *slanderer* and blasphemer,
Because of the enemy and avenger.
[17]All this has **come** upon us;
But we have not *forgotten* **You,**
Neither have we been *false*
to **Your covenant.**
[18]Our **heart** has not turned back,
Neither has our step swerved
from **Your way,**
[19]Yet **You** have crushed us
in the place of jackals,
And covered us with the shadow of
death.
[20]***If*** we have *forgotten*
the **Name** of our **Elohim**,
Or **stretched** out our hands to a
foreign *mighty one*,
[21]Would **Elohim** not **search** this out?
For **He knows** the **secrets**
of the **heart.**
[22]***But*** for **Your** sake we are *killed*
all day long;
Reckoned as sheep for the slaughter.
[23]Awake! ***Why*** do **You** sleep,
O יהוה? Arise! ***Do*** *not*
reject us **forever**.
[24]***Why*** do **You** hide **Your** face,
Ignoring our *affliction* and our
oppression?
[25]For our being is bowed down
to the dust;
Our body cleaves to the earth.
[26]Arise, be our help and **redeem**
us for **Your kindness**' sake.

45 **My heart** is overflowing with
a goodly word;
I address my **works** to the Sovereign;
My tongue is the pen of a speedy
writer.
[2]**You** are more handsome than the sons
of men;
Favour has been poured upon **Your**
lips;
Therefore **Elohim** has **blessed You**
forever.
[3]Gird **Your** *sword* upon **Your** thigh,
O Mighty **One,**
Your excellency and **Your** splendour.
[4]And ride prosperously in **Your**
splendour,
On the matter of **truth** and humility,
righteousness;
And let **Your right hand** lead **You** to
awesome matters .
[5]**Your** arrows are sharp In the **heart**
of the Sovereign's enemies –
Peoples *fall* under **You.**
[6]**Your** throne, O **Elohim**, is **forever**
and ever;
The sceptre of **Your reign**
Is a sceptre of straightness.
[7]**You** have **loved righteousness** and
hated wrongness;
Therefore **Elohim**, **Your Elohim**, has
anointed **You**
With the oil of **gladness** more than
Your companions.

[8]All **Your** garments are myrrh and
aloes, cassia;
Out of the palaces of ivory,
Stringed instruments have made **You**
glad.
[9]Daughters of sovereigns are among
Your precious ones;
At **Your right hand** stands the
sovereigness in gold from Ophir.
[10]**Listen**, O daughter and **see,**
And incline your ear,
And *forget* your own people and your
father's house;
[11]And let the Sovereign **delight** in your
loveliness;
Because He is your **Master** – bow
yourself to **Him.**
[12]And the daughter of Tsor with a gift,
The rich among the people **seek** your
favour.
[13]The daughter of the Sovereign
Is **all** esteemed within *the palace*;
Her dress is embroidered with gold.
[14]She is brought to the Sovereign in
embroidered work;
Maidens, her companions **following**
her,
Are brought to **You.**
[15]They are brought with **gladness** and
rejoicing;
They enter the Sovereign's palace.
[16]Instead of **Your** fathers
are **Your** sons,
***Whom* You appoint** princes
in **all** the earth.
[17]I **cause Your Name** to be
remembered in **all** generations;
Therefore the people **praise**
You forever and **ever.**

46 **Elohim** is our **refuge** and
strength,
A help in *distress,* soon found.
[2]Therefore we *do not* **fear,** Though the
earth reels
And mountains topple into the **heart**
of the seas.
[3]**Let** its waters *rage,* foam;
Let mountains *shake* with its swelling.
Selah.
[4]A river whose streams Make **glad** the
city of **Elohim**,
The set-apart dwelling of the Most
High.
[5]**Elohim** is in her **midst**, she *does not*
topple;
Elohim does help her when morning
turns.
[6]The *gentiles* ***shall*** *rage,*
Reigns ***shall*** topple;
He *shall* give forth **His voice**,
The earth melts.
[7]ꓘꓴꓘꓩ of hosts is with us;
The **Elohim** of Ya'aqob̲ is our refuge.
Selah.
[8]**Come, see** the **works** of ꓘꓴꓘꓩ,
The ***ruins* He** has wrought
on the earth,
[9]Causing **all** *fighting* to cease,
Unto **the end** of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the
spear;
He burns the chariot with *fire*.
[10]Be still and **know** that I am **Elohim**;
I am exalted among nations,
I am exalted in the earth!
[11]ꓘꓴꓘꓩ of hosts is with us;
The **Elohim** of Ya'aqob̲ is our refuge.
Selah.

47 Oh, clap your hands,
all you peoples!
Shout to **Elohim** with a **voice**
of singing!
[2]For ꓘꓴꓘꓩ **Most High** is awesome;
A **great** Sovereign over **all** the earth.
[3]**He** subdues peoples under us,
And nations under our feet.
[4]**He chooses** our **inheritance** for us,
The excellence of Ya'aqob̲ whom **He**
loves. Selah.
[5]**Elohim *shall*** go up with a shout,
ꓘꓴꓘꓩ with the sound of a ram's

horn.
[6]Sing praises to **Elohim**, sing praises!
Sing praises to our Sovereign, sing praises!
[7]For **Elohim** is Sovereign of **all** the earth;
Sing praises with **understanding**.
[8]**Elohim *shall* reign** over the nations;
Elohim *shall* sit on **His** set-apart throne.
[9]Nobles of peoples ***shall* be** gathered together,
The people of the **Elohim** of Abrahim.
For the shields of the earth
belong to **Elohim**
He *shall* be greatly exalted.

48 Great is יהוה and greatly to be p**raised**
In the city of our **Elohim**,
His set-apart mountain.
[2]Pretty on high,
The **joy** of **all** the earth,
Is Mount Tsiyon on the sides of the north,
The city of the **great** Sovereign.
[3]**Elohim** is in her citadels;
He is **known** as her refuge.
[4]For look, the sovereigns met,
They passed by together.
[5]They **saw,** so they marvelled;
They were *alarmed*, they hastened away.
[6]Trembling took hold of them there,
Pain, as of a woman in labour,
[7]With an east *wind* **You** *break* the ships of Tarshish.
[8]As we have **heard**, so we have **seen**
In the city of יהוה of hosts,
In the city of our **Elohim**,
Elohim establishes her **forever**.
Selah.
[9]We have thought, O **Elohim**, of **Your kindness**,
In the **midst** of **Your** Hĕkal.
[10]According to **Your Name,**
O **Elohim**,
So is **Your praise** to the ends of the earth;
Your right hand is filled with **righteousness**.
[11]**Let** Mount Tsiyon **rejoice,**
Let the daughters of Yahudah exult,
Because of **Your right-rulings**.
[12]Walk about Tsiyon,
And go **all** around her.
Count her towers;
[13]Set your **heart** upon her rampart;
Go through her citadels;
So that you report it to the **coming** generation.
[14]For this **Elohim** is our **Elohim**,
Forever and ever;
He Himself leads us, Even to *death.*

49 **Hear** this, **all** you peoples;
Give ear, **all** you inhabitants of the world,
[2]Both sons of mankind and sons of man,
Rich and *poor* together.
[3]My **mouth** speaks **wisdom,**
And the meditation of my **heart** brings **understanding**.
[4]I incline my ear to a parable;
I expound my riddle on the lyre.
[5]***Why*** should I **fear** in the days of *evil*,
When the *crookedness* of my supplanters surrounds me?
[6]Those who are **trusting** in their riches
And who are boasting in their **great** wealth?
[7]A brother *does not* **redeem** anyone at all,
Neither give to **Elohim** a ransom for him;
[8]For the redemption of their lives is costly,
And it ***shall*** cease **forever**;
[9]That he should still **live forever**,
And not **see** the Pit.
[10]For he sees **wise** men *die,*
The ***foolish*** and the ignorant both *perish,*

And ***shall*** leave their wealth to others.
[11]Their *graves* are their houses,
forever;
Their dwelling places, to **all**
generations;
They **call** *their* lands after
their own names.
[12]***But*** man *does not* remain in esteem,
He is like the beasts that *perish.*
[13]This **way** of theirs is folly to them,
Yet their **follow**ers are pleased with
their **words**. Selah.
[14]Like sheep they ***shall*** **be** laid in the
grave;
Death ***shall*** shepherd them;
And the **upright rule** over them
in the morning;
And their form is *consumed* in the
grave,
Far from their dwelling.
[15]***But*** **Elohim** does **redeem** my being
From the **power** of the grave,
For **He** does receive me. Selah.
[16]***Do*** *not* be *afraid* when a man
becomes rich,
When the wealth of his house
increases;
[17]For when he dies he takes none of it;
His wealth *does not* go down
after him.
[18]Though while he lived
he **blessed** himself,
And though they **praise** you when you
do well for yourself,
[19]**He** has to go to the generation
of his fathers;
They never **see** the **light**.
[20]Man, who is rich,
Yet *does not* understand,
Shall **be** like the beasts,
They ***shall*** *perish.*

50 Ěl **Elohim** 𐤀𐤋𐤄𐤉𐤌 ***shall***

speak, and **He** ***shall*** **call** the earth
From the rising of the sun to its going
down.
[2]From Tsiyon, the perfection of
loveliness,
Elohim ***shall*** shine forth.
[3]Our **Elohim** comes and is not *silent* –
A *fire* consumes before **Him,**
And it ***shall*** **be very** stormy **all** around
Him.
[4]**He** calls to the heavens from above,
And to the earth, to **rightly rule His**
people:
[5]"**Gather My kind** ones **together**
to **Me,**

Those who have made a **covenant**
with **Me** by slaughtering."
[6]***Then*** the heavens **declared His**
righteousness,
For **Elohim Himself** is Judge. Selah.
[7]"**Hear,** O **My people** and I speak,
O Yisra'ěl and I **witness** <u>*against*</u> you:
I am **Elohim**, your **Elohim**!
[8]"I *do not* **reprove** you for your
slaughterings,
And your burnt offerings are
continually before **Me.**
[9]"I *do not* take a bull from your house,
Nor goats out of your pens.
[10]"For **every** beast
of the forest is **Mine,**
The cattle on a thousand hills.
[11]"I **know all** the birds of the
mountains,
And **all** moving in **My** field
are **Mine.**
[12]"***If*** I were hungry,
I *would not* **speak** to you;
For the world is **Mine,**
and **all** that fills it.
[13]"***Do*** I eat the *flesh* of bulls,
Or drink the **blood** of goats?
[14]"Offer **thanksgiving** to **Elohim**,
And pay your vows to the **Most High.**
[15]"And **call** upon **Me** in the **day of**
distress –
Let Me rescue you and you
esteem Me."
[16]***But*** to the ***wrong*** **Elohim** said,
"***What*** **right** have you
to recite **My laws**,
Or take **My covenant** in your **mouth,**

[17]"While you *hated* **instruction**
And *cast* **My Words** behind you?
[18]"***When*** you **saw** a thief,
you were pleased with him,
And you take part with adulterers.
[19]"**You** let your **mouth** loose to *evil*,
And your tongue frames *deceit*.
[20]"You sit, **speak** *against* your brother;
You *slander* your own mother's son.
[21]"You have done this and I
kept silent;
You have thought that I
was al**together** like you –
I ***rebuke*** you, and set it **in order**
before your eyes.
[22]"Understand this please,
you who forget Eloah,
Lest I *tear* you in pieces,
With no one to deliver:
[23]"***Whoever*** offers **praise** esteems Me;
And to him who prepares a **way,**
I **show** the **deliverance** of **Elohim**."

51

Show me **favour,**
O **Elohim**,
According to **Your kindness**;
According to the greatness
of **Your compassion**,
Blot out my *transgressions*.
[2]Wash me **completely** from my guilt,
And **cleanse** me from my *sin.*
[3]For I **know** my *transgressions*,
And my *sin* is ever before me.
[4]Against **You, You** alone,
have I *sinned*,
And done *evil* in **Your** eyes;
That **You** might be proven **right**
in **Your words**;
Be clear when **You** judge.
[5]**See,** I was brought forth in
crookedness,
And in *sin* my mother conceived me.
[6]**See, You** have desired **truth** in the
inward parts,
And in the *hidden* part **You** make me
know **wisdom**.
[7]Cleanse me with hyssop and I am
clean;
Wash me and I am whiter than snow.
[8]**Let** me **hear joy** and **gladness**,
Let the bones **You** have crushed
rejoice.
[9]Hide **Your** face from my *sins*,
And *blot* out **all** my *crookedness*es.
[10]Create in me a **clean heart,**
O **Elohim**,
And renew a steadfast spirit
within me.
[11]***Do*** *not cast* me away from **Your**
presence,
And *do not* take **Your Set-apart**
Spirit from me.
[12]Restore to me the **joy**
of **Your deliverance**,
And uphold me, **Noble Spirit**!
[13]**Let** me **teach** *transgressors*
Your ways,
So that *sinners* **turn back** to **You.**
[14]Deliver me from blood-guilt,
O **Elohim**,
Elohim of my **deliverance,**
Let my tongue sing aloud of **Your**
righteousness.
[15]O 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, **open** my lips,
And that my **mouth**
declare Your praise.
[16]For *you do not* desire slaughtering,
or I would give it;
You *do not* **delight** in burnt offering.
[17]The slaughterings of **Elohim** are a
broken spirit,
A **heart** broken and crushed,
O **Elohim**,
These *you do not* despise.
[18]***Do*** **good** in **Your good** pleasure
to Tsiyon;
Build the walls of Yerushalayim.
[19]***Then*** You would **delight**
in slaughterings of **righteousness**,
In burnt offering and **complete** burnt
offering;
Then young bulls would be offered on
Your altar.

52 ***Why*** do you boast in *evil*,
O mighty man?
The **kindness** of Ěl is **all** day long!
[2]Your tongue devises ***destruction,***
Like a sharp razor, working *deceit*.
[3]You **loved** *evil* more than **good**,
Lying more than speaking
righteousness. Selah.
[4]You **loved all** *devouring* **words**,
O tongue of *deceit*.
[5]**Let** Ěl also *break* you down **forever**,
Take you and *pluck* you
out of your tent.
And **He *shall*** uproot you
From the land of the **living**. Selah.
[6]And let the **righteous see** and **fear,**
And laugh at him, *saying*,
[7]"See the man who *did not* make
Elohim his strength,
***But* trusted** in his many riches,
Being **strong** in his ***destruction.***"
[8]***But*** I am like a green olive *tree*
In the House of **Elohim**,
I have **trusted** in the **kindness**
of **Elohim forever** and **ever.**
[9]**I thank You forever**,
Because You have done it;
In the presence of **Your kind** ones
I wait on **Your Name,** for it is **good**.

53 The *fool* has said in his **heart,**
"There is no **Elohim**."
They have done *corruptly*,
And they have done **abominable**
unrighteousness; No one does **good**.
[2]**Elohim looked** down from the
heavens on the children of men,
To **see** if there is a **wise** one,
seeking Elohim.
[3]They have **all** turned aside;
They have **together** become *filthy*;
No one is doing **good**, not even one.
[4]Have the workers of *wickedness*
no **knowledge**,
Who eat up my people
as they eat bread,
And *do not* **call on Elohim**?
[5]There they are in **great fear,**
Where no **fear** was,
For **Elohim *shall*** *scatter* the bones
Of him who encamps *against* you.
You *shall* put them to shame,
For **Elohim** has *rejected* them.
[6]O that the **deliverance** of Yisra'ĕl
Would be **given** out of Tsiyon!
***When* Elohim** turns back
the captivity of **His** people,
Let Ya'aqoḇ **rejoice,**
let Yisra'ĕl be glad.

54 O **Elohim**, **save** me by **Your Name,**
And **rightly rule** me by **Your** might.
[2]**Hear** my prayer, O **Elohim**;
Give ear to the **words** of my **mouth.**
[3]For strangers have risen
up *against* me,
And cruel men have sought
after my **life**;
They have not set **Elohim**
before them. Selah.
[4]**See, Elohim** is my helper;
יהוה is with those
who sustain my **life**.
[5]**He repays** *evil* to my enemies.
Cut them off in **Your truth**.
[6]Voluntarily I slaughter to You;
I **praise Your Name,**
O יהוה, for it is **good**.
[7]For **He** has **delivered** me
out of **all** distress;
And my eye has **looked**
upon my enemies.

55 Give ear to my prayer,
O **Elohim**,
And *do not* hide **Yourself** from
my plea.
[2]Give **heed** to me and answer me;
I *wander* and moan in my complaint,
[3]**Because** of the noise of the enemy,
Because of the outcry of the *wrong*;
For they bring down *wickedness*
upon me,
And in *wrath* they *hate* me.
[4]My **heart** is pained within me,

And the frights of *death*
have fallen upon me.
[5]**Fear** and *trembling* have
come upon me,
And shuddering covers me.
[6]And I said, "***Who*** would give me
wings like a dove!
I would fly away and be at rest.
[7]"**See,** I would *wander* far off,
I would **lodge** in the **wilderness**.
Selah.
[8]"I would hasten my **escape**
From the raging *wind* and storm."
[9]Confuse, O יהוה, divide their
tongues,
For I **saw** *violence* and strife
in the city.
[10]Day and night they go around
it on its walls;
Wickedness and *trouble* are also
in the **midst** of it.
[11]Covetings are in its **midst**;
Oppression and *deceit do not*
vanish from its streets.
[12]It is not an enemy who
reproaches me – That I could bear;
Nor one who *hates* me who is making
himself **great** *against* me –
Then I could hide from him.
[13]***But*** it was you, a man my equal,
My companion and my friend.
[14]We took **sweet** counsel together,
We walked to the House of **Elohim** in
the throng.
[15]**Let** *death* **come** upon them;
Let them go down into the grave **alive,**
For *evil* is in their dwellings,
in their **midst**.
[16]I, I **call** upon **Elohim**,
And יהוה **saves** me.
[17]Evening and morning and at noon
I complain and moan,
And **He hears** my **voice**.
[18]**He** has redeemed my **life** in **peace**
From the battle *against* me,
For there were many *against* me.
[19]Ěl, even **He** who sits
enthroned from of old,
Does **hear** and *afflict* them – Selah –
Those with whom there
are no changes,
Those who *do not* **fear Elohim**.
[20]**He** has put forth his hands
against those
Who were at **peace** with him;
He has broken his **covenant.**
[21]**His mouth** was smoother than curds,
Yet in his **heart** is fighting;
His words were softer than oil,
But they are drawn s**words**.
[22]Cast your *burden* on יהוה,
And let **Him** sustain you;
He never allows the **righteous** to be
shaken.
[23]For **You,** O **Elohim**,
do bring them down
To the pit of destruction;
Men of **blood** and *deceit*
do not reach half their days;
But I, I **trust** in **You.**

56

Show me **favour,** O **Elohim**,
For man would swallow me up;
Fighting **all** day long,
he oppresses me.
[2]My enemies would swallow
me up **all** day long,
For many are *fighting* *against* me,
O **Most High.**
[3]In the day I am *afraid*, I **trust** in **You.**
[4]In **Elohim**, whose **Word** I praise,
In **Elohim** I have **trusted**;
I *do not* **fear**;
What could *flesh* do to me?
[5]All day long they *twist* my **words**;
All their *thoughts* are *against* me
for *evil*.
[6]They stir up *strife,* they hide,
They **watch** my steps,
As they *lie* in wait for my **life**.
[7]**Because** of *wickedness*,
cast them out.
Put down the peoples in *displeasure,*
O **Elohim**!
[8]**You** have counted my wanderings;

You put my tears into **Your** bottle;
Are they not in **Your book**?
[9]My enemies **turn back**
in the day I call;
This I **know,**
<u>because</u> Elohim is for me.
[10]In **Elohim**, whose **Word** I praise,
In **יהוה**, whose **Word** I praise,
[11]In **Elohim** I have **trusted**;
I *do not* **fear**;
What could man do to me?
[12]On me, O **Elohim**, are **Your** vows;
I render praises to **You,**
[13]For **You** have **delivered**
my **life** from *death,*
My feet from *stumbling,*
That I might **walk** before **Elohim**,
In the **light** of the **living**!

57

Show me **favour,**
O **Elohim**, **show** me favour!
For in **You** my being is taking refuge;
And in the shadow of **Your** wings
I take refuge,
Until ***destruction*** passes by.
[2]I cry out to the **Most High Elohim**,
To Ěl who is perfecting
all matters for me.
[3]**He sends** from the heavens
and **saves** me;
He *reproaches* the one who would
swallow me up. Selah.
Elohim sends forth **His kindness** and
His truth.
[4]My being is in the **midst** of lions;
I *lie among* those who breathe *fire*,
Whose *teeth* are spears and arrows,
And their tongue is a sharp *sword.*
[5]Be exalted, O **Elohim**, above
the heavens;
Let Your esteem be above
all the earth.
[6]They have prepared a *net*
for my footsteps;
My being was bowed down;
They have dug a pit before me;
They fell into the **midst** of it! Selah.
[7]My **heart** is firm, O **Elohim**,
My **heart** is firm; I sing and praise.
[8]Awake, my esteem!
Awake, harp and lyre!
I awake the dawn.
[9]I **praise You** among the peoples,
O **יהוה**;
I sing to **You** among the nations.
[10]For **Your kindness** is **great** up to the
heavens,
And **Your truth** unto the clouds.
[11]Be exalted above the heavens,
O **Elohim**;
Let Your esteem be above all the earth.

58

Would you indeed **speak**
righteousness, in silence?
Do you **judge** straightly,
you sons of men?
[2]No, in **heart** you **work**
unrighteousness;
On earth you weigh out the *violence* of
your hands.
[3]The ***wrong*** have been estranged from
the womb;
These who **speak** lies go *astray*
from birth.
[4]Their ***poison*** is like the ***poison***
of a snake;
Like a *deaf* cobra that stops its ear,
[5]So as not to **hear** the **voice**
of whisperers,
Or a skilled caster of spells.
[6]O **Elohim**, *break* their *teeth*
in their mouth!
Break out the fangs of the young lions,
O **יהוה**!
[7]**Let** them melt, let them vanish as
water;
Let Him aim **His** arrows that they be
cut down;
[8]Like a snail which melts away as it
moves,
Like a woman's stillbirth,

Let them not **see** the sun!
[9]Before your pots feel the thorns,
Whether green or ablaze,
He sweeps them away.
[10]The **righteous rejoices** when he has seen the **vengeance**,
He washes his feet in the **blood** of the ***wrong,***
[11]And man says,
"**Truly**, the **righteous** are rewarded;
Truly, there is an **Elohim** judging in the earth."

59 Deliver me from my enemies,
O my **Elohim**; Set me on high
from those who rise up *against* me.
[2]Deliver me from the workers
of *wickedness*,
And **save** me from men of blood.
[3]For look, they have lain in wait
for my **life**;
Mighty men **assemble** *against* me,
For no *transgression* or *sin* of mine,
O ה'ה'ה,
[4]For *no guilt of mine*!
They run and **prepare** themselves.
Awake to help me and see!
[5]And **You, ה'ה'ה Elohim** of hosts,
Elohim of Yisra'ěl,
Awake to *punish* **all** the *gentiles*;
Show no **favour** to any *wicked* traitors. Selah.
[6]They **return** at **evening**,
They howl like a dog and go around the city.
[7]**See,** they belch out with their **mouth,**
S**words** are in their lips,
For who is **listen**ing?
[8]***But*** **You, ה'ה'ה**, laughs at them,
You *mock* **all** the *gentiles.*
[9]O my Strength, I wait for You;
For **Elohim** is my **strong** tower,
My **Elohim** of **kindness**.
[10]**Elohim** does go before me,
He lets me look upon my enemies.
[11]***Do*** *not slay* them,
lest my people forget;
Scatter them by **Your** power,
And bring them down,
O ה'ה'ה our shield.
[12]The *sin* of their **mouth** is the **words** of their lips,
And they are captured in their pride,
And for the cursing and *lying* they utter.
[13]Bring *them* to an end in *wrath*,
Bring *them* to an end,
That they be no more;
And let them **know**
That **Elohim** is ruling in Ya'aqoḇ
To the ends of the earth. Selah.
[14]And at **evening** they **return,**
They howl like a dog,
And go around the city.
[15]They *wander* up and down for food,
And whine if they are not satisfied.
[16]And I, I sing of **Your** power;
And in the morning
I sing aloud of **Your kindness**;
For **You** have been my **strong** tower
And a **refuge** in the **day of** my *distress.*
[17]O my Strength, to **You** I sing praises;
For **Elohim** is my **strong** tower,
My **Elohim** of **kindness**.

60 O **Elohim**, **You** have *rejected* us;
You have broken us;
You have been *displeased*;
Turn back to us!
[2]**You** have made the earth tremble;
You have broken it;
Heal its breaches, for it is *shaken.*
[3]**You** have let **Your people see** hardship;
You have made us drink the **wine** of *trembling*.
[4]**You** have **given** a banner to those who **fear You,**
That it might be lifted up
Because of the **truth**. Selah.

[5]That those **You love** might be rescued,
Save with **Your right hand**
and answer me.
[6]**Elohim** has **spoken** in **His** set-apartness,
"I exult, I portion out Shekem
And measure out the Valley of Sukkoth.
[7]"Gil'ad is **Mine** and Menashsheh is **Mine,**
And Ephrayim is the defence of **My** head,
Yahudah is **My** lawgiver.
[8]"Mo'ab is **My** wash-pot,
Over Edom I *cast* **My** shoe,
Shout loud, O Philistia,
because of **Me.**"
[9]***Who*** would bring me to the **strong** city?
Who shall lead me to Edom?
[10]Have not **You,** O **Elohim**, *rejected* us?
And *you do not* go out, O **Elohim**, With our armies!
[11]Give us help from *distress,*
For the help of man is naught.
[12]In **Elohim** we do **mightily** and

He treads down our adversaries!

61

Hear my cry, O **Elohim**,
Listen to my prayer.
[2]From **the end** of the earth I **call** unto You,
When my **heart** is faint;
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
[3]For **You** have been my refuge,
A **strong** tower in the face of the enemy.
[4]**Let** me dwell in **Your Tent forever**,
Let me take **refuge** in the shelter of **Your** wings. Selah.
[5]For **You,** O **Elohim**,
have **heard** my vows;
You have **given** me the **inheritance** Of those who **fear Your Name**.
[6]**You** add days to the days of the sovereign,
His years as many generations.
[7]Let him dwell **forever** before **Elohim**.
Prepare kindness and **truth** to pre**serve Him!**
[8]So I sing **praise** to **Your Name forever** when I pay my vows day by day.

62

My being finds rest in **Elohim** alone;
From **Him** is my **deliverance**.
[2]**He** alone is my rock and my **deliverance**, my **strong** tower;
I am not greatly *shaken.*
[3]***How*** long would you assail a man?
You *crush* him, **all** of you,
Like a leaning wall, a tottering fence.
[4]They *plotted* to topple him from his high position;
They **delight** in lies;
They **bless** with their **mouth,**
But in their **heart** they *curse.* Selah.
[5]My being, find rest in **Elohim** alone,
Because my expectation is from **Him.**
[6]**He** alone is my rock and my **deliverance**, my **strong** tower;
I am not *shaken.*
[7]My **deliverance** and my **esteem** *depend* on **Elohim**;
The rock of my strength, my **refuge** is in **Elohim**.
[8]Trust in **Him** at **all** times, you people;
Pour out your **heart** before Him;
Elohim is a **refuge** for us. Selah.
[9]Sons of Adam are but a breath,
Sons of men are a lie;
If weighed in the scales,
They are al**together** lighter than breath.
[10]***Do*** *not* **trust** in oppression.
And *do not* become vain in robbery;
If riches increase,
Do *not* set your **heart** on them.
[11]**Elohim** has **spoken** once,

Twice I have **heard** this:
That strength belongs to **Elohim**.
[12]And **kindness** is **Your**s, O יהוה;
For **You** reward each one **according** to his work.

63 O **Elohim**, **You** are my Ěl;
I **earnestly seek** You;
My being has thirsted for You;
My *flesh* has longed for **You**
In a dry and thirsty land without water.
[2]Therefore I have had a **vision** of **You**
In the set-apart place,
To **see Your power** and **Your** esteem.
[3]**Because Your kindness** is better than **life**,
My lips do **praise You.**
[4]Therefore I **bless You** while I live;
In **Your Name** I lift up my hands.
[5]My being is **satisfied** as with marrow and fat,
And my **mouth** praises **You** with singing lips.
[6]***When*** I ***remember*** **You** on my bed,
I meditate on **You** in the night watches.
[7]For **You** have been my help,
And in the shadow of **Your** wings I sing.
[8]My being has closely **followed** You;
Your right hand did uphold me.
[9]Those who seek to destroy my life,
Go into the lower parts of the earth.
[10]They are handed over
To the **power** of the sword;
They become a portion for jackals.
[11]***But*** let the sovereign **rejoice** in **Elohim**;
Let everyone who swears by **Him** exult;
For the **mouth** of those speaking lies are *stopped*.

64 **Hear** my **voice**, O **Elohim**, in my meditation;
Guard my **life** from the *threats* of the enemy.
[2]Hide me from the **secret** plans of the *evil-doers*,
From the tumult of the workers of *wickedness*,
[3]***Who*** sharpen their tongue
like a *sword,*
And aim their arrows, a *bitter* **word,**
[4]To shoot in ambush at someone blameless,
They shoot at him **suddenly** and *do not* **fear.**
[5]They arm themselves with an *evil* word;
They talk of hiding *snares*;
They have said, "***Who*** sees them?"
[6]They **search** out *unrighteousness*es,
"We have **perfected** a well searched out plan."
For the inward part of man and **heart,** are deep.
[7]***But*** **Elohim** does shoot at them with an arrow;
Their *wounds* ***shall*** **be** sudden.
[8]And they **cause** one to *stumble,*
Their own tongue is *against* them;
All who **see** them ***flee*** away.
[9]And *all men* **fear,**
And **declare** the **work** of **Elohim**.
And they ***shall*** **wisely** consider ***What*** **He** has done.
[10]The **righteous rejoice** in יהוה,
And ***shall*** take **refuge** in **Him,**
And **all** the **upright** in **heart praise Him.**

65 To **You,** stillness, praise,
in Tsiyon, O **Elohim**;
And to **You** a vow is paid.
[2]To **You who hears all** prayer,
all *flesh* comes.
[3]Crooked matters were mightier than I;
As for our *transgressions*,
You do cover them.
[4] **Blessed** is the one **You** choose,
And bring **near** to dwell in **Your**

courts.
We are **satisfied** with the **goodness** of
Your house,
Your set-apart Hĕḵal.
[5]By **awesome deeds** in **righteousness**
You answer us,
O **Elohim** of our **deliverance,**
The Trust of **all** the ends of the earth,
And the distant seas;
[6]***Who* established** the mountains by
His strength,
Being girded with might;
[7]***Who*** stills the roaring of the seas,
The roaring of their waves,
And the uproar of the peoples.
[8]And they who dwell in the farthest
parts,
Are *afraid* of **Your** signs;
You make the outgoings of the
morning and **evening** rejoice.
[9]**You** have **visited** the earth
and watered it,
You greatly enrich it;
The river of **Elohim** is filled with
water;
You provide their grain,
For so **You** have prepared it.
[10]Its ridges have been filled,
Its furrows have been deepened,
You make it soft with showers,
You bless its growth.
[11]**You** have crowned the year with
Your goodness,
And **Your** paths drip with fatness.
[12]The pastures of the wilderness drip,
And the hills are girded with rejoicing.
[13]The meadows are dressed in flocks,
And valleys are covered with grain;
They shout for **joy** and sing.

66 Shout with **joy** to **Elohim**,
All the earth!
[2]Sing out the splendour of **His Name**;
Make **His praise** esteemed.
[3]Say to **Elohim**, "***How* awesome** are
Your works!
Through the greatness of **Your power**
Your enemies pretend obedience to
You.
[4]"All the earth bow to **You,**
They sing praises to **You,**
They **praise Your** Name." Selah.
[5]Come and **see** the **works** of **Elohim**,
Awesome acts toward the sons of men.
[6]**He** has turned the sea into dry land,
They went through the river on foot.
There we rejoiced in **Him,**
[7]***Who*** rules by **His power forever**;
His eyes keeping **watch** on the
gentiles;
Let the *rebellious* not **exalt**
themselves.
Selah.
[8]Bless our **Elohim**, you peoples!
And sound **His praise** abroad,
[9]***Who*** keeps us in **life**,
And *does not* allow our feet to be
moved.
[10]For **You,** O **Elohim**, have proved us;
You have refined us as silver is
refined.
[11]**You** brought us into the net;
You laid *affliction* on our loins.
[12]**You** have let men ride at our head;
We went through *fire* and through
water;
***But* You** brought us out to plenty.
[13]I enter **Your** house with burnt
offerings;
I **complete** my vows to **You,**
[14]That which my lips have uttered
And my **mouth** spoke in my *distress*.
[15]Burnt offerings of fatlings I offer to
You,
With the incense of rams;
I offer bulls with goats. Selah.
[16]**Come, hear, all** you who **fear**
Elohim,
And I relate what **He** has done for my
being.
[17]I called to **Him** with my **mouth,**
And **praise** was in my tongue.
[18]***If*** I have **seen** *wickedness* in my
heart,

יהוה *would not* **hear.**
19**Truly**, **Elohim** has **heard** me;
He has **given heed** to the **voice** of my prayer.
20 **Blessed** be **Elohim**,
Who has not turned away my prayer,
Nor **His kindness** from me!

67 **Elohim** does **favour** us and **bless** us,
Cause **His** face to shine upon us.Selah.
2For *your way* to be **known** on earth,
Your deliverance among **all** nations.
3**Let** the peoples **praise You,**
O **Elohim**,
Let all the peoples **praise You.**
4**Let** the nations be **glad** and sing for joy!
For **You judge** the peoples up**rightly**,
And lead the nations on earth. Selah.
5**Let** the peoples **praise You,**
O **Elohim**;
Let all the peoples **praise You.**
6The earth ***shall*** give her increase;
Elohim, our own **Elohim**, blesses us!
7**Elohim** blesses us! And **all** the ends of the earth **fear Him!**

68 **Elohim** arises,
His enemies are *scattered*.
And those who *hate* **Him**
flee before Him!
2As smoke is *driven* away,
You *drive them* away;
As wax melts before the *fire*,
The ***wrong*** *perish* before **Elohim**.
3***But*** the **righteous** are glad, They exult before **Elohim**.
And they **rejoice** with **gladness**.
4Sing to **Elohim**, sing praises to **His Name**.
Raise up a highway for **Him**
Who rides through the deserts,
By **His Name** Yah,
And exult before **Him.**
5Father of the fatherless,
And Right-ruler of widows,
Is **Elohim** in **His** set-apart dwelling.
6**Elohim** makes a home for the lonely;
He brings out into prosperity
Those who are *bound* with chains;
Only the *rebellious* ***shall*** dwell in a dry land.
7O **Elohim**, when **You** went out before **Your** people,
When **You** stepped through the wilderness, Selah.
8The earth *shook* and the heavens dropped before **Elohim**,
This Sinai, *shook* before **Elohim**, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl.
9You, O **Elohim**, **sent** a shower of plenty,
You confirmed Your inheritance,
When it was *weary*.
10**Your** flock dwelt in it;
You provided from **Your goodness** for the *poor*, O **Elohim**.
11יהוה gave the word;
The women who **proclaimed** it was a great company:
12"Sovereigns of armies ***flee*** in haste!
And she who remains at home divides the spoil."
13***If*** you *lie* down among the sheepfolds,
The wings of a dove are covered with silver,
And her feathers with yellow gold.
14***When*** the Almighty *scattered* sovereigns in it,
It did snow in Tsalmon.
15A mountain of **Elohim** is the mountain of Bashan;
A mountain of peaks is the mountain of Bashan.
16O mountain of peaks, why do you gaze in *envy*
At the mountain which **Elohim** desired to dwell in;
יהוה even dwells *there* **forever**.
17The chariots of **Elohim** are twenty thousand,

Thousands of thousands;
ꓤꓰꓤꓩ came from Sinai
Into the **Set-apart Place.**
[18]**You** have ascended on high,
You have led captivity captive,
You have received gifts among men,
And even the *rebellious*,
That Yah **Elohim** might dwell *there*.
[19] **Blessed** be ꓤꓰꓤꓩ,
Day by day **He** bears our *burden,*
The Ěl of our **deliverance**! Selah.
[20]Our Ěl is the Ěl of **deliverance**;
And to ꓤꓰꓤꓩ, the **Master,** belong
escapes from *death.*
[21]Indeed, **Elohim** smites the head of
His enemies,
The hairy scalp of him who walks
about in **His** guilt.
[22]ꓤꓰꓤꓩ said, "I bring back from
Bashan,
I bring back from the depths of
the sea,
[23]"So that you plunge your foot
in blood;
That the tongues of your dogs
Have their portion from the enemies."
[24]They have **seen Your** goings,
O **Elohim**,
The goings of my Ěl, my Sovereign,
Into the set-apart place.
[25]The singers went in front,
The players on instruments after them;
Among them were the maidens
playing tambourines.
[26]Bless **Elohim** in the assemblies,
ꓤꓰꓤꓩ, from the fountain of Yisra'ěl.
[27]There is Binyamin, the smallest, their
ruler,
The leaders of Yahuḏah, their
company,
The leader of Zeḇulun, the leader of
Naphtali.
[28]**Your Elohim** has **commanded** your
strength, be strong!
O **Elohim**, this **You** have worked out
for us!
[29]**<u>Because</u>** of **Your** Hěḵal at
Yerushalayim,
Sovereigns bring presents to **You.**
[30]Rebuke the wild beasts of the reeds,
The herd of bulls, with the calves of
the peoples,
Each one humbling himself with
pieces of silver.
Scatter the peoples who **delight** in
conflicts!
[31]Ambassadors **come out** of
Mitsrayim;
Kush stretches out her hands to
Elohim.
[32]Sing to **Elohim**, you reigns
of the earth,
Praises to ꓤꓰꓤꓩ, Selah.
[33]To **Him** who rides on the ancient
highest heavens!
See, He sends out **His voice**,
a mighty **voice**.
[34]Ascribe strength to **Elohim**;
His excellence is over Yisra'ěl,
And **His** strength is in the clouds.
[35]O **Elohim**, **awesome** from **Your** set
apart places,
The Ěl of Yisra'ěl **is He**
Who gives strength and **power** to
His people. **Blessed** be **Elohim**!

69

Save me, O **Elohim**!
For waters have **come** up to my neck.
[2]I have sunk in deep mud,
And there is no place to stand;
I have **come** into deep waters,
And the floods overflow me.
[3]I am worn out from my crying;
My throat is dry; My eyes grow dim
As I wait for my **Elohim**.
[4]Those who *hate* me without a **cause**
Are more than the hairs of my head;
They are mighty who would *destroy*
me,
My *lying* enemies;
What I *did not* ***steal,*** I restored.
[5]O **Elohim**, **You Yourself know** my
foolishness;

And my *guilt* has not been *hidden*
from **You.**
[6]**Let** not those who wait for **You,**
O **Master** יהוה of hosts,
Be *ashamed* **because** of me;
Let not those who **seek You**
Be humbled **because** of me,
O **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl.
[7]**Because** I have borne *reproach*
for **Your** sake;
Shame has covered my face.
[8]I have become a stranger
to my brothers,
And a foreigner to my mother's
children;
[9]**Because ardour** for **Your** house has
eaten me up,
And the *reproaches* of those who
reproach **You** have fallen on me.
[10]And I wept in my being with fasting,
And it became my *reproach.*
[11]And when I put on sackcloth,
I became a proverb to them.
[12]They who sit in the gate talk about
me,
And I am the song of the drunkards.
[13]***But*** as for me, my prayer is to **You,**
O יהוה,
At an **acceptable time,** O **Elohim**.
In the greatness of **Your kindness**,
Answer me in the **truth** of **Your**
deliverance.
[14]Rescue me out of the mire,
And let me not sink.
Let me be rescued from those who
hate me,
And out of the deep waters.
[15]**Let** not a *flood* of waters
overflow me,
Nor let the deep swallow me up,
Nor let the pit shut its **mouth** on me.
[16]Answer me, O יהוה, for **Your**
kindness is **good**.
According to the greatness of **Your**
compassion, turn to me.
[17]And *do not* hide **Your** face from
Your servant,
For I am in distress;
Answer me **speedily**.
[18]Draw **near** to my being, **redeem** it;
Ransom me **because** of my enemies.
[19]**You Yourself know** my reproach,
And my *shame* and my confusion;
My adversaries are **all** before **You.**
[20]Reproach has broken my **heart** and I
am sick;
I **looked** for sympathy,
but there was none;
And for comforters, but I **found** none.
[21]And they gave me gall for my food,
And for my thirst they gave me
vinegar to drink.
[22]**Let** their table before them become a
snare,
And a *trap* to those at ease.
[23]**Let** their eyes be darkened,
so as not to see;
And make their loins *shake*
continually.
[24]Pour out **Your** *wrath* upon them,
And let **Your** *burning displeasure*
overtake them.
[25]**Let** their encampments be deserted;
Let no one dwell in their tents.
[26]For they *persecute* him whom **You**
have smitten,
And talk about the pain of those
You have wounded.
[27]Add *crookedness* to their
crookedness,
And let them not enter into
Your righteousness.
[28]**Let** them be blotted out
of the **book** of the **living**,
And not be **written** with the righteous.
[29]***But*** I am *poor* and in pain;
Let Your deliverance, O **Elohim**,
set me up on high.
[30]I **praise** the **Name** of **Elohim**
with a song,
And I make **Him great**
with **thanksgiving**.
[31]And this **pleases** יהוה
more than an ox,
A bull with horns *and* hooves.
[32]The humble ***shall* see,** they **rejoice,**
You who **seek Elohim** and your
hearts live.
[33]For יהוה **hears** the *poor*,
And **He *shall*** not *despise* **His** captives.
[34]**Let** the heavens and earth
praise Him,

The seas and **all** that moves in them.
[35]For **Elohim *shall* save** Tsiyon
And build the cities of Yahuḏah.
And they ***shall*** dwell there
and possess it,
[36]And the seed of **His** servants inherit
it and those who **love His Name**
dwell in it.

70

O **Elohim**, **deliver** me!
Hasten to my help, O יהוה!
[2]**Let** those who **seek** my **life**
Be ashamed and abashed,
Let those who are desiring my *evil*
Be turned back and humiliated.
[3]**Let** those who say, "Aha, aha!"
Be turned back **<u>because</u>** of their
shame.
[4]**Let all** those who **seek You**
Rejoice and be **glad** in You;
And let those who **love Your**
deliverance always say,
"**Let Elohim** be made **great!**"
[5]***But*** I am *poor* and needy;
Hasten to me, O **Elohim**!
You are my help and my deliverer;
O יהוה, *do not* delay.

71

In **You,** O יהוה,
I have taken refuge;
Let me never be ashamed.
[2]In **Your righteousness deliver** and
rescue me;
Incline **Your** ear to me and **save** me.
[3]Be to me a rock to dwell in,
To go into continually.
You have **given** the **command**
to **save** me,
For **You** are my rock
and my stronghold.
[4]Rescue me, O my **Elohim**,
Out of the **hand** of the ***wrong,***
Out of the **hand** of the *unrighteous*
and *cruel*.
[5]For **You** are my expectation,
Master יהוה,
my **Trust** from my youth.
[6]Upon **You** I have leaned
from my birth;
You took me out of my mother's
womb.
My **praise** is continually of **You.**
[7]I have become as a **wonder** to many,
***But* You** are my **strong** refuge.
[8]My **mouth** is filled *with* **Your** praise,
Your splendour, **all** the day.
[9]***Do*** *not cast* me off in the **time**
of old age,
When my strength fails,
do not forsake me.
[10]For my enemies have **spoken**
<u>*against*</u> me.
And those who **watch** for my **life**
Have taken counsel together,
[11]Saying, "**Elohim** has ***forsaken*** him;
Pursue and take him, for there is no
one to deliver."
[12]O **Elohim**, *do not* be far from me;
My Elohim, hasten to my help!
[13]**Let** those who are adversaries of
my **life**
Be ashamed and *consumed and*
Let those who **seek** my *evil*
Be covered with *reproach* and
confusion.
[14]***But*** I continually wait,
And ***shall* praise You** more and more.
[15]My **mouth** recounts **Your**
righteousness
Your deliverance all the day,
Though I *do not* **know** *their* numbers.
[16]I **come** in the might of the **Master**
יהוה; I make mention of
Your righteousness, **Your**s alone.
[17]**Elohim**, **You** have **taught** me from
my youth;
And to this day I **declare Your**
wonders.
[18]And also when I am old and grey,
O **Elohim**, *do not forsake* me,
Until I **declare Your** strength to a
generation,
Your might to **all** those who are to
come.

[19]For **Your righteousness**, O **Elohim**,
is most high,
You who have done **great deeds**.
O **Elohim**, who is like **You?**
[20]**You** who have shown me **great** and
evil distresses,
Revive me again and bring me up
again
From the depths of the earth.
[21]**You** increase my greatness,
And comfort me on **every** side.
[22]Also with the lyre I **praise You**
For **Your** trustworthiness,
O my **Elohim**!
I sing to **You** with the lyre,
O **Set-apart One** of Yisra'ĕl.
[23]My lips shout for **joy** when I sing to
You,
Even my being, which You have
redeemed.
[24]My tongue, too, utters **Your**
righteousness all day long;
For those who have been **seeking**
my *evil*
Have been put to shame and
Have become abashed.

72 O **Elohim**, give the sovereign
Your right-rulings,
And **Your righteousness** to the
Son of a sovereign.
[2]**Let Him rule Your people** with
righteousness,
And **Your** *poor* with right-ruling.
[3]**Let** the mountains bring **peace** to the
people,
And the hills, by **righteousness**.
[4]**Let Him rightly rule** the *poor* of the
people,
Save the children of the needy,
And *crush* the oppressor.
[5]**Let** them **fear** You with the sun,
shining
And before the moon, in **all**
generations.
[6]**Let Him come** down like rain upon
the mown grass,
Like showers, watering the earth.
[7]**Let** the **righteous** flourish in **His**
days,
With plenty of peace,
Til the moon is no more.
[8]And let **Him rule** from sea to sea,
And from the River to the ends of the
earth.
[9]**Let** those dwelling in the desert bow
before **Him,**
And **His** enemies lick the dust.
[10]**Let** the sovereigns of Tarshish and of
the isles bring presents;
The sovereigns of Sheḇa and Seḇa
offer gifts.
[11]And let **all** sovereigns bow down
before **Him,**
All nations **serve Him.**
[12]For **He** delivers the needy when he
cries,
And the *poor*, who has no helper.
[13]**He** spares the *poor* and needy,
And **He saves** the lives of the needy.
[14]**He** redeems their **life** from
oppression and from *violence*;
And their **blood** is **precious** in **His**
eyes.
[15]And **He *shall* live,**
And the gold of Sheḇa be **given** to
Him,
And prayer be made for **Him**
continually;
Let Him be **blessed all** day long.
[16]**Let** there be plenty of grain in the
earth,
On the top of the mountains,
Let its **fruit** wave like Leḇanon,
And those of the city flourish like
grass of the earth.
[17]**Let His Name** be **forever**,
His Name continue before the sun;
And let them **bless** themselves in Him;
Let all nations **call Him blessed**.
[18] **Blessed** be **יהוה Elohim**,
Elohim of Yisra'ĕl,

He alone is doing **wonders**!
19And **blessed** be **His** esteemed **Name**
forever!
And let **all** the earth
Be filled with **His** esteem.
Aměn and Aměn.
20The prayers of Dawiḏ the son of
Yishai are ended.

73 **Elohim** is **truly good** to
Yisra'ěl,
To those whose **heart** is **clean.**
2***But*** as for me, my feet had almost
stumbled,
My steps had nearly slipped.
3For I was envious of the boasters,
When I **saw** the **peace** of the ***wrong***
doers.
4For *death* has no pangs for them,
And their strength is firm.
5They are not in *trouble* as other men,
And they are not *plagued* like other
men.
6So pride is their necklace,
The garment of *violence* covers them.
7Their eyes bulge from fatness;
Their **heart** overflows with
imaginations.
8They *mock* and **speak** in the *evil* of
oppression;
They **speak** loftily.
9They have set their **mouth** <u>*against*</u> the
heavens,
And their tongue walks through the
earth, *saying*:
10"Therefore **His** people **return** here,
And waters of a filled *cup*are drained
by them!"
11And they have said, "***How*** could Ěl
know?
And is there **knowledge** in the Most
High?"
12**See,** these are the ***wrong,***
And **always** at ease,
They have amassed wealth!
13Indeed, in vain have I **cleansed** my
heart,
And washed my hands in innocence.
14For I am *plagued* **all** day long,
And my *reproof* is **every** morning.
15***If*** I had said, "**Let** me **speak** thus,"
See, I would have ***deceived***
A generation of **Your** children.
16Yet, when I tried to **understand** this,
It was labour to my eyes –
17Until I went into the set-apart place
of Ěl; ***Then*** I perceived their end.
18Indeed, **You** set them in slippery
places;
You make them *fall* to ruins.
19***How*** **suddenly** they are *ruined*!
Completely swept away through
destructions.
20אֲדֹנָי, when **You** awake
You despise their *image,*
As one does a **dream** after waking.
21For my **heart** was in a ferment,
And I was *pierced* in my kidneys.
22I was *stupid* and ignorant,
I was like a beast toward **You.**
23Yet I am **always** with **You,**
You took hold of my **right hand.**
24**You** lead me by **Your** counsel,
And afterward receive me unto
esteem.
25***Whom*** do I have in the heavens?
And I have desired no one besides
You on earth.
26My *flesh* and my **heart** ***shall*** *waste*
away,
But **Elohim** is the rock of my **heart**
And my portion **forever**.
27For look, those who are far from **You**
perish;
You ***shall cut*** *off* **all** those
Who go *whoring* away from **You.**
28***But*** as for me, it is **good** to be **near**
Elohim.
I have made my **refuge** in the **Master**
אֲדֹנָי, To **declare all Your** works.

74 O **Elohim**, why do **You**
forever *reject* us?
Why does **Your** *displeasure* smoke
Against the sheep of **Your** pasture?

[2]**Remember Your** congregation.
You did purchase of old,
The tribe of **Your** inheritance.
You did redeem,
This Mount Tsiyon where **You** have dwelt.
[3]Lift up **Your** steps to the endless ruins;
The enemy has done **all** *evil* in the set-apart place.
[4]**Your** adversaries have roared
In the **midst** of **Your** meeting places;
They have set up their own **signs** as **signs.**
[5]It seems as if one had lifted up
Axes among the thick trees.
[6]And **now all** its *carved* **work,**
They have broken down with axe and hammer.
[7]They have set *fire* to **Your** set-apart place,
They have *profaned* the dwelling place of **Your Name** to the ground.
[8]They said in their **hearts**,
"**Let** us suppress them altogether."
They *burned* **all** the meeting places of Ěl in the land.
[9]We *do not* **see** our **signs,**
There is no longer a **prophet,**
Nor any among us who **knows** how long.
[10]O **Elohim**, how long would the adversary reproach?
Would the enemy *despise* **Your Name forever**?
[11]***Why*** do **You** hold back **Your hand,** even **Your right hand?**
From the **midst** of **Your** bosom – end it!
[12]For **Elohim** is my Sovereign from of old,
Working **deliverance** in the **midst** of the earth.
[13]**You** divided the sea by **Your** might;
You broke the heads of the sea serpents in the waters.
[14]**You** broke the heads of Liwiathan in pieces,
You made him food for the people Living in the wilderness.
[15]**You** did cleave **open** the fountain and the flood,
You did dry up mighty rivers.
[16]The day is **Your**s, the night is **Your**s too,
You have **established** the **light** and the sun.
[17]**You** have set **all** the borders of the earth,
You have made summer and winter.
[18]**Remember** this: the enemy has reproached ꤁ꤕ꤁꤆,
And a ***foolish*** people has *despised* **Your** Name.
[19]***Do*** *not* give the being of **Your** turtle dove to the wild beast!
Do *not forget* the **life** of **Your** *afflicted* ones **forever**.
[20]Look to the covenant,
For the dark places of the earth are filled
With haunts of *violence*.
[21]**Let** not the crushed one **return** ashamed!
Let the *poor* and needy **praise Your Name**.
[22]Arise, O **Elohim**, plead **Your** own cause,
Remember how the ***foolish*** man *reproaches* **You** daily.
[23]***Do*** *not forget* the **voice** of **Your** enemies,
The uproar of those rising up *against* **You** increases continually.

75 We ***shall*** give **thanks** to **You,**
O **Elohim**, we ***shall*** give thanks!
And **Your Name** is **near!**
Your wonders *shall* be declared!
[2]"***When*** I *seize* the **appointed time,**
It is I who **judge** in **uprightness** .
[3]"The earth and **all** its inhabitants are melted;

It is I who set its columns firm. Selah.
4"'I said to the boasters, '***Do*** *not* boast,'
And to the ***wrong,***'***Do*** *not* lift
up the horn.
5"'***Do*** *not* lift up your horn on high
(You **speak** with a stiff neck).' "
6For exaltations are neither from the
east,
Nor from the west nor from the
wilderness.
7***But*** **Elohim** is the **Judge** – **He** puts
down one and exalts another.
8For a **cup** is in the **hand** of יהוה,
And the **wine** ***shall*** foam;
It is filled with a mixture,
And **He** pours it out.
All the ***wrong*** of the earth drink,
Draining it to the dregs.
9***But*** I, I **declare forever**,
I sing praises to the **Elohim** of
Ya'aqoḇ.
10"'And **all** the horns of the ***wrong*** I *cut*
off;
The horns of the **righteous** are lifted
up."

76 In Yahuḏah **Elohim** is **known**;
His Name is **great** in Yisra'ĕl.
2And **His** booth is in Shalĕm,
And **His** dwelling place in Tsiyon.
3There **He** broke the arrows of the
bow,
The shield and the *sword* and the
battle-axe. Selah.
4**You** are resplendent,
More excellent than mountains of
prey.
5The stout-hearted have been stripped;
They slept their sleep;
And none of the mighty men have
found their hands.
6At **Your** rebuke, O **Elohim** of
Ya'aqoḇ,
Both the rider and horse lay
stunned.
7**You**, **You** are to be **feared**;
And who would **stand** in **Your**
presence ***When*** **You** are *displeased*?
8From **heaven You** ***shall*** **cause**
judgment to be **heard**;
The earth ***shall*** **fear** and ***shall*** **be** still,

9***When*** **Elohim** arises to right-ruling,
To **save all** the meek of the earth.
Selah.
10For the *wrath* of mankind praises
You,
With the remainder of *wrath* **You** gird
Yourself!
11Make vows to יהוה your **Elohim**,
and pay them.
Let all who are around **Him** bring
presents to the **One** to be **feared**.
12**He** *cuts* off the spirit of leaders,
He is **awesome** to the sovereigns of
the earth!

77 **My voice** is to **Elohim**,
and I cry; **My voice** is to **Elohim** and
He listened to me.
2In the **day of** my *distress* I sought
יהוה;
My hand was **stretched** out in the
night
And it *did not* cease,
My being *refused* to be comforted.
3I **remembered Elohim** and groaned;
I complained and my spirit grew faint.
Selah.
4**You** ceased the watches of my eyes,
I was too *troubled* to speak.
5I have thought about the days of old,
The years long past.
6I ***remember*** my song in the night,
I meditate within my **heart,**
And my spirit searches **diligently**.
7Would יהוה *reject* **forever**,
And never again be pleased?
8Has **His kindness** ceased **forever**,
Has the **promise** failed for **all**
generations?
9Has Ěl *forgotten* to **show** favour?
Has **He** shut up **His compassion**s in
displeasure? Selah.

[10]And I said, "This is my grief:
That the **right hand** of the
Most High has *changed*."
[11]I ***remember*** the **deeds** of Yah,
For I ***remember*** **Your wonders** of
old.
[12]And I ***shall*** meditate on **all Your**
work,
And talk of **Your deeds**.
[13]**Your way,** O **Elohim**, is in
Set-apartness;
Who is a **great** Ěl like **Elohim**?
[14]**You** are the Ěl who does **wonders**;
You have made **known Your** strength
among the peoples.
[15]By **Your** arm **You** have redeemed
Your people,
The sons of Ya'aqo̱b and Yosěph.
Selah.
[16]The waters **saw You,** O **Elohim**;
The waters **saw You,** they were *afraid*;
The depths also trembled.
[17]The clouds **poured out** water;
The heavens rumbled;
Also, **Your** arrows flashed back and
forth.
[18]The **voice** of **Your** *thunder* rolled
along;
Lightnings lit up the world;
The earth *trembled* and shook.
[19]**Your way** was in the sea,
And **Your** path in the **great** waters,
And **Your** footsteps were not **known**.
[20]**You** did lead **Your people** like a
flock
By the **hand** of Mosheh and Aharon.

78 **My people**, give ear to my
Torah,
Incline your **ears** to the **words** of
my **mouth.**
[2]I **open** my **mouth** in a parable;
I utter riddles of old,
[3]Which we have **heard** and **known**,
For our fathers have related
them to us.
[4]We *do not* hide *them* from their
children,
Relating to the generation to **come** the
praises of יהוה,
And **His** strength and **His wonders**
which **He** has done.
[5]For **He raised** a **witness** in Ya'aqo̱b,
And set a **Torah** in Yisra'ěl,
Which **He commanded** our fathers,
To **teach** them to their children;
[6]That it might be **known** to a
generation to come,
To children who would be born,
To rise up and relate *them* to their
children,
[7]And place their **trust** in **Elohim**, And
not *forget* the **works** of Ěl,
But **watch** over **His commands**,
[8]And not be like their fathers,
A *stubborn* and *rebellious*
generation,
A generation which *did not* **prepare**
its **heart,**
Whose spirit was not steadfast to Ěl.
[9]The children of Ephrayim, armed
bowmen,
Turned back in the **day of** battle.
[10]They *did not* **guard** the **covenant** of
Elohim and
They *refused* to **walk** in **HisTorah**,
[11]And they *forgot* **His deeds**
And **His wonders** which **He** had
shown them.
[12]**He** did **wonders** in the **sight** of their
fathers,
In the land of Mitsrayim, in the field
of Tso'an.
[13]**He** split the sea and **caused** them to
pass through,
And **He** made the waters **stand** up like
a heap,
[14]And led them with the cloud by day,
And **all** the night with a **light** of *fire*.
[15]**He** split the rocks in the wilderness,
And made them drink, as from the
great depths,
[16]And brought forth streams from
the rock,
And **caused** waters to **come** down

as rivers.
17Yet they *sinned* still more
against **Him**
To ***rebel*** *against* the **Most High**
in the desert.
18And they tried Ěl in their **heart**
By **asking** food **according** to their
desire.
19And they spoke *against* **Elohim**.
They said, "Is Ěl able to set a table
in the wilderness?
20"Look, **He** *struck* the rock,
So that the waters gushed out,
And the streams overflowed.
Is **He** able to give **bread** also?
Would **He** provide meat for **His**
people?"
21Therefore **יהוה heard** and **He**
was *wroth*;
So a *fire* was kindled *against* Ya'aqoḇ,
And *displeasure* also came up *against*
Yisra'ěl,
22**Because** they *did not believe*
in **Elohim**,
Neither did they **trust**
in **His deliverance**.
23Yet **He** had **commande**
the clouds above,
And opened the **doors** of the heavens,
24And **He** rained down manna
on them to eat,
And **He** gave them the grain
of the heavens.
25Men ate **bread** of the mighty;
He sent them pro**visions** to
satisfaction.
26**He** made an east *wind* **blow**
in the heavens;
And by **His power He** brought
in the south wind.
27And **He** rained meat on them
like the dust,
And winged birds like the sand
of the seas,
28And let them *fall* in the **midst**
of **His** camp,
All around **His Dwelling Place.**
29So they ate and were **completely**
satisfied,
For **He** brought them what
they desired.
30They had not turned away from their
desire,
Their food was still in their mouths,
31***When*** the *wrath* of **Elohim** came
against them,
And **He** slew among their fat ones,
And **He** *struck* down the choice ones
of Yisra'ěl.
32In spite of **all** this they still *sinned*,
And *did not believe* in **His wonders**.
33So **He** ended their days in a breath,
And their years in trouble.
34***When*** **He** slew them, then they
sought Him,
And they returned and did **earnestly**
seek Ěl.
35And they **remembered** that **Elohim**
was their rock,
And the **Most High** Ěl their redeemer.
36***But*** they flattered **Him** with their
mouth,
And they *lied* to **Him** with their
tongue,
37For their **heart** was not steadfast
with Him,
And they were not **true** to **His**
covenant.
38***But*** **He,** the **compassionate One,**
Pardoned *crookedness,*
And *did not destroy* them.
And many a **time He** turned **His**
displeasure away,
And *did not* stir up **all His** *wrath*.
39For **He remembered** that they were
but *flesh,*
A passing breath that *does not* return.
40***How*** often they *rebelled against* **Him**
in the wilderness,
And *grieved* **Him** in the desert!
41And again and again they tried Ěl,
And *provoked* the **Set-apart One** of
Yisra'ěl.

[42]They *did not* ***remember*** **His hand,**
The day when **He** redeemed them
from the adversary,
[43]***How*** **He** worked **His signs** in
Mitsrayim,

And **His wonders** in the field of
Tso'an.
[44]**He** turned their rivers into **blood,**
And they *could not* drink their streams.
[45]**He sent** among them swarms of flies
which devoured them,
And frogs which ***destroyed*** them,
[46]And gave their crops to the
caterpillar,
And their labour to the locust.
[47]**He *destroyed*** their vines with hail,
And their sycamore trees with frost,
[48]And gave their beasts over to the
hail, And their livestock to bolts of *fire*.
[49]**He sent** on them the *burning* of **His**
displeasure,
Wrath and *rage* and *distress,*
A deputation of messengers of *evil*s.
[50]**He** made a path for **His** displeasure;
He *did not spare* their being
from *death,*
But gave their **life** over to the *plague.*
[51]And **He** *smote* **all** the first-born in
Mitsrayim,
The **first-fruits** of strength in the tents
of Ḥam,
[52]***Then*** made **His** own people go forth
like sheep,
And led them in the wilderness
like a flock.
[53]And **He** led them on safely,
And they *did not* **fear,**
But the sea covered their enemies.
[54]And **He** brought them to the border
of **His** set-apart place,
This mountain which **His right hand**
had gained,
[55]And drove out nations before them,
And allotted them a measured
inheritance,
And made the tribes of Yisra'ĕl dwell
in their tents.
[56]Yet they tried and *rebelled*
Against the **Most High Elohim**,
And *did not* **guard His witnesses,**
[57]***But*** they turned back
And *acted* treacherously like their
fathers;
They twisted like a treacherous bow.
[58]For they **enraged Him** with their
high places,
And moved **Him** to *jealousy* with their
carved images.
[59]***When*** **Elohim heard** this,
He was *wroth*,
And greatly *despised* Yisra'ĕl,
[60]And **He** left the **Dwelling Place**
of Shiloh,
The **Tent** which **He** had set up
among men.
[61]And **He** gave **His** strength into
captivity,
And **His** comeliness into the **hand** of
the adversary.
[62]And **He** gave **His** people over to the
sword,
And **He** was *wroth* with **His**
inheritance.
[63]**His** young men were *consumed* by
fire,
And **His** maidens were not p**raised**.
[64]**His** priests fell by the *sword,*
And their widows *could not* weep.
[65]***Then*** יהוה awoke as one asleep,
As a mighty man who shouts **<u>because</u>**
of **wine**.
[66]And **He** *smote* **His** adversaries
backward,
He put them to an **everlasting**
reproach.
[67]***Then*** **He** *rejected* the tent of Yosĕph,
And *did not* choose the tribe of
Ephrayim,
[68]***But*** **chose** the tribe of Yahuḏah,
Mount Tsiyon, which **He loved**.
[69]And **He** built **His** set-apart place like
the heights,
Like the earth **He** founded it **forever**.

[70]And **He chose** Dawiḏ **His** servant,
And took him from the sheepfolds;
[71]**He** brought him in from tending
the ewes,
To shepherd Ya'aqoḇ **His** people,
And Yisra'ĕl **His** inheritance.
[72]And he shepherded them
According to the integrity of his **heart,**
And led them by the **skill** of his hands.

79 O **Elohim**, the *gentiles* have
come into **Your** inheritance;
They have *defiled*
Your set-apart Hĕḵal;
They turned Yerushalayim into ruins.
[2]They have **given** the *dead* bodies of
Your servants
As food for the birds of the heavens,
The *flesh* of **Your kind** ones to the
wild beast of the earth.
[3]They have **poured out** their **blood**
Like water **all** around Yerushalayim,
With no one to bury *them*.
[4]We have become a *reproach* to our
neighbours,
A *scorn* and a *mockery* to those who
are around us.
[5]***How*** long, O יהוה,
Would **You** be **enraged forever**?
Would **Your** *jealousy* burn like *fire*?
[6]Pour out **Your** *wrath* on the *gentiles*
Who have not **known You,**
And on reigns that have not called on
Your Name.
[7]For they have devoured Ya'aqoḇ,
And laid *waste* his pasture.
[8]***Do*** *not* ***remember*** *against* us
The *crookedness*es of the fathers!
Let Your compassion speedily
meet us,
For we have been greatly weakened.
[9]Help us, O **Elohim** of our
deliverance,
For the sake of the **esteem** of **Your**
Name.
Deliver us and cover over our sins,
For **Your Name's** sake!
[10]***Why*** should the *gentiles* say,
"Where is their **Elohim**?"
Let the **vengeance** of the outpoured
blood of **Your** servants
Be **known** among the *gentiles,*
Before our eyes.
[11]**Let** the groaning of the prisoner
come before **You.**
According to the greatness
of **Your** arm
Pre**serve** those **appointed** to *death.*
[12]And **repay** to our neighbours
sevenfold
Their reproach, into their bosom,
With which they have reproached **You,**
O יהוה.
[13]And we, **Your people** and the sheep
of **Your** pasture,
We give **thanks** to **You forever**;
From generation to generation we
show forth **Your** praise.

80 Give ear, O Shepherd of
Yisra'ĕl,
Who lead Yosĕph like a flock;
Who dwell between the kerubim,
shine forth!
[2]Before Ephrayim, Binyamin and
Menashsheh,
Stir up **Your** might,
And **come** and **save** us!
[3]Cause us to turn back, O **Elohim**,
And **cause Your** face to shine,
That we might be **saved**!
[4]O יהוה **Elohim** of hosts,
How long ***shall*** **You** be *wroth*
Against the prayer of **Your people**?
[5]**You** have **caused** them to eat the
bread of tears,
And have **caused** them to drink
With tears, a **third time.**
[6]**You** have made us a strife to our
neighbours,
And our enemies laugh among
themselves.

[7]Turn us back, O **Elohim** of hosts,
And **cause Your** face to shine,
That we might be **saved**!
[8]**You** brought a **vine** out of Mitsrayim;
You drove out the nations,
and planted it.
[9]**You** cleared a place for it,
And **caused** it to take deep root,
And it filled the land.
[10]Hills were covered with its shadow,
And the mighty cedars with its twigs.
[11]She spread her branches to the Sea,
And her shoots to the River.
[12]***Why*** have **You** broken down her hedges,
So that **every** passer-by *plucked* her fruit?
[13]The boar out of the forest ravages it,
And the wild beast of the field devours it.
[14]**Return,** we ***beg*** **You,**
O **Elohim** of hosts;
Look down from **heaven** and **see,**
And **visit** this vine,
[15]And the stock which **Your right** hand has planted,
And the **Son** whom **You** made **strong** for **Yourself**.
[16]It is *burned* with *fire*, it is *cut down*;
They *perish* at the ***rebuke***
of **Your** face.
[17]**Let Your hand** be upon the **One**
at **Your right hand,**
Upon the **Son** of Aḏam whom **You** made **strong** for **Yourself**,
[18]And we ***shall*** not backslide from You.
Revive us and let us **call** upon **Your Name**.
[19]Turn us back, O **יהוה**
Elohim of hosts, and **cause Your** face to shine,
That we might be **saved**!

81 Shout for **joy** to **Elohim** our strength;
Raise a shout to the **Elohim** of Ya'aqoḇ.
[2]Lift up a song and beat
the tambourine,
The pleasant lyre and with the harp.
[3]Blow the ram's horn at the **time** of the **New Moon,**
At the full moon, on our **festival** day.
[4]For this is a **law** for Yisra'ĕl,
And a **right-ruling** of the **Elohim** of Ya'aqoḇ.
[5]**He appointed** it in Yehosĕph for a witness,
When **He** went throughout the land of Mitsrayim;
I **heard** a **language** that I *did not* know.
[6]He *says*, "I removed his shoulder from the burden;
His hands were freed from the baskets.
[7]"You called in *distress* and I rescued you;
I answered you in the covering of thunder;
I proved you at the waters of Meriḇah. Selah.
[8]"**Hear,** O **My people** and let **Me warn** you,
O Yisra'ĕl, if you would **listen** to **Me!**
[9]"**Let** there be no *strange mighty one* among you,
And *do not* bow down to a foreign *mighty one*.
[10]"I am **יהוה** your **Elohim**,
Who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim;
Open your **mouth** wide and I fill it.
[11]"***But*** **My people** *did not* **listen** to **My voice**,
And Yisra'ĕl *would not* submit to **Me.**
[12]"So I gave them over to their own *stubborn* **heart,**
To **walk** in their own counsels.
[13]"O, if **My people** had **listened** to **Me,**
Yisra'ĕl would **walk** in **My** ways,
[14]"I would subdue their enemies at once,

And turn **My hand** *against* their adversaries!
15"Those who *hate* יהוה would cringe before Him;

And their **time** *of punishment* be **forever**.
16"He would feed them with the finest of wheat;
And with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

82 **Elohim** stands in the congregation of Ěl;
He judges in the **midst** of the **Elohim**.
2***How*** long would you **judge** perversely,
And **show** partiality to the *wrong?* Selah.
3Give **right-ruling** to the *poor* and fatherless,
Do **right** to the *afflicted* and needy.
4Rescue the *poor* and needy;
Deliver them from the **hand** of the *wrong.*
5They *do not* **know,** nor do they understand,
They **walk** about in *darkness*.
All the foundations of the earth are shaken.
6I, I said, "**You** are **Elohim**,
And **all** of you are sons of the **Most High**.
7"***But*** as men you *die,*
And *fall* as one of the heads."
8Arise, O **Elohim**, **judge** the earth,
For **You *shall*** **possess all** the nations.

83 O **Elohim**,
do not remain silent!
Do *not* be speechless,
And *do not* be still, O Ěl!
2For look, **Your** enemies make an uproar,
And those hating **You** have lifted up their head.
3They craftily *plot* *against* **Your** people,
And conspire *against* **Your** treasured ones.
4They have said, **"Come,**
And let us wipe them out as a nation,
And let the name of Yisra'ěl be **remembered** no more."
5For they have *conspired* **together** with one heart;
They have made a **covenant** *against* **You** –
6The tents of Ěḏom and the Yishma'ělites,
Mo'aḇ and the Haḡarites,
7Geḇal and Ammon and Amalěq,
Philistia with the inhabitants of Tsor,
8Ashshur also has joined with them,
They have helped the children of Lot. Selah.
9***Do*** to them as to Miḏyan,
As to Sisera,
As to Yaḇin at the wadi Qishon,
10***Who*** *perished* at Ěndor,
Who became as *dung* for the ground.
11Make their nobles like Oreḇ and like Ze'ěḇ,
And **all** their princes like Zeḇaḥ and Tsalmunna,
12***Who*** have said, "**Let** us take possession of the pastures of **Elohim** For ourselves."
13O my **Elohim**, make them as whirling dust,
As stubble before the wind!
14As a *fire* consumes a forest,
And as a *flame* sets mountains on *fire*,
15So pursue them with **Your** whirlwind,
And frighten them with **Your** storm.
16Fill their faces with shame,
And let them **seek Your Name,** O יהוה.
17**Let** them be *ashamed* and *alarmed* **forever**;
And let them become abashed and *perish,*
18And let them **know** that **You,**
Whose **Name** is יהוה,
You alone are the **Most High**

over **all** the earth.

84 ***How*** lovely are **Your** dwelling places, O יהוה of hosts!

[2]My being has longed and even
fainted, for the courts of יהוה;
My **heart** and my *flesh* cry out
for the living Ěl.
[3]Even the sparrow has **found** a home,
And the swallow a nest for herself,
Where she has put her young ones –
Your altars, O יהוה of hosts,
My Sovereign and my **Elohim**.
[4] **Blessed** are those who dwell
in **Your** house,
They are ever praising **You.** Selah.
[5] **Blessed** is the man whose strength
is in **You,**
Your Highways are in their **heart.**
[6]Passing through the valley of *weeping*
they make it a fountain;
The **Teacher** also covers it with
blessings.
[7]They go from strength to strength,
Appearing before **Elohim** in Tsiyon.
[8]O יהוה **Elohim** of hosts, **hear** my
prayer;
Give ear, O **Elohim** of Ya'aqoḇ! Selah.
[9]O **Elohim**, **see** our shield,
And look upon the face
of **Your anointed**.
[10]For a day in **Your** courts
Is better than a thousand *days*.
I have **chosen** rather to be a
Doorkeeper in the House
of my **Elohim**,
Than to dwell in the tents of the
wrong.
[11]For יהוה **Elohim** is a sun and a
shield;
יהוה gives **favour** and esteem;
He withholds no **good** matter
From those who **walk** blamelessly.
[12]O יהוה of hosts, **blessed** is the
man who **trusts** in You!

85 יהוה, **You *shall*** take
pleasure in **Your** land;
You *shall turn* back the captivity of
Ya'aqoḇ.
[2]You *shall* take away the *crookedness*
of **Your people**;
You *shall* cover **all** *their sin.* Selah.
[3]**You *shall*** withdraw **all Your** *wrath*;
You *shall turn* from **Your**
fierce *displeasure.*
[4]Turn back to us, O **Elohim**
of our **deliverance**,
And **cause Your** vexation toward us
to cease.
[5]Would **You** be **enraged** with us
forever?
Would **You** draw out **Your** *displeasure*
From generation to generation?
[6]Would **You** not **revive** us again,
For **Your people** to **rejoice** in **You?**
[7]Show us **Your kindness**, O יהוה,
And give us **Your deliverance**.
[8]**Let** me **hear** what Ěl יהוה speaks,
For **He** speaks **peace** to **His** people
And to **His kind** ones;
And let them not turn again to *folly*.
[9]**Truly**, **His deliverance** is **near**
to those who **fear Him,**
For **esteem** to dwell in our land.
[10]Kindness and truth *shall* meet,
Righteousness and peace *shall* kiss.
[11]**Truth** sprouts forth from the earth,
And **righteousness** looks down
from heaven,
[12]Indeed, יהוה gives what is **good**,
And our land yields its increase.
[13]Righteousness goes before **Him,**
And prepares a **way** for **His** footsteps.

86 Incline **Your** ear, O יהוה,
answer me, for I am *poor* and needy.
[2]**Guard** my being, for I am **dedicated**;
You are my **Elohim**;
Save Your servant who is **trusting** in
You!
[3]Show **favour** to me, O יהוה,
For I cry to **You all** day long.
[4]Bring **joy** to the being of **Your**

servant,
For to **You,** O ֵיהוָה, I lift up my being.
[5]For **You,** ֵיהוָה, are **good** and **ready** to **forgive,**
And **great** in **kindness** to **all** those who **call** upon **You.**
[6]Give ear, O ֵיהוָה, to my prayer;
And **listen** to the **voice** of my pleadings.
[7]In the **day of** my *distress*
I **call** upon You,
For **You** answer me.
[8]There is none like You among the *mighty ones*, O ֵיהוָה;
And like **Your works** there are none.
[9]**Let all** nations **You** have made **come** and bow themselves before **You,** O ֵיהוָה,
And give **esteem** to **Your Name**.
[10]For **You** are great and are doing **wonders**;
You are **Elohim**, **You** alone.
[11]Teach me **Your way,** O ֵיהוָה;
Let me **walk** in **Your truth**;
Unite my **heart** to **fear Your Name**.
[12]I **praise You,** O ֵיהוָה my **Elohim**, with **all** my **heart,**
And I **esteem Your Name forever**.
[13]For **Your kindness** is **great** toward me,
And **You** have **delivered** my being From the depths of the grave.
[14]O **Elohim**, the *proud* have risen *against* me,
And a band of dreaded men have sought my **life**,
And have not set **You** before them.
[15]***But* You,** O ֵיהוָה,
Are a **compassionate** Ěl and showing favour,
Patient and **great** in **kindness** and **truth**.
[16]Turn to me and **show favour** to me!
Give **Your** strength to **Your** servant,
And **save** the son of **Your** female servant.
[17]Show me a **sign** for **good**,
And let those hating me **see** it and be ashamed,
For **You,** ֵיהוָה, have helped me and comforted me.

87

His foundation is
In the set-apart mountains.
[2]ֵיהוָה loves the gates of Tsiyon
More than **all** the dwellings of Ya'aqoḇ.
[3]Esteemed matters are **spoken** of you, O city of **Elohim**: Selah.
[4]"I mention Rahaḇ and Baḇel to those who **know** Me;
See, O Philistia and Tsor, with Kush,
'This and that one was born there.' "
[5]And of Tsiyon it is said,
"Each one was born in her;
For the **Most High Himself** does **establish** her."
[6]ֵיהוָה does **write,**
In the register of the peoples,
"This one was born there."
Selah.
[7]And the singers and the players on instruments –
All my fountains, are in you.

88

ֵיהוָה, **Elohim** of my **deliverance,**
By day I have *cried out*,
In the night *also* before **You,**
[2]**Let** my prayer **come** before **You,**
Incline **Your** ear to my cry.
[3]For my being is filled with *evil*s,
And my **life draws near** to the grave.
[4]I have been reckoned among those ***Who*** go down to the pit;
I have become like a man who has no strength,
[5]Released among the *dead,*
Like *slain* ones *lying* in the grave,
***Whom* You** have **remembered** no more,
And who have been *cut off* from **Your hand.**
[6]**You** have put me in the lowest pit,
In dark places, in the depths.
[7]**Your** *wrath* has rested heavily upon

me,
And **You** have *afflicted* me with **all**
Your breakers. Selah.
[8]**You** have put away my friends far
from me;
You have made me an **abomination**
to them;
I am shut in and *do not* go out;
[9]My eye grows dim **because**
of affliction.
יהוה, I have called upon **You,**
all day long;
I have **stretched** out my hands to **You.**
[10]Would **You work wonders**
for the dead?
Would the *dead* rise to **praise You?**
Selah.
[11]Is **Your kindness declared**
in the grave?
Your trustworthiness in the place
of destruction?
[12]Are **Your wonders known**
in the dark?
And **Your righteousness** in the land
of no **remembrance**?
[13]***But*** I, unto **You** I have cried,
O יהוה,
And in the morning my prayer **comes**
before **You.**
[14]יהוה, why do **You** *reject* me?
Why do **You** hide **Your** face from me?
[15]I am *afflicted* and dying from
childhood;
I have borne frightening matters from
You;
I am in despair.
[16]**Your fierce** *wrath* has gone over me;
Your onslaughts have *cut* me off.
[17]They surrounded me like water **all**
day long;
They close in upon me altogether.
[18]You have put **loved** one
and companion far from me,
Darkness is my close friend!

89 I sing of the **kindness**es of
יהוה **forever**;
With my **mouth** I make **known Your**
trustworthiness to **all** generations.
[2]For I said, "Kindness is built up
forever;
You establish Your trustworthiness
in the **heavens.**"
[3]**You** *said*, "I have made a **covenant**
with **My chosen**,
I have sworn to **My** servant Dawiḏ:
[4]'I **establish** your seed **forever**,
And ***shall*** build up your throne to **all**
generations.' " Selah.
[5]And the heavens **praise Your**
wonders, O יהוה,
Your trustworthiness, too,
In the assembly of the set-apart ones.
[6]For who in the heavens is comparable
to יהוה?
Who among the sons of the mighty is
like יהוה?
[7]Ěl is greatly ***feared***
In the company of the set-apart ones,
And **awesome** above **all** those around
Him.
[8]O יהוה **Elohim** of hosts,
Who is mighty like **You,** O Yah?
And **Your** trustworthiness is **all**
around **You.**
[9]**You rule** the swelling of the sea;
When its waves rise, **You** still them.
[10]**You** have broken Rahaḇ in pieces,
as one who is slain;
You have *scattered* **Your** enemies
With the arm of **Your** strength.
[11]The heavens are **Your**s, The earth
also is **Your**s;
The world and **all** that fills it.
You have founded them.
[12]North and south – **You** have created
them; Taḇor and Ḥermon
rejoice in **Your Name**.
[13]**You** have a mighty arm,
Your hand is **strong,**
Your right hand exalted.
[14]Righteousness and **right-ruling**

Are the **foundation** of **Your** throne;
Kindness and **truth** go before **Your** face.
15 **Blessed** are the people
***Who* know** the festal trumpet-call!
They **walk,** O יהוה, in the **light** of **Your** face.
16In **Your Name** they **rejoice all** day long,
And they are exalted in **Your righteousness** .
17For **You** are the comeliness of their strength,
And by **Your good** pleasure our horn is exalted.
18For יהוה is our shield,
And the **Set-apart One** of Yisra'ĕl is our Sovereign.
19***Then* You** spoke in a **vision** to **Your** kind one,
And **You** said, "I have **given** help to one who is mighty,
I have exalted one **chosen** from the people.
20"I have **found My** servant Dawiḏ;
With **My** set-apart oil I **anointed** him,
21"With whom **My hand** is **established**;
My arm also strengthens him.
22"No enemy subjects him to tribute,
And no son of *wickedness* afflicts him.
23"And I ***shall*** beat down
His adversaries before his face,
And *plague* those who *hate* him.
24"***But* My** trustworthiness
And **My kindness** are with him,
And **in My Name** his horn is exalted.
25"And I ***shall*** set his **hand** on the sea,
And his **right hand** on the rivers.
26"He calls out to **Me,** '**You** are my Father,
My Ěl and the rock of my **deliverance**.'
27"I also **appoint** him first-born,
Highest of the sovereigns of the earth.
28"I **guard My kindness**
for him **forever**,
And **My covenant** is steadfast with him.
29"And **I *shall* establish**
his seed **forever**,
And his throne as the days of the heavens.
30"***If*** his sons *forsake* **My Torah**
And *do not* **walk** in **My right-rulings**,
31"***If*** they *profane* **My laws**
And *do not* **guard My commands**,
32"***Then*** I ***shall* visit** their *transgression* with the rod,
And their *crookedness* with flogging.
33"***But* My kindness** I *do not* take away from him,
Nor be *false* to **My** trustworthiness.
34"I ***shall*** not *profane* **My covenant**,
Neither would I *change* what has gone out from **My** lips.
35"Once I have sworn by **My** set-apartness, I *do not lie* to Dawiḏ:
36"**His** seed ***shall* be forever**,
And his throne as the sun before **Me**;
37"Like the moon, it is **established forever**,
And the **witness** in **the heavens** is steadfast." Selah.
38Yet **You** have *rejected* and spurned,
You have been *wroth* with **Your** anointed.
39**You** have disowned the **covenant** of **Your** servant,
You have *defiled* his diadem in the dust.
40**You** have broken down **all** his hedges,
You have brought his *strongholds* to ruin.
41All who pass by the **way**
plunder him;
He is a *reproach* to his neighbours.
42**You** have exalted the **right hand** of his adversaries,
You have made **all** his enemies rejoice.
43Moreover **You** have turned back the edge of his *sword,*
And have not made him **stand**

in battle.
44**You** have brought an end
to his splendour,
And have hurled his throne to the ground.
45**You** have shortened the days of his youth,
You have covered him with *shame.* Selah.
46***How*** long, O יהוה, would **You** be hidden?
Would **Your** *wrath* burn like *fire* **forever**?
47Please ***remember*** how short my **time** is;
Why should you have created **all** the sons of men for naught?
48***What*** man would **live** and not **see** death?
Who rescues his **life** from the **power** of the grave? Selah.
49יהוה, where are **Your** former **kindness**es,
Which **You swore** to Dawiḏ in **Your** trustworthiness?
50יהוה, ***remember*** the *reproach* of **Your** servants,
That I have borne in my bosom – Of **all** the many peoples,
51With which **Your** enemies have reproached, O יהוה,
With which they have reproached the footsteps of **Your anointed**.
52 **Blessed** be יהוה **forever**! Amĕn and Amĕn.

90 יהוה, **You** have been our **refuge** in **all** generations.
2Before the mountains were born,
Or **You** had brought forth the earth and the world,
Even from **everlasting** to **everlasting** **You** are Ĕl.
3**You** turn man back to dust,
And say, "**Return,** O children of men."
4For a thousand years in **Your** eyes
Are like yesterday that has past,
Or like a **watch** in the night.
5**You** have swept them away,
They are as a sleep,
Like grass that springs up in the morning.
6In the morning it flourishes and springs up,
At **evening** it is *cut down* and withered.
7For we have been *consumed*
by **Your** *displeasure,*
And by **Your** *wrath* we are *alarmed*.
8**You** have set our *crookedness*es before **You,**
Our **secret** *sin* in the **light**
of **Your** face.
9For **all** our days have passed away in **Your** *wrath*,
We spend our years like a whisper.
10The days of our lives are seventy years;
Or if due to strength, eighty years,
Yet the best of them is but toil and exertion;
For it is soon *cut* off and we fly away.
11***Who*** **knows** the **power** of **Your** displeasure?
And your *wrath*, **according** to the **fear** of **You?**
12**Teach** us to number our days,
And let us bring the **heart** to **wisdom**.
13**Return,** O יהוה! ***How*** long?
And be sorry for **Your** servants.
14Satisfy us in the morning with **Your** **kindness**,
And let us sing for **joy all** our days!
15Give us **joy according** to
The days **You** have *afflicted* us,
The years we have **seen** *evil*.
16Reveal **Your work** to **Your** servants,
And **Your** splendour to their children.
17And let the pleasantness
Of יהוה our **Elohim** be upon us,
And **confirm** the **work** of our hands

for us;
O **confirm** the **work** of our hands!

91 **He** who dwells in the **secret** place of the **Most High,**
Who abides under the shadow of the **Almighty,**
[2]**He** is saying of יהוה, "My **refuge** and my *stronghold,*
My **Elohim**, in whom I trust!"
[3]For **He** delivers you from the *snare* of a trapper,
From the *destructive pestilence.*
[4]**He** covers you with **His** feathers,
And under **His** wings you take refuge;
His truth is a shield and armour.
[5]You are not *afraid* of the *dread* by night, Of the arrow that flies by day,
[6]Of the *pestilence* that walks in *darkness*,
Of ***destruction*** that ravages at midday.
[7]A thousand *fall* at your side,
And ten thousand at your **right** hand;
But it *does not* **come near** you.
[8]Only with your eyes you look on,
And **see** the reward of the ***wrong*** ones.
[9]**Because** you have made יהוה–
My refuge, the **Most High** – your dwelling place,
[10]No *evil* befalls you and a *plague does not* **come near** your tent;
[11]For **He commands His** messengers concerning you,
To **guard** you in **all** your ways.
[12]They bear you up in their hands,
Lest you dash your foot *against* a stone.
[13]You tread upon lion and cobra,
Young lion and *serpent* you trample under foot.
[14]"**Because** he cleaves to **Me** in **love,**
Therefore I **deliver** him; I set him on high **because** he has **known My Name.**
[15]"***When*** he calls on **Me,** I answer him;
I am with him in distress;
I **deliver** him and **esteem** him.
[16]"With long **life** I satisfy him
and show him **My deliverance**."

92 It is **good** to give **thanks** to יהוה,
And to sing praises to **Your Name,**
O **Most High**;
[2]To **declare Your kindness** in the morning,
And **Your** trustworthiness each night,
[3]On ten strings and on the harp, To the sounding chords of the lyre.
[4]For **You** have made me **rejoice** with **Your work,** O יהוה,
I shout for **joy** at the **works** of **Your** hands.
[5]O יהוה, how **great** are **Your** works!
Your *thoughts* are **very** deep!
[6]A senseless man *does not* **know,**
And a *fool does not* **understand** this.
[7]***When*** the ***wrong*** spring up like grass,
And **all** the workers of *wickedness* blossom,
It is for them to be ***destroyed*** **forever**.
[8]***But*** **You,** יהוה are on high **forever**.
[9]For look, **Your** enemies, O יהוה,
For look, **Your** enemies do perish;
All the workers of *wickedness* are *scattered*.
[10]***But*** **You** lift up my horn like a wild ox;
I have been **anointed** with **fresh** oil.
[11]And my eye looks upon my enemies;
My ears hear the *evil-doers* ***Who*** rise up *against* me.
[12]The **righteous** one flourishes like a palm *tree,*
He grows like a cedar in Lebanon.
[13]Those who are planted in the House of יהוה

Flourish in the courts of our **Elohim**.
[14]They still bear **fruit** in old age;
They are **fresh** and green,

[15]To **declare** that יהוה is **straight,**
My rock and in **Him** is no
unrighteousness.

93

יהוה ***shall*** reign,
He *shall* put on excellency;
יהוה ***shall*** put on strength;
He *shall* gird **Himself**.
Indeed, the world is **established**,
immovable.
[2]**Your** throne is **established** from of
old; **You** are from **everlasting**.
[3]Rivers ***shall*** lift up, O יהוה,
Rivers ***shall*** lift up their **voice**;
Rivers lift up their breakers.
[4]יהוה on high is mightier
Than the noise of many waters,
The mighty breakers of the sea.
[5]**Your witnesses** have been **very
trustworthy**.
Set-apartness befits **Your** house,
O יהוה, **forever**.

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O יהוה, Ěl of **vengeance**;
O Ěl of **vengeance**, shine forth!
[2]Raise **Yourself** up, O Judge of the
earth;
Render *punishment* to the *proud*.
[3]יהוה, how long are the ***wrong,***
How long are the ***wrong*** going to
exult?
[4]They pour forth **words**, They **speak**
arrogantly;
All the workers of *wickedness* boast
in themselves.
[5]They *crush* **Your people**, O יהוה,
And they *afflict* **Your** inheritance.
[6]They *slay* the widow and the stranger,
And murder the fatherless.
[7]Yet they say, "Yah *does not* **see,**
And the **Elohim** of Ya'aqoḇ pays no
heed."
[8]Take **heed**,
you senseless among the people;
And you fools,
when would you become wise?

[9]**He** who planted the ear,
does **He** not hear?
He who formed the eye,
does **He** not see?
[10]**He** who disciplines the nations,
Does **He** not **reprove** –
The **One teaching** man **knowledge**?
[11]יהוה **knows** the *thoughts* of man,
That they are *but* a breath.
[12] **Blessed** is the man **You** discipline,
O Yah and **instruct** out of **Your Torah**
[13]To give him rest from the days of
evil, Until the pit is dug for the *wrong.*
[14]For יהוה *does not* leave **His**
people,
Nor does **He** *forsake* **His** inheritance.
[15]For **right-ruling** returns *man* to
righteousness,
And **all** the **upright** in **heart follow** it.
[16]***Who*** would rise up for me *against
evil-doers*?
Who would **stand** up for me *against*
workers of *wickedness*?
[17]***If*** יהוה had not been my help,
My being would soon have settled in
silence.
[18]***When*** I said, "My foot has slipped,"
Your kindness, O יהוה,
supported me.
[19]***When*** anxiety was **great** within me,
Your comforts delighted my being.
[20]Would a throne of ***destruction,***
Which devises *trouble* by decree,
Be joined with **You?**
[21]They band **together** *against* the **life**
of the **righteous,**
And **declare innocent blood** *wrong.*
[22]***But*** יהוה is my defence,
And my **Elohim** the rock of my
refuge,
[23]And brings back on them
their own *wickedness*,
And *cuts* them off in their

own ***wrong*** doing;
ꓤꓴꓤꓩ our **Elohim** does *cut* them off.

95 **Come,** let us sing to ꓤꓴꓤꓩ!
Let us **raise** a shout to the Rock of
our **deliverance**.
[2]**Let** us **come** before **His** face with
thanksgiving;
Let us **raise** a shout to **Him** in song.
[3]For ꓤꓴꓤꓩ is a **great** Ěl,
And a **great** Sovereign above **all**
mighty ones.
[4]In whose **hand** are the depths of the
earth;
The mountain peaks are **His** also.
[5]**His** is the sea, for **He** made it;
And **His** hands formed the dry land.
[6]**Come,** let us bow down and bend
low,
Let us kneel before ꓤꓴꓤꓩ our
Maker.
[7]For **He** is our **Elohim**,
And we are the people of **His** pasture,
And the sheep of **His hand.**
Today, if you would **hear His voice**:
[8]"***Do*** *not harden* your **hearts** as in
Meriḇah,
And as in the **day of** Massah in the
wilderness,
[9]"***When*** your fathers tried **Me,**
Have proved **Me,** though they **saw**
My work.
[10]"For forty years I was *grieved* with
that generation,
And said, 'They are a people who go
astray in their **hearts**,
And they *do not* **know My** ways.'
[11]"As I **swore** in **My** *wrath*,
'***If*** they enter into **My rest.**..'"

96 Sing to ꓤꓴꓤꓩ a new song,
Sing to ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, **all** the earth!
[2]Sing to ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, **bless His Name,**
Proclaim **His deliverance**
from day to day.
[3]**Declare His esteem**
among the nations,
His wonders among **all** peoples.
[4]For **great** is ꓤꓴꓤꓩ and greatly to be
p**raised**,
He is to be ***feared*** above **all** mighty
ones.
[5]For **all** the *mighty ones* of the peoples
are matters of *naught,*
But ꓤꓴꓤꓩ made the **heavens.**
[6]Excellency and splendour are before
Him,
Strength and comeliness are in **His**
set-apart place.
[7]Ascribe to ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, O clans of the
peoples,
Ascribe to ꓤꓴꓤꓩ **esteem**
and strength.
[8]Ascribe to ꓤꓴꓤꓩ the **esteem**
of **His Name**;
Bring an offering and **come**
into **His** courts.
[9]Bow yourselves to ꓤꓴꓤꓩ,
In the splendour of set-apartness!
Tremble before **Him, all** the earth.
[10]Say among nations,
"ꓤꓴꓤꓩ ***shall*** reign.
The world also is **established**,
immovable.
He judges the people in **straightness**."
[11]**Let** the heavens **rejoice** and let the
earth be glad;
Let the sea roar and **all** that fills it;
[12]**Let** the field exult and **all** that
is in it.
Let all the trees of the forest then
shout for joy,
[13]At the presence of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ.
For **He *shall*** come,
For **He *shall* come to judge** the earth.
He judges the world in **righteousness**,
And the peoples with **His truth**.

97 יהוה ***shall*** reign. The earth
rejoices and many isles are glad!
[2]Clouds and *darkness* **all** around **Him,**
Righteousness and **right-ruling** are
the foundation of **His** throne.
[3]Fire goes before **Him,**
And burns up **His** adversaries
round about.
[4]**His** lightnings ***shall*** **light** the world,
The earth ***shall*** **see** and *tremble.*
[5]The mountains ***shall*** melt
like wax before the face of יהוה,
Before the face of the **Master**
of **all** the earth.
[6]The heavens ***shall*** **declare**
His righteousness,
And **all** the peoples ***shall*** **see**
His esteem.
[7]All are put to *shame* who **serve**
carved images,
Those boasting of matters of naught.
Bow yourselves to **Him,**
all you *mighty ones*.
[8]Tsiyon ***shall*** **hear** and be glad,
And the daughters of Yahuḏah **rejoice**
Because of **Your right-rulings**,
O יהוה.
[9]For **You,** יהוה,are the **Most High**
over **all** the earth,
You *shall* be greatly exalted,
over **all** *mighty ones*.
[10]You who **love** יהוה, *hate evil*!
He guards the lives of **His kind** ones,
He delivers them out of the **hand**
of the *wrong.*
[11]**Light** is sown for the **righteous,**
And **gladness** for the **upright** in
heart.
[12]Rejoice in יהוה, you **righteous,**
And give **thanks** at the
remembrance of **His** Set-apartness.

98 Sing to יהוה a new song!
For **He** has done **wonders**;
His right hand and **His** set-apart arm
Have brought **Him deliverance**.
[2]יהוה has made **known**
His deliverance;
His righteousness He has openly
shown before the eyes of the nations.
[3]**He** has **remembered His kindness**
And **His** trustworthiness to the house
of Yisra'ĕl;
All the ends of the earth have **seen**
The **deliverance** of our **Elohim**.
[4]Raise a shout to יהוה, **all** the earth;
Break forth in song, **rejoice,**
and sing praises.
[5]Sing to יהוה with the lyre,
With the lyre and the **voice** of a song,
[6]With trumpets and the sound
of a horn;
Raise a shout before יהוה,
the Sovereign.
[7]**Let** the sea roar and **all** that fills it,
The world and those who dwell in it.
[8]**Let** the rivers clap their hands,
Let the mountains sing **together** for
joy before יהוה,
[9]For **He *shall* come to judge** the earth.
He judges the world in **righteousness**,
And the people in **straightness**.

99 יהוה ***shall*** reign;
Peoples *tremble*! **He** is enthroned on
the kerubim; The earth *shakes*!
[2]יהוה is **great** in Tsiyon,
And **He** is high above **all** the peoples.
[3]They **praise Your Name,**
great and **awesome,** It is set-apart.
[4]And the strength of the Sovereign
***Shall* love** right-ruling;
You Yourself *shall* establish
straightness;
You *shall execute* right-ruling
And **righteousness** in Ya'aqoḇ.
[5]Exalt יהוה our **Elohim**,
And bow yourselves at **His** footstool,
He is set-apart.
[6]Mosheh and Aharon were among
His priests,
And Shemu'ĕl was among
those calling upon **His Name.**

They called upon 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄
and **He** answered them.
[7]**He** spoke to them in the column
of cloud;
They **guarded His witnesses**
And the **law He** gave them.
[8]**You** answered them,
O 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 our **Elohim**.
You were a forgiving Ěl to them,
Though **You** took **vengeance**
on their **deeds**.
[9]Exalt 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 our **Elohim**,
And bow down towards **His**
set-apart mountain;
For 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 our **Elohim** is set-apart.

100

Raise a shout for 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄,
All the earth!
[2]Serve 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 with **gladness**;
come before **His** presence
with singing.
[3]Know that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, **He** is **Elohim**;
He has made us and we are **His** –
His people and the sheep
of **His** pasture.
[4]Enter into **His** gates
with **thanksgiving**,
And into **His** courts with praise.
Give **thanks** to Him; **bless His Name.**
[5]For 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is **good**;
His kindness is **everlasting**,
And **His truth**, to **all** generations.

101

I sing of **kindness** and
right-ruling;
To **You,** O 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, I sing praises.
[2]I act **wisely** in a **perfect way.**
When do **You come to** me?
I **walk** in the **midst** of my house
with a **perfect heart.**
[3]I set no matter of Beliya'al
before my eyes;
I *hate* the **work** of those
who *fall* away;
It *does not* cleave to me.
[4]A ***perverse* heart** turns away
from me; I *do not* **know** *evil*.
[5]Him who **secretly** *slanders*
his neighbour I *cut* off;
I *do not*tolerate one

Who has a haughty look and a *proud*
heart.
[6]My eyes are on the **trustworthy**
of the land, to dwell with me;
He who walks in a **perfect way,**
He serves me.
[7]**He** who *practises deceit*
Does not dwell in my house;
He who speaks lies
Does not **stand** in my presence.
[8]Each morning I uproot
all the ***wrong*** of the land,
To *cut off* **all** the workers of
wickedness
From the city of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.

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O 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, **hear** my prayer,
And let my cry **come to You.**
[2]***Do*** *not* hide **Your** face from me
In the **day of** my distress;
Incline **Your** ear to me;
In the day I call, answer me **speedily**.
[3]For my days are *consumed* like s
moke,
And my bones are *burned*
like a hearth.
[4]My **heart** is *stricken* and withered
like grass,
For I have *forgotten* to eat my bread.
[5]**Because** of the sound of my *sighing*
My bones have cleaved to my *flesh.*
[6]I have been like a pelican of the
wilderness,
I have been like an owl of the desert.
[7]I have watched and I am As a bird
alone on the house-top.
[8]My enemies reproached me **all** day
long,
Those who rave *against* me have
sworn *against* me.

[9]For I have eaten ashes like bread,
And mixed my drink with tears,
[10]**Because** of **Your** *displeasure*
and **Your** *wrath*;
For **You** have lifted me up
And *thrown* me down.
[11]My days are like a shadow that
lengthens,
And I *wither* away like grass.
[12]***But* You,** O ֵיהוָה, ***shall* be**
enthroned **forever**,
And the **remembrance** of **You** be to
all generations.
[13]**You Yourself *shall*** arise
And have **compassion** on Tsiyon,
For the **time** to **favour** her,
The **appointed time,** has come.
[14]For **Your** servants have been pleased
with her stones,
And they **favour** her dust.
[15]And the nations ***shall* fear**
the **Name** of ֵיהוָה,
And **all** the sovereigns of the earth
Your esteem,
[16]For ֵיהוָה ***shall*** build up Tsiyon,
He *shall* appear in **His** esteem.
[17]**He *shall turn*** unto the prayer
of the destitute,
And **He *shall*** not *despise* their prayer.
[18]This is **written** for a generation
to come,
So that a people to be created
praise Yah.
[19]For **He looked** down
From the height of **His** set-apart place;
From **heaven** ֵיהוָה viewed
the earth,
[20]To **hear** the groaning of the prisoner,
To release those **appointed** to *death,*
[21]To **declare** the **Name** of ֵיהוָה
in Tsiyon,
And **His praise** in Yerushalayim,
[22]***When*** peoples **gather** together,
And reigns, to **serve** ֵיהוָה.
[23]**He** has humbled my strength
in the way;
He has shortened my days.
[24]I said, "O my Ěl,
***Do** not* take me away in the **midst** of
my days;
Your years are throughout **all**
generations.
[25]"**You** did **found** the earth of old and
the heavens are the **work** of
Your hands.
[26]"They ***shall** perish,* but **You** remain;
And **all** of them grow old like a
garment;
You *change* them like a coat,
And they are *changed*.
[27]"***But* You** are the **same,**
And **Your** years have no end.
[28]"The sons of **Your** servants continue,
Their seed is **established** before You."

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Bless ֵיהוָה, O my being,
And **all** that is within me,
Bless **His** set-apart **Name!**
[2]Bless ֵיהוָה, O my being,
And *do not forget* **all His** dealings,
[3]***Who*** **forgives all** your *crookedness*es,
Who **heals all** your *diseases*,
[4]***Who*** redeems your **life**
from destruction,
Who crowns you with
kindness and **compassion**,
[5]***Who*** satisfies your desire with the
good,
Your youth is **renewed** like the
eagle's.
[6]ֵיהוָה is doing **righteousness**
And **right-ruling** for **all**
the *oppressed*.
[7]**He** made **known His ways**
to Mosheh,
His acts to the children of Yisra'ĕl.
[8]ֵיהוָה is **compassionate**
and showing **favour,**
Patient and **great** in **kindness**.
[9]**He** *does not* **always** *strive,*
nor maintain it **forever**.
[10]**He** has not done to us **according**
to our *sins*,
Nor **rewarded** us **according** to our
*crookedness*es.
[11]For as the heavens are high above

the earth,
So **great** is **His kindness** toward those
who **fear** Him;
12As far as east is from west,
So far has **He** removed
our *transgressions* from us.
13As a father has **compassion**
for his children,
So יהוה has **compassion**
for those who **fear Him.**
14For **He knows** how we are made;
He remembers that we are dust.
15A man's days are like grass;
As a flower of the field,
so he flourishes.
16For the *wind* blows over it,
and it is no more,
And its place no longer **remembers** it.
17***But*** the **kindness** of יהוה
Is from **everlasting** to **everlasting**
Upon those who **fear Him,**
And **His righteousness** to children's
children,
18To those who **guard His** covenant,
And to those who ***remember*** **His**
orders to do them.
19יהוה has **established**
His throne in the heavens,
And **His reign *shall* rule** over **all.**
20Bless יהוה, you **His** messengers,
Mighty in power, who do **His word,**
Listening to the **voice** of **His Word.**
21Bless יהוה, **all** you **His** hosts,
You **His** servants, who do **His**
pleasure.
22Bless יהוה, **all His works,**
In **all** places of **His rule.**
Bless יהוה, O my being!

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Bless יהוה, O my being!
O יהוה my **Elohim**,
You have been **very** great:
You have put on excellency
and splendour,
2Covering **Yourself** with **light**
as with a garment,
Stretching out the heavens
like a curtain,
3***Who*** is laying the beams
of **His** upper rooms in the waters,
Who is making thick clouds **His**
chariot,
Who is walking on the wings
of the wind,
4Making **His** messengers the winds,
His servants a *flame* of *fire*.
5**He established** the earth on its
foundations,
So that it *would not* totter **forever**,
6**You** covered it with the deep
as with a garment;
The waters stood above the mountains.
7At **Your *rebuke*** they flee;
At the **voice** of **Your** *thunder* they
hurry away.
8They go up the mountains;
They go down the valleys,
To the place which **You** founded
for them.
9**You** did set a boundary,
they *do not* pass over,
They *do not* **return** to cover the earth.
10***Who*** is sending the springs
into the valleys,
They flow among the hills.
11They give drink to **every** beast of the
field;
Wild donkeys *break* their thirst.
12The birds of the heavens dwell
beside them;
They sing from between the branches.
13Watering the hills from **His** upper
rooms;
The earth is **satisfied** with the **fruit** of
Your works.
14Causing the grass to grow for the
cattle,
And plants for the service of mankind,
To bring forth food from the earth,
15And **wine** that makes **glad** the **heart**
of man,
Oil to make the face shine,
And **bread** which sustains man's

heart.
16The trees of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 are satisfied,
The cedars of Leḇanon which **He**
planted,
17Where the birds do make nests;
The stork has her home in the fir trees.
18The high hills are for wild goats;
Rocks a **refuge** for rock badgers.
19**He** made the moon
for **appointed** times;
The sun **knows** its going down.
20**You** put *darkness* and it is night,
In it **all** the beasts of the forest creep.
21The young lions are roaring for prey,
And **seeking** their food from Ěl.
22The sun arises – they withdraw
And *lie* down in their dens.
23Man goes out to his **work,**
And to his labour, til **evening**.
24O 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, how many have
been **Your** works!
You have made **all** of them in **wisdom**.
The earth is filled
with **Your** possessions.
25There is the sea, **great** and wide,
In which are innumerable swarms,
Living creatures, small with great.
26There do ships go;
That Liwiathan which You
made, to play there.
27All of them wait for **You,**
To give their food in due season.
28**You** give to them, they **gather** in;
You open Your hand,
they are satisfied with **good**.
29**You** hide **Your** face,
they are *alarmed*;
You take away their breath,
they *die* and **return** to their dust;
30**You** send forth **Your Spirit,**
they are created;
And **You** renew the face of the earth.
31The **esteem** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is **forever**,
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **rejoices** in **His works,**
32***Who*** looks on the earth,
and it trembles;
He *touches* the mountains,
and they smoke.
33I sing to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 as long **as I live,**
I sing **praise** to my **Elohim** while I
exist.
34My meditation on **Him** is sweet;
I **rejoice** in 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
35**Let** *sinners* be *consumed*
from the earth,
And let the ***wrong*** be no more.
Bless 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, O my being!
Praise Yah!

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Give **thanks** to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄!
Call upon **His Name,**
Make **known His deeds**
among the peoples.
2Sing to **Him,** sing **praise** to Him;
Speak of **all His wonders**.
3Make your boast
in **His** set-apart **Name**;
Let the **hearts rejoice** of those
seeking 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
4**Seek** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and **His** strength;
Seek His face always.
5**Remember His wonders**
which **He** has done,
His miracles and the **right-rulings**
of **His mouth,**
6O seed of Aḇrahim **His** servant,
Children of Ya'aqoḇ, **His chosen** ones!
7**He** is 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 our **Elohim**;
His right-rulings are in **all** the earth.
8**He** has **remembered His covenant**
forever,
The **Word He commanded**, for a
thousand generations,
9**The covenant He** made with
Aḇrahim,
And **His oath** to Yitsḥaq,
10And **established** it to Ya'aqoḇ for a
law,
To Yisra'ěl – an **everlasting covenant**,
11Saying, "To you I give the land of
Kena'an,
The portion of your inheritance."
12***When*** they were **few** in number,
Few indeed and sojourners in it,

13And they went about from one nation
to another,
From one **reign** to another people,
14**He** allowed no one to *oppress* them,
And **He** reproved sovereigns for their
sakes,
15*Saying*, "***Do** not* touch **My anointed**
ones and do **My** prophets no *evil*."
16And **He** called for a *scarcity of food*
in the land;
He *cut off* **all** the supply of bread.
17**He sent** ahead of them a man,
Yosĕph, sold as a slave.
18They *afflicted* his feet with shackles,
His neck was put in irons.
19Until the **time** that **His Word** came,
The **Word** of יהוה tried him.
20The sovereign **sent** and released him,
The ruler of the people let him loose.
21**He** made him master of his house,
And ruler over **all** his possessions,
22To bind his chiefs at his pleasure,
And to **teach** his elders **wisdom**.
23***Then*** Yisra'ĕl came to Mitsrayim,
And Ya'aqoḇ sojourned
in the land of Ḥam.
24And **He** increased **His** people greatly,
And made them stronger
than their enemies.
25**He** turned their **heart** to *hate* **His**
people,
To conspire *against* **His** servants.
26**He sent** Mosheh **His** servant,
Aharon whom **He** had **chosen**.
27They set among them the matters of
His signs,
And **wonders** in the land of Ḥam.
28**He sent** *darkness* and made it dark;
And they *did not* ***rebel*** *against*
His word.
29**He** turned their waters into **blood,**
And *killed* their fish.
30Their land teemed with frogs,
In the rooms of their sovereigns.
31**He** spoke and swarms of flies came,
Gnats in **all** their borders.
32**He** gave them *hail* for rain,
A flaming *fire* in their land.
33And **He** *smote* their vines
and their fig trees,
And broke the trees of their borders.
34**He** spoke and locusts came,
And larvae, innumerable,
35And they devoured **all** the plants in
their land,
And they devoured the **fruit** of their
ground.
36***Then*** **He** *smote* **all** the first-born in
their land,
The first-fruit of **all** their strength,
37And brought them out with silver and
gold,
And among **His** tribes no one faltered.
38Mitsrayim was **glad** when they left,
For the **fear** of them had fallen upon
them.
39**He** spread a cloud for a covering,
And *fire* to give **light** in the night.
40They asked and **He** brought quail,
And **satisfied** them with the **bread**
of **heavens.**
41**He** opened the rock and water
gushed out;
It ran in the dry places, a river.
42For **He remembered His** set-apart
word to Aḇrahim **His** servant.
43So **He** brought out **His** people with
joy and **His chosen** ones with singing.
44And **He** gave to them the lands
of the *gentiles*,
And they inherited the labour
of peoples,
45**In order** that they might **guard**
His laws and **watch** over **His Torot**.
Praise Yah!

106 Praise Yah!

Oh, give **thanks** to יהוה,
For **He** is **good**!
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**.
2***Who*** does relate the mighty
acts of יהוה?

Or **declare all His** praise?
3 **Blessed** are those who **guard**
right-ruling,
Who do **righteousness** at **all** times!
4**Remember** me, O יהוה, in the
acceptance of **Your people**;
Visit me with **Your deliverance,**
5To **see** the **good** of **Your chosen** ones,
To **rejoice** in the **gladness**
of **Your** nation,
To make my boast with **Your**
inheritance.
6We have *sinned* with our fathers,
We have *acted* perversely,
We have done *wrong.*
7Our fathers in Mitsrayim *did not*
understand **Your wonders**;
They *did not* ***remember*** **Your** many
kindnesses,
But *rebelled* by the sea,
the Sea ofReeds.
8***But*** **He saved** them for **His Name**'s
sake,
To make **known His** might.
9And **He** ***rebuked*** the Sea of Reeds,
and it dried up;
And **He** led them through the depths,
Through a wilderness.
10And **He saved** them from the **hand**
of the hater,
And redeemed them from the **hand** of
the enemy.
11And waters covered their adversaries;
Not one of them was left.
12***Then*** they **believed His words**;
They sang **His** praise.
13They soon *forgot* **His** works;
They *did not* wait for **His** counsel,
14***But*** greedily lusted in the wilderness,
And tried Ěl in the desert.
15And **He** gave them their request,
But **sent** leanness within their being.
16And they were ***jealous*** of Mosheh in
the camp,
Of Aharon, the set-apart one of
יהוה,
17***Then*** the earth opened up and swal
lowed Dathan,
And covered the company of Aḇiram.
18And a *fire burned* in their company;
A *flame consumed* the *wrong.*
19They made a *calf* in Ḥorěḇ,
And bowed down to a *moulded image.*
20Thus they *changed* **My esteem**
Into the form of an ox that eats grass.
21They *forgot* Ěl their **Saviour**,
The Doer of **great deeds** in Mitsrayim,
22Of **wonders** in the land of Ḥam,
Of **awesome deeds** by the Sea of
Reeds.
23***Then*** **He** said that **He** would
destroy them,
Had not Mosheh **His chosen** one stood
before **Him** in the breach,
To turn away **His** *wrath* from
destroying *them*.
24They then *despised* the pleasant land;
They *did not believe* **His word,**
25And they *grumbled* in their tents,
They *did not* **listen** to the **voice** of
יהוה.
26So **He** lifted up **His hand** *in an* **oath**
against them,
To make them *fall* in the wilderness,
27And to make their seed *fall* among
the *gentiles,*
And to *scatter* them in the lands.
28And they joined themselves to Ba'al
Pe'or,
And ate slaughterings made to the
dead.
29Thus they *provoked* **Him** with their
deeds,
And the *plague* broke out among
them.
30***Then*** Pineḥas stood up and
intervened,
And the *plague* was *stopped*.
31And that was reckoned to him for
righteousness
To **all** generations **forever**.
32And they *provoked wrath* at the
waters of Meriḇah,
And Mosheh suffered on account of

them;
[33]**Because** they embittered his spirit,
And he spoke *rashly* with his lips.
[34]They *did not destroy* the peoples,
As יהוה had **commanded** them,
[35]***But*** mixed with the *gentiles* And
learned their **works,**
[36]And **served** their *idols,*
And they became a *snare* to them.
[37]And they slaughtered their sons
And their daughters to ***demons,***
[38]And they shed **innocent blood,**
The **blood** of their sons and daughters,
Whom they offered to the *idols* of
Kena'an;
And the land was *defiled* with blood.
[39]So they became *unclean* by their own
works and went *whoring* by their
own **deeds**.
[40]And the *wrath* of יהוה *burned*
against **His** people,
And **He** *loathed* **His** own inheritance.
[41]***Then*** **He** gave them into the **hand** of
the *gentiles,*
And those who *hated* them ruled over
them.
[42]And their enemies *oppressed* them,
And they were humbled under their
hand.
[43]Many times **He delivered** them;
But they *rebelled* in their plans,
So they were brought low for their
crookedness.
[44]***But*** **He** would look on their *distress,*
When **He heard** their cry,
[45]And ***remember*** **His covenant** for
their sake,
And relent **according** to the greatness
of **His kindness**.
[46]And **He** would let them find
compassion,
Before **all** those holding them captive.
[47]**Save** us, O יהוה our **Elohim**,
And **gather** us from among the
gentiles,
To give **thanks** to **Your** set-apart
Name and to exult in **Your** praise.
[48] **Blessed** be יהוה **Elohim** of
Yisra'ĕl
From **everlasting** to **everlasting**!
And **all** the people ***shall*** say, "Amĕn!"
Praise Yah!

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Give **thanks** to יהוה!
For **He** *is* **good**,
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**.
[2]**Let** the redeemed of יהוה say *so*,
Whom **He** has redeemed from the
hand of the adversary,
[3]And gathered out of the lands,
From east and from west,
From north and from south.
[4]They wandered in a wilderness,
in a desert way;
They **found** no city to dwell in.
[5]Hungry and thirsty,
Their being in them grew faint.
[6]***Then*** they *cried out* to יהוה
in their *distress,*
He delivered them out of their
troubles.
[7]And **He** guided them by the **right**
way, To go to a city to settle.
[8]**Let** them give **thanks** to יהוה for
His kindness,
And **His wonders** to the children of
men!
[9]For **He** has **satisfied** a longing being,
And has filled the hungry being with
goodness.
[10]Some sat in *darkness* and in the
shadow of *death,*
Bound in *affliction* and irons,
[11]**Because** they *rebelled* *against* the
words of Ĕl,
And *despised* the counsel of the Most
High.
[12]And **He** humbled their **heart** by toil;
They stumbled and there was no one
to help.
[13]And they *cried out* to יהוה in their
distress,
And **He saved** them out of their

troubles.
[14]**He** brought them out of *darkness* and
the *shadow of death,*
And **He** broke their chains in pieces.
[15]**Let** them give **thanks** to ֱיְהֱזְ for
His kindness,
And **His wonders** to the children of
men!
[16]For **He** has broken the gates of
bronze,
And **He** *cut* the bars of iron in two.
[17]Fools, **<u>because</u>** of their
transgression,
And **<u>because</u>** of their *crookedness*es,
were *afflicted*.
[18]Their being *loathed* **all** food,
And they drew **near** to the gates of
death,
[19]And *cried out* to ֱיְהֱזְ in their
distress,
He saved them out of their troubles.
[20]**He sent His word** and **healed** them,
And **delivered** them from their
destructions.
[21]**Let** them give **thanks** to ֱיְהֱזְ for
His kindness,
And **His wonders** to the children of
men!
[22]And let them bring slaughterings of
thanksgiving,
And relate **His works** with rejoicing.
[23]Those who go down to the sea in
ships,
Doing **work** in many waters,
[24]They **see** the **works** of ֱיְהֱזְ and
His wonders in the deep.
[25]For **He commands** and raises the
stormy wind,
Which lifts up the waves of the sea.
[26]They go up to the heavens,
They go down to the depths;
Their being is melted **<u>because</u>** of *evil*.
[27]They reel to and fro and ***stagger*** like
a drunkard,
And **all** their **wisdom** is swallowed up.
[28]***Then*** they cry out to ֱיְהֱזְ in their
distress,
And **He** brings them out of their
troubles.
[29]**He caused** the *storm* to be still,
So that its waves were silent.
[30]And they **rejoice <u>because</u>** they are
hushed;

And **He** leads them to the haven of
their delight.
[31]**Let** them give **thanks** to ֱיְהֱזְ for
His kindness,
And **His wonders** to the children of
men!
[32]And let them **exalt Him** in the
assembly of the people,
And **praise Him** in the
seat of the elders.
[33]**He** makes rivers become a
wilderness,
And the fountains of water become a
dry ground;
[34]A land of **fruit** becomes a salty
desert,
For the *evil* of those who dwell in it.
[35]**He** makes a wilderness become a
pool of water,
And dry land become fountains of
waters.
[36]And **He causes** the hungry to dwell
there,
And they build a city to settle in,
[37]And they sow fields and plant
vineyards,
And they make fruits of increase.
[38]And **He** blesses them and they
increase greatly;
And **He** lets not their cattle diminish.
[39]***But*** when they are diminished and
brought low
Through oppression, *evil* and *sorrow,*
[40]**He** pours *scorn* on nobles,
And **causes** them to *wander* in a
pathless waste;
[41]***But*** **He** raises the *poor* up from
affliction,
And makes *their* clans like a flock.
[42]The **straight** ones **see** and **rejoice,**

And **all** *unrighteousness* shuts its mouth.
43***Who*** is wise? ***Then*** let him **observe** these matters!
Let them **understand** the **kindness**es of יהוה.

108 O **Elohim**, my **heart** is steadfast;
I sing and give **praise** – even my esteem.
2Awake, harp and lyre!
I awake the dawn.
3I **praise You,** O יהוה, among peoples,
And I sing praises to **You** among the nations.
4For **Your kindness** is **great** above the heavens,
And **Your truth** reaches to the clouds.
5Exalt **Yourself** above the heavens, O **Elohim**,
And **Your esteem** above **all** the earth;
6**In order** that those **You love** Might be **delivered**.
Save with **Your right hand,** And answer me.
7**Elohim** has **spoken** in **His** set-apartness,
"I exult, I portion out Shekem,
And I measure out the Valley of Sukkoth.
8"Gil'ad is **Mine,** Menashsheh is **Mine,**
And Ephrayim is **My** chief defence,
Yahudah is **My** lawgiver.
9"Mo'ab is **My** wash-pot,
Over Edom I *cast* **My** shoe,
Over Philistia I **raise** a shout."
10***Who*** would bring me into the **strong** city?
Who shall lead me to Edom?
11Have **You** not *rejected* us, O **Elohim**?
And *you do not* go out with our armies, O **Elohim**!
12Give us help from *distress,*
For the help of man is naught.
13In **Elohim** we do mightily,
For it **is He** who treads down our adversaries.

109 ***Do*** *not* be silent,
O **Elohim** of my praise!
2For the **mouth** of the ***wrong***
And the **mouth** of the *deceiver*
Have opened *against* me;
They have **spoken** *against* me with a *false* tongue.
3They have surrounded me with **words** of hatred,
And they attack me without a **cause.**
4In **return** for my **love** they *accuse* me,
While I am *in* prayer.
5And they **repay** me *evil* for **good**,
And hatred for my **love.**
6Appoint over him one who is ***wrong,***
And let an *accuser* **stand** at his **right** hand.
7***When*** he is judged, let him be **found** ***wrong,***
And let his prayer become *sin.*
8**Let** his days be few,
Let another take his office.
9**Let** his children be fatherless,
And his wife a widow.
10And let his children **always** *wander* and beg,
And **seek** *food* out of their ruins.
11**Let** the creditor lay a *snare* for **all** that he has,
And let strangers plunder his labour.
12**Let** him have no one to extend **kindness**,
Nor any to **show favour** to his fatherless children.
13**Let** his descendants be *cut* off,
Their name be blotted out in the next generation.
14**Let** the *crookedness* of his fathers
Be **remembered** before יהוה,
And let not the *sin* of his mother be blotted out.
15**Let** them **always** be before יהוה,

And let **Him** *cut off* their
remembrance from the earth;
16**Because** he *did not* ***remember*** to
show **kindness**,
But persecuted the *poor* and needy
man;
And the *broken-hearted,* to put to
death.
17**He** also **loved** cursing, so let it **come
to** him;
And he *did not* **delight** in blessing**,**
so **let it be** far from him.
18And he put cursing on as with his
garment,
So let it enter his inward parts like
water,
Into his bones and like oil.
19**Let** it be to him like a *cloak* he wraps
around him,
And as a girdle that he **always**
girds on.
20This is the reward of my accusers
from ֵיהוָה,
And to those speaking *evil against* my
being.
21***But*** **You,** O ֵיהוָה, **Master,**
Deal with me for **Your Name's** sake;
Because **Your kindness** is **good**,
deliver me.
22For I am *poor* and needy,
And my **heart** is *pierced* within me.
23I have gone like a lengthening
shadow,
I have been *driven* away like a locust.
24My knees are weak through fasting,
And my *flesh* grows lean from fatness.
25And I, I have become a *reproach* to
them;
They **see** me, they *shake* their heads.
26Help me, O ֵיהוָה my **Elohim**!
Save me **according** to **Your kindness**,
27And let them **know** that this
is **Your** hand.
You, ֵיהוָה, **You** have done it!
28**Let** them *curse,* but **You bless.**
They ***shall*** arise, but be ashamed,
And let **Your** servant rejoice.
29**Let** my accusers put on shame,
And be wrapped in their own
confusion as in a *cloak*.
30I greatly **thank** ֵיהוָה with my
mouth,
And I **praise Him** in the **midst** of the
throng.
31For **He** stands at the **right hand** of
the *poor*,
To **save** from those judging his being.

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ֵיהוָה said to my **Master,**
"Sit at **My right hand,**
Until I make **Your** enemies
a footstool for **Your** feet."
2**ֵיהוָה sends Your** mighty sceptre
out of Tsiyon.
Rule in the **midst** of **Your** enemies!
3**Your** people volunteer in the **day of
Your** might,
In the splendours of set-apartness!
From the womb, from the morning,
You have the dew of **Your** youth!
4**ֵיהוָה** has sworn and *does not*
relent,
"**You** are a priest **forever according** to
the order of Malkitsedeq."
5**ֵיהוָה** at **Your right hand**
Shall *smite* sovereigns in the **day
of His** *wrath*.
6**He** judges among the nations,
He *shall* fill *the nations* with *dead*
bodies,
He *shall* *crush* the Head over the
mighty earth!
7**He** drinks of the stream by the
wayside,
Therefore **He** does lift up the head!

111

Yah! I **thank** ֵיהוָה with
all my **heart,**
In the company of the **straight,**
and of the congregation.
2Great are the **works** of ֵיהוָה,
Searched for by **all** who **delight** in
them.
3Splendour and greatness
are **His work,**
And **His righteousness** stands
forever.
4**He** has made **His wonders** to be
remembered;
ֵיהוָה shows **favour** and is
compassionate.

[5]**He** has **given** food to those who **fear** Him;
He remembers His covenant forever.
[6]**He** has shown **His** people the **power** of **His works,**
To give to them the **inheritance** of the *gentiles*.
[7]The **works** of **His** hands are **truth** and right-ruling,
All **His** orders are **trustworthy**,
[8]They are upheld **forever** and **ever,** Performed in **truth** and straightness.
[9]**He sent** redemption to **His** people,
He has **commanded His covenant forever**.
Set-apart and **awesome** is **His Name.**
[10]The **fear** of ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ is the beginning of **wisdom,**
All those doing them have a **good understanding**.
His praise is standing **forever**.

112 Praise Yah!

Blessed is the man who ***fears*** ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ and who has greatly **delighted** in **His commands**.
[2]Mighty in the earth ***shall*** **be** his seed,
The generation of the **straight** ones ***shall*** be **blessed**.
[3]Wealth and riches are in his house,
And his **righteousness** is standing **forever**.
[4]**Light** has risen in the *darkness* to the straight ones,
Those showing **favour,** the **compassionate** and the righteous.
[5]**Good** is a man showing **favour** and lending, **he** sustains his matters in right-ruling.
[6]For he is never shaken;
The **righteous** is **remembered forever**.
[7]**He** is not *afraid* of an *evil* report.
His heart is steadfast, **trusting** in ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ.
[8]**His heart** is upheld, he is not *afraid*,
While he looks on his adversaries.
[9]**He** *scattered* abroad, **He** gave to the poor,
His righteousness is standing **forever**.
His horn is exalted with esteem.
[10]The ***wrong*** one sees it and ***shall*** **be** vexed;
He gnashes his *teeth* and ***shall*** melt.
The desire of the ***wrong*** ones does *perish.*

113 Praise Yah! Praise,

Oservants of ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ,
Praise the **Name** of ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ!
[2] **Blessed** be the **Name** of ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ,
Now and **forever**!
[3]From the rising of the sun to its goingdown,
The **Name** of ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ is p**raised**.
[4]꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ is high above **all** nations,
His esteem above the **heavens.**
[5]***Who*** is like ꓎ꓰ꓎ꓵ our **Elohim**,
Who is enthroned on high?
[6]**He** looks down on the heavens and in the earth;
[7]**He** raises the *poor* out of the dust,
Lifts the needy from a dunghill,
[8]To make him sit with the nobles,
With the nobles of **His** people,
[9]Causing the *barren woman* to dwell ina house,
A rejoicing mother of children.
Praise Yah!

114 ***When*** Yisra'ĕl went out of Mitsrayim,

The house of Ya'aqoḇ from a people of *strange* **language,**
[2]Yahuḏah became **His** set-apart place,
And Yisra'ĕl **His rule.**
[3]The sea **saw** it and fled;
The Yarděn turned back.
[4]The mountains skipped like rams,
The *little* hills like lambs.
[5]***Why*** was it, O sea, that you fled?
O Yarděn, that you turned back?
[6]O mountains, that you skipped like rams?
O *little* hills, like lambs?
[7]Tremble, O earth,
from the face of the **Master,**
From the face of the Eloah of Ya'aqoḇ,

[8]***Who*** turned the rock into a pool of
water,
The flint into a fountain of water.

115 Not to us, O ֵיהוָה,
not to us, but to **Your Name**
give esteem for **Your kindness**,
For **Your truth**.
[2]***Why*** should the *gentiles* say,
"Where **now** is their **Elohim**?"
[3]***But*** our **Elohim** is in the heavens;
What**ever** pleased **Him, He** has done.
[4]Their *idols* are silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.
[5]They have mouths,
but they *do not* speak;
They have eyes, but they *do not* see;
[6]They have **ears,** but they *do not* hear;
They have noses but they *do not* smell;
[7]They have hands,
but they *do not* handle;
They have feet, but they *do not* walk;
They make no sound through
their throat.
[8]The ones who make them,
shall become like them –
All who **trust** in them.
[9]O Yisra'ĕl, **trust** in ֵיהוָה;
He is their help and their shield.
[10]O house of Aharon, **trust** in ֵיהוָה;
He is their help and their shield.
[11]You who **fear** ֵיהוָה,
trust in ֵיהוָה;
He is their help and their shield.
[12]ֵיהוָה has **remembered** us;
He blesses us;
He blesses the house of Yisra'ĕl;
He blesses the house of Aharon.
[13]**He** blesses those who **fear** ֵיהוָה,
The small and the great.
[14]ֵיהוָה give you increase
more and more,
You and your children.
[15]You are **blessed** by ֵיהוָה,
Who made the heavens and earth.
[16]The heavens are the heavens
of ֵיהוָה;
But **He** has **given** the earth
to the children of men.
[17]The *dead do not* **praise** Yah,
Nor any going down to silence.
[18]***But*** we, we **bless** Yah
Now and **forever**.
Praise Yah!

116 I **love** ֵיהוָה, **<u>because</u> He**
has heard my **voice**, my pleas.
[2]**<u>Because</u> He** has inclined
His ear to me,
And I ***shall*** **call** throughout
my days.
[3]The cords of *death* were around me,
And the *pains* of the grave
came upon me;
I **found** *distress* and sorrow.
[4]***Then*** I called upon the **Name** of
ֵיהוָה, "O ֵיהוָה, I pray to **You,**
deliver my being!"
[5]ֵיהוָה shows **favour**
and is righteous;
And our **Elohim** is **compassionate**.
[6]ֵיהוָה guards the simple;
I was brought low, but **He saved** me.
[7]Return to your rest, O my being,
For ֵיהוָה has treated you well.
[8]For **You** have **delivered**
my being from *death,*
My eyes from tears,
My feet from falling.
[9]I ***shall*** **walk** before ֵיהוָה
in the land of the **living**.
[10]I have **believed**, for I speak;
I have been greatly *afflicted*.
[11]I said in my haste,"All men are liars."
[12]***What shall*** I **return** to ֵיהוָה?
All **His** bounties are upon me.
[13]I lift up the **cup** of **deliverance,**
And **call** upon the **Name** of ֵיהוָה.
[14]I pay my vows to ֵיהוָה
Now in the presence of **all His** people.
[15]Precious *in the eyes* of ֵיהוָה Is the
death of **His kind** ones.
[16]O ֵיהוָה, I am **truly Your** servant,
I am **Your** servant,
the son of **Your** female servant;
You have loosed my bonds.
[17]I bring **You** a slaughtering
of **thanksgiving**,
And **call** upon the **Name** of ֵיהוָה.
[18]I pay my vows to ֵיהוָה

In the presence of **all His** people,
[19]In the courts of the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ,
In your **midst**, O Yerushalayim.
Praise Yah!

117 Praise ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, **all** you
nations! Extol **Him, all** you peoples!
[2]For **His kindness** is mighty over us,
And the **truth** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ is
Everlasting. Praise Yah!

118 Oh, give **thanks** to ꓤꓰꓤꓶ,
for **He** is **good**!
Because His kindness is **everlasting**.
[2]**Let** Yisra'ĕl **now** say,
"**His kindness** is **everlasting**."
[3]**Let** the house of Aharon **now** say,
"**His kindness** is **everlasting**."
[4]**Let** those who **fear** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ **now** say,
"**His kindness** is **everlasting**."
[5]I called on Yah in distress;
Yah answered me in a broad place.
[6]ꓤꓰꓤꓶ is on my side;
I *do not* **fear** what man does to me!
[7]ꓤꓰꓤꓶ is for me among those
helping me;
Therefore I look on those hating me.
[8]It is better to take **refuge** in ꓤꓰꓤꓶ
Than to **trust** in man.
[9]It is better to take **refuge** in ꓤꓰꓤꓶ
Than to **trust** in princes.
[10]All the *gentiles* surrounded me,
In the **Name** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ
I ***shall cut*** them off.
[11]They surrounded me,
Yea, they surrounded me;
In the **Name** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ
shall I *cut* them off.
[12]They surrounded me like bees;
They were extinguished
like *burning* thorns;
In the **Name** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ
I ***shall*** *cut* them off.
[13]Pushing, *the enemy* pushed
me to fall, ***but*** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ helped me.
[14]Yah is my strength and song,
And **He** has become my **deliverance**.
[15]The **voice** of rejoicing
and **deliverance**
Is in the tents of the righteous;
The **right hand** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ
is doing mightily.
[16]The **right hand** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ is exalted,
The **right hand** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ
acts mightily.
[17]**Let** me not *die,* but **live,**
And **declare** the **works** of Yah.
[18]Yah has punished me severely,
But *did not* give me over to *death.*
[19]Open to me the gates of
righteousness;
I enter through them, I **thank** Yah.
[20]This is the gate of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ,
The **righteous** enter through it.
[21]I **thank You,**
For **You** have answered me,
And have become my **deliverance**.
[22]The stone which the builders *rejected*
Has become the chief corner-stone.
[23]This was from ꓤꓰꓤꓶ,
It is marvellous in our eyes.
[24]This is the day ꓤꓰꓤꓶ has made,
Let us **rejoice** and be **glad** in it.
[25]I pray, O ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, please save;
I pray, O ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, please send
prosperity.
[26] **Blessed is He** who is **coming**
in the **Name** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ!
We ***shall*** **bless** you from the
House of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ.
[27]ꓤꓰꓤꓶ is Ĕl and **He** gave us **light**;
Bind the festal offering
With cords to the horns of the altar.
[28]**You** are my Ĕl and I **praise You**;
You are my **Elohim**, I **exalt You.**
[29]Give **thanks** to ꓤꓰꓤꓶ,
for **He** is **good**!
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**.

119 **Blessed** are the **perfect**
in the **way,**
Who **walk** in the **teaching** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ!
[2]**Blessed** are those who
observe His witnesses,
Who **seek Him** with **all** the heart!
[3]Yea, they ***shall*** do no
unrighteousness;
They ***shall*** **walk** in **His** ways.

[4]**You** have **commanded** us
To **guard Your** orders **diligently**.
[5]Oh, that my **ways** were **established**
To **guard Your laws**!
[6]***Then*** I *would not* be ashamed,
When I look into **all Your commands**.
[7]I **thank You** with **uprightness**
of **heart,**
When I **learn** the **right-rulings**
of **Your righteousness**.
[8]I **guard Your laws**;
Oh, *do not* leave me entirely!
[9]***How*** would a young man
cleanse his path.
To **guard** it **according** to **Your word?**
[10]I have sought **You** with **all** my heart;
Let me not *stray*
from **Your commands**!
[11]I have treasured up **Your word** in
my **heart,**
That I might not *sin <u>against</u>* **You.**
[12]**Blessed** are **You,** O יהוה!
Teach me **Your laws**.
[13]With my lips I have recounted
All the **right-rulings** of **Your mouth.**
[14]I have rejoiced in the **way**
of **Your** witnesses, As over **all** riches.
[15]I meditate on **Your** orders,
And regard **Your** ways.
[16]I delight myself in **Your laws**;
I *do not forget* **Your word.**
[17]***Do*** **good** to **Your** servant,
Let me **live** and I **guard Your word.**
[18]Open my eyes, that I might **see**
Wonders from **Your Torah**.
[19]I am a sojourner in the earth;
Do *not* hide **Your commands**
from me.
[20]My being is crushed with longing
For **Your right-rulings** at **all** times.
[21]**You *rebuked*** the *proud*, *cursed* ones,
Who are *straying*
from **Your commands**.
[22]Remove from me *reproach* and *scorn*
For I have **observed Your** witnesses.
[23]Though princes sat,
speaking *<u>against</u>* me,
Your servant meditates on **Your laws**.
[24]**Your witnesses** also are my delight,
My counsellors.
[25]My being has been **clinging** to the
dust;
Revive me **according**
to **Your** word.
[26]I have recounted my **ways**
and **You** answered me;
Teach me **Your laws**.
[27]Make me **understand**
the **way** of **Your** orders;
That I might meditate
on **Your wonders**.
[28]My being has wept from grief;
Strengthen me **according**
to **Your word.**
[29]Remove from me the **way**
of *falsehood,*
And **favour** me with **Your Torah**.
[30]I have **chosen** the **way** of **truth**;
Your right-rulings I have held level.
[31]I have *clung* to **Your** witnesses;
O יהוה, *do not* put me to shame!
[32]I run the **way** of **Your commands**,
For **You** enlarge my **heart.**
[33]**Teach** me, O יהוה,
the **way** of **Your laws**,
And I **observe** it to **the end.**
[34]Make me *understand,* that I might
observe Your Torah,
And **guard** it with **all** my **heart.**
[35]Make me **walk** in the path of
Your commands,
For I have **delighted** in it.
[36]Incline my **heart** to
Your witnesses and not to own *gain.*
[37]Turn away my eyes from
looking at *falsehood,*
And **revive** me in **Your way.**
[38]Establish **Your word**
to **Your** servant,
Which leads to the **fear** of **You.**
[39]Turn away my *reproach*
which I *dread,*
For **Your right-rulings** are **good**.
[40]**See,** I have longed for **Your** orders;
Revive me in **Your righteousness**.
[41]And let **Your kindness**es **come to**
me, O יהוה;
Your deliverance, according to
Your word,
[42]So that I answer my reprover,
For I have **trusted** in **Your word.**
[43]And *do not* take away
from my **mouth**
The **word** of **truth** entirely,

For I have waited
for **Your right-rulings**;
[44]That I might **guard Your Torah**
continually,
Forever and ever;
[45]That I might **walk** in a broad place,
For I have sought **Your** orders;
[46]That I might **speak**
of **Your witnesses**
before sovereigns,
And not be ashamed;
[47]That I might **delight** myself in
Your commands,
Which I have **loved**;
[48]That I might lift up my hands
to **Your commands**,
Which I have **loved** while I meditate
on **Your laws**.
[49]**Remember** the **word**
to **Your** servant,
On which **You** have
caused me to wait.
[50]This is my comfort in my *affliction*,
For **Your word** has **given** me **life**.
[51]The *proud* have *utterly scorned* me,
I *did not* turn aside from **Your Torah**.
[52]I **remembered Your**
right-rulings of old, O יהוה,
And I comfort myself.
[53]Rage has *seized* me
because of the ***wrong***
Who *forsake* **Your Torah**.
[54]**Your laws** have been my songs
In the place of my sojournings.
[55]I have **remembered Your**
Name in the night, O יהוה,
And I **guard Your Torah**.
[56]This has become mine,
Because I have **observed Your** orders.
[57]**You** are my portion, O יהוה;
I have **promised** to **guard**
Your words.
[58]I have sought **Your** face with **all**
my heart;
Show me **favour according** to
Your word.
[59]I have thought upon my ways,
And turned my feet to **Your witnesses.**
[60]I have hurried and *did not* delay
To **guard Your commands**.
[61]The cords of the ***wrong***
have surrounded me,
Your Torah I have not *forgotten*.
[62]At midnight I rise
to give **thanks** to **You,**
For **Your righteous right-rulings**.
[63]I am a companion of **all** who **fear**
You and of those **guarding Your**
orders.
[64]O יהוה, **Your kindness**
has filled the earth;
Teach me **Your laws**.
[65]**You** have done **good**
to **Your** servant, O יהוה,
According to **Your word.**
[66]Teach me **good** sense
and **knowledge**,
For I have **trusted**
in **Your commands**.
[67]Before I was *afflicted*
I myself was going *astray*,
But **now** I have **guarded Your word.**
[68]**You** are **good** and do **good**;
Teach me **Your laws**.
[69]The *proud* have forged
a *lie* <u>*against*</u> me,
With **all** *my* **heart** I **observe**
Your orders.
[70]Their **heart** has become like fat,
Without feeling;
I have **delighted** in **Your Torah**.
[71]It was **good** for me that I was
afflicted,
That I might **learn Your laws**.
[72]The **Torah** of **Your mouth**
is better to me
Than thousands of gold
and silver pieces.
[73]**Your** hands have made me
and formed me;
Make me *understand,*
that I might **learn Your commands**.
[74]Those who **fear** You
see me and **rejoice,**
For I have waited for **Your Word.**
[75]I **know,** O יהוה, that
Your right-rulings are **righteous,**
And in trustworthiness
You have *afflicted* me.
[76]Please let **Your kindness**
be for my comfort,
According to **Your word**
to **Your** servant.
[77]**Let Your compassion**s **come to** me,

That I might **live,**
For **Your Torah** is my delight.
[78]**Let** the *proud* be put to shame,
For with lies they *perverted* me;
But I **study Your** orders.
[79]**Let** those who **fear You** turn to me,
And those who **know Your witnesses.**
[80]**Let** my **heart** be **perfect**
in **Your laws**,
So that I am not put to *shame.*
[81]For **Your deliverance**
my being has pined away,
For I have waited for **Your word.**
[82]My eyes have pined away
for **Your** word,
Saying, "***When*** would it comfort me?"
[83]For I have become
like a **wineskin** in the smoke,
Your laws I have not *forgotten*.
[84]***How*** many are the days
of **Your** servant?
When do **You** *execute* **right-ruling**
On those who *persecute* me?
[85]The *proud* have dug pits for me,
Which is not
according to **Your Torah**.
[86]All **Your commands**
are **trustworthy**;
They have persecuted me with lies;
Help me!
[87]They almost made an end
of me on earth,
But I, I *did not forsake* **Your** orders.
[88]Revive me **according**
to **Your kindness**,
That I might **guard**
the **witness** of **Your mouth.**
[89]**Forever**, O יהוה,
Your word stands firm in the **heavens.**
[90]**Your** trustworthiness is
to **all** generations;
You established the earth,
and it stands.
[91]According to **Your right-rulings**
They have stood to this day,
For **all** are **Your** servants.
[92]***If*** **Your Torah** had not been
my delight,
I would have *perished*
in my affliction.
[93]**Let** me never *forget* **Your** orders,
For by them **You** have **given** me **life**.
[94]I am **Your**s, **save** me;
For I have sought **Your** orders.
[95]The ***wrong*** have waited for me
to destroy me;
I **understand Your witnesses.**
[96]I have **seen** an end of **all** perfection;
Your command is exceedingly broad.
[97]O how I **love Your Torah**!
It is my study **all** day long.
[98]**Your commands** make me wiser
than my enemies;
For it is ever before me.
[99]I have more **understanding**
than **all** my **teachers**,
For **Your witnesses** are my study.
[100]I **understand** more than the aged,
For I have **observed Your** orders.
[101]I have restrained my feet
from **every** *evil* **way,**
That I might **guard Your word.**
[102]I have not turned aside
from **Your right-rulings**,
For **You Yourself** have **taught** me.
[103]***How*** **sweet** to my taste
has **Your word** been,
More than honey to my mouth!
[104]From **Your** orders
I get **understanding**;
Therefore I have *hated*
every *false way***.**
[105]**Your word** is a **lamp** to my feet
And a **light** to my path.
[106]I have sworn and I confirm,
To **guard Your righteous**
right-rulings.
[107]I have been *afflicted* **very** much;
O יהוה, **revive** me
according to **Your word.**
[108]Please **accept** the voluntary
offerings Of my **mouth,** O יהוה,
And **teach** me **Your right-rulings**.
[109]My **life** is in my **hand** continually,
And **Your Torah** I have not *forgotten*.
[110]The ***wrong*** have laid a *snare* for me,
But I have not *strayed*
from **Your** orders.
[111]**Your witnesses** are
my **inheritance forever**,
For they are the **joy** of my **heart.**
[112]I have inclined my **heart** to do
Your laws forever, to **the end.**
[113]I have *hated* ***doubting*** thoughts,

But I have **loved Your Torah**.
[114]**You** are my hiding place
and my shield;
I have waited for **Your word.**
[115]Turn away from me, you *evil-doers*,
For I **observe** the **commands**
of my **Elohim**!
[116]Support me **according**
to **Your word,** that I might live;
And put me not to *shame*
Because of my expectation.
[117]Sustain me, that I might be **saved,**
And **always** look to **Your laws**.
[118]**You** have made **light** of **all** those
Who *stray* from **Your laws**,
For *falsehood* is their *deceit*.
[119]**You** have made to cease
All the ***wrong*** of the earth, like dross;
Therefore I have **loved**
Your witnesses.
[120]My *flesh* has *trembled*
for **fear** of **You** and I am in awe
of **Your right-rulings**.
[121]I have done **right-ruling**
and **righteousness**;
Leave me not to my oppressors.
[122]Guarantee **Your** servant's
well being;
Let not the *proud oppress* me.
[123]My eyes have pined away
for **Your deliverance** and
for the **Word** of **Your righteousness**.
[124]***Do*** with **Your** servant
according to **Your kindness**,
And **teach** me **Your laws**.
[125]I am **Your** servant –
make me understand,
That I might **know Your witnesses.**
[126]It is time for יהוה to act!
For they have broken Your Torah.
[127]Therefore I have **loved**
Your commands
More than gold, even fine gold!
[128]Therefore **all Your** orders
I count as right;
I have *hated* **every** *false* **way.**
[129]**Your witnesses** are **wonders**;
So my being observes them.
[130]The opening up of **Your words**
gives **light**,
Giving **understanding** to the simple.
[131]I have opened my **mouth**
and panted,
For I have longed for **Your**
commands.
[132]Turn to me and **show** me **favour,**
According to **Your** right-ruling,
toward those who **love Your Name**.
[133]Establish my footsteps
by **Your** word,
And let no *wickedness*
have **rule** over me.
[134]Redeem me from
the *oppression* of man,
That I might **guard Your** orders.
[135]Make **Your** face shine
upon **Your** servant,
And **teach** me **Your laws**.
[136]Streams of water have run down
from my eyes,
Because they *did not* **guard**
Your Torah.
[137]Righteous are **You,** O יהוה,
And **Your right-rulings** are **straight.**
[138]**You** have **commanded**
Your witnesses in **righteousness**
and **truth** exceedingly.
[139]My **ardour** has *consumed* me,
For my adversaries have
forgotten **Your words**.
[140]**Your word** is tried, exceedingly;
And **Your** servant has **loved** it.
[141]I am small and *despised*; I have not
forgotten **Your** orders.
[142]**Your righteousness** is
righteousness forever,
And **Your Torah** is **truth**.
[143]Distress and anguish
have **found** me; **Your commands**
are my delight.
[144]The **righteousness** of **Your**
witnesses is **forever**;
Make me *understand* that I might **live.**
[145]I have called with **all** my heart;
Answer me, O יהוה!
I **observe Your laws**.
[146]I have called upon You; **Save** me,
that I might **guard Your witnesses.**
[147]I rise before dawn and cry for help;
I have waited for **Your word.**
[148]My eyes have gone
before the night watches,
To **study Your word.**
[149]**Hear** my **voice according** to

Your kindness;
O יהוה, **revive** me **according** to
Your right-ruling.
150Those who pursue mischief
have drawn near;
They have been far
from **Your Torah**.
151**You** are near, O יהוה,
And **all Your commands** are **truth**.
152Of old I have **known**
Your witnesses,
That **You** have founded them **forever**.
153See my *affliction* and **deliver** me,
For I have not *forgotten* **Your Torah**.
154Plead my **cause** and **redeem** me;
Revive me **according** to **Your word.**
155Deliverance is far
from the ***wrong*** ones,
For they have not sought **Your laws**.
156**Your compassion**s are many,
O יהוה; Revive me **according**
to **Your right-rulings**.
157My persecutors and adversaries
are many;
I have not turned aside from
Your witnesses.
158I **saw** traitors and was *grieved*,
Because they *did not* **guard**
Your word.
159See how I have **loved Your** orders,
יהוה, **revive** me **according**
to **Your kindness**.
160The sum of **Your word** is **truth**,
And **all Your righteous right-rulings**
are **forever**.
161Rulers have persecuted me
without a **cause,**
But at **Your word**
my **heart** stood in awe.
162I **rejoice** at **Your word**
As one who finds **great** treasure.
163I have *hated falsehood* and loathe it,
Your Torah I have **loved**.
164I have p**raised You** seven times
a day **because** of **Your righteous**
right-rulings.
165Great **peace** have those **loving**
Your Torah,
And for them there is
no *stumbling-block*.
166יהוה, I have waited
for **Your deliverance,**
And I have done **Your commands**.
167My being has **guarded**
Your witnesses,
And I **love** them exceedingly.
168I have **guarded**
Your orders and **Your witnesses,**
For **all** my **ways** are before **You.**
169My cry **comes** before **You,**
O יהוה; Make me **understand**
according to **Your word.**
170**Let** my prayer **come** before You;
Deliver me **according** to **Your word.**
171My lips pour forth praise,
For **You teach** me **Your laws**.
172My tongue sings of **Your word,**
For **all Your commands** are
righteousness.
173**Your hand** is a help to me,
For I have **chosen Your** orders.
174I have longed for **Your deliverance,**
O יהוה,
And **Your Torah** is my delight.
175My being lives and it praises You;
And **Your right-rulings** help me.
176I have *strayed* like a *lost* sheep;
Seek Your servant,
For I have not *forgotten*
Your commands.

120 In my *distress* I cried to
יהוה and **He** answered me.
2יהוה, **deliver** my being
from *false* lips,
From a treacherous tongue.
3***What*** would one give to you,
Or what would one do to you,
O treacherous tongue?
4Sharp arrows of a mighty man,
With coals of the broom-wood!
5**Woe** to me for I have sojourned in
Meshek,
I have dwelt among the tents of Qĕḏar!
6My being has dwelt too long
With him who *hates* peace.
7I am *for* peace; ***But*** when I speak,
they are for fighting.

121 I lift up my eyes to the hills;
Where does my help **come** from?

[2]My help **comes** from 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, Maker of the heavens and earth.
[3]**He** *does not* allow your foot to be moved;
He who watches over you *does not* slumber.
[4]**See, He** who is **guarding** Yisra'ĕl Neither slumbers nor sleeps.
[5]𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is your guard;
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is your shade at your **right** hand.
[6]The sun *does not strike* you by day, Nor the moon by night.
[7]𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 guards you from **all** *evil*; **He** guards your being.
[8]𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 guards your going out and your **coming** in **Now** and **forever**.

122 I was **glad** when they said to me, "**Let** us go into the House of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄."
[2]Our feet have been standing Within your gates, O Yerushalayim!
[3]Yerushalayim is built As a city that is *bound* together,
[4]Where the tribes have **come** up, The tribes of Yah, A **witness** to Yisra'ĕl, To give **thanks** to the **Name** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
[5]For there the thrones of **right-ruling** were set, The thrones of the house of Dawid.
[6]Pray for the **peace** of Yerushalayim, **Let** those who **love You** be at rest.
[7]Peace be within your walls, Rest in your citadels.
[8]For the sake of my brothers and companions, I say, "Peace be within you."
[9]For the sake of the House of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 our **Elohim** I **seek** your **good**.

123 I ***shall*** lift up my eyes Unto **You** who dwell in the **heavens.**
[2]**See,** as the eyes of servants Are toward the **hand** of their masters, As the eyes of a female servant Are toward the **hand** of her mistress, So are our eyes toward 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 our **Elohim**, Until **He** shows **favour** to us.
[3]Show **favour** to us, O 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, **show** favour to us! For we are exceedingly filled with *mockery*.
[4]Our being is exceedingly filled With the scoffing of those who are at ease, With the *mockery* of the *proud*.

124 "***If*** it had not been 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 who was on our side," **Let** Yisra'ĕl **now** say;
[2]"***If*** it had not been 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 who was on our side, ***When*** men rose up <u>*against*</u> us,
[3]"***Then*** they would have swallowed us **alive,** In their *burning rage* <u>*against*</u> us;
[4]"***Then*** the waters would have overwhelmed us, The stream would have gone over our being;
[5]"***Then*** the *proud* waters Would have gone over our being."
[6] **Blessed** be 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, ***Who*** *did not* give us as prey to their *teeth*.
[7]Our being has **escaped** like a bird From the *snare* of the trappers; The *snare* was *broken* and we have **escaped**.
[8]Our help is in the **Name** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, Maker of the heavens and earth.

125 Those who **trust** in 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 Are like Mount Tsiyon – It is not shaken, it remains **forever**.
[2]As the mountains surround Yerushalayim, So 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 surrounds **His** people, **Now** and **forever**.
[3]For the sceptre of *wrongness* ***shall*** not rest On the land allotted to the **righteous,** Lest the **righteous** stretch forth

their hands to *unrighteousness*.
[4]***Do*** **good**, O **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**, to those
who are **good**,
And to those who are **upright**
in their hearts.
[5]***But*** those who turn aside
to their crooked ways,
ꓤꓴꓤꓩ ***shall*** lead them away
With the workers of *wickedness*.
Peace be upon Yisra'ĕl!

126

When **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**
turns back the captivity of Tsiyon,
We ***shall*** **be** like **dreamers**.
[2]***Then*** our **mouth** ***shall*** **be** filled
with laughter,
And our tongue with singing,
Then shall they say among
the *gentiles,*
"**ꓤꓴꓤꓩ** has done **great deeds**
for them."
[3]**ꓤꓴꓤꓩ** ***shall*** do **great deeds** for us,
We ***shall*** **be** glad.
[4]Turn back our captivity, O **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**,
Like the streams in the South.
[5]Those sowing in tears,
shall reap with songs of joy.
[6]**He** who goes on and weeps,
Bearing seed for sowing,
Shall indeed **come** in with rejoicing,
Bearing his sheaves.

127

If **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ** *does not*
build the house,
Its builders have laboured in vain.
If **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ** *does not* **guard** the city,
The watchman has stayed
awake in vain.
[2]In vain do you rise up early,
To sit up late, to eat the **bread** of toil;
So **He** gives **His** beloved sleep.
[3]Look, children are an **inheritance**
from **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**,
The **fruit** of the womb is the reward.
[4]As arrows in the **hand** of a mighty
man so are the children of one's youth.
[5]**Blessed** is the man
Who has filled his quiver with them.
They are not ashamed,
When they **speak**
with their enemies in the gate.

128

Blessed are **all** who **fear**
ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, ***who*** **walk** in **His** ways.
[2]You ***shall*** eat the labour
of your hands.
Be blessed and **let it be** well with you.
[3]**Let** your wife be as a fruit-bearing
vine within your house,
Your sons like olive plants **all** around
your table.
[4]Look, so ***shall*** the man be **blessed**
Who fears **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**.
[5]**ꓤꓴꓤꓩ** ***shall*** **bless** you out of Tsiyon,
And let you **see** the **good** of
Yerushalayim all the days of your **life**,
[6]And let you **see** your children's
children!
Peace be upon Yisra'ĕl!

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"Often they have *distressed*
me from my youth."
Let Yisra'ĕl **now** say,
[2]"Often they have *distressed* me
from my youth,
But they have not overcome me.
[3]"The ploughers ploughed on my back,
They made their furrows long."
[4]**ꓤꓴꓤꓩ** is **righteous, He** has *cut*
the cords of the ***wrong*** in two.
[5]**Let all** those who *hate* Tsiyon
Be put to *shame* and turned back.
[6]**Let** them be as the grass
on the house tops,
Which withers before it grows up,
[7]That ***shall*** not fill the reaper's **hand,**
Or the sheaves *fill* the binder's bosom.
[8]And those who pass by ***shall*** not say,
"The **blessing** of **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ** be upon you;
We have **blessed** you in the
Name of **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**!"

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Out of the depths I have
cried to **You,** O **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**.
[2]O **ꓤꓴꓤꓩ**, **hear** my **voice**!

Let Your ears be attentive
To the **voice** of my prayers.
[3]O Yah, if **You** should **watch**
*crookedness*es,
O יהוה, who would stand?
[4]***But*** with **You** there is **forgiveness**,
That **You** might be **feared**.
[5]I **looked** to יהוה, **My** being has looked,
And for **His word** I have waited.
[6]My being *looks* to יהוה
More than those watching
for morning, watching for morning.
[7]O Yisra'ĕl, wait for יהוה;
For with יהוה there is **kindness**.
And with **Him** is much redemption,
[8]For **He *shall* redeem** Yisra'ĕl
From all his *crookedness*es.

131 O יהוה, my **heart** has not been *proud*,
Nor have my eyes been haughty.
Neither have I concerned myself with **great** matters,
Nor with those too wondrous for me.
[2]Have I not calmed and kept my being silent,
Like one weaned by its mother?
My being is like one weaned.
[3]O Yisra'ĕl, wait for יהוה,
Now and **forever**.

132 O יהוה, ***remember***
Dawiḏ and all his *afflictions*;
[2]***How*** he **swore** to יהוה,
Vowed to the Mighty **One** of Ya'aqoḇ:
[3]"Not to enter into my dwelling-house,
Not to get into my bed,
[4]"Not to give sleep to my eyes,
Or slumber to my eyelids,
[5]"Until I find a place for יהוה,
A dwelling place for the Mighty **One** of Ya'aqoḇ."
[6]**See,** we **heard** of it in Ephrathah;
We **found** it in the fields of the forest.
[7]**Let** us go into **His** dwelling places;
Let us bow ourselves at **His** footstool.
[8]Arise, O יהוה, to **Your** place of rest,
You and the ark of **Your** strength.
[9]**Let Your** priests put on **righteousness**,
And **Your kind** ones shout for joy.
[10]For the sake of **Your** servant Dawiḏ,
Do *not* turn away the face of **Your** Anointed One.
[11]יהוה has sworn in **truth** to Dawiḏ;
He *does not* turn from it,
"Of the **fruit** of your body
I set upon your throne.
[12]"***If*** your sons **guard My covenant**
And **My witnesses** that I **teach** them,
Their sons ***shall*** sit upon your throne **forever**."
[13]For יהוה has **chosen** Tsiyon,
He has desired it for **His** dwelling:
[14]"This is **My** place of rest **forever**;
Here I dwell, for I have desired it.
[15]"I greatly **bless** her provision,
I satisfy her *poor* with bread.
[16]"And I put **deliverance** on her priests,
And her **kind** ones sing for joy.
[17]"There I make the horn of Dawiḏ grow and I ***shall*** set up a **lamp** for **My** Anointed One.
[18]"I put *shame* on his enemies,
While on **Him His** diadem ***shall*** shine."

133 **See** how **good** and how pleasant it is for brothers
to dwell **together** in **unity** –
[2]Like the **precious** oil on the head,
Running down on the beard,
The beard of Aharon,
Running down on the collar of his robes –
[3]Like the dew of Ḥermon,
That **comes** down on the mountains of Tsiyon.
For there יהוה **commanded** the blessing**,**
Life **forever**!

134 **Come, bless** יהוה,
All you servants of יהוה,

Who are standing in the House
of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ by night!
[2]Lift up your hands in the set-apart
place, And **bless** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ.
[3]ꓤꓰꓤꓶ,
Maker of the heavens and earth,
Does **bless** you from Tsiyon!

135 Praise Yah!
Praise the **Name** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ;
Praise, you servants of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ,
[2]***Who*** are standing in the House
of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ,
In the courts of the House of
our **Elohim**,
[3]Praise Yah, for ꓤꓰꓤꓶ is **good**;
Sing praises to **His Name,**
for it is pleasant.
[4]For Yah has **chosen** Ya'aqoḇ for
Himself,
Yisra'ĕl for **His** treasured possession.
[5]For I **know** that ꓤꓰꓤꓶ is great,
And our **Master** is above **all** mighty
ones.
[6]ꓤꓰꓤꓶ has done ***whatever*** **pleased**
Him,
In the heavens and in earth,
In the seas and in **all** the depths,
[7]Causing vapours to go up
From the ends of the earth;
He made lightning for the rain,
Bringing forth *wind* from **His**
treasuries;
[8]***Who*** *smote* the first-born of
Mitsrayim,
From man to beast.
[9]**He sent signs** and **wonders**
Into your **midst**, O Mitsrayim,
On Pharaoh and on **all** his servants;
[10]***Who*** *smote* many nations,
And slew mighty sovereigns,
[11]Even Siḥon sovereign of the
Amorites,
And Oḡ sovereign of Bashan,
And **all** the reigns of Kena'an.
[12]And **He** gave their land as an
inheritance,
An **inheritance** to Yisra'ĕl
His people.
[13]O ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, **Your Name** is **forever**,
O ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, **Your remembrance**
to **all** generations,
[14]For ꓤꓰꓤꓶ **rightly** rules **His** people,
And has **compassion** on **His** servants.
[15]The *idols* of the *gentiles*
are silver and gold
The **work** of men's hands.
[16]They have mouths,
but they *do not* speak;
They have eyes but they *do not* see;
[17]They have **ears** but they *do not* hear;
Also there is no breath in their **mouth.**
[18]Those making them
become like them,
Everyone who is **trusting** in them.
[19]Bless ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, O house of Yisra'ĕl!
Bless ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, O house of Aharon!
[20]Bless ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, O house of Lĕwi!
You who **fear** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, **bless** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ!
[21] **Blessed** from Tsiyon, ꓤꓰꓤꓶ be,
Who dwells in Yerushalayim!
Praise Yah.

136 Give **thanks** to ꓤꓰꓤꓶ,
For **He** is **good**!
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**.
[2]Give **thanks** to the **Elohim**
of mighty ones!
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**.
[3]Give **thanks** to the **Master**
of masters!
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**:
[4]To **Him** who alone
does **great wonders**,
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**;
[5]To **Him** who by **wisdom** made the
heavens,
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**;
[6]To **Him** who spread the earth on the
waters,
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**;
[7]To **Him** who made **great light**s,
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**;
[8]The sun to **rule** by day,
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**;
[9]The moon and stars to **rule** by night,
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**.
[10]To **Him** who *smote* Mitsrayim in
their first-born,
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**;
[11]And brought out Yisra'ĕl from their

midst,
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**;
[12]With a **strong hand** and with an outstretched arm,
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**;
[13]To **Him** who split apart the Sea of Reeds,
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**;
[14]And made Yisra'ĕl pass through the **midst** of it,
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**;
[15]***But*** *shook* off Pharaoh and his army in the Sea of Reeds,
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**;
[16]To **Him** who led **His** people through the wilderness,
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**;
[17]To **Him** who *smote* **great** sovereigns,
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**;
[18]And slew mighty sovereigns,
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**;
[19]Even Sihon sovereign of the Amorites,
His kindness is **everlasting**;
[20]And Og sovereign of Bashan,
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**;
[21]And gave their land as an inheritance,
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**;
[22]An **inheritance** to Yisra'ĕl **His** servant,
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**.
[23]***Who*** **remembered** us in our humiliation,
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**;
[24]And rescued us from our adversaries,
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**;
[25]***Who*** gives food to **all** *flesh,*
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**.
[26]Give **thanks** to the Ěl of the heavens!
For **His kindness** is **everlasting**.

137 By the rivers of Babel,
There we sat down and we wept
As we **remembered** Tsiyon.
[2]We hung our lyres
Upon the willows in the **midst** of it.
[3]For there our captors
Asked us for the **words** of a song,
And our plunderers for rejoicing,
saying,
"Sing to us a song of Tsiyon!"
[4]***How*** could we sing the song of יהוה On foreign soil?
[5]***If*** I *forget* you, O Yerushalayim,
Let my **right hand** *forget*.
[6]**Let** my tongue cleave to my palate,
If I *do not* ***remember*** you,
If I *do not* **exalt** Yerushalayim
Above my chief joy.
[7]**Remember,** O יהוה, *against* the sons of Edom
The **day of** Yerushalayim,
Who said, "Lay it bare, lay it bare,
To its foundation!"
[8]O daughter of Babel, who are to be destroyed,
Blessed is he who **repays** you your **deed**,
What you did to us!
[9]**Blessed** is he who ***shall*** take and dash your *little* ones *against* the rock.

138 I give **You thanks** with **all** my heart;
Before the *mighty ones* I sing praises to **You.**
[2]I bow myself toward **Your** set-apart Hĕkal,
And give **thanks** to **Your Name**
For **Your kindness** and for **Your truth**;
For **You** have made **great Your Word,**
Your Name, above **all.**
[3]On the day I called **You** did answer me,
You made me bold with strength in my being.
[4]**Let all** the sovereigns of the earth
Give **thanks** to **You,** O יהוה,
When they ***shall*** **hear** the **words** of **Your mouth.**
[5]And let them sing of the **ways** of יהוה,
For **great** is the **esteem** of יהוה.
[6]Though יהוה is exalted,
He looks on the humble;
But the *proud* **He** perceives from a

distance.
[7]Though I **walk** in the **midst**
of *distress,*
You revive me;
You stretch out **Your hand**
against the *wrath* of my enemies,
And **Your right hand saves** me.
[8]יהוה does **perfect** for me.
O יהוה, **Your kindness**
is **everlasting**.
***Do** not forsake* the **works**
of **Your** hands.

139 O יהוה,

You have searched me and **know** me.
[2]**You know** my sitting down
and my rising up;
You understand my thought from
afar.
[3]**You** sift my path and my *lying* down,
And **know** well **all** my ways.
[4]For there is not a **word** on my tongue,
***But* see,** O יהוה, **You know** it **all!**
[5]**You** have closed me in,
behind and before,
And laid **Your hand** upon me –
[6]**Knowledge** too wondrous for me,
It is high, I am *unable* to *reach* it.
[7]Where would I go from **Your** Spirit?
Or where would I ***flee***
from **Your** face?
[8]***If*** I go up into the heavens,
You are there;
If I make my bed in the grave,
see, You are there.
[9]I take the wings of the morning,
I dwell in the uttermost
parts of the sea,
[10]There, too, **Your hand**
would lead me,
And **Your right hand** hold me.
[11]***If*** I say, "Darkness ***shall*** cover me,"
Then night would be **light** to me;
[12]Even *darkness* is not dark for **You,**
But night shines as the day –
As is *darkness*, so is **light**.
[13]For **You, You** possessed my kidneys,
You have covered me in my mother's
womb.
[14]I give **thanks** to **You,**
For I am awesomely and wondrously
made!
Wondrous are **Your works,**
And my being **knows** it well.
[15]My bones was not *concealed*
from You,
When I was shaped in a *hidden* place,
Knit **together** in the depths
of the earth.
[16]**Your** eyes **saw** my unformed body.
And in **Your book all** of them
were **written**,
The days they were formed,
While none was among them.
[17]And how **precious**
are **Your** *thoughts* to me, O Ěl!
***How* great** has been the sum of them!
[18]***If*** I should count them,
They would be more than the sand;
When I wake up, I am still with **You.**
[19]Oh, that **You** would *slay* the ***wrong,***
O Eloah!
Depart from me, therefore,
men of bloodshed!
[20]They **speak** *against* **You** *wicked*ly.
Bring **Your** enemies to naught!
[21]O יהוה, do I not *hate* them,
who *hate* **You?**
And do I not loathe those who rise up
against **You?**
[22]With a **complete** hatred I *hate* them;
They have become my enemies.
[23]Search me, O Ěl and **know**
my heart;
Try me and **know** my thoughts;
[24]And **see** if an *idolatrous* **way**
is in me,
And lead me in the **way everlasting**.

140 **Rescue** me, O יהוה,

from men of *evil*;
Pre**serve** me from men of *violence*,
[2]***Who*** have devised *evil*s
in their **hearts**;
They stir up conflicts
all day long.
[3]They sharpen their tongues
like a snake;
The ***poison*** of cobras
is under their lips. Selah.
[4]**Guard** me, O יהוה,

from the hands of the wrong;
Guard me from a man of *violence*,
Who have schemed
to trip up my steps.
[5]The *proud* have *hidden*
a *trap* for me, and cords;
They have spread a *net*
by the wayside;
They have set *snares* for me. Selah.
[6]I said to יהוה, "**You** are my Ĕl;
hear the **voice** of my prayers,
O יהוה.
[7]"O **Master** יהוה,
my saving strength,
You have screened my head
in the **day of** battle.
[8]"***Do*** *not* grant the desires
of the ***wrong,*** O יהוה;
Do *not* promote his scheme. Selah.
[9]"Those who surround me
lift up their head;
The *trouble* of their lips cover them;
[10]"**Let** *burning* coals *fall* on them;
Let them be made to *fall* into the *fire*,
Into deep pits, let them ***not rise*** again.
[11]"**Let** not a *slanderer*
be **established** in the earth;
Let *evil* hunt the man of *violence*
speedily."
[12]I have **known** that יהוה maintains
The **cause** of the *afflicted*,
The **right-ruling** of the *poor*.
[13]Only, let the **righteous**
give **thanks** to **Your Name,**
Let the **straight** ones
dwell in **Your** presence.

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יהוה, I have *cried out* to You; Hasten to me!
Give ear to my **voice**
when I cry out to **You.**
[2]**Let** my prayer be prepared
before **You** as incense,
The lifting up of my hands
as the **evening** offering.
[3]O יהוה, set a **guard** for my mouth;
Watch over the **door** of my lips.
[4]**Let** not my **heart** be inclined to *evil*,
To practise **deeds** of *wrongness*
With men working *wickedness*,
And let me not eat of their delicacies.
[5]**Let** the **righteous** one *smite* me
Or reprove me in **kindness** –
It is oil on my head.
Let my head not *refuse* it.
My prayer is still <u>*against*</u>
their *evil* **deeds**.
[6]Their judges have been *thrown* down
By the sides of the rock,
But they have **heard** my **words**,
For they have been pleasant.
[7]Our bones are *scattered*
at the **mouth** of the grave,
As when one ploughs and breaks
up the earth.
[8]***But*** my eyes are upon **You,**
O **Master** יהוה.
In **You** I take refuge;
Do *not* **pour out** my **life**.
[9]**Guard** me from the clutches
Of the *trap* they have laid for me,
And from the *snares*
Of the workers of *wickedness*.
[10]**Let** the ***wrong*** *fall*
into their own nets, while I pass by.

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I cry out to יהוה
with my **voice**;
I pray to יהוה with my **voice**.
[2]I **pour out** my complaint before Him
And I **declare** before **Him** my
distress.
[3]***When*** my spirit grew faint within me,
Then **You know** my path.
In the **way** in which I **walk**
They have *hidden* a *trap* for me.
[4]Look to the **right hand** and **see,**
And no one is concerned for me;
No **refuge** remains to me;
No one inquires after my being.
[5]I *cried out* to **You,** O יהוה:
I said, "**You** are my refuge,
My portion in the land of the **living**.
[6]"**Listen** to my cry,
For I am brought **very** low;
Deliver me from my persecutors,
For they are too **strong** for me.
[7]"Bring my being out of prison,
To give **thanks** to **Your Name**.
Let the **righteous gather** around me,
<u>**Because**</u> **You** deal kindly with me."

143 **Hear** my prayer,
O יהוה,
Give ear to my pleadings
In **Your** trustworthiness.
Answer me in **Your righteousness**.
[2]And *do not* enter into **right-ruling**
with **Your** servant,
For before **You** no one **living**
is in the right.
[3]For the enemy has pursued my being;
He has crushed my **life** to the ground;
He has made me dwell in dark places,
Like the *dead* of old.
[4]Therefore my spirit grew faint
within me,
My **heart** within me is stunned.
[5]I **remembered** the days of old;
I meditated on **all Your** works;
I ponder on the **work** of **Your** hands.
[6]I have spread out my hands to **You**;
My being is like a thirsty land
for **You.** Selah.
[7]Hasten, answer me, O יהוה;
My spirit fails! ***Do*** *not* hide **Your**
face from me,
Lest I be like those going
down into the pit.
[8]**Let** me **hear Your kindness**
in the morning,
For in **You** I have put my trust;
Let me **know** the **way**
in which I should **walk,**
For I have lifted up my being to **You.**
[9]Deliver me from my enemies,
O יהוה;
I take **refuge** in **You.**
[10]**Teach** me to do **Your good** pleasure,
For **You** are my **Elohim**.
Let Your good Spirit lead me
In the land of straightness.
[11]For the sake of **Your Name,**
O יהוה, **revive** me!
In **Your righteousness**,
Bring my being out of *distress.*
[12]And in **Your kindness**,
Cut off my enemies.
And *destroy* **all** the adversaries
of my life,
For I am **Your** servant!

144 **Blessed**
be יהוה my Rock,
Who is **teaching** my hands
for fighting,
My fingers for battle;
[2]My **kindness** and my *stronghold,*
My tower and my deliverer,
My shield and in whom I take refuge,
Who is subduing peoples under me.
[3]יהוה, what is man, that You
should know him?
Son of man, that You
should *think* of him?
[4]Man is like a breath,
His days like a passing shadow.
[5]Incline **Your** heavens,
O יהוה, and come down;
Touch the mountains that they smoke.
[6]Send forth lightning and *scatter* them,
Send forth **Your** arrows and confuse
them.
[7]Send forth **Your hand** from above;
Rescue me and **deliver** me out of
great waters,
From the **hand** of foreigners,
[8]***Whose*** **mouth** has **spoken** *falsehood,*
And whose **right hand**
is a **right hand** of lies.
[9]O **Elohim**, a new song I sing to You;
On a harp of ten strings
I sing praises to **You,**
[10]***Who*** gives **deliverance**
to sovereigns,
Who rescues Dawid **His** servant
From the *evil sword.*
[11]Rescue me and **deliver** me from
the hand of foreigners,
Whose **mouth** has **spoken** *falsehood,*
And whose **right hand**
is a **right hand** of lies;
[12]**Because** our sons are like plants
Grown up in their youth;
Our daughters like hewn stones,
Polished, like a palace building;
[13]**Let** our storehouses be filled,
Supplying **all** kinds;
Let our sheep bring forth thousands
And ten thousands in our fields;
[14]Our cattle well-laden;
No breaking in, no going out;
And no crying in our streets.

[15]**Blessed** are the people who
have it so;
Blessed are the people whose
Elohim is ꓤꓰꓤꓶ!

145 I **exalt You,** my **Elohim**,
O Sovereign and bless **Your Name**
forever and ever**.**
[2]All day long I **bless You,**
And **praise Your Name**
forever and ever.
[3]Great is ꓤꓰꓤꓶ and greatly
to be p**raised**;
And **His** greatness is unsearchable.
[4]Generation after generation
praise Your works,
And they **declare Your** mighty acts.
[5]I **declare** the esteemed splendour
of **Your** excellency,
And the matters of **Your** wondrous
works.
[6]And they **speak** of the might of **Your**
awesome acts,
And I recount **Your** greatness.
[7]They send forth the **remembrance**
of **Your great goodness**,
And they sing of **Your righteousness**.
[8]ꓤꓰꓤꓶ shows **favour** and is
compassionate,
Patient and **great** in **kindness**.
[9]ꓤꓰꓤꓶ is **good** to **all,**
And **He** has **compassion** on **all**
His works.
[10]All **Your works** give **thanks** to **You,**
O ꓤꓰꓤꓶ,
And **Your kind** ones **bless You.**
[11]They **speak** of the **esteem**
of **Your** reign,
And talk of **Your** might,

[12]To make **known** to the sons of men
His mighty acts,
And the esteemed splendour
of **His** reign.
[13]**Your reign** is an **everlasting** reign,
And **Your rule** is throughout
all generations.
[14]ꓤꓰꓤꓶ is supporting **all**
who are *falling,*
And raising up **all** who are
bowed down.

[15]The eyes of **all** look to **You**
expectantly,
And **You** are giving them their food
in its season,
[16]Opening **Your hand** and satisfying
The desire of **all** that **live.**
[17]ꓤꓰꓤꓶ is **righteous** in **all His** ways,
And **kind** in **all His** works.
[18]ꓤꓰꓤꓶ is **near** to **all**
who **call** upon **Him,**
To **all** who **call** upon **Him** in **truth**.
[19]**He does the desire**
of those who **fear** Him;
And **He hears** their cry
and **saves** them.
[20]ꓤꓰꓤꓶ preserves **all** those
loving Him,
But* all** the ***wrong ones **He** destroys.
[21]My **mouth** speaks the **praise** of
ꓤꓰꓤꓶ,
And let **all** *flesh* **bless**
His set-apart **Name**,
Forever and **ever.**

146 Praise Yah! Praise ꓤꓰꓤꓶ,
O my being!
[2]While I **live** I **praise** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ;
I sing praises to my **Elohim**
while I exist.
[3]***Do** not* put your **trust** in princes,
In a son of man, in whom
is no **deliverance**.
[4]**His** spirit goes out,
he returns to his earth;
In that day his plans *perish*.
[5] **Blessed** is he who has the Ěl of
Ya'aqoḇ for his help,
Whose expectancy is in ꓤꓰꓤꓶ
his **Elohim**,
[6]Maker of the heavens and earth,
The sea and **all** that is in them,
Who is **guarding truth forever**,
[7]Doing **right-ruling** for the *oppressed*,
Giving **bread** to the hungry.
ꓤꓰꓤꓶ releases those who are bound,
[8]ꓤꓰꓤꓶ opens *the eyes of* the *blind,*
ꓤꓰꓤꓶ raises those
who are bowed down,
ꓤꓰꓤꓶ loves the righteous.
[9]ꓤꓰꓤꓶ guards the strangers,
He lifts up the fatherless and widow,

But the **way** of the ***wrong*** ones
He turns upside down.
[10]יהוה reigns **forever**, O Tsiyon,
Your Elohim to **all** generations.
Praise Yah!

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For it is **good** to sing praises
to our **Elohim**.
For it is pleasant – **praise** is fitting.
[2]יהוה builds up Yerushalayim,
He gathers the outcasts of Yisra'ĕl –
[3]*He* **heals** the *broken-hearted*
And binds up their *wounds*.
[4]*He* appoints the number of the stars,
He gives names to **all** of them.
[5]Great is our **Master**
and mighty in power,
There is no limit to **His** understanding.
[6]יהוה lifts up the meek ones,
He throws the ***wrong*** ones
down to the ground.
[7]Respond to יהוה with giving
thanks;
Sing praises on a lyre to our **Elohim**,
[8]***Who*** covers the heavens with clouds,
Who prepares rain for the earth,
Who makes grass to sprout
on the mountains,
[9]Giving to the beast its food,
To the young ravens that cry.
[10]**He** *does not* **delight**
in the strength of the horse,
He takes no pleasure in the legs
of a man.
[11]יהוה takes pleasure in those
who **fear Him,**
In those who wait for **His kindness**.
[12]Extol יהוה, O Yerushalayim!
Praise your **Elohim**, O Tsiyon!
[13]For **He** has strengthened
the bars of your gates,
He has **blessed** your children
in your **midst**,
[14]***Who*** makes **peace** in your borders,
He satisfies you with the finest wheat;
[15]***Who*** **sends** out **His command**
to the earth,
His word runs **very speedily**;
[16]***Who*** gives snow like wool,
He scatters the frost like ashes;
[17]Throwing out **His** *hail* like pieces;
Who does **stand** before **His** cold?
[18]**He sends** out **His word**
and melts them,
He causes His *wind* to **blow** –
the waters flow;
[19]Declaring **His Word** to Ya'aqoḇ,
His laws and **His right-rulings**
to Yisra'ĕl.
[20]**He** has not done so with any nation;
And they have not **known**
His right rulings! Praise Yah!

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Praise יהוה from the heavens,
Praise **Him** in the heights!
[2]Praise **Him, all His** messengers;
Praise **Him, all His** hosts!
[3]Praise **Him,** sun and moon;
Praise **Him, all** you stars of **light**!
[4]Praise **Him,** heavens of heavens,
And you waters above the heavens!
[5]**Let** them **praise** the **Name**
of יהוה,
For **He commanded**
and they were created.
[6]And **He established** them
forever and **ever,**
He gave a **law** and they pass not
beyond.
[7]Praise יהוה from the earth,
You **great** sea creatures
and **all** the depths,
[8]Fire and hail, snow and clouds,
Stormy *wind* that does **His word,**
[9]The mountains and **all** hills,
Fruit *tree* and **all** cedars,
[10]Wild beasts and **all** cattle,
Creeping creatures and flying birds,
[11]Sovereigns of the earth
and **all** peoples,
Rulers and **all** judges of the earth,
[12]Both young men and maidens,
Old men and children.
[13]**Let** them **praise** the **Name**
of יהוה,
For **His Name** alone is exalted,
His splendour is above the earth
and heavens.
[14]**He** also lifts up the horn
of **His** people,

The **praise** of **all His kind** ones;
Of the children of Yisra'ĕl,
A people **near** to **Him.** Praise Yah!

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Sing to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 a new song,
His praise in an assembly
of **kind** ones.
[2]**Let** Yisra'ĕl **rejoice** in their Maker;
Let the children of Tsiyon
exult in their Sovereign.
[3]**Let** them **praise His Name**
in a dance;
Let them sing praises to **Him**
with the tambourine and lyre.
[4]For 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 takes pleasure
in **His** people;
He embellishes the meek ones
with **deliverance**.
[5]**Let** the **kind** ones exult in esteem;
Let them sing aloud on their beds.
[6]**Let** the exaltation of Ĕl
be in their mouth,
And a two-edged *sword* in their **hand,**
[7]To *execute* **vengeance** on the *gentiles,*
Punishments on the peoples;
[8]To bind their sovereigns with chains,
And their nobles with iron bands;
[9]To *execute* on them
the **written** right-ruling;
A splendour it is for all His **kind** ones.
Praise Yah!

150 Praise Yah!
Praise Ĕl in
His set-apart place;
Praise **Him** in **His** mighty expanse!
[2]Praise **Him** for **His** mighty acts;
Praise **Him according** to **His**
excellent greatness!
[3]Praise **Him** with the blowing
of the ram's horn;
Praise **Him** with the harp and lyre!
[4]Praise **Him** with tambourine
and dance;
Praise **Him** with stringed instruments
and flutes!
[5]Praise **Him** with sounding cymbals;
Praise **Him** with resounding cymbals!
[6]**Let all** that have breath **praise** Yah.
Praise Yah!

MISHLĔ

PROVERBS

1 The proverbs of Shelomoh son of
Dawiḏ, sovereign of Yisra'ĕl:
[2]For knowing **wisdom** and discipline,
For **understanding** the **words** of
understanding,
[3]For receiving the **discipline**
of wisdom**,** righteousness, right-ruling,
and straightness;
[4]For giving **insight** to the simple,
Knowledge and discretion
to the young.
[5]The **wise** one **hears**
and increases learning,
And the **understanding**
one gets **wise** counsel,
[6]For **understanding** a proverb
and a figure,
The **words** of the **wise**
and their riddles.
[7]The **fear** of ꓘꓴꓘꓩ is the beginning
of **knowledge**;
Fools *despise* **wisdom** and **discipline.**
[8]My son, **heed** the **discipline**
of your father,
And *do not forsake* the **Torah**
of your mother;
[9]For they are a fair wreath on your
head and chains about your neck.
[10]My son, if *sinners* entice you,
do not give in.
[11]***If*** they say, **"Come** with us,
let us *lie* in wait for **blood,**
Let us ambush the **innocent**
without cause.
[12]"**Let** us swallow them **alive**
like the grave and entirely,
Like those going down to the pit.
[13]"**Let** us find **all precious** goods,
Let us fill our houses with spoil.
[14]"Cast in your **lot** among us,
Let us **all** have one purse,"
[15]My son, *do not* **walk**
in the **way** with them,
Keep your foot from their path;
[16]For their feet run to *evil*
and they hurry to shed blood.
[17]For in vain the *net* is spread
in the sight of any bird.
[18]***But*** they *lie* in wait for
their own blood,
They ambush their own **lives.**
[19]Such are the **ways** of everyone
greedy for gain;
It takes away the **life** of its owners.
[20]Wisdom calls aloud outside;
She raises her **voice**
in the broad places.
[21]At the head of the noisy streets
she cries out,
At the openings of the gates,
In the city she speaks her **words**:
[22]"***How*** long, you simple ones,
Would you **love** simplicity,
And ***shall*** scoffers **delight**
in their scoffing and fools
hate **knowledge**?
[23]"Turn at my *reproof.*
See, I **pour out** my spirit on you,
I make my **words known** to you.
[24]"**Because** I called and you *refused*,
I have **stretched** out my **hand**
and no one inclined,
[25]"And you spurned **all** my counsel,
And *would not* yield to my reproof,
[26]"**Let** me also laugh at your *calamity*,
Mock when your *dread* comes,
[27]"***When*** your *dread* **comes** like
Storm and your *calamity* **comes**
like a whirlwind,
When *distress* and anguish **come**
upon you.
[28]"**Let** them then **call on** me
but I will not answer;
Let them **seek** me, but not find me.
[29]"**Because** they *hated* **knowledge**
And *did not* choose to **fear** ꓘꓴꓘꓩ,
[30]"They *did not* **accept** my counsel,
They *despised* **all** my reproof,

31"Therefore let them eat the **fruit**
of their *own way,*
And be filled with their own counsels.
32"For the turning away of the simple
*slay*s them and the complacency
of fools destroys them.
33"***But whoever*** **listen**s to me
dwells safely and is at ease from
the *dread* of *evil*."

2 **My** son, if you **accept** my **word**
And treasure up my commands in you,
2So that you make your ear attend
to **wisdom** and incline your **heart**
to **understanding**;
3For if you cry for discernment,
Lift up your **voice** for understanding,
4***If*** you **seek** her as silver and **search**
for her as *hidden* treasures
5***Then*** you would **understand**
the **fear** of יהוה and find
the **knowledge** of **Elohim**.
6For יהוה gives **wisdom**;
Out of **His mouth come**
knowledge and **understanding**.
7And **He** treasures up
stability for the straight,
A shield to those walking blamelessly,
8To **watch** over the paths
of right-ruling,
And the **way** of **His kind** ones
He guards.
9***Then*** you would **understand**
righteousness right-ruling and
straightness –Every **good** path.
10For **wisdom** would enter your **heart,**
And **knowledge** be pleasant
to your being,
11Discretion would **guard** you;
Understanding would **watch** over you,
12To **deliver** you from the *evil* **way,**
From the man who speaks perversities,
13Those who leave
the paths of straightness
To **walk** in the **ways** of *darkness*;
14***Who*** **rejoice** to do *evil*;
They **delight** in the perversities
of *evil*;
15***Whose*** paths are crooked,
And they are *perverted* in their ways;
16To **deliver** you from
the *strange* woman,
From the foreigner who
flatters with her **words**
17***Who*** forsakes the companion
of her youth,
And has *forgotten* the **covenant**
of her **Elohim**.
18For her house has sunk down
to *death* and her paths to the dead;
19None going in to her does **return,**
Nor do they reach the paths of **life**
20So **walk** in the **way** of **goodness**,
And **guard** the paths of righteousness.
21For the **straight** ***shall*** dwell in the
earth and the **perfect** be left in it
22***But*** the ***wrong shall*** **be** *cut off*
from the earth,
And the treacherous ones *plucked*
out of it.

3 **My** son, *do not forget* my **Torah**,
And let your **heart**
watch over my **commands**;
2For length of days and long **life**
And **peace** they add to you.
3**Let** not kindness and truth
forsake you,
Bind them around your neck and
write them on the tablet of your **heart,**
4Thus finding **favour** and **good insight**
In the eyes of **Elohim** and man.
5Trust in יהוה with **all** your **heart,**
Lean not on your own understanding;
6Know **Him** in **all** your ways,
And **He** makes **all** your paths **straight.**
7***Do*** *not* be **wise** in your own eyes;
Fear יהוה and turn away from *evil*.
8It is **healing** to your navel,
And moistening to your bones.
9Esteem יהוה with your goods and
the **first-fruits** of **all** your increase;
10***Then*** your storehouses
shall **be** filled with plenty
and your vats overflow with new **wine**.

[11]My son, *do not despise*
the **discipline** of יהוה
and *do not* loathe **His** reproof;
[12]For whom יהוה loves
He reproves,
As a father the son whom
he delights in.
[13] **Blessed** is the man who has **found**
Wisdom and the man
who gets understanding;
[14]For the *gain* from it is better
than gain from silver
and its increase than fine gold.
[15]She is more **precious** than rubies,
And **all** your delights are not
comparable to her.
[16]Length of days is in her **right hand,**
Riches and **esteem** in her left **hand.**
[17]Her **ways** are pleasant ways,
And **all** her paths are peace.
[18]She is a *tree* of **life**
to those taking hold of her,
And **blessed** are **all** who retain her.
[19]יהוה founded the earth
by wisdom;
He established the heavens
by **understanding**;
[20]By **His knowledge** the depths
were broken up
and clouds drop down dew.
[21]My son, let them not depart
from your eyes;
Watch over sound **wisdom**
and discretion;
[22]***Then*** they become **life** to your being
And an adorning to your neck.
[23]***Then*** you would **walk** safely
in your way and your foot
would not stumble.
[24]***When*** you *lie* down,
you need not be *afraid*.
And you ***shall*** *lie* down
and your sleep **shall be** sweet.
[25]***Do*** *not* be *afraid* of **sudden** *dread,*
Nor of the *ruin* of the ***wrong***
when it comes;
[26]For יהוה is at your side
and **He shall guard** your foot
from being caught.
[27]***Do*** *not* withhold **good**
from those who de**serve** it,
When it is in the **power**
of your **hand** to do so.
[28]***Do*** *not* say to your neighbour,
"Go and **come** back **tomorrow**
and I'll give it,"
When you have it with you.
[29]***Do*** *not* plan *evil* <u>*against*</u> your
neighbour,
Seeing he dwells safely beside you.
[30]***Do*** *not strive* with a man without
cause, if he has done you no *evil*.
[31]***Do*** *not envy* a cruel man,
And choose none of his ways;
[32]For the ***perverse*** one is an
<u>**abomination**</u> to יהוה,
And **His secret** counsel
is with the straight.
[33]The *curse* of יהוה
is on the house of the ***wrong,***
But **He** blesses the home
of the righteous.
[34]**He** certainly scoffs the scoffers,
But gives **favour** to the humble.
[35]The **wise** do inherit esteem,
But fools are bearing away shame!

4 Children, **Listen** to the **discipline**
of a father and give attention
to know understanding;
[2]For I gave you **good** instruction:
Do *not forsake* my **Torah**.
[3]For I was my father's son,
Tender and the only one
in the eyes of my mother,
[4]***Then*** he **taught** me and said to me,
"**Let** your **heart** hold fast my **words**;
Guard my **commands** and **live.**
[5]"Get **wisdom**! Get **understanding**!
Do *not forget* and *do not* turn away
From the **words** of my **mouth.**
[6]"***Do*** *not* leave her
and let her **guard** you;

Love her and let her **watch** over you.
[7]"The beginning of **wisdom** is:
Get **wisdom**!
And with **all** your getting,
get **understanding**.
[8]"Exalt her and let her uplift you;
She brings you **esteem** when you
embrace her.
[9]"She gives your head a fair wreath,
She shields you with
an adorning crown."
[10]**Hear,** my son and **accept** my **words**,
And let the years of your **life** be many.
[11]I have **taught** you in the **way**
of **wisdom**,
I have led you in **straight** paths.
[12]***When*** you **walk** your steps
shall not be hindered,
And if you run you ***shall*** not *stumble.*
[13]Hold fast to discipline, *do not* let go;
Watch over her, for she is your **life**.
[14]***Do*** *not* enter the path of the ***wrong,***
And *do not* **walk** in the **way** of
evil-doers.
[15]Avoid it, *do not* pass by it;
Turn away from it and pass on.
[16]For they *do not* sleep
unless they have done *evil*.
And their sleep is taken away
unless they make someone fall.
[17]For they have eaten the **bread**
of ***wrongdoing***,
And they drink the **wine** of *violence*.
[18]***But*** the path of the **righteous** is like
the **light** of dawn,
That shines ever brighter unto the
perfect day.
[19]The **way** of the ***wrong*** is like
darkness;
They *do not* **know** at what they
stumble.
[20]My son, **listen** to my **words**;
Incline your ear to my sayings.
[21]**Let** them not depart from your eyes;
Guard them in the **midst** of your
heart;
[22]For they are **life** to those who find
them,
And **healing** to **all** their *flesh.*
[23]**Watch** over your **heart**
with **all** diligence,
For out of it are the sources of **life**.
[24]Turn away from you
a *crooked* **mouth,**
And put ***perverse*** lips far from you.
[25]**Let** your eyes look forward,
And your eyelids
look **straight** before you.
[26]**Consider** the path of your feet,
And **all** *your ways* are **established**
[27]***Do*** *not* turn to the **right** or the left;
Turn your foot away from *evil*.

5 **My** son, **listen** to my **wisdom**;
Incline your ear to my understanding,
[2]So as to **watch** over discretion,
And your lips **guard knowledge**.
[3]For the lips of a *strange* woman
drip honey,
And her **mouth** is smoother than oil;
[4]***But*** in **the end**
she is *bitter* as wormwood,
Sharp as a two-edged *sword.*
[5]Her feet go down to *death,*
Her steps lay hold of the grave.
[6]She *does not* consider the path of **life**;
Her ***ways*** are ***unstable*** –you *do not*
know it.
[7]So **now**, **listen** to me, you children,
And *do not* turn away from
the **words** of my **mouth.**
[8]Keep *your way* far from her,
And *do not* **come near**
the **door** of her house,
[9]Lest you give your splendor to others,
And your years to one who is cruel;
[10]Lest strangers be filled
with your strength,
And your labours go
to the house of a foreigner.
[11]***Then*** you ***shall*** howl
in your **latter** end,
When your *flesh* and your body
are *consumed,*
[12]And ***shall*** say,
"***How*** I have *hated* discipline,

And my **heart** has *despised* reproof!
13"'And I have not heeded the **voice**
of my **teachers** and I have not inclined
my ear to those who **instructed** me!
14"'In **a** *little* **while** I was in **all** *evil*,
In the **midst** of an assembly
and a congregation."
15Drink water from your own cistern,
And running water from
your own well.
16***Should*** your springs
be *scattered* abroad,
Rivers of water in the streets?
17**Let** them be only your own,
And not for strangers with you.
18**Let** your fountain be **blessed** and
rejoice with the wife of your youth –
19A **loving** deer and a pleasant doe!
Let her breasts satisfy you at **all** times
And be captivated by her **love** always.
20For why should you, my son,
Be captivated by a *strange* woman
and embrace the bosom of a foreigner?
21For the **ways** of man
Are before the eyes of יהוה,
And **He** considers **all** his paths.
22The ***wrong*** one is entrapped
in his own *crookedness*es and
he is ***caught*** in the cords of his *sin.*
23He dies for lack of **discipline**
and in the greatness of his folly
He goes *astray*.

6 **My** son, if you:
Have become guarantor
or your friend,
Have *shaken* hands in **pledge**
for a stranger,
2Have been snared by the **words**
of your own **mouth,**
Have been ***caught*** by the **words**
of your **mouth** –
3***Do*** this at once, my son
and **deliver** yourself,
For you have **come** into the **hand**
of your friend:
Go, humble yourself
and urge your friend.
4Give no sleep to your eyes,
Nor slumber to your eyelids.
5Deliver yourself like a gazelle
from *the hunter's* **hand,**
And like a bird from the **hand**
of the trapper.
6Go to the ant, you lazy one!
See her **ways** and be **wise,**
7Which, having no commander,
overseer or ruler,
8Provides her supplies in the summer,
Gathers her food in the harvest.
9***How*** long would you *lie* down,
O lazy one?
When do you arise from your sleep?
10A *little* sleep, a *little* slumber,
A *little* folding of the hands
to *lie* down;
11And your poverty ***shall*** **come**
like a prowler,
And your need as an armed man.
12A man of Beliya'al, a *wicked* man,
Walks with a ***perverse*** **mouth,**
13Winks with his eyes, shuffles his feet,
Points with his fingers;
14Perverseness is in his **heart,**
Plotting *evil* at **all** times,
He sends out strife.
15Therefore his *calamity* **comes**
suddenly and **instantly** he is *broken,*
And there is no healing.
16These six matters יהוה *hates*,
Seven are an **abomination** to Him
17A *proud* look, A *lying* tongue,
And hands shedding **innocent blood,**
18A **heart** devising *wicked* schemes,
Feet quick to run to *evil*,
19A *false* **witness** breathing out lies,
And one who **causes** strife
among brothers.
20My son, **watch** over
your father's **command,**
And *do not forsake* the **Torah**
of your mother.
21Bind them on your **heart** always;
Tie them around your neck.

[22]***When*** you are walking about,
it leads you;
When you *lie* down, it guards you.
And when you have woken up,
It talks to you.
[23]For the **command** is a lamp,
And the **Torah** a **light**,
And reproofs of **discipline**
a **way** of life,
[24]To **guard** you *against*
an *evil* woman,
From the flattering tongue
of a *strange* woman.
[25]***Do*** *not* desire
her prettiness in your heart,
Neither let her captivate you
with her eyelids.
[26]For **because** of a *whore,*
One is brought to a crust of bread.
And an adulteress hunts
a precious **life**.
[27]Would a man take *fire* to his bosom,
And his garments not be *burned*?
[28]Would a man **walk** on hot coals,
And his feet not be scorched?
[29]So is he who goes
in to his neighbour's wife;
None who *touches* her
goes unpunished.
[30]They *do not despise* a thief
If he steals to satisfy
his appetite when he is starving.
[31]Yet if he is ***caught***
he **repays** sevenfold;
He gives **all** the wealth of his house.
[32]**He** who commits adultery
with woman lacks heart;
He who does it destroys his own **life**.
[33]**He** finds smiting and shame,
And his *reproach* is not wiped away.
[34]For *jealousy* enrages a man,
And he *does not spare*
in the **day of vengeance**.
[35]**He** *does not* regard any ransom,
Nor **accept** your *bribe,* however great**!**

7 **My** son, **guard** my **words** and
treasure up my **commands** with you.
[2]**Guard** my **commands** and **live,**
And my **Torah** as the apple
of your eye.
[3]Bind them on your fingers;
Write them on the tablet
of your **heart.**
[4]Say to **wisdom,** "You are my sister,"
And **call understanding**
a close friend,
[5]To **guard** you *against*
the *strange* woman,
Against the foreigner who flatters
with her **words**.
[6]For at the window of my house
I **looked** through my lattice,
[7]And I **saw** among the simple,
I perceived among the youths,
A young man lacking **heart,**
[8]Passing through the street
near her corner;
And he went the **way** to her house
[9]In the twi**light**, in the **evening**,
In the black and dark night.
[10]And look, a woman met him
Dressed like a *whore,*
With a *hidden* **heart.**
[11]She was boisterous and *stubborn,*
Her feet *did not* stay at her own house.
[12]**Now** in the street, **Now** in the square,
And at **every** corner she lurks.
[13]She took hold of him and kissed him;
She *hardened* her face and said to him:
[14]"Peace offerings are with me;
Today I have paid my vows.
[15]"Therefore I came out to meet you,
To **earnestly seek** your face,
and I found you.
[16]"I have spread my bed
with coverings,
Colored linens of Mitsrayim.
[17]"I have sprinkled my bed
with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon.
[18]**"Come,** let us take our fill
of **love** until morning;
Let us **delight** ourselves with **love.**

19"For my husband is not at home;
He has gone on a long journey;
20"He took a bag of silver with him;
He comes home on the **day**
of the new moon."
21With her many **words**
she leads him *astray*,
With her **smooth** lips she seduces him.
22**He** goes after her **immediately**,
Like an ox he goes to the slaughter,
And as in chains,
a *fool* to the *punishment*,
23Til an arrow strikes through his liver;
Like a bird rushing into a *snare*
and did not **know** it would take
his **life**.
24And **now**, **listen** to me, you children;
Pay attention to the **words**
of my mouth:
25***Do*** *not* let your **heart**
turn aside to her ways,
Do *not* go *astray* in her paths.
26For many are the *wounded*
she has **caused** to fall,
And numerous **all** her *slain* ones.
27Her house is the **way** to the grave,
Going down to the rooms of *death.*

8 Does not **wisdom call** and
understanding lift up her **voice**?
2On the top of the heights along
the way,
Between the paths she has taken
her stand.
3Beside the gates, leading to the city,
At the entrances, she shouts:
4"O men, I call, to you,
And my **voice** is to the sons of men.
5"You simple ones, understand
insight and you fools,
Be of an **understanding heart.**
6"**Listen**, for I **speak** noble **words**,
And the opening of my lips
is about straightness;
7"For my **mouth** speaks **truth**;
And *wrongness* is an **abomination**
to my lips.
8"All the **words** of my **mouth** are in
righteousness,
None of them twisted or crooked,
9"All of them plain to him
who understands,
And **straight** to those
who find **knowledge**.
10"Accept my **discipline** and not silver,
Knowledge rather than choice gold;
11"For **wisdom** is better than rubies,
And **all** delights are
not comparable to her.
12"I, **wisdom,** have dwelt with insight,
And I find **knowledge**, foresight.
13"The **fear** of יהוה is to *hate evil*.
I have *hated* pride and arrogance,
the *evil* **way** and the ***perverse*** **mouth.**
14"Counsel is mine and sound wisdom;
I am **understanding**
and mightiness is mine.
15"By me sovereigns reign
and rulers make **righteous** decrees.
16"By me princes **rule** and nobles all
the judges of the earth.
17"I **love** those who **love** me,
And those who **earnestly**
seek me do find me.
18"Riches and **esteem** are with me,
Enduring wealth and **righteousness**.
19"My **fruit** is better than gold
and fine gold,
And my increase than choice silver.
20"I **walk** in the **way** of **righteousness**,
And in the **midst** of the paths
of **right-**ruling,
21"To bestow substance on those who
love me and to fill their treasuries.
22"יהוה possessed me,
The beginning of **His way,**
As the **first** of **His works** of old.
23"I was set up ages ago, at the **first,**
Before the earth ever was.
24"***When*** there were no depths
I was brought forth,
When there were no springs
heavy with water.
25"Before mountains were sunk,
Before the hills, I was brought forth,

[26]"Before **He** had made the earth and
the fields or the **first** dust of the world.
[27]"***When*** **He** prepared the heavens,
I was there,
When **He** decreed a vault
on the face of the deep,
[28]"***When*** **He** set the clouds above,
When **He** made the fountains
of the deep **strong,**
[29]"***When*** **He** gave to the sea its limit,
So that the waters would
not *transgress* **His command,**
When **He** decreed the foundations
of the earth,
[30]"***Then*** I was beside **Him,**
a master workman,
And I was **His** delight, day by day
Rejoicing before **Him all** the **time,**
[31]"Rejoicing in the world, **His** earth;
And my delights were with
the sons of men.
[32]"And now, listen to me, you children,
For **blessed** are they
who **guard** my ways.
[33]"Listen to discipline, become wise**,**
And *do not refuse* it.
[34]**"**Blessed is the man
who listens to me,
Watching daily at my gates,
Waiting at the posts of my **doors**.
[35]"For ***whoever*** finds me
shall find life,
And obtain **favour** from יהוה,
[36]"***But*** he who *sins* <u>*against*</u> me
injures himself;
All who *hate* me **love** death!"

9 Wisdom has built her house,
She has hewn out its seven columns,
[2]She has slaughtered her meat,
She has mixed her **wine**,
She has also prepared her table.
[3]She has **sent** out her young women,
She cries out from the highest
places of the city:
[4]"***Who*** is simple?
Let him turn in here!"
As for him who lacks **heart,**
she says to him,
[5] **"Come,** eat of my **bread**
and drink of the **wine** I have mixed."
[6]Leave the simple ones and **live,**
Walk in the **way** of understanding.
[7]**He** who reproves a scoffer
gets *shame* for himself,
And he who rebukes
a ***wrong*** one gets himself a blemish.
[8]***Do*** *not* **reprove** a scoffer,
lest he *hate* you;
Reprove a **wise** one and he loves you.
[9]Give **instruction** to a **wise** one
and he is wiser still;
Teach a **righteous** one
and he increases in learning.
[10]The **fear** of יהוה is
the beginning of **wisdom,**
And the **knowledge** of
the **Set-apart** One is **understanding**.
[11]For by me your days become many,
And years of **life** are **added** to you.
[12]***If*** you have become **wise,**
You have become **wise** for yourself,
And if you have scoffed,
You alone bear it.
[13]A ***foolish*** woman is loud,
Simple and without **knowledge**.
[14]For she has seated herself
At the **door** of her house,
On a seat by the highest places
of the city,
[15]To **call** to those who pass by,
Who go **straight** on their way:
[16]"***Who*** is simple?
Let him turn in here."
And as for him who lacks **heart,**
she says to him,
[17]"Stolen waters are sweet,
And **bread** *eaten* in **secret**
is pleasant."
[18]***But*** he *does not* **know**
that the *dead* are there,
Her guests are in the depths
of the grave.

10 Proverbs of Shelomoh:
A **wise** son makes a father **rejoice,**
But a ***foolish*** son
is his mother's sorrow.
[2]Treasures of *wrongness*
are of no value,
But righteousness delivers from *death.*
[3]יהוה *does not* let the being of the
righteous go hungry,
But He thrusts away the desire
of the *wrong.*
[4]Poor is he who **works**
with a lazy **hand,**
But the **hand** of the hard worker
makes rich.
[5]He who gathers in summer
is a **wise** son,
He who sleeps in harvest
is a son who **causes** *shame.*
[6]Blessings are on the head
of the **righteous,**
But *violence* covers the **mouth**
of the *wrong.*
[7]The **remembrance** of the **righteous**
is **blessed**,
But the name of the ***wrong*** ones rot.
[8]The wise in heart accepts commands,
But one with ***foolish*** lips falls.
[9]He who walks in integrity
walks safely,
But he who ***perverts*** his **ways**
becomes known.
[10]He who winks with the eye
causes sorrow,
And one with ***foolish*** lips falls.
[11]The **mouth** of the **righteous** is a
fountain of **life**,
But *violence* covers the **mouth**
of the *wrong.*
[12]Hatred stirs up *strife,*
But **love** covers **all** *transgressions*.
[13]Wisdom is **found** on the lips
of him who has **understanding**,
But a **rod** is for the back of him
who lacks **heart.**
[14]The **wise** treasure up **knowledge**,
But the **mouth** of a *fool* is **near** *ruin.*
[15]The rich man's wealth
is his **strong** city;
The *ruin* of the *poor* is their poverty.
[16]The wage of the **righteous** is for **life**,
The increase of the ***wrong*** is for *sin.*
[17]He who **heed**s **discipline**
is in the **way** of **life** but
He who *refuses reproof* goes *astray*.
[18]He who hides hatred has *lying* lips,
And he who **sends** out a *slander*
is a fool.
[19]***When*** **words** are many,
Transgression is not ab**sent**,
But he who restrains his lips is **wise.**
[20]The tongue of the **righteous** is
choice silver;
The **heart** of the ***wrong*** is of little
value.
[21]The lips of the **righteous**
shepherd many,
But fools *die* for lack of **heart.**
[22]The **blessing** of יהוה
makes one rich,
And **He** adds no pain with it.
[23]To **work** out *wicked* schemes
Is like sport to a *fool,*
But **wisdom** is for a man of
understanding.
[24]***What*** the ***wrong*** one ***fears***
comes upon him,
But the desire of the **righteous**
is granted.
[25]As the *whirlwind* passes by,
The ***wrong*** one is no more,
But the **righteous** *has*
an **everlasting** foundation.
[26]As vinegar to the *teeth* and smoke
to the eyes,
So is the lazy one to those
who send him.
[27]The **fear** of יהוה prolongs days,
But the years of the ***wrong*** ones
are shortened.
[28]The **righteous** look forward to joy,
But the expectancy
of the ***wrong*** ones *perish.*

[29]The **way** of יהוה
is a stronghold for the **perfect,**
But *ruin* to the workers of *wickedness*.
[30]The **righteous** is never shaken,
While the ***wrong shall*** not dwell
in the earth.
[31]The **mouth** of the **righteous**
brings forth **wisdom,**
But the tongue of *perverseness*
is *cut* out.
[32]The lips of the **righteous**
know what is pleasing,
But the **mouth** of the ***wrong***
speaks perverseness.

11 A *false* scale is an **abomination**
to יהוה,
But a **perfect** weight is **His** delight.
[2]Pride comes, then **comes** shame;
But with the humble is **wisdom**.
[3]The integrity of the **straight** ones
guides them,
But the slipperiness of the treacherous
destroys them.
[4]Riches do not profit
in the day of *wrath*,
But **righteousness** delivers from
death.
[5]The **righteousness** of the **perfect**
Makes his **way straight,**
But by his own *wrongness*
the ***wrong*** one falls.
[6]The **righteousness** of the **straight**
ones delivers them,
But the treacherous
are ***caught*** by greed.
[7]***When*** a ***wrong*** man dies,
expectancy perishes,
And the ambition of the *wicked*
shall be lost.
[8]The **righteous** is **delivered**
from distress,
And the ***wrong*** one takes his place.
[9]The *defiled* one destroys his
neighbour with his **mouth,**
But the **righteous** is **delivered**
by **knowledge**.
[10]***When*** the **righteous** prosper,
the city rejoices.
And when the ***wrong*** *perish*
there is shouting.
[11]By the **blessing** of the **straight**
the city is exalted,
But by the **mouth** of the ***wrong***
it is *overthrown*.
[12]He who lacks **heart** despises
his neighbour,
But a man of **understanding**
keeps silence.
[13]A *slanderer* is a revealer of **secrets,**
But one with a **trustworthy** spirit
conceals a matter.
[14]Without guidance the people fall,
But in a **great** counsellor
there is safety.
[15]He who is guarantor for a stranger
suffers harm,
But one who *hates shaking* hands
in **pledge** is safe.
[16]A woman showing **favour**
obtains esteem,
But *ruthless* men obtain riches.
[17]A **kind** man is rewarding his being,
But he who is cruel troubles
his own flesh.
[18]The ***wrong*** one earns *false* wages,
But the one sowing **righteousness**,
a **true** reward.
[19]Thus **righteousness** *leads* to **life**,
And one pursuing *evil*,
to his own *death.*
[20]The ***perverse*** of **heart** are an
abomination to יהוה,
But the **perfect** in **the Way**
are **His** delight.
[21]Hand to **hand,** the *evil* one
does not go unpunished,
But the seed of the **righteous**
shall escape.
[22]Like a ring of gold in a pig's snout,
Is a lovely woman
who lacks **good** sense.

[23]The desire of the **righteous**
is only **good**,
The expectancy of the ***wrong*** is *wrath*.
[24]There is one who scatters,
yet increases more.
And one who withholds
more than is right,
But it **comes** to poverty.
[25]The generous being is enriched,
And he who waters
is also watered himself.
[26]The people *curse* him
who withholds grain,
But **blessing** is on the head of him
who sells it.
[27]He who **earnestly** seeks **good**,
Seeks what is pleasing;
But to him who seeks *evil*,
It **comes** to him.
[28]He who **trusts** in his riches falls,
But the **righteous** flourish like a leaf.
[29]He who troubles his own house
inherits wind,
And the *fool* is servant to the **wise**
of **heart.**
[30]The **fruit** of the **righteous**
is a *tree* of **life**,
And he who is winning lives is **wise.**
[31]**See,** the **righteous** in the earth
shall be rewarded,
How much more the ***wrong***
and the *sinner!*

12 ***Whoever*** loves **discipline**
loves **knowledge**,
But he who *hates reproof* is stupid.
[2]The **good** obtains **favour**
from ֱיְהֱוִה,
But the man of *wicked* devices **He**
declares *wrong.*
[3]A man is not established
by *wrongness*,
But the root of the **righteous**
shall not be moved.
[4]A capable wife is the crown
of her husband,
But one causing *shame*
is like rottenness in his bones.
[5]The *thoughts* of the **righteous**
are right-ruling,
The counsels of the ***wrong*** are *deceit*.
[6]The **words** of the ***wrong*** are,
"Lie in wait for **blood,**"
But the **mouth** of the **straight**
delivers them.
[7]The ***wrong*** are *overthrown*,
And are no more,
But the house of the **righteous** stands.
[8]A man is p**raised according**
to his **wisdom**,
But the *perverted* of **heart**
becomes *despised*.
[9]Better to be lightly esteemed
and have a servant,
Than the highly esteemed
who lacks bread.
[10]The **righteous** regards
the **life** of his beast,
But the **compassion** of the ***wrong***
is cruelty.
[11]He who tils his land is **satisfied**
with bread,
But he who pursues vanities
is lacking heart.
[12]The ***wrong shall*** covet
the ***catch*** of *evil-doers*,
But the root of the **righteous**
yields fruit.
[13]In the *transgression* of the lips
is an *evil snare,*
But the **righteous** gets out of *distress*.
[14]From the **fruit** of his **mouth**
one is filled with **good**,
And the **work** of a man's hands
is **given** back to him.
[15]The **way** of a *fool*
is **right** in his own eyes,
But he who **listen**s to advice is **wise.**
[16]A fool's *wrath* is **known** at once,
But a clever one covers *shame.*
[17]**He** who speaks **truth**
declares righteousness,

But a *false* **witness,** *deceit*.
[18]Rash speaking is like piercings
of a sword,
But the tongue of the **wise** is healing.
[19]The lip of truth is established forever,
But a *lying* tongue
is but for a moment.
[20]Deceit is in the **heart** of those
who plot *evil*,
But counsellors of **peace** have joy.
[21]No harm befalls the **righteous,**
But the ***wrong shall*** **be** filled with *evil*.
[22]Lying lips are an **abomination**
to ꓤꓬꓶꓩ,
But those who deal **truly**
are **His** delight.
[23]A clever man is concealing
knowledge,
But the **heart** of fools proclaims folly.
[24]The **hand** of the hard worker rules,
But the lazy is put to compulsory
labor.
[25]Anxiety in the **heart** of man **causes**
depression,
But a **good word** makes him glad.
[26]The **righteous** is a guide to his
neighbour,
But the **way** of the ***wrong*** leads them
astray.
[27]The lazy one has no game to roast,
But the hard worker prizes his
possessions.
[28]In the **way** of **righteousness** is **life**,
And in its pathway there is no *death.*

13 A **wise** son *accepts*
his father's discipline,
But a scoffer ***shall*** not listen to rebuke.
[2]From the **fruit** of the **mouth**
a man eats the **good**,
But the desire of the treacherous
is for *violence*.
[3]He who watches over his **mouth**
guards his being,
But he who opens wide his lips
comes to *ruin.*
[4]The being of the lazy one craves,
but has not;
While the being of the hard workers
are enriched.
[5]A **righteous** one *hates* a *lying* **word,**
But a ***wrong*** man is loathsome
and **comes** to *shame.*
[6]Righteousness watches over him
who is **perfect** in the **way,**
But *wrongness* overthrows the *sinner.*
[7]There is one who makes himself rich,
Yet *has* none at **all.**
And one who makes himself *poor*,
Yet has **great** riches.
[8]The ransom of a man's **life**
is his riches,
But the *poor does not* **hear** rebuke.
[9]The **light** of the **righteous rejoices,**
But the **lamp** of the ***wrong*** is put out.
[10]By pride **comes** only *strife,*
But **wisdom** is with those
who take advice.
[11]Wealth from vanity diminishes,
But he who gathers by **hand** increases.
[12]Expectancy drawn out makes
the **heart** *sick,*
But a longing **come true**
is a *tree* of life.
[13]*He* who despises the **Word**
is destroyed,
But he who ***fears*** the **command**
is rewarded.
[14]The **Torah** of the **wise**
is a fountain of **life**,
Turning one away from
the *snares* of *death.*
[15]**Good understanding** gains **favour,**
But the **way** of the treacherous is hard.
[16]Every one with **insight**
acts with **knowledge**,
But a *fool* spreads folly.
[17]A messenger that is ***wrong***
falls into *evil*,
But a **trustworthy** envoy
is a healing.
[18]Poverty and *shame* are for him
Who *ignores* discipline,

But he who **heed**s *reproof*
is esteemed.
19A desire **accomplished**
is **sweet** to the being,
But to turn away from *evil*
is an **abomination** to fools.
20He who walks with the **wise**
shall be wise,
But the companion of fools
suffers evil.
21*Evil* pursues *sinners,*
But **good** is repaid to the righteous.
22A **good** man leaves an **inheritance**
to his children's children,
But the wealth of the *sinner*
is stored up for the righteous.
23Much food is in the tilable
ground of the *poor*,
But lack of **right-ruling**
sweeps it away.
24He who spares his **rod** *hates* his son,
But he who loves him, seeks him with
discipline.
25The **righteous** eats to the satisfying
of his being,
But the stomach of the ***wrong***
is lacking.

14 Every **wise** woman has built
her house,
But the ***foolish*** breaks it down
with her hands.
2**He** who walks in his straightness
fears יְיָ,
But he whose **ways** are *crooked*
despises **Him.**
3In the **mouth** of a *fool* is a **rod**
of pride,
But the lips of the **wise guard** them.
4Where there are no oxen,
the crib is clean;
But from the strength of an ox
comes much increase.
5A **trustworthy witness**
does not lie,
But a *false* **witness**
breathes out lies.
6A scoffer ***shall*** **seek wisdom**
but *find* none,
But **knowledge** is *swift* to him
who has **understanding**.
7Leave the presence
of a ***foolish*** man,
For you ***shall*** not **perceive**
the lips of **knowledge**.
8The **wisdom** of the clever
is to understand **His way,**
But the folly of fools is *deceit*.
9Fools scoff at guilt,
But among the **straight** there
is delight.
10The **heart knows**
its own *bitterness*,
And no stranger shares its joy.
11The house of the ***wrong***
is **destroyed**,
But the tent of the **straight**
flourishes.
12There is a **way**
which seems **right** to a man,
but its end is the **way** of *death.*
13Even in laughter the **heart** is in pain,
And **the end** of that **joy** is heaviness.
14The backslider in **heart** is **satisfied**
with his own ways,
But a **good** man *is* **satisfied** from his.
15The simple **believe**s **every word,**
But the clever one watches his step.
16The **wise *fears*** and turns away
from *evil*,
But a *fool* rushes on and is reckless.
17He who is impatient acts foolishly,
And a man who plans
wickedness is *hated*.
18The simple ***shall*** inherit folly,
But the clever are crowned
with **knowledge**.
19The *evil* ones ***shall*** bow
before the **good**,
And the ***wrong*** ones at the gates
of the righteous.
20The *poor* is *hated*
even by his own neighbour,
But the rich has many friends.

[21]He who despises his neighbour *sins*;
But he who shows **favour** to the *poor*,
O **blessed** is he.
[22]***Do*** *not* those who plan
evil go *astray*?
But **kindness** and **truth** are to those
who plan **good**.
[23]In **all** labour there is profit,
But talk of the lips *leads* only
to poverty.
[24]The crown of the wise is their
wealth,
The folly of fools is folly.
[25]A **true witness saves** lives,
But he who breathes out lies is a
betrayer.
[26]In the **fear** of יהוה is **strong trust,**
And **His** children have
a place of refuge.
[27]The **fear** of יהוה
is a fountain of life,
To turn away from
the *snares* of *death.*
[28]In a multitude of people
is a sovereign's splendour,
But in the lack of people
Is the *ruin* of a prince.
[29]**He** who is patient has **great**
understanding,
But he who is short of spirit exalts
folly.
[30]A healthy **heart** is **life** to the body,
But *envy* is rottenness to the bones.
[31]He who oppresses the *poor*
reproaches his Maker,
But he who esteems **Him** shows
favour to the needy.
[32]By his own *evil* doing the ***wrong***
is thrust down,
But the **righteous** has a **refuge**
in his *death.*
[33]Wisdom rests in the **heart**
of him who has **understanding**,
And *even* among fools
it becomes known.
[34]Righteousness exalts a nation,
But *sin* is a *reproach* to peoples.
[35]The sovereign's **delight** is toward
a wise servant,
But his *wrath* is towards him
who causes *shame.*

15 A soft answer turns away *wrath*,
But a harsh **word** stirs up *displeasure.*
[2]The tongue of the **wise** makes
knowledge good,
But the **mouth** of fools pours out
foolishness.
[3]The eyes of יהוה are in **every**
place watching the *evil* and the **good**.
[4]A **healing** tongue is a *tree* of **life**,
But *perverseness* in it crushes
the spirit.
[5]A *fool* despises his father's discipline,
But he who **heed**s *reproof* is clever.
[6]The household of the **righteous**
is a great treasure,
But in the income of the ***wrong***
is trouble.
[7]The lips of the wise *scatter*
knowledge,
But the **heart** of fools is not so.
[8]The slaughtering of the ***wrong*** ones
Is an **abomination** to יהוה,
But the prayer of the **straight**
is **His** delight.
[9]The **way** of the ***wrong*** one
is an **abomination** to יהוה,
But **He** loves him who pursues
righteousness.
[10]Discipline is *grievous* to him
who forsakes the way;
He who *hates reproof* dies.
[11]The grave and ***destruction***
are before יהוה,
How much more the **hearts**
of the sons of men.
[12]A scoffer *does not* **love** his reprover,
Nor does he go to the **wise.**
[13]A **glad heart** makes **good** a face,
But by *sorrow* of **heart** the spirit
is stricken.
[14]The **heart** of the **understanding** one
seeks **knowledge**,
But the **mouth** of fools feeds on folly.

15 All the days of the *afflicted* are *evil*,
***But* gladness** of **heart**
is a continual feast.
16 Better is a *little*
with the **fear** of יהוה,
Than **great** treasure with trouble.
17 Better is a meal of vegetables
where **love** is,
Than a fatted *calf* with hatred.
18 A man of *wrath* stirs up *strife,*
But he who is patient appeases strife.
19 The **way** of a lazy one
is like a hedge of thorns,
But the **way** of the **straight** is a
highway.
20 A **wise** son makes a father glad,
But a ***foolish*** man despises his mother.
21 Folly is **joy** to one lacking **heart,**
But a man of **understanding** walks
straight.
22 Without counsel, plans go ***wrong,***
But by **great** counsellors they are
established.
23 A man has **joy** by the answer
of his mouth,
And how **good** is a **word spoken**
in its season!
24 The path of **life** is upward
for the **wise,**
To turn away from the grave below.
25 יהוה tears down the house
of the proud,
And **He** sets up the boundary
of the widow.
26 *Evil thoughts* are an **abomination** to
יהוה but pleasant **words** are **clean.**
27 He who is *greedy* for *gain,*
troubles his own house,
But he who *hates* bribes **lives.**
28 The **heart** of the **righteous**
ponders how to answer,
But the **mouth** of the ***wrong***
pours out *evil*.
29 יהוה is far from the ***wrong*** ones,
***But* He hears** the prayer of the
righteous.
30 The **light** of the eyes **rejoices**
the **heart** and a **good** report
gives marrow to the bones.
31 An ear that **hears** the *reproof* of
life does dwell among the wise.
32 He who *ignores* **discipline**
hates himself,
But he who **listen**s to *reproof*
gets **understanding**.
33 The **fear** of יהוה
is the **discipline** of **wisdom**,
And before **esteem** is humility.

16 To man belongs the preparations
of the **heart,**
But from יהוה is the answer of the
tongue.
2 All the **ways** of a man are **clean** in his
own eyes,
But יהוה weighs the spirits.
3 Commit your **works** to יהוה,
And your plans ***shall* be established**.
4 יהוה has made **all** for **His** purpose,
And also the ***wrong*** for the **day of** *evil*.
5 Everyone *proud* in **heart** is an
abomination to יהוה;
Hand to hand: he goes not unpunished.
6 By **kindness** and **truth**
crookedness is pardoned.
And in the **fear** of יהוה
one turns away from *evil*.
7 ***When*** a man's **ways** please יהוה,
He makes even his enemies
to be at **peace** with him.
8 Better is a *little* with **righteousness**,
Than a large income
without right-ruling.
9 A man's **heart** plans his **way,**
But יהוה establishes his steps.
10 An **oath** is on the lips of the
sovereign,
In right-ruling his mouth
trespasses not.
11 A **right** scale and balances
are of יהוה;
All the weights in the bag are **His**
work.
12 It is an **abomination** for sovereigns

To *commit wrongness*,
For a throne is **established**
by **righteousness**.
[13]Righteous lips are the **delight**
of sovereigns,
And they **love** him who speaks
what is straight.
[14]The sovereign's *wrath*
is a messenger of *death,*
But a **wise** man appeases it.
[15]In the **light** of a sovereign's face
is life,
And his **delight** is like a cloud
of the **latter** rain.
[16]***How*** much better it is to get **wisdom**
than gold!
And to get **understanding** is
preferable to silver.
[17]The highway of the **straight**
Is to turn away from *evil*;
He who guards his **life** watches
over **His way.**
[18]Before ***destruction*** **comes** pride,
And before a *fall* a haughty spirit!
[19]Better to be lowly **in spirit**
with the poor, than to divide the spoil
with the proud.
[20]He who acts **wisely** concerning
the **Word** finds **good** and **blessed**
is he who **trusts** in יהוה.
[21]The wise-hearted is called
discerning and sweetness of lips
increases learning.
[22]Understanding is a fountain of **life**
to him who has it,
But the disciplining of fools is folly.
[23]The **heart** of the **wise** gives
discretion to his **mouth,**
And he increases **learning** to his lips.
[24]Pleasant **words** are like a
honeycomb,
Sweet to the being and **healing**
to the bones.
[25]There is a **way** that seems **right** to a
man but its end is the **way** of *death.*
[26]He who labours, labours for himself,
For his **mouth** drives him on.
[27]A man of Beliya'al plots *evil*,
And on his lips it is like a *burning fire*.
[28]A ***perverse*** man **sends** forth *strife,*
And a whisperer separates
intimate friends.
[29]A *ruthless* man entices his neighbour,
And leads him in a **way**
that is not **good**,
[30]Winking with his eye
to plot *perversity*,
Moving his lips he ***shall*** bring
about *evil*.
[31]Grey hair is a crown of adorning,
It is **found** in the **way** of
righteousness.
[32]He who is patient is better
than the mighty,
And he who rules over his spirit than
he who takes a city.
[33]The **lot** is *cast* into the lap but **every**
decision by it is from יהוה.

17 Better is a dry piece of **bread**
and rest with it,
Than a house filled with the offerings
of strife.
[2]A **wise** servant rules over a son
who causes shame,
And shares an **inheritance**
among the brothers.
[3]A refining pot is for silver
and a furnace for gold,
But יהוה tries the **hearts**.
[4]An *evil*-doer gives **heed** to *wicked*
lips;
A *liar* gives ear to a tongue of desire.
[5]He who mocks the *poor reproaches*
his Maker;
He who **rejoices** at *calamity does not*
go unpunished.
[6]Children's children are the crown
of old men,
And the adornment of children
is their fathers.
[7]Excellent speech is not fitting for a
fool, much less *lying* lips for a noble.

[8]A *bribe* is a stone of **favour** *in the eyes* of its owner;
Wherever he turns, he prospers.
[9]He who covers a *transgression*
seeks **love** ***but*** he who repeats
a matter separates intimate friends.
[10]Reproof enters deeper
into a **wise** man
Than a hundred blows on a fool.
[11]An *evil* one seeks only *rebellion,*
So a cruel messenger is **sent** *against*
him.
[12]**Let** a bereaved bear meet a man,
Rather than a *fool* in his folly.
[13] ***Whoever*** rewards *evil* for **good**,
Evil does not leave his house.
[14]The beginning of strife is like
releasing water;
Therefore stop *fighting* before it
breaks out.
[15]He who **declares** the ***wrong*** right,
And he who condemns the **righteous,**
Both of them are an **abomination**
to יהוה.
[16]***Why*** is this – a price in the **hand**
Of a *fool* to buy **wisdom,**
When there is no heart?
[17]A friend loves at **all** times,
And a brother is born for adversity.
[18]A man lacking **heart**
shakes hands in a pledge,
He becomes a guarantor for his friend.
[19]He who loves *transgression*
loves strife,
He who exalts his **door** seeks
destruction.
[20]**He** who has a *crooked* **heart**
finds no **good**,
And he who has a ***perverse*** tongue
falls into *evil*.
[21]He who brings forth a *fool*
has *sorrow* for it,
And the father of a *fool* has no joy.
[22]A rejoicing **heart**
causes good healing,
But a *stricken* spirit dries the bones.
[23]One who is ***wrong*** accepts
a *bribe* behind the back
To ***pervert*** the paths of right-ruling.
[24]Wisdom is before the face
of the **understanding** one,
But the eyes of a *fool*
are on the ends of the earth.
[25]A ***foolish*** son is a grief to his father,
And *bitterness* to her who bore him.
[26]It is also not **good** to *punish*
the righteous one,
To *smite* noble ones for straightness.
[27]**He** who has **knowledge**
spares his **words**,
And a man of **understanding**
is cool of spirit.
[28]Even a *fool* keeping silence
is regarded as **wise,**
As **understanding**, when he closes
his lips.

18 The separatist seeks *his* own
desire;
He breaks out *against* **all** sound
wisdom.
[2]A *fool does not* **delight**
in **understanding**
But in uncovering his own **heart.**
[3]***When*** a ***wrong*** one comes,
scorn comes too.
And with *shame comes reproach.*
[4]The **words** of a man's **mouth**
are deep waters;
The fountain of **wisdom**
is a flowing stream.
[5]It is not **good** to **show** partiality
to the ***wrong,***
Or to turn aside the **righteous**
in right-ruling.
[6]A fool's lips enter into *strife,*
And his **mouth** calls for blows.
[7]A fool's **mouth** is his *ruin,*
And his lips are the *snare* of his **life**.

[8]The **words** of a *slanderer*
are like delicacies,
And they go down into the inner parts
of the **heart.**
[9]Also, he who is slack in his **work**
Is a brother of a master destroyer.
[10]The **Name** of יהוה
is a **strong** tower;
The **righteous** run into it and are safe.
[11]The rich man's wealth
is his **strong** city,
And like a high wall
in his own imagination.
[12]Before ***destruction*** the **heart** of a
man is haughty,
And before **esteem** is humility.
[13]He who answers a matter
before he **hears** it,
It is folly and *shame* to him.
[14]The spirit of a man sustains
him in sickness,
But who does bear a broken spirit?
[15]The **heart** of the **understanding** one
gets **knowledge**,
And the ear of the **wise**
seeks **knowledge**.
[16]A man's gift makes room for him,
And brings him before **great** men.
[17]The **first** to state his own case,
seems right,
Until another **comes**
and examines him.
[18]The lot settles disputes,
And separates between the mighty.
[19]A brother *transgressed* <u>*against*</u>
is a **strong** city,
And contentions are like the bars
of a citadel.
[20]A man's stomach is satisfied
From the **fruit** of his mouth;
He is **satisfied** *with* the increase
of his lips.
[21]*Death* and **life** are in the **power**
of the tongue,
And those **loving** it eat its **fruit.**
[22]He who has found a wife has found
good,
And receives **favour** from יהוה.
[23]The *poor* speaks beseechingly,
But the rich answers fiercely.
[24]A man of *many* friends might **come**
to ruin, but there is a **loving** One
Who sticks closer than a brother!

19 Better is the *poor* walking
in his integrity
Than one of ***perverse*** lips,
who is a fool.
[2]Also, desire without **knowledge**
is not **good**;
And he who hurries with his feet *sins*.
[3]The foolishness of a man
perverts his way,
And his heart is *wroth* <u>*against*</u> יהוה.
[4]Wealth adds many friends,
But the *poor* is separated
from his friend.
[5]A *false* **witness** *does not*
go unpunished,
And he who breaths out lies
does not **escape**.
[6]Many entreat the **favour** of the noble
And **all** are friends to him
who gives gifts.
[7]All the brothers of the *poor*
shall *hate* him;
How much more ***shall*** his friends
go far from **Him!**
He pursues promises – they are gone!.
[8]He who gets **heart** loves his own **life**;
He who guards **understanding**
finds **good**.
[9]A *false* **witness** *does not* go
unpunished,
And he who breathes out lies perishes.
[10]Luxury is not fitting for a *fool,*
Much less for a servant to **rule**
over princes.
[11]A man's discretion makes
him patient,
And his adorning is to pass over a
transgression.
[12]The sovereign's *wrath*

is like the roaring of a lion,
But his delight is like dew
on the grass.
[13]A ***foolish*** son is a *calamity*
to his father,
And the contentions of a wife are a
continual dripping.
[14]Houses and riches
are the inheritance from fathers,
But an **understanding** wife
is from יהוה.
[15]Laziness makes one *fall*
into a deep sleep,
And an *idle* being *suffers* hunger.
[16]He who guards the **command**
guards his **life**,
He who despises **His ways** dies.
[17]**He** who shows **favour** to the *poor*
lends to יהוה,
And **He repays** his **deed**.
[18]Discipline your son **because**
there is expectation,
And *do not* set your being
on his *destruction.*
[19]One of great *wrath* bears *punishment*;
For if you **rescue** *him*,
You only have to do it again.
[20]**Listen** to counsel and **accept**
discipline,
So that you are wise in your latter end.
[21]Many are the plans in a man's **heart,**
But it is the counsel of יהוה
that stands.
[22]***What*** is desirable in a man
is his **kindness**,
And a *poor* man is better than a *liar*
[23]The **fear** of יהוה *leads* to **life**,
And he remains satisfied,
He is not **visited** by *evil*.
[24]A lazy one buries his **hand** in a dish,
And *does not* bring it back
to his mouth.
[25]Beat a scoffer and the simple
is made wise,
And **reprove** one who has
understanding,
And he ***discerns*** **knowledge**.
[26]He who plunders a father,
Chases away his mother,
Is a son causing *shame*
and bringing *reproach.*
[27]Cease, my son, to **hear** discipline,
And you ***shall*** *stray* from the **words** of
knowledge.
[28]A **witness** of Beliya'al scorns
right-ruling and the **mouth**
of the ***wrong*** ones devours *wickedness*.
[29]Judgments are in store for scoffers,
And beatings for the backs of fools.

20 **Wine** is a scoffer,
strong drink a brawler,
And ***whoever*** is led *astray* by it is not
wise.
[2]The *dread* of a sovereign is like the
roaring of a lion;
Whoever provokes him *sins*
against his own **life**.
[3]For a man to cease from strife
is esteem,
But **every** *fool* bursts out.
[4]The lazy one *does not* plough
after the autumn;
At harvest **time** he inquires –
there is none!
[5]Counsel in the **heart** of man
is like deep water,
But a man of **understanding**
draws it up.
[6]Most men **proclaim** each his own
kindness,
But who finds a **trustworthy** man?
[7]The **righteous** man walks
in his integrity;
His children are **blessed** after him.
[8]A sovereign who sits on the throne
of judgment
Is scattering **all** *evil* with his eyes.
[9]***Who*** says, "I have **cleansed** my
heart, I am purged of my sin"?
[10]Differing weights and differing
measures,

Both of them are an **abomination**
to ꓤꓡꓤꓩ.
[11]Even a child is **known** by his **deeds**,
Whether his **work** is clear and right.
[12]The **hearing** ear and the **seeing** eye,
ꓤꓡꓤꓩ has made both of them.
[13]***Do*** *not* **love** sleep,
lest you become *poor*;
Open your eyes,
be **satisfied** with bread.
[14]"*Evil*! *Evil*!" cries the buyer;
But when he has gone his **way,**
then he boasts.
[15]There is gold and a multitude of
rubies,
But the lips of **knowledge** are a
precious vessel.
[16]Take the garment of one who is
guarantor for a stranger,
And hold it as a **pledge** when it is for
foreigners.
[17]Bread gained by *deceit* might be
sweet to a man,
But afterward his **mouth**
is filled with gravel.
[18]By counsel plans are **established**;
And by **wise** guidance wage a battle.
[19]He who goes about as a *slander*er
reveals secrets;
Therefore *do not* associate with him
Who speaks smoothly with his lips.
[20]***Whoever*** *curses* his father or his
mother,
His **lamp** is put out in deep *darkness*.
[21]An **inheritance** obtained with *greed*
at the beginning
Is not **blessed** at **the end.**
[22]***Do*** *not* say, "I **repay** *evil*."
Wait for ꓤꓡꓤꓩ and **He saves** you.
[23]Differing weights are an
abomination to ꓤꓡꓤꓩ,
And a *false* scale is not **good**.
[24]The steps of a man are from ꓤꓡꓤꓩ;
What does a man **know**
about his own way?
[25]It is a *snare* for a man to say
rashly,"It is set-apart,"
And only later to reconsider his vows.
[26]A **wise** sovereign winnows
out the ***wrong,***
And turns the wheel over them.
[27]The spirit of a man is the **lamp**
of ꓤꓡꓤꓩ,
Searching **all** his inmost parts.
[28]Kindness and **truth watch**
over the sovereign,
And he ***shall*** support his throne
by **kindness**.
[29]The comeliness of young men
is their strength,
And the splendour of old men
is their grey hair.
[30]The blows that wound **cleanse**
away *evil*,
And strokes the inner parts
of the **heart.**

21 The sovereign's **heart** is as
channels of water in the **hand**
of ꓤꓡꓤꓩ;
He turns it wherever **He wishes**.
[2]All a man's **ways** are **right**
in his own eyes,
But ꓤꓡꓤꓩ weighs the **hearts**.
[3]To do **righteousness** and **right-ruling**
Is more **acceptable** to ꓤꓡꓤꓩ
than a slaughtering.
[4]A haughty look, a *proud* **heart,**
The **lamp** of the ***wrong,*** are *sin.*
[5]The plans of the hard worker
lead only to plenty,
But **all** rash haste only to poverty.
[6]Gaining treasures by a *lying* tongue
Is a fleeting vapour, heading for *death.*
[7]The spoil of the ***wrong*** catches them,
Because they *refused*
to do right-ruling.
[8]The **way** of a *guilty* man is perverse;
But as for the innocent,
his **work** is right.
[9]It is better to dwell
in a corner of a roof,
Than in a house shared
with a contentious woman.

[10]The desire of the ***wrong***
is set upon *evil*;
His neighbour finds no **favour**
in his eyes.
[11]***When*** the scoffer is punished,
the simple is made wise;
But when the **wise** is **instructed**,
he receives **knowledge**.
[12]The **righteous One** observes
the house of the wrong;
He overthrows the ***wrong***
for their *evil*.
[13]***Whoever*** shuts his **ears**
to the cry of the *poor*,
Let him also cry and not be **heard**.
[14]A gift in **secret** subdues *displeasure,*
And a *bribe* in the bosom,
strong *wrath*.
[15]To do **right-ruling** is **joy**
to the **righteous,**
But *ruin* to the workers of *wickedness*.
[16]A man who *strays* from the **way** of
understanding,
Rests in the assembly of the *dead.*
[17]He who loves pleasure
is a *poor* man;
He who loves **wine** and oil
does not become rich.
[18]The ***wrong*** is a ransom
for the **righteous,**
And the treacherous for the **straight.**
[19]It is better to dwell in the wilderness,
Than with a contentious
and vexed woman.
[20]Desirable treasure and oil,
Are in the dwelling of the **wise,**
But a ***foolish*** man swallows it up.
[21]**He** who pursues **righteousness**
and **kindness**
Finds **life**, **righteousness** and esteem.
[22]A **wise** one scales the city of the
mighty and brings down the **trusted**
stronghold.
[23]***Whoever*** guards his **mouth**
and tongue
Guards his **life** from *distresses*.
[24]Proud, haughty, "Scoffer" is his
name;
He acts with arrogant pride.
[25]The desire of the lazy man *slay*s him,
For his hands *refused* to work.
[26]**He** covets greedily **all** day long,
But the **righteous** gives
and *does not* withhold.
[27]The slaughtering of the ***wrong***
is an **abomination**;
How much more when he brings
it with *wickedness*!
[28]A *false* **witness** perishes,
But the man who **obey**s
speaks **forever**.
[29]A ***wrong*** man hardens his face,
But as for the **straight,**
he establishes his **way.**
[30]There is no **wisdom** or understanding
Or counsel *against* יהוה.
[31]The horse is prepared
for the **day of** battle,
But the **deliverance** is of יהוה.

22 A **good** name is preferable to
great riches.
Favour is better than silver and gold.
[2]The rich and the *poor* meet **together**–
יהוה is the Maker of them **all.**
[3]A clever one foresees *evil*
and hides himself,
But the simple go on and are punished.
[4]The reward of humility is the **fear**
of יהוה,
Riches and **esteem** and **life**.
[5]Thorns, *snares* are in the **way**
of the perverse;
He who guards his **life** keeps far away
from them.
[6]Train up a child in the **way**
he shouldgo,
Even when he is old he turns not away
from it.
[7]The rich rules over the *poor*,
And the borrower is servant
to the lender.
[8]He who sows *unrighteousness*

reaps trouble,
And the **rod** of his *wrath* perishes.
[9]**He** who has a **good** eye is **blessed**,
For he gives of his **bread** to the *poor*.
[10]Cast out the scoffer
and strife goes out,
And contention and *shame* cease.
[11]**He** who loves **cleanness** of **heart,**
Whose speech is pleasant,
A sovereign is his friend.
[12]The eyes of ꓤꓬꓤꓩ
shall **watch** over **knowledge**,
But **He** overthrows
the **words** of the treacherous.
[13]The lazy one says,
"There is a lion outside!
I am going to be *killed* in the streets!"
[14]The **mouth** of a *strange* woman
is a deep pit;
The one denounced by ꓤꓬꓤꓩ
falls in there.
[15]Folly is *bound* up in the **heart**
of a child;
The **rod** of **discipline**
drives it far from him.
[16]One oppresses the *poor*
to increase his *wealth*,
Another gives to the rich,
only to **come** to poverty.
[17]Incline your ear and **hear**
the **words** of the **wise,**
And apply your **heart**
to my**knowledge**;
[18]For they are pleasant
If you **guard** them within you;
Let all of them
be **ready** on your lips.
[19]That your **trust**
might be in ꓤꓬꓤꓩ,
I caused you to know today,
even you:
[20]Have I not previously **written**
to you of counsels and **knowledge**,
[21]To **cause** you **to know**
The certainty of the **words** of **truth**,
To **return words** of **truth**
to those who send to you?
[22]***Do*** *not* rob the *poor*
because he is poor,
And *oppress* not the *afflicted*
at the gate.
[23]For ꓤꓬꓤꓩ pleads their **cause,**
And ***shall*** plunder those
who plunder them.
[24]Make no friendship with one
given to *wrath*,
And *do not* go with a man of *rage,*
[25]Lest you **learn** his ways,
And find yourself ensnared.
[26]***Do*** *not* be one of those who
shakes hands in a pledge,
One of those who are guarantors for
debts.
[27]***If*** *you do not* have the means to pay,
Why should he take away
your bed from under you?
[28]***Do*** *not* move the ancient boundary
Which your fathers have set.
[29]***Do*** you **see** a man who
is skilled in his work?
He does **stand** before sovereigns,
He *does not* stand before obscure ones.

23 ***When*** you sit down
to eat with a ruler,
look well what is before you;
[2]And put a knife to your throat
If you are a man **given** to appetite.
[3]***Do*** *not* desire his delicacies,
For that food is deceptive.
[4]***Do*** *not* labour to be rich.
Cease from your own **understanding**!
[5]***Do*** you set your eyes on that
which is not?
For riches certainly make
themselves wings;
They fly away like an eagle
to the heavens.
[6]***Do*** *not* eat the **bread**
of *one having* an *evil* eye
nor desire his delicacies;
[7]For as he reckons in his **life**, so is he.
"Eat and drink!" he says to you,
But his **heart** is not with you.
[8]You *vomit* the piece you have eaten,

And lose your **sweet words**.
9***Do*** *not* **speak** *in the* **ears** of a *fool,*
For he treads on the **wisdom**
of your **words**.
10***Do*** *not* move the ancient boundary,
And *do not* enter the fields
of the fatherless;
11For their **Redeemer** is strong;
He *shall* plead their **cause**
against you.
12Bring your **heart** to discipline,
And your **ears** to words of knowledge.
13***Do*** *not* withhold **discipline**
from a child;
If you *beat him* with a rod,
he *does not die.*
14Beat him with a **rod,**
And **deliver** his being from the grave.
15My son, if your **heart *shall* be wise,**
My **heart rejoices,** even I,
16And my kidneys exult
When your lips **speak** what
is **straight.**
17***Do*** *not* let your **heart** *envy sinners,*
But be in the **fear** of ꓎ꓬ꓎ꓩ
all day long;
18For certain, there is a hereafter,
And let your expectancy not be *cut* off.
19**Hear,** my son and be **wise,**
And guide your **heart** in the **way.**
20Be not among *heavy* drinkers
of **wine**
Or with gluttonous eaters of meat;
21For the drunkard and the glutton
become *poor*,
And slumber puts rags on *a man*.
22**Listen** to your father who
brought you forth,
And *do not despise* your mother
when she is old.
23Buy the **truth** and *do not* sell it –
Wisdom and **discipline** and
understanding.
24The father of the **righteous** greatly
rejoices,
And he who brings forth a **wise** one
delights in him.
25**Let** your father and your mother
rejoice,
And let her who bore you exult.
26My son, give me your **heart,**
And let your eyes **watch** my ways.
27For a *whore* is a deep pit,
And a *strange* woman
is a narrow well.
28She too lies in wait as for a prey,
And increases the treacherous
among men.
29***Who*** has **woe**?
Who has sorrow?
Who has contentions?
Who has complaints?
Who feels hurt without **cause?**
Who has redness of eyes?
30Those staying long at the **wine**,
Those going in to **search** out
mixed **wine**.
31***Do*** *not* look on the **wine**
when it is red,
When it gives its color in the **cup,**
As it flows smoothly;
32In **the end** it bites like a snake,
And stings like an adder –
33**Your** eyes look on *strange* women,
And your **heart** speaks perversities.
34And you ***shall*** **be** as one
Lying down in the **midst** of the sea,
And as one *lying* at the top
of the mast, saying,
35"They *smote* me, I was not sick!
They beat me, I *did not* **know!**
When shall I wake up?
Let me **seek** it again!"

24 ***Do*** *not envy evil* men,
Nor desire to be with them;
2For their **heart** plots to ravage,
And their lips talk of trouble.
3By **wisdom** a house is built,
And by **understanding**
it is **established**;
4And by **knowledge** the rooms
are filled
With **all precious** and pleasant riches.
5Mighty is the **wise** in strength,
And a man of **knowledge**

strengthens power;
[6]For by **wise** guidance you wage
your own battle,
And delivery is by a **great** counsellor.
[7]Wisdom is high for a fool;
He *does not* **open** his **mouth**
in the gate.
[8]He who plots to do *evil*
Is called a master of *evil* plots.
[9]The purpose of folly is *sin,*
And the scoffer is an **abomination**
to men.
[10]***If*** you falter in the **day of** *distress,*
Your strength is small!
[11]Deliver those taken to *death,*
And hold back those *stumbling*
to the slaughter,
[12]***If*** you say, "**See,** we *did not*
know this,"
Would not **He** who weighs the **hearts**
discern it?
He who watches over your **life**,
Would **He** not **know** it?
And ***shall*** **He** not **repay** man
according to his work?
[13]My son, eat honey, for it is **good**,
And the honeycomb, **sweet**
to your taste;
[14]Know that **wisdom** is thus
to your being;
If you have **found** it, there is a future,
And your expectancy is not *cut* off.
[15]***Do*** *not lie* in wait, O ***wrong*** one,
Against the dwelling of the righteous;
Do *not* ravage his resting place;
[16]For seven times a **righteous** man
falls and rises,
But the ***wrong*** one stumbles into *evil*.
[17]***Do*** *not* exult when your enemy falls,
And let not your **heart rejoice**
when he *stumbles*;
[18]Lest **יהוה see** and it be *evil*
in **His** eyes,
And **He** turn away **His** *wrath*
from him.
[19]***Do*** *not* fret **because** of *evil-doers*,
And *do not envy* the wrong;
[20]For there is no future
for the *evil*-doer;
The **lamp** of the ***wrongdoers***
is put out.
[21]My son, **fear יהוה** and
the sovereign;
Do *not* mingle with those who *change*;
[22]For their *calamity* arises **suddenly**,
And who **knows** the *ruin* of both
of them?
[23]These also are for the wise:
It is not **good** to **show** partiality
in right-ruling.
[24]**He** who says to the ***wrong,***
"You are righteous" – peoples
curse him,
Nations *despise* him.
[25]***But*** those who ***rebuke*** *the* ***wrong,***
It is pleasant and a **good blessing**
comes on them.
[26]**He** who gives a **right** answer
kisses the lips.
[27]**Prepare** your outside **work,**
And make it fit for yourself
in the field;
Then you ***shall*** build your house.
[28]***Do*** *not* **witness** *against* your
neighbour without **cause,**
And *do not* ***deceive*** with your lips.
[29]***Do*** *not* say,"**Let** me do to him
as he did to me;
I **repay** each **according** to his work."
[30]I passed by the field of the lazy,
And by the vineyard of the man
lacking heart;
[31]And **see,** it was **all** overgrown
with thorns;
Its surface was covered with nettles;
And its stone wall was broken down.
[32]***When*** I **saw** it, I set my **heart** on it;
I **looked** and received discipline:
[33]A *little* sleep, a *little* slumber,
A *little* folding of the hands to rest;
[34]And your poverty ***shall*** come,
a prowler,
And your need like an armed man.

25 These too are proverbs of

Shelomoh which the men of
Ḥizqiyah sovereign of Yahuḏah copied:
[2]It is the **esteem** of **Elohim** to
hide a matter,
And the **esteem** of sovereigns to
search out a matter.
[3]The heavens for height
and the earth for depth,
But the **heart** of sovereigns
is unsearchable.
[4]Take away the dross from silver,
And a vessel **comes** forth
for the refiner.
[5]Take away the ***wrong***
from before the sovereign,
And his throne is **established**
in **righteousness**.
[6]***Do*** *not* **exalt** yourself before a
sovereign and *do not* **stand** in the
place of **great** men;
[7]For it is better for him to say to you,
"Come up here,"than that you
should be put lower before a noble
whom your eyes have **seen.**
[8]***Do*** *not* go forth to *strive* in haste,
For what would you do in **the end,**
When your neighbour
has put you to shame?
[9]Plead your case with your
neighbour himself,
And *do not* disclose
the **secret** of another;
[10]Lest he **who hears** it
put you to shame,
And your *evil* report turn not back.
[11]A **word spoken** at the **right time**
Is like apples of gold in settings
of silver.
[12]A ring of gold and an ornament
of fine gold,
Is a **wise** one's *reproof*
to an ear that **hears**.
[13]Like the cold of snow
in **time** of harvest
Is a **trustworthy** messenger
to those who send him,
For he refreshes the **life** of his masters.
[14]**He** who boasts of his gifts *falsely*
Is like clouds and *wind* without rain.
[15]Through patience a ruler
is persuaded,
And a soft tongue shatters a bone.
[16]Have you **found** honey?
Eat only as much as you need,
Lest you be **satisfied** with it and *vomit.*
[17]Make your foot rare in your
neighbour's house,
Lest he gets enough of you
and *hate* you.
[18]A man bearing *false* **witness**
against his neighbour
Is like a club a *sword* and a sharp
arrow.
[19]Trust in a treacherous man
in **time** of *distress,*
Is like a broken tooth or a foot
out of joint.
[20]One who takes away a garment
in cold weather,
Is like vinegar on soda,
And a singer of songs on an *evil* **heart.**
[21]***If*** your enemy is hungry
give him bread to eat,
And if he is thirsty
give him water to drink,
[22]For you are heaping coals
of *fire* on his head,
And יהוה rewards you.
[23]The north *wind* brings rain,
And a **secret** tongue an **enraged** face.
[24]It is better to dwell in a corner
of a roof,
Than in a house shared
with a contentious woman.
[25]*Like* cold water to a parched throat,
Is the besorah from a distant land.
[26]A **righteous** man who
gives **way** before the ***wrong,***
Is like a muddied spring
and a *ruined* fountain.
[27]It is not **good** to eat much honey.
Is it **esteem** to **seek** one's own esteem?
[28]A man who has no control
over his spirit

Is like a broken-down city
without a wall.

26 Like snow in summer and rain
in harvest,
So **esteem** is not fitting for a fool.
[2]As a bird wanders,
as a swallow flies about,
So a *curse* without **cause**
does not come.
[3]A whip for a horse,
a bridle for a donkey,
And a **rod** for the fool's back.
[4]***Do*** *not* answer a *fool*
according to his folly,
Lest you also become like him.
[5]Answer a *fool* **according** to his folly,
Lest he become **wise** in his own eyes.
[6]**He** who **sends** a **message**
by the **hand** of a fool
Cuts off feet, drinks damage.
[7]The legs of the *lame* hang limp
So is a proverb in the **mouth** of fools.
[8]Like one binding a stone in a sling,
So is he who gives **esteem** to a fool.
[9]A thorn goes into the **hand**
of a drunkard
So is a proverb in the **mouth** of fools.
[10]An archer who *wounds* anyone,
Is he who hires a *fool* or any passer-by.
[11]As a dog returns to his own *vomit,*
So a *fool* repeats his folly.
[12]Have you **seen** a man **wise**
in his own eyes?
There is more expectancy
for a fool than for him.
[13]The lazy one says,
"There is a lion in the **way!**
A **fierce** lion is in the streets!"
[14]*As* a **door** turns on its hinges,
So does the lazy one turn on his bed.
[15]The lazy one buries his **hand**
in a dish;
It tires him to bring it back
to his mouth.
[16]The lazy one is wiser in his own eyes
Than seven rendering advice.
[17]A passer-by meddling in a strife
not his own
Is like one who takes a dog
by the ears.
[18]Like a madman who throws sparks,
arrows and *death,*
[19]So is a man who ***deceived*** his
neighbour,
And says, "I was only joking!"
[20]For lack of wood, the *fire* goes out,
And without a *slander*er, strife ceases.
[21]*As* charcoal is to *burning* coals,
and wood to *fire*,
So is a contentious man to **kindle**
strife.
[22]The **words** of a *slanderer*
are as dainty morsels,
Which go down into the inner parts
of the **heart.**
[23]Burning lips with an *evil* **heart**
Are like earthenware covered
with silver dross.
[24]**He** who *hates*, pretends with his lips,
And lays up *deceit* within him;
[25]Though he speaks kindly,
do not **believe** him,
For there are seven **abominations**
in his **heart.**
[26]Hatred is covered by *deceit*
His *evil* is disclosed in the assembly.
[27]***Whoever*** digs a pit falls into it,
And ***whoever*** rolls a stone it turns
back on him.
[28]A *lying* tongue *hates* its bruised ones,
And a flattering **mouth works** *ruin.*

27 ***Do*** *not* boast of **tomorrow**,
For *you do not* **know** what a day
brings forth.
[2]**Let** another man **praise** you,
And not your own **mouth** –
A stranger and not your own lips.
[3]A stone is *heavy* and sand is weighty,
But a fool's *wrath* is heavier
than both.
[4]**Wrath** is cruel and *displeasure*
overwhelming,
But who **is able** to **stand**

before *jealousy*?
[5]Open *reproof* is better than
hidden **love.**
[6]The *wounds* of a friend are **true,**
But the kisses of an enemy
are profuse.
[7]One **satisfied** loathes the honeycomb,
But to a hungry one any *bitter food*
is sweet.
[8]Like a bird that wanders from its nest,
So is a man who wanders
from his place.
[9]Ointment and perfume gladden
the heart,
So one's counsel is **sweet** to his friend.
[10]***Do*** *not forsake* your own friend or
your father's friend,
And *do not* go into your brother's
house in the **day of** your *calamity* –
Better is a neighbour nearby than a
brother far away.
[11]My son, be **wise** and gladden my
heart, that I might have a **word** for
him who *reproaches* me.
[12]A clever man foresees *calamity*,
and hides himself;
The simple ***shall*** go on,
they are punished.
[13]Take the garment of him
who is guarantor for a stranger,
And for a *strange* woman **pledge** it.
[14]He who greets his friend loudly
early in the morning,
Shall have it reckoned to him
as a *curse.*
[15]Drops that never cease
on a **very** rainy day
And a contentious woman are alike;
[16]***Whoever*** represses her represses
the wind,
And his **right hand** encounters oil.
[17]Iron is sharpened by iron,
And a man sharpens the face
of his friend.
[18]**He** who tends the fig *tree* eats its fruit;
And he who guards his master
is esteemed.
[19]As in water face *reflects* face,
So a man's **heart** *reflects* a man.
[20]The grave and ***destruction***
are not satisfied;
So the eyes of man are not satisfied.
[21]A refining pot is for silver and
furnace for gold,
So a man *is tried* by his praise.
[22]Even if you pound a *fool*
in a mortar with a pestle
along with crushed grain,
His folly ***shall*** not leave him.
[23]Know well the state of your flocks;
Set your **heart** to your herds;
[24]For riches are not **forever**,
Nor a diadem to **all** generations.
[25]Grass vanishes and new grass
appears and the vegetation of the
mountains are gathered in.
[26]The lambs are for your garments,
And the goats for the price of a field;
[27]And goats' milk enough for your
food,
For the food of your household,
And sustenance for your girls.

28 The ***wrong shall flee*** though no one pursues but the **righteous** are as bold as a lion.
[2]**Because** of *transgression* of a land,
Many are its rulers;
But by a man of **understanding** and
knowledge, **right** is maintained.
[3]A *poor* man who oppresses the *poor*
Is like a s*weeping* rain
that leaves no food.
[4]Those who *forsake* the **Torah**
praise the ***wrong*** and those who
guard the **Torah** *strive* with them.
[5]*Evil* men *do not* **understand**
right-ruling,
But those who **seek** יהוה
understand **all.**
[6]Better is the *poor* who walks
in his integrity
Than one ***perverse*** in his ways,

who is rich.
[7]He who watches over the **Torah**
is a discerning son,
But a companion of gluttons
shames his father.
[8]He who increases his possessions
by interest and profit
Gathers it for him who shows
favour to the *poor*.
[9]He who turns away his ear
from hearing the **Torah**,
Even his prayer is an **abomination**.
[10]He who **causes** the **straight**
to go *astray* in an *evil* **way,**
Falls into his own pit;
But the **perfect** inherit the **good**.
[11]A rich man is **wise** in his own eyes,
But the *poor* who has **understanding**
searches him out.
[12]***When*** the **righteous** exult,
there is **great** comeliness;
But when the ***wrong*** arise,
a man is searched for.
[13]He who hides his *transgressions*
does not prosper,
But he who confesses and forsakes
them finds **compassion**.
[14] **Blessed** is the man who **always**
fears **Elohim**,
But he who hardens his **heart** falls
into *evil*.
[15]A roaring lion and a charging bear
Is a wrongdoing ruler over
poor people.
[16]A leader who lacks **understanding**
is a great oppressor,
But the hater of *greed* prolongs
his days.
[17]A man *oppressed* by blood-guilt
flees into a pit; **Let** no one help him.
[18]He who walks blamelessly is **saved,**
But the *perverted* of **ways**
falls at once.
[19]He who tils his land is **satisfied**
with bread,
But he who pursues vanities
is filled with poverty.
[20]A man of **truth** has many **blessings**,
But one in a hurry to be rich
does not go unpunished.
[21]To **show** partiality is not **good**,
Because for a piece of **bread** a man
would *transgress.*
[22]A man with an *evil* eye runs
after wealth and *does not* **know**
that poverty awaits him.
[23]He who reproves a man
finds more favour afterward
Than he who flatters with the tongue.
[24]He who robs his father or his mother,
And says, "It is no *transgression,*"
He is a companion to a destroyer.
[25]He who is *greedy* stirs up *strife,*
But he who **trusts** in יהוה prospers.
[26]He who **trusts** in his own **heart**
is a *fool,*
But he who walks **wisely** is **delivered**.
[27]He who gives to the *poor*
does not lack,
But he who hides his eyes
does have many *curses*.
[28]***When*** the ***wrong*** rise up,
men hide themselves;
But when they *perish,*
the **righteous** increase.

29 **One** often reproved, hardening
his neck, is **suddenly** *broken,*
and there is no healing.
[2]***When*** the **righteous** increase,
the people rejoice;
But when a ***wrong*** one rules,
the people sigh.
[3]He who loves **wisdom** gladdens
his father,
But a companion of *whores*
destroys wealth.
[4]A sovereign establishes a land
by right-ruling,
But one who receives bribes
throws it down.
[5]A man who flatters his neighbour

Spreads a *net* for his own feet.
[6]An *evil* man is ensnared
by *transgression,*
But the **righteous** sings and rejoices.
[7]The **righteous knows** the plea
of the poor,
The ***wrong*** *does not* **understand**
such **knowledge**.
[8]Scoffers en*snare* a city,
But the **wise** turn away *wrath*.
[9]***When*** a **wise** man disputes
with a ***foolish*** man,
Whether he rages or laughs,
there is no peace.
[10]Bloodthirsty men *hate* the **perfect,**
And **seek** the **life** of the **straight.**
[11]A *fool* lets out **all** his breath,
But the **wise** calms it down.
[12]***If*** a ruler **listen**s to *lying* **words**,
All his servants become *wrong.*
[13]The *poor* man and the oppressor
have this in common
יהוה gives **light** to the eyes of both.
[14]The sovereign who **rightly**
rules the poor with **truth**,
His throne is **established forever**.
[15]A **rod** and *reproof* give **wisdom,**
But a child unrestrained
brings *shame* to his mother.
[16]***When*** the ***wrong*** become many,
transgression increases;
But the **righteous** look on their fall.
[17]Discipline your son,
And he brings you rest
and **delight** to your **life**.
[18]Where there is no **vision,**
the people are let loose,
But **blessed** is he who guards
the **Torah**.
[19]A servant is not disciplined
by **words**;
Though he understands,
he *does not* respond.
[20]Have you **seen** a man *hasty* in his
words?
There is more expectancy for a fool
than for him.
[21]He who deals tenderly
With his servant from youth,
Has him as a son in **the end.**
[22]A man of *displeasure* stirs up *strife,*
And a master of *rage* has many a
transgression.
[23]The pride of man brings him low,
But the humble **in spirit** obtains
esteem.
[24]He who shares with a *thief hates* his
own **life**;
He hears an oath, but *does not* report.
[25]The **fear** of man brings a *snare,*
But whoever **trusts** in יהוה
is set on high.
[26]Many **seek** the face of a ruler,
But **right-ruling** for man **comes**
from יהוה.
[27]An *unrighteous* man
Is an **abomination** to the **righteous,**
And he who is **straight** in the **way**
Is an **abomination** to the *wrong.*

30 The **words** of Aḡur son of
Yaqeh, a message.
This man **declared** to Ithi'ĕl,
to Ithi'ĕl and Uḵal:
[2]For I am more *stupid* than anyone,
And *do not* have the **understanding**
of a man.
[3]And I have not **learned wisdom**
That I should **know** the **knowledge** of
the **Set-apart One**.
[4]***Who*** **has gone up to the heavens**
and come down?
Who **has gathered the wind**
in His fists?
Who **has** *bound* **the waters**
in a garment?
Who **established all the end**
of the earth?
What **is His Name, And what is His**
Son's Name, *If* you know it?
[5]Every **Word** of Eloah is tried;
He is a shield to those taking **refuge**
in **Him.**

[6]***Do*** *not* add to **His Words**,
Lest **He reprove** you and you be
found a *liar*.
[7]Two matters I have asked of You –
Deny them not to me before I die:
[8]Remove *falsehood* and a *lying* **word**
far from me;
Give me neither poverty nor riches;
Feed me my portion of bread;
[9]Lest I become **satisfied**
and *deny* **You,**
And say, "***Who*** is יְהוָה?"
And lest I be *poor* and steal,
And *seize* the **Name** of my **Elohim**.
[10]***Do*** *not slander* a servant
to his master, Lest he *curse* you,
And you be **found** *guilty*.
[11]There is a generation that *curses* its
father and *does not* **bless** its mother –
[12]There is a generation, **clean**
in its own eyes but not washed
from its own filth.
[13]There is a generation;
Oh, how haughty are their eyes!
And their eyelids are lifted up.
[14]There is a generation whose *teeth* are
s**words** and whose jaw-*teeth* are
knives to *devour* the *poor* from off the
earth and the needy from *among* men.
[15]The leech has two daughters:
"Give! Give!"Three are not satisfied,
Four that never say, "Enough":
[16]The grave and the *barren* womb,
Soil not **satisfied** with water,
And *fire* which never says,"Enough."
[17]An eye that mocks his father,
And scorns to **obey** his mother –
Ravens of the wadi dig it out,
And young eagles eat it!
[18]Three matters are
too marvellous for me,
And four which I *do not* understand:
[19]The **way** of an eagle in the heavens,
The **way** of a snake on a rock,
The **way** of a ship in the **heart** of the
sea and the **way** of a man with a girl.
[20]This is the **way**
of an adulterous woman:
She ***shall*** eat and wipe her **mouth,**
and say, "I have not done *wickedness*."
[21]Under three matters
the earth trembles,
And under four, it is *unable* to bear:
[22]Under a servant when he reigns and
a *fool* when he is **satisfied** with food,
[23]Under a *hated woman* who marries,
And a female servant who supplants
her mistress.
[24]There are four matters
Which are *little* on the earth,
But they are exceedingly wise:
[25]The ants are a people not **strong,**
Yet they **prepare** their food in the
summer;
[26]The rock badgers are a weak folk,
Yet they make their homes
in the crags;
[27]The locusts have no sovereign,
Yet they **all** go out in formation;
[28]A spider takes hold with two hands,
And is in sovereigns' palaces.
[29]There are three matters
That are going well,
And four are **good** in walking:
[30]A lion, which is mighty
among beasts and *does not*
turn away from facing all;
[31]A greyhound, a male goat and a
sovereign whose army is with him.
[32]***If*** you have been ***foolish*** in lifting up
yourself or if you have *plotted evil*,
Put your **hand** on your **mouth.**
[33]For as milk under *pressure* brings
forth curds and as a nose under
pressure brings forth **blood,**
So wrath under pressure brings
forth strife.

31 The **words** of Sovereign Lemu'ĕl,
a **message** which his mother taught him:
[2]***What***, my son?
And what, son of my womb?
And what, son of my vows?
[3]***Do*** *not* give your strength to women,

Nor *your ways* to wiping
away sovereigns.
[4]Not for sovereigns, O Lemu'ĕl,
Not for sovereigns to drink **wine**,
Nor for princes to desire **strong** drink;
[5]Lest they drink and *forget* the **law,**
And ***pervert*** the **right**
of **all** the *afflicted*.
[6]Give **strong** drink to him
who is perishing and **wine**
to those embittered in being.
[7]**Let** him drink
and *forget* his poverty,
And ***remember***
his *trouble* no more.
[8]Open your **mouth** for the dumb,
In the **cause** of **all** the sons
of the departed.
[9]Open your mouth, judge righteously,
And plead the **cause** of the *poor*
and needy.
[10]***Who*** does find a capable wife?
For she is worth far more than rubies.
[11]The **heart** of her husband ***shall***
trust her and he has no lack of *gain.*
[12]She ***shall*** do him **good** and not *evil*,
All the days of her **life**.
[13]She ***shall*** **seek** wool and flax,
And with **delight** she **works**
with her hands.
[14]She ***shall*** **be** as the ships of Tarshish,
She brings in her food from afar.
[15]She also rises while it is still night,
And provides food for her household,
And a portion for her girls.
[16]She ***shall*** consider a field and buy it;
From her profits she ***shall*** plant
a **vine**yard.
[17]She ***shall*** gird herself with strength,
And strengthen her arms
[18]She ***shall*** taste when her *gain* is
good and her **lamp** *does not* go out
by night.
[19]She ***shall*** stretch out her hands
to the distaff and her **hand**
shall hold the spindle.
[20]She ***shall*** extend her **hand**
to the poor and she ***shall*** reach out
her hands to the needy.
[21]She is not *afraid* of snow for her
household, because **all** her household
is dressed in scarlet.
[22]She ***shall*** make tapestry for herself;
She is dressed in fine linen and purple.
[23]Her husband is **known** in the gates,
When he sits among the elders
of the land.
[24]She ***shall*** make fine linen and sell
them and ***shall*** give girdles
for the merchants.
[25]Strength and splendour are her
garments and she **rejoices**
in **time** to come.
[26]She ***shall*** **open** her **mouth**
with **wisdom** and on her tongue
is the **Torah** of **kindness**.
[27]She watches over the **ways**
of her household and *does not*
eat the **bread** of idleness.
[28]Her children ***shall*** rise up
and call her **blessed,**
her husband *too* and he praises her:
[29]"Many daughters have done nobly,
But you have risen over them **all.**"
[30]**Loveliness is deceptive**
And prettiness is vain,
A woman who *fears* ג ע ג ל
is to be praised.
[31]**Give her of the fruit of her hands,**
And let her works praise her in
the gates.

IYOḆ

JOB

1 There was a man in the land of Uts, whose name was Iyoḇ. And that man was **perfect** and **straight** and one who ***feared*** **Elohim** and turned aside from *evil*.

[2]And seven sons and three daughters were born to him.

[3]And his possessions were seven thousand sheep and three thousand camels and five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred female donkeys and a **very** large body of servants, so that this man was the greatest of **all** the people of the East.

[4]And his sons went and had a feast in the house of each on his day and **sent** and invited their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

[5]And it came to be, when the days of feasting had gone round, that Iyoḇ would send and set them apart and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings – the number of them **all** – for Iyoḇ said, "It might be that my sons have *sinned* and *cursed* **Elohim** in their **hearts**." This Iyoḇ **always** did.

[6]And the day came to be that the sons of **Elohim** came to present themselves before ꓤYHZ and Satan also came among them.

[7]And ꓤYHZ said to Satan, "From where do you **come?**" And Satan answered ꓤYHZ and said, "From **diligently** ***searching*** in the earth and from walking up and down in it."

[8]And ꓤYHZ said to Satan, "Have you considered **My** servant Iyoḇ, that there is none like him on the earth, a **perfect** and **straight man, one who *fears* Elohim and turns aside from evil?"**

[9]And Satan answered ꓤYHZ and said, "Is Iyoḇ **fearing Elohim** for naught?

[10]"Have You not made a hedge around him and around his household and around **all** that he has on **every** side? You have **blessed** the **work** of his hands and his possessions have increased in the land.

[11]***But*** stretch out **Your hand,** please and *strike* **all** that he has – if he *would not curse* You to **Your** face!"

[12]And ꓤYHZ said to Satan, "**See, all** that he has is in your **hand.** Only *do not* lay a **hand** on himself." And Satan went out from the presence of ꓤYHZ.

[13]And the day came to be when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking **wine** in the house of their brother, the first-born.

[14]And a messenger came to Iyoḇ and said, "The oxen were ploughing and the donkeys feeding alongside them,

[15]when Sheḇa fell upon them and took them away and they *smote* the servants with the edge of the *sword.* And I alone have **escaped** to inform you!"

[16]While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The *fire* of **Elohim** fell from the heavens and *burned* up the sheep and the servants and *consumed* them. And I alone have **escaped** to inform you!"

[17]While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three bands and made a raid on the camels and took them away and they *smote* the servants with the edge of the *sword.* And I alone have **escaped** to inform you!"

[18]While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "**Your** sons and daughters were eating and drinking **wine** in the house of their brother, the first-born,

[19]and **see,** a **great** *wind* came from the wilderness and *struck* the four corners of the house and it fell on the young men and they are *dead.* And I alone have **escaped** to inform you!"

[20]***Then*** Iyoḇ rose up and tore his robe and shaved his head and he fell to the ground and did obeisance.
[21]And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb and naked I **return** there. ꓤꓽꓤꓵ has **given** and ꓤꓽꓤꓵ has taken away.
Blessed be the **Name** of ꓤꓽꓤꓵ."
[22]In **all** this Iyoḇ *did not sin* nor ascribe wrong-doing unto **Elohim**.

2 Again the day came to be that the sons of **Elohim** came to present themselves before ꓤꓽꓤꓵ and Satan also came among them to present himself before ꓤꓽꓤꓵ.
[2]And ꓤꓽꓤꓵ said to Satan, "From where do you **come?**" And Satan answered ꓤꓽꓤꓵ and said, "From **diligently** ***searching*** in the earth and from walking up and down in it."
[3]And ꓤꓽꓤꓵ said to Satan, "Have you considered **My** servant Iyoḇ, that there is none like him on the earth, a **perfect** and **straight** man, one who ***fears*** **Elohim** and turns aside from *evil*? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited **Me** *against* him, to *destroy* him without **cause.**"
[4]And Satan answered ꓤꓽꓤꓵ and said, "Skin for skin and **all** that a man has he would give for his **life**!
[5]"***But*** stretch out **Your hand,** please and *strike* his bone and his *flesh* – if he *would not curse* You to **Your** face!"
[6]And ꓤꓽꓤꓵ said to Satan, "**See,** he is in your **hand,** only spare his **life**."
[7]And Satan went out from the presence of ꓤꓽꓤꓵ and *smote* Iyoḇ with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.
[8]And he took a potsherd with which to scrape himself while he sat in the **midst** of the ashes.
[9]And his wife said to him, "***Do*** you still hold fast to your integrity? *Curse* **Elohim** and *die!*"
[10]***But*** he said to her, "You **speak** as one of the ***foolish*** women speaks. Indeed, should we **accept** *only* **good** from **Elohim** and not **accept** *evil*?" In **all** this Iyoḇ *did not sin* with his lips.
[11]And three of the friends of Iyoḇ **heard** of **all** this *evil* that came on him and each one came from his own place – Eliphaz the Tĕmanite and Bildaḏ the Shuḥite and Tsophar the Na'amathite – and they met **together** to **come to** sympathise with him and to comfort him.
[12]And they lifted up their eyes from a distance and *did not* recognise him and they lifted their **voice**s and wept. And each one tore his **robe** and sprinkled dust on his head toward the **heavens.**
[13]***Then*** they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights and no one spoke a **word** to him, for they **saw** that the pain was **very** great.

3 After this Iyoḇ opened his **mouth** and *cursed* the **day of** his birth.
[2]And Iyoḇ spoke and said,
[3]"**Let** the day *perish* on which I was born and the night it was said, 'A male child has been conceived.'
[4]**Let** that day be *darkness*. **Let** not Eloah from above **seek** for it, nor let **light** shine upon it.
[5]**Let** *darkness* and the *shadow of death* buy it back, let a cloud dwell on it, let **all** that blackens the day frighten it.
[6]That night – let *darkness seize* it. **Let** it not be included among the days of the year, let it not **come** into the number of the months.
[7]Look, let that night be silent! **Let** no singing **come** into it!
[8]**Let** those *curse* it who *curse* the day, who are **ready** to stir up Liwiathan.
[9]**Let** the stars of its twi**light** be dark. **Let** it wait for **light**, but have none. And let it not **see** the eyelashes of the dawn.
[10]For it *did not* shut up the **doors** of my *mother's* womb, nor hide *trouble* from my eyes.
[11]***Why*** did I not *die* from the womb, **come** forth from the belly and expire?
[12]***Why*** were there knees to receive me? Or breasts for me to suck?

13For **now** I would have been *lying* in peace. I would have slept – then I would have been at rest,
14with sovereigns and counsellors of the earth, who built ruins for themselves,
15or with rulers who had gold, who filled their houses with silver,
16or as a *hidden* untimely birth, as infants who never **saw light**?
17There the ***wrong*** cease raging and there the *weary* are at rest,
18the prisoners rest together, they *do not* **hear** the **voice** of the oppressor.
19The small and **great** are there and the servant is **free** from his master.
20***Why*** does **He** give **light** to the sufferer and **life** to the *bitter* of being,
21who are waiting for *death,* but it *does not* come and **search** for it more than treasures;
22who **rejoice** exceedingly, they are **glad** when they find the grave?
23***Why*** does **He** give **light** to a man whose **way** has been *hidden* and whom Eloah has hedged in?
24For my *sighing* **comes** before I eat and my groanings **pour out** like water.
25For that which I greatly ***feared*** has **come** upon me and that which I dreaded has overtaken me.
26I have not been at ease, nor have I been undisturbed, nor been at rest, yet *trouble* comes!"

4 And Eliphaz the Tĕmanite answered and said,
2"***If*** one tries a **word** with you, would you become impatient? ***But*** who **is able** to withhold himself from speaking?
3**See,** you have **instructed** many and you have made weak hands strong.
4Your **words** have **raised** up him who was *stumbling* and you have strengthened the weak knees.
5***But* now** it has **come to** you and you are impatient; it strikes you and you are troubled.
6Is not your reverence your **trust,** the integrity of **ways** your expectancy?
7**Remember,** please: ***Who***, being innocent, has ever perished?
And where have the **straight** ones ever been *cut* off?
8According to what I have **seen,** those who plough *wickedness* and sow suffering reap the **same.**
9Through the breath of Eloah they *perish* and through the **Spirit** of **His** nostrils they are *consumed.*
10The roaring of the lion and the **voice** of the **fierce** lion, but the *teeth* of the young lions ***shall* be** broken.
11An old lion perishes for lack of prey and the cubs of the lioness are *scattered*.
12Unto me a **word** was **secretly** brought and my ear received a *little* of it.
13Amid *thoughts* from **visions** of the night, when deep sleep falls on men,
14**fear** came upon me and *trembling*, causing my bones to *shake* greatly.
15***Then*** a spirit passed before my face, the hair on my body stood up.
16It stood still, but I *could not discern* its appearance. A form was before my eyes – silence, then a **voice** I **heard**,
17'Is mortal man more **righteous** than Eloah? Is man more **clean** than his Maker?
18'Look, **He** puts no **trust** in **His** servants and **He** charges **His** messengers with straying.
19'***How*** much more those who dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, who are crushed like a moth?
20'From morning til **evening** they are *beaten* down, they *perish* **forever**, with no one regarding.
21'Are not the cords of their tents pulled up? They *die,* without **wisdom**!'

5 "Call out, please, is there anyone to answer you? And to which of the set apart ones would you turn?
2For *wrath kills* the fool and *envy slay*s the simple.
3I myself have **seen** the *fool* taking root, but **suddenly** his home was *cursed*.
4His sons are far from safety, they are crushed in the gate with no one to deliver.
5The hungry eat up his harvest, taking

it even from the thorns and the *snare* snaps up their wealth.
[6]For *evil does not* **come** from the dust, nor does *trouble* spring from the ground;
[7]for man is born for *trouble* and the sparks fly upward.
[8]***But*** as for me, I would **seek** Ěl and I would submit my case to **Elohim**,
[9]who is doing **great** and unsearchable **deeds**, innumerable **wonders**,
[10]who is giving rain on the earth's face and is sending waters on the field's face;
[11]to set the lowly on high and those who *mourn* ***shall*** **be** lifted to safety,
[12]thwarting the schemes of the *crafty*, so that their hands *do not* **work** effectively;
[13]catching the **wise** in their own *craftiness* and the counsel of schemers are swept away.
[14]By day they encounter *darkness* and at noon they grope as in the night.
[15]***But*** **He saves** the needy from the *sword* of their **mouth,** from the clutches of the strong.
[16]Thus the *poor* have expectancy and *unrighteousness* shuts her **mouth.**
[17]Look, **blessed** is the man whom Eloah does reprove, so *do not despise* the **discipline** of the Almighty.
[18]For **He** bruises, but **He** binds up; **He** smites, but **His** hands **heal.**
[19]In six *distresses* **He** delivers you and in seven no *evil* strikes you.
[20]In *scarcity of food* **He** ***shall*** **redeem** you from *death* and in battle from the **power** of the *sword.*
[21]***When*** the tongue scourges you are shielded and you have no **fear** when ***destruction*** comes.
[22]At ***destruction*** and at starvation you laugh and you have no **fear** of the beasts of the earth.
[23]For your **covenant** is with the stones of the field and the beasts of the field ***shall*** **be** at **peace** with you.
[24]And **you** ***shall*** **know** that your tent is in peace and ***shall*** **visit** your tent and not *sin,*
[25]and ***shall*** **know** that your seed are many and your offspring like the grass of the earth.
[26]You ***shall*** **come to** the grave in ripe old age, like the stacking of grain in its season.
[27]Look, this we have searched out, it is so. **hear** it and **know** for yourself."

6 And IyoḆ answered and said,
[2]"Oh, that my grief were thoroughly weighed and my *calamity* be placed on the scales!
[3]For it would outweigh the sand of the sea, therefore my **words** have been rash.
[4]For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, my spirit drinks in their poison, the onslaughts of Eloah are arrayed *against* me.
[5]Does the wild donkey bray when it has grass, or does the ox bellow over its fodder?
[6]Is tasteless food eaten without salt? Is there any flavour in the juice of mallows?
[7]I *refuse* to touch it, they are like food when I am *sick,*
[8]Oh that I might have my desire, that Eloah would grant me what I long for!
[9]That it would please Eloah to *crush* me, loose **His hand** and *cut* me off!
[10]***Then*** I would still have comfort and I would **rejoice** in pain, though *not spare*d, for I have not *hidden* the **words** of the set-apart One.
[11]***What*** strength do I have, that I should wait? And what is my end, that I should prolong my **life**?
[12]Is my strength the strength of stones? Is my *flesh* of bronze?
[13]Is my help not within me? And is ability *driven* from me?
[14]To a despiser of friends: shame! For he is *forsaking* the **fear** of the Almighty.
[15]My brothers are as undependable as a wadi, as a bed on which streams once ran,
[16]which are dark **because** of the ice, in which the snow is *hidden*.
[17]***When*** it is warm, they cease to flow; when it is hot, they vanish from their place.
[18]The paths of their **way** turn aside, they enter wastes and *perish.*

[19]Passengers of Tĕma **looked** expectantly, travellers of Sheḇa waited for them.
[20]They were *ashamed* **because** they had **trusted**, they came there and were disappointed.
[21]Indeed, you have **now** become the **same!** You **see** *my* downfall and are *afraid*.
[22]Did I ever say, 'Give to me'? or, 'Offer a *bribe* for me from your wealth'?
[23]or, 'Rescue me from the **hand** of the enemy?' or, 'Redeem me from the **hand** of oppressors'?
[24]Teach me and I ***shall* be** silent. And **show** me where I have gone *astray*.
[25]**Words** of **uprightness** are harsh! ***But*** what does your reproving reprove?
[26]***Do*** you reckon to **reprove** my **words** and the sayings of one in despair, which are as wind?
[27]You would *cast* **lots** over the fatherless and make merchandise of your friend!
[28]***But* now**, please look at me – whether I would *lie* to your face.
[29]Relent, please, let there be no *unrighteousness*. Relent!
My righteousness is still in it.
[30]Is there *unrighteousness* on my tongue? Does my taste not *discern* what is perverse?

7 "Does not man have to struggle on earth? For his days are like the days of a hired man.
[2]Like a servant who sighs for the shade and like a hireling longing for his wages,
[3]so am I allotted months of futility. And nights of *trouble* have been **appointed** to me.
[4]***When*** I *lie* down, I say, '***When*** am I going to rise and the night be ended?' For I have had my fill of tossing until dawn.
[5]My body is covered with worms and dirt, my skin is cracked and it festers.
[6]My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle and are spent without expectancy.
[7]**Remember** that my **life** is a breath! My eye is never again to **see good**.
[8]The eye of him who sees me sees me no longer. **Your** eyes are upon me and I am no more.
[9]The cloud fades and vanishes away, so he who goes down to the grave *does not* **come** up.
[10]He returns no more to his house, nor does his place **know** him any more.
[11]I also, I *do not* hold my **mouth,** I **speak** in the *distress* of my spirit, I complain in the *bitterness* of my being.
[12]Am I the sea, or a sea monster, that You set a **guard** over me?
[13]***When*** I say, **'My** bed does comfort me, my couch does ease my complaint,'
[14]then **You** frighten me with **dreams** and make me *afraid* with **visions,**
[15]so that my being **chooses** strangling, *death* rather than my bones.
[16]I have wasted away, I *would not* **live forever**. Leave me alone, for my days are a breath.
[17]***What*** is man, that **You** should make him great, that **You** should set **Your heart** on him,
[18]that You should **visit** him **every** morning, trying him **every** moment?
[19]***How*** long do You not look away from me, nor leave me alone til I swallow my saliva?
[20]Have I *sinned*? ***What*** have I done to **You,** O Watcher of men? ***Why*** have You set me as **Your** target, so that I am a *burden* to **You?**
[21]***Why*** do You not pardon my *transgression* and take away my *crookedness*? For **now** I *lie* down in the dust and **You *shall* seek** me but I am not."

8 And Bildaḏ the Shuḥite answered and said,
[2]"***How*** long are you going to **speak** like this, since the **words** of your **mouth** are a **strong** wind?
[3]Does Ĕl *twist* right-ruling? Or does the Almighty *twist* what is right?
[4]***If*** your sons have *sinned against* **Him** and **He** delivers them into the **hand** of their *transgression,*

[5]if you **diligently seek** Ěl and plead with the **Almighty,**
[6]if you were clear and **straight,** then indeed **He** would awake for you and bless your righteous dwelling place.
[7]Though your beginning was small, yet your **latter** end would greatly increase.
[8]Indeed, please **ask** the former generation and **prepare** for the research of their fathers,
[9]for we are but of yesterday and **know** not, **because** our days on earth are as a shadow.
[10]***Do*** they not **teach** you, **speak** to you and bring forth **words** from their heart?
[11]Does papyrus grow without a marsh, a reed thrive without water?
[12]While it is yet green, not *cut down*, it dries out before any plant.
[13]So are the paths of **all** who *forget* Ěl and the expectancy of a *defiled* one does *perish,*
[14]whose **refuge** is *cut* off and whose **trust** is a spider's web.
[15]He leans on his house, but it *does not* stand. He holds it fast but it *does* not last**.**
[16]He is moist before the sun and his branches spread out in his garden.
[17]His roots wrap around a heap and look for a place in the stones.
[18]***If*** he is ***destroyed*** from his place, then it ***shall*** *deny* him: 'I have not **seen** you.'
[19]**See,** this is the **joy** of **His way** and out of the dust others grow.
[20]**See,** Ěl *does not cast* away the perfect**,** neither hold the **hand** of *evil-doers*.
[21]While **He** fills your **mouth** with laughter and your lips with rejoicing,
[22]those hating you put on shame and the tent of the ***wrong*** is no more."

9 And Iyoḇ answered and said,
[2]"**Truly** I **know** it is so. ***But*** how is man **right** with **Elohim**?
[3]***If*** one **wished** to *dispute* with **Him,** he *would not* answer **Him** one **time** out of a thousand.
[4]Wise in **heart** and mighty in strength – who has *hardened* himself *against* **Him** and is at peace?
[5]**He** who removes mountains and they *do not* **know** it, when **He** overturns them in **His** displeasure;
[6]who shakes the earth out of its place and its columns tremble;
[7]who **commands** the sun and it *does not* rise; and **He** seals up the stars,
[8]stretching out the heavens by **Himself** and treading upon the waves of the sea;
[9]who made Ash, Kesil and Kimah and the rooms of the south;
[10]who performs **great** and unsearchable **deeds** and innumerable **wonders**.
[11]Look, **He** goes by me and I *do not* see; and **He** moves past, but I *do not discern* **Him.**
[12]Look, **He** snatches away, who brings it back? ***Who*** says to **Him,** '***What*** are You doing?'
[13]Eloah *does not* **turn back His** *displeasure,* the helpers of pride stoop under **Him.**
[14]***How*** much less would I answer **Him,** choose my **words** with Him?
[15]For though I were **righteous,** I *would not* answer **Him.** I pray to **Him** for my right-ruling.
[16]Though I had called and **He** answered me, I *would not* **believe** that **He** was **listen**ing to my **voice**.
[17]For **He** crushes me with a *storm* and has multiplied my *wounds* for no **cause.**
[18]**He** *does not* allow me to recover my breath, but fills me with *bitterness*.
[19]***If I*** **speak** of power? Look, **He** is mighty. And if of right-ruling? ***Who*** sets me a time?
[20]***If*** I am righteous? **My mouth** would **declare** me *wrong.* Am I **perfect?** It would **declare** me ***perverse.***
[21]Am I **perfect?** ***Do*** I not **know** my own being? I *despise* my **life**!
[22]It is **all** the **same,** therefore I say, '**He** destroys the **perfect** and the *wrong.*'
[23]***If*** the scourge *slay*s **suddenly**, **He** laughs at the trial of the innocent.
[24]Earth has been **given** into the **hand** of the *wrong.* **He** covers the faces of its judges. ***If*** it is not **He,** then who is it?
[25]My days have become swifter than

a runner – they have fled, they have not **seen good**.
[26]They have passed by like *swift* ships, like an eagle swooping on its prey.
[27]***If*** I say, '**Let** me *forget* my complaint, let me put off my sad face and let me smile,'
[28]I ***shall*** **be** *afraid* of **all** my sufferings. I know that *you do not* hold me innocent.
[29]***If*** I am ***wrong,*** why should I labour in vain?
[30]***If*** I washed myself with snow water and **cleansed** my hands with soap,
[31]then You would plunge me into a ditch and my garments ***shall*** abhor me.
[32]For **He** *is* not a man as I am that I answer **Him** and we **come together** into right-ruling.
[33]There is no mediator between us, to lay his **hand** upon us both.
[34]**Let Him** take **His rod** away from me and let **His** *dread* frighten me.
[35]***Then*** I would **speak** and not **fear Him,** for I am not so within myself.

10 "My being has grown *weary* of **life**. I let loose my complaint, I speak in the *bitterness* of my being.
[2]I say to Eloah, '***Do not*** **declare** me wrong, show me why You strive with me.
[3]Is it **good** to You that You should crush, that You should *despise* the **work** of **Your** hands and shine on the counsel of the *wrong?*
[4]***Do*** You have eyes of flesh? ***Do*** You **see** as man sees?
[5]Are **Your** days like the days of a mortal man? Are **Your** years like the days of a mighty man,
[6]that You should **seek** for my *crookedness* and **search** out my *sin?*
[7]For You know that I am not wrong and there is no one to **deliver** from **Your hand.**
[8]Your hands have made me and shaped me, together all around, yet You destroy me.
[9]**Remember,** please, that **You** have made me like clay. And would **You** turn me into dust again?
[10]Did You not pour me out like milk and curdle me like cheese?
[11]Skin and *flesh* you put on me and wove me with bones and sinews.
[12]Life and **kindness** You have bestowed on me and **Your visitation** has **preserved** my spirit.
[13]And these You have laid up in **Your heart,** I **know** that this was with You:
[14]***If*** I *sin,* then **You watch** me and let no *crookedness* of mine go unpunished.
[15]***If*** I am ***wrong,*** **woe** to me! And if I am righteous**,** I *would not* lift up my head – filled with *shame* and **seeing** my *grief!*
[16]***If*** I lift it up high, You hunt me as a lion and again You would **show Yourself** marvellous *against* me.
[17]You renew **Your witnesses** *against* me and increase **Your** vexation toward me; *change*s and a host are with me.
[18]So why have You brought me forth from the womb? Oh, that I had *perished* and no eye had **seen** me!
[19]I should have been as though I had not been – brought from the womb to the grave.
[20]Are not my days few? ***Then*** cease! Leave me alone, so that I brighten up a little,
[21]Before I go and not return**,** to the land of *darkness* and the *shadow of death,*
[22]a land as dark as *darkness* itself, as the *shadow of death,* without any order, whose **light** is as *darkness*."

11 And Tsophar the Na'amathite answered and said,
[2]"***Should*** a multitude of **words** go unanswered? And should a man of lips be **declared** right?
[3]***Should*** your babblings silence men? And should you *mock* and no one make you ashamed?
[4]Since you have said, **'**My discourse is flawless and I have been **clean** in **Your** eyes.'
[5]***But*** if only Eloah would speak and **open His** lips *against* you,

[6]and **show** you the **secrets** of **wisdom,** doubling your ability. Know then that Eloah *forget*s *some* of your *crookedness* for you.

[7]Would you find out Eloah by ***searching*** or **search** out **the end** of the Almighty?

[8]It is higher than the heavens – what would you do? Deeper than the grave – what would you **know?**

[9]Their measure is longer than the earth and broader than the sea.

[10]***If*** **He** passes through and shuts up and gathers, then who does reverse it?

[11]For **He knows** *false* men. ***When*** **He sees** *wickedness* does **He** not consider it?

[12]***But*** a senseless man takes **heart** when a wild donkey's colt is born a man!

[13]***If*** you would **prepare** your **heart** and stretch out your hands toward Him;

[14]if *wickedness* were in your **hand,** put it far away and *do not* let *perverseness* dwell in your tents;

[15]then indeed you ***shall*** lift up your face without spot; and you ***shall*** **stand** firm and not be *afraid*,

[16]**<u>because</u>** you would *forget sorrow* and ***remember*** it as waters that have passed away,

[17]and your **life** would be brighter than noon. You would soar upward, you would be like the morning.

[18]And you ***shall*** **trust, <u>because</u>** there is expectancy. And when you have searched you ***shall*** *lie* down in safety.

[19]And you ***shall*** rest and no one would make you *afraid* and many ***shall*** **seek** your **favour.**

[20]***But*** the eyes of the ***wrong*** are *consumed* and they ***shall*** not **escape** and their expectancy is the breathing out of **life**!"

12 And Iyoḇ answered and said,

[2]"**Truly** you are the people and **wisdom** would *die* with you!

[3]***But*** I, like you, have a **heart** too; I am not less than you. And who *does not* **know** such as these?

[4]I have become a laughing-stock to my friends – one who has called on Eloah and **He** answered **Him!** A laughing-stock is the **righteous,** the **perfect** one!

[5]A **lamp** is *despised* in the thought of one who is at ease – prepared for those whose feet slip.

[6]The tents of ***robbers*** are at peace and those who ***provoke*** Ěl are complacent, to him who brings Eloah into his **hand!**

[7]***But*** **now ask** the beasts and they **teach** you; and the birds of the heavens and they **declare** it to you;

[8]or **speak** to the earth and it **teaches** you; and the fish of the sea inform you.

[9]***Who*** among **all** these *does not* **know** that the **hand** of יהוה has done this,

[10]in whose **hand** is the **life** of **all** that **live** and the breath of **all** mankind?

[11]Does the ear not try **words**? And the **mouth** taste food for itself?

[12]With the aged is **wisdom** and **understanding** with length of days.

[13]With **Him** are **wisdom** and might, **He** has counsel and **understanding**.

[14]Look, **He** breaks down and it is not rebuilt. ***If*** **He** imprisons a man, there is no release.

[15]Look, **He** withholds the waters and they dry up. And **He sends** them out and they overwhelm the earth.

[16]With **Him** are strength and ability. The misled and the misleader are **His**.

[17]**He** leads counsellors away stripped and makes judges go mad.

[18]**He** loosens the bonds of sovereigns and binds a girdle on their loins;

[19]who leads away priests as a spoil and overthrows the mighty;

[20]turning aside the lip of the **trusted** ones, and takes away the discernment of the elders;

[21]pouring *scorn* on nobles and loosens the girdle of the strong;

[22]revealing deep matters out of *darkness* and **He** brings the *shadow of death* to **light**;

[23]making nations great and **He** destroys them; spreading out the nations and **He** leads them out.

[24]turning aside the **heart** of the chiefs of the people of the earth and **He** makes

them *wander* in a pathless *waste.*
[25]They grope in *darkness*, having no **light** and **He** makes them ***stagger*** like a drunkard.

13 "Look, my eye has **seen** it **all,** my ear has **heard** and understood it.
[2]***What*** you **know,** I **know** too; I am not less than you.
[3]***But*** I would **speak** to the **Almighty** and I **delight** to **reason** with Ěl.
[4]***But*** you smear with *falsehood, worthless* healers, **all** of you!
[5]***If*** you would only be silent, then it would be your **wisdom**!
[6]Please **hear** my reasoning and **listen** to the pleadings of my lips.
[7]Would you **speak** perversely for Ěl and **speak** *deceit* for Him?
[8]Would you be partial towards Him? Would you plead for Ěl?
[9]Would it be well when **He** searches you out? Or could you ***deceive*** **Him** as one deceives a man?
[10]**He** would certainly **reprove** you if you **secretly show** partiality.
[11]***Should*** not **His** excellence make you *afraid* and the *dread* of **Him** *fall* upon you?
[12]Your weighty sayings are proverbs of ashes, your shields are shields of clay.
[13]Be *silent* before me and let me speak and let ***whatever*** **come** upon me!
[14]***Why*** do I take my *flesh* in my *teeth* and put my **life** in my hands?
[15]Though, **He** does *slay* me – I wait! ***But*** I show my ways to be right before **Him.**
[16]**He** also is my **deliverance,** for a *defiled* one *does not* **come** before **Him.**
[17]**Listen** closely to my **words** and with your **ears** to what I say.
[18]Look, please, I have prepared my case, I **know** that I am in the right.
[19]***Who*** is he who would *strive* with me? For then I would keep *silent* and *die.*
[20]Only two matters *do not* do to me, then I am not *hidden* from **Your** face:
[21]Withdraw Your hand far from me and let not *dread* of You make me *afraid*.
[22]***Then*** call and let me answer; or let me speak and You reply to me.
[23]***How*** many are my *crookedness*es and *sins*? **Let** me **know** my *transgression* and my *sin.*
[24]***Why*** do **You** hide **Your** face and reckon me as **Your** enemy?
[25]Would You frighten a leaf *driven* to and fro? And would You pursue dry stubble?
[26]For You **write** *bitter charges* <u>*against*</u> me and make me inherit the *crookedness*es of my youth,
[27]and put my feet in the stocks and look closely to **all** my paths. You set a limit for the soles of my feet.
[28]And he, like that which is rotten, wastes away, as a garment that is moth-eaten.

14 "Man born of woman is of **few** days and turmoil-filled.
[2]**He comes** forth like a flower and withers. **He** flees like a shadow and *does not* continue.
[3]Yet on such a one You **open Your** eyes and bring me to **right-ruling** with **Yourself**!
[4]***Who*** brings the **clean** out of the unclean? No one!
[5]Since his days are decided, the number of his months is with **You,** You have **appointed** his bounds which he *does not* pass over.
[6]Look away from him and let him rest, til like a hired man he enjoys his day.
[7]For there is expectancy for a *tree,* if it is *cut down*, that it does sprout again and that its tender branch *does not* cease.
[8]Though its root grows old in the earth and its stump dies in the ground,
[9]at the scent of water it buds and brings forth foliage like a plant.
[10]***But*** man dies and is powerless and man expires and where is he?
[11]Water disappears from the sea and a river dries up and is parched,
[12]and man ***shall*** *lie* down and not rise.

Til the heavens are no more, they awake not, nor are aroused from their sleep.
[13]***If*** only You would hide me in the grave, *conceal* me until **Your** *wrath* turns away. Set me a **time** and ***remember*** me!
[14]***If*** a man dies, would he **live** again? All the days of my struggle I wait, til my *change* comes.
[15]You would call and I would answer **You.** You have yearned for the **work** of **Your** hands.
[16]For **now** You count my steps – do You not **watch** over my *sin?*
[17]My *transgression* is **sealed** up in a bag and You cover over my *crookedness*.
[18]***But*** a falling mountain crumbles away and a rock is moved from its place,
[19]as water wears away stones, its outpouring washes away the soil of the earth – so You have ***destroyed*** the expectancy of man.
[20]You overpower him, **forever** and he is gone – his face *change*s and You send him away.
[21]His sons **come to** esteem and he *does not* **know** it. And they are brought low and he *does not* **perceive** it.
[22]He feels only the pain of his *flesh* and he mourns over himself."

15 And Eliphaz the Tĕmanite answered and said,
[2]"Would a **wise** man answer with vain **knowledge**, or fill his belly with the east wind?
[3]Would he **reason** with useless talk, or by speeches with which *do not* profit?
[4]Indeed, you do away with reverence and withhold prayer before Ĕl.
[5]For your *crookedness* **teaches** your **mouth** *what to say* and you choose the tongue of the *crafty*.
[6]Not I, but your own **mouth** condemns you. And your own lips **witness** *against* you.
[7]Were you the **first** one born? Or were you made before the hills?
[8]Have you **heard** the **secret** counsel of Eloah? And do you limit **wisdom** to yourself?
[9]***What*** do you **know** that we *do not* **know** – *understand,* that is not within us?
[10]Both the grey-haired and the aged are among us, much older than your father.
[11]Are the **comforts** of Ĕl not enough for you – and a **word** that deals gently with you?
[12]***What*** have you taken to heart? And why do your eyes flash?
[13]That you should turn your spirit *against* Ĕl and let *such* **words** go out of your mouth?
[14]***What*** is man, that he should be clean? And one born of a woman, that he should be righteous?
[15]Look, **He** puts no **trust** in **His** set-apart ones and the heavens are not **clean** in **His** eyes,
[16]how much less one who is loathsome and *corrupt,* drinking *unrighteousness* like water!
[17]**Let** me **show** you – **hear** me – and this I have **seen** and **declare,**
[18]which the **wise declare** and have not *hidden* from their fathers,
[19]to them alone the land was **given** and no stranger passed over into their **midst**:
[20]All the days of the ***wrong*** one he is paining himself and **few** years have been stored up for the ruthless.
[21]A frightening sound is in his ears; in **peace** a destroyer **comes** to him.
[22]He **believe**s not to **return** from *darkness* and he is reserved for the *sword.*
[23]He wanders about for food – where is it? He **knows** that a **day of** *darkness* is prepared for him.
[24]Distress and pain frighten him – they overwhelm him, like a sovereign **ready** for the attack.
[25]**Because** he has **stretched** out his **hand** *against* Ĕl and acts **mightily** *against* the Almighty.
[26]He runs *against* **Him** defiantly, with thick-bossed shields.
[27]For he has covered his face with his fatness and he has put layers of fat on his loins.
[28]***But*** he dwells in *ruined* cities, in

houses which no one lives in, which have been **ready** to become heaps.
[29]He ***shall*** not be rich and his wealth ***shall*** not rise and his possessions ***shall*** not overspread the earth.
[30]He *does not* turn away from *darkness*. The *flame* dries up his branches and he turns aside by the breath of **His mouth.**
[31]**Let** him not **trust** in *falsehood, deceiving* himself, for *falsehood* is his reward.
[32]Before his day it is **accomplished** and his branch ***shall*** not be green.
[33]He shakes off his unripe grape like a vine and throws off his blossom like an olive *tree.*
[34]For the company of the *defiled* ones is *barren* and *fire* consumes the tents of bribery.
[35]They conceive *trouble* and bring forth *wickedness*, even their womb prepares ***deception***."

16 And Iyoḇ answered and said,
[2]"I have **heard** many matters like these; **all** of you are comforters of trouble!
[3]Is there an end to **words** of wind? Or what provokes you that you answer?
[4]I might also **speak** like you, if you were in my place. I might heap up words *against* you and *shake* my head at you.
[5]I might strengthen you with my **mouth** and my moving lips might bring relief.
[6]***If*** I speak, my pain is not relieved; and if I refrain, does it leave me?
[7]***But*** **now He** has wearied me. You have stunned **all** my company.
[8]And You have *plucked* me and it is a **witness.** And my failure rises up *against* me, it bears **witness** to my face.
[9]**He** has *torn* in **His** *wrath* and **He** *hates* me. **He** has gnashed at me with **His** *teeth*; my adversary sharpens **His** eyes upon me.
[10]They **open** wide their mouths at me, in *scorn* they have *smitten* my cheeks, they mass themselves **together** *against* me.
[11]Ěl has handed me over to the perverse and *cast* me into the hands of the *wrong.*
[12]I was at ease, but **He** broke me. And **He** took me by my neck and shattered me and **He** has set me up for **His** target.
[13]**His** archers surround me, **He** splits my kidneys in two and *does not spare*, **He** pours out my bile on the ground.
[14]**He** made a *breach* in me, *breach* upon breach. **He** runs upon me like a mighty man.
[15]I sewed sackcloth over my skin and laid my horn in the dust.
[16]My face is reddened from *weeping* and on my eyelids is the shadow of death;
[17]though no *violence* was on my **hand** and my prayer sincere.
[18]O earth, *do not* cover my **blood** and let my cry have no resting place!
[19]**See,** even **now** my **witness** is in the heavens and my defender is on high.
[20]My friends are they that *scorn* me; my eyes **pour out** tears to Eloah.
[21]O that one might plead for a man with Eloah, as a man with his neighbour!
[22]***When*** a **few** years are past, then I ***shall*** go the **way** of no return.

17 "My spirit has been *broken,* my days have been extinguished, *graves* are for me.
[2]**Truly**, mockeries are with me and my eye rests on their insults!
[3]Please lay down a **pledge** for me with **Yourself**. ***Who*** would *strike* hands with me?
[4]For You have *hidden* their **heart** from **understanding**, therefore *you do not* **exalt** them.
[5]He who denounces friends for a share, even the eyes of his children ***shall*** fail.
[6]***But*** **He** has made me a by**word** of the people, whereas in former times I was as a drum.
[7]And from *sorrow* my eye has grown dim and **all** my members are like shadows.
[8]Upright ones are astonished at this and the **innocent** stirs himself up *against* the *defiled* one.

[9]And the **righteous** holds to his **way** and he who has **clean** hands becomes stronger and stronger.
[10]***But*** please, **come back** again, **all** of you, for I *do not* find a **wise** one among you.
[11]My days have passed by, my plans have been broken off – the desires of my **heart.**
[12]They would turn night into day, *saying* that **light** is near, in the presence of *darkness*!
[13]***If*** I wait – the grave is my house, I ***shall*** make my bed in *darkness*,
[14]I ***shall*** say to *corruption*, 'You are my father,' – to the worm, 'You are my mother and my sister.'
[15]Where then is my expectancy? As for my expectancy, who would **see** it?
[16]Would it sink down into the grave? Would we **together** go down into the dust?"

18 And Bildaḏ the Shuḥite answered and said,
[2]"***When*** do you put an end to **words**? Understand and let us then talk.
[3]***Why*** should we be reckoned as beasts, as *stupid* in your eyes?
[4]You who *tear* yourself to pieces in *displeasure* – would the earth be ***forsaken*** for your sake? Or the rock move from its place?
[5]Indeed, the **light** of the ***wrong*** goes out and the *flame* of his *fire does not* shine.
[6]The **light** ***shall*** **be** dark in his tent and his **lamp** beside him is put out.
[7]The steps of his strength are impeded and his own counsel overthrows him.
[8]For he is **sent** into a *net* by his own feet and he walks on a pit-fall.
[9]The *net* seizes his heel, a *snare* **prevails** over him.
[10]A noose is *hidden* on the ground for him and a *trap* for him in the path.
[11]Alarms frighten him on **all** sides and chase him at his heels.
[12]His strength is starved and *calamity* is **ready** at his side.
[13]It devours parts of his skin, the first-born of *death* devours his parts.
[14]He is *torn* from the shelter of his tent and they parade him before the sovereign of alarms.
[15]In his tent dwells that which is none of his; brimstone is *scattered* on his house.
[16]His roots below dry up and his branch is *cut off* above.
[17]**remembrance** of him perishes from the earth and he has no name on the street.
[18]They ***thrust*** him from **light** into *darkness* and chase him out of the world.
[19]He leaves no offspring or descendant among his people, nor any survivor in his dwellings.
[20]Those in the west are astonished at his day, as those in the east are frightened.
[21]Indeed, such are the dwellings of the ***perverse*** and this is the place of him who *does not* **know** Ěl."

19 And Iyoḇ answered and said,
[2]"***How*** long would you grieve my **life** and *crush* me with **words**?
[3]These ten times you have insulted me, shamelessly you attack me.
[4]Even if I have **truly** gone *astray*, my *straying* remains with me.
[5]***If*** indeed you would **exalt** yourselves above me and plead *against* me my reproach,
[6]know then that Eloah has *overthrown* me and has surrounded me with **His** net.
[7]**See,** I cry, 'Violence!' but I am not **heard**. I cry aloud, but there is no right-ruling.
[8]**He** has fenced up my **way** and I pass not over and **He** has placed *darkness* in my paths.
[9]**He** has stripped me of my esteem and taken the crown from my head.
[10]**He** breaks me down on **every** side and I am gone; and uproots my expectancy like a *tree.*
[11]And **He** kindled **His** *wrath against* me and **He** counts me as one of **His**

enemies.
[12]**His** companies **come to**gether and they *cast* up their **way** *against* me and encamp **all** around my tent.
[13]**He** has removed my brothers far away from me and my friends are **completely** estranged from me.
[14]My **near** ones have fallen away and my close friends have *forgotten* me.
[15]The guests in my house and my female servants, reckon me for a stranger – I am a foreigner in their eyes.
[16]I have called my servant, but he gives no answer – I have to ***beg*** him with my **mouth.**
[17]My spirit is *strange* to my wife and my **kindness** to the children of my own body.
[18]Even young children have *scorned* me. I rise and they **speak** *against* me.
[19]All my intimate friends loathe me and those whom I **love** have turned *against* me.
[20]My bone **cling**s to my skin and to my *flesh* and I have **escaped** by the skin of my *teeth*.
[21]Show **favour** to me, **show favour** to me, O you my friends, for the **hand** of Eloah has *struck* me!
[22]***Why*** do you *persecute* me like Ěl *does* and are not **satisfied** with my flesh?
[23]Oh, that my words were written down! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book,
[24]engraved on a rock with an iron pen and lead, **forever**!
[25]For I **know** that my **Redeemer** lives and as the Last ***shall*** rise over the dust;
[26]and after my skin has been *struck* off, then in my *flesh* **I *shall* see** Eloah,
[27]whom I myself ***shall*** **see** on my side and not a stranger. **My** kidneys have failed within me!
[28]***If*** you say, '***Why*** do we *persecute* him?' **seeing** the root of the matter has been **found** in me,
[29]**fear** the *sword* yourselves, for *wrath brings* the *punishment* of the *sword,* so that you **know** there is a judgment."

20 ***Then*** Tsophar the Na'amathite answered and said,
[2]"**Truly**, my *thoughts* make me respond, even **because** of my haste within me.
[3]I have **listened** to the *reproof* which insults me and the spirit of my **understanding** makes me answer.
[4]You have **known** this of old, since man was placed on earth,
[5]that the singing of the ***wrong*** is shortlived and the **joy** of the *defiled* one is but for a moment?
[6]Although his pride mounts up to the heavens and his head does reach to the clouds,
[7]he perishes **forever** like his own dung. Those who have **seen** him say, 'Where is he?'
[8]He flies away like a **dream** and is not found. And he is *driven* away like a **vision** of the night.
[9]Eyes that **saw** him do so no more, nor does his place **see** him any more.
[10]His sons **seek** the **favour** of the *poor* and his hands give back his wealth.
[11]His bones ***shall*** **be** filled with his youth, but it lies down with him in the dust.
[12]Though *evil* is **sweet** in his **mouth,** he hides it under his tongue,
[13]*though* he fondles it and *does not forsake* it, but still keeps it in his **mouth,**
[14]his food is turned in his stomach, the *bitterness* of cobras is in him.
[15]He has swallowed down riches, then vomits them up – Ěl drives it out of his stomach.
[16]He sucks the ***poison*** of cobras; the tongue of the poisonous snake *slay*s him.
[17]He looks not on streams, the rivers flowing with honey and cream.
[18]He is giving back what he laboured for and *does not* eat it – like wealth from his trade, but he *does not* enjoy.
[19]For he has *oppressed*, he has ***forsaken*** the *poor*, he has *seized* a house which he *did not* build.
[20]For he ***shall*** not **know** ease in his innermost, neither **save** what he desires.

[21]There is no left-over after he has eaten, therefore his **good** *does not* **last.**
[22]With **all** his plenty he is in distress; the **hand** of **every** labourer **comes** *against* him.
[23]It ***shall*** **be,** at the filling of his stomach, that **He** casts on him **His** *burning wrath* and rains it down on him while he is eating.
[24]He ***shall flee*** from the iron weapon, a bronze bow pierce him through.
[25]It is drawn and **comes** out of the body and the gleaming point **comes** out of his gall. ***fears*** **come** upon him.
[26]All *darkness* waits for his treasures. A *fire* not blown consumes him, it destroys what remains in his tent.
[27]The heavens **reveal** his *crookedness* and the earth rises up *against* him.
[28]The increase of his house departs, flowing away in the **day of His** *wrath*.
[29]This is the portion from **Elohim** for a ***wrong*** man and the heritage Ěl has decreed for him."

21 And Iyoḇ answered and said,
[2]"**Listen** closely to my **word and** let this be your comfort.
[3]Bear with me and let me speak and after I have **spoken**, keep mocking.
[4]As for me, is my complaint *against* man? And why should I not be impatient?
[5]Look at me and be appalled, then put your **hand** on your **mouth.**
[6]And when I consider it I am frightened and my body shudders.
[7]***Why*** do the ***wrong*** **live,** become old and become mighty in power?
[8]Their seed is **established** with them before their face and their offspring before their eyes.
[9]Their houses are **peace** without **fear,** neither is the **rod** of Eloah upon them.
[10]Their bull breeds and *does not* fail, their cow calves without miscarriage.
[11]They send forth their *little* ones like a flock and their children dance.
[12]They sing to the tambourine and lyre and **rejoice** to the sound of the flute.
[13]They spend their days in **goodness** and in a moment go down to the grave.
[14]And they say to Ěl, 'Turn aside from us, for we have no desire **to know Your** ways.
[15]***Who*** is the **Almighty,** that we should **serve** Him? And what profit do we have if we pray to Him?'
[16]**See,** is their **good** not in their own **hand?** (The counsel of the ***wrong*** has been far from me).
[17]***How*** often is the **lamp** of the ***wrong*** put out and does **come** upon them their *calamity*, sorrows **He** allots in **His** displeasure?
[18]They are like straw before the wind and like chaff that a *storm* steals away.
[19]*You say*, 'Eloah stores up one's *wickedness* for his children.' **Let Him repay** him, so that he **knows** it.
[20]**Let** his eyes **see** his ***destruction*** and let him drink of the *wrath* of the Almighty.
[21]For what is his **delight** in his house after him, when the number of his months is *cut* off?
[22]Does anyone **teach** Ěl **knowledge**, since **He** judges those that are exalted?
[23]One dies in his **perfect** strength, **completely** at ease and satisfied;
[24]His pails are filled with milk and his bones are juicy with marrow.
[25]Another one dies in the *bitterness* of his being and never eats with pleasure.
[26]Together they *lie* down in the dust and worms cover them.
[27]Look, I **know** your thoughts and the plots with which you would ***wrong*** me.
[28]For you say, 'Where is the house of the noble one? And where is the tent, the dwelling place of the ***wrong*** ones?'
[29]Have you not asked those passing by the **way?** And do you not **know** their signs?
[30]That the *wicked* is kept for the **day of** *calamity*. They are brought to the **day of** *wrath*.
[31]***Who*** **declares** his **way** to his face? And who **repays** him for what he has done?
[32]As for him, he is brought to the grave and a **watch** is kept over the tomb.

33The clods of the wadi ***shall*** **be sweet** to him and *all men* **follow** him, innumerable are those before him.
34***How*** then do you comfort me in vain, **seeing** that *perverseness* remains in your answers?"

22 And Eliphaz the Tĕmanite answer ed and said,
2"Would a **strong** man be of use to Ĕl? Even he who is **wise** be of use to Him?
3Is it a **delight** to the Almighty that you are righteous? Or *gain,* that you make *your ways* **perfect?**
4Is it **because** of your **fear** of **Him** that **He** reproves you, or enters into **right-ruling** with you?
5Is not your *evil* great? And is there no end to your *crookedness*es?
6For you take pledges from your brother for *naught* and strip the naked of their garments.
7You *do not* give the *weary* water to drink and you have withheld **bread** from the hungry.
8***But*** the man of strength, he has the earth and the highly respected man dwells in it.
9You have **sent** widows away empty and the arms of the fatherless are crushed.
10Therefore *snares* are **all** around you and **sudden fear** alarms you,
11or *darkness*, so that *you do not* **see** and a *flood* of water covers you.
12Is not Eloah in the height of heaven? **See** the highest stars, how lofty they are!
13And you have said, '***What*** does Ĕl **know?** Would **He judge** through the dark cloud?
14'Clouds screen **Him,** so that **He** *does not* **see** and **He** moves about the circuit of the **heavens.**'
15***Do*** you **observe** the old **way** which *wicked* men have trod,
16who were *cut down* before their **time,** whose foundations were swept away by a flood?
17They said to Ĕl, 'Turn aside from us!' And what did the Almighty do to them?
18Yet **He** filled their houses with the **good**! (***But*** the counsel of the ***wrong*** has been far from me).
19The **righteous see** it and are glad and the **innocent** *mock* at them *and say*,
20'**Truly**, our adversaries are *cut* off and *fire* has *consumed* their excess.'
21Be of service to **Him** and be at peace; thereby **blessing *shall* come to** you.
22Please **accept** the **Torah** from **His mouth** and lay up **His words** in your **heart.**
23***If*** you **return** to the **Almighty,** you are built up. ***If*** you remove *unrighteousness* far from your tents,
24and lay *your* gold in the dust and *the gold of* Ophir among the stones of the wadis,
25then the Almighty ***shall*** **be** your gold and your silver, strength to you.
26***Then*** you ***shall*** certainly **delight** in the **Almighty** and lift up your face to Eloah,
27make your prayer to **Him. He *shall* hear** you and you ***shall*** pay your vows.
28And ***whatever*** you decide on ***shall*** **be established** for you and **light** shine on your ways.
29For they have made low and you say, 'Up!' And **He saves** the lowly of eyes.
30Would **He deliver** one who is not innocent? So by the **cleanness** of your hands you ***shall*** **be delivered**."

23 And IyoḆ answered and said,
2"Even today my complaint is bitter; my **hand** is *heavy* on account of my groaning.
3***If*** only I **knew** where to find **Him,** I would **come to His** dwelling-place!
4I would present my case before **Him** and fill my **mouth** with proofs.
5I would **know** the **words** which **He** would answer me and **understand** what **He** would say to me.
6Would **He** contend with me in **great** power? No! ***But*** **He** would pay attention to me.
7There the **upright** might **reason** with **Him** and I would go safe **forever** from

my Judge.
[8]**See,** I go forward, but **He** is not; and backward, but I *do not* **perceive** Him;
[9]to the left where **He** is working, but I *do not* see; **He** turns to the right, but I *do not* **see.**
[10]For **He knows** the **way** that I take. ***When*** **He** has tried me, I would **come** forth as gold.
[11]My foot has held fast to **His** steps. I have **guarded His way** and *did not* turn aside.
[12]I have not *strayed* from the **command** of **His** lips. I have treasured the **words** of **His mouth** more than my *daily* portion.
[13]***But*** **He** is **One** and who does turn Him? And **He** does ***whatever*** **His** being has desired.
[14]For **He** completes my portion and many like these are with **Him.**
[15]Therefore I am *troubled* at **His** presence; I consider and I am *afraid* of **Him.**
[16]For Ěl has made me faint-hearted and the Almighty has *alarmed* me;
[17]**because** I was not *cut off* before *darkness* and from my face **He** has covered the thick *darkness*.

24 "Times are not *hidden* from the **Almighty** and why have not those who **know Him seen His** days?
[2]They remove landmarks; they rob and feed on flocks;
[3]they *drive* away the donkey of the fatherless; they take the widow's ox as a pledge;
[4]they turn the needy out of the way; the *poor* of the earth have *hidden* together.
[5]**See,** as wild donkeys in the wilderness they go about their tasks, eager seekers for prey; the desert *gives* his bread, for the children.
[6]They reap his fodder in a field and they glean the vineyard of the *wrong.*
[7]They spend the night naked, without a garment and without covering in the cold.
[8]They are wet with the showers of the hills and have embraced a rock for lack of shelter.
[9]They *snatch* away the fatherless from the breast and take a **pledge** from the *poor*;
[10]naked, they ***shall*** go about without a garment; and hungry, they ***shall*** take away sheaves.
[11]They press out oil within their walls; winepresses they ***shall*** tread, yet *suffer* thirst.
[12]Men groan in the city and the beings of the *wounded* cry out and Eloah *does not* regard it as *foolish.*
[13]They have become ***rebels*** *against* the **light**; they have not **known His ways** nor remained in **His** paths.
[14]The murderer rises at daylight, he *slay*s the *poor* and needy and in the night he is as a thief.
[15]And the eye of the adulterer watches for dusk, saying, 'No eye sees me.' And he puts a covering on the face.
[16]In the dark he has broken into houses; by day they shut themselves up; they have not **known light**.
[17]For **all** of them morning is the **same** as the *shadow of death,* when he ***discerns*** the ***extreme fears*** of the *shadow of death.*
[18]**He** is *swift* on the face of the waters; their portion is *cursed* in the earth; he *does not* turn into the **way** of vineyards.
[19]Drought and *heat snatch* away snow waters – the grave *those who* have *sinned*.
[20]The womb *forget*s him, the worm feeds sweetly on him; he is **remembered** no more and *wickedness* is broken like a tree;
[22]***But*** **He draws** the mighty away with **His power** – **He** rises up and no one is certain of **life**.
[23]**He** gives him safety and he leans on it; yet **His** eyes are on their ways.
[24]They are lifted up for **a** *little* **while**, then they are gone, then they ***shall*** **be** brought low. Like **all** *else* they are gathered up and they are *cut off* like the heads of grain.

[25]And if it is not so, who does prove me
a liar and make my **word** *worthless*?"

25 And Bildaḏ the Shuḥite
answered and said,
[2]"Rule and **fear** belong to **Him,**
making **peace** in **His** *high places*.
[3]Is there any number to **His** armies?
And on whom does **His light** not rise?
[4]So how could man be **righteous**
before Ěl? Or how could he be flawless
who is born of a woman?
[5]Even the moon *does not* shine and the
stars have not been flawless in **His** eyes,
[6]how much less man, a maggot and a
son of man, a worm?"

26 And Iyoḇ answered and said,
[2]"***How*** have you helped the powerless,
saved an arm not strong?
[3]***How*** have you **given** counsel to the
unwise, or **declared** sound advice to
many?
[4]With whom have you **spoken words**?
And whose spirit came from you?
[5]The *dead* wait – those under the
waters and those inhabiting them.
[6]The grave is naked before **Him** and
destruction has no covering.
[7]**He** *it was* who **stretched** out the north
over *emptiness*, *hanging* the earth upon
space,
[8]binding up waters in **His** thick clouds
and the cloud is not *torn* under them,
[9]covering the surface of **His** throne,
spreading **His** cloud over it.
[10]**He** drew a limit on the surface of
the waters, at the boundary of **light** and
darkness.
[11]The columns of the heavens *tremble*
and are stunned at **His** *reproof.*
[12]By **His power He** has calmed the sea
and by **His understanding He** *struck*
down Rahaḇ.
[13]By **His Spirit He** adorned the
heavens. His hand whirled the *fleeing*
serpent.
[14]**See,** these are the fringes of **His** ways
and how *little* a matter is **heard** of **Him!**
And who **understands** the *thunder* of
His power?"

27 And Iyoḇ again took up his dis
course and said,
[2]"As Ěl lives, who has turned aside my
right-ruling and the **Almighty,** who has
made my **life** bitter,
[3]as long as my breath is in me and the
spirit of Eloah in my nostrils,
[4]my lips *do not* speak *unrighteousness,*
nor my tongue utter *deceit*.
[5]Far be it from me that I grant that you
are right. Until I *die* I *would not* turn
aside my integrity from me.
[6]My **righteousness** I hold fast and I *do
not* let it go. My **heart** *does not reproach*
me as long as I **live.**
[7]**Let** my enemy be like the ***wrongdoer***
and he who rises up *against* me like the
unrighteous.
[8]For what is the expectancy of the
defiled one, when **He** does *cut* off, when
Eloah takes away his **life**?
[9]Would Ěl **hear** his cry when *distress*
comes upon him?
[10]Would he **delight** himself in the
Almighty – **call on** Eloah at **all** times?
[11]**Let** me **teach** you by the **hand** of Ěl,
that which is with the Almighty I *do not*
hide.
[12]**See, all** of you have **seen** it. ***Why*** then
are you al**together** vain?
[13]This is the portion of a ***wrong*** man
with Ěl and the **inheritance** of cruel
ones, which they receive from the
Almighty:
[14]***If*** his children are increased, it is for
the sword; and his offspring ***shall*** not
have enough to eat.
[15]Those who remain of him are buried
in *death* and their widows *do not* weep.
[16]Though he heaps up silver like dust
and lays up garments like clay –
[17]he lays up, but the **righteous** puts it
on and the **innocent** divides the silver.
[18]He built his house like a moth, like a
booth which a watchman made.

19He lies down, a rich man, but he is
not gathered. ***When*** he opens his eyes, it
is no more!
20Alarms overtake him like a flood; a
storm wind ***shall*** steal him away in the
night.
21The east *wind* takes him away and
he is gone; for it sweeps him from his
place.
22And it hurls itself *against* him and
does not spare; he swiftly flees from its
power.
23It claps its hands at him and it hisses
him out of his place.

28 "Indeed, there is a mine for
silver and a place where gold is refined.
2Iron is taken from the earth and copper
is smelted from ore.
3An end to *darkness* he has set and to
every limit he is searching, to rocks in
deepest *darkness*.
4He opens a shaft far away from
people; they are *forgotten* by feet; they
hang far away from men; they swing to
and fro.
5Earth, out of which grows food, is
turned underneath as by *fire*;
6its stones are the place of sapphires
and it has dust of gold.
7No bird of prey **knows** the path, nor
has the hawk's eye **seen** it.
8The *proud* beasts have not trodden it,
nor has the **fierce** lion passed over it.
9He puts his **hand** on the flint; he ***shall***
overturn the mountains at the roots.
10He *cuts* out channels in the rocks and
his eye sees **every precious** *gem*.
11He dams up the sources of the rivers;
and he brings to **light** what is *hidden*.
12And **wisdom** – where is it found? And
where is the place of **understanding**?
13Man *does not* **know** its value and it is
not **found** in the land of the **living**.
14The deep has said, 'It is not in me,'
and the sea has said, 'It is not with me.'
15Gold is not **given** for it, nor is silver
weighed out as its price.
16It is not valued in the gold of Ophir,
in **precious** shoham or sapphire.
17Gold or crystal are not to be
compared with it, nor is it exchanged for
a vessel of fine gold.
18No mention is made of coral or
crystal, for the price of **wisdom** is above
rubies.
19The topaz of Kush is not to be
compared with it, nor is it valued in
clean gold.
20And **wisdom** – from where does
it **come?** And where is the place of
understanding?
21It has been *hidden* from the eyes of
all living and *concealed* from the birds
of the **heavens.**
22Destruction and *death* have said,'With
our **ears** we have **heard** a report of it.'
23**Elohim** has understood its **way** and
He has **known** its place.
24For **He** looks to the ends of the earth,
sees under **all** the heavens,
25making a weight for the wind and
measuring out the waters by measure.
26***When*** **He** made a **law** for the rain and
a **way** for the lightning of thunder,
27then **He saw wisdom** and **declared** it;
He prepared it and also searched it out.
28And **He** said to man, '**See,** the **fear** of
꤉ꤡꤢꤤ, that is **wisdom** and to turn from
evil is **understanding**.' "

29 And Iyoḇ again took up his dis
course and said,
2"Oh, that I were as in months past, as
in the days when Eloah **protected** me;
3when **His lamp** shone on my head,
when I walked in the dark by **His light**;
4as I was in the days of my autumn,
when the intimacy of Eloah was on my
tent;
5when the Almighty was still with me,
when my children were around me;
6when my steps were bathed with
cream and the rock **poured out** rivers of
oil for me.
7***When*** I went out to the gate by the
city, to take my seat in the **open** square,
8the young men **saw** me and hid and
the aged rose up, they stood;

[9]rulers held back their **words** and laid a **hand** on their mouth;
[10]the **voice** of leaders was hushed and their tongue *clung* to the roof of their **mouth.**
[11]For when the ear **heard**, it **blessed** me and when the eye **saw,** it gave **witness** of me;
[12]**because** I rescued the *poor* who *cried out* and the fatherless who had no helper.
[13]The **blessing** of the *perishing* one would **come** upon me and I made the widow's **heart** sing for joy.
[14]I put on **righteousness** and it robed me; **right-ruling** was my *cloak* and turban**.**
[15]I was eyes to the *blind* and I was feet to the lame.
[16]I was a father to the *poor* and I investigated the case that I *did* not know**.**
[17]And I broke the jaws of the ***perverse,*** and snatched the prey from his *teeth*.
[18]***Then*** I thought I would *die* in my nest and increase my days as the sand,
[19]my root reaching out to the waters and dew *lying* **all** night on my branch,
[20]my **esteem fresh** within me and my bow **renewed** in my **hand.**
[21]To me they **listened** and they waited and kept silence at my counsel.
[22]After my **words** they *did not* **speak** again and my speech settled on them.
[23]And they waited for me like the rain and they opened their **mouth** wide as for the **latter** rain.
[24]I smiled at those who *did not believe* and the light of my face they did not dim.
[25]I **chose** the **way** for them and sat as chief and I dwelt like a sovereign in the army, like one who **comforts** mourners.

30 "***But*** **now** they laugh at me, those younger than I, whose fathers I would have *refused* to put with my sheep dogs.
[2]Of what use to me is the strength of their hands, since their manhood **power** has perished?
[3]They are dried up from lack and hunger, they ***flee*** to a parched land, formerly a *waste* and *ruin.*
[4]They pluck **salt** herbs by the bushes and broom *tree* roots for their food.
[5]They were *driven* out from among *men*, they *shouted* at them as at a thief,
[6]to dwell in the gullies of wadis, holes of the ground and clefts.
[7]Among the bushes they cry out, under the nettles they huddled **together** –
[8]sons of fools, even sons without a name, they have been whipped out of the land.
[9]And **now** I have become their song and I am a by-**word** to them.
[10]They have *loathed* me, they have kept far from me and *did not* refrain from spitting in my face.
[11]**Because He** has loosed my bowstring and *afflicted* me, they have *thrown* off restraint in my presence.
[12]At my **right hand** a brood rises; they pushed away my feet and they **raise** up *against* me their *destructive* ways.
[13]They have broken up my path, they *gain* by my ruin; no one restrains them.
[14]They **come** as *through* a wide breach; rushing on me under the ruins.
[15]Destructions are turned upon me; they pursue my **life** as the wind and my welfare has passed like a cloud.
[16]And **now** my **life** pours itself out; days of *affliction seize* me.
[17]My bones have been *pierced* in me at night and my gnawings never *lie* down.
[18]By great exertion is my garment changed – it girds me as the collar of my coat,
[19]throwing me into the mud and I have become like dust and ashes.
[20]I cry out to You but *you do not* answer me; I **stand** up, but You *only* look at me.
[21]You have become cruel to me; with the **power** of **Your hand** You *oppose* me.
[22]You lift me up to the wind, making me to ride it; and You melt me in a storm.
[23]For I have **known** that You bring me to *death* and to the house **appointed** for **all living**.

[24]Yet *does not* one in a heap of ruins
stretch out his **hand,** or in *calamity* cry
out for help?
[25]Did I not *weep* for him who was in
trouble? Was my being not *grieved* for
the *poor*?
[26]***When*** I **looked** for **good**, then *evil*
came to me. And when I waited for
light, *darkness* came.
[27]My inward parts boiled and *did not*
rest; days of *affliction* went before me.
[28]I went about blackened, but not by the
sun; I stood up in the **assembly,** I cried
for help.
[29]I became a brother of jackals and a
companion of ostriches.
[30]My skin became black upon me and
my bones *burned* with heat.
[31]So my lyre becomes mourning and
my flute the sound of *weeping.*

31 "I have made a **covenant** with
my eyes. ***How*** then could I gaze at a
maiden?
[2]For what is the portion of Eloah
from above and the **inheritance** of the
Almighty from on high?
[3]Is it not *calamity* to the ***perverse,***
and strangeness to the workers of
wickedness?
[4]Does **He** not **see** my ways and
number **all** my steps?
[5]***If*** I have walked with *falsehood,* or if
my foot has hurried to *deceit*,
[6]let **Him** weigh me in a **right** scale and
let Eloah **know** my integrity.
[7]***If*** my step does turn from the **way,** or
my **heart** has gone after my eyes, or if
any spot has *clung* to my hands,
[8]let me sow and another eat; and let
my harvest be rooted out.
[9]***If*** my **heart** has been enticed by
a woman, or if I have lurked at my
neighbour's **door,**
[10]let my wife grind for another and let
others bow down over her.
[11]For that would be a *wicked* scheme
and a punishable *crookedness.*
[12]For that would be a *fire* that burns to
destruction and take root among **all** my
increase.
[13]***If*** I have *refused* the plea of my male
servant or my female servant when they
complained <u>*against*</u> me,
[14]then what should I do when Ěl rises
up? And when **He** *punishes*, what should
I answer Him?
[15]Did not **He** who made me in the
womb make him? And *did not* **One**
fashion us in the womb?
[16]***If*** I have withheld the *poor* from
pleasure, or **caused** the widow's eyes to
fail,
[17]or eaten my piece of **bread** by myself
and the fatherless *did not* eat of it –
[18]but from my youth he grew up
with me as *with* a father and from my
mother's womb I guided her –
[19]if I have **seen** anyone *perish* for lack
of garments, or a *poor* one without
covering;
[20]if his loins have not **blessed** me and
he warmed himself with the fleece of my
sheep;
[21]if I have **raised** my **hand** <u>*against*</u> the
fatherless, when I **saw** I had help in the
gate;
[22]let my arm *fall* from my shoulder and
my arm be broken from the bone.
[23]For I am in *dread* of ***destruction*** from
Ěl and from **His** excellence I *could not*
escape.
[24]***If*** I have put my **trust** in gold, or
called fine gold my refuge;
[25]if I have rejoiced <u>**because**</u> my wealth
was great and <u>**because**</u> my **hand** had
gained much;
[26]if I have **looked** at the sun when
it shines, or the moon moving in
brightness,
[27]so that my **heart** has been **secretly**
enticed and my **mouth** has kissed my
hand –
[28]that too is a punishable *crookedness,*
for I would have *denied* Ěl above.
[29]***If*** I have rejoiced when he who *hated*
me was *ruined*, or lifted myself up when
evil **found** him –
[30]also I have not allowed my **mouth** to
sin by **asking** for a *curse* on his **life** –

[31]if the men of my tent *did not* say,
'***Who*** is there that has not been **satisfied**
with his meat?'
[32]The stranger *did not* have to spend the
night in the street, for I have opened my
doors to the **way.**
[33]***If*** I have covered my *transgressions*
like Aḏam, by hiding my *crookedness* in
my bosom,
[34]then let me **fear** the **great** crowd and
dread the *scorn* of clans, then I would be
silent and go out of the **door**!
[35]***Who*** would give me a **hearing**? **See,**
my signature, let the Almighty answer
me and let my *accuser* **write** a bill!
[36]Would I not take it up on my
shoulder, bind it on me for a crown?
[37]I would **declare** to **Him** the number
of my steps – I would approach **Him**
like a prince.
[38]***If*** my land cries out *against* me, or its
furrows *weep* together;
[39]if I have eaten its **fruit** without
payment, or **caused** its owners to die;
[40]let thistles grow instead of wheat and
useless weed instead of barley."
The **words** of Iyoḇ are ended.

32 ***Then*** these three men ceased to
answer Iyoḇ, **because** he was **right**
eous in his own eyes.
[2]And the *wrath* of Elihu, son of
Baraḵ'ĕl the Buzite, of the clan of Ram,
burned against Iyoḇ. **His** *wrath burned*
because he **declared** himself **right**
rather than **Elohim**.
[3]And *against* his three friends his
wrath burned, **because** they had **found**
no answer and pronounced **Elohim**
wrong.
[4]And **because** they were years older
than he, Elihu had waited to **speak** to
Iyoḇ.
[5]And when Elihu **saw** that there was
no answer in the **mouth** of these three
men, his *wrath burned*.
[6]And Elihu, son of Baraḵ'ĕl the Buzite,
responded and said, "I am young in
years and you are aged. Therefore I was
afraid to let you **know** my opinion.
[7]I said, 'Days should speak and many
years should **teach wisdom**.'
[8]***But*** **truly** it is the spirit in man and
the breath of the Almighty that gives him
understanding.
[9]The multitude are not **wise,** nor do the
aged **understand** right-ruling.
[10]Therefore I have said, '**Listen** to me,
let me also make my opinion **known** to
you.'
[11]Look, I waited for your **words**, I
listened to your *reasonings,* while you
searched out what to say.
[12]And I paid close attention to you. ***But***
look, not one of you proved Iyoḇ ***wrong,***
nor answered his **words**.
[13]Lest you say,'We have found wisdom'
– it is Ĕl that drives him away, not man.
[14]**Now** he has not ordered **words**
against me, so I *would not* answer him
with your **words**.
[15]They have broken down; they
have not answered again; **words** have
departed from them.
[16]And I have waited, but they *do not*
speak, **because** they have stood still,
they answered no more.
[17]**Let** me answer on my part, let me
also make my opinion **known**.
[18]For I am filled with **words**; the spirit
within me presses me.
[19]Within me it is like **wine** not opened; it
shall burst like new wineskins.
[20]**Let** me speak, so that I find relief; let
me **open** my lips and answer.
[21]Please, let me not **show** partiality to
anyone, nor let me flatter any man.
[22]For I *do not* **know** how to flatter, lest
my Maker should soon take me away!

33 "And yet, O Iyoḇ, please **hear**
my speech and **listen** to **all** my **words**.
[2]**See,** please! I ***shall*** **open** my **mouth,**
my tongue ***shall*** **speak** in my **mouth.**
[3]My **words** are from the **uprightness**
of my **heart,** my lips ***shall*** **speak**
knowledge clearly.
[4]The **Spirit** of Ĕl has made me and the
breath of the Almighty gives me **life**.

[5]***If*** you are able, answer me, set yourself **in order** before me, take your stand.
[6]**See,** I am like you before Ěl, I too have been formed out of clay.
[7]**See,** no **fear** of me should *alarm* you, nor should *pressure* by me be *heavy* on you.
[8]***But*** you have **spoken** in my **hearing** and the sound of **words** I **hear,** *saying*,
[9]'I am clear, without transgression; I am innocent and I have no *crookedness*.
[10]**See, He** finds occasions *against* me, **He** counts me as **His** enemy;
[11]**He** puts my feet in the stocks, **He** watches **all** my paths.'
[12]**See,** in this you have not been **right** eous. **Let** me answer you: Eloah is greater than man!
[13]***Why*** have you complained *against* Him? **Because He** *does not* answer **all His** matters?
[14]For Ěl does **speak** once, or twice – *though* one *does not* notice it –
[15]in a **dream,** in a **vision** of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, while slumbering on a bed,
[16]then **He** opens the **ears** of men and seals their **instruction**,
[17]to turn man *from his* **deed** and *conceal* pride from man.
[18]He keeps back his being from the Pit and his **life** from passing away by the *sword.*
[19]And he is reproved with pain on his bed and with unceasing *distress* in his bones,
[20]so that his **life** loathes bread and his being desirable food.
[21]His *flesh* wastes away and his bones which were not **seen** stick out.
[22]And his being **draws near** the Pit and his **life** to the destroyers.
[23]***If*** there is a messenger for him, a mediator, one among a thousand, to **show** man **His** straightness,
[24]then **He** shows **favour** to him and says, 'Release him from going down to the Pit, I have **found** an atonement.
[25]'**Let** his *flesh* become fresher than a child's, let him **return** to the days of his youth.'
[26]He prays to Eloah and **He** accepts him. And he sees **His** face with joy and **He** restores to man his **righteousness**.
[27]He sings to men and says, 'I have *sinned* and I have *perverted* what was right and it *did not* profit me.'
[28]**He** has redeemed my being from going down to the Pit and my **life** sees the **light**.
[29]**See,** Ěl does **all** these – twice, *three times* with a man,
[30]to bring back his being from the Pit, to be **enlightened** with the **light** of the **living**.
[31]Pay attention, Iyoḇ, **listen** to me, keep silent and let me speak.
[32]***If*** there are **words**, answer me; speak, for I desire to **declare** you right.
[33]***If*** not, **listen** to me, keep silent and let me **teach** you **wisdom**."

34 ***Then*** Elihu responded and said,
[2]"Hear my **words**, you **wise** men; give ear to me, you who have **knowledge**.
[3]For the ear tries **words** as the palate tastes food.
[4]**Let** us choose what is **right** for us; let us **know** among us what is **good**.
[5]For Iyoḇ has said, **'I am righteous,** but Ěl has taken away my right.
[6]Would I *lie* concerning my right? My wound is incurable – without *transgression.*'
[7]***What*** man is like Iyoḇ, who drinks *mocking* like water,
[8]who goes in company with the workers of *wickedness* and walks with men of *wrongness*?
[9]For he has said, 'It *does not* profit a man that he takes **delight** in **Elohim**.'
[10]Therefore, **listen** to me, you men of heart: far be it from Ěl to do ***wrong*** and from the Almighty to *commit unrighteousness.*
[11]For **He repays** man's **work** to him and makes man to find a reward **according** to his path.
[12]The **truth** is, Ěl *does not* do ***wrong*** and the Almighty *does not twist* right-ruling.

13***Who*** has assigned to **Him** the earth?
And who has laid out **all** the world?
14***If*** **He** sets **His heart** on him, should
He gather to **Himself** his spirit and his
breath,
15all *flesh* would expire **together** and
man **return** to dust.
16***If*** *you have* **understanding**, **hear**
this! Give ear to the sound of my **words**:
17***Should*** the one who *hates* **right-
ruling** govern? Or would you **declare** a
most **righteous** one *wrong?*
18***Who shall*** say to a sovereign:
'Beliya'al,' to nobles: 'Wrong one'? –
19who is not partial to princes, nor
regards the rich more than the *poor*? For
they are **all** the **work** of **His** hands.
20In a moment they *die,* in the middle of
the night; the people are *shaken* and pass
away; and the mighty are taken away
without a **hand.**
21For **His** eyes are on the **ways** of man
and **He sees all** his steps.
22There is no *darkness* nor *shadow of
death* where the workers of *wickedness*
hide themselves.
23For **He** sets a man no stated **time** to
appear before Ěl in right-ruling.
24**He** breaks in pieces the mighty,
without inquiry and puts others in their
place.
25**Truly**, **He knows** their **works** and **He**
shall *overthrow* in the night and they are
crushed.
26As ***wrong*** ones **He** slaps them in the
presence of onlookers,
27**<u>because</u>** they turned from **following
Him** and they regarded not **all His** ways,
28so as to **cause** the cry of the *poor* to
come to Him; for **He hears** the cry of
the *afflicted*.
29And when **He** is silent, who would
then *condemn?* And when **He** hides **His**
face, who then sees **Him,** whether it is
<u>against</u> a nation or a man alone?
30So that a *defiled* one should not reign,
lest the people be ensnared.
31For has anyone said to Ěl, 'I have
taken away, I *do not* act *corruptly*.
32'Teach me what I *do not* **see.** ***If*** I have
done *unrighteousness,* I ***shall*** not do so
again'?
33***Should*** **He repay** you **<u>because</u>** you
have *refused*? For you choose and not I,
therefore **speak** what you **know.**
34**Let** men of **heart** say to me and a
wise man who **listen**s to me:
35'Iyoḇ *does not* **speak** with **knowledge**
and his **words** are without **wisdom**.'
36Would that Iyoḇ be tried to **the end,**
since his answers are like those of
wicked men!
37For he adds *rebellion* to his *sin* – he
claps *his hands* among us and multiplies
his **words** *<u>against</u>* Ěl."

35 And Elihu responded and said,
2"***Do*** you *think* this is right? ***Do*** you
say, **'**My **righteousness** is more than that
of Ěl'?
3For you say, 'Of what use is it to
you? ***What*** do I *gain* more than if I had
sinned?'
4**Let** me answer you and your friends
with you.
5Look to the heavens and **see.** And
consider the clouds which are higher
than you.
6***If*** you *sin,* what would you do
<u>against</u> Him? ***If*** your *transgressions* are
increased, what would you do to Him?
7***If*** you are **righteous,** what do you
give Him? Or what does **He** receive
from your **hand?**
8**Your *wrong*** is for a man like yourself
and your **righteousness** for a son of
man.
9**<u>Because</u>** of the multitude of
oppressions they cry out; they cry out for
help **<u>because</u>** of the arm of the many.
10And no one says, 'Where is Eloah my
Maker, who gives songs in the night,
11**teaching** us more than the beasts of
the earth and makes us wiser than the
birds of the heavens?'
12There they cry, but **He** answers not,
<u>because</u> of the pride of *evil* ones.
13Only, it is *false* that Ěl *does not hear*
and that the Almighty pays no attention
to it.

[14]Although you say *you do not* **see Him,** yet **right-ruling** is before **Him** and you wait for **Him.**
[15]And **now**, is it for naught that **His** *displeasure* has **come?** Yet **He** has not taken note of extreme arrogance,
[16]so Iyoḇ opens his **mouth** in vain, he increases **words** without **knowledge**."

36 ***Then*** Elihu continued and said,
[2]"Bear with me a little and let me **show** you there is still more to say for **Elohim**.
[3]I bring my **knowledge** from afar and ascribe **righteousness** to my Maker.
[4]For **truly** my **words** are not false; the **One perfect** in **knowledge** is with you.
[5]**See,** Ěl is mighty, but *rejects* no one – mighty in **power** and **heart**.
[6]**He** *does not* keep the ***wrongdoer*** **alive** but **He** gives **right-ruling** to the oppressed ones.
[7]**He** *does not* withdraw **His** eyes from the **righteous** and sovereigns on the throne and seats them **forever** and they are exalted.
[8]And if they are *bound* in shackles, caught in the cords of *affliction*,
[9]then **He reveals** to them their **work** and their *transgressions*, that they behaved *proud*ly.
[10]And **He** opens their ear for discipline and **commands** that they **turn back** from *wickedness*.
[11]***If*** they **obey** and s**erve**, they **complete** their days in **blessedness** and their years in **pleasantness**.
[12]***But*** if they *do not* **obey**, they *perish* by the *sword* and *die* without **knowledge**.
[13]***But*** the *defiled* ones in **heart** become **enraged** – let them not cry for help when **He** binds them.
[14]Their being dies in youth and their **life** among the male prostitutes.
[15]**He** rescues the *afflicted* one in his *affliction* and opens their **ears** in oppression.
[16]And **He** also would have brought you out of *distress,* into a broad place where there is no restraint. And what is set on your table would be filled with rich food.
[17]***But*** you are filled with the judgment of the ***wrong,*** judgment and **right-ruling** take hold of you.
[18]*Beware*, that *rage does not* entice you to scoffing. And *do not* let a large *bribe* turn you aside.
[19]Would **He** value your riches? No, not **precious** ore, nor **all** your strength!
[20]***Do*** *not* long for the night, when people go up in their place.
[21]Beware, *do not* turn to *wickedness*, for you have **chosen** this rather than *affliction*.
[22]**See,** Ěl is exalted by **His** power; who is a **Teacher** like Him?
[23]***Who*** has **appointed Him His way,** or who has said, 'You have worked *unrighteousness*'?
[24]**Remember** to extol **His work,**
of which men have sung.
[25]All men have **seen** it, man looks on it from afar.
[26]**See,** Ěl is great, beyond our **understanding** and we *do not* **know** the number of **His** years.
[27]For **He draws** up drops of water, which distil as rain from the mist,
[28]which the clouds drop down – pour down in showers on man.
[29]Also, who **understands** the spreading of clouds, the crashing from **His** booth?
[30]**See, He** has spread his **light** upon it and **He** has covered the depths of the sea.
[31]For by these **He** judges the peoples; **He** gives plenty of food.
[32]**He** has covered **His** hands with lightning and **commands** it to strike.
[33]Its noise **declares** concerning **Him,** also the cattle, as to what is **coming** up.

37 "At this too my **heart** trembles and leaps from its place.
[2]**Listen**, listen to the *trembling* of **His voice** and the sound that **comes** from **His mouth.**
[3]**He** lets it loose under **all** the heavens and **His** lightning to the ends of the

earth.
[4]After it a **voice** roars. **He** thunders with the **voice** of **His** excellency and **He** *does not* hold them back when **His voice** is **heard**.
[5]Ěl thunders wondrously with **His voice**; doing **great deeds**, which we *do not* **understand.**
[6]For **He** says to the snow, 'Be on the earth,' also to the gentle rain and the *heavy* rain of **His** strength.
[7]**He** seals up the **hand** of **every** man, **for** *all men* **to know His work.**
[8]***Then*** the beast goes into its lair and they stay in their dens.
[9]From the room of the south **comes** the whirlwind and cold from the scattering winds of the north.
[10]By the breath of Ěl ice is **given** and the expanse of water becomes solid.
[11]**He** also loads the thick clouds with moisture; **He** scatters **His bright** clouds.
[12]And they swirl about, being turned by **His** guidance, to do ***whatever*** **He commands** them on the face of the earthly world.
[13]**He causes** it to come, whether as a rod, or for **His** land, or for **kindness**.
[14]**Listen** to this, O Iyoḇ, **stand** still and consider the **wonders** of Ěl.
[15]***Do*** you **know** when Eloah placed them and **caused** the lightning of **His** cloud to shine?
[16]***Do*** you **know** the balancing of the clouds, the **wonders** of the **One perfect** in **knowledge**?
[17]***Why*** are your garments hot, when the earth is stilled from the south?
[18]Did you, with **Him,** spread out the clouds, **strong** as a hard mirror?
[19]Teach us what we should say to Him; we *do not* set **in order <u>because</u>** of *darkness*.
[20]***Should*** **He** be told that I would speak? Would any man **ask** to be swallowed up?
[21]And **now**, they ***shall*** not look on the **light** that is **bright** behind the clouds, when the *wind* has passed and cleared them.
[22]From the golden north it **comes** – with Eloah is **awesome** excellency.
[23]The **Almighty,** we have not **found Him** out, **He** is exalted in **power** and **right-ruling** and **great** in **righteousness** – **He** *does not oppress.*
[24]Therefore men **fear Him. He** *does not* regard any who are **wise** of **heart.**"

38 *Then* ויען **answered Iyoḇ out of the whirlwind** and **said,**

[2]"***Who*** is this who darkens counsel by **words** without **knowledge**?
[3]**Now** gird up your loins like a man and I **ask** you and you answer **Me.**
[4]**Where** were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? **Declare**, if you have **understanding**.
[5]***Who*** set its measurements, if you know**?** Or **who** stretched the line upon it?
[6]Upon what were its foundations sunk? Or **who** laid its corner-stone,
[7]when the morning stars sang together and **all** the sons of **Elohim** *shouted* for joy?
[8]Or **who** enclosed the sea with **doors**, when it burst forth and came from the womb;
[9]when I made the clouds its garment and thick *darkness* its swaddling band;
[10]and assigned for it **My law,** and set bars and **doors**;
[11]and said, 'This far you have come, but no farther and here your *proud* waves stop?'
[12]Have you ever **commanded** the morning and **caused** the dawn **to know** its place,
[13]to take hold of the ends of the earth and the ***wrong*** be *shaken* out of it?
[14]It is *changed* like clay under a **seal** and they **stand** out like a garment.
[15]And their **light** is withheld from the ***wrong*** and the arm lifted up is broken.
[16]Have you **come to** the sources of the sea? Or have you walked about in the recesses of the deep?
[17]Were the gates of *death* **revealed** to you? Or have you **seen** the gates of the shadow of death?

[18]Have you understood the breadth of the earth? **Declare**, if you **know** it **all.**
[19]Where is the **way** to the dwelling of **light**? And *darkness*, where is its place,
[20]that you should take it to its boundary and **know** the paths to its home?
[21]***Do*** you **know?** For you would have been born then and the number of your days been many!
[22]Have you entered into the storehouses of snow, or have you **seen** the storehouses of hail,
[23]which I have kept for the time of distress, for the day of *fighting* and battle?
[24]Where is the **way** that **light** is divided, or the east *wind scattered* over the earth?
[25]***Who*** has cleft a channel for the overflowing water, or a **way** for the thunderclaps,
[26]to make rain *fall* on land where no one is, a wilderness in which there is no man;
[27]to satisfy the wild and *waste* places and to make the seeds of grass to sprout?
[28]Does the rain have a **Father?** Or **who** has brought forth the drops of dew?
[29]From whose belly **comes** the ice? And who gave birth to the frost of the heavens?
[30]The waters *harden* like stone and the surface of the deep is frozen.
[31]***Do*** you bind the bands of Kimah, or loosen the cords of Kesil?
[32]***Do*** you bring out the constellations in its season? Or do you lead the Bear with its sons?
[33]***Do*** you **know** the **laws** of the heavens? Or do you set their **rule** over the earth?
[34]***Do*** you lift up your **voice** to the clouds, so that floods of water cover you?
[35]***Do*** you send out lightnings and they go and say to you, 'Here we are!'?
[36]***Who*** has put **wisdom** in the inward parts? Or **who** has **given understanding** to the heart?
[37]***Who*** has **wisdom** to count the clouds, or to tip over the bottles of the heavens,
[38]when the dust hardens in clumps and the clods **cling** together?
[39]***Do*** you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
[40]when they crouch in dens, sit in the cover of their hiding place?
[41]***Who*** provides food for the raven, when its young ones cry to Ěl and *wander* about without food?

39 "***Do*** you **know** the **time** when the wild mountain goats bear young? Or do you **observe** when the deer gives birth?
[2]***Do*** you number the months they **complete**? Or do you **know** the **time** when they bear young?
[3]They bow down, they bring forth their young, their labour *pains* are ended.
[4]Their young ones are thriving, they grow up in the field. They ***shall*** leave and ***shall*** not **return** to them.
[5]***Who*** set the wild donkey free? ***Who*** loosed the bonds of the wild donkey,
[6]whose home I have made the desert and the **salt** land his dwelling?
[7]He laughs at the commotion of the city; he *does not* **hear** the shouts of the driver.
[8]The range of the mountains is his pasture and he searches for **all** that is green.
[9]Would the wild ox be pleased to **serve** you? Or spend the night by your feeding trough?
[10]***If*** you bind the wild ox in the furrow with ropes, would he plough the valleys behind you?
[11]Would you ***rely*** on his **great** strength? Or would you leave your labour to him?
[12]Would you **trust** him to bring home your grain and **gather** it to your threshing floor?
[13]The wings of the ostrich flap joyously, but they are not the pinions and plumage of **kindness**!
[14]She leaves her ***eggs*** on the ground and warms them in the dust;
[15]and she *forget*s that a foot might *crush* them, or a wild beast tread on them.
[16]She treats her young harshly, as if not hers; her toil is in vain, without **fear,**

[17]**<u>because</u>** Eloah has made her *forget* **wisdom** and *did not* endow her with **understanding**.
[18]***When*** she lifts herself on high, she laughs at the horse and its rider.
[19]Have you **given** the horse strength? Have you covered his neck with a mane?
[20]Would you make him leap like a locust? His splendid snorting is frightening.
[21]He paws in the valley and **rejoices** in strength. He gallops into the clash of arms.
[22]He laughs at **fear** and is not frightened; nor does he **turn back** from the *sword.*
[23]The quiver rattles *<u>against</u>* him, the glittering spear and lance.
[24]He eats up the ground with **fierceness** and *rage* and he *does not* **stand** still when the ram's horn sounds.
[25]At the blast of the ram's horn he says, 'Aha!' And from afar he smells the battle, the *thunder* of commanders and shouting.
[26]Does the hawk fly by your **wisdom,** spreading its wings toward the south?
[27]Does the eagle mount up at your **command** and make its nest on high?
[28]It dwells on the rock and lodges on the crag of the rock and the stronghold.
[29]From there it searches out the prey, its eyes **see** it from afar.
[30]And its young ones suck up blood. And where the *slain* are, there it is!"

40 **And יהוה answered Iyoḇ and said**,
[2]"***Should*** a reprover contend with the Almighty? **Let** him who reproves Eloah answer it."
[3]And Iyoḇ answered יהוה and said,
[4]"**See,** I am insignificant, what would I answer **You?** I lay my **hand** over my **mouth.**
[5]Once I have **spoken** , but I have no answer – and twice, but I say no more."
[6]***Then*** **יהוה answered Iyoḇ out of the whirlwind** and **said,**
[7]"**Now** gird up your loins like a man; I **ask** you and you answer **Me.**
[8]Would you also set aside **My** judgment? Would you **pronounce Me *wrong*** and you be **declared** righteous?
[9]Or do you have an arm like Ěl? Or do you *thunder* with a **voice** like **His**?
[10]Deck yourself, please, with excellency and grandeur and put on **esteem** and splendour.
[11]Scatter abroad the *rage* of your *wrath* and look on everyone who is *proud* and bring him low.
[12]Look on everyone who is *proud*, humble him. And tread down the ***wrongdoers*** in their place.
[13]Hide them in the dust together, bind their faces in obscurity.
[14]***Then*** even I would confess to you that your own **right hand** does **save** you.
[15]See **now**, Behĕmoth, which I made along with you – he eats grass like an ox.
[16]See **now**, his strength is in his loins and his **power** is in his stomach muscles.
[17]He bends his tail like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are knit together.
[18]His bones are like tubes of bronze, his ribs like bars of iron.
[19]He is the beginning of the **ways** of Ěl. His Maker brings **near His** *sword.*
[20]For the mountains yield food for him and **all** the beasts of the field play there.
[21]He lies under the slender trees, under cover of reed and swamp.
[22]The slender trees cover him with their shade; the willows by the stream surround him.
[23]**See,** if a river rages, he is not *alarmed*; he feels safe, even if the Yarděn gushes into his **mouth,**
[24]Before his eyes, ***shall*** he be caught, with *snares*? Or *his* nose pierced?

41 "Would you draw out Liwiathan with a hook, or *snare* his tongue with a line which you lower?
[2]Would you put a cord through his nose, or pierce his jaw with a hook?
[3]Would he keep on pleading with you? Would he **speak** softly to you?

[4]Would he make a **covenant** with you to be taken as a servant **forever**?
[5]Would you play with him as with a bird? Or leash him for your young girls?
[6]Would *trading* partners bargain over him? Would they divide him among the merchants?
[7]Fill his skin with harpoons? Or his head with fishing spears?
[8]Put your **hand** on him – *think* of the struggle! ***Do*** *not* do it again!
[9]**See,** any expectation of him is dis**appointed** – he is laid low even at the **sight** of **Him!**
[10]No one is so foolhardy to wake him up. ***Who*** then **is able** to **stand** *against* **Me?**
[11]***Who*** has **given** to **Me first,** that I should **repay** him – under **all** the heavens that is **Mine**?
[12]I *would not* keep *silent* concerning his limbs, or his mighty power, or his fair frame.
[13]***Who shall*** take off the surface of his skin? ***Who*** approaches him with a double bridle?
[14]***Who shall*** **open** the **doors** of his face, with his frightening *teeth* **all** around?
[15]Rows of scales are *his* pride – closed up, a binding seal.
[16]One to the other they fit closely, not even a breath enters between them.
[17]They are joined one to another, they stick **together** and are not separated.
[18]His sneezings flash forth **light** and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.
[19]Out of his **mouth** go *fire*brands – sparks of *fire* shoot out.
[20]Out of his nostrils **comes** smoke, like a boiling pot or kettle.
[21]His breath sets coals on *fire* and a *flame* goes out of his **mouth.**
[22]Strength dwells in his neck and **fear** leaps before him.
[23]The folds of his *flesh* cleave together. They are firm on him, immovable.
[24]His **heart** is as hard as stone, even as hard as the lower millstone.
[25]***When*** he raises himself up, the mighty are *afraid*. **Because** of his crashings they are bewildered.
[26]No *sword* that reaches him does prevail, *neither* spear, dart, or lance.
[27]He reckons iron as straw, bronze as *rotten* wood.
[28]The arrow *does not* make him ***flee,*** sling-stones become like stubble to him.
[29]Clubs are reckoned as straw,
he laughs at the rattle of a lance.
[30]His undersides are like sharp potsherds. He sprawls on the mud like a threshingsledge.
[31]He makes the deep boil like a pot, he makes the sea like a pot of ointment.
[32]He leaves a shining path behind him. One would *think* the deep to be grey haired.
[33]No one on earth is like him –
one made without **fear.**
[34]He **sees all** that is haughty. He is sovereign over **all** the sons of pride."

42 And Iyoḇ answered ֵיְהָוה and said,
[2]"**You know** that **You** are able to do **all** and that no purpose is withheld from **You.**
[3]***Who*** is this that hides counsel without **knowledge**? Therefore I **declared** but I *did not understand,* matters too marvellous for me, which I *did not* **know.**
[4]**Listen**, please and let me speak. I **ask You,** then would **You** make it **known** to me?'
[5]I have **heard** of **You** by the **hearing** of the ear but **now** my eye sees **You.**
[6]Therefore I *despise myself* and **repent** in dust and ashes."
[7]And it came to be, after ֵיְהָוה had **spoken** these **words** to Iyoḇ, that ֵיְהָוה said to Eliphaz the Tĕmanite, "My *wrath* has *burned against* you and your two friends, for you have not **spoken** of **Me** what is right, as did **My** servant Iyoḇ.
[8]And **now**, take seven bulls and seven rams and go to **My** servant Iyoḇ and offer up a burnt offering for yourselves. And let **My** servant Iyoḇ pray for you

– **for I accept him** – lest I *punish* you; **because** you have *not* **spoken** of **Me** what is right, as did **My** servant Iyoḇ."

[9]So Eliphaz the Tĕmanite and Bildaḏ the Shuḥite, Tsophar the Na'amathite went and did as **ꓤYHZ commanded** them. And **ꓤYHZ** accepted the face of Iyoḇ.

[10]And **ꓤYHZ** turned the captivity of Iyoḇ when he prayed for his friends. And **ꓤYHZ** gave Iyoḇ twice as much as he had before.

[11]And **all** his brothers and **all** his sisters and **all** those who had been his friends before, came to him and ate food with him in his house. And they sympathised with him and comforted him for **all** the *evil* **that ꓤYHZ had brought upon him**. And they each gave him a piece of silver and each one a ring of gold.

[12]And **ꓤYHZ blessed** the **latter** days of Iyoḇ more than his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep and six thousand camels and one thousand yoke of oxen and one thousand female donkeys.

[13]And he had seven sons and three daughters.

[14]And he called the name of the **first** Yemimah and the name of the second Qetsi'ah and the name of the third QerenHappuḵ.

[15]And in **all** the land were **found** no women so pretty as the daughters of Iyoḇ. And their father gave them an **inheritance** among their brothers.

[16]And after this Iyoḇ lived one hundred and forty years and **saw** his children and grandchildren for four generations.

[17]And Iyoḇ died, old and **satisfied** with days.

SHIR haSHIRIM

SONG OF SONGS

1 The song of songs, which is
Shelomoh's.
[2]**Let** him kiss me with the kisses of his
mouth,
For your loves are better than **wine**.
[3]For fragrance your oils are **good**.
Your Name is oil poured forth,
Therefore the maidens **love** you.
[4]Draw me! We run after you.
The sovereign has brought me into his
inner rooms.
We exult and **rejoice** in you.
We **praise** your loves more than **wine**.
Rightly do they **love** you.
[5]I am dark, but lovely,
O daughters of Yerushalayim,
Like the tents of Qĕḏar,
Like the curtains of Shelomoh.
[6]***Do*** *not* look upon me, **because**
I am dark,
Because the sun has tanned me.
My mother's sons were *displeased*
with me.
They made me the keeper of the
vineyards,
My own vineyard I have not kept.
[7]Make **known** to me, O you whom my
being loves, where you feed *your*
flock and where you make it rest at
noon.
For why should I be as one who is
veiled
Beside the flocks of your companions?
[8]***If*** *you do not* **know,** O fairest among
women,
Go in the footsteps of the flock,
And feed your *little* goats beside the
shepherds' dwellings.
[9]I have compared you, my **love,**
To my filly among Pharaoh's chariots.
[10]Your cheeks are pretty with
ornaments,
Your neck with strings of beads.
[11]**Let** us make you ornaments of gold
with studs of silver.
[12]While the sovereign is at his table,
My nard ***shall*** give its fragrance.
[13]My beloved is a bundle of myrrh to
me, lying between my breasts.
[14]My beloved is to me a cluster of
henna blooms
In the vineyards of Ĕn Geḏi.
[15]**See,** you are fair, my love!
See, you are fair!
Your eyes are as doves.
[16]**See,** you are handsome, my beloved !
Yea, pleasant!
Also our bed is green.
[17]The beams of our houses are cedar,
our rafters are of fir.

2 I am the rose of Sharon,
The lily of the valleys.
[2]Like a lily among thorns,
So is my **love** among the daughters.
[3]Like an apple *tree* among the trees
of the forest,
So is my beloved among the sons.
I **delighted** in his shade and sat down,
And his **fruit** was **sweet** to my taste.
[4]**He** brought me to the house of **wine**,
And his banner over me was **love.**
[5]"Strengthen me with raisin cakes,
Refresh me with apples,
for I am faint with **love.**"
[6]**His** left **hand** is under my head,
And his **right hand** embraces me.
[7]I have put you under oath,
O daughters of Yerushalayim,
By the gazelles or by the does of the
field, *do not* stir up nor awaken **love**
until it pleases.

[8]The **voice** of my beloved! **See,** he is **coming**, leaping on the mountains and skipping on the hills.
[9]My beloved is like a gazelle or like a young stag.
See, he is standing behind our wall,
Looking through the windows,
Peering through the lattice.
[10]My beloved responded and said to me,"Rise up, my **love,** my fair one, and **come** away.
[11]"For look, the winter is past,
the rain is over, gone.
[12]"The flowers have appeared in the earth; the **time** of singing has come,
And the **voice** of the turtledove has been **heard** in our land.
[13]"The fig *tree* has ripened her figs,
And the vines with the tender grapes have **given** a **good** fragrance.
Rise up, my **love,** my fair one and **come** away!
[14]"O my dove, in the clefts of the rock,
In the covering of the cliff,
Let me **see** your appearance,
Let me **hear** your **voice**;
For your **voice** is sweet,
And your appearance is lovely."
[15]Catch the foxes for us,
The *little* foxes that spoil the vines,
And our vines are **all** blossom.
[16]My beloved is mine and I am his.
He feeds *his flock* among the lilies.
[17]Until the day breaks and the shadows have fled,
Turn, my beloved and be like a gazelle or a young stag on the mountains of Bether.

3 On my bed at night I sought the beloved of my being;
I sought him, but I *did not* find him.
[2]**"Come,** let me arise and go about the city, in the streets and in the broad places.
I **seek** the beloved of my being."
I sought him, but I *did not* find him.
[3]The watchmen who go about the city found me, to whom I said,
"Have you **seen** the beloved of my being?"
[4]Scarcely had I passed by them,
When I found the beloved of my being.
I held him and *would not* let him go,
Until I had brought him to the house of my mother,
And into the room of her who conceived me.
[5]I have put you under oath,
O daughters of Yerushalayim,
By the gazelles or by the does of the field, *do not* stir up nor awaken **love** until it pleases.
[6]***Who*** is this **coming** out of the wilderness like columns of smoke,
Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense,
From **all** the merchant's fragrant powders?
[7]**See,** it is Shelomoh's couch –
Sixty mighty men are around it,
Of the mighty men of Yisra'ĕl,
[8]All of them holding s**words**,
Skilled in battle,
Each one has his *sword* on his thigh
Because of **fear** in the night.
[9]Sovereign Shelomoh made himself
A litter of the ***wood*** of Leḇanon;
[10]**He** made its posts of silver,
Its support of gold, its seat of purple,
Within it was decked with **love**
By the daughters of Yerushalayim.
[11]Go forth, O daughters of Tsiyon and **see** Sovereign Shelomoh with the crown
With which his mother crowned him on the **day of** his wedding and on the **day of** his **gladness** of heart.

4 **See,** you are fair, my love!
See, you are fair! Your eyes are as doves behind your veil.
Your hair is like a flock of goats,

Going down from Mount Gil'aḏ.
[2]Your *teeth* are like a flock of shorn
sheep which have **come** up from the
washing,
All of them bear twins and not one
loses her young.
[3]Your lips are like a cord of **scarlet,**
And your speech is lovely.
Your cheeks behind your veil are like
a piece of pomegranate.
[4]Your neck is like the tower of Dawiḏ,
Built for an armoury,
On which hang a thousand shields,
All the armour of mighty men.
[5]Your two breasts are like two fawns,
Twins of a gazelle,
pasturing among the lilies.
[6]Until the day breaks and the shadows
have fled,
I ***shall*** go my **way** to the mountain of
myrrh and to the hill of frankincense.
[7]You are **all** fair, my **love,**
and not a blemish is on you.
[8]Come with me from Leḇanon,
My bride, with me from Leḇanon.
Look from the top of Amana,
From the top of Shenir and Ḥermon,
From the dens of lions,
From the mountains of the leopards.
[9]You have put **heart** into me,
My sister, my bride;
You have put **heart** into me
With one *glance* of your eyes,
With one bead of your necklace.
[10]***How*** **sweet** have been your loves,
My sister, my bride!
How much better than **wine** are you
loves and the fragrance of your
perfumes than **all** spices!
[11]Your lips, O my bride, drip as the
honeycomb;
Honey and milk are under your
tongue.
And the fragrance of your garments
Is like the fragrance of Leḇanon.
[12]A garden locked is my sister, my
bride,
A fountain locked, a spring **sealed** up.
[13]Your plants are an orchard of
pomegranates with pleasant fruits,
with henna, nard,
[14]Nard and saffron,
Calamus and cinnamon,
With **all** trees of frankincense,
Myrrh and aloes,
With **all** the chief spices;
[15]A garden spring,
A well of **living** waters,
And streams from Leḇanon.
[16]Awake, O north wind and come,
O south!
Blow upon my garden, let its spices
flow out.
Let my beloved **come to** his garden
And eat its pleasant fruits.

5 I have **come to** my garden,
My sister, my bride;
I have *plucked* my myrrh
with my spice;
I have eaten my honeycomb
with my honey;
I have drunk my **wine**
with my milk.
Eat, O friends! Drink and drink deeply,
O beloved ones!
[2]I was sleeping but my **heart** was
awake –the **voice** of my beloved!
He knocks, "Open for me, my sister,
My **love,** my dove, my **perfect** one;
For my head is drenched with dew,
My locks with the drops of the night."
[3]I have taken off my robe, should I put
it on?
I have washed my feet, should I dirty
them?
[4]My beloved put his **hand** by the
latch and my feelings were deeply
moved for him.
[5]I rose to **open** for my beloved ,
And my hands dripped with myrrh,
My fingers with flowing myrrh,
On the handles of the lock.
[6]I opened for my beloved but my

beloved had turned away and had gone.
My being went out when he spoke.
I sought him, but I *could not* find him;
I called him,but he gave me no answer.
[7]The watchmen who went about the city **found** me.
They *struck* me, they bruised me;
The keepers of the walls lifted my veil from me.
[8]I have put you under oath,
O daughters of Yerushalayim,
If you find my beloved ,
That you inform him that I am faint with love!
[9]***What* kind** of a beloved is your beloved, O fairest among women?
***What* kind** of a beloved is your beloved,
That you have put us under oath?
[10]My beloved is dazzling and ruddy,
Chief among ten thousand.
[11]His head is refined gold;
His locks are wavy, black as a raven.
[12]His eyes are like doves by streams of waters, washed with milk and fitly set.
[13]His cheeks are like a bed of spices,
Raised bed of scented plants.
His lips are lilies, dripping flowing myrrh.
[14]His hands are rods of gold set with beryl and His body is *carved* ivory, covered with sapphires.
[15]His legs are columns of marble
Founded on sockets of fine gold.
His appearance is like Leḇanon,
Choice as the cedars.
[16]His **mouth** is most sweet,
And he is al**together** lovely.
This is my beloved,
and this is my friend,
O daughters of Yerushalayim!

6 "Where has your beloved gone,
O fairest among women?
Where has your beloved turned aside?
Let us **seek** him with you."
[2]My beloved went down to his garden, to the beds of spices,
To feed *his flock* in the gardens,
And to **gather** lilies.
[3]I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine.
He feeds *his flock* among the lilies.
[4]O my **love,** you are as fair as Tirtsah,
Lovely as Yerushalayim,
Awesome as an army with banners!
[5]Turn your eyes away from me,
Because they overcome me.
Your hair is like a flock of goats
That have hopped down from Gil'aḏ.
[6]Your *teeth* are like a flock of sheep
That have **come** up from the washing;
All of them bear twins and not one among them has *lost* her young.
[7]Your cheeks behind your veil are like a piece of pomegranate.
[8]There are sixty sovereignesses and eighty concubines and innumerable maidens.
[9]My dove, my **perfect** one,
Is the only one, the only one of her mother,
The choice of the one who bore her
The daughters **saw** and called her **blessed**,
Sovereignesses and concubines,
And they p**raised** her.
[10]***Who*** is she who shines forth as the morning,
Fair as the moon, clear as the sun,
Awesome as an army with banners?
[11]I went down to the garden of nuts
To **see** the budding of the wadi,
To **see** whether the **vine** had budded and the pomegranates had bloomed.
[12]I *did not* **know,** my desire made me as the chariots of my noble people.
[13]**Return, return,** O Shulammith;
Return, return and let us look upon you!
Why should you look upon the Shulammith, as it were the dance of two armies?

7 ***How*** fair are your feet in sandals,
O daughter of a noble!
The curves of your thighs are like ornaments,
The **work** of a craftsman's hands.
[2]Your navel is a rounded bowl
Let it not lack mixed **wine**.
Your body is a heap of wheat,
Hedged about with lilies.
[3]Your two breasts are like two fawns,
twins of a gazelle.
[4]Your neck is like an ivory tower,
Your eyes pools in Ḥeshbon
By the gate of Bath Rabbim.
Your nose is like the tower of
Leḇanon looking to Damascus.
[5]Your head upon you is like Mount Karmel,
And the hair of your head like purple;
The sovereign is held captive by the ringlets.
[6]***How*** fair and how pleasant you are,
O **love,** in delights!
[7]This stature of yours compares to palm *tree* and your breasts to clusters.
[8]I said, "**Let** me go up to the palm *tree,*
Let me take hold of its tips."
And please, let your breasts be like clusters of the vine,
And the fragrance of your breath like apples,
[9]And your palate like the best **wine**,
Going down smoothly for my beloved,
Flowing gently, slumbering lips.
[10]I am my beloved's and his desire is toward me.
[11]**Come,** my beloved, let us go forth to the field;
Let us stay in the villages.
[12]**Let** us get up early to the vineyards;
Let us **see** whether the **vine** has budded,
The grape blossoms have opened,
The pomegranates have bloomed.
There I give you my loves.
[13]The love-apples have given fragrance,
And at our gates are **all** pleasant **fruit,**
New and old, which I have laid up for you, my beloved.

8 ***Who*** would make you a brother to me,
Who nursed at my mother's breasts!
Should I find you outside, I would kiss you; I *would not* be *despised*.
[2]I would lead you, I would bring you into the house of my mother,
She who has **taught** me.
I would give you spiced **wine** to drink,
Of the juice of my pomegranate.
[3]His left **hand** is under my head,
And his **right hand** embraces me.
[4]I have put you under oath,
O daughters of Yerushalayim,
Do *not* stir up or awake **love** until it pleases.
[5]***Who*** is this **coming** up from the wilderness,
Leaning upon her beloved?
Under the apple *tree* I awakened you
There your mother was in labour with you;
There she was in labour and gave birth to you.
[6]Set me as a **seal** upon your **heart,**
As a **seal** upon your arm;
For **love** is as **strong** as *death,*
Jealousy as cruel as the grave;
Its *flames* are *flames* of *fire*,
a *flame* of Yah!
[7]Many waters are *unable* to extinguish **love** and floods *do not* wash it away.
If one would give **all** the wealth of his house for **love,**
It would be *utterly scorned*.
[8]We have a *little* sister and she has no breasts.
What do we do for our sister in the day when she is **spoken** for?
[9]***If*** she is a wall, we build upon her a battlement of silver.

And if she is a **door,** we would
enclose her with boards of cedar.
[10]I am a wall and my breasts like
towers;
So I became in his eyes as one who
found peace.
[11]Shelomoh had a vineyard in Ba'al
Hamon;
He let out the vineyard to keepers;
Each one was to bring for its **fruit** a
thousand pieces of silver.
[12]My own vineyard is before me.
O Shelomoh, a thousand belongs to
you,
And two hundred to those who keep
its **fruit.**
[13]You who sit in the gardens,
The companions **listen** for your **voice**;
Let me **hear** it!
[14]Hurry, my beloved and be like
a gazelle or a young stag
On the mountains of spices.

The Song of Songs begins with the beloved's wish for her lovers kiss and ends with her urgent invitation to him for love's intimacy.

Wisdom and **love** are gifts from our **Father** and are to be received with graditude and celebration.

The voice of **love** in this song is that of a woman.

Love is a gift of Yahuah to man.

RUTH

1 And it came to be, in the days when the rulers ruled, that there was a *scarcity of food* in the land. And a man from Bĕyth Leḥem, Yahuḏah, went to sojourn in the fields of Mo̱’aḇ, he and his wife and his two sons.

2 And the name of the man was Elimelek̲ and the name of his wife was Na'omi and the names of his two sons were Maḥlon and Kilyon – Ephrathites of Bĕyth Leḥem, Yahuḏah. And they went to the fields of Mo̱’aḇ and came to be there.

3 And Elimelek̲, husband of Na'omi, *died.* And she was left with her two sons.

4 And they took wives of the women of Mo̱’aḇ, the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. And they dwelt there about ten years.

5 And Maḥlon and Kilyon also died, both of them, so the woman was bereaved of her two sons and of her husband.

6 And she rose up, with her daughters-in-law and returned from the fields of Mo̱’aḇ, for she had **heard** in the fields of Mo̱’aḇ that ה׳ had **visited His** people in giving them bread.

7 And she left the place where she was and her two daughters-in-law with her. And they went on the **way** to **return** to the land of Yahuḏah.

8 And Na'omi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, **return** each to her mother’s house. ה׳ **show kindness** to you, as you have shown to the *dead* and to me.

9 “ה׳ grant that you find rest, each in the house of her husband.” ***Then*** she kissed them and they lifted up their **voice**s and wept.

10 And they said to her, “No, we ***shall*** go back with you to your people.”

11 ***But*** Na'omi said, “Go back, my daughters, why go with me? Have I still sons in my womb, that they should become your husbands?

12 “Go back, my daughters, go your **way,** for I am too old to have a husband. ***If*** I should say I have expectancy, even if I should have a husband tonight and should also bear sons,

13 would you wait for them til they were grown? Would you shut yourselves up, not to have a husband? No, my daughters, for it is much more *bitter* for me than for you, **<u>because</u>** the **hand** of ה׳ has gone out *<u>against</u>* me!”

14 And they lifted up their **voice**s and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth *clung* to her.

15 And she said, “Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her *mighty ones*. Go back, **follow** your sister-in-law.”

16 ***But*** Ruth said, “***Do*** *not* urge me to leave you, or to go back from **following** after you. For wherever you go, I go; and wherever you stop over, I stop over. **Your people** is my people and your **Elohim** is my **Elohim**.

17 “Where you *die,* I *die* and there I ***shall*** **be** buried. ה׳ do so to me and more also – for *death* itself parts you and me.”

18 And when she **saw** that she was strengthening herself to go with her, she ceased to **speak** to her.

19 And both of them went until they came to Bĕyth Leḥem. And it came to be, when they had **come to** Bĕyth Leḥem, that **all** the city was moved **<u>because</u>** of them and they said, “Is this Na'omi?”

20 And she said to them, “***Do*** *not* **call** me Na'omi, **call** me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt **very** *bitterly* with me.

21 “I went out filled and ה׳ has brought me back empty. ***Why*** do you

call me Na'omi, since ֱיְהוָה has **witnessed** *against* me and the Almighty has done *evil* to me?"

[22]Thus Na'omi returned and Ruth the Mo'abitess her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the fields of Mo'ab and they came to Bĕyth Leḥem at the beginning of barley harvest.

2 And Na'omi had a relative on her hus band's side, a man of **great** wealth, of the clan of Elimelek and his name was Bo'az.

[2]And Ruth, the Mo'abitess, said to Na'omi, "Please let me go to the field and glean heads of grain after him in whose eyes I find **favour.**" So she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

[3]And she left and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers. As it turned out, she came to the part of the field belonging to Bo'az, the **near** relative of Elimelek.

[4]And **see,** Bo'az had **come** from Bĕyth Leḥem and said to the reapers, "ֱיְהוָה be with you!" And they answered him, "ֱיְהוָה **bless** you!"

[5]And Bo'az said to his servant who was **appointed** over the reapers, "***Whose*** young woman is this?"

[6]So the servant who was **appointed** over the reapers answered and said, "It is the young Mo'abite woman who came back with Na'omi from the fields of Mo'ab,

[7]and she said, 'Please let me glean and **gather** among the sheaves behind the reapers.' And she came and has remained from morning until **now** – she sat a *little* in the house."

[8]And Bo'az said to Ruth, "You have **heard**, have you not, my daughter? ***Do*** *not* go to glean in another field, nor go from here, but stay close to my young women.

[9]"**Let** your eyes be on the field which they reap and you ***shall*** go after them. Have I not **commanded** the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn."

[10]And she fell on her face, bowed down to the ground and said to him, "***Why*** have I **found favour** in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, **seeing** I am a foreigner?"

[11]And Bo'az answered and said to her, "I have been told **all** that you have done for your mother-in-law since the *death* of your husband and how you have left your father and your mother and the land of your birth and have **come to** a people whom you *did not* **know** before.

[12]"ֱיְהוָה **repay** your **work** and your reward is **complete** from ֱיְהוָה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, under whose wings you have **come to seek** refuge."

[13]And she said, "**Let** me find **favour** in your eyes, my master, **because** you have comforted me and have **spoken** to the **heart** of your female servant, though I am not like one of your female servants."

[14]And Bo'az said to her, **"Come** here at mealtime. ***Then*** you ***shall*** eat of the **bread** and dip your piece of **bread** in the vinegar." And she sat beside the reapers and he passed roasted grain to her. And she ate and was satisfied and had left over.

[15]And she rose up to glean and Bo'az **commanded** his young men, saying, "**Let** her glean even among the sheaves and *do not* embarrass her.

[16]"Rather, draw out from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean and *do not* restrain her."

[17]And she gleaned in the field until **evening** and beat out that which she had gleaned and it was about an ĕphah of barley.

[18]And she took it up and went into the city and her mother-in-law **saw** what she had gleaned. And she brought out and gave to her what she had left over after she was satisfied.

[19]***Then*** her mother-in-law asked her, "Where have you gleaned today? And where did you work? **Blessed** be the one who took notice of you." And she told her mother-in-law with whom she had

worked and said, “The **Name** of the man I worked today with is Bo'az.”
[20]And Na'omi said to her daughter-in law, **“Blessed** be he of ꟻꟲꟻꟿ, who has not ***forsaken*** **His kindness** to the **living** and the dead!” And Na'omi said to her, “The man is a relative of ours, one of our redeemers.”
[21]And Ruth the Mo’abitess said, “He also said to me, ‘Stay close to my young people until they have **completed all** my harvest.’ ”
[22]And Na'omi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, “It is **good**, my daughter, that you go out with his young women and that they *do not* meet you in any other field.”
[23]And she stayed close by the young women of Bo'az to glean, til the completion of barley harvest and wheat harvest, but she dwelt with her mother-in-law.

3 And Na'omi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, should I not **seek** rest for you, so that it is well with you?
[2]“And **now**, is not Bo'az, with whose young women you have been, our relative? **See,** he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing-floor.
[3]“And, you ***shall*** bathe and **anoint** yourself and put your garments on and go down to the threshing-floor. ***Do*** *not* make yourself **known** to the man until he has **finished** eating and drinking.
[4]“And it ***shall*** **be,** when he lies down, that you ***shall*** notice the place where he lies and ***shall*** go in and uncover his feet and *lie* down. And let him make **known** to you what you should do.”
[5]And she said to her, “All that you say to me, I do.”
[6]And she went down to the threshing-floor and did **according** to **all** that her mother-in-law **instructed** her.
[7]And Bo'az ate and drank and his **heart** was glad and he went to *lie* down at **the end** of the heap of grain. And she came softly and uncovered his feet and lay down.
[8]And it came to be at midnight that the man was startled and turned himself and **saw** a woman *lying* at his feet!
[9]And he said, “***Who*** are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth, your female servant. **Now** you ***shall*** spread your covering over your female servant – for you are a redeemer.”
[10]And he said, **“Blessed** are you of ꟻꟲꟻꟿ, my daughter! For you have shown more **kindness** at **the end** than at the beginning, not to go after young men, whether *poor* or rich.
[11]“And **now**, my daughter, *do not* **fear.** All that you say I do for you, for **all** the people of my town **know** that you are a capable woman.
[12]“And **now**, it is **true** that I am your redeemer. However, there is a redeemer nearer than I.
[13]“**Stop** over tonight and in the morning it ***shall*** **be** that if he does **redeem** you, **good** – let him do it. ***But*** if he is *not pleased* to **redeem** you, then I ***shall*** **redeem** you, **as** ꟻꟲꟻꟿ **lives**! Lie down until morning.”
[14]And she lay at his feet until morning and she arose before one could recognise another. And he said, “**Let** it not be **known** that the woman came to the threshing floor.”
[15]And he said, “Bring the shawl that is on you and hold it.” So she held it and he measured six *measures* of barley and laid it on her. And she went into the city.
[16]And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, “Is that you, my daughter?” And she **explained** to her **all** that the man had done for her.
[17]And she said, “He gave me these six *measures* of barley, for he said to me, ‘***Do*** *not* go empty-handed to your mother-inlaw.’ ”
[18]And she said, “Wait, my daughter, until you **know** how the matter falls, for the man is not going to rest until he has **completed** the matter this day.”

4 And Bo'az went up to the gate and sat down there. And **see,** the redeemer of

whom Bo'az had **spoken** came by. And Bo'az said, "Turn aside, So-and-so, sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down.

[2]And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down.

[3]**He** then said to the redeemer, "Na'omi, who has **come back** from the fields of Mo'aḇ, sold the piece of land which belonged to our brother Elimeleḵ.

[4]"And I thought that I should disclose it to you, saying, 'Buy it back in the presence of the inhabitants and the elders of my people. ***If*** you do redeem it, **redeem** it but if *you do not* **redeem** it, inform me, so that I **know.** For there is no one but you to **redeem** it and I am next after you.' " And he said, "I **redeem** it."

[5]And Bo'az said, "On the day you buy the field from the **hand** of Na'omi, you ***shall*** also acquire Ruth the Mo'aḇitess, the wife of the *dead,* to **raise** up the name of the *dead* on his inheritance."

[6]And the redeemer said, "I am not able to **redeem** it for myself, lest I *ruin* my own inheritance. Redeem my **right** of redemption for yourself, for I am not able to **redeem** it."

[7]And this was formerly done in Yisra'ĕl concerning redeeming and exchanging, to **confirm every** word: one man took off his sandal and gave it to the other and this was a **witness** in Yisra'ĕl.

[8]So the redeemer said to Bo'az, "Buy it for yourself." ***Then*** he took off his sandal.

[9]And Bo'az said to the elders and to **all** the people, "You are **witnesses** this day that I have bought **all** that was Elimeleḵ's and **all** that was Kilyon's and Maḥlon's, from the **hand** of Na'omi.

[10]"And also, Ruth the Mo'aḇitess, the wife of Maḥlon, I have acquired as my wife, to **raise** up the name of the *dead* on his inheritance, so that the name of the *dead* should not be *cut off* from among his brothers and from the gate of his place. You are **witnesses** today."

[11]And **all** the people who were at the gate and the elders, said, "Witnesses! יהוה make the woman who is **coming** to your house as Raḥĕl and as Lĕ'ah, the two who built the house of Yisra'ĕl. And prove your worth in Ephrathah and **proclaim** the **Name** in Bĕyth Leḥem.

[12]"And let your house be like the house of Perets, whom Tamar bore to Yahuḏah, of the seed which יהוה does give you from this young woman."

[13]And Bo'az took Ruth and she became his wife. And he went in to her and יהוה granted her conception and she bore a son.

[14]And the women said to Na'omi, **"Blessed** be יהוה, who has not left you this day without a redeemer. And let **His Name be proclaimed in Yisra'ĕl!**

[15]"And he ***shall*** **be** to you a restorer of **life** and a sustainer of your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him."

[16]And Na'omi took the child and laid him on her bosom and became a nurse to him.

[17]And the women, her neighbours, gave him a name, saying, "There is a son born to Na'omi." And they called his name Oḇĕḏ. He was the father of Yishai, the father of Dawiḏ.

[18]And this is the genealogy of Perets: Perets brought forth Ḥetsron.

[19]And Ḥetsron brought forth Ram and Ram brought forth Amminaḏaḇ.

[20]And Amminaḏaḇ brought forth Naḥshon and Naḥshon brought forth Salmon.

[21]And Salmon brought forth Bo'az and Bo'az brought forth Oḇĕḏ.

[22]And Oḇĕḏ brought forth Yishai and Yishai brought forth Dawiḏ.

The Book of Ruth records that the people had no problem calling Yahuah by His Name! This piece of history is also a great example of how a gentile is grafted in among the Chosen People. Ruth, an ex-Mo'abite, became the great-grandmother of Dawid!

ĚḴAH

LAMENTATIONS

1 ***How*** alone she sits,
The city once **great** with people!
Like a widow she has become,
One **great** among the nations!
A princess among provinces has become a slave!
[2]She weeps *bitterly* at night,
And her tears are upon her cheeks
Among **all** her *lovers* there is no comforter for her.
All her friends have *betrayed* her,
They have become her enemies.
[3]Yahuḏah has gone into exile,
Because of *affliction* and **because** of harsh labour.
She has dwelt among *gentiles*,
She has **found** no rest.
All her pursuers have overtaken her
Between **narrow** places.
[4]The **ways** to Tsiyon mourn
For no one **comes** to the **appointed** times.
All her gates are deserted,
Her priests sigh, her maidens are *afflicted* and she has *bitterness*.
[5]Her adversaries have become chief,
Her enemies have become at ease.
For ꓤꓰꓤꓵ has *afflicted* her
Because of her many *transgressions*.
Her children have gone into captivity before the enemy.
[6]And **all** the splendour has departed
From the daughter of Tsiyon.
Her rulers have become like buck,
They have **found** no pasture,
And they go powerless before the pursuer.
[7]In the days of her *affliction* and wandering,
Yerushalayim **remembered all** her precious matters
She had in the days of old.
When her people fell into the **hand** of the enemy,
With no one to help her,
The adversaries **saw** her,
They *mocked* at her **Sabbath**s.
[8]Yerushalayim has *sinned* greatly,
Therefore she has become *defiled*.
All who esteemed her *despised* her
Because they have **seen** her nakedness.
She herself has sighed and turned away.
[9]Her *uncleanness* is in her skirts.
She *did not* keep in **mind** her **latter** end,
And has gone down appallingly,
There was no one to comfort her.
"**See,** O ꓤꓰꓤꓵ, my *affliction*,
For the enemy has made himself **great!**"
[10]The adversary has spread his **hand**
Over **all** her **precious** matters;
Indeed, she has seen:
The *gentiles* have entered her set-apart place,
Those whom You **commanded** not to enter **Your** assembly.
[11]All her people are *sighing*, **seeking** bread.
They have given their precious matters
For food, to bring back **life**.
"**See,** O ꓤꓰꓤꓵ and look,
For I have become *despised*."

12"Is it naught to you,
All you who pass by?
Look and **see** if there is any pain
like my pain,
Which has been brought on me,
Which ֲיהוה has inflicted on me
In the **day of His** *burning displeasure.*
13"From above **He** has **sent** *fire* into
my bones and it overpowered them;
He has spread a *net* for my feet and
turned me back;
He has laid me *waste* and faint **all** the
day.
14"The yoke of my *transgressions*
Has been *bound* by **His hand,**
Woven **together** and ***thrust*** upon my
neck.
He has made my strength *stumble,*
ֲיהוה has **given** me into hands
Which I am *unable* to withstand.
15"ֲיהוה has trodden down **all** my
strong men in my **midst**,
He has called an **appointed time**
Against me to *crush* my young men
ֲיהוה has trodden down as in a
winepress
The maiden daughter of Yahuḏah.
16"This is why I weep.
My eye, my eye is running down with
water, **<u>because</u>** the comforter,
Who could bring back my **life**,
Has been far from me.
My children are stunned,
Because the enemy has prevailed."
17Tsiyon spreads out her hands,
There is no comforter for her.
ֲיהוה has **commanded** concerning
Ya'aqoḇ,
His neighbours are his adversaries.
Yerushalayim has become an
uncleanness among them.
18ֲיהוה is **righteous,**
for I *rebelled <u>against</u>* **His mouth.**
Hear now, **all** peoples,
and **see** my pain.
My maidens and my young men have
gone into captivity.
19I called for my *lovers,* but they
deceived me.
My priests and my elders breathed
their **last** in the city,
While they sought food to bring back
their **life**.
20"**See,** O ֲיהוה, that I am in *distress*
My inward parts are boiling up,
My **heart** is overturned within me,
For I have been **very** *rebellious*.
From without the *sword* has bereaved,
At home it is like *death.*
21"They have **heard** that I sighed,
With no one to comfort me.
All my enemies have **heard** of my
calamity,
They have rejoiced that You have
done it.
You ***shall*** bring on the day that You
have **announced**,
So let them become like me.
22"**Let all** their *evil* **come** before **You,**
And do to them as You have done
to me for **all** my *transgressions*.
For my sighs are many and my **heart**
is faint."

2 ***How*** ֲיהוה in **His** *displeasure*
Has covered the daughter of Tsiyon
with a cloud!
He has *cast* down from the heavens to
the earth the comeliness of Yisra'ĕl,
And has not **remembered His** foot-
stool in the **day of His** *displeasure.*
2ֲיהוה has swallowed up, without
compassion,
All the pastures of Ya'aqoḇ.
In **His** *wrath* **He** has *thrown* down
The *strongholds* of the daughter of
Yahuḏah.
He has brought them down to the
ground.

He has *profaned* the **reign** and its rulers.
[3]In the *heat* of *displeasure*
He has *cut off* **every** horn of Yisra'ěl.
He has withdrawn **His right hand** from before the enemy.
And **He** burns *against* Ya'aqoḇ like a flaming *fire*, *consuming* **all** around.
[4]**He** has bent **His** bow like an enemy
He has set **His right hand** like an adversary.
And **He** *slay*s **all** who **delighted** the eye in the tent of the daughter of Tsiyon,
He has **poured out His** *wrath* like *fire*.
[5]**יהוה** has been like an enemy.
He has swallowed up Yisra'ěl,
He has swallowed up **all** her palaces,
He has ***destroyed*** her *strongholds*.
And **He** increases *mourning* and lamentation
In the daughter of Yahuḏah.
[6]**He** has demolished **His** booth like a garden and **He** has ***destroyed*** **His** place of meeting.
יהוה has made the **appointed times** and **Sabbaths** to be *forgotten* in Tsiyon,
And despises sovereign and priest
In **His** raging *displeasure.*
[7]**יהוה** has *cast* off **His** altar,
He has *rejected* **His** set-apart place,
He has **delivered** the walls of her palaces
Into the **hand** of the enemy.
They have made a noise in the House of **יהוה**
As on the **day of** an **appointed time.**
[8]**יהוה** has planned to *destroy*
The wall of the daughter of Tsiyon.
He has **stretched** out a line.
He has not turned back **His hand** from destroying and **He** has made the rampart and wall to lament;
Together they have languished.
[9]Her gates have sunk into the ground
He has ***destroyed*** and broken her bars.
Her sovereign and her rulers are among the *gentiles*.
The **Torah** is no more and her prophets have **found** no **vision** from **יהוה**.
[10]The elders of the daughter of Tsiyon
Sit on the ground, are silent.
They have *thrown* dust on their heads,
They have girded themselves with sackcloth.
The maidens of Yerushalayim have let their heads hang to the ground.
[11]My eyes are spent with tears,
My inward parts ferment,
My bile has been poured on the ground **because** of the ***destruction*** of the daughter of my people,
As children and the infants languish
In the streets of the city.
[12]They say to their mothers,
"Where is grain and **wine**?"
As they languish like the wounded
In the streets of the city,
As their **life** is **poured out** in their mothers' bosom.
[13]***How shall*** I admonish you,
To what ***shall*** I compare you,
O daughter of Yerushalayim?
To what ***shall*** I liken you to comfort you,
O maiden daughter of Tsiyon?
For your *breach* is as **great** as the sea.
Who shall **heal** you?
[14]Your prophets have **seen** falsehood and folly for you and have not shown you your *crookedness so* to **turn back** your captivity.
Their **visions** for you are *false* and misleading messages.
[15]All who pass by have clapped their hands at you.
They have whistled and they *shake* their heads at the daughter of Yerushalayim,
"Is this the city that is
called 'The perfection of loveliness,

The **joy** of **all** the earth'?"
16All your enemies have opened their
mouth *against* you;
They have whistled and they gnash
their *teeth* and they say, "We have
swallowed her up!
This is certainly the day we waited for;
We have **found** it, we have **seen** it."
17**ꓤYHWH** has done what **He** planned,
He has filled **His word**
Which **He commanded** in days of old
He has *torn* down, without
compassion and **He** has let your
enemy **rejoice** over you.
He has exalted the horn of your
adversaries.
18Their **heart** *cried out* to **ꓤYHWH**,
"O wall of the daughter of Tsiyon,
Let tears run down like a river day
and night.
Give yourself no numbness,
Let your eyes have no rest.
19"Arise, cry out in the night,
At the beginning of the watches,
Pour out your **heart** like water before
the face of **ꓤYHWH** and lift your
hands toward **Him** for the **life** of your
young children, who languish from
hunger at the head of **every** street.
20"**See,** O **ꓤYHWH** and look attentively
To whom have You done thus.
Should the women eat their offspring,
Infants of a **hand** breadth?
Should the priest and **prophet** be *slain*
In the set-apart place of **ꓤYHWH**?
21"Young and old *lie* on the ground in
the streets.
My maidens and my young men have
fallen by the *sword.*
You have *slain* them in the **day of**
Your *displeasure,*
You have slaughtered without
compassion.
22"Would You **proclaim,** as in a
day of appointed time,
The ***fears*** that surround me?
And no one **escaped** or survived
In the **day of** the *displeasure* of
ꓤYHWH.
Those whom I have nursed and
brought up
My enemy has **destroyed**."

3 I am the man who has **seen**
affliction by the **rod** of **His** *wrath*.
2**He** has led me and made me **walk**
In *darkness* and not **light**.
3Indeed, **He** has turned back,
He has turned **His hand** *against* me
all the day.
4**He** has worn out my *flesh* and my
skin and **He** has broken my bones.
5**He** has piled up *against* me and
surrounded me with *bitterness* and
hardship.
6**He** has made me dwell in dark places
Like the *dead* of old.
7**He** has hedged me in and I *do not*
go out,
He has made my chain heavy.
8Also, when I cry and shout, **He** shuts
out my prayer.
9**He** has blocked my **ways** with hewn
stone, **He** has made my paths crooked.
10**He** is to me like a bear *lying* in wait,
A lion in hiding.
11**He** has turned aside my **ways**
And *torn* me in pieces,
He has laid me *waste.*
12**He** has bent **His** bow and set me up
as a target for the arrow.
13**He** made the arrows of **His** quiver
pierce my kidneys.
14I have been a *mockery* to **all** my
people, their *mocking* song **all** the day.
15**He** has filled me with *bitterness*,
He drenched me with wormwood.
16And **He** has broken my *teeth* with
gravel, **He** has covered me with ashes.
17And **You** have removed my being far
from peace, I have *forgotten* **goodness**.

[18]And I said, "My strength and my
expectancy have *perished* from
ꓤYHZ."
[19]**Remember** my *affliction* and my
anguish, the wormwood and the gall.
[20]**Your** being indeed **remembers** and
bows down upon me.
[21]This I recall to my mind, therefore I
wait:
[22]The **kindness**es of ꓤYHZ!
For we have not been *consumed,*
For **His compassion**s have not ended.
[23]They are new **every** morning,
Great is **Your** trustworthiness.
[24]"ꓤYHZ is my Portion," says my
being, "Therefore I wait for **Him!**"
[25]ꓤYHZ is **good** to those waiting for
Him, to the being who seeks **Him.**
[26]It is **good** – both to wait and to be
silent, for the **deliverance** of ꓤYHZ.
[27]It is **good** for a man to bear a yoke in
his youth.
[28]**Let** him sit alone and be silent,
because **He** has laid it on him.
[29]**Let** him put his **mouth** in the dust,
There might yet be expectancy.
[30]**Let** him give his cheek to the one
who smites him – he is filled with
reproach.
[31]For ꓤYHZ *does not cast* off
forever.
[32]For though **He** *afflicted*, yet **He *shall***
show compassion according to the
greatness of **His kindness**es.
[33]For **He** has not *afflicted* from **His**
heart nor does **He** grieve the children
of men.
[34]To *crush* under **His** feet all the
prisoners of the earth,
[35]To turn aside the **right-ruling** of man
Before the face of the **Most High,**
[36]Or ***wrong*** a man in his **cause** –
This ꓤYHZ *does not* approve.
[37]***Who*** was it that spoke and it came
to be!
Has ꓤYHZ not **commanded** it?
[38]***Do*** *not* the *evil*s and the **good come**
out of the **mouth** of the Most High?
[39]***What***? ***Should*** mankind complain,
A **living** man, **because** of his *sins*?
[40]**Let** us **search** and examine
our ways,
And **turn back** to ꓤYHZ.
[41]**Let** us lift our **hearts** and hands
To Ĕl in the heavens *and say*:
[42]*We, we have transgressed and*
rebelled and **You, You *have not***
forgiven.
[43]**You** have wrapped **Yourself**
with *displeasure* and *pursued* us.
You have *slain* and **You *have not***
shown **compassion**.
[44]**You** have wrapped **Yourself** with a
cloud so that prayer *does not* pass
through.
[45]**You** make us as scum and *refuse* in
the **midst** of the peoples.
[46]All our enemies have opened their
mouth *against* us.
[47]**Fear** and a *snare* have **come** upon
us with shame and *ruin.*
[48]Streams of water run down my eye
For the *ruin* of the daughter of my
people.
[49]My eye flows out and *does not* cease,
Without stopping,
[50]Until ꓤYHZ looks down and sees
from the **heavens.**
[51]My eye *pains* my being **because** of
all the daughters of my city.
[52]My enemies hunted me down like a
bird, without **cause.**
[53]They have *cut off* my **life** in the pit,
And they threw stones at me.
[54]Waters flowed over my head;
I said, "I am *cut* off!"
[55]I called on **Your Name,** O ꓤYHZ,
from the lowest pit.
[56]**You** have **heard** my **voice**,
Do *not* hide **Your** ear from my
groaning and from my outcry!
[57]**You** drew **near** on the day I called
on **You** and **You** said, "***Do*** *not* **fear**!"
[58]O ꓤYHZ, **You** did plead the case for
my being;
You have redeemed my **life**.

[59]O ꓤYꓤꓩ, **You** have **seen** my oppression; Judge my case.
[60]**You** have **seen all** their **vengeance**, All their plans *against* me.
[61]You have **heard** their reproach, O ꓤYꓤꓩ, **all** their plans *against* me,
[62]The lips of those rising *against* me, And their scheming *against* me **all** the day.
[63]Look at their sitting down and their rising up; I am their song.
[64]Repay them, O ꓤYꓤꓩ, **according** to the **work** of their hands.
[65]Give them a veiled **heart, Your** *curse* upon them!
[66]Pursue and *destroy* them in *displeasure* from under the heavens of ꓤYꓤꓩ.

4 ***How*** dim the gold has become,
The fine gold *changed*!
The stones of the set-apart place
Are *scattered* at the head of **every** street.
[2]The **precious** sons of Tsiyon
Who were weighed *against* fine gold,
How they have been reckoned as clay pots,
The **work** of the hands of the potter!
[3]Even jackals have presented their breasts,
They have nursed their young.
The daughter of my people has become as cruel,
As ostriches in the wilderness.
[4]The tongue of the infant has *clung*
To the roof of its **mouth** for thirst;
Children asked for bread and no one breaks it for them.
[5]Those who ate delicacies have been laid *waste* in the streets;
Those who were brought up in **scarlet**
Have embraced dunghills.
[6]And the crookedness of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sedom,
Which was *overthrown* in a moment,
And no hands were wrung over her!
[7]Her Nazirites were brighter than snow
And whiter than milk;
More ruddy in body than rubies,
Their *cut* like sapphire.
[8]Their appearance has become blacker than soot;
They have become unrecognised in the streets;
Their skin has shrivelled on their bones,
It has become dry, it has become as wood.
[9]Better off were those *pierced* by the s**word** than those *pierced* by hunger;
For these pine away,
Pierced through for lack of the fruits of the field.
[10]The hands of the **compassionate** women
Have boiled their own children;
They became food for them in the destruction of the daughter of my people.
[11]ꓤYꓤꓩ has **completed His** *wrath*,
He has **poured out His** *burning displeasure.*
And **He** kindled a *fire* in Tsiyon,
And it *consumed* her foundations.
[12]The sovereigns of the earth *did not* **believe** nor any of the inhabitants of the world,
That an adversary and enemy would enter the gates of Yerushalayim.
[13]It was **<u>because</u>** of the *sins* of her **prophets,**
The *crookedness*es of her priests,
Who shed in her **midst** the **blood** of the righteous.
[14]They staggered, *blind,* in the streets;
They have *defiled* themselves with blood so that no one was able to touch their garments.
[15]They *shouted* at them, "Away!

Unclean! Away! Away! Touch not!"
When they fled and staggered,
They said, among the *gentiles*,
"They ***shall*** stay no longer."
16The face of ֱיְהֹוָה *scattered* them
He no longer regards them.
They showed no respect for the priests
Nor **favour** to the elders.
17While we exist, our eyes are consumed watching vainly for our help.
In our watch-tower we watched for a nation that *could not* save.
18They have hunted our steps from going in our streets.
Our end was near and our days were completed,
For our end had come.
19Our pursuers were swifter
Than the eagles of the **heavens.**
They came hotly after us on the mountains and lay in wait for us in the wilderness.
20The breath of our nostrils, the **anointed** of ֱיְהֹוָה,
Was ***caught*** in their pits,
In whose shadow we had thought
To **live** among the *gentiles*.
21Rejoice and be glad,
O daughter of Eḏom,
You who dwell in the land of Uz!
The cup is to pass over to you too,
So that you become drunk and make yourself naked.
22Your *crookedness* has been completed, O daughter of Tsiyon.
He no longer prolongs your exile.
He *shall* *punish* your *crookedness,*
O daughter of Eḏom,
He *shall* uncover your *sins*!

5 **Remember,** O ֱיְהֹוָה, what has **come** upon us. Look and **see** our reproach!
2Our **inheritance** has been turned over to strangers and our houses to foreigners.
3We have become orphans, fatherless,
Our mothers are like widows.
4We had to pay for our drinking water and our ***wood*** **comes** at a price.
5We have been pursued close onto our neck,
We have laboured and had no rest.
6To Mitsrayim we have **given** a hand;
To Ashshur, to be **satisfied** with bread.
7Our fathers *sinned*, they are no more
We have borne their *crookedness*es.
8Servants have ruled over us;
There is no one to **deliver** from their hand.
9With our lives we bring in our bread,
Because of the *sword* of the wilderness.
10Our skin has become as hot as an oven, **because** of the *burning heat* of *scarcity of food*.
11They have humbled the women in Tsiyon,
The maidens in the cities of Yahuḏah.
12Rulers were hung up by their hands,
And elders were not respected.
13They have taken young men to grind,
And youths *stumbled* under *loads of* wood.
14Elders have ceased from the gate,
Young men from their song.
15The **joy** of our **heart** has ceased,
Our dancing has turned into mourning.
16The crown has fallen from our head.
Woe to us, for we have *sinned*!
17**Because** of this our **heart** has been sick,
Because of these our eyes have become dim,
18**Because** of Mount Tsiyon which is laid waste;
Foxes have gone roaming in it.
19**You**, O ֱיְהֹוָה, remain **forever**,
Your throne from generation to generation.
20***Why*** do **You** *forget* us **forever**,
Forsake us for length of days?

[21]Turn us back to **You,**
O ꟻꟲꟻꟻ,
And let us turn back,
Renew our days as of old.
[22]For have **You completely**
rejected us?
You have been *wroth* with us,
exceedingly!

QOHELETH

ECCLESIASTES – CONVENER

1 The **words** of Qoheleth, son of
Dawid, sovereign in Yerushalayim.
2"Futility! Futility!" says Qoheleth.
"Futility, futility, **all** is futile!"
3***What*** does man *gain* from **all** his
labour in which he toils under the sun?
4A generation passes away and a
generation comes, but the earth stands
forever.
5The sun also rises and the sun sets
and hurries back to the place where it
arose.
6Going to the south and turning round
to the north, turning, turning and on its
rounds the *wind* returns.
7All the rivers run into the sea, yet the
sea never overflows. To the place from
which the rivers come, there they **return**
again.
8All matters are wearisome, no one
is able to **speak** of it. The eye is not
satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled
with **hearing**.
9***What*** has been is what ***shall*** **be,** what
has been done is what ***shall*** **be** done and
there is no new matter under the sun.
10Is there a matter of which it is said,
"**See,** this is new"? It was here already,
long ago.
11There is no **remembrance** of former
ones, nor is there any **remembrance**
of those that are to **come** by those who
come later on.
12I, Qoheleth, was sovereign over
Yisra'ĕl in Yerushalayim.
13And I set my **heart** to **seek** and
search out by **wisdom** concerning **all**
that has been done under the heavens;
this *evil* task **Elohim** has **given** to the
sons of man, to be humbled by it.
14I have **seen all** the **works** that are
done under the sun. And **see, all** was
futile and feeding on wind.
15The *crooked could not* be straightened
and what is lacking *could not* be
counted.
16So I spoke to my **heart,** saying,
"**See,** I have attained greatness and
have gained more **wisdom** than **all** who
were before me in Yerushalayim. And
my **heart** has **seen** much **wisdom** and
knowledge."
17And I set my **heart to know wisdom**
– and **to know** *madness* and folly. I
know that this too is feeding on wind.
18For in much **wisdom** is much grief
and he who increases **knowledge**
increases suffering.

2 I said in my **heart, "Come now**, let
me try you with rejoicing and find out
what is **good**." ***But*** **see,** that too was
futile.
2I said of laughter, "It is *madness*,"and
of rejoicing, "***What*** does it do?"
3I searched in my **heart** how to
stimulate my body with **wine**, while
guiding my **heart** with **wisdom** and how
to lay hold on folly, until I could **see**
what was **good** for the sons of men to do
under the heavens **all** the days of their
lives.
4I made my **works** great, I built myself
houses, I planted vineyards for myself.
5I made gardens and parks for myself
and I planted **all** kinds of **fruit** trees in
them.
6I made pools of water for myself, to
water from them a plantation of growing
trees.
7I bought male and female servants
and I came to have sons of the house-
hold. Also, I had greater possessions
of herds and flocks than **all** who were
before me in Yerushalayim.

[8]I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasures of sovereigns and of the provinces. I provided male and female singers for myself and the pleasures of men – a woman and women.

[9]Thus I became **great** and increased more than **all** who were before me in Yerushalayim. Also my **wisdom** remained with me.

[10]And **all** that my eyes desired I *did not* keep from them. I *did not* withhold my **heart** from any pleasure, for my **heart** rejoiced in **all** my labour. And this was my portion from **all** my labour.

[11]***But*** when I **looked** on **all** the **works** that my hands had done and on the labour in which I had toiled, **see, all** was futile and feeding on wind and there was no *gain* under the sun.

[12]And I turned myself to look at **wisdom** and *madness* and folly. For what would the man do who **comes** after the sovereign ***except*** what already has been done?

[13]***Then*** I **saw** that **wisdom** is better than folly, as **light** is better than *darkness*.

[14]The **wise** one's eyes are in his head, but the *fool* walks in *darkness*. And I also **knew** that one event befalls them **all.**

[15]And I said in my **heart,** "As the event of the *fool,* even so it befalls me and why was I then more wise?" ***Then*** I said in my **heart,** "This also is futile."

[16]For there is no more lasting **remembrance** of the **wise** than of the *fool,* since in the days to **come all** is *forgotten*. And how does a **wise** man *die?* With the fool!

[17]And I *hated* **life** **<u>because</u>** the **work** that was done under the sun was *evil* on me, for **all** is futile and feeding on wind.

[18]And I *hated* **all** my labour in which I had toiled under the sun, **<u>because</u>** I leave it to a man who would **come** after me.

[19]And who **knows** whether he is **wise** or foolish? Yet he ***shall*** **rule** over **all** my labour in which I toiled and in which I have shown myself **wise** under the sun. That too is futile.

[20]So I turned my **heart** and despaired of **all** the labour in which I had toiled under the sun.

[21]For a man might labour with **wisdom, knowledge** and skill; yet he leaves his heritage to a man who has not laboured for it. That too is futile and a **great** *evil*.

[22]For what does a man get for **all** his labour and strain of his **heart** with which he has toiled under the sun?

[23]For **all** his days are sufferings and his **work** grievous; even in the night his **heart** takes no rest. That too is futile.

[24]A man could do no better but to eat and drink and enjoy himself in his labour! That too, I **saw,** was from the **hand** of **Elohim**.

[25]For who eats or who finds enjoyment without Him?

[26]For **He** gives **wisdom** and **knowledge** and **joy** to a man who is **good** in **His** eyes. ***But*** to the *sinner* **He** gives the task of gathering and collecting, to give *to him* who is **good** before **Elohim**. That too is futile and feeding on wind.

3 For **every** matter there is an **appointed time,** even a **time** for **every** pursuit under the heavens:

[2]A **time** to be born and a **time** to die; a **time** to plant and a **time** to uproot;

[3]a **time** to *slay* and a **time** to heal; a **time** to *break down* and a **time** to build up;

[4]a **time** to weep and a **time** to laugh; a **time** to mourn and a **time** to dance;

[5]a **time** to *throw* away stones and a **time** to **gather** stones; a **time** to embrace and a **time** to refrain from embracing;

[6]a **time** to **seek** and a **time** to lose; a **time** to keep and a **time** to *throw* away;

[7]a **time** to tear and a **time** to sew; a **time** to be *silent* and a **time** to speak;

[8]a **time** to **love** and a **time** to hate; a **time** for battle and a **time** for peace.

[9]***What*** does the worker *gain* from his toil?

[10]I have **seen** the task **Elohim** has **given** to the sons of men to be humbled by it.
[11]**He** has made it **all,** pretty in its **time.** Even the ages **He** has put in their **hearts**, ***except*** that no one finds out the **work** that **Elohim** does from beginning to end.
[12]I **know** that there is no **good** for them but to **rejoice** and to do **good** in their lives,
[13]and also that **every** man should eat and drink and enjoy the **good** of **all** his labour, it is a gift of **Elohim**.
[14]I **know** that ***whatever*** **Elohim** does is **forever**. There is no adding to it and there is no taking from it. **Elohim** does it, that men should **fear** before **Him.**
[15]***What*ever** is has already been and what ***shall*** **be** has been before. ***But*** **Elohim** seeks out what has been pursued.
[16]***Then*** again I **saw** under the sun: In the place of right-ruling, *wrongness* was there. And in the place of **righteousness**, *wrongness* was there.
[17]I said in my **heart,** "**Elohim** judges the **righteous** and the ***wrong,*** for there is a **time** for **every** matter and for **every** work."
[18]I said in my **heart,** "Concerning the matter of the sons of men, **Elohim** selects them, so as to **see** that they themselves are beasts."
[19]For the event of the sons of men is also the event of beasts – one event befalls them: as one dies, so dies the other. Indeed, they **all** have one breath – man has no advantage over beasts.For **all** is futile.
[20]All are going to one place – **all** came from the dust and **all return** to dust.
[21]***Who*** **knows** the spirit of the sons of men, which goes upward and the spirit of the beast, which goes down to the earth?
[22]So I **saw** that man could do no better but to **rejoice** in his own **works,** for that is his portion. For who would bring him to **see** what ***shall*** **be** after him?

4 ***Then*** I **looked** again at **all** the *oppression* that is done under the sun: And see! The tears of the *oppressed*, but they have no comforter; and **power** on the side of their oppressors, but they have no comforter.
[2]Therefore I commended the *dead* who were already *dead,* more than the **living** who are still **alive.**
[3]And better than both is he who has never existed, who has not **seen** the *evil* **work** that is done under the sun.
[4]And I **saw** that **all** the toil and **skill** of the **work** bring *envy* between man and his neighbour. That too is futile and feeding on wind.
[5]The *fool* folds his hands and consumes his own *flesh.*
[6]Better is a **hand** filled with rest than both hands filled with toil and feeding on wind.
[7]***Then*** I **looked** again at futility under the sun:
[8]There is one, without a second, who has neither son nor brother. And there is no end to **all** his labours. **His** eye also is not **satisfied** with riches. "And for whom am I toiling and depriving myself of **good**?" That too is futility and an *evil* task.
[9]Two are better than one, **because** they have a **good** reward for their labour.
[10]For if they fall, one lifts his companion up. ***But*** **woe** to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up.
[11]Also, if two *lie* down together, they keep warm; but how does one keep warm *by himself?*
[12]Although one might be overpowered, two withstand him. And a threefold cord is not readily broken.
[13]A *poor* and **wise** youth is better than an old and ***foolish*** sovereign who no longer **knows** how to take **warning.**
[14]For he **comes** out of prison to be sovereign, although in his **reign** he was born *poor*.

[15]I have **seen all** the **living** who **walk** under the sun; they were with the second youth who stands in his place.
[16]There was no end of **all** the people; **all** of whom he headed. ***But*** the ones who **come** afterward *do not* **rejoice** in him. For that too is futile and feeding on wind.

5 **Guard** your steps when you go to the House of **Elohim**. And draw **near** to **listen** rather than to give the slaughtering of fools, for they *do not* **know** that they do *evil*.
[2]***Do*** *not* be *hasty* with your **mouth** and let not your **heart** hurry to bring forth a **word** before **Elohim**. For **Elohim** is in the heavens and you on earth, therefore let your **words** be few.
[3]For a **dream comes** through the greatness of the task and a fool's **voice** is **known** by his many **words**.
[4]***When*** you make a vow to **Elohim**, *do not* delay to pay it, for **He** *takes* no pleasure in fools. Pay that which you have vowed.
[5]It is better not to vow than to vow and not pay.
[6]***Do*** *not* allow your **mouth** to **cause** your *flesh* to *sin,* nor say before the messenger of **Elohim** that it was a *mistake. **Why*** should **Elohim** be *wroth* at your **voice** and *destroy* the **work** of your hands?
[7]For in much **dream**ing and many **words** there is futility. ***But*** **fear Elohim**.
[8]***If*** you **see** the *oppression* of the *poor* and denial of **right-ruling** and **righteousness** in a province, *do not* be astonished at the matter. For a higher than the high is **guarding** and there are higher ones over them.
[9]And the increase of the land is for **all.** The sovereign himself is **served** from the field.
[10]**He** who loves silver is not **satisfied** with silver; nor he who loves wealth and increase. That too is futile.
[11]With the increase of goods, there is an increase of those *consuming* them. ***What*** advantage then is there to their owners, but to look on?
[12]Sweet is the sleep of a labourer whether he eats *little* or much, but the plenty of the rich *does not* let him sleep.
[13]There is a sickly *evil* I have **seen** under the sun: riches kept for their owner, for his *evil*.
[14]***But*** those riches *perish* through *evil* use. And he brings forth a son and there is naught in his **hand.**
[15]As he came naked from his mother's womb, so he returns, to go as he came. And from his labour which goes into his **hand** he takes none whatsoever.
[16]And this too is a *grievous evil* – exactly as he came, so he goes. And what *gain* has he since he toiled for the wind?
[17]All his days he also eats in *darkness* and with much *sorrow* and *sickness* and *wrath*.
[18]See what I have seen: It is **good** and pleasant for one to eat and drink and to enjoy the **good** of **all** his labour in which he toils under the sun **all** the days of his **life** which **Elohim** gives him, for it is his portion.
[19]Further, when **Elohim** has **given** any man riches and wealth and permitted him to enjoy them and to receive his portion and **rejoice** in his labour, this is a gift of **Elohim**.
[20]Though it not be much, let him ***remember*** the days of his **life**, **<u>because</u> Elohim** bears **witness** by the **gladness** of his **heart.**

6 There is an *evil* which I have **seen** under the sun and it is **great** among men:
[2]A man to whom **Elohim** has **given** riches and wealth and esteem, so that his being lacks none at **all** of what he desires, but **Elohim** *does not* permit him to eat of it and a foreigner consumes it. This is futile and it is an *evil **disease.***
[3]***If*** a man brings forth a hundred *children* and lives many years, so that

the days of his years are many, but his being is not **satisfied** with **goodness**, or indeed he has no burial, I say that a premature birth is better than he,

[4]for it **comes** in futility and goes away in *darkness* and in *darkness* its name is covered;

[5]even the sun it has not **seen** – it has more rest than that man.

[6]And though he lives a thousand years twice over, yet he ***shall*** not **see goodness**. ***Do*** *not* **all** go to one place?

[7]All the labour of man is for his **mouth** and yet the appetite is not satisfied.

[8]For what advantage has the **wise** over the fool? ***What*** *advantage* does the *poor* have who **knows** how to **walk** before the **living**?

[9]***What*** the eyes **see** is better than what the desire goes after. That too is futile and feeding on wind.

[10]***What*****ever *shall* be,** has already been named and it is **known** that he is son of Aḏam. And he is *unable* to contend with **Him** who is mightier than he.

[11]The more **words**, the more futility – what is to man the advantage?

[12]For who **knows** what is **good** for man in **life**, **all** the days of his futile **life**, which he passes like a shadow? For who **declares** to man what ***shall*** **be** after him, under the sun?

7 A **good** name is better than **precious** oil and the **day of** *death* than the **day of** one's birth.

[2]It is better to go to the house of *mourning* than to go to the house of feasting, for that is **the end** of *all men*. And the **living** take it to **heart.**

[3]Sorrow is better than laughter, for by the sadness of the face the **heart** becomes better.

[4]The **heart** of the **wise** is in the house of mourning, but the **heart** of fools is in the house of rejoicing.

[5]It is better to **hear** the ***rebuke*** of the **wise** than for man to **hear** the song of fools.

[6]For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of a fool. That too is futile.

[7]For *oppression* makes a **wise** one mad and a *bribe* destroys the **heart.**

[8]The end of a matter is better than its beginning. The patient **in spirit** is better than the *proud* in spirit.

[9]***Do*** *not* be *hasty* in your spirit to be vexed, for vexation rests in the bosom of fools.

[10]***Do*** *not* say, "***Why*** were the former days better than these?" For it is not **wise** of you to have asked about this.

[11]Wisdom is **good** with an inheritance and an advantage to those who **see** the sun.

[12]For **wisdom** protects as silver protects, but the advantage of **knowledge** is that **wisdom** gives **life** to those who have it.

[13]See the **work** of **Elohim**: For who **is able** to **make straight** what **He** has made crooked?

[14]Be **glad** in the **day of** prosperity, but in the *evil* day take note that **Elohim** has also **appointed** the one as well as the other, so that man should not uncover ***whatever shall*** **be** after him.

[15]I have **seen** it **all** in my days of futility: There is a **righteous** one *perishing* in his **righteousness** and there is a ***wrong*** one **living** long in his *evil*.

[16]***Do*** *not* be over**righteous,** neither be overwise – why *destroy* yourself?

[17]***Do*** *not* be ***wrong*** overmuch and *do not* be a *fool* – why *die* before your time?

[18]It is **good** that you should take hold of this and also not withhold your **hand** from the other. For he who ***fears*** **Elohim comes** forth with **all** of them.

[19]Wisdom makes the **wise strong,** more than ten rulers that are in the city.

[20]For there is not a **righteous** man on earth who does **good** and *does not sin.*

[21]Also *do not* take to **heart all** the **words** they speak, lest you **hear** your servant cursing you.

[22]For you **know** in your **heart** that many times you have *cursed* others.

[23]All this I have proved by **wisdom**.
I said, "I am **wise,**" but it was far from
me.
[24]That which is, is far off and
exceedingly deep – who does find it?
[25]I have turned round, even my **heart,**
to know and to search and to **seek** out
wisdom and a conclusion, **to know** the
wrongness of folly, even of foolishness
and *madness*.
[26]And I **found** more *bitter* than *death,*
the woman whose **heart** is *snares* and
nets, whose hands are shackles. **He** who
pleases Elohim escapes from her, but
the *sinner* is captured by her.
[27]"**See,** this I have found," says
Qoheleth, "*Counting* one by one, to find
a conclusion,
[28]which my being still seeks but have
not found: I have **found** one man among
a thousand, but a woman among **all**
these I have not found.
[29]**Truly**, this only I have found: that
Elohim made man **straight,** but they
have sought out many devices."

8 ***Who*** is like a **wise** one? And who
knows the meaning of a matter? A
man's **wisdom** makes his face shine and
the *hardness* of his face is *changed*.
[2]I *say*, "**Guard** the sovereign's
command **because** of the **oath** before
Elohim.
[3]***Do*** *not* be in a hurry to go from his
presence. ***Do*** *not* take a **stand** in an
evil matter, for he does ***whatever*** he
pleases."
[4]Where the **word** of a sovereign is,
there is power. And who says to him,
"***What*** are you doing?"
[5]**He** who guards the **command knows**
no *evil* matter. And the **heart** of the **wise**
discerns both **time** and right-ruling,
[6]**Because** for **every** matter there is a
time and right-ruling, though the *trouble*
of man is *heavy* upon him.
[7]For he *does not* **know** what ***shall*** be;
so who **declares** to him when it ***shall***
be?
[8]No one has **power** over the spirit to
retain the spirit and no one has **power** in
the **day of** *death.* There is no discharge
in battle and *wrongness does not* release
those who are **given** to it.
[9]All this I have seen; I applied my
heart to **every work** that is done under
the sun: There is a **time** in which a man
rules over a man for his *evil*.
[10]And so I **saw** the ***wrong*** ones buried
and they came and went from the place
of set-apartness and they were *forgotten*
in the city where they had so done. That
too is futile.
[11]**Because** the **sent**ence *against* an *evil*
deed is not *executed* **speedily**, therefore
the **heart** of the sons of men is filled in
them to do *evil*.
[12]Although a *sinner* is doing *evil* a
hundred times and his **life** is prolonged,
yet I **know** that there is **good** to those
who **fear Elohim**, who **fear** before **Him.**
[13]***But*** it ***shall*** not be well with the
wrong one, nor would he prolong his
days as a shadow, **because** he *does not*
fear before **Elohim**.
[14]There is a futility which has been
done on earth, that there are **righteous**
ones who get **according** to the **deeds**
of the *wrong.* And there are ***wrong*** ones
who get **according** to the **deeds** of the
righteous. I said that this too is futile.
[15]Therefore I p**raised** enjoyment,
because there is no **good** to man ***except***
to eat and to drink and to **rejoice** – and it
remains with him in his labour for the
days of his **life** which **Elohim** has **given**
him under the sun.
[16]***When*** I gave my **heart to know**
wisdom and to **see** the task which has
been done on earth, even though one
sees no sleep day or night,
[17]then I **saw** **all** the **work** of **Elohim**,
that man is *unable* to find out the **work**
that has been done under the sun. For
though a man labours to seek, yet he
does not find it. And even though a **wise**
one claims **to know,** he is *unable* to find
it.

9 For **all** this I took to **heart,** even to

search out **all** this: that the **righteous** and the **wise** and their **deeds** are in the **hand** of **Elohim**. No man **knows** whether **love** or hatred awaits him.

[2]It is the **same** for all: **One** event to the **righteous** and to the wrong; to the **good** and to the **clean** and to the unclean; and to the one slaughtering and to the one not slaughtering. As is the **good** one, so is the sinner; the one swearing as the one **fearing** an oath.

[3]This is an *evil* in **all** that is done under the sun: there is one event to **all. Truly** the **hearts** of the sons of men are filled with *evil* and *madness* is in their **hearts** while they **live** and then – to the dead!

[4]***But*** for him who is joined to **all** the **living** there is **trust,** for a **living** dog is better than a *dead* lion.

[5]For the **living know** that they ***shall die,*** but the *dead* **know** *naught,* nor do they have any more reward, for their **remembrance** is *forgotten*.

[6]Also their **love** and their hatred and their *envy* have **now** perished; and they no longer have a share in **all** that is done under the sun.

[7]Go, eat your **bread** with joy and drink your **wine** with a **glad** heart; for **Elohim** has already approved your works.

[8]**Let** your garments be white at **all** times and let your head lack no oil.

[9]See **life** with the wife whom you **love all** the days of your futile **life** which **He** has **given** you under the sun, **all** your days of futility. For that is your share in **life** and in your toil which you have laboured under the sun.

[10]All that your **hand** finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no **work** or planning or **knowledge** or **wisdom** in the grave where you are going.

[11]I again **saw** under the sun that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the mighty, nor even **bread** to the **wise,** nor even riches to men of **understanding**, nor even **favour** to men of **knowledge** – for **time** and chance meets with them **all.**

[12]For even man *does not* **know** his **time.** Like ***fish*** taken in an *evil* net and like birds ***caught*** in a *snare,* so the sons of men are snared in an *evil* **time,** when it **come** down on them **suddenly**.

[13]Also this I **saw** as **wisdom** under the sun and it is **great** to me:

[14]A *little* city and **few** men in it and a **great** sovereign came *against* it and besieged it and built huge siege-works *against* it.

[15]And there was **found** in it a *poor* **wise** man and by his **wisdom** he **delivered** the city, yet no one **remembered** that *poor* man.

[16]And I said, "Wisdom is better than might. ***But*** the **wisdom** of the *poor* man is *despised* and his **words** are not **heard**."

[17]The **words** of the **wise, spoken** calmly, should be **heard** rather than the shout of a ruler of fools.

[18]Wisdom is better than weapons of conflict, but one *sinner* destroys much **good**.

10 Dead flies make the perfumer's ointment stink, ferment; a *little* folly outweighs **wisdom,** esteem.

[2]A **wise** man's **heart** is at his **right hand,** but a fool's **heart** at his left.

[3]And also, when a *fool* walks along the **way,** his **heart** fails and he shows everyone that he is a fool.

[4]***If*** the spirit of the ruler rises *against* you, *do not* leave your post, for calmness lays to rest **great** faults.

[5]There is an *evil* I have **seen** under the sun, as a *mistake* **coming** from the ruler:

[6]Folly is set in many high *positions*, while the rich sit in a humble place.

[7]I have **seen** servants on horses – and rulers walking on the ground like servants.

[8]He who digs a pit falls into it and ***whoever*** breaks through a wall is bitten by a snake.

[9]He who quarries stones is hurt by them. He who splits ***wood*** is endangered by it.

[10]***If*** an iron tool is blunt and one *does not* sharpen the edge, then he needs more

strength and **wisdom** is advantageous to make right.
[11]***If*** the snake bites without enchantment, then 'the master of the tongue' is no better!
[12]**Words** of a **wise** man's **mouth show favour,** but the lips of a *fool* swallow him up;
[13]the beginning of the **words** of his **mouth** is foolishness and **the end** of his talk is *wicked madness*.
[14]And a *fool* increases **words**; a man **knows** not what ***shall* come to** be; and who **declares** to him what ***shall* be** after him?
[15]The labour of fools wearies them, **because** not one **knows** how to go to the city!
[16]**Woe** to you, O land, when your sovereign is a youth and your rulers feast in the morning!
[17]**Blessed** are you, O land, when your sovereign is the son of nobles and your rulers feast in due season – for strength and not for drunkenness!
[18]**Because** of laziness the framework tumbles and through idleness of hands the house leaks.
[19]A feast is made for laughter and **wine** gladdens **life**; and the silver answers **all.**
[20]***Do** not curse* the sovereign, even in your thought; *do not curse* the rich, even in your bedroom; for a bird of the heavens conveys the **voice** and a bird in flight makes the matter **known**.

11 Send out your **bread** on the face of the waters, for after many days you shall find it.
[2]Give a portion to seven and also to eight,
for *you do not* **know** what *evil* might be on the earth.
[3]***If*** the clouds are filled with rain, they *empty* themselves upon the earth. And if a *tree* falls to the south or the north, in the place where the *tree* falls, there it is.
[4]He who watches the *wind does not* sow and he who looks at the clouds *does not* reap.
[5]As *you do not* **know** what is the **way** of the wind, or how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child, so *you do not* **know** the **works** of **Elohim** who makes **all.**
[6]Sow your seed in the morning and until **evening** *do not* let your **hand** rest; since *you do not* **know** which prosper, this or that, or whether both alike are **good**.
[7]Sweet also is the **light** and **good** for the eyes to **see** the sun;
[8]***But*** if a man lives many years, let him **rejoice** in them **all.** ***But*** let him ***remember*** the days of *darkness*, for they are many. All that is **coming** is futility.
[9]Rejoice, O young man, in your youth and let your **heart** gladden you in the days of your youth. And **walk** in the **ways** of your **heart** and in the **sight** of your eyes, but **know** that for **all** these **Elohim** brings you into right-ruling.
[10]Therefore remove vexation from your **heart** and put away *evil* from your *flesh,* for youth and dawn of **life** are futility.

12 ***remember*** also your **Creator** in the days of your youth, before the *evil* days come and the years draw **near** when you say, "I have no pleasure in them":
[2]Before the sun and the **light**, the moon and the stars, are darkened and the clouds **return** after the rain;
[3]in the day when the guards of the house *tremble* and the **strong** men ***shall*** bow down; when the grinders ***shall*** cease **because** they are few and those that look through the windows ***shall*** become dim;
[4]and the **doors *shall* be** shut in the streets and the sound of grinding is low; and one rises up at the sound of a bird and **all** the daughters of song are bowed down;
[5]furthermore, they are *afraid* of what is high and of low places in the way; and the almond *tree* blossoms and the grasshopper becomes a *burden* and

desire perishes. For man is going to his **everlasting** home and the mourners ***shall*** go about the streets.

[6]**Remember Him** before the silver cord is loosed, or the golden bowl is *broken,* or the jar shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the well,

[7]and the dust returns to the earth as it was and the spirit returns to **Elohim** who gave it.

[8]"Futility! Futility!" said the Qoheleth, "All is futile."

[9]And besides being **wise,** Qoheleth also **taught** the people **knowledge** and he **listened** and sought out – set **in order** many proverbs.

[10]Qoheleth sought to find out **words** of delight and **words** of **truth**, **rightly written**.

[11]The **words** of the **wise** are like goads and as nails *driven* by the masters of collections – they were **given** by one Shepherd.

[12]And besides these, my son, be **warned** – the making of many **book**s has no end and much **study** is a *weary*ing of the *flesh.*

[13]**Let** us **hear** the **conclusion** of the entire matter: **Fear Elohim** and **guard His commands**, for this *applies to* **all** mankind!

[14]For **Elohim *shall*** bring **every work** into **right-ruling**, including **all** that is *hidden*, whether **good** or whether *evil*.

ESTĔR

1 And it came to be in the days of Aḥashwĕrosh – he is the Aḥashwĕrosh who reigned from India to Kush, a hundred and twenty-seven provinces –

[2]in those days, when Sovereign Aḥashwĕrosh sat on the throne of his reign, which was in the citadel of Shushan,

[3]that in the third year of his **reign** he made a feast for **all** his officials and servants. The **power** of Persia and Media, the nobles and the princes of the provinces were before him,

[4]when he showed the riches of his esteemed **reign** and the splendour of his excellent greatness for many days, a hundred and eighty days.

[5]And when these days were completed, the sovereign made a feast lasting seven days for **all** the people who were present in the citadel of Shushan, from **great** to small, in the courtyard of the garden of the sovereign's palace.

[6]White and blue tapestries were fastened with cords of fine linen and purple on silver rods and marble columns – the couches were of gold and silver on a mosaic pavement of porphyry, marble, mother-of-pearl and black marble.

[7]And they **served** drinks in golden vessels, the vessels being different from one another, with much royal **wine**, **according** to the **hand** of the sovereign.

[8]And drinking was **according** to the **law,** no one was compelled, for so the sovereign had ordered **all** the officers of his house, that they should do **according** to each one's pleasure.

[9]Sovereignness Vashti also made a feast for the women in the royal palace which Sovereign Aḥashwĕrosh owned.

[10]On the **seventh day**, when the **heart** of the sovereign was **glad** with **wine**, he ordered Mehuman, Biztha, Ḥarbona, Biḡtha and Aḇaḡtha, Zĕthar and Karkas, the seven eunuchs who were in attendance in the presence of Sovereign Aḥashwĕrosh,

[11]to bring Sovereignness Vashti before the sovereign, with her royal crown, **in order** to **show** her loveliness to the people and the officials, for she was lovely to look upon.

[12]***But*** Sovereignness Vashti *refused* to **come** at the sovereign's **command** brought by his eunuchs. And the sovereign was **very** *wroth* and his *rage burned* within him.

[13]So the sovereign said to the **wise** men who understood the times (for in this **way** the sovereign's matter *came* before **all** who **knew law** and right-ruling,

[14]and who were close to him: Karshena, Shĕthar, Aḏmatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, Mĕmukan, the seven princes of Persia and Mēdia, who **saw** the sovereign's face, who sat **first** in the reign):

[15]"According to **law,** what is to be done to Sovereignness Vashti, **because** she *did not* perform the **command** of Sovereign Aḥashwĕrosh, through the eunuchs?"

[16]And Memukan answered before the sovereign and the princes, "Sovereignness Vashti has misbehaved not only toward the sovereign, but also toward **all** the princes and **all** the people who are in **all** the provinces of Sovereign Aḥashwĕrosh.

[17]"For the matter of the sovereignness ***shall*** go forth to **all** women, to make their husbands *despised* in their eyes, when they say, 'Sovereign Aḥashwĕrosh **commanded** Sovereignness Vashti to be brought in before him, but she *did not* come.'

[18]"And this day the princesses of Persia and Media ***shall*** say to **all** the sovereign's officials that they have **heard** of the matter of the sovereignness – with plenty of *scorn* and *wrath*.

19"***If*** it **pleases** the sovereign, let a royal
decree go out from him and **let it be**
recorded in the **laws** of the Persians and
the Medes, so that it *does not* pass away,
that Vashti ***shall*** **come** no more before
Sovereign Aḥashwĕrosh. And let the
sovereign give her royal position to
another who is better than she.
20"And the sovereign's decree which he
makes ***shall*** **be proclaimed** throughout
all his **rule, great** as it is and **all** the
wives give **esteem** to their husbands,
both **great** and small."
21And the **word** was **good** *in the eyes*
of the sovereign and the princes and the
sovereign did **according** to the **word** of
Memuḵan.
22So he **sent** letters to **all** the
sovereign's provinces, to each province
in its own **writing,** and to **every** people
in their own **language,** that each man
should be master in his own house and
speak in the **language** of his people.

2 After these events, when the *wrath*
of Sovereign Aḥashwĕrosh had ceased,
he **remembered** Vashti, what she had
done and what had been decreed *against*
her.
2***Then*** the sovereign's servants who
attended him said, "**Let** lovely young
maidens be sought for the sovereign,
3and let the sovereign **appoint** officers
in **all** the provinces of his reign and
let them **gather all** the lovely young
maidens to the citadel of Shushan,
into the women's quarters, under the
hand of Hĕḡai the sovereign's eunuch,
guardian of the women, to give their
preparations.
4"And let the young woman who
pleases the sovereign be sovereigness
instead of Vashti." And the **word** pleased
the sovereign and he did so.
5In the citadel of Shushan there was a
certain man, a Yehuḏite whose name was
Mordeḵai son of Ya'ir, son of Shim'i, son
of Qish, a Binyamite,
6who had been exiled from
Yerushalayim with the captives who had
been exiled with Yeḵonyah sovereign
of Yahuḏah, whom Nebuḵaḏnetstsar the
sovereign of Baḇel had exiled.
7And it came to be that he was raising
Haḏassah, that is Estĕr, his uncle's
daughter, for she had neither father nor
mother. The young woman was lovely
and of **good** appearance. And when her
father and mother died, Mordeḵai took
her as his own daughter.
8And it came to be, when the
sovereign's **command** and decree were
heard and when many young women
were gathered at the citadel of Shushan,
into the **hand** of Hĕḡai, that Estĕr, too,
was taken to the sovereign's palace,
into the **hand** of Hĕḡai, guardian of the
women.
9And the young woman pleased him
and she received **kindness** from him. So
he hastened to give her **preparation**s
and her portions and gave her seven
choice female servants from the
sovereign's palace. And he moved her
and her female servants to the best *place*
in the house of the women.
10Estĕr had not made **known** her
people or her relatives, for Mordeḵai had
commanded her not to make it **known**.
11And **every** day Mordeḵai walked
about in front of the courtyard of the
women's quarters, to **learn** of Estĕr's
welfare and what is done to her.
12**Now** when the turn of each young
woman came to go in to Sovereign
Aḥashwĕrosh after she had **completed**
twelve months **according** to the
regulations for the women – for the days
of their **preparation** were **completed**
as **follow**s: six months with oil of myrrh
and six months with perfumes and with
the **preparation**s of women –
13thus prepared, the young woman went
to the sovereign and ***whatever*** she asked
for was **given** to take with her from the
house of the women to the sovereign's
palace.
14In the **evening** she went and in the
morning she returned to the second
house of the women, into the **hand** of
Sha'ashgaz, the sovereign's eunuch,
guardian of the concubines. She *would*
not **come** in to the sovereign again

unless the sovereign **delighted** in her and called for her by name.

[15]And when the turn came for Estĕr, the daughter of Aḇihayil the uncle of Mordeḵai, who had taken her as his daughter, to **come** in to the sovereign, she sought no matter but what Hēḡai the sovereign's eunuch, guardian of the women, advised. And Estĕr **found favour** *in the eyes* of **all** who **saw** her.

[16]And Estĕr was taken to Sovereign Aḥashwĕrosh, into his royal palace, in the tenth month, which is the month of Tĕḇĕth, in the seventh year of his reign.

[17]And the sovereign **loved** Estĕr more than **all** the women and she **found favour** and **kindness** in his eyes more than **all** the maidens. And he set the royal crown upon her head and made her sovereigness instead of Vashti.

[18]And the sovereign made a **great** feast, the Feast of Estĕr, for **all** his officials and servants. And he **proclaimed** a release in the provinces and gave gifts **according** to the means of a sovereign.

[19]And when maidens were **assembled** a second **time,** Mordeḵai sat within the sovereign's gate.

[20]Estĕr had not made **known** her relatives and her people *yet*, as Mordeḵai **commanded** her, for Estĕr **obeyed** the **command** of Mordeḵai as when she was being **raised** by him.

[21]In those days, while Mordeḵai sat within the sovereign's gate, two of the sovereign's eunuchs, Biḡthan and Teresh, doorkeepers, were *wroth* and sought to lay hands on Sovereign Aḥashwĕrosh.

[22]And the matter became **known** to Mordeḵai, who informed Sovereigness Estĕr and Estĕr spoke to the sovereign in Mordeḵai's name.

[23]And when the matter was searched into, it was confirmed and both were impaled on a stake. And it was **written** in the **book** of the annals in the presence of the sovereign.

3 After these events Sovereign Aḥash wĕrosh promoted Haman, son of Hammeḏatha the Aḡaḡite and exalted him and seated him higher than **all** the princes with him.

[2]And **all** the sovereign's servants who were in the sovereign's gate bowed and did obeisance to Haman, for so the sovereign had **commanded** concerning him. ***But*** Mordeḵai *would not* bow or do obeisance.

[3]And the sovereign's servants who were in the sovereign's gate said to Mordeḵai, "***Why*** do you ***dis*obey** the sovereign's **command?**"

[4]And it came to be, when they spoke to him daily and he *would not* **listen** to them, that they told Haman, to **see** whether the **words** of Mordeḵai would **stand** – for he had told them that he was a Yehuḏite.

[5]And when Haman **saw** that Mordeḵai *did not* bow or do obeisance, Haman was filled with *wrath*.

[6]***But*** it was *despicable* in his eyes to lay hands on Mordeḵai alone, for they had informed him of the people of Mordeḵai. Therefore Haman sought to *destroy* **all** the Yahuḏim who were throughout **all** the **reign** of Aḥashwĕrosh, the people of Mordeḵai.

[7]In the **first** month, which is the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of Sovereign Aḥashwĕrosh, someone *cast* Pur – that is, the **lot** – before Haman from day to day and from month to month, until it fell on the twelfth month, which is the month of Aḏar.

[8]Haman then told Sovereign Aḥashwĕrosh, "There is a certain people *scattered* and *dispersed* among the people in **all** the provinces of your reign, whose **laws** are different from **all** people and they *do not* do the sovereign's **laws**. Therefore it is not in the sovereign's interest to let them remain.

[9]"***If*** it **pleases** the sovereign, let a decree be **written** to *destroy* them and let me pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who do the **work,** to bring it into the sovereign's treasuries."

[10]And the sovereign took his **signet** ring from his **hand** and gave it to Haman, son of Hammeḏatha the Aḡaḡite, the enemy of the Yahuḏim.
[11]And the sovereign said to Haman, "The silver and the people are **given** to you, to do with them as seems **good** to you."
[12]And the sovereign's *scribes* were called on the thirteenth **day of** the **first** month and a decree was **written according** to **all** that Haman **commanded** – to the viceroys of the sovereign and to the governors who were over each province and to the officials of **all** people, to **every** province **according** to its **writing,** and to **every** people in their **language.** It was **written** in the name of Sovereign Aḥashwĕrosh and **sealed** with the sovereign's **signet** ring.
[13]And the letters were **sent** by the runners into **all** the sovereign's provinces, to *cut* off, to *slay* and to *destroy* **all** the Yahuḏim, both young and old, *little* children and women, in one day, on the thirteenth **day of** the twelfth month, which is the month of Aḏar and to plunder their possessions.
[14]A copy of the **writing,** to be made **law** in **every** province, was **published** for **all** people, to be **ready** for that day.
[15]The runners went out, hastened by the sovereign's **command** and the decree was **given** out in the citadel of Shushan. The sovereign and Haman then sat down to drink, but the city of Shushan was in *confusion.*

4 And Mordeḵai **learned** of **all** that had been done and Mordeḵai tore his garments and put on sackcloth and ashes and went out into the **midst** of the city and *cried out* with a loud and *bitter* cry.
[2]And he went up to the front of the sovereign's gate, for no one might enter the sovereign's gate wearing sackcloth.
[3]And in **every** province where the sovereign's **command** and decree came, there was ***great*** *mourning* among the Yahuḏim and fasting and *weeping* and wailing. And many lay in sackcloth and ashes.
[4]And Estĕr's young women and eunuchs came and told her and the sovereigness was deeply pained and **sent** garments to Mordeḵai to wear and to take away his sackcloth from him, but he *refused*.
[5]And Estĕr called Hathaḵ, one of the sovereign's eunuchs whom he had **appointed** to attend her and she gave him a **command** concerning Mordeḵai, to **learn** what and why this was.
[6]And Hathaḵ went out to Mordeḵai, to an **open** space of the city, in front of the sovereign's gate.
[7]And Mordeḵai told him **all** that befell him and **all** about the silver that Haman **promised** to pay into the sovereign's treasuries to *destroy* the Yahuḏim.
[8]And he gave him a copy of the **written** decree to *destroy* them, which was **given** at Shushan, to **show** it to Estĕr and explain it to her and to **command** her to go in to the sovereign to make supplication to him and plead before him for her people.
[9]And Hathaḵ came and told Estĕr the **words** of Mordeḵai.
[10]And Estĕr spoke to Hathaḵ and gave him a **command** for Mordeḵai,
[11]"All the sovereign's servants and the people of the sovereign's provinces **know** that any man or woman who goes into the inner court to the sovereign, who has not been called, he has but one law: to be put to *death,* ***except*** the one to whom the sovereign holds out the golden sceptre, who then ***shall*** **live.** ***But*** I have not been called to **come** in to the sovereign these thirty days."
[12]And they **declared** to Mordeḵai the **words** of Estĕr.
[13]And Mordeḵai **commanded** them to answer Estĕr, "***Do*** *not think* within yourself to **escape** in the sovereign's palace any more than **all** the other Yahuḏim.
[14]"For if you keep entirely *silent* at this **time,** relief and **deliverance** ***shall*** arise for the Yahuḏim from another

place, while you and your father's house *perish.* And who **knows** whether you have **come to** the **reign** for such a **time** as this?"

15And Estĕr **commanded** to reply to Mordeḵai,

16"Go, **gather all** the Yahuḏim who are present in Shushan and fast for me and *do not* eat or drink for three days, night or day. I too and my young women ***shall*** fast in the **same way,** then I ***shall*** go to the sovereign, which is *against* the law. And if I ***shall*** *perish,* I ***shall*** perish!"

17Mordeḵai then went away and did **according** to **all** that Estĕr **commanded** him.

5 And it came to be on the third day that Estĕr put on royal apparel and stood in the inner court of the sovereign's palace, in front of the sovereign's house, while the sovereign sat on his royal throne in the royal house, opposite the entrance of the house.

2And it came to be, when the sovereign **saw** Sovereigness Estĕr standing in the court, that she **found favour** in his eyes and the sovereign held out to Estĕr the golden sceptre which was in his **hand.** And Estĕr went **near** and touched the top of the sceptre.

3And the sovereign said to her, "***What*** is it, Sovereigness Estĕr and what is your request? Up to half my reign and it is **given** to you!"

4And Estĕr answered, "***If*** it **pleases** the sovereign, let the sovereign and Haman **come to**day to the feast which I have prepared for him."

5And the sovereign said, "Get Haman at once, to do as Estĕr has said." ***Then*** the sovereign and Haman went to the feast which Estĕr had prepared.

6And the sovereign said to Estĕr at the feast of **wine**, "***What*** is your petition? And it is **given** you. And what is your request? Up to half my reign and it is done!"

7And Estĕr answered and said, "My petition and request is this:

8"***If*** I have **found favour** *in the eyes* of the sovereign and if it **pleases** the sovereign to give my petition and perform my request, then let the sovereign and Haman **come to** the feast which I make for them and **tomorrow** I ***shall*** do **according** to the **word** of the sovereign."

9And Haman went out that day rejoicing and with a **glad heart.** ***But*** when Haman **saw** Mordeḵai in the sovereign's gate and that he *did not* **stand** or *tremble* before him, he was filled with *wrath against* Mordeḵai.

10***But*** Haman held himself in and came to his house and he **sent** and called for his friends and Zeresh his wife.

11And Haman recounted to them the **esteem** of his wealth and his many sons and **all** in which the sovereign had promoted him and how he had exalted him above the officials and servants of the sovereign.

12And Haman said, "Besides, Estĕr the sovereigness let no one but me **come** in with the sovereign to the feast which she prepared. And **tomorrow** too I am invited by her, along with the sovereign.

13"***But*** **all** this *does not* suit me, as long as I **see** Mordeḵai the Yehuḏite sitting at the sovereign's gate."

14So his wife Zeresh and **all** his friends said to him, "**Let** a stake be made, fifty cubits high and in the morning **speak** to the sovereign that Mordeḵai be impaled on it. And go with the sovereign to the feast, rejoicing." And the **word** pleased Haman and he had the stake made.

6 On that night the sleep of the sovereign fled and he **commanded** to bring the **book** of the records of the annals. And they were **read** before the sovereign.

2And it was **found written** that Mordeḵai had told of Biḡthana and Teresh, two of the sovereign's eunuchs, the doorkeepers who had sought to lay hands on Sovereign Aḥashwĕrosh.

3***Then*** the sovereign said, "***What*** has

been done in value or in greatness to Mordeḵai for this?" And the sovereign's servants who attended him said, "Naught has been done for him."

[4]And the sovereign said, "***Who*** is in the court?" **Now** Haman had **come** into the outer court of the sovereign's palace to **speak** to the sovereign to impale Mordeḵai on the stake that he had prepared for him.

[5]And the sovereign's servants said to him, "Look, Haman is standing in the court." And the sovereign said, "**Let** him **come** in."

[6]And when Haman came in, the sovereign asked him, "***What*** is to be done for the man whom the sovereign delights to value?" **Now** Haman thought in his **heart,** "***Whom*** would the sovereign **delight** to value more than me?"

[7]And Haman answered the sovereign, "For the man whom the sovereign delights to value,

[8]let a royal **robe** be brought which the sovereign has worn and a horse on which the sovereign has ridden, one with a royal crest placed on its head.

[9]"'And let this **robe** and horse be **given** into the **hand** of one of the sovereign's most noble princes. **Let** them dress the man whom the sovereign delights to value. And make him ride on horseback through the city square and **proclaim** before him, 'Thus it is done to the man whom the sovereign delights to value!' "

[10]And the sovereign said to Haman, "Hurry, take the **robe** and the horse, as you have **spoken** and do so for Mordeḵai the Yehudite who sits in the sovereign's gate. **Let** no **word** fail of **all** that you have **spoken** ."

[11]And Haman took the **robe** and the horse and robed Mordeḵai and led him on horseback through the city square and **proclaimed** before him, "Thus it is done to the man the sovereign delights to value."

[12]***Then*** Mordeḵai went back to the sovereign's gate. ***But*** Haman hurried to his house, *mourning* and with covered head.

[13]And when Haman related to his wife Zeresh and **all** his friends **all** that had befallen him, his **wise** men and his wife Zeresh said to him, "***If*** Mordeḵai, before whom you have begun to fall, is from the seed of the Yahudim, you are not going to **prevail** *against* him but certainly *fall* before him."

[14]While they were still speaking with him, the sovereign's eunuchs came and hurried to bring Haman to the feast which Estĕr had prepared.

7 And the sovereign and Haman came in, to drink with Sovereigness Estĕr.

[2]And again on the second day, at the feast of **wine**, the sovereign said to Estĕr, "***What*** is your petition, Sovereigness Estĕr? And it is **given** to you. And what is your request? Up to half my reign and it is done!"

[3]And Sovereigness Estĕr answered and said, "***If*** I have **found favour** in your eyes, O sovereign and if it **pleases** the sovereign, let my **life** be **given** me at my petition and my people at my request.

[4]"For we have been sold, my people and I, to be *cut* off, to be slain and to be **destroyed**. And if we had been sold as male and female slaves, I would have kept silent, although the adversary *could not* make up for the sovereign's loss."

[5]***Then*** Sovereign Ahashwĕrosh asked Sovereigness Estĕr, "***Who*** is he and where is he, whose **heart** is set to do so?"

[6]And Estĕr said, "The adversary and enemy is this *evil* Haman!" ***Then*** Haman was *afraid* before the sovereign and sovereigness.

[7]And the sovereign, arising in his *wrath* from the feast of **wine**, *went* into the palace garden. And Haman remained before Sovereigness Estĕr, pleading for his **life**, for he **saw** that *evil* had been decided *against* him by the sovereign.

[8]And when the sovereign returned from the palace garden to the place of the feast of **wine**, Haman was falling on the couch where Estĕr was. ***Then***

the sovereign said, "Also to ravish the sovereigness while I am in the house?" As the **word** left the sovereign's **mouth,** they covered Haman's face.

[9]And Ḥarḇonah, one of the eunuchs, said to the sovereign, "Also, **see** the stake, fifty cubits high, which Haman made for Mordeḵai, who spoke **good** on behalf of the sovereign, is standing at the house of Haman." And the sovereign said, "Impale him on it!"

[10]And they impaled Haman on the stake that he had prepared for Mordeḵai and the sovereign's *wrath* abated.

8 On that day Sovereign Aḥashwĕrosh gave to Sovereigness Estĕr the house of Haman, the adversary of the Yahuḏim. And Mordeḵai came before the sovereign, for Estĕr had **explained** what he was to her.

[2]And the sovereign took off his **signet** ring, which he had taken from Haman and gave it to Mordeḵai. And Estĕr **appointed** Mordeḵai over the house of Haman.

[3]And Estĕr spoke to the sovereign again and fell down at his feet and ***begged*** him with tears to put an end to the *evil* of Haman the Aḡaḡite and his *plot* which he had *plotted against* the Yahuḏim.

[4]And the sovereign held out the golden sceptre toward Estĕr. And Estĕr arose and stood before the sovereign,

[5]and said, "***If*** it **pleases** the sovereign, and if I have **found favour** in his **sight** and the matter is **right** before the sovereign and I am pleasing in his eyes, **let it be written** to bring back the letters, the *plot* by Haman, son of Hammeḏatha the Aḡaḡite, which he **wrote** to *destroy* the Yahuḏim who are in **all** the sovereign's provinces.

[6]"For how could I bear to **see** the *evil* **coming** to my people? Or how could I bear to **see** the ***destruction*** of my relatives?"

[7]And Sovereign Aḥashwĕrosh said to Sovereigness Estĕr and Mordeḵai the Yahuḏi, "Look, I have **given** Estĕr the house of Haman and they have impaled him on the stake **because** he laid his **hand** on the Yahuḏim.

[8]"**Now** you **write** on behalf of the Yahuḏim, as it **pleases** you, in the sovereign's name and **seal** it with the sovereign's **signet** ring. For a letter which is **written** in the sovereign's name and **sealed** with the sovereign's **signet** ring no one turns back."

[9]So the sovereign's *scribes* were called at that **time,** in the third month, which is the month of Siwan, on the twenty-third day. And it was **written**, **according** to **all** that Mordeḵai **commanded** to the Yahuḏim and to the viceroys and the governors and the princes of the provinces from India to Kush, a hundred and twentyseven provinces, to **every** province in its own **writing,** to **every** people in their own **language** and to the Yahuḏim in their own **writing** and in their own **language.**

[10]And he **wrote** in the name of Sovereign Aḥashwĕrosh and **sealed** it with the sovereign's **signet** ring and **sent** letters by runners on horseback, riding on royal horses bred from speedy mares:

[11]That the sovereign has granted to the Yahuḏim who were in **every** city to be **assembled** and **stand** for their lives – to *cut* off, to *slay* and to *destroy* **all** the **power** of the people or province that would *distress* them, *little* children and women and to plunder their possessions,

[12]on one day in **all** the provinces of Sovereign Aḥashwĕrosh, on the thirteenth **day of** the twelfth month, which is the month of Aḏar.

[13]The copy of the **writing** to be made **law** in **every** province was **announced** to **all** the peoples, so that the Yahuḏim would be **ready** on that day to be avenged on their enemies.

[14]The runners, riding on royal horses, went out, hastened and pressed on by the sovereign's **command.** And the decree was **given** out in the citadel of Shushan.

[15]And Mordeḵai went out from the presence of the sovereign wearing royal

garments of blue and white, with a **great** crown of gold and a garment of fine linen and purple. And the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad.
16For the Yahuḏim there was **light** and **gladness** and **joy** and value.
17And in **every** province and in **every** city where the sovereign's **command** and decree came, the Yahuḏim had **joy** and **gladness**, a feast and a **good** day. And many of the people of the land were becoming Yahuḏim, for the **fear** of the Yahuḏim had fallen upon them.

9 And in the twelfth month, that is, the month of Aḏar, on the thirteenth day, when the sovereign's **command** and his decree came to be done, on the day that the enemies of the Yahuḏim had waited to overpower them, it turned around, so that the Yahuḏim overpowered those who *hated* them.
2The Yahuḏim **assembled** in their cities, throughout **all** the provinces of Sovereign Aḥashwĕrosh to lay hands on those who sought their *evil*. And no one stood *against* them, **because fear** of them fell upon **all** people.
3And **all** the officials of the provinces and the viceroys and the governors and **all** those doing the sovereign's **work,** helped the Yahuḏim, **because** the **fear** of Mordeḵai fell upon them.
4For Mordeḵai was **great** in the palace of the sovereign and his report spread into **all** the provinces, for this man Mordeḵai became greater and greater.
5And the Yahuḏim *smote* **all** their enemies with the stroke of the *sword,* with slaughter and ***destruction*** and did what they pleased to those who *hated* them.
6And in the citadel of Shushan the Yahuḏim slew and ***destroyed*** five hundred men.
7And they slew Parshandatha, Dalphon and Aspatha,
8Poratha, Aḏalya and Ariḏatha,
9Parmashta, Arisai, Ariḏai and Wayezatha,
10the ten sons of Haman son of Hammeḏatha, the enemy of the Yahuḏim. ***But*** they *did not* lay a **hand** on the plunder.
11On that day the number of those who were *slain* in the citadel of Shushan came before the sovereign.
12And the sovereign said to Sovereigness Estĕr, "The Yahuḏim have *slain* and ***destroyed*** five hundred men in the citadel of Shushan and the ten sons of Haman. ***What*** have they done in the rest of the sovereign's provinces? And what is your petition? And it is **given** to you. And what is your further request? And it is done."
13And Estĕr said, "***If*** it **pleases** the sovereign, **let it be given** to the Yahuḏim who are in Shushan to do again **tomorrow according** to today's decree and let Haman's ten sons be impaled on the stake."
14And the sovereign **commanded** this to be done. And the decree was **given** in Shushan and they impaled Haman's ten sons.
15And the Yahuḏim who were in Shushan also **assembled** on the fourteenth **day of** the month of Aḏar and they slew three hundred men at Shushan. ***But*** they *did not* lay a **hand** on the plunder.
16And the rest of the Yahuḏim in the sovereign's provinces **assembled** and stood for their lives and to get rest from their enemies and to *slay* seventy-five thousand of their enemies. ***But*** they *did not* lay a **hand** on the plunder.
17*That was* on the thirteenth **day of** the month of Aḏar and on the fourteenth **day of** the month they rested and made it a **day of** feasting and **gladness**.
18***But*** the Yahuḏim who were at Shushan **assembled** on the thirteenth day, as well as on the fourteenth day. And on the fifteenth **day of** the month they rested and made it a **day of** feasting and **gladness**.
19Therefore the Yahuḏim of the villages who dwelt in the unwalled towns were making the fourteenth **day of** the month of Aḏar a **good day of gladness** and

feasting and for sending portions to one another.
[20]And Mordeḵai **wrote** these matters and **sent** letters to **all** the Yahuḏim who were in **all** the provinces of Sovereign Aḥashwĕrosh, both **near** and far,
[21]to **establish** among them, to **observe** the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Aḏar, yearly,
[22]as the days on which the Yahuḏim had rest from their enemies, as the month which was turned from *sorrow* to **joy** for them and from *mourning* to a **good** day, that they should make them days of feasting and joy, of sending portions to one another and gifts to the *poor*.
[23]And the Yahuḏim undertook to do as they had begun and as Mordeḵai had **written** to them,
[24]**because** Haman, son of Hammeḏatha the Aḡaḡite, the adversary of **all** the Yahuḏim, had *plotted against* the Yahuḏim to *destroy* them and had *cast* Pur – that is, the **lot** – to *crush* them and to *destroy* them.
[25]***But*** when she came before the sovereign, he **commanded** by letter that his *evil plot* which Haman had *plotted against* the Yahuḏim should **return** on his own head and that he and his sons should be impaled on the stake.
[26]Therefore they called these days Purim, after the name Pur. Therefore, **because** of **all** the **words** of this letter, what they had **seen** concerning this matter and what had **come** upon them,
[27]the Yahuḏim **established** and imposed it upon themselves and upon their seed and **all** who should join them, that without fail they should **observe** these two days **every** year, **according** to their **writing** and at their **appointed time,**
[28]and that these days should be **remembered** and **observed** throughout **every** generation, **every** clan, **every** province and **every** city and that these days of Purim should not fail from among the Yahuḏim and that the **remembrance** of them should not cease from their seed.
[29]And Sovereigness Estĕr, the daughter of Aḇiḥayil, with Mordeḵai the Yahuḏi, **wrote** with **all authority** to **confirm** this second letter about Purim.
[30]And Mordeḵai **sent** letters to **all** the Yahuḏim, to the hundred and twenty-seven provinces of the **reign** of Aḥashwĕrosh, **words** of **peace** and **truth**,
[31]to **establish** these days of Purim at their **appointed times,** as Mordeḵai the Yehuḏite and Sovereigness Estĕr had **established** for them and as they had **established** for themselves and their seed concerning matters of their fastings and lamenting.
[32]And the decree of Estĕr **established** these matters of Purim and it was **written** in the **book**.

10 And Sovereign Aḥashwĕrosh laid compulsory labour on the land and the islands of the sea.
[2]And **all** the acts of his **power** and his might and the exact account of the greatness of Mordeḵai, with which the sovereign made him great, are they not **written** in the **book** of the annals of the sovereigns of Media and Persia?
[3]For Mordeḵai the Yahuḏi was second to Sovereign Aḥashwĕrosh and **great** among the Yahuḏim and pleasing to his many brothers, **seeking** the **good** of his people and speaking **peace** to **all** his seed.

In the Book of Ester, Yahuah's souvereign reign is assumed at every point. He directs and controls all the seemingly insignificant coincidences resulting in the deliverance of the Yahudim.

EZRA

1 And in the **first** year of Koresh
sovereign of Persia, that the **Word** of
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 by the **mouth** of Yirmeyah might
be **accomplished**, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 stirred up the
spirit of Koresh sovereign of Persia, to
proclaim throughout **all** his reign and
also in **writing,** saying,
2"Thus said Koresh sovereign of
Persia, '𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **Elohim** of the heavens
has **given** me **all** the reigns of the earth.
And **He** has **commanded** me to build
Him a house in Yerushalayim which is
in Yahuḏah.
3***Who*** is among you of **all His** people?
His **Elohim** be with **Him!** And let him
go up to Yerushalayim, which is in
Yahuḏah and build the House of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄
Elohim of Yisra'ĕl – **He** is **Elohim** –
which is in Yerushalayim.
4And ***whoever*** is left from **all** the
places where he sojourns, let the men
of his place help him with silver and
gold, with goods and livestock, besides
the voluntary offerings for the House of
Elohim which is in Yerushalayim.' "
5And the heads of the fathers' *houses*
of Yahuḏah and Binyamin and the priests
and the Lĕwites, with **all** those whose
spirits **Elohim** had stirred, rose up to go
up and build the House of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 which
is in Yerushalayim.
6And **all** those round about them
strengthened their hands with objects of
silver and gold, with goods and livestock
and with valuables, besides **all** that was
voluntarily offered.
7And Sovereign Koresh brought out
the utensils of the House of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄,
which Nebuḵaḏnetstsar had taken from
Yerushalayim and put in the house of his
mighty ones,
8and Koresh sovereign of Persia
brought them out by the **hand** of
Mithreḏath the treasurer and counted
them out to Shĕshbatstsar the leader of
Yahuḏah.
9And this was their number: thirty gold
dishes, one thousand silver dishes,
twenty nine knives,
10thirty gold basins, next, four hundred
and ten silver basins, one thousand other
utensils.
11All the utensils of gold and silver
were five thousand four hundred.
Shĕshbatstsar took **all** of them with the
exiles who were brought from Baḇel to
Yerushalayim.

2 And these are the sons of the
province who came back from
the captivity of the exiles, whom
Nebuḵaḏnetstsar the sovereign of Baḇel
had exiled to Baḇel and who returned to
Yerushalayim and Yahuḏah, each to his
own city,
2who came with Zerubbaḇel: Yĕshua,
Neḥemyah, Serayah, Reʿĕlayah,
Mordeḵai, Bilshan, Mispar, Biḡwai,
Reḥum, Baʿanah. The number of the men
of the people of Yisra'ĕl:
3sons of Parosh, two thousand one
hundred and seventy-two;
4sons of Shephatyah, three hundred
and seventy-two;
5sons of Araḥ, seven hundred and
seventy-five;
6sons of Paḥath-Mo'aḇ, of the sons of
Yĕshua and Yo'aḇ, two thousand eight
hundred and twelve;
7sons of Ĕylam, one thousand two
hundred and fifty-four;
8sons of Zattu, nine hundred and
fortyfive;
9sons of Zakkai, seven hundred and
sixty;
10sons of Bani, six hundred and
forty-two;
11sons of Bĕḇai, six hundred and
twenty-three;
12sons of Azgaḏ, one thousand two

hundred and twenty-two;
[13]sons of Aḏoniqam, six hundred and sixty-six;
[14]sons of Biḡwai, two thousand and fiftysix;
[15]sons of Aḏin, four hundred and fifty- four;
[16]sons of Atĕr of Ḥizqiyah, ninety-eight;
[17]sons of Bĕtsai, three hundred and twenty-three;
[18]sons of Yorah, one hundred and twelve;
[19]sons of Ḥashum, two hundred and twenty-three;
[20]sons of Gibbar, ninety-five;
[21]sons of Bĕyth Leḥem, one hundred and twenty-three;
[22]men of Netophah, fifty-six;
[23]men of Anathoth, one hundred and twenty-eight;
[24]sons of Azmaweth, forty-two;
[25]sons of Qiryath Arim, Kephirah and Be'ĕroth, seven hundred and forty-three;
[26]sons of Ramah and Geḇa, six hundred and twenty-one;
[27]men of Miḵmas, one hundred and twenty-two;
[28]men of Bĕyth Ĕl and Ai, two hundred and twenty-three;
[29]sons of Neḇo, fifty-two;
[30]sons of Maḡbish, one hundred and fifty-six;
[31]sons of the other Ĕylam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four;
[32]sons of Ḥarim, three hundred and twenty;
[33]sons of Loḏ, Ḥaḏiḏ and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-five;
[34]sons of Yeriḥo, three hundred and forty-five;
[35]sons of Sena'ah, three thousand six hundred and thirty.
[36]The priests: sons of Yeḏayah, of the house of Yĕshua, nine hundred and seventy-three;
[37]sons of Immĕr, one thousand and fiftytwo;
[38]sons of Pashhur, one thousand two hundred and forty-seven;
[39]sons of Ḥarim, one thousand and seventeen.
[40]The Lĕwites: sons of Yĕshua and Qadmi'ĕl, of the sons of Hoḏawyah, seventy-four.
[41]The singers: sons of Asaph, one hundred and twenty-eight.
[42]Sons of the gatekeepers: sons of Shallum, sons of Atĕr, sons of Talmon, sons of Aqquḇ, sons of Ḥatita, sons of Shoḇai, one hundred and thirty-nine in **all.**
[43]The Nethinim: sons of Tsiḥa, sons of Ḥasupha, sons of Tabba'oth,
[44]sons of Qĕros, sons of Si'aha, sons of Paḏon,
[45]sons of Leḇanah, sons of Ḥaḡaḇah, sons of Aqquḇ,
[46]sons of Ḥaḡaḇ, sons of Shamlai, sons of Ḥanan,
[47]sons of Giddĕl, sons of Gaḥar, sons of Re'ayah,
[48]sons of Retsin, sons of Neqoḏa, sons of Gazzam,
[49]sons of Uzza, sons of Pasĕaḥ, sons of Bĕsai,
[50]sons of Asnah, sons of Me'unim, sons of Nephusim,
[51]sons of Baqbuq, sons of Ḥaqupha, sons of Ḥarḥur,
[52]sons of Batsluth, sons of Meḥiḏa, sons of Ḥarsha,
[53]sons of Barqos, sons of Sisera, sons of Tĕmaḥ,
[54]sons of Netsiyaḥ, sons of Ḥatipha.
[55]Sons of Shelomoh's servants: sons of Sotai, sons of Sophereth, sons of Peruḏa,
[56]sons of Ya'ala, sons of Darqon, sons of Giddĕl,
[57]sons of Shephatyah, sons of Ḥattil, sons of Poḵereth of Tseḇayim, sons of Ami.
[58]All the Nethinim and the children of Shelomoh's servants were three hundred and ninety-two.
[59]And these were those who came up from Tĕl Melaḥ, Tĕl Ḥarsha, Kerub, Addan, Immĕr; but they were *unable* to **show** their father's house and their seed, whether they were of Yisra'ĕl:
[60]sons of Delayah, sons of Toḇiyah,

sons of Neqoḏa, six hundred and fifty-two;
[61]and of the sons of the priests: sons of Ḥaḇayah, sons of Qots, sons of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gil'aḏite and was called by their name.
[62]These sought their register *among* those who were counted by genealogy, but they were not found, so they were *barred* from the priesthood as *defiled*.
[63]And the governor said to them that they should not eat of the most set-apart gifts until there stood up a priest with the Urim and Tummim.
[64]The entire assembly was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty,
[65]besides their male and female servants – these were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven. They also had two hundred men and women singers.
[66]Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules two hundred and forty-five,
[67]their camels four hundred and thirtyfive, donkeys six thousand seven hundred and twenty.
[68]And some of the heads of the fathers' houses, when they came to the House of ה׳ which is in Yerushalayim, offered voluntarily for the House of **Elohim**, to **establish** it in its place.
[69]They gave **according** to their ability to the treasury for the **work** sixty-one thousand gold drachmas and five thousand minas of silver and one hundred priestly garments.
[70]And the priests and the Lĕwites and some of the people and the singers and the gatekeepers and the Nethinim, dwelt in their cities and **all** Yisra'ĕl in their cities.

3 **Now** when the seventh month came and the children of Yisra'ĕl were in the cities, the people gathered as one man to Yerushalayim.
[2]And Yĕshua son of Yotsaḏaq and his brothers the priests and Zerubbaḇel son of She'alti'ĕl and his brothers, arose and built the altar of the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, to offer burnt offerings on it, as it is **written** in the **Torah** of Mosheh, the man of **Elohim**.
[3]So they set the altar on its stands, being *afraid* of the peoples of the lands. And they offered burnt offerings on it to ה׳, both the morning and **evening** burnt offerings.
[4]And they performed the **Festival of Booths**, as it is **written** and the daily burnt offerings by number, **according** to the **right-ruling** for each day,
[5]and afterward the continual burnt offering and those for **New Moons** and for **all** the **appointed times** of ה׳ that were set-apart, also for everyone who volunteered a voluntary offering to ה׳.
[6]From the **first day of** the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to ה׳. ***But*** the foundation of the Hĕḵal of ה׳ had not been laid.
[7]And they gave silver to the stonemasons and the carpenters and food and drink and oil to the people of Tsiḏon and Tsor to bring cedar logs from Leḇanon to the sea at Yapho, **according** to the permission which they had from Koresh sovereign of Persia.
[8]And in the second month of the second year of their **coming** to the House of **Elohim**, to Yerushalayim, Zerubbaḇel son of She'alti'ĕl and Yĕshua son of Yotsaḏaq and the rest of their brothers the priests and the Lĕwites and **all** those who had **come out** of the captivity to Yerushalayim, began and they **appointed** the Lĕwites from twenty years old and above to oversee the **work** of the House of ה׳.
[9]And Yĕshua stood up, his sons and his brothers, Qadmi'ĕl with his sons, the sons of Yahuḏah together, to oversee those working on the House of **Elohim**: the sons of Ḥĕnaḏaḏ with their sons and their brothers the Lĕwites.
[10]And when the builders laid the foundation of the Hĕḵal of ה׳,they

appointed the priests in their robes, with trumpets and the Lĕwites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to **praise** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, after the order of Dawiḏ sovereign of Yisra'ĕl.

[11]And they responded by praising and giving **thanks** to ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, "For **He** is **good**, for **His kindness** towards Yisra'ĕl is **forever**." And **all** the people *shouted* with a **great** shout, when they p**raised** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ, **because** the foundation of the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ was laid.

[12]And many of the priests and Lĕwites and heads of the fathers' *houses*, the old men who had **seen** the **first** House, wept with a loud **voice** when the foundation of this House was laid before their eyes and many *shouted* aloud for joy,

[13]and the people *could not* distinguish the noise of the shout of **joy** from the noise of the *weeping* of the people, for the people *shouted* with a loud shout and the sound was **heard** far away.

4 And when the adversaries of Yahuḏah and Binyamin **heard** that the sons of the exile were building the Hĕḵal of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl,

[2]they came to Zerubbaḇel and the heads of the fathers' *houses* and said to them, "**Let** us build with you, for we **seek** your **Elohim** as you do. And we have slaughtered to **Him** since the days of Ĕsarḥaddon sovereign of Ashshur, who brought us here."

[3]***But*** Zerubbaḇel and Yĕshua and the rest of the heads of the fathers' *houses* of Yisra'ĕl said to them, "It is not for you and for us to build a house for our **Elohim**, but we alone build to ꓤꓰꓤꓶ **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, as Sovereign Koresh the sovereign of Persia has **commanded** us."

[4]And it came to be that the people of the land were weakening the hands of the people of Yahuḏah and troubling them in their building,

[5]and hiring counsellors *against* them to thwart their plans **all** the days of Koresh sovereign of Persia, even until the **reign** of Dareyawesh sovereign of Persia.

[6]And in the **reign** of Aḥashwĕrosh, in the beginning of his reign, they **wrote** an *accusation against* the inhabitants of Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim.

[7]And in the days of Artaḥshashta, Bishlam, Mithreḏath, Taḇe'ĕl and the rest of their companions **wrote** to Artaḥshashta sovereign of Persia. And the letter was **written** in Aramaic and translated *from* Aramaic.

[8]Reḥum the governor and Shimshai the scribe **wrote** a letter *against* Yerushalayim to Sovereign Artaḥshashta, thus:

[9]Reḥum the governor and Shimshai the scribe and the rest of their companions – the judges and the emissaries, the consuls, the officials, the people of Ereḵ and of Baḇel and of Shushan, the Dehawites, the Ĕylamites,

[10]and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Osnapper took into exile and settled in the cities of Shomeron and the rest beyond the River. And **now**,

[11]this is a copy of the letter that they **sent** him, to Sovereign Artaḥshashta from your servants the men beyond the River.

[12]**And now**, **let it be known** to the sovereign that the Yahuḏim who came up from you have **come to** us at Yerushalayim and are building the *rebellious* and *evil* city and are completing its walls and repairing the foundations.

[13]**Now** let it **now** be **known** to the sovereign that, if this city is built and the walls completed, they are not going to pay tax, excise, or toll and **cause** the revenue of the sovereign to *suffer* loss.

[14]**Now**, **because** we have eaten **salt** from the palace, it was not fitting for us to **see** the sovereign's *shame.* Therefore we have **sent** and informed the sovereign,

[15]so that **search** be made in the **book** of the records of your fathers and you find in the **book** of the records and **know,** that this city is a *rebellious* city and causing loss to sovereigns and provinces.

And revolt was stirred up in it since days of old, for which **cause** this city was **destroyed**.

16We inform the sovereign that if this city is rebuilt and its walls are completed, then you have no portion beyond the River.

17The sovereign **sent** a message: To Reḥum the governor and Shimshai the scribe, to the rest of their companions who dwell in Shomeron and the rest beyond the River: Peace! And **now**,

18the letter you **sent** to us has been plainly **read** before me.

19And I made the decree and a **search** has been made and it was **found** that this city in days of old has lifted up itself *against* sovereigns and that *rebellion* and revolt have been made in it.

20And mighty sovereigns have been over Yerushalayim, who have ruled over **all** beyond the River. And tax, excise and toll were paid to them.

21**Now**, make a decree to make these men cease and that this city be not built until the **command** is **given** by me.

22And beware of *negligence* to do this. ***Why*** should damage increase to the hurt of the sovereigns?

23**Now** when the copy of the letter of Sovereign Artaḥshashta was **read** before Reḥum and Shimshai the scribe and their companions, they went up in a hurry to Yerushalayim *against* the Yahuḏim and made them cease by might and power.

24***Then*** the **work** of the House of **Elah** which is at Yerushalayim ceased and it ceased until the second year of the **reign** of Dareyawesh sovereign of Persia.

5 ***Then*** the **prophets,** Ḥaggai the **prophet** and Zeḵaryah son of Iddo, prophesied to the Yahuḏim who were in Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim, in the **Name** of the **Elah** of Yisra'ĕl upon them.

2***Then*** Zerubbaḇel son of She'alti'ĕl and Yĕshua son of Yotsaḏaq rose up and began to build the House of **Elah** which is in Yerushalayim. And the prophets of **Elah** were with them, helping them.

3At that **time** Tattenai the governor beyond the River and Shethar-Bozenai and their companions came to them and said this to them, "***Who*** has made you a decree to build this House and to **complete** this wall?"

4***Then*** we told them what the names were of the men who were building this building.

5And the eye of their **Elah** was upon the elders of the Yahuḏim, so that they *could not* make them cease until the matter went to Dareyawesh. And then they **sent** back a letter concerning this.

6This is a copy of the letter that Tattenai, governor beyond the River, had **sent** and Shethar-Bozenai and his companions the officials beyond the River, to Dareyawesh the sovereign.

7They **sent** a letter to him and this was **written** in it: To Dareyawesh the sovereign: All peace.

8**Let** it be **known** to the sovereign that we went into the province of Yahuḏah, to the House of the **great Elah,** which is being built with *heavy* stones and timber is being laid in the walls. And this **work** goes on **speedily** and is **blessed** in their hands.

9***Then*** we asked those elders, saying this to them, "***Who*** made you a decree to build this House and to **complete** these walls?"

10And we also asked them their names, **in order** to inform you, so we could **write** the names of the men at their head.

11And this is the answer they gave us, saying, "We are the servants of the **Elah** of **heaven** and earth and we are rebuilding the House that was built many years ago, which a **great** sovereign of Yisra'ĕl built and completed.

12"***But*** **because** our fathers *provoked* the **Elah** of heaven, **He** gave them into the **hand** of Neḇuḵaḏnetstsar sovereign of Baḇel, the Chaldean, who ***destroyed*** this House and exiled the people to Baḇel.

13"***But*** in the **first** year of Koresh sovereign of Baḇel, Koresh the sovereign made a decree to build this

House of **Elah.**
14"And also, the gold and silver utensils of the House of **Elah,** which Nebukadnetstsar had taken from the Hĕkal that was in Yerushalayim and brought to the hĕkal of Babel, those Sovereign Koresh took from the hĕkal of Babel and they were **given** to one named Shĕshbatstsar, whom he had made governor,
15and said to him, 'Take these utensils, go, deposit them in the Hĕkal in Yerushalayim and let the House of **Elah** be built on its place.'
16"***Then*** the **same** Shĕshbatstsar came, laid the foundation of the House of **Elah** which is in Yerushalayim and since that **time** even until **now** it has been in building and it is not completed."
17And **now**, if it seems **good** to the sovereign, let a **search** be made in the sovereign's treasure-house, which is there in Babel, whether it is so that a decree was made by Sovereign Koresh to build this House of **Elah** at Yerushalayim and let the sovereign send us his decision concerning this.

6 ***Then*** Dareyawesh the sovereign made a decree and a **search** was made in the house of the **book**s wherein also the treasures of Babel were kept.
2And at Ahmetha, in the palace which is in the province of Media, a **scroll** was found and this was **written** in it:
3In the **first** year of Sovereign Koresh, Sovereign Koresh made a decree concerning the House of **Elah** at Yerushalayim, "**Let** the house be built in the place where they brought offerings and its foundations strongly laid, its height sixty cubits, its width sixty cubits,
4three rows of *heavy* stones and one row of new timber. **Let** the expenses be paid from the sovereign's house.
5"And let the gold and silver utensils of the House of **Elah,** which Nebukadnetstsar took from the Hĕkal which is in Yerushalayim and brought to Babel, be returned and go to the Hĕkal which is in Yerushalayim, to its place and deposit them in the House of **Elah**,"
6**Now**, Tattenai, governor beyond the River and Shethar-Bozenai and your companions the officials beyond the River, stay away from there.
7Leave the **work** of this House of **Elah** alone. **Let** the governor of the Yahudim and the elders of the Yahudim build this House of **Elah** on its place.
8And I make a decree as to what you should do for the elders of these Yahudim, for the building of this House of Elah: **Let** the exact expense be paid to these men from the sovereign's resources, out of the taxes beyond the River, so that they are not *stopped*.
9And ***whatever*** they need – both young bulls and rams and lambs for the burnt offerings of the **Elah** of heaven, wheat, salt, **wine** and oil, **according** to the request of the priests who are in Yerushalayim – **let it be given** them day by day without fail,
10so that they bring pleasing offerings to the **Elah** of heaven and pray for the **life** of the sovereign and his sons.
11And I make a decree that ***whoever*** *change*s this **word,** let a timber be pulled from his house and let him be impaled, hanged on it. And let his house be made a dunghill **because** of this.
12And **Elah,** who has **caused His Name** to dwell there does *overthrow* any sovereign or people who put their **hand** to *change*, to *destroy* this House of **Elah** which is in Yerushalayim! I Dareyawesh make the decree – **let it be** done promptly.
13***Then*** Tattenai, governor beyond the River, Shethar-Bozenai and their companions promptly did **according** to what Dareyawesh the sovereign had **sent**.
14And the elders of the Yahudim were building and they were **blessed** through the prophesying of Haggai the **prophet** and Zekaryah son of Iddo. And they built and **finished** it, **according** to the decree of the **Elah** of Yisra'ĕl and **according** to the decree of Koresh and Dareyawesh

and Artaḥshashta sovereign of Persia.
15And this House was **completed** on the third **day of** the month of Aḏar, which was in the sixth year of the **reign** of Sovereign Dareyawesh.
16***Then*** the children of Yisra'ĕl, the priests and the Lĕwites and the rest of the sons of the exile, did the **dedication** of this House of **Elah** with joy,
17and offered at the **dedication** of this House of **Elah** one hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs and as a *sin* offering for **all** Yisra'ĕl twelve male goats, **according** to the number of the tribes of Yisra'ĕl.
18And they **appointed** the priests to their division**s** and the Lĕwites to their divisions, over the service of **Elah** in Yerushalayim, as it is **written** in the **Book** of Mosheh.
19And the sons of the exile performed the **Passover** on the **fourteenth day of the first month,**
20for the priests and the Lĕwites had **cleansed** themselves – **all** of them were **clean.** And they slaughtered the **Passover** for **all** the sons of the exile and for their brothers the priests and for themselves.
21And the children of Yisra'ĕl who had returned from the exile ate **together** with **all** who had separated themselves from the *uncleanness* of the *gentiles* of the land **in order** to **seek** יהוה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl.
22And they performed the **Festival** of **Unleavened Bread** seven days with **joy**, for יהוה **caused** them to **rejoice** and turned the **heart** of the sovereign of Ashshur toward them, to strengthen their hands in the **work** of the House of **Elohim**, the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl.

7 And after these events, in the **reign** of Artaḥshashta sovereign of Persia, Ezra son of Serayah, son of Azaryah, son of Ḥilqiyah,
2son of Shallum, son of Tsaḏoq, son of Aḥitub̲,
3son of Amaryah, son of Azaryah, son of Merayoth,
4son of Zeraḥyah, son of Uzzi, son of Buqqi,
5son of Abishua, son of Phineḥas, son of El'azar, son of Aharon the chief priest –
6this Ezra came up from Bab̲el. And he was a scribe, skilled in the **Torah** of Mosheh, which יהוה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl had **given**. And the sovereign gave him **all** he asked, **according** to the **hand** of יהוה his **Elohim** upon him.
7And some of the children of Yisra'ĕl and the priests and the Lĕwites and the singers and the gatekeepers and the Nethinim came up to Yerushalayim in the seventh year of Sovereign Artaḥshashta.
8And he came to Yerushalayim in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the sovereign.
9For on the **first day of** the **first** month he began to go up from Bab̲el and on the **first day of** the fifth month he came to Yerushalayim, **according** to the **good hand** of his **Elohim** upon him.
10For Ezra had prepared his **heart** to **seek** the **Torah** of יהוה, to do it and to **teach laws** and **right-rulings** in Yisra'ĕl.
11And this is the copy of the letter that Sovereign Artaḥshashta gave Ezra the priest, the scribe, a scribe in the **words** of the **commands** of יהוה and of **His laws** to Yisra'ĕl:
12Artaḥshashta, sovereign of sovereigns, to Ezra the priest, a **perfect** scribe of the **law** of the **Elah** of **heavens.** And **now**,
13I make a decree that **all** those of the people of Yisra'ĕl and the priests and Lĕwites in my reign, who volunteer to go up to Yerushalayim, go with you.
14Since you are being **sent** by the sovereign and his seven counsellors to **inquire** about Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim, with regard to the **law** of your **Elah** which is in your hand;
15and to bring the silver and gold which the sovereign and his counsellors have voluntarily **given** to the **Elah** of Yisra'ĕl,

whose dwelling is in Yerushalayim,
[16]and **all** the silver and gold that you find in **all** the province of Baḇel, along with the gift of the people and the priests, voluntarily **given** for the House of their **Elah** in Yerushalayim,
[17]therefore, with this silver promptly buy bulls, rams, lambs, with their grain offerings and their drink offerings and offer them on the altar of the House of your **Elah** in Yerushalayim.
[18]And ***whatever*** seems **good** to you and your brothers to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, do it **according** to the desire of your **Elah.**
[19]And the utensils that are **given** to you for the service of the House of your **Elah,** put back before the **Elah** of Yerushalayim.
[20]And the rest of the needs for the House of your **Elah,** which falls to you to give, give from the sovereign's treasure-house.
[21]And I, I Artaḥshashta the sovereign, do make a decree to **all** the treasurers who are beyond the River, that ***whatever*** Ezra the priest, the scribe of the **law** of the **Elah** of heaven, does **ask** of you, **let it be** done promptly,
[22]up to one hundred talents of silver and up to one hundred kors of wheat and up to one hundred baths of **wine** and up to one hundred baths of oil and **salt** without reckoning.
[23]***What*ever** is **commanded** by the **Elah** of heaven, **let it be diligently** done for the House of the **Elah** of **heavens.** For why should there be *wrath* <u>*against*</u> the **reign** of the sovereign and his sons?
[24]We further inform you that there is no **authority** to impose tax, excise, or toll on any of the priests and Lĕwites, singers, gatekeepers, Nethinim and servants of this House of **Elah.**
[25]And you, Ezra, **according** to the wis dom of your **Elah** that is in your **hand, appoint** magistrates and judges to **judge all** the people who are beyond the River, **all** such as **know** the **laws** of your Elah. And **teach** those who *do not* **know** them.
[26]And ***whoever*** *does not* do the **law** of your **Elah** and the **law** of the sovereign, let judgment be promptly *executed* on him, whether it be *death,* or banishment, or confiscation of goods, or imprisonment.
[27]**Blessed** be **ה׳יהוה Elohim** of our fathers, who has put this in the sovereign's **heart,** to embellish the House of **ה׳יהוה** which is in Yerushalayim,
[28]and has extended **kindness** to me before the sovereign and his counsellors and before **all** the sovereign's mighty princes. So I was strengthened, as the **hand** of **ה׳יהוה** my **Elohim** was upon me. And I gathered heads from Yisra'ĕl to go up with me.

8 These are the heads of their fathers' *houses* and this is the genealogy of those who went up with me from Baḇel, in the **reign** of Sovereign Artaḥshashta:
[2]of the sons of Phineḥas, Gĕreshom; of the sons of Ithamar, Dani'ĕl; of the sons of Dawiḏ, Ḥattush;
[3]of the sons of Sheḵanyah, of the sons of Parosh, Zeḵaryah and registered with him were one hundred and fifty males;
[4]of the sons of Paḥath-Mo'aḇ, Elyeho'ĕynai son of Zeraḥyah and with him two hundred males;
[5]of the sons of Sheḵanyah, the son of Yaḥazi'ĕl and with him three hundred males;
[6]and of the sons of Aḏin, Eḇeḏ son of Yehonathan and with him fifty males;
[7]and of the sons of Ĕylam, Yeshayah son of Athalyah and with him seventy males;
[8]and of the sons of Shephatyah, Zeḇaḏyah son of Miḵa'ĕl and with him eighty males;
[9]of the sons of Yo'aḇ, Oḇaḏyah son of Yeḥi'ĕl and with him two hundred and eighteen males;
[10]and of the sons of Shelomith, the son of Yosiphyah and with him one hundred and sixty males;
[11]and of the sons of Bĕḇai, Zeḵaryah son of Bĕḇai and with him twenty-eight males;
[12]and of the sons of Azgaḏ, Yoḥanan

son of Haqqatan and with him one hundred and ten males;
[13]and of the **last** sons of Aḏoniqam, whose names are these; Eliphelet, Ye'i'ĕl and Shemayah and with them sixty males;
[14]and of the sons of Biḡwai, Uthai and Zabbuḏ and with them seventy males.
[15]And I **assembled** them at the river that flows to Ahawa and we camped there three days. And I **looked** among the people and the priests and *did not* find any of the sons of Lĕwi there.
[16]***Then*** I **sent** for Eli'ezer, for Ari'ĕl, for Shemayah and for Elnathan and for Yariḇ and for Elnathan and for Nathan and for Zeḵaryah and for Meshullam, leaders – also for Yoyariḇ and Elnathan, men of **understanding**.
[17]And I gave them a **command** for Iddo the chief man at the place Kasiphya and put in their **mouth words** to **speak** to Iddo and his brothers the Nethinim at the place Kasiphya, to bring us servants for the House of our **Elohim**.
[18]Then, by the **good hand** of our **Elohim** upon us, they brought us a man of **understanding**, of the sons of Maḥli son of Lĕwi, son of Yisra'ĕl and Shĕrĕḇyah, with his sons and brothers, eighteen;
[19]and Ḥashaḇyah and with him Yeshayah of the sons of Merari, his brothers and their sons, twenty;
[20]and of the Nethinim, whom Dawiḏ and the leaders had **appointed** for the service of the Lĕwites, two hundred and twenty Nethinim, **all** of them designated by name.
[21]I then **proclaimed** a fast there, at the river of Ahawa, to humble ourselves before our **Elohim**, to **seek** from **Him** the **right way** for us and our *little* ones and **all** our possessions,
[22]for I was *ashamed* to **ask** of the sovereign a group of soldiers and horsemen to help us *against* the enemy on the **way, because** we had **spoken** to the sovereign, saying, "The **hand** of our **Elohim** is upon **all** those for **good** who **seek Him,** but **His power** and **His** *wrath* are *against* **all** those who *forsake* **Him.**"
[23]So we fasted and prayed to our **Elohim** for this and **He** answered our prayer.
[24]And I separated twelve of the leaders of the priests: Shĕrĕḇyah, Ḥashaḇyah and ten of their brothers with them;
[25]and weighed out to them the silver and the gold and the utensils, the contribution for the House of our **Elohim** which the sovereign and his counsellors and his heads and **all** Yisra'ĕl who were there, had presented.
[26]Thus I weighed into their **hand** six hundred and fifty talents of silver and silver objects of one hundred talents, one hundred talents of gold,
[27]and twenty gold basins of a thousand drachmas and two utensils of fine polished bronze, **precious** as gold.
[28]And I said to them, "You are set-apart to יהוה and the objects are set-apart. And the silver and the gold are a voluntary offering to יהוה **Elohim** of your fathers.
[29]"**Watch** and **guard** them until you weigh them before the leaders of the priests and the Lĕwites and heads of the fathers' *houses* of Yisra'ĕl in Yerushalayim, in the rooms of the House of יהוה."
[30]So the priests and the Lĕwites took the weight of the silver and the gold and the utensils, to bring them to Yerushalayim to the House of our **Elohim**.
[31]***Then*** we set out from the Ahawa River on the twelfth of the **first** month, to go to Yerushalayim. And the **hand** of our **Elohim** was upon us and **He delivered** us from the **hand** of the enemy and from ambush along the **way.**
[32]And when we came to Yerushalayim, we dwelt there three days.
[33]And on the fourth day the silver and the gold and the utensils were weighed in the House of our **Elohim** by the **hand** of Merĕmoth son of Uriyah the priest and with him was El'azar son of Phineḥas. And with them were the Lĕwites, Yozaḇaḏ son of Yĕshua and No'aḏyah son of Binnui,

[34]with the number and weight of **all.** And **all** the weight was **written** down at that **time.**

[35]The sons of the exile, who had **come** from the captivity, brought burnt offerings to the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl: twelve bulls for **all** Yisra'ĕl, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs and twelve male goats as a *sin* offering – **all** as a burnt offering to יהוה.

[36]And they gave the sovereign's orders to the sovereign's viceroys and the governors beyond the River. And they lifted up the people and the House of **Elohim**.

9 And when these matters had been done, the leaders **came to me,** saying, "The people of Yisra'ĕl and the priests and the Lĕwites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, as to their **abominations**, *those* of the Kena'anites, the Ḥittites, the Perizzites, the Yeḇusites, the Ammonites, the Mo'aḇites, the Mitsrites and the Amorites,

[2]for they have taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and their sons, so that the set-apart seed is intermingled with the peoples of those lands. And the **hand** of the *leaders* and *rulers* has been *foremost* in this *trespass*."

[3]And when I **heard** this **word,** I tore my garment and my robe and *plucked* out some of the hair of my head and beard and sat down astonished.

[4]***Then*** **all** those who *trembled* at the **words** of the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl gathered to me, **because** of the *trespass* of the exiles and I sat astonished until the **evening** offering.

[5]And at the **evening** offering I rose from my *affliction*. And having *torn* my garment and my robe, I fell on my knees and spread out my hands to יהוה my **Elohim**,

[6]and said, "O my **Elohim**, I am too *ashamed* and *wounded* to lift up my face to **You,** my **Elohim**, for our *crookedness*es have risen higher than our heads and our *guilt* has grown up to the **heavens.**

[7]"Since the days of our fathers to this day we have been **very** *guilty* and for our *crookedness*es we, our sovereigns and our priests have been **given** into the **hand** of the sovereigns of the lands, to the *sword,* to captivity and to plunder and to *shame* of faces, as it is this day.

[8]"***But*** **now**, for a short while, **favour** has been shown from יהוה our **Elohim**, to leave us a **remnant** to **escape** and to give us a peg in **His** set-apart place, that our **Elohim** might **enlighten** our **eyes** and give us a *little* reviving in our bondage.

[9]"For we were slaves, but in our bondage our **Elohim** *did not forsake* us and extended **kindness** to us in the presence of the sovereigns of Persia, to revive us, to **raise** up the House of our **Elohim**, to restore its ruins and to give us a wall in Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim.

[10]"And **now**, O our **Elohim**, what do we say after this? For we have ***forsaken*** **Your commands**,

[11]which **You** have **commanded** by **Your** servants the **prophets,** saying, 'The land which you are going in to **possess** is a land *unclean* through the *uncleanness* of the peoples of the lands, by their **abominations** with which they have filled it, from one end to another, by their *uncleanness*.

[12]'And **now**, *do not* give your daughters as wives for their sons, nor take their daughters to your sons. And *do not* **seek** their **peace** or wealth **ever,** so that you are **strong** and ***shall*** eat the **good** of the land and leave it as an **inheritance** to your children **forever**.'

[13]"And after **all** that has **come** upon us for our *evil* **deeds** and for our **great** guilt, since **You** our **Elohim** have held back the **rod** upon our *crookedness*es and have **given** us such **deliverance** as this,

[14]should we turn back, to *break* **Your commands** and join in marriage with the people of these **abominations**? Would **You** not be **enraged** with us until **You**

had *consumed* us, so that there would be no **remnant** or survivor?
15"O **יהוה Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl,
You are **righteous,** for we are left as a **remnant,** as it is this day. **See,** we are before **You,** in our guilt, for there is no one to **stand** before **You** concerning this!"

10 And while Ezra was praying and while he was confessing, *weeping* and bowing down before the House of **Elohim**, a **very** large assembly – men and women and children – gathered unto him from Yisra'ĕl, for the people wept **very** *bitterly*.
2And Shekanyah son of Yehi'ĕl, one of the sons of Olam, spoke up and said to Ezra, "We have trespassed *against* our **Elohim** and have taken foreign women from the peoples of the land. And **now** there is expectancy in Yisra'ĕl concerning this.
3"**Now** then, let us make a **covenant** with our **Elohim** to put away **all** these wives and those who have been born to them, **according** to the counsel of **יהוה** and of those who *tremble* at the **command** of our **Elohim**. And **let it be** done **according** to the **Torah**.
4"Arise, for the matter is upon you, but we are with you. Be **strong** and act."
5And Ezra rose and made the leaders of the priests, the Lĕwites and **all** Yisra'ĕl, to swear to do **according** to this **word.** And they **swore**.
6***Then*** Ezra rose up from before the House of **Elohim** and went into the room of Yehohanan son of Elyashib. And he went there – he ate no **bread** and drank no water for he mourned **<u>because</u>** of the *trespass* of the exiles.
7And they passed a **call** throughout Yahudah and Yerushalayim to **all** the sons of the exile, to **gather** at Yerushalayim,
8and that ***whoever*** *would not* **come** within three days, **according** to the counsel of the leaders and elders, **all** his goods would be put under a **ban** and himself separated from the assembly of the exiles.
9***Then*** **all** the men of Yahudah and Binyamin gathered at Yerushalayim within three days. It was the ninth month, on the twentieth of the month. And **all** the people sat in the **open** space of the House of **Elohim**, *trembling* **<u>because</u>** of the matter and **<u>because</u>** of showers of rain.
10And Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, "You, you have *trespassed* and have taken foreign women, adding to the *guilt* of Yisra'ĕl.
11"And **now**, make confession to **יהוה Elohim** of your fathers and do **His desire** and separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign women."
12And **all** the assembly answered and said with a loud **voice**, "Right! It is upon us to do **according** to your **word.**
13"***But*** the people are many and it is the season of showers of rain and we are not able to **stand** outside. And the **work** not of one or two days, for we have greatly *transgressed* in this matter.
14"Please, let the leaders of **all** the assembly stand. And let **all** those in our cities who have taken foreign women **come** at **appointed times, together** with the elders and judges of their cities, until the *burning wrath* of our **Elohim** is turned away from us in this matter."
15Only Yonathan son of Asah'ĕl and Yahzeyah son of Tiqwah *opposed* this and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Lĕwite gave them support.
16***Then*** the sons of the exile did so. And Ezra the priest, with certain heads of the fathers' *houses*, were separated by the fathers' *houses*, each of them by name. And they sat down on the **first day of** the tenth month to examine the matter.
17And they **finished** with **all** the men who had taken foreign women by the **first day of** the second month.
18And among the sons of the priests who had taken foreign women were **found** of the sons of Yĕshua son of Yotsadaq and his brothers: Ma'asĕyah

and Eli'ezer and Yarib and Gedalyah.
19And they gave their **hand** *in* **pledge** to put away their wives. And being *guilty*, they presented a ram of the flock for their guilt.
20And of the sons of Immĕr: Ḥanani and Zebadyah;
21and of the sons of Ḥarim: Ma'asĕyah and Ĕliyah and Shemayah and Yeḥi'ĕl and Uzziyah;
22and of the sons of Pashhur: Elyo'ĕynai, Ma'asĕyah, Yishma'ĕl, Nethanĕ'l, Yozabad and El'asah.
23And of the Lĕwites: Yozabad, Shim'i, Qĕlayah – he is Qelita – Pethaḥyah, Yahudah and Eli'ezer.
24And of the singers: Elyashib. And of the gatekeepers: Shallum and Telem and Uri.
25And of Yisra'ĕl of the sons of Parosh: Ramyah and Yizziyah and Malkiyah and Miyamin and El'azar and Malkiyah and Benayah;
26and of the sons of Ĕylam: Mattanyah, Zekaryah and Yeḥi'ĕl and Abdi and Yerĕmoth and Ĕliyah;
27and of the sons of Zattu: Elyo'ĕynai, Elyashib, Mattanyah and Yerĕmoth and Zabad and Aziza;
28and of the sons of Bĕbai: Yehoḥanan, Ḥananyah, Zabbai and Athlai;
29and of the sons of Bani: Meshullam, Malluk and Adayah, Yashub and She'al, Ramoth;
30and of the sons of Paḥath-Mo'ab: Adna and Kelal, Benayah, Ma'asĕyah, Mattanyah, Betsal'ĕl and Binnui and Menashsheh;
31and of the sons of Ḥarim: Eli'ezer, Yishshiyah, Malkiyah, Shemayah, Shim'on,
32Binyamin, Malluk and Shemaryah;
33of the sons of Ḥashum: Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Yerĕmai, Menashsheh and Shim'i;
34of the sons of Bani: Ma'adai, Amram and U'ĕl,
35Benayah, Bĕdeyah, Keluhu,
36Wanyah, Merĕmoth, Elyashib,
37Mattanyah, Mattenai and Ya'asu,
38and Bani and Binnui, Shim'i,
39and Shelemyah and Nathan and Adayah,
40Maknadebai, Shashai, Sharai,
41Azar'ĕl and Shelemyahu, Shemaryah,
42Shallum, Amaryah and Yosĕph;
43of the sons of Nebo: Ye'i'ĕl, Mattithyah, Zabad, Zebina, Yaddu and Yo'ĕl, Benayah.
44All these had taken foreign women and some of them had women who had borne children.

NEḤEMYAH

NEHEMIAH

1 The **words** of Neḥemyah son of Ḥaḵalyah. And it came to be in the month of Kislĕw, in the twentieth year, as I was in the citadel of Shushan,
[2]that Ḥanani, one of my brothers, came with men from Yahuḏah. And I asked them concerning the Yahuḏim who had **escaped**, who had survived the captivity and concerning Yerushalayim.
[3]And they said to me, "The **remnant** who are left of the captivity in the province are there in **great** *evil* and *reproach.* And the wall of Yerushalayim is broken down and its gates are *burned* with *fire*."
[4]And it came to be, when I **heard** these **words**, that I sat down and wept and mourned for many days. And I was fasting and praying before the **Elohim** of the heavens,
[5]and I said, "I pray, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **Elohim** of the heavens, O **great** and **awesome** Ěl, **guarding** the **covenant** and **kindness** with those who **love You** and with those **guarding Your commands**,
[6]please let **Your** ear be attentive and **Your** eyes open, to **hear** the prayer of **Your** servant which I am praying before **You now**, day and night, for the children of Yisra'ĕl **Your** servants and confess the *sins* of the children of Yisra'ĕl which we have *sinned* <u>*against*</u> **You.** Both my father's house and I have *sinned*.
[7]"We have *acted* **very** *corruptly* <u>*against*</u> **You** and have not **guarded** the **commands**, nor the **laws**, nor the **right-rulings** which **You commanded Your** servant Mosheh.
[8]"Please ***remember*** the **word** that **You commanded Your** servant Mosheh, saying, '***If*** you *trespass,* **I *shall*** *scatter* you among the peoples,
[9]but if you ***shall turn*** **back** to **Me** and guard **My commands** and do them, though you were *cast* out to **the end** of the heavens, I ***shall*** **gather** them from there and bring them to the place which I have **chosen**, to make **My Name** dwell there.'
[10]"And they are **Your** servants and **Your people**, whom **You** have redeemed by **Your great** power and by **Your strong hand.**
[11]"O 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, I pray, please let **Your** ear be attentive to the prayer of **Your** servant and to the prayer of **Your** servants who **delight** to **fear Your Name**. And let **Your** servant prosper this day, I pray and grant him **compassion** in the presence of this man." For I was cupbearer to the sovereign.

2 And it came to be in the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaḥshasta the sovereign, when **wine** was before him, that I took the **wine** and gave it to the sovereign. And I had never been sad in his presence.
[2]And the sovereign said to me, "***Why*** is your face sad, since you are not sick? This is none else but *sorrow* of **heart.**" ***Then*** I was **very** much *afraid*,
[3]and said to the sovereign, "**Let** the sovereign **live forever**! ***Why*** should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies *waste* and its gates are *burned* with *fire*?"
[4]And the sovereign said to me, "***What*** are you **asking** for?" ***Then*** I prayed to the **Elohim** of the heavens,
[5]and said to the sovereign, "***If*** it seems **good** to the sovereign and if your servant is pleasing before you, I **ask** that you send me to Yahuḏah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, so that I build it."
[6]And the sovereign, with the sovereigness sitting beside him, said to me, "***How*** long would your journey

take? And when do you return?" So it seemed **good** before the sovereign to send me. And I set him a **time.**

[7]And I said to the sovereign, "***If*** it seems **good** to the sovereign, let letters be **given** to me for the governors beyond the River, that they should let me to pass through til I **come to** Yahuḏah,

[8]and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the sovereign's forest, that he should give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace that belongs to the House and for the city wall and for the house I would enter." And the sovereign gave them to me **according** to the **good hand** of my **Elohim** upon me.

[9]***Then*** I came to the governors beyond the River and gave to them the letters of the sovereign. **Now** the sovereign had **sent** commanders of the army and horsemen with me.

[10]And Sanballat the Ḥoronite and Toḇiyah the Ammonite official **heard** of it and to them it was *evil*, a **great** *evil* that a man had **come to seek good** for the children of Yisra'ĕl.

[11]***Then*** I came to Yerushalayim and was there three days.

[12]And I rose up in the night, I and a **few** men with me, but informed no one what my **Elohim** had put in my **heart** to do at Yerushalayim, nor was there any beast with me, ***except*** the beast on which I rode.

[13]And I went out by night through the Valley Gate to the Jackals' Fountain and the Dung Gate and examined the walls of Yerushalayim which were broken down and its gates which were *burned* with *fire*.

[14]And I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the Sovereign's Pool, but there was no room for the beast that was under me to pass.

[15]And I went up in the night by the wadi and examined the wall and turned back and entered by the Valley Gate and returned.

[16]And the deputy rulers *did not* **know** where I had gone nor what I had done. Nor had I yet informed the Yahuḏim, or the priests, or the nobles, or the deputy rulers, or the others who did the work.

[17]***Then*** I said to them, "You **see** the *evil* which we are in, how Yerushalayim lies *waste* and its gates are *burned* with *fire*. **come** and let us build the wall of Yerushalayim and let us no longer be a *reproach.*"

[18]And I informed them of the **hand** of my **Elohim** which had been **good** upon me and also of the sovereign's **words** he had **spoken** to me. And they said, "**Let** us rise up and we ***shall*** build." So they made their hands **strong** for **good**.

[19]***But*** when Sanballat the Ḥoronite **heard** and Toḇiyah the servant, the Ammonite and Geshem the Araḇ, they *mocked* us and *despised* us and said, "***What*** is this you are doing? Are you ***rebelling*** *against* the sovereign?"

[20]And I answered them and said to them, "The **Elohim** of the heavens, **He *shall* bless** us and let us, **His** servants, rise and build, but you have no portion or **right** or **remembrance** in Yerushalayim."

3 And Elyashiḇ the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests and built the Sheep Gate. They set it apart and set up its **doors**, even as far as the Tower of Ḥanan'ĕl they set it apart, as far as the Tower of Ḥanane'ĕl.

[2]And next to him the men of Yeriḥo built. And next to them Zakkur son of Imri built.

[3]And the sons of Hassena'ah built the Fish Gate, who laid its beams and set up its **doors**, its bolts and bars.

[4]And next to them Merĕmoth son of Uriyah, son of Qots, made repairs. And next to them Meshullam son of Bereḵyah, son of Meshĕyzaḇ'ĕl, made repairs. And next to them Tsaḏoq son of Ba'ana made repairs.

[5]And next to them the Teqowites made repairs, but their nobles *did not* put their shoulders to the **work** of their master.

[6]And Yehoyaḏa son of Pasĕaḥ and Meshullam son of Besoḏeyah repaired

the Old Gate. They laid its beams and set up its **doors** and its bolts and its bars.
[7]And next to them Melatyah the Gib'onite and Yadon the Mĕronothite, the men of Gib'on and Mitspah, repaired the official seat of the governor beyond the River.
[8]Next to him Uzzi'ĕl son of Ḥarhayah, one of the goldsmiths, made repairs. And next to him Ḥananyah, one of the perfumers, made repairs. And they restored Yerushalayim as far as the Broad Wall.
[9]And next to them Rephayah son of Ḥur, ruler of half the district of Yerushalayim, made repairs.
[10]And next to them Yedayah son of Ḥarumaph made repairs, even opposite his house. And next to him Ḥattush son of Ḥashabneyah made repairs.
[11]Malkiyah son of Ḥarim and Ḥashshub son of Paḥath-Mo'ab repaired another section and the Tower of the Ovens.
[12]And next to him Shallum son of Halloḥĕsh ruler of half the district of Yerushalayim made repairs, he and his daughters.
[13]Ḥanun and the people of Zanowaḥ repaired the Valley Gate. They built it and set up its **doors**, its bolts and bars – and a thousand cubits of the wall as far as the Dung Gate.
[14]And the Dung Gate was repaired by Malkiyah son of Rĕkab, ruler of the district of Bĕyth Hakkerem. He built it and set up its **doors**, its bolts and bars.
[15]And the Fountain Gate was repaired by Shallun son of Kol-Ḥozeh, ruler of the district of Mitspah. He built it and covered it and set up its **doors**, its bolts and bars – also the wall of the Pool of Shelaḥ by the Sovereign's Garden, as far as the stairs going down from the City of Dawid.
[16]After him Neḥemyah son of Azbuq, ruler of half the district of Bĕyth Tsur, made repairs as far as opposite the tombs of Dawid and to the man-made pool and as far as the house of the mighty men.
[17]After him the Lĕwites, Reḥum son of Bani, made repairs.
Next to him repaired Ḥashabyah, ruler of half the district of Qe'ilah, for his district.
[18]After him their brothers, Bawwai son of Ḥĕnadad, ruler of the other half of the district of Qe'ilah, made repairs.
[19]And next to him Ĕzer son of Yĕshua, the ruler of Mitspah, repaired another section before the going up to the armoury at the corner.
[20]After him Baruk son of Zabbai eagerly repaired the other section, from the buttress to the **door** of the house of Elyashib the high priest.
[21]After him Merĕmoth son of Uriyah, son of Qots, repaired another section, from the **door** of the house of Elyashib to **the end** of the house of Elyashib.
[22]And after him the priests, the men of the neighbourhood, made repairs.
[23]After him Binyamin and Ḥashshub made repairs opposite their house. After them Azaryah son of Ma'asĕyah, son of Ananyah, made repairs **near** his house.
[24]After him Binnui son of Ḥĕnadad repaired another section, from the house of Azaryah to the angle, even as far as the corner.
[25]Palal son of Uzai *made repairs* opposite the corner and on the tower which projects from the sovereign's upper house that was by the courtyard of the prison. After him Pedayah son of Parosh.
[26]**Now** the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel as far as opposite the Water Gate toward the east and on the projecting tower.
[27]After him the Teqowites repaired another section, opposite the **great** projecting tower and as far as the wall of Ophel.
[28]Beyond the Horse Gate the priests made repairs, each opposite his own house.
[29]After them Tsadoq son of Immĕr made repairs opposite his own house. After him Shemayah son of Shekanyah, keeper of the East Gate, made repairs.
[30]After him Ḥananyah son of Shelemyah and Ḥanun, the sixth son of Tsalaph, repaired another section.

After him Meshullam son of Berekyah made repairs opposite his room.
31After him Malkiyah, one of the goldsmiths, made repairs as far as the house of the Nethinim and of the merchants, opposite the Miphqad Gate and as far as the going up of the corner.
32And between the going up of the corner to the Sheep Gate, the goldsmiths and the *merchants* made repairs.

4 And it came to be, when Sanballat **heard** that we were rebuilding the wall, that he was *wroth* and highly offended and *mocked* the Yahudim.
2And he spoke before his brothers and the army of Shomeron and said, "***What*** are these feeble Yahudim doing? Are they going to restore, slaughter, **complete** it in a day? Are they going to bring to **life** the stones from the heaps of rubbish which are *burned*?"
3And Tobiyah the Ammonite was beside him and he said, "***What*ever** they build, if a fox should climb on it, he ***shall*** *break down* their stone wall."
4"**Hear,** O our **Elohim**, for we have become *despised*. And **turn back** their *reproach* on their own heads and give them as a prey in a land of captivity!
5"And *do not* cover over their *crookedness* and *do not* let *their sin* be blotted out from before **You,** for they have *provoked* You before the builders."
6So we built the wall and the entire wall was joined **together** up to the half of it, for the people had a **heart** to work.
7And it came to be, when Sanballat and Tobiyah and the Arabs and the Ammonites and the Ashdodites **heard** that the walls of Yerushalayim were being repaired and the broken places began to be filled, that they became **very** *wroth*,
8and **all** of them *conspired* **together** to **come to** *fight* <u>*against*</u> Yerushalayim and to do harm to it.
9***But*** we prayed to our **Elohim** and set a **watch** <u>*against*</u> them day and night, <u>**because**</u> of them.
10And Yahudah said, "The strength of the *burden* bearers is weakening and there is so much rubbish that we are *unable* to build the wall."
11And our adversaries said, "**Let** them not **know** or **see** it until we **come** into their **midst** and ***shall*** *slay* them and **cause** the **work** to cease."
12And it came to be, when the Yahudim who dwelt **near** them came, that they said to us ten times, "From ***whatever*** place you turn, *they are* <u>*against*</u> us."
13So I set *men* behind the lower parts of the wall, at the openings – I set the people **according** to their clans, with their s**words**, their spears and their bows.
14And I looked and rose up and said to the nobles and to the deputy rulers and to the rest of the people, "***Do*** *not* be *afraid* of them. ***remember*** the **great** and **awesome,** יהוה and *fight* for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your houses."
15And it came to be, when our enemies **heard** that it was **known** to us and that **Elohim** had brought their counsel to *naught,* that **all** of us returned to the wall, everyone to his work.
16And it came to be, from that **time** on, that half of my servants were working in the **work,** while the other half were holding the spears, the shields and the bows and the breastplates. And the rulers were behind **all** the house of Yahudah,
17who were building on the wall and those bearing burdens, those loading, working with one **hand** in the **work** and with the other holding a weapon.
18As for the builders, each one had his *sword* girded at his side as he built. And the one who sounded the ram's horn was beside me.
19And I said to the nobles and to the deputy rulers and to the rest of the people, "The **work** is **great** and large and we are separated far from one another on the wall.
20"In ***whatever*** place you **hear** the sound of the ram's horn, join us there. Our **Elohim** fights for us."

[21]So we laboured in the **work** and half of them held the spears from the *break* of day until the stars appeared.
[22]At that **time** I also said to the people, "**Let** each man and his servant spend the night in Yerushalayim and they ***shall*** **be** our **guard** by night and for the **work** by day."
[23]So neither I, nor my brothers, nor my servants, nor the men of the **guard** who **followed** me, none of us took off our garments, each one his weapon *even* at the water.

5 And there was a **great** outcry of the people and their wives *against* their brothers, the Yahuḏim.
[2]And there were some who were saying, "We, our sons and our daughters are many. **Let** us get grain for them and eat and **live.**"
[3]And there were some who were saying, "We have mortgaged our lands and vineyards and houses. **Let** us buy grain **because** of the *scarcity of food*."
[4]And there were those who were saying, "We have borrowed silver for the sovereign's tax on our lands and vineyards.
[5]"And **now** our *flesh* is like the *flesh* of our brothers, our children like their children. And **see,** we are subjecting our sons and our daughters to be slaves and some of our daughters have *already* been subjected and there is no **power** in our hands, for other men have our lands and vineyards."
[6]And it was **very** displeasing to me when I **heard** their outcry and these **words**.
[7]And my **heart** ruled over me and I *strove* with the nobles and with the deputy rulers and said to them, "You are exacting interest, each one from his brother." And I called a **great** assembly *against* them,
[8]and said to them, "According to our ability we have redeemed our brothers, the Yahuḏim, who were sold to the *gentiles.* And you even sell your brothers! Or should they be sold to us?" And they were *silent* and **found** not a **word** *to say*.
[9]I also said, "***What*** you are doing is not **good**. ***Should*** you not **walk** in the **fear** of our **Elohim** **because** of the *reproach* of the *gentiles,* our enemies?
[10]"And also, I, my brothers and my servants, am lending them silver and grain.
Please, let us leave off this interest!
[11]"Please, give back to them, even today, their lands, their vineyards, their olive trees and their houses, also the hundredth part of the silver and of the grain and of the new **wine** and of the oil, that you have taken from them."
[12]And they said, "**Let** us give it back and **ask** no more from them, we do as you say." ***Then*** I called the priests and made them swear to do **according** to this **word.**
[13]I also *shook* out the fold of my garment and said, "**Let Elohim** in this **way** *shake* out each man from his house and from his property, who *does not* do this **word,** even to be thus *shaken* out and emptied." And **all** the assembly said, "Amĕn!" and p**raised** יהוה. And the people did **according** to this **word.**
[14]Also, from the day I was **appointed** to be their governor in the land of Yahuḏah, from the twentieth year until the thirtysecond year of Sovereign Artaḥshashta, twelve years, neither I nor my brothers ate the governor's food.
[15]***But*** the former governors who were before me laid burdens on the people and took from them **bread** and **wine**, besides forty sheqels of silver. Their servants also *oppressed* the people, but I *did not* do so, **because** of the **fear** of **Elohim**.
[16]And I also applied myself to the **work** on this wall. We *did not* buy any land. And **all** my servants were gathered there for the work.
[17]And at my table were one hundred and fifty of the Yahuḏim and deputy rulers, besides those who came to us from the nations around us.
[18]And that which was prepared for me daily was one ox and six choice sheep

and birds were prepared for me and once **every** ten days plenty of **all** kinds of **wine**. And in spite of this I *did not* **seek** the governor's food, **because** the bondage was *heavy* on this people.
[19]O my **Elohim**, ***remember*** me for the **good** – **all** that I have done for this people.

6 And it came to be when Sanballat and Toḇiyah and Geshem the Araḇ and the rest of our enemies **heard** that I had rebuilt the wall and that there were no breaks left in it – though at that **time** I had not set up the **doors** in the gates –
[2]that Sanballat and Geshem **sent** to me, saying, **"Come,** let us meet **together** in the villages in the plain of Ono." ***But*** they were planning to do *evil* to me.
[3]So I **sent** messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a **great work** and I am *unable* to **come** down. ***Why*** should the **work** cease while I leave it and **come** down to you?"
[4]However, they **sent** me the **same word** four times and I answered them the **same word.**
[5]***Then*** Sanballat **sent** his servant to me with an **open** letter in his **hand,** the **same word,** the fifth **time.**
[6]In it was **written**: Among the nations it has been **heard** and Gashmu is saying, that you and the Yahuḏim are planning to *rebel,* therefore you are rebuilding the wall and you are to be their sovereign – **according** to these **words**.
[7]And you have also **appointed** prophets to **proclaim** concerning you at Yerushalayim, saying, 'A sovereign is in Yahuḏah!' And **now** these **words** are **heard** by the sovereign. Therefore **come now** and let us take counsel together.
[8]***Then*** I **sent** to him, saying, "There are no such matters done as you are saying, but you are inventing them in your own **heart.**"
[9]For **all** of them were making us *afraid*, saying,
"**Let** their hands slacken for the **work** and it not be done." ***But*** **now**, make my hands strong.
[10]And when I came to the house of Shemayah son of Delayah, son of Mehĕtaḇ'ĕl, who was restrained, he said, "**Let** us meet **together** in the House of **Elohim**, inside the Hĕḵal and let us close the **doors** of the Hĕḵal, for they are **coming** to *slay* you – by night they are **coming** to *slay* you."
[11]And I said, "***Should*** a man like me flee? And who is there like me who would go into the Hĕḵal to **save** his **life**? I *do not* go in!"
[12]And **see,** I perceived that **Elohim** had not **sent** him, but that he spoke this prophecy *against* me **because** Toḇiyah and Sanballat had hired him –
[13]**because** he was a hireling – that I should be *afraid* and do so and ***shall*** *sin* and so they could give me an *evil* name, to *reproach* me.
[14]My **Elohim**, ***remember*** Toḇiyah and Sanballat, **according** to these **works** of theirs and the prophetess No'aḏyah and the rest of the prophets who would have made me *afraid*.
[15]And the wall was **completed** on the twenty-fifth of *the month* of Elul, in fifty two days.
[16]And it came to be, when **all** our enemies **heard** and **all** the nations around us **saw,** that they fell greatly in their own eyes and **knew** that this **work** was done by our **Elohim**.
[17]In those days the nobles of Yahuḏah also **sent** many letters to Toḇiyah, while those of Toḇiyah came to them.
[18]For many in Yahuḏah were sworn to him, **because** he was the son-in-law of Sheḵanyah son of Araḥ and his son Yehoḥanan had married the daughter of Meshullam son of Bereḵyah.
[19]They were also speaking about his **good deeds** before me and reported my **words** to him. Toḇiyah **sent** letters to frighten me.

7 And it came to be, when the wall was rebuilt, that I set up the **doors** and the gatekeepers and the singers and the Lĕwites were appointed.

[2]And I put my brother Ḥanani in charge of Yerushalayim and Ḥananyah the head of the palace, for he was a **trustworthy** man and ***feared*** **Elohim** more than many.

[3]And I said to them, "**Let** not the gates of Yerushalayim be opened until the sun is hot. And while they are standing by, let them shut the **doors** and bolt them. And **appoint** guards from among the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, each at his post and each in front of his own house."

[4]And the city was wide on both sides and great, but the people in it were few and the houses were not rebuilt.

[5]And my **Elohim** put it into my **heart** to **gather** the nobles and the deputy rulers and the people, **in order** to be registered by genealogy. And I **found** a register of the genealogy of those who had **come** up at the beginning and I **found written** in it:

[6]These are the sons of the province who came back from the captivity of the exiles whom Nebukaḏnetstsar the sovereign of Baḇel had exiled and who returned to Yerushalayim and Yahuḏah, each to his city,

[7]who came with Zerubbaḇel, Yĕshua, Neḥemyah, Azaryah,Ra'amyah, Naḥamani, Mordeḵai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Biḡwai, Neḥum, Ba'anah. The number of the men of the people of Yisra'ĕl:

[8]sons of Parosh, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two;

[9]sons of Shephatyah, three hundred and seventy-two;

[10]sons of Araḥ, six hundred and fifty-two;

[11]sons of Paḥath-Mo'aḇ, of the sons of Yĕshua and Yo'aḇ, two thousand eight hundred and eighteen;

[12]sons of Ĕylam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four;

[13]sons of Zattu, eight hundred and forty-five;

[14]sons of Zakkai, seven hundred and sixty;

[15]sons of Binnui, six hundred and forty-eight;

[16]sons of Bĕḇai, six hundred and twenty-eight;

[17]sons of Azgaḏ, two thousand three hundred and twenty-two;

[18]sons of Aḏoniqam, six hundred and sixty-seven;

[19]sons of Biḡwai, two thousand and sixty-seven;

[20]sons of Aḏin, six hundred and fifty-five;

[21]sons of Atĕr of Ḥizqiyah, ninety-eight;

[22]sons of Ḥashum, three hundred and twenty-eight;

[23]sons of Bĕtsai, three hundred and twenty-four;

[24]sons of Ḥariph, one hundred and twelve;

[25]sons of Giḇ'on, ninety-five;

[26]men of Bĕyth Leḥem and Netophah, one hundred and eighty-eight;

[27]men of Anathoth, one hundred and twenty-eight;

[28]men of Bĕyth Azmaweth, forty-two;

[29]men of Qiryath Ye'arim, Kephirah and Be'ĕroth, seven hundred and forty-three;

[30]men of Ramah and Geḇa, six hundred and twenty-one;

[31]men of Miḵmas, one hundred and twenty-two;

[32]men of Bĕyth Ĕl and Ai, one hundred and twenty-three;

[33]men of the other Neḇo, fifty-two;

[34]sons of the other Ĕylam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four;

[35]sons of Ḥarim, three hundred and twenty;

[36]sons of Yeriḥo, three hundred and forty-five;

[37]sons of Loḏ, Ḥaḏiḏ and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-one;

[38]sons of Sena'ah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.

[39]The priests: sons of Yeḏayah, of the house of Yĕshua, nine hundred and seventy-three;

[40]sons of Immĕr, one thousand and fifty-two;

[41]sons of Pashhur, one thousand two hundred and forty-seven;

[42]sons of Ḥarim, one thousand and

seventeen.
43The Lĕwites: sons of Yĕshua, of Qaḏmi'ĕl, of the sons of Hoḏewah, seventy-four.
44The singers: sons of Asaph, one hundred and forty-eight.
45The gatekeepers: sons of Shallum, sons of Atĕr, sons of Talmon, sons of Aqquḇ, sons of Ḥatita, sons of Shoḇai, one hundred and thirty-eight.
46The Nethinim: sons of Tsiḥa, sons of Ḥasupha, sons of Tabba'oth,
47sons of Qĕyros, sons of Si'a, sons of Paḏon,
48sons of Leḇanah, sons of Ḥaḡaḇa, sons of Salmai,
49sons of Ḥanan, sons of Giddĕl, sons of Gaḥar,
50sons of Re'ayah, sons of Retsin, sons of Neqoḏa,
51sons of Gazzam, sons of Uzza, sons of Pasĕaḥ,
52sons of Bĕsai, sons of Me'unim, sons of Nephishesim,
53sons of Baqbuq, sons of Ḥaqupha, sons of Ḥarḥur,
54sons of Batslith, sons of Meḥiḏa, sons of Ḥarsha,
55sons of Barqos, sons of Sisera, sons of Temaḥ,
56sons of Netsiyaḥ and sons of Ḥatipha.
57The sons of Shelomoh's servants: sons of Sotai, sons of Sophereth, sons of Periḏa,
58sons of Ya'ala, sons of Darqon, sons of Giddĕl,
59sons of Shephatyah, sons of Ḥattil, sons of Poḵereth of Tseḇayim, sons of Amon.
60All the Nethinim and the sons of Shelomoh's servants, were three hundred and ninety-two.
61And these were the ones who came up from Tĕl Melaḥ, Tĕl Ḥarsha, Keruḇ, Addon and Immĕr, but they were *unable* to **show** their father's house and their seed, whether they were of Yisra'ĕl:
62sons of Delayah, sons of Toḇiyah, sons of Neqoḏa, six hundred and forty-two.
63And of the priests: sons of Ḥaḇayah, sons of Qots, sons of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gil'aḏite and was called by their name.
64These sought their register *among* those who were counted by genealogy, but it was not found, so they were *barred* from the priesthood as *defiled*.
65And the governor said to them that they should not eat of the most set-apart gifts until a priest stood up with the Urim and Tummim.
66All the assembly **together** was fortytwo thousand three hundred and sixty,
67besides their male and female servants, these were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven. And they had two hundred and forty-five men and women singers.
68Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules two hundred and forty-five,
69camels four hundred and thirty-five, donkeys six thousand seven hundred and twenty.
70And some of the heads of the fathers' *houses* contributed to the work. The governor gave to the treasury one thousand gold drachmas, fifty basins and five hundred and thirty priestly garments.
71Some of the heads of the fathers' *houses* gave to the treasury of the **work** twenty thousand gold drachmas and two thousand two hundred silver minas.
72And the rest of the people gave twenty thousand gold drachmas, two thousand silver minas and sixty-seven priestly garments.
73So the priests and the Lĕwites and the gatekeepers and the singers and some of the people and the Nethinim and **all** Yisra'ĕl dwelt in their cities.

8 And when the seventh month came,

the children of Yisra'ĕl were in their cities. And **all** the people gathered **together** as **one man** in the **open** space that was in front of the Water Gate. And they spoke to Ezra the scribe to bring the **Book** of the **Torah** of Mosheh, which יהוה had **commanded** Yisra'ĕl.

[2]And Ezra the priest brought the **Torah** before the assembly of both men and women and **all** who could **hear** with **understanding**, on the **first day of** the **seventh** month.

[3]And he **read** from it in the **open** space in front of the Water Gate from morning until midday, before the men and women and those who could **understand.** And the **ears** of **all** the people **listened** to the **Book** of the **Torah**.

[4]And Ezra the scribe stood on a platform of ***wood*** which they had made for the purpose. And beside him on his **right** stood Mattithyah and Shema and Anayah and Uriyah and Ḥilqiyah and Ma'asĕyah. And on his left *stood* Pedayah and Misha'ĕl and Malkiyah and Ḥashum and Ḥashbaddanah, Zekaryah, Meshullam.

[5]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.

[6]And Ezra **blessed** יהוה, the **great Elohim**. ***Then*** **all** the people answered, "Amĕn, Amĕn!" while lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped יהוה with faces to the ground.

[7]And Yĕshua and Bani and Shĕrĕbyah, Yamin, Aqqub, Shabbethai, Hodiyah, Ma'asĕyah, Qelita, Azaryah, Yozabad, Ḥanan, Pelayah and the Lĕwites, **caused** the **people** to **understand** the **Torah** while the people were in their place.

[8]And they read in the Book of the Torah of Elohim, translating to give the sense and **caused them to understand the reading.**

[9]And Nehemyah, who was the governor and Ezra the priest, the scribe and the Lĕwites who **taught** the people said to **all** the people, "This day is set-apart to יהוה your **Elohim**. ***Do not mourn*** or weep." For **all** the people wept when they **heard** the **words** of the **Torah**.

[10]***Then*** he said to them, "Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet and send portions to those for whom none is prepared. For this day is set-apart to our יהוה. ***Do not*** be sad, for the **joy** of יהוה is your strength."

[11]And the Lĕwites were silencing **all** the people, saying, "Hush, for the day is set-apart, *do not* be sad."

[12]And **all** the people went to eat and to drink and to send portions and make a **great** rejoicing, **because** they understood the **words** that were made **known** to them.

[13]And on the second day the heads of the fathers' *houses* of **all** the people, with the priests and Lĕwites, were gathered to Ezra the scribe, **in order** to **study** the **words** of the **Torah**.

[14]And they **found written** in the **Torah**, which יהוה **had commanded** by Mosheh, that the children of Yisra'ĕl should dwell in booths in the **festival** of the seventh month,

[15]and that they should **announce** and **proclaim** in **all** their cities and in Yerushalayim, saying, "Go out to the mountain and bring olive branches, branches of oil trees and myrtle branches and palm branches and branches of leafy trees, to make booths, as it is **written**."

[16]So the people went out and brought them and made themselves booths, each one on the roof of his house and in their courtyards and in the courtyards of the House of **Elohim** and in the **open** space of the Water Gate and in the **open** space of the Gate of Ephrayim.

[17]And the entire assembly of those who had **come back** from the captivity made booths and sat under the booths, for since the days of Yeshua son of Nun until that day the children of Yisra'ĕl had not done so. And there was **very great** rejoicing.

[18]And day by day, from the **first** day until the **last** day, he **read** from the

Book of the **Torah** of **Elohim**. And they performed the **festival** seven days. And on the eighth day there was an **assembly, according to the right-ruling.**

9 And on the twenty-fourth **day of** this month the children of Yisra'ĕl were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth and with earth on them.

[2]And the descendants of Yisra'ĕl separated themselves from **all** foreigners and stood and confessed *their sins* and the *crookedness*es of their fathers,

[3]and they stood up in their place and **read** from the **Book** of the **Torah** of יהוה their **Elohim** a fourth part of the day and a fourth part they were confessing and worshipping יהוה their **Elohim**.

[4]***Then*** Yĕshua and Bani, Qadmi'ĕl, Shebanyah, Bunni, Shĕrĕbyah, Bani, Kenani stood on the stairs of the Lĕwites and *cried out* with a loud **voice** to יהוה their **Elohim**.

[5]***Then*** the Lĕwites, Yĕshua and Qadmi'ĕl, Bani, Ḥashabneyah, Shĕrĕbyah, Hodiyah, Shebanyah, Pethaḥyah, said, "Rise, **bless** יהוה your **Elohim forever** and ever! And let them **bless Your** esteemed **Name**, which is exalted above **all blessing** and praise!

[6]"**You** are יהוה, **You** alone. **You** have made the heavens, the heavens of the heavens, with **all** their host, the earth and **all** that are on it, the seas and **all** that are in them and **You** give **life** to them **all.** And the host of the heavens are bowing themselves to **You.**

[7]"**You** are יהוה, the **Elohim** who **chose** Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldees and gave him the name of Abrahim,

[8]and **found** his **heart trustworthy** before **You** and made a **covenant** with him to give the land of the Kena'anites, the Ḥittites, the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Yebusites and the Girgashites – to give it to his seed.

And **You** have **established Your words**, for **You** are **righteous,**

[9]and **saw** the *affliction* of our fathers in Mitsrayim and **heard** their cry by the Sea of Reeds,

[10]and gave **signs** and **wonders** *against* Pharaoh and *against* **all** his servants and *against* **all** the people of his land. For **You knew** that they *acted proud*ly *against* them. And **You** made a **Name** for **Yourself**, as it is this day.

[11]"And **You** split the sea before them and they passed over into the **midst** of the sea on the dry land. And their pursuers **You** threw into the deep as a stone into the mighty waters.

[12]"And You led them by day with a cloudy column and by night with a column of *fire*, to give them **light** in the **way** they were to go.

[13]"And **You** came down on Mount Sinai and spoke with them from the heavens and gave them **straight right-rulings** and **Torah** of **truth**, **good laws** and **commands**.

[14]"And You made **known** to them **Your** set-apart **Sabbath** and You **commanded** them **commands** and **laws** and **Torot**, by the **hand** of Mosheh **Your** servant.

[15]"And **You** gave them **bread** from the heavens for their hunger and brought them water out of the rock for their thirst and said to them to go in to **possess** the land which **You** had sworn to give them.

[16]"***But*** they and our fathers *acted proudly* and *hardened* their necks and *did* ***not obey*** **Your commands**.

[17]"And they *refused* to **obey** and they **remembered** not **Your wonders** that **You** did among them and *hardened* their necks and in their *rebellion* they **appointed** a leader to **return** to their bondage. ***But*** **You** are a forgiving Eloah, showing **favour** and **compassionate**, patient and of **great kindness** and *did not forsake* them.

[18]"Even when they made a *moulded calf* for themselves and said, 'This is your *mighty one* that brought you up out of Mitsrayim,' and worked **great** ***blasphemies***,

[19]yet **You,** in **Your great compassion** did not *forsake* them in the wilderness. The column of the cloud *did not* turn away

from them by day to lead them on the **way,** nor the column of *fire* by night to give them **light** in the **way** they were to go.
[20]"**You** also gave **Your good Spirit** to **instruct** them and *did not* withhold **Your** manna from their **mouth** and gave them water for their thirst.
[21]"And for forty years **You** sustained them in the wilderness – they lacked not. Their garments *did not* wear out and their feet *did not* swell.
[22]"And **You** gave them reigns and peoples and apportioned them their **lot.** So they took possession of the land of Siḥon and the land of the sovereign of Ḥeshbon and the land of Oḡ sovereign of Bashan.
[23]"And **You** increased their children as the stars of the heavens and brought them into the land which **You** had said to their fathers to go in and possess.
[24]"So the sons went in and possessed the land and **You** humbled before them the people of the land, the Kena'anites and gave them into their hands, with their sovereigns and the people of the land, to do with them as they desired.
[25]"And they captured walled cities and a rich land and possessed houses filled with **all good**, cisterns already dug, vineyards and olive-trees and **fruit** trees, in plenty. So they ate and were **satisfied** and grew fat and **delighted** themselves in **Your great goodness**.
[26]"***But*** they became *disobedient* and *rebelled* <u>*against*</u> **You** and *cast* **Your Torah** behind their backs. And they slew **Your** prophets who had **warned** them, to bring them back to **Yourself**. And they worked **great *blasphemies***.
[27]"Therefore **You** gave them into the **hand** of their enemies, who *distressed* them. And in the **time** of their *distress,* when they cried to **You, You heard** from the **heavens.** And **according** to **Your great compassion You** gave them saviours who **saved** them from the **hand** of their enemies.
[28]"***But*** after they had rest, they turned back to do *evil* before **You. *Then*** **You** left them in the **hand** of their enemies, so that they ruled over them. ***But*** when they turned back and *cried out* to **You, You heard** from the heavens and **delivered** them **according** to **Your compassion**, many times,
[29]and **warned** them, to bring them back to **Your Torah**. ***But*** they *acted proud*ly and <u>*did* ***not obey***</u> **Your commands** and *sinned* <u>*against*</u> **Your right-rulings**, 'which if a man does, he ***shall*** **live** by them.' And they gave the *rebellious* shoulder and *hardened* their necks and *would not* **hear.**
[30]"And **You** had patience with them for many years and did **warn** them by **Your Spirit,** by the **hand** of **Your prophets,** yet they *would not* give ear. Therefore **You** gave them into the **hand** of the peoples of the lands.
[31]"***But*** in **Your great compassion You** *did not* make an end of them nor *forsake* them, for **You** are an Ěl of **favour** and **compassion**.
[32]"And **now**, our **Elohim**, the great, the mighty and **awesome** Ěl, **guarding** the **covenant** and the **kindness**, let not **all** the *trouble* that has **come** upon us, our sovereigns and our heads, our priests and our **prophets,** our fathers and on **all Your people**, from the days of the sovereigns of Ashshur until this day, seem *little* before **You.**
[33]"And in **all** that has **come** upon us **You** are **righteous,** for **You** have done **truth**, but we have done *wrong.*
[34]"And our sovereigns, our rulers, our priests and our fathers, have not done **Your Torah**, nor heeded **Your commands** and **Your witnesses,** with which **You witnessed** <u>*against*</u> them.
[35]"For they have not **served You** in their reign, or in **Your great goodness** that **You** gave them, or in the large and rich land which **You** set before them – neither turned back from their *evil deeds*.
[36]"**See,** we are servants today! And the land that **You** gave to our fathers, to eat its **fruit** and the **good** of it, **see,** we are servants in it!
[37]"And its rich yield goes to the sovereigns **You** have set over us,

because of our *sins*. And they **rule** over our bodies and our livestock at their pleasure and we are in **great** *distress.*
38"And **because** of **all** this, we are making a **trustworthy** pledge and **write** it. And our rulers, our Lĕwites, our priests set their **seal** on it."

10 And those who set their **seal** were: Neḥemyah the governor, son of Ḥaḵalyah and Tsiḏqiyah,
2Serayah, Azaryah, Yirmeyah,
3Pashhur, Amaryah, Malkiyah,
4Ḥattush, Sheḇanyah, Malluḵ,
5Ḥarim, Merĕmoth, Oḇaḏyah,
6Dani'ĕl, Ginnethon, Baruḵ,
7Meshullam, Aḇiyah, Miyamin,
8Ma'azyah, Bilgai and Shemayah.
These were the priests.
9And the Lĕwites: both Yĕshua son of Atsanyah, Binnui of the sons of Ḥĕnaḏaḏ, Qaḏmi'ĕl.
10And their brothers: Sheḇanyah, Hoḏiyah, Qelita, Pelayah, Ḥanan,
11Miḵa, Reḥoḇ, Ḥashaḇyah,
12Zakkur, Shĕrĕḇyah, Sheḇanyah,
13Hoḏiyah, Bani and Beninu.
14The leaders of the people: Parosh, Paḥath-Mo'aḇ, Ĕylam, Zattu, Bani,
15Bunni, Azgaḏ, Bĕḇai,
16Aḏoniyah, Biḡwai, Aḏin,
17Atĕr, Ḥizqiyah, Azzur,
18Hoḏiyah, Ḥashum, Bĕtsai,
19Ḥariph, Anathoth, Nĕḇai,
20Maḡpi'ash, Meshullam, Ḥĕzir,
21Meshĕyzaḇ'ĕl, Tsaḏoq, Yaddua,
22Pelatyah, Ḥanan, Anayah,
23Hoshĕa, Ḥananyah, Ḥashshuḇ,
24Halloḥĕsh, Pilḥa, Shoḇĕq,
25Reḥum, Ḥashaḇnah, Ma'asĕyah,
26Aḥiyah, Ḥanan, Anan,
27Malluḵ, Ḥarim, Ba'anah.
28And the rest of the people, the priests, the Lĕwites, the gatekeepers,
the singers, the Nethinim and **all** those who had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands unto the **Torah** of **Elohim**, their wives, their sons and their daughters, **all** who had **knowledge** and **understanding**,
29were joining with their brothers, their nobles and were *entering* into a *curse* and into an **oath** to **walk** in the **Torah** of **Elohim**, which was **given** by Mosheh the servant of **Elohim** and to **guard** and do **all the commands** of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ our **Master** and **His right-rulings** and **His laws**,
30**and** that we *would not* give our daughters as wives to the peoples of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons,
31**and** that if the peoples of the land bring wares or any grain to sell on the **Sabbath** day, we *would not* buy it from them on the **Sabbath,** or on a set-apart day and we would forego the seventh year and the interest of **every hand.**
32**And** we imposed **commands** on ourselves, to give from ourselves yearly one-third of a sheqel for the service of the House of our **Elohim**:
33for the showbread and for the continual grain offering and for
the continual burnt offering of the **Sabbaths,** of the **New Moons**, for the **appointed times** and for the set-apart offerings and for the *sin* offerings to make atonement for Yisra'ĕl and **all** the **work** of the House of our **Elohim**.
34**And** we *cast* **lots** among the priests and the Lĕwites and the people, for bringing the ***wood*** offering into the House of our **Elohim**, **according** to our fathers' houses, at the **appointed times** year by year, to burn on the altar of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ our **Elohim** as it is **written** in the **Torah**,
35**and** to bring the **first-fruits** of our soil and the **first-fruits** of **all fruit** of **all** trees, year by year, to the House of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ,
36**also** to bring the first-born of our sons and our livestock, as it is **written** in the **Torah** and the firstlings of our herds
and our flocks, to the House of our **Elohim**, to the priests attending in the House of our **Elohim**.

[37]**And** that we should bring the **first-fruits** of our dough and our contributions and the **fruit** from **all** kinds of trees, of **new wine** and of oil, to the priests, to the storerooms of the House of our **Elohim**; and the tithes of our land to the Lĕwites, for the Lĕwites should receive the tithes in **all** our rural towns.

[38]**And** the priest, son of Aharon, ***shall be*** with the Lĕwites when the Lĕwites receive tithes and the Lĕwites bring up a tenth of the tithes to the House of our **Elohim**, to the rooms of the storehouse.

[39]For the children of Yisra'ĕl and the children of Lĕwi bring the offering of the grain, of the **new wine** and the oil, to the storerooms where the vessels of the set-apart place are, where the priests who attend and the gatekeepers and the singers are and we should not neglect the House of our **Elohim**.

11 **Now** the rulers of the people dwelt at Yerushalayim and the rest of the people *cast* **lots** to bring one out of ten to dwell in Yerushalayim, the set-apart city and nine-tenths were to dwell in other cities.

[2]And the people **blessed all** the men who volunteered to dwell at Yerushalayim.

[3]And these are the heads of the province who dwelt in Yerushalayim, but in the cities of Yahuḏah everyone dwelt in his own possession in their cities – Yisra'ĕl, the priests and the Lĕwites and the Nethinim and the sons of Shelomoh's servants.

[4]And in Yerushalayim dwelt certain of the children of Yahuḏah and of the children of Binyamin. Of the children of Yahuḏah: Athayah son of Uzziyah, son of Zeḵaryah, son of Amaryah, son of Shephatyah, son of Mahalal'ĕl, of the children of Perets;

[5]and Ma'asĕyah son of Baruḵ, son of Kol-Ḥozeh, son of Ḥazayah, son of Aḏayah, son of Yoyariḇ, son of Zeḵaryah, son of Shiloni.

[6]All the sons of Perets who dwelt at Yerushalayim were four hundred and sixty-eight brave men.

[7]And these are the sons of Binyamin: Sallu son of Meshullam, son of Yow'ĕḏ, son of Peḏayah, son of Qolayah, son of Ma'asĕyah, son of Ithi'ĕl, son of Yeshayah;

[8]and after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred and twenty-eight.

[9]And Yo'ĕl son of Ziḵri was their overseer and Yahuḏah son of Senuah was second over the city.

[10]Of the priests: Yeḏayah son of Yoyariḇ, Yaḵin,

[11]Serayah son of Ḥilqiyah, son of Meshullam, son of Tsaḏoq, son of Merayoth, son of Aḥituḇ, was the leader of the House of **Elohim**.

[12]And their brothers who did the **work** of the House were eight hundred and twenty-two; and Aḏayah son of Yeroḥam, son of Pelalyah, son of Amtsi, son of Zeḵaryah, son of Pashhur, son of Malkiyah,

[13]and his brothers, heads of the fathers' *houses*, were two hundred and forty-two; and Amashai son of Azar'ĕl, son of Aḥzai, son of Meshillĕmoth, son of Immĕr,

[14]and their brothers, mighty brave ones, were one hundred and twenty-eight. And their overseer was Zaḇdi'ĕl, son of the **great** ones.

[15]Also of the Lĕwites: Shemayah son of Ḥashshuḇ, son of Azriqam, son of Ḥashaḇyah, son of Bunni;

[16]and Shabbethai and Yozaḇaḏ, of the heads of the Lĕwites, over the outside **work** of the House of **Elohim**;

[17]and Mattanyah son of Miḵa, son of Zaḇdi, son of Asaph, who was the leader who began the **thanksgiving** with prayer and Baqbuqyah the second among his brothers and Aḇda son of Shammua, son of Galal, son of Yeḏuthun.

[18]All the Lĕwites in the set-apart city were two hundred and eighty-four.

[19]And the gatekeepers, Aqquḇ, Talmon and their brothers keeping **guard** at the

gates, were one hundred and seventy-two.
[20]And the rest of Yisra'ĕl, of the priests, Lĕwites, were in **all** the cities of Yahuḏah, each one in his inheritance.
[21]***But*** the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel. And Tsiḥa and Gishpa were over the Nethinim.
[22]And the overseer of the Lĕwites at Yerushalayim was Uzzi son of Bani, son of Ḥashaḇyah, son of Mattanyah, son of Miḵa. Of the sons of Asaph, the singers were over the **work** of the House of **Elohim**,
[23]for the sovereign's **command** was upon them – and support for the singers, a matter day by day.
[24]And Pethaḥyah son of Meshĕyzaḇ'ĕl, of the children of Zeraḥ son of Yahuḏah, was the sovereign's deputy in **all** matters concerning the people.
[25]And at the villages with their fields, some of the children of Yahuḏah dwelt in Qiryath Arba and its villages and in Diḇon and its villages and in Yeqaḇtse'ĕl and its villages,
[26]and in Yĕshua and in Moladah and in Bĕyth Pelet,
[27]and in Ḥatsar Shu'al and in Be'ĕrsheḇa and its villages,
[28]and in Tsiqlaḡ and in Meḵonah and its villages,
[29]and in Ĕn Rimmon and in Tsorah and in Yarmuth,
[30]Zanowaḥ, Aḏullam and their villages; in Laḵish and its fields; in Azĕqah and its villages. So they dwelt from Be'ĕrsheḇa to the Valley of Hinnom.
[31]And the children of Binyamin: from Geḇa, Miḵmash and Ayyah and Bĕyth Ĕl and their villages;
[32]Anathoth, Noḇ, Ananyah;
[33]Ḥatsor, Ramah, Gittayim;
[34]Ḥaḏiḏ, Tseḇo'im, Neḇallat;
[35]Loḏ and Ono and the Valley of Craftsmen.
[36]And of the Lĕwites, the division**s** of Yahuḏah were for Binyamin.

12 And these were the priests and the Lĕwites who came up with Zerubbaḇel son of She'alti'ĕl and Yĕshua: Serayah, Yirmeyah, Ezra,
[2]Amaryah, Malluḵ, Ḥattush,
[3]Sheḵanyah, Reḥum, Merĕmoth,
[4]Iddo, Ginnethoi, Aḇiyah,
[5]Miyamin, Ma'aḏyah, Bilgah,
[6]Shemayah and Yoyariḇ, Yeḏayah,
[7]Sallu, Amoq, Ḥilqiyah and Yeḏayah. These were the heads of the priests and their brothers in the days of Yĕshua.
[8]And the Lĕwites: Yĕshua, Binnui, Qaḏmi'ĕl, Shĕrĕḇyah, Yahuḏah, Mattanyah over the **thanksgiving**, he and his brothers.
[9]And Baqbuqyah and Unni, their brothers, were opposite them for **guard** duties.
[10]And Yĕshua brought forth Yoyaqim, and Yoyaqim brought forth Elyashiḇ and Elyashiḇ brought forth Yoyaḏa,
[11]and Yoyaḏa brought forth Yonathan and Yonathan brought forth Yaddua.
[12]And in the days of Yoyaqim, the priests, the heads of the fathers' *houses* were: of Serayah, Merayah; of Yirmeyah, Ḥananyah;
[13]of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amaryah, Yehoḥanan;
[14]of Meliḵu, Yonathan; of Sheḇanyah, Yosĕph;
[15]of Ḥarim, Aḏna; of Merayoth, Ḥelqai;
[16]of Iddo, Zeḵaryah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;
[17]of Aḇiyah, Ziḵri, *son* of Minyamin; of Mo'aḏyah, Piltai;
[18]of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemayah, Yehonathan;
[19]of Yoyariḇ, Mattenai; of Yeḏayah, Uzzi;
[20]of Sallai, Qallai; of Amoq, Ĕḇer;
[21]of Ḥilqiyah, Ḥashaḇyah. And of Yeḏayah, Nethanĕ'l.
[22]The Lĕwites and priests in the days of Elyashiḇ, Yoyaḏa, Yoḥanan and Yaddua, were recorded heads of their fathers'

houses, also the priests in the **reign** of Dareyawesh the Persian.
[23]The sons of Lĕwi, the heads of the fathers' *houses* until the days of Yoḥanan son of Elyashiḇ, were **written** in the **book** of the annals.
[24]And the heads of the Lĕwites were Ḥashaḇyah, Shĕrĕḇyah and Yĕshua son of Qaḏmi'ĕl, with their brothers opposite them, to **praise**, to give **thanks**, **watch** opposite **watch**, **according** to the **command** of Dawiḏ the man of **Elohim**.
[25]Mattanyah and Baqbuqyah, Oḇaḏyah, Meshullam, Talmon, Aqquḇ were gatekeepers **guarding** at the storerooms of the gates.
[26]These were in the days of Yoyaqim son of Yĕshua, son of Yotsaḏaq and in the days of Neḥemyah the governor and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.
[27]And at the **dedication** of the wall of Yerushalayim they sought out the Lĕwites in **all** their places, to bring them to Yerushalayim to perform the **dedication** with **gladness** and with **thanksgiving**s and with **singing**, cymbals, harps and lyres.
[28]And the sons of the singers gathered **together** from the countryside around Yerushalayim, from the villages of the Netophathites,
[29]and from the house of Gilgal and from the fields of Geḇa and Azmaweth – for the singers had built themselves villages **all** around Yerushalayim.
[30]And the priests and Lĕwites **cleansed** themselves and they **cleansed** the people and the gates and the wall.
[31]And I brought the rulers of Yahuḏah up on the wall and **appointed** two large **thanksgiving** choirs, to go to the **right** on the wall toward the Dung Gate,
[32]and after them went Hoshayah and half of the rulers of Yahuḏah,
[33]then Azaryah, Ezra and Meshullam,
[34]Yahuḏah and Binyamin and Shemayah and Yirmeyah,
[35]and of the sons of the priests with trumpets: Zeḵaryah son of Yonathan, son of Shemayah, son of Mattanyah, son of Miḵayah, son of Zakkur, son of Asaph,
[36]and his brothers Shemayah and Azar'ĕl, Milalai, Gilalai, Ma'ai, Nethanĕ'l and Yahuḏah, Ḥanani with instruments of songs of Dawiḏ the man of **Elohim**, with Ezra the scribe before them.
[37]And at the Fountain Gate and **straight** ahead of them, they went up the stairs of the City of Dawiḏ, on the stairway of the wall, beyond the house of Dawiḏ, as far as the Water Gate eastward.
[38]And the other **thanksgiving** choir went over *against* them and I behind them with half of the people on the wall, going past the Tower of the Ovens as far as the Broad Wall,
[39]and above the Gate of Ephrayim and above the Old Gate and above the Fish Gate and the Tower of Ḥanan'ĕl and the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Sheep Gate. And they stood still at the Gate of the Prison.
[40]***Then*** the two **thanksgiving** choirs took their **stand** in the House of **Elohim** and I and half of the deputy rulers with me,
[41]and the priests, Elyaqim, Ma'asĕyah, Minyamin, Miḵayah, Elyo'ĕynai, Zeḵaryah and Ḥananyah, with trumpets,
[42]and Ma'asĕyah and Shemayah and El'azar and Uzzi and Yehoḥanan and Malkiyah and Ĕylam and Ĕzer. And the singers sang aloud, with Yizraḥyah in charge.
[43]And on that day they brought **great offerings** and **rejoiced**, for **Elohim** had made them **rejoice** with **great** joy. And the **women** and the **children** also **rejoiced**, so that the **joy** of Yerushalayim was **heard** far away.
[44]And on that day some were **appointed** over the rooms for the stores, for the contributions, for the **first-fruits** and for tithes, to **gather** into them from the fields of the cities the portions **required** by the **Torah** for the priests and for the Lĕwites. For Yahuḏah rejoiced over the priests and the Lĕwites who stood up.
[45]Both the singers and the gatekeepers **guarded** the charge of their **Elohim** and

the charge of the cleansing, **according** to the **command** of Dawiḏ and Shelomoh his son.
46For in the days of Dawiḏ and Asaph of old there were chiefs of the singers and songs of **praise** and **thanksgiving** to **Elohim**.
47And in the days of Zerubbaḇel and in the days of Neḥemyah **all Yisra'ĕl** gave the portions for the singers and the gatekeepers, a portion for each day. And they set-apart what was for the Lĕwites and the Lĕwites set-apart what was for the children of Aharon.

13 On that day was **read** from the **Book** of **Mosheh** in the **hearing** of the people and in it was **found written** that an Ammonite and Mo'aḇite should *not* **come** into the assembly of **Elohim forever**,
2**because** they had not met the children of Yisra'ĕl with **bread** and water and hired Bil'am *against* them to *curse* them, although our **Elohim** turned the *curse* into a **blessing.**
3And it came to be, when they had **heard** the **Torah**, that they separated **all** the mixed multitude from Yisra'ĕl.
4And before this, Elyashiḇ the priest, having **authority** over the storerooms of the House of our **Elohim**, was a relative of Toḇiyah,
5and he had prepared for him a large room, where previously they had stored the grain offerings, the frankincense and the utensils and the tithes of grain, the **new wine** and the oil, which were **commanded** *to be* **given** to the Lĕwites and the singers and the gatekeepers and the contributions for the priests.
6***But*** in **all** this I was not in Yerushalayim, for in the thirty-second year of Artaḥshashta sovereign of Baḇel I came to the sovereign. And after some days I asked leave from the sovereign *to* **return,**
7and I came to Yerushalayim and **learned** of the *evil* which Elyashiḇ had done for Toḇiyah, in preparing a room for him in the courts of the House of **Elohim**.
8And it was **very** displeasing to me. Therefore I threw **all** the household goods of Toḇiyah out of the room,
9and I **commanded** them to **cleanse** the rooms. And I put back into them the utensils of the House of **Elohim**, with the grain offering and the frankincense.
10And I **learned** that the portions for the Lĕwites had not been **given** them, for each of the Lĕwites and the singers who did the **work** had gone back to his field.
11***Then*** I contended with the deputy rulers and said, "***Why* is the House of Elohim *forsaken***?" And I gathered them **together** and set them in their place.
12And **all** Yahuḏah brought the tithe of the grain and the **new wine** and the oil to the storehouse.
13And I **appointed** as treasurers over the storehouse Shelemyah the priest and Tsaḏoq the scribe and Peḏayah of the Lĕwites. And next to them was Ḥanan son of Zakkur, son of Mattanyah. For they were reckoned **trustworthy** and it was on them to distribute to their brothers.
14**Remember** me, O my **Elohim**, concerning this and *do not* wipe out my **kind deeds** that I have done for the House of my **Elohim** and for its charges!
15In those days I **saw** in Yahuḏah those *treading* **wine** presses on the **Sabbath** and *bringing* in sheaves and *loading* donkeys with **wine**, grapes and figs and **all** kinds of ***burdens***, which they *brought* into Yerushalayim on the **Sabbath day**. So I **warned** *them* on the day they sold food.
16And men of Tsor dwelt there, bringing in ***fish*** and **all** kinds of ***goods*** and sold them on the **Sabbath** to the children of Yahuḏah and in Yerushalayim.
17***Then*** I **contended** with the nobles of Yahuḏah and said to them,
"***What** evil matter* is this that you are doing, ***profaning*** the **Sabbath day**?
18"Did not your fathers do the **same** so that our **Elohim** brought **all** this *evil* on us and on this city? Yet you bring **added**

wrath on Yisra'ĕl by ***profaning*** the **Sabbath**."

[19]And it came to be, at the gates of Yerushalayim, as it began to be dark before the **Sabbath,** that I **commanded** the **gates** to be **shut** and **commanded** that they should not be opened til after the **Sabbath**. And I stationed some of my servants at the gates, so that no burdens would be brought in on the **Sabbath day**.

[20]And the *merchants* and *sellers* of **all** kinds of wares spent the night outside Yerushalayim once or twice,

[21]and I **warned** *them* and said to *them*, "***Why*** do you spend the night around the wall? ***If*** you do so again, I lay hands on you!" From that **time** on they came no more on the **Sabbath**.

[22]And I **commanded** the Lĕwites that they should **cleanse** themselves and they should **come**, **guarding** the **gates**, to set-apart the **Sabbath day**. ***remember*** **me**, O my **Elohim**, **concerning this also** and **pardon me according to the greatness of Your kindness**!

[23]In those days I also **saw** Yahuḏim who had married women of Ashdoḏ, Ammon, Mo'aḇ.

[24]And half of their children spoke the **language** of Ashdoḏ and *could not* **speak** the **language** of Yahuḏah, but spoke **according** to the **language** of one or the other people.

[25]***Then*** I **contended** with them and *cursed* them and *smote* some of them and *pulled* out their hair and made them swear by **Elohim**, saying, "You *do not* give your daughters as wives to their sons, nor take their daughters for your sons or yourselves.

[26]"Did not Shelomoh sovereign of Yisra'ĕl *sin* **<u>because</u>** of *them*? Among the many nations there was no sovereign like him, who was beloved of his **Elohim** and **Elohim** made him sovereign over **all** Yisra'ĕl. Even him *foreign women* **caused** to *sin.*

[27]"***Should*** we then **hear** of your doing **all** this **great** *evil*, *trespassing* <u>*against*</u> our **Elohim** by marrying *foreign wives*?"

[28]And one of the sons of Yoyaḏa, son of Elyashiḇ the high priest, was a son-in-law of Sanballat the Ḥoronite. And I drove him from me.

[29]**Remember** *them*, O my **Elohim**, **<u>because</u>** *they* have *defiled* the priesthood and the **covenant** of the priesthood and of the Lĕwites.

[30]Thus I **cleansed** them from **all** that is ***foreign***. And I **appointed** duties to the priests and the Lĕwites, each in his task,

[31]and for the ***wood*** offering and the firstfruits at **appointed times**. ***remember*** **me, O my Elohim, for good**!

1 DIḆRE haYAMIM

1 CHRONICLES (1 ANNALS)

1 Aḏam, Shĕth, Enosh,
2 Qĕnan, Mahalal'ĕl, Yereḏ,
3 Ḥanoḵ, Methushelaḥ, Lemeḵ,
4 Noaḥ, Shĕm, Ḥam and Yepheth.
5 The sons of Yepheth: Gomer and Maḡoḡ and Maḏai and Yawan and Tuḇal and Meshĕḵ and Tiras.
6 And the sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz and Diphath and Toḡarmah.
7 And the sons of Yawan: Elishah and Tarshishah, Kittim and Roḏanim.
8 The sons of Ḥam: Kush and Mitsrayim, Put and Kena'an.
9 And the sons of Kush: Seḇa and Ḥawilah and Saḇta and Ra'mah and Saḇteḵa. And the sons of Ra'mah: Sheḇa and Deḏan.
10 And Kush brought forth Nimroḏ; he began to be a *mighty one* on the earth.
11 And Mitsrayim brought forth the Luḏim and the Anamim and the Lehaḇim and the Naphtuḥim,
12 and the Pathrusim and the Kasluḥim from whom came the Philistines and the Kaphtorim.
13 And Kena'an brought forth Tsiḏon, his first-born and Ḥĕth,
14 and the Yeḇusite and the Amorite and the Girgashite,
15 and the Ḥiwwite and the Arqite and the Sinite,
16 and the Arwaḏite and the Tsemarite and the Ḥamathite.
17 The sons of Shĕm: Ĕylam and Asshur and Arpaḵshaḏ and Luḏ and Aram and Uts, Ḥul and Gether and Meshĕḵ.
18 And Arpaḵshaḏ brought forth Shelaḥ and Shelaḥ brought forth Ĕḇer.
19 To Ĕḇer were born two sons: the name of one was Peleḡ, for in his days the earth was divided and his brother's name was Yoqtan.
20 And Yoqtan brought forth Almoḏaḏ and Sheleph and Ḥatsarmaweth and Yeraḥ,
21 and Haḏoram and Uzal and Diqlah,
22 and Ĕyḇal and Aḇima'ĕl and Sheḇa,
23 and Ophir and Ḥawilah and Yoḇaḇ. All these were the sons of Yoqtan.
24 Shĕm, Arpaḵshaḏ, Shĕlah,
25 Ĕḇer, Peleḡ, Re'u,
26 Seruḡ, Naḥor, Terah,
27 and Aḇram, that is Aḇrahim.
28 The sons of Aḇraham: Yitsḥaq and Yishma'ĕl.
29 These are their genealogies: The first-born of Yishma'ĕl was Neḇayoth and Qĕḏar and Aḏbe'ĕl and Miḇsam,
30 Mishma and Dumah and Massa, Haḏaḏ and Tĕma,
31 Yetur, Naphish and Qĕḏemah. These were the sons of Yishma'ĕl.
32 And the sons born to Qeturah, Aḇraham's concubine: Zimran and Yoqshan and Meḏan and Miḏyan and Yishbaq and Shuwaḥ. The sons of Yoqshan: Sheḇa and Deḏan.
33 And the sons of Miḏyan: Ĕphah and Ĕpher and Ḥanoḵ and Aḇiḏa and Elda'ah. All these were the children of Qeturah.
34 And Aḇrahim brought forth Yitsḥaq. The sons of Yitsḥaq: Ĕsaw and Yisra'ĕl.
35 The sons of Ĕsaw: Eliphaz, Re'uw'ĕl and Ye'ush and Ya'lam and Qoraḥ.
36 And the sons of Eliphaz: Tĕman and Omar, Tsephi and Gatam and Qenaz and Timna and Amalĕq.
37 The sons of Re'uw'ĕl: Naḥath, Zeraḥ, Shammah and Mizzah.
38 And the sons of Sĕ'ir: Lotan and Shoḇal and Tsiḇ'on and Anah and Dishon and Ĕtser and Dishan.
39 And the sons of Lotan: Ḥori and Homam; Lotan's sister was Timna.
40 The sons of Shoḇal: Alyan and Manaḥath and Ĕyḇal, Shephi and Onam. The sons of Tsiḇ'on: Ayah and Anah.

41The son of Anah was Dishon. The sons of Dishon: Ḥamran and Eshban and Yithran and Keran.
42The sons of Ětser: Bilhan and Za'awan and Ya'aqan. The sons of Dishan: Uts and Aran.
43And these were the sovereigns who reigned in the land of Eḏom before any sovereign reigned over the children of Yisra'ĕl: Bela son of Be'or and the name of his city was Dinhaḇah.
44And when Bela died, Yoḇaḇ son of Zeraḥ of Botsrah reigned in his place.
45And Yoḇaḇ died and Ḥusham of the land of the Tĕmanites reigned in his place.
46And when Ḥusham died, Haḏaḏ son of Beḏaḏ, who *smote* Miḏyan in the field of Mo'aḇ, reigned in his place. The name of his city was Awith.
47And Haḏaḏ died and Samlah of Masrĕqah reigned in his place.
48And Samlah died and Sha'ul of Reḥoḇoth-by-the-River reigned in his place.
49And Sha'ul died and Ba'al-Ḥanan son of Aḵbor reigned in his place.
50And Ba'al-Ḥanan died and Haḏaḏ reigned in his place. And the name of his city was Pai. And his wife's name was Mehĕtab'ĕl the daughter of Matrĕḏ, the daughter of Mĕyzahaḇ.
51And Haḏaḏ *died.* And the chiefs of Eḏom were Chief Timnah, Chief Alyah, Chief Yethĕth,
52Chief Oholiḇamah, Chief Ĕlah, Chief Pinon,
53Chief Qenaz, Chief Tĕman, Chief Miḇtsar,
54Chief Maḡdi'ĕl and Chief Iram. These were the chiefs of Eḏom.

2 These were the sons of Yisra'ĕl: Re'uḇĕn, Shim'on, Lĕwi and Yahuḏah, Yissasḵar and Zeḇulun,
2Dan, Yosĕph and Binyamin, Naphtali, Gaḏ and Ashĕr.
3The sons of Yahuḏah: Ĕr and Onan and Shĕlah, the three born to him by the daughter of Shuwa, the Kena'anitess. And Ĕr, the first-born of Yahuḏah, was *evil in the eyes* of יהוה and **He** slew him.
4And Tamar, his daughter-in-law, bore him Perets and Zeraḥ. All the sons of Yahuḏah were five.
5The sons of Perets: Ḥetsron and Ḥamul.
6And the sons of Zeraḥ: Zimri and Ĕythan and Hĕman and Ḵalkol and Dara, five of them in **all.**
7And the son of Karmi was Aḵar, the troubler of Yisra'ĕl, who *trespassed* in that which was under the **ban.**
8And the son of Ĕythan was Azaryah.
9And the sons of Ḥetsron who were born to him: Yeraḥme'ĕl and Ram and Keluḇai.
10Ram brought forth Amminaḏaḇ and Amminaḏaḇ brought forth Naḥshon, leader of the children of Yahuḏah;
11Naḥshon brought forth Salma and Salma brought forth Bo'az;
12Bo'az brought forth Oḇĕḏ and Oḇĕḏ brought forth Yishai;
13Yishai brought forth Eliyaḇ his first-born and Aḇinaḏaḇ the second and Shim'a the third,
14Nethanĕ'l the fourth, Raddai the fifth,
15Otsem the sixth, Dawiḏ the seventh.
16And their sisters: Tseruyah and Aḇiḡayil. And the sons of Tseruyah: Aḇishai and Yo'aḇ and Asah'ĕl, three.
17And Aḇiḡayil bore Amasa. And the father of Amasa was Yether the Yishma'ĕlite.
18And Kalĕḇ son of Ḥetsron brought forth children by Azuḇah, his wife and by Yeriyoth. **Now** these were her sons: Yĕsher and Shoḇaḇ and Ardon.
19And Azuḇah died and Kalĕḇ took Ephrath as his wife, who bore him Ḥur.
20And Ḥur brought forth Uri and Uri brought forth Betsal'ĕl.
21And afterward Ḥetsron went in to the daughter of Maḵir the father of Gil'aḏ, whom he took when he was sixty years old. And she bore him Seḡuḇ.
22And Seḡuḇ brought forth Ya'ir, who

had twenty-three cities in the land of Gil'aḏ.
23And he took from them Geshur and Aram, with the towns of Ya'ir, with Qenath and its towns, sixty towns. All these *belonged to* the sons of Maḵir the father of Gil'aḏ.
24And after the *death* of Ḥetsron in Kalĕḇ Ephrathah, Ḥetsron's wife Aḇiyah bore him Ashḥur the father of Teqowa.
25And the sons of Yeraḥme'ĕl the first-born of Ḥetsron were: Ram the first-born and Bunah and Oren and Otsem and Aḥiyah.
26And Yeraḥme'ĕl had another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.
27And the sons of Ram, the first-born of Yeraḥme'ĕl, were Ma'ats and Yamin and Ĕqer.
28And the sons of Onam were Shammai and Yaḏa. And the sons of Shammai: Naḏaḇ and Aḇishur.
29And the name of the wife of Aḇishur was Aḇiḥayil and she bore him Aḥban and Moliḏ.
30And the sons of Naḏaḇ: Seleḏ and Appayim and Seleḏ died without children.
31And the son of Appayim was Yishi and the son of Yishi was Shĕshan and the son of Shĕshan was Aḥlai.
32And the sons of Yaḏa, the brother of Shammai: Yether and Yonathan and Yether died without children.
33And the sons of Yonathan: Peleth and Zaza. These were the sons of Yeraḥme'ĕl.
34And Shĕshan had no sons, only daughters. And Shĕshan had a Mitsrite servant whose name was Yarḥa.
35And Shĕshan gave his daughter to Yarḥa his servant as wife and she bore him Attai.
36And Attai brought forth Nathan and Nathan brought forth Zaḇaḏ,
37and Zaḇaḏ brought forth Ephlal and Ephlal brought forth Oḇĕḏ,
38and Oḇĕḏ brought forth Yĕhu and Yĕhu brought forth Azaryah,
39and Azaryah brought forth Ḥelets and Ḥelets brought forth El'asah,
40and El'asah brought forth Sismai and Sismai brought forth Shallum,
41and Shallum brought forth Yeqamyah and Yeqamyah brought forth Elishama.
42And the sons of Kalĕḇ the brother of Yeraḥme'ĕl: Mĕysha his first-born, who was the father of Ziph and the sons of Marĕshah the father of Ḥeḇron.
43And the sons of Ḥeḇron: Qoraḥ and Tappuwaḥ and Reqem and Shema.
44And Shema brought forth Raḥam the father of Yorqe'am and Reqem brought forth Shammai.
45And the son of Shammai was Ma'on and Ma'on was the father of Bĕyth Tsur.
46And Ĕphah, Kalĕḇ's concubine, bore Ḥaran and Motsa and Gazĕz. And Ḥaran brought forth Gazĕz.
47And the sons of Yahdai: Reḡem and Yotham and Gĕyshan and Pelet and Ĕphah and Sha'aph.
48Ma'aḵah, Kalĕḇ's concubine, bore Sheḇer and Tirḥanah.
49And she bore Sha'aph the father of Maḏmannah, Shewa the father of Maḵbĕna and the father of Giḇ'a. And the daughter of Kalĕḇ was Aḵsah.
50These were the descendants of Kalĕḇ: The sons of Ḥur, the first-born of Ephrathah: Shoḇal the father of Qiryath Ye'arim,
51Salma the father of Bĕyth Leḥem, Ḥarĕph the father of Bĕyth Gaḏer.
52And Shoḇal the father of Qiryath Ye'arim had descendants: Haro'eh, half of the Menuḥothites.
53And the clans of Qiryath Ye'arim: the Yithrites and the Puthites and the Shumathites and the Mishraites. From these came the Tsor'athites and the Eshta'olites.
54The sons of Salma: Bĕyth Leḥem, the Netophathites, Atroth Bĕyth Yo'aḇ and half of the Menaḥtites and the Tsor'ites.
55And the clans of the *scribes* who dwelt at Yaḇĕts: the Tirathites, the Shim'athites, the Sukathites.
These were the Qēynites who came from Ḥammath, the father of the house of Rĕḵaḇ.

3 And these were the sons of Dawiḏ who were born to him in Ḥeḇron: The first-born was Amnon, by Aḥino'am the Yizre'ĕlitess; the second, Dani'ĕl, by Aḇiḡayil the Karmelitess;
2 the third, Aḇshalom son of Ma'aḵah, the daughter of Talmai, sovereign of Geshur; the fourth, Aḏoniyah son of Ḥaggith;
3 the fifth, Shephatyah, by Aḇital; the sixth, Yithre'am, by his wife Eḡlah.
4 Six were born to him in Ḥeḇron. And he reigned there seven years and six months and in Yerushalayim he reigned thirty-three years.
5 And these were born to him in Yerushalayim: Shim'a and Shoḇaḇ and Nathan and Shelomoh – four by Bathshua the daughter of Ammi'ĕl.
6 Yiḇḥar also and Elishama and Eliphelet,
7 and Noḡah and Nepheḡ and Yaphiya,
8 and Elishama and Elyaḏa and Eliphelet, nine,
9 all the sons of Dawiḏ, besides the sons of the concubines and Tamar their sister.
10 And Shelomoh's son was Reḥaḇ'am, Aḇiyah his son, Asa his son, Yehoshaphat his son,
11 Yoram his son, Aḥazyahu his son, Yo'ash his son,
12 Amatsyahu his son, Azaryah his son, Yotham his son,
13 Aḥaz his son, Ḥizqiyahu his son, Menashsheh his son,
14 Amon his son, Yoshiyahu his son.
15 And the sons of Yoshiyahu: Yoḥanan the first-born, the second Yehoyaqim, the third Tsiḏqiyahu, the fourth Shallum.
16 And the sons of Yehoyaqim: Yeḵonyah his son and Tsiḏqiyah his son.
17 And the sons of Yeḵonyah the captive: She'alti'ĕl his son,
18 and Malkiram and Peḏayah and Shenatstsar, Yeqamyah, Hoshama and Neḏaḇyah.
19 And the sons of Peḏayah: Zerubbaḇel and Shim'i. The sons of Zerubbaḇel: Meshullam and Ḥananyah and Shelomith their sister,
20 and Ḥashuḇah and Ohel and Bereḵyah and Ḥasaḏyah, Yushaḇ-Ḥeseḏ, five.
21 And the sons of Ḥananyah: Pelatyah and Yeshayah, the sons of Rephayah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Oḇaḏyah, the sons of Sheḵanyah.
22 And the son of Sheḵanyah: Shemayah. The sons of Shemayah: Ḥattush and Yiḡ'al and Bariyaḥ and Ne'aryah and Shaphat, six.
23 And the sons of Ne'aryah: Elyo'ĕynai and Ḥizqiyah and Azriqam, three.
24 And the sons of Elyo'ĕynai: Hoḏawyah and Elyashiḇ and Pelayah and Aqquḇ and Yoḥanan and Delayah and Anani, seven.

4 The sons of Yahuḏah: Perets, Ḥetsron and Karmi and Ḥur and Shoḇal.
2 And Re'ayah son of Shoḇal brought forth Yaḥath and Yaḥath brought forth Aḥumai and Laḥaḏ. These were the clans of the Tsor'athites.
3 And these were of the father of Ĕytam: Yizre'ĕl and Yishma and Yiḏbash. And the name of their sister was Hatselelponi;
4 and Penu'ĕl was the father of Geḏor and Ĕzer was the father of Ḥushah. These were the sons of Ḥur, the first-born of Ephrathah the father of Bĕyth Leḥem.
5 And Ashḥur the father of Teqowa had two wives, Ḥelah and Na'arah.
6 And Na'arah bore him Ahuzzam and Ḥĕpher and Tĕmeni and Ha'aḥashtari. These were the sons of Na'arah.
7 And the sons of Ḥelah: Tsereth and Tsoḥar and Ethnan;
8 and Qots brought forth Anuḇ and Tsoḇĕḇah and the clans of Aḥarḥĕl son of Ḥarum.
9 And Yaḇĕts was more esteemed than his brothers and his mother called his name Yaḇĕts, saying, "**Because** I bore him in *pain*."

[10]And Yaḇĕts **called on the Elohim of** Yisra'ĕl saying**, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed and enlarge my border** and **that Your hand would be with me and that You would keep me from evil, not to be my pain!"** And **Elohim gave him what he asked.**
[11]And Kelub the brother of Shuḥah brought forth Meḥir, who was the father of Eshton.
[12]And Eshton brought forth BĕythRapha and Pasĕaḥ and Teḥinnah the father of Ir-Naḥash. These were the men of Rēḳah.
[13]And the sons of Qenaz: Othni'ĕl and Serayah. And sons of Othni'ĕl: Ḥathath,
[14]and Me'onothai, who brought forth Ophrah. And Serayah brought forth Yo'aḇ the father of Gĕ-Ḥarashim, for they were craftsmen.
[15]And the sons of Kalēḇ the son of Yephunneh: Iru, Ĕlah and Na'am. And the son of Ĕlah was Qenaz.
[16]And the sons of Yehallel'ĕl: Ziph and Ziphah, Tireya and Asar'ĕl.
[17]And the sons of Ezrah: Yether and Mered and Ĕpher and Yalon. And she bore Miryam and Shammai and Yishbaḥ the father of Eshtemoa.
[18]And his wife Yehudiyah bore Yered the father of Gedor and Heber the father of Soḳo and Yeḳuthi'ĕl the father of Zanowaḥ. And these were the sons of Bithyah the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered took.
[19]And the sons of Hodiyah's wife, the sister of Naḥam, were the fathers of Qe'ilah the Garmite and of Eshtemoa the Ma'aḳathite.
[20]And the sons of Shimon: Amnon and Rinnah, Ben-Ḥanan and Tulon. And the sons of Yishi: Zoḥĕth and Ben-Zoḥĕth.
[21]The sons of Shĕlah the son of Yahudah: Ĕr the father of Lēḳah and La'dah the father of Marĕshah and the clans of the house of the linen workers of the house of Ashbĕa;
[22]and Yoqim and the men of Kozēḇa and Yo'ash and Saraph who ruled in Mo'aḇ and Yashubi-Leḥem. ***But*** the records were ancient.
[23]These were the potters and those who dwell at Neta'im and Gedĕrah; there they dwelt with the sovereign for his work.
[24]The sons of Shim'on: Nemu'ĕl and Yamin, Yariḇ, Zeraḥ, Sha'ul,
[25]Shallum his son, Miḇsam his son, Mishma his son.
[26]And the sons of Mishma: Ḥammu'ĕl his son, Zakkur his son, Shim'i his son.
[27]And Shim'i had sixteen sons and six daughters, but his brothers *did not* have many children, *nor did* any of their clans increase as much as the children of Yahudah.
[28]And they dwelt at Be'ĕrsheḇa and Moladah and Ḥatsar Shu'al,
[29]and at Bilhah and at Etsem and at Tolad,
[30]and at Bethu'ĕl and at Ḥormah and at Tsiqlag,
[31]and at Bĕyth Markaboth and at Ḥatsar Susim and at Bĕyth Bir'i and at Sha'arayim. These were their cities until the **reign** of Dawid.
[32]And their villages were Ĕytam and Ayin and Rimmon and Toḳen and Ashan, five cities,
[33]and **all** the villages that were around these cities as far as Ba'al. These were their dwelling places and they kept their genealogy.
[34]And Meshoḇaḇ and Yamlĕḳ and Yoshah son of Amatsyah;
[35]and Yo'ĕl and Yĕhu son of Yoshiḇyah, son of Serayah, son of Asi'ĕl;
[36]and Elyo'ĕynai and Ya'aqoḇah and Yeshoḥayah and Asayah and Adi'ĕl and Yesimi'ĕl and Benayah;
[37]and Ziza son of Shiphi, son of Allon, son of Yedayah, son of Shimri, son of Shemayah.
[38]These mentioned by name were leaders in their clans and their father's house increased greatly.
[39]And they went to the entrance of Gedor, as far as the east side of the valley,
to look for pasture for their flocks,
[40]and they **found** rich, **good** pasture, and the land was broad, undisturbed and safe, for some Ḥamites had dwelt there

formerly.
41 And these **written** by name came
in the days of Ḥizqiyahu sovereign of
Yahuḏah and *smote* their tents and the
homes that were **found** there and put
them under the **ban,** as it is to this day
and dwelt in their place, **because** there
was pasture for their flocks there.
42 And some of them, five hundred men
of the sons of Shim'on, went to Mount
Sĕ'ir, having as their chiefs Pelatyah and
Ne'aryah and Rephayah and Uzzi'ĕl, the
sons of Yishi.
43 And they *smote* the rest of the
Amalĕqites who had **escaped** and dwelt
there to this day.

5 As for the sons of Re'uḇĕn the **first**
born of Yisra'ĕl – he was the **first**
born, ***but*** **because** he *profaned* his
father's bed, his birthright was **given**
to the **sons** of Yosĕph, son of Yisra'ĕl,
so that the genealogy is not listed
according to the birthright,
2 for Yahuḏah prevailed over his
brothers and from him came a ruler,
although the birthright was Yosĕph's –
3 the sons of Re'uḇĕn the first-born of
Yisra'ĕl: Ḥanoḵ and Pallu, Ḥetsron and
Karmi.
4 The sons of Yo'ĕl: Shemayah his son,
Goḡ his son, Shim'i his son,
5 Miḵah his son, Re'ayah his son, Ba'al
his son,
6 and Be'ĕrah his son, whom Tiglath
Pileser sovereign of Ashshur took into
exile. He was leader of the Re'uḇĕnites.
7 And his brothers by their clans,
when the genealogy of their generations
was registered: the chief, Ye'i'ĕl and
Zeḵaryahu,
8 and Bela son of Azaz, son of Shema,
son of Yo'ĕl, who dwelt in Aro'ĕr, as far
as Neḇo and Ba'al Me'on.
9 And he dwelt eastward as far as the
entrance of the wilderness from the
River Euphrates, **because** their livestock
had increased in the land of Gil'aḏ.
10 And in the days of Sha'ul they fought
against the Haḡrites, who fell by their
hand. And they dwelt in their tents over
all the eastern part of Gil'aḏ.
11 And the children of Gaḏ dwelt next
to them in the land of Bashan as far as
Salḵah:
12 Yo'ĕl was the chief, Shapham the
next, then Ya'anai and Shaphat in
Bashan;
13 and their brothers of their father's
house: Miḵa'ĕl and Meshullam and
Sheḇa and Yorai and Yakan and Ziya and
Ĕber, seven.
14 These were the children of Aḇiḥayil
son of Ḥuri, son of Yarowaḥ, son of
Gil'aḏ, son of Miḵa'ĕl, son of Yeshishai,
son of Yaḥdo, son of Buz;
15 Aḥi son of Aḇdi'ĕl, son of Guni, was
chief of their father's house.
16 And they dwelt in Gil'aḏ, in Bashan
and in its villages and in **all** the **open**
lands of Sharon within their borders.
17 All these were registered by genealo
gies in the days of Yotham sovereign of
Yahuḏah and in the days of Yaroḇ'am
sovereign of Yisra'ĕl.
18 The sons of Re'uḇĕn and the Gaḏites
and half the tribe of Menashsheh had
fortyfour thousand seven hundred and
sixty brave men, men able to bear shield
and *sword,* to shoot with the bow and
skilled in battle, going out to the army.
19 And they fought *against* the Haḡrites
and Yetur and Naphish and Noḏaḇ.
20 And they were helped *against* them
and the Haḡrites were **given** into their
hand and **all** who were with them. For
they *cried out* to **Elohim** in the battle
and **He answered their prayer**, **because**
they put their trust in Him.
21 And they took away their livestock:
fifty thousand camels and two hundred
and fifty thousand of their sheep and
two thousand of their donkeys, also one
hundred thousand of their men,
22 for many fell *dead,* **because** the
battle was of Elohim. And they dwelt in
their place until the exile.
23 And the children of the half-tribe of
Menashsheh dwelt in the land. They
increased from Bashan to Ba'al Ḥermon,
that is, to Senir, or Mount Ḥermon.

[24]And these were the heads of their fathers' houses: Ĕpher and Yishi and Eli'ĕl and Azri'ĕl and Yirmeyah, Hoḏawyah and Yaḥdi'ĕl – mighty brave men, men of name and heads of their fathers' houses.
[25]***But*** they *trespassed* *against* the **Elohim** of their fathers and *whored* after the *mighty ones* of the peoples of the land, whom **Elohim** had ***destroyed*** before them.
[26]So the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl *stirred* up the spirit of Pul sovereign of Ashshur, even the spirit of Tiglath-Pileser sovereign of Ashshur. And he took the Re'uḇĕnites and the Gaḏites and the half-tribe of Menashsheh into exile and brought them to Ḥalaḥ and Ḥaḇor and Hara and the river of Ġozan, unto this day.

6 The sons of Lĕwi: Gĕreshom, Qehath and Merari.
[2]And the sons of Qehath: Amram, Yitshar and Ḥeḇron and Uzzi'ĕl.
[3]And the children of Amram: Aharon and Mosheh and Miryam. And the sons of Aharon: Naḏaḇ and Aḇihu, El'azar and Ithamar.
[4]El'azar brought forth Pineḥas, Pineḥas brought forth Aḇishua;
[5]and Aḇishua brought forth Buqqi and Buqqi brought forth Uzzi;
[6]and Uzzi brought forth Zeraḥyah and Zeraḥyah brought forth Merayoth;
[7]Merayoth brought forth Amaryah and Amaryah brought forth Aḥituḇ;
[8]and Aḥituḇ brought forth Tsaḏoq and Tsaḏoq brought forth Aḥima'ats;
[9]and Aḥima'ats brought forth Azaryah and Azaryah brought forth Yoḥanan;
[10]and Yoḥanan brought forth Azaryah – it was he who **served** as priest in the House that Shelomoh built in Yerushalayim;
[11]and Azaryah brought forth Amaryah and Amaryah brought forth Aḥituḇ;
[12]and Aḥituḇ brought forth Tsaḏoq and Tsaḏoq brought forth Shallum;
[13]and Shallum brought forth Ḥilqiyah and Ḥilqiyah brought forth Azaryah;
[14]and Azaryah brought forth Serayah and Serayah brought forth Yehotsaḏaq.
[15]And Yehotsaḏaq went away when **ꓤYHWH sent** Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim into exile by the **hand** of Neḇukaḏnetstsar.
[16]The sons of Lĕwi: Gĕreshom, Qehath and Merari.
[17]And these are the names of the sons of Gĕreshom: Liḇni and Shim'i.
[18]And the sons of Qehath: Amram and Yitshar and Ḥeḇron and Uzzi'ĕl.
[19]The sons of Merari: Maḥli and Mushi. And these are the clans of the Lĕwites **according** to their fathers:
[20]Of Gĕreshom were Liḇni his son, Yaḥath his son, Zimmah his son,
[21]Yo'ah his son, Iddo his son, Zeraḥ his son, Ye'atherai his son.
[22]The sons of Qehath: Amminaḏaḇ his son, Qoraḥ his son, Assir his son,
[23]Elqanah his son, Eḇyasaph his son, Assir his son,
[24]Taḥath his son, Uri'ĕl his son, Uzziyah his son and Sha'ul his son.
[25]And the sons of Elqanah: Amasai and Aḥimoth.
[26]Elqanah – the sons of Elqanah: Tsophai his son and Naḥath his son,
[27]Eliyaḇ his son, Yeroḥam his son, Elqanah his son.
[28]And the sons of Shemu'ĕl: *Yo'Ãl* the first-born and Aḇiyah the second.
[29]The sons of Merari: Maḥli, Liḇni his son, Shim'i his son, Uzzah his son,
[30]Shim'a his son, Ḥaggiyah his son and Asayah his son.
[31]And these are the men whom Dawiḏ **appointed** over the service of song in the House of **ꓤYHWH**, after the ark came to rest.
[32]And they were rendering service in song before the dwelling place of the **Tent** of Meeting, until Shelomoh had built the House of **ꓤYHWH** in Yerushalayim and they performed their duties **according** to their ruling.
[33]And these are the ones who stood with their sons: Of the sons of the

Qehathites were Hĕman the singer, son of Yo'ĕl, son of Shemu'ĕl,
[34]son of Elqanah, son of Yeroḥam, son of Eli'ĕl, son of Towaḥ,
[35]son of Tsuph, son of Elqanah, son of Maḥath, son of Amasai,
[36]son of Elqanah, son of Yo'ĕl, son of Azaryah, son of Tsephanyah,
[37]son of Taḥath, son of Assir, son of Eḇyasaph, son of Qoraḥ,
[38]son of Yitshar, son of Qehath, son of Lĕwi, son of Yisra'ĕl.
[39]And his brother Asaph, who stood at his **right hand,** was Asaph son of Bereḵyahu, son of Shim'a,
[40]son of Miḵa'ĕl, son of Ba'asĕyah, son of Malkiyah,
[41]son of Ethni, son of Zeraḥ, son of Aḏayah,
[42]son of Ĕythan, son of Zimmah, son of Shim'i,
[43]son of Yaḥath, son of Gĕreshom, son of Lĕwi.
[44]And their brothers, the sons of Merari, on the left **hand,** were Ĕythan son of Qishi, son of Aḇdi, son of Malluḵ,
[45]son of Ḥashaḇyah, son of Amatsyah, son of Ḥilqiyah,
[46]son of Amtsi, son of Bani, son of Shemer,
[47]son of Maḥli, son of Mushi, son of Merari, son of Lĕwi.
[48]And their brothers, the Lĕwites, were **appointed** to **every kind** of service of the **Dwelling Place** of the **House** of **Elohim**.
[49]***But*** Aharon and his sons offered on the altar of burnt offering and on the altar of incense, for **all** the **work** of the Most set-apart **Place** and to make atonement for Yisra'ĕl, **according** to **all** that Mosheh the servant of **Elohim** had **commanded**.
[50]And these are the sons of Aharon: El'azar his son, Pineḥas his son,
Aḇishua his son,
[51]Buqqi his son, Uzzi his son, Zeraḥyah his son,
[52]Merayoth his son, Amaryah his son,
Aḥituḇ his son,
[53]Tsaḏoq his son, Aḥima'ats his son.
[54]And these were their dwelling places throughout their settlements within their borders, of the sons of Aharon, of the clan of the Qehathites, for the **lot** was theirs.
[55]And they gave them Ḥeḇron in the land of Yahuḏah, with its surrounding **open** lands.
[56]***But*** the fields of the city and its villages they gave to Kalĕḇ son of Yephunneh.
[57]And to the sons of Aharon they gave the cities of refuge: Ḥeḇron and Liḇnah with its **open** lands and Yattir and Eshtemoa with its **open** lands,
[58]and Ḥilĕn with its **open** lands, Deḇir with its **open** lands,
[59]and Ashan with its **open** lands and Bĕyth Shemesh with its **open** lands.
[60]And from the tribe of Binyamin: Geḇa with its **open** lands and Alemeth with its **open** lands and Anathoth with its **open** lands. All their cities among their clans were thirteen.
[61]And to the rest of the clan of the tribe of the Qehathites by **lot** ten cities from half the tribe of Menashsheh.
[62]And to the sons of Gĕreshom, throughout their clans, thirteen cities from the tribe of Yissasḵar and from the tribe of Asher and from the tribe of Naphtali and from the tribe of Menashsheh in Bashan.
[63]To the sons of Merari, throughout their clans, by **lot** twelve cities from the tribe of Re'uḇĕn and from the tribe of Gaḏ and from the tribe of Zeḇulun.
[64]So the children of Yisra'ĕl gave cities with their **open** lands to the Lĕwites.
[65]And they gave by **lot** from the tribe of the children of Yahuḏah and from the tribe of the children of Shim'on and from the tribe of the children of Binyamin these cities which are mentioned by name.
[66]And some of the clans of the sons of Qehath had cities of their borders from the tribe of Ephrayim.
[67]And they gave them the cities of

refuge: Shekem with its **open** lands, in the mountains of Ephrayim and Gezer with its **open** lands,
[68]and Yoqme'am with its **open** lands and Bĕyth Ḥoron with its **open** lands,
[69]and Ayalon with its **open** lands and Gath Rimmon with its **open** lands.
[70]And from the half-tribe of Menashsheh: Anĕr with its **open** lands and Bil'am with its **open** lands, for the rest of the clan of the sons of Qehath.
[71]From the clan of the half-tribe of Menashsheh the sons of Gĕreshom: Golan in Bashan with its **open** lands and Ashtaroth with its **open** lands.
[72]And from the tribe of Yissaskar: Qedesh with its **open** lands, Daberath with its **open** lands,
[73]Ramoth with its **open** lands and Anĕm with its **open** lands.
[74]And from the tribe of Ashĕr: Mashal with its **open** lands and Abdon with its **open** lands,
[75]and Ḥuqoq with its **open** lands and Rehob with its **open** lands.
[76]And from the tribe of Naphtali: Qedesh in Galil with its **open** lands and Ḥammon with its **open** lands and Qiryathayim with its **open** lands.
[77]From the tribe of Zebulun the rest of the children of Merari: Rimmon with its **open** lands and Tabor with its **open** lands.
[78]And from beyond the Yardĕn of Yeriḥo, on the east side of the Yardĕn, from the tribe of Re'ubĕn: Betser in the wilderness with its **open** lands and Yahtsah with its **open** lands,
[79]Qedĕmoth with its **open** lands and Mĕpha'ath with its **open** lands.
[80]And from the tribe of Gad: Ramoth in Gil'ad with its **open** lands and Maḥanayim with its **open** lands,
[81]and Ḥeshbon with its **open** lands and Ya'zĕr with its **open** lands.

7 And the sons of Yissaskar: Tola and Pu'ah, Yashub and Shimron, four.
[2]And the sons of Tola: Uzzi and Rephayah and Yeri'ĕl and Yaḥmai and Yibsam and Shemu'ĕl, heads of their father's house. Of Tola there were **great** men of might in their generations; their number in the days of Dawid was twenty-two thousand six hundred.
[3]And the son of Uzzi: Yizraḥyah and the sons of Yizraḥyah: Mika'ĕl and Obadyah and Yo'ĕl, Yishshiyah. All five of them were heads.
[4]And with them, by their generations, **according** to their fathers' houses, were thirty-six thousand, bands of the army for battle, for they had many wives and sons.
[5]And their brothers among **all** the clans of Yissaskar were mighty brave men, listed by their genealogies, eighty-seven thousand in **all.**
[6]Of Binyamin: Bela and Beker and Yediya'ĕl, three.
[7]And the sons of Bela: Etsbon and Uzzi and Uzzi'ĕl and Yerimoth and Iri, five – heads of their fathers' houses and they were listed by their genealogies, twentytwo thousand and thirty-four mighty brave men.
[8]And the sons of Beker: Zemirah and Yo'ash and Eli'ezer and Elyo'ĕynai and Omri and Yerimoth and Abiyah and Anathoth and Alemeth. All these were the sons of Beker,
[9]with their genealogy **according** to their generations, heads of their fathers' houses, twenty thousand two hundred mighty brave men.
[10]And the son of Yediya'ĕl: Bilhan and the sons of Bilhan: Ye'ush and Binyamin and Ĕhud and Kena'anah and Zĕthan and Tarshish and Aḥishaḥar.
[11]All these sons of Yediya'ĕl were heads of their fathers' houses, seventeen thousand two hundred mighty brave men going out to the army for battle.
[12]And Shuppim and Ḥuppim were the sons of Ir and Ḥushim was the son of Aher.
[13]The sons of Naphtali: Yaḥtsi'ĕl and Guni and Yĕtser and Shallum, sons of Bilhah.
[14]The sons of Menashsheh: his Aramean concubine bore him Makir the

father of Gil'aḏ, the father of Asri'ĕl.
15And Maḵir took wives for Ḥuppim and Shuppim; and the name of one was Ma'aḵah and the name of the second was Ṯselophḥaḏ. And Tselophḥaḏ had daughters.
16***But*** Ma'aḵah the wife of Maḵir bore a son and she called his name Peresh. And the name of his brother was Sheresh and his sons were Ulam and Raqem.
17And the son of Ulam: Beḏan. These were the sons of Gil'aḏ, son of Maḵir, son of Menashsheh.
18And his sister Hammoleḵeth bore Ishhod and Aḇi'ezer and Maḥlah.
19And the sons of Shemiḏa: Aḥyan and Sheḵem and Liqḥi and Aniyam.
20And the sons of Ephrayim: Shuthelaḥ and Bereḏ his son and Taḥath his son and Elaḏah his son and Taḥath his son,
21and Zaḇaḏ his son and Shuthelaḥ his son and Ezer and El'aḏ. ***But*** the men of Gath who were born in that land slew them **<u>because</u>** they came down to take their livestock.
22And Ephrayim their father mourned many days and his brothers came to comfort him.
23And when he went in to his wife, she conceived and bore a son. And he called his name Beri'ah, **<u>because</u>** *evil* had **come** upon his house.
24And his daughter was She'erah, who built Lower and Upper Bĕyth Ḥoron and Uzzen She'erah.
25And Rephaḥ was his son, as well as Resheph and Telaḥ his son and Taḥan his son,
26La'dan his son, Ammihuḏ his son, Elishama his son,
27Nun his son, Yahusha his son.
28And their possessions and dwelling places were Bĕyth Ĕl and its towns: to the east Na'aran and to the west Gezer and its towns and Sheḵem and its towns, as far as Ayyah and its towns.
29And by the borders of the children of Menashsheh were Bĕyth She'an and its towns, Ta'anaḵ and its towns, Meḡiddo and its towns, Dor and its towns. In these dwelt the children of Yosĕph, son of Yisra'ĕl.
30The sons of Ashĕr: Yimnah and Yishwah and Yishwi and Beri'ah and their sister Seraḥ.
31And the sons of Beri'ah: Ḥeḇer and Malki'ĕl, who was the father of Birzoth.
32And Ḥeḇer brought forth Yaphlĕt and Shomĕr and Ḥotham and their sister Shuwa.
33And the sons of Yaphlĕt: Pasaḵ and Bimhal and Ashwath. These were the children of Yaphlĕt.
34And the sons of Shemer: Aḥi and Rohagah, Yehubbah and Aram.
35And the sons of his brother Ḥĕlem: Tsophaḥ and Yimna and Shelesh and Amal.
36The sons of Tsophaḥ: Suwah and Ḥarnepher and Shu'al and Bĕri and Yimrah,
37Betser and Hoḏ and Shamma and Shilshah and Yithran and Be'ĕra.
38And the sons of Yether: Yephunneh and Pispah and Ara.
39And the sons of Ulla: Araḥ and Ḥanni'ĕl and Ritsya.
40All these were the children of Ashĕr, heads of their fathers' houses, **chosen** ones, mighty brave men, chief leaders. And when they registered by genealogy for the army, for battle, their number was twenty six thousand.

8 And Binyamin brought forth Bela his first-born, Ashbĕl the second, Aḥraḥ the third,
2Noḥah the fourth and Rapha the fifth.
3And the sons of Bela: Addar and Gĕra and Aḇihuḏ,
4and Aḇishua and Na'aman and Aḥowaḥ,
5and Gĕra and Shephuphan and Ḥuram.
6And these are the sons of Ĕhuḏ.
They were the heads of the fathers' houses of the inhabitants of Geḇa and they were exiled to Manaḥath.
7And Na'aman and Aḥiyah and Gĕra – he exiled them. And Ĕḥuḏ brought forth Uzza and Aḥihuḏ.

[8]And Shaḥarayim brought forth children in the field of Mo’aḇ, after he had **sent** away Ḥushim and Ḇa‘ara his wives.
[9]And by Ḥoḏesh his wife he brought forth Yoḇaḇ and Tsiḇya and Mĕysha and Malkam,
[10]and Ye‘uts and Shoḇyah and Mirmah. These were his sons, heads of their fathers’ houses.
[11]And by Ḥushim he brought forth Aḇituḇ and Elpa‘al.
[12]And the sons of Elpa‘al: Ĕḇer and Mish‘am and Shemer, who built Ono and Loḏ with its towns;
[13]and Beri‘ah and Shema, who were heads of their fathers’ houses of the inhabitants of Ayalon, who drove out the inhabitants of Gath.
[14]and Aḥyo, Shashaq and Yerĕmoth,
[15]and Zeḇaḏyah and Araḏ and Ĕḏer,
[16]and Miḵa’ĕl and Yispah and Yoḥa were the sons of Beri‘ah.
[17]And Zeḇaḏyah and Meshullam and Ḥizqi and Ḥeḇer,
[18]and Yishmerai and Yizli’ah and Yoḇaḇ were the sons of Elpa‘al.
[19]And Yaqim and Ziḵri and Zaḇdi,
[20]and Eli‘ĕynai and Tsillethai and Eli’ĕl,
[21]and Aḏayah and Berayah and Shimrath were the sons of Shim‘i.
[22]And Yishpan and Ĕḇer and Eli’ĕl,
[23]and Aḇdon and Ziḵri and Ḥanan,
[24]and Ḥananyah and Ĕylam and Antothiyah,
[25]and Yiphdeyah and Penu’ĕl were the sons of Shashaq.
[26]And Shamsherai and Sheḥaryah and Athalyah,
[27]and Ya‘areshyah and Ĕliyah and Ziḵri were the sons of Yeroḥam.
[28]These were heads of the fathers’ houses by their generations, heads. These dwelt in Yerushalayim.
[29]And the father of Giḇ‘on, whose wife’s name was Ma‘aḵah, dwelt at Giḇ‘on.
[30]And his first-born son was Aḇdon, then Tsur and Qish and Ba‘al and Naḏaḇ,
[31]and Geḏor and Aḥyo and Zeḵer,
[32]and Miqloth, who brought forth Shim‘ah. And they also dwelt alongside their relatives in Yerushalayim, with their brothers.
[33]And Nĕr brought forth Qish and Qish brought forth Sha’ul and Sha’ul brought forth Yehonathan and Malkishua and Aḇinaḏaḇ and Esh-Ba‘al.
[34]And the son of Yehonathan was MeriḇBa‘al and Meriḇ-Ba‘al brought forth Miḵah.
[35]And the sons of Miḵah: Pithon and Meleḵ and Ta’arĕa and Aḥaz.
[36]And Aḥaz brought forth Yeho‘addah and Yeho‘addah brought forth Alemeth and Azmaweth and Zimri. And Zimri brought forth Motsa.
[37]And Motsa brought forth Bin‘a, Raphah his son, El‘asah his son, Atsĕl his son.
[38]And Atsĕl had six sons whose names were these: Azriqam, Boḵeru and Yishma‘ĕl and She‘aryah and Oḇaḏyah and Ḥanan. All these were the sons of Atsĕl.
[39]And the sons of Ĕsheq his brother: Ulam his first-born, Ye‘ush the second and Eliphelet the third.
[40]And the sons of Ulam were mighty brave men, archers and had many sons and grandsons, one hundred and fifty. These were **all** sons of Binyamin.

9 And **all** Yisra’ĕl registered themselves by genealogy. And **see,** they were **written** in the **book** of the sovereigns of Yisra’ĕl. And Yahuḏah was exiled to Baḇel for their *trespass*.
[2]And the **first** inhabitants who were in their possessions in their cities of Yisra’ĕl, were the priests, the Lĕwites and the Nethinim.
[3]And in Yerushalayim dwelt some of the children of Yahuḏah
and some of the children of Binyamin and some of the children of Ephrayim and Menashsheh:
[4]Uthai son of Ammihuḏ, son of Omri, son of Imri, son of Bani, of the sons of Perets, the son of Yahuḏah.

[5]And of the Shilonites: Asayah the first-born and his sons.
[6]And of the sons of Zeraḥ: Ye'u'ĕl and their brothers, six hundred and ninety.
[7]And of the sons of Binyamin: Sallu son of Meshullam, son of Hoḏawyah, son of Hasenu'ah;
[8]and Yiḇneyah son of Yeroḥam; and Ĕlah son of Uzzi, son of Miḵri; and Meshullam son of Shephatyah, son of Re'uw'ĕl, son of Yiḇniyah;
[9]and their brothers, **according** to their generations, nine hundred and fifty-six. All these men were heads of a father's house in their fathers' houses.
[10]And of the priests: Yeḏayah and Yehoyariḇ and Yaḵin;
[11]and Azaryah son of Ḥilqiyah, son of Meshullam, son of Tsaḏoq, son of Merayoth, son of Aḥituḇ, the officer over the House of **Elohim**;
[12]and Aḏayah son of Yeroḥam, son of Pashḥur, son of Malkiyah; and Ma'asai son of Aḏi'ĕl, son of Yahzĕrah, son of Meshullam, son of Meshillĕmith, son of Immĕr;
[13]and their brothers, heads of their fathers' houses, one thousand seven hundred and sixty, able men for the **work** of the service of the House of **Elohim**.
[14]And of the Lĕwites: Shemayah son of Ḥashshuḇ, son of Azriqam, son of Ḥashaḇyah, of the sons of Merari;
[15]and Baqbaqqar, Ḥeresh and Galal and Mattanyah son of Miḵa, son of Ziḵri, son of Asaph;
[16]and Oḇaḏyah son of Shemayah, son of Galal, son of Yeḏuthun; and Bereḵyah son of Asa, son of Ĕlqanah, who dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites.
[17]And the gatekeepers: Shallum and Aqquḇ and Talmon and Aḥiman and their brothers – Shallum the chief.
[18]And up til then they were gatekeepers for the camps of the children of Lĕwi at the Sovereign's Gate on the east.
[19]And Shallum son of Qorĕ, son of Eḇyasaph, son of Qoraḥ and his brothers, from his father's house, the Qorḥites, were over the **work** of the service, guards of the thresholds of the **Tent**. And their fathers had been guards of the entrance to the camp of יהוה.
[20]And Pineḥas son of El'azar was leader over them in **time** past. יהוה was with him.
[21]Zeḵaryah son of Meshelemyah was gatekeeper at the entrance of the **Tent** of Meeting.
[22]All those **chosen** as gatekeepers at the thresholds were two hundred and twelve. They were registered by genealogy, in their villages. Dawiḏ and Shemu'ĕl the **seer** had **appointed** them to their office of **trust.**
[23]So they and their sons were over the gates of the House of יהוה, the House of the **Tent**, by watches.
[24]The gatekeepers were on the four sides: the east, west, north and south.
[25]And their brothers in their villages had to **come** with them from **time** to **time** for seven days.
[26]For the four chief gatekeepers were in an office of **trust.** They were Lĕwites and they were over the rooms and treasuries of the House of **Elohim**.
[27]And they spent the night **all** around the House of **Elohim** <u>**because**</u> they had the duty and they were to **open** it morning by morning.
[28]And some of them were over the vessels of service, for they brought them in and took them out by count.
[29]And some of them were **appointed** over the vessels, even over **all** the vessels of the set-apart place and over the fine flour and the **wine** and the oil and the incense and the spices.
[30]And some of the sons of the priests blended the compound of spices.
[31]And Mattithyah of the Lĕwites, the first-born of Shallum the Qorḥite, was entrusted with the making of the flat cakes.
[32]And some of their brothers of the sons of the Qehathites were over the showbread, to **prepare every Sabbath**.
[33]And these were the singers, heads of the fathers' houses of the Lĕwites, in the rooms and were exempted from other duties, for they were employed in that

work day and night.
[34]These heads of the fathers' houses of the Lĕwites were heads throughout their generations. They dwelt at Yerushalayim.
[35]And Yeʿi'ĕl the father of Giḇʿon, whose wife's name was Maʿaḵah, dwelt at Giḇʿon.
[36]And his first-born son was Aḇdon, then Tsur and Qish and Baʿal and Nĕr and Naḏaḇ,
[37]and Ḡeḏor and Aḥyo and Zeḵaryah and Miqloth.
[38]And Miqloth brought forth Shimʿam. And they too dwelt alongside their relatives in Yerushalayim, with their brothers.
[39]And Nĕr brought forth Qish and Qish brought forth Sha'ul and Sha'ul brought forth Yehonathan and Malkishua and Aḇinaḏaḇ and Esh-Baʿal.
[40]And the son of Yehonathan was Meriḇ-Baʿal and Meriḇ-Baʿal brought forth Miḵah.
[41]And the sons of Miḵah: Pithon and Melek and Taḥrĕa,
[42]and Aḥaz, who brought forth Yarah; and Yarah brought forth Alemeth and Azmaweth and Zimri. And Zimri brought forth Motsa;
[43]and Motsa brought forth Binʿa and Rephayah was his son, Elʿasah his son, Atsĕl his son.
[44]And Atsĕl had six sons whose names were these: Azriqam, Boḵeru and Yishmaʿĕl and Sheʿaryah and Oḇaḏyah and Ḥanan. These were the sons of Atsĕl.

10 And the Philistines fought *against* Yisra'ĕl. And the men of Yisra'ĕl fled from before the Philistines and fell *slain* on Mount Gilboa.
[2]And the Philistines pursued Sha'ul and his sons and the Philistines *smote* Yonathan and Aḇinaḏaḇ and Malkishua, sons of Sha'ul.
[3]And the battle was *heavy* on Sha'ul. And the archers hit him and he was *wounded* by the archers.
[4]And Sha'ul said to his armour-bearer, "Draw your *sword* and ***thrust*** me through with it, lest these *uncircumcised* ones **come** and abuse me." ***But*** his armour-bearer would not, for he was much *afraid*, so Sha'ul took a *sword* and fell on it.
[5]And when his armour-bearer **saw** that Sha'ul was *dead,* he also fell on his *sword* and *died.*
[6]Thus Sha'ul and his three sons died and **all** his house – they died together.
[7]And when **all** the men of Yisra'ĕl who were in the valley **saw** that they had fled and that Sha'ul and his sons were *dead,* they ***forsook*** their cities and fled and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.
[8]And the next day it came to be, when the Philistines came to strip the *slain*, that they **found** Sha'ul and his sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.
[9]And they stripped him and took his head and his armour and **sent word** throughout the land of the Philistines to **proclaim** the news among their *idols* and among the people,
[10]and put his armour in the house of their *mighty ones* and fastened his head in the house of Daḡon.
[11]And **all** Yaḇĕsh Gilʿaḏ **heard** of **all** that the Philistines had ḏone to Sha'ul,
[12]and **all** the brave men arose and took the body of Sha'ul and the bodies of his sons. And they brought them to Yaḇĕsh and buried their bones under the tamarisk *tree* at Yaḇĕsh and fasted seven days.
[13]Thus Sha'ul *died* for his *trespass* which he had *trespassed* <u>*against*</u> יהוה, **<u>because</u>** he *did not* **guard** the **Word** of יהוה and also for **asking** a *medium* for to make inquiry,
[14]and *did not* **inquire** of יהוה. So **He** put him to *death* and turned the **reign** over to Dawiḏ son of Yishai.

11 And **all** Yisra'ĕl came **together** to Dawiḏ at Ḥeḇron, saying, "**See,** we are your bone and your *flesh.*

[2]"Also, in **time** past, even when Sha'ul was sovereign, you were the one who led Yisra'ĕl out and brought them in. And ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** said to you, '**Shepherd My people Yisra'ĕl** and be **ruler** over **My people Yisra'ĕl**.' "
[3]So **all** the elders of Yisra'ĕl came to the sovereign at Ḥeḇron and Dawiḏ made a **covenant** with them at Ḥeḇron before ꓤYHWH.
And they **anointed** Dawiḏ sovereign over Yisra'ĕl, **according** to the **Word** of ꓤYHWH by Shemu'ĕl.
[4]And Dawiḏ and **all** Yisra'ĕl went to Yerushalayim, which is Yeḇus, where the Yeḇusites were, the inhabitants of the land.
[5]And the inhabitants of Yeḇus said to Dawiḏ, "You *do not* **come** in here."
But Dawiḏ captured the stronghold of Tsiyon, the City of Dawiḏ.
[6]And Dawiḏ said, "***Whoever*** smites the Yeḇusites **first** becomes chief and commander." And Yo'aḇ son of Tseruyah went up **first** and became chief.
[7]And Dawiḏ dwelt in the *stronghold,* so they called it the City of Dawiḏ.
[8]And he built the city around it, from Millo round about and Yo'aḇ revived the rest of the city.
[9]And Dawiḏ went on and became great and ꓤYHWH of hosts was with him.
[10]And these were the heads of the mighty men whom Dawiḏ had, who strengthened themselves with him in his reign, with **all** Yisra'ĕl, to set him up to **reign** over Yisraĕl, **according** to the **Word** of ꓤYHWH.
[11]And this is the number of the mighty men whom Dawiḏ had: Yashoḇ'am son of a Ḥakmonite, chief of the thirty. He had lifted up his spear *against* three hundred, *slain* at one **time.**
[12]And after him was El'azar son of Doḏo, the Aḥohite, who was one of the three mighty men.
[13]He was with Dawiḏ at Pasdammim and the Philistines were gathered there for battle and a portion of the field was filled with barley and the people had fled before the Philistines.
[14]***But*** they took their **stand** in the **midst** of that field and **delivered** it and *smote* the Philistines. Thus ꓤYHWH **saved** them by a **great deliverance**.
[15]And three of the thirty chiefs went down to the rock to Dawiḏ, into the cave of Aḏullam, while the army of the Philistines encamped in the Valley of Repha'im.
[16]And Dawiḏ was then in the *stronghold* and the watch-post of the Philistines was then in Bĕyth Leḥem.
[17]And Dawiḏ longed and said, "Oh, that someone would give me a drink of water from the well of Bĕyth Leḥem, which is by the gate!"
[18]And the three broke through the camp of the Philistines and drew water from the well of Bĕyth Leḥem that was by the gate and took it and brought it to Dawiḏ. ***But*** Dawiḏ *would not* drink it, but poured it out to ꓤYHWH.
[19]And he said, "Far be it from me, O my **Elohim**, that I should do this! ***Should*** I drink the **blood** of these men who have risked their lives? For at the risk of their lives they brought it." And he *would not* drink it. This is what the three mighty men did.
[20]And Aḇishai the brother of Yo'aḇ was chief of another three. And he had lifted up his spear *against* three hundred men, who were slain and won a name among the three.
[21]Of the three he was more esteemed than the other two men, so he became their head. However he *did not* **come to** the **first** three.
[22]Benayah was the son of Yehoyaḏa, the son of a brave man from Qaḇtse'ĕl, who had done many **deeds**. He *smote* two lionlike Mo'aḇites. He also went down and *smote* a lion in the **midst** of a pit on a snowy day.
[23]And he *smote* a Mitsrite, a man of **great** height, five cubits tall. And in the Mitsrite's **hand** was a spear like a weaver's beam and he went down to him with a staff and wrenched the spear out of the Mitsrite's **hand** and slew him with his own spear.

[24]This is what Benayahu son of Yehoyaḏa did and won a name among the three mighty men.
[25]**See,** he was more esteemed than the thirty, but he *did not* **come to** the **first** three. And Dawiḏ set him over his court.
[26]And the mighty men of the armies were Asah'ĕl the brother of Yo'aḇ, Elḥanan son of Doḏo of Bĕyth Leḥem,
[27]Shammoth the Harorite, Ḥĕlets the Pelonite,
[28]Ira son of Iqqĕsh the Teqowite, Aḇi'ezer the Anathothite,
[29]Sibbeḵai the Ḥushathite, Ilai the Aḥoḥite,
[30]Maharai the Netophathite, Ḥĕleḏ son of Ba'anah the Netophathite,
[31]Ithai son of Riḇai of Giḇ'ah, of the children of Binyamin, Benayah the Pirathonite,
[32]Ḥurai of the wadis of Ga'ash, Aḇi'ĕl the Arbathite,
[33]Azmaweth the Baḥarumite, Elyaḥba the Sha'albonite,
[34]the sons of Hashĕm the Gizonite, Yonathan son of Shaḡĕ the Hararite,
[35]Aḥyam son of Saḵar the Hararite, Eliphal son of Ur,
[36]Ḥĕpher the Mekĕrathite, Aḥiyah the Pelonite,
[37]Ḥetsro the Karmelite, Na'arai son of Ezbai,
[38]Yo'ĕl the brother of Nathan, Miḇḥar son of Haḡri,
[39]Tseleq the Ammonite, Naḥarai the Bĕrothite (the armour-bearer of Yo'aḇ son of Tseruyah),
[40]Ira the Yithrite, Garĕḇ the Yithrite,
[41]Uriyah the Ḥittite, Zaḇaḏ son of Ahlai,
[42]Aḏina son of Shiza the Re'uḇĕnite, the head of the Re'uḇĕnites and thirty with him,
[43]Ḥanan son of Ma'aḵah and Yoshaphat the Mithnite,
[44]Uzziya the Ashterathite, Shama and Ye'i'ĕl the sons of Ḥotham the Aro'ĕrite,
[45]Yeḏiya'ĕl son of Shimri and Yoḥa his brother, the Titsite,
[46]Eli'ĕl the Maḥawite and Yeriḇai and Yoshawyah the sons of Elna'am, Yithmah the Mo'aḇite,
[47]Eli'ĕl and Oḇĕḏ and Ya'asi'ĕl of Metsoḇayah.

12 **Now** these are they who came to Dawiḏ at Tsiqlaḡ while he was still in hiding from Sha'ul son of Qish. And they were among the mighty men, helping the battle,
[2]armed with bows, using both the **right hand** and the left, with stones and with arrows, with bows, of the brothers of Sha'ul, of Binyamin.
[3]The chief was Aḥi'ezer and Yo'ash, the sons of Shema'ah the Giḇ'athite; and Yezaw'ĕl and Pelet, the sons of Azmaweth; and Beraḵah and Yĕhu the Anathothite;
[4]and Yishmayah the Giḇ'onite, a mighty man among the thirty and over the thirty; and Yirmeyah and Yaḥazi'ĕl and Yoḥanan and Yozaḇaḏ the Geḏĕrathite;
[5]Ĕluzai and Yerimoth and Be'alyah and Shemaryahu and Shephatyahu the Ḥaruphite;
[6]Elqanah and Yishshiyahu and Azar'ĕl and Yow'ezer and Yashoḇ'am the Qorḥites;
[7]and Yo'ĕlah and Zeḇaḏyah, the sons of Yeroḥam of Geḏor.
[8]And some Gaḏites separated themselves to Dawiḏ at the stronghold in the wilderness, mighty brave men, men trained for battle, who could handle shield and spear, whose faces were like the faces of lions and were as *swift* as gazelles on the mountains:
[9]Ĕzer the chief, Oḇaḏyah the second, Eliyaḇ the third,
[10]Mishmannah the fourth, Yirmeyah the fifth,
[11]Attai the sixth, Eli'ĕl the seventh,
[12]Yoḥanan the eighth, Elzaḇaḏ the ninth,
[13]Yirmeyahu the tenth, Maḵbannai the

eleventh.
[14]These were from the sons of Gaḏ, chiefs of the army. The least was over a hundred and the greatest was over a thousand.
[15]These were the ones who passed over the Yarděn in the **first** month, when it was overflowing **all** its banks and put to **flight all** those in the valleys, to the east and to the west.
[16]And some of the children of Binyamin and Yahuḏah came to Dawiḏ at the stronghold.
[17]And Dawiḏ went out to face them and answered and said to them, "***If*** you have **come** peaceably to me to help me, my **heart *shall* be** united with you; but if to *betray* me to my enemies – there is no *violence* in my hands – let the **Elohim** of our fathers **see** and reprove."
[18]***Then*** the **Spirit** came upon Amasai, chief of the officers, "**Your**s, O Dawiḏ! And with you, O son of Yishai! Peace, **peace** to you and **peace** to your helpers! For your **Elohim *shall*** help you." And Dawiḏ received them and put them among the chiefs of the raiding band.
[19]And some from Menashsheh went over to Dawiḏ when he was going with the Philistines to battle *against* Sha'ul. ***But*** they *did not* help them, for the princes of the Philistines took advice and **sent** him away, saying, "He might go over to his master Sha'ul with our heads!"
[20]***When*** he went to Tsiqlaḡ, those of Menashsheh who went over to him were Aḏnah and Yozaḇaḏ and Yediya'ĕl and Miḳa'ĕl and Yozaḇaḏ and Elihu and Tsillethai, chiefs of the thousands who were from Menashsheh.
[21]And they helped Dawiḏ *against* the raiding bands, for they were **all** mighty brave men and they were commanders in the army.
[22]For at that **time** they came to Dawiḏ day by day to help him, until it was a **great** army, like an army of **Elohim**.
[23]And these were the numbers of the chiefs of those that were armed for battle and came to Dawiḏ at Ḥeḇron to turn over the **reign** of Sha'ul to him, **according** to the **Word** of יהוה:
[24]Of the children of Yahuḏah bearing shield and spear, six thousand eight hundred armed for battle;
[25]of the children of Shim'on, mighty brave men for the army, seven thousand one hundred;
[26]of the children of Lĕwi four thousand six hundred;
[27]and Yehoyaḏa, the leader of the Aharonites and with him three thousand seven hundred;
[28]and Tsaḏoq, a young man, a mighty brave man and from his father's house twenty-two commanders;
[29]and the children of Binyamin, relatives of Sha'ul, three thousand – until then the greatest part of them **guarded** the charge of the house of Sha'ul;
[30]and the children of Ephrayim twenty thousand eight hundred, mighty brave ones, men of name throughout their father's house;
[31]and the half-tribe of Menashsheh eighteen thousand, who were designated by name to **come** and set up Dawiḏ to reign;
[32]and the children of Yissasḵar who had **understanding** of the times, **to know** what Yisra'ĕl should do, their chiefs were two hundred. And **all** their brothers were at their command;
[33]of Zeḇulun there were fifty thousand going out to the army, arranging battle with **all** weapons of battle, giving support with undivided heart;
[34]and of Naphtali one thousand commanders and with them thirty-seven thousand with shield and spear;
[35]and of the Danites, arranging battle, twenty-eight thousand six hundred;
[36]and of Asher, going out to the army, arranging battle, forty thousand;
[37]and of the Re'uḇĕnites and the Gaḏites and the half-tribe of Menashsheh, from beyond the Yarděn, one hundred and twenty thousand armed for battle with **every kind** of weapon of battle.
[38]All these men of battle, keeping rank,

came to Ḥebron with a **perfect heart,** to set up Dawiḏ to **reign** over **all** Yisra'ĕl. And **all** the rest of Yisra'ĕl were of **one heart** to set up Dawiḏ to reign.

[39]And they were there with Dawiḏ three days, eating and drinking, for their brothers had prepared for them.

[40]And also those who were **near** to them, from as far away as Yissasḵar and Zeḇulun and Naphtali, were bringing food on donkeys and camels, on mules and cattle – food of flour and cakes of figs and cakes of raisins, **wine** and oil and cattle and sheep in **great** quantities, for there was **joy** in Yisra'ĕl.

13 And Dawiḏ consulted with the commanders of thousands and hundreds and with **every** leader.

[2]And Dawiḏ said to **all** the assembly of Yisra'ĕl, "***If*** it seems **good** to you and if it is of ꞮHVH our **Elohim**, let us send out to our brothers everywhere who are left in **all** the land of Yisra'ĕl and with them to the priests and Lĕwites who are in their cities of their **open** lands and let them be gathered to us;

[3]and let us bring the ark of our **Elohim** back to us, for we sought **Him** not since the days of Sha'ul."

[4]And **all** the assembly **agreed** to do so, for the matter was **right** *in the eyes* of **all** the people.

[5]So Dawiḏ **assembled all** Yisra'ĕl, from Shiḥor in Mitsrayim to as far as the entrance of Ḥamath, to bring the ark of **Elohim** from Qiryath Ye'arim.

[6]And Dawiḏ and **all** Yisra'ĕl went up to Ba'alah, to Qiryath Ye'arim of Yahuḏah, to bring up from there the ark of **Elohim**, ꞮHVH, who dwells between the keruḥim, where the **Name** is called on.

[7]And they placed the ark of **Elohim** on a new wagon from the house of Aḇinaḏaḇ and Uzza and Aḥyo were leading the wagon.

[8]And Dawiḏ and **all** Yisra'ĕl were playing before **Elohim** with **all** their might and with songs and with lyres and with harps and with tambourines and with cymbals and with trumpets.

[9]And when they came to the threshing-floor of Kidon, Uzza put out his **hand** to hold the ark, for the oxen *stumbled*.

[10]***Then*** the *wrath* of ꞮHVH *burned* <u>*against*</u> Uzza and **He** *smote* him **<u>because</u>** he put his **hand** to the ark. And he *died* there before **Elohim**.

[11]And Dawiḏ was *displeased* **<u>because</u>** ꞮHVH had **broken out** <u>*against*</u> Uzza, therefore that place is called Perets Uzza, until this day.

[12]And Dawiḏ was *afraid* of **Elohim** that day, saying, "***How shall*** I bring the ark of **Elohim** to me?"

[13]So Dawiḏ *did not* take the ark with him into the City of Dawiḏ, but took it aside into the house of Oḇĕḏ-Eḏom the Gittite.

[14]And the ark of **Elohim** remained with the household of Oḇĕḏ-Eḏom in his house three months. And ꞮHVH **blessed** the house of Oḇĕḏ-Eḏom and **all** that he had.

14 And Ḥiram sovereign of Tsor **sent** messengers to Dawiḏ and cedar trees, with stonemasons and carpenters, to build him a house.

[2]And Dawiḏ **knew** that ꞮHVH **had established** him as sovereign over Yisra'ĕl, for his **reign** was highly exalted for the sake of **His people Yisra'ĕl**.

[3]And Dawiḏ took more wives in Yerushalayim and Dawiḏ brought forth more sons and daughters.

[4]And these are the names of his children whom he had in Yerushalayim: Shammua and Shoḇaḇ, Nathan and Shelomoh,

[5]Yiḇḥar, Elishua and Elpelet,

[6]Noḡah, Nepheḡ and Yaphiya,

[7]Elishama, Be'elyaḏa and Eliphelet.

[8]And when the Philistines **heard** that Dawiḏ had been **anointed** sovereign over **all** Yisra'ĕl, **all** the Philistines went up to **seek** Dawiḏ. And Dawiḏ **heard** and went out <u>*against*</u> them.

[9]And the Philistines came and made a raid on the Valley of Repha'im.
[10]And Dawiḏ **inquired** of **Elohim**, saying, "***Do*** I go up *against* the Philistines? And ***shall*** You give them into my **hand?**" And ꓤYHZ said to him, "Go up and I ***shall*** give them into your **hand.**"
[11]And they went up to Ba'al Peratsim and Dawiḏ *smote* them there. ***Then*** Dawiḏ said, "**Elohim** has broken through my enemies by my **hand** like a breakthrough of water." So they called the name of that place Ba'al Peratsim.
[12]And they left their *mighty ones* there, so Dawiḏ **commanded** and *they* were *burned* with *fire*.
[13]And the Philistines once again made a raid on the valley.
[14]And Dawiḏ again **inquired** of **Elohim** and Ēlohim said to him, "***Do*** *not* go up after them. Go around them and **come** upon them in front of the mulberry trees.
[15]"And it ***shall*** **be,** when you **hear** a sound of stepping in the tops of the mulberry trees, then go out to battle, for **Elohim** ***shall*** go out before you to *smite* the camp of the Philistines."
[16]And Dawiḏ **did** as **Elohim commanded** him and they drove back the army of the Philistines from Giḇ'on as far as Gezer.
[17]And the name of Dawiḏ went out into **all** lands and ꓤYHZ **put** the *dread* of him upon **all** nations.

15 And he built houses for himself in the City of Dawiḏ. And he prepared a place for the ark of Ēlohim and pitched a tent for it.
[2]***Then*** Dawiḏ said, "No one is to lift the ark of **Elohim** but the Lĕwites, for ꓤYHZ has **chosen** them to lift the ark of **Elohim** and to **serve Him forever**."
[3]And Dawiḏ **assembled all** Yisra'ĕl at Yerushalayim, to bring up the ark of ꓤYHZ to its place, which he had prepared for it.
[4]And Dawiḏ gathered the children of Aharon and the Lĕwites;
[5]of the sons of Qehath: Uri'ĕl the chief and one hundred and twenty of his brothers;
[6]of the sons of Merari: Asayah the chief and two hundred and twenty of his brothers;
[7]of the sons of Gĕreshom: Yo'ĕl the chief and one hundred and thirty of his brothers;
[8]of the sons of Elitsaphan: Shemayah the chief and two hundred of his brothers;
[9]of the sons of Ḥeḇron: Eli'ĕl the chief and eighty of his brothers;
[10]of the sons of Uzzi'ĕl: Amminaḏaḇ the chief and one hundred and twelve of his brothers.
[11]And Dawiḏ called for Tsaḏoq and Eḇyathar the priests and for the Lĕwites, for Uri'ĕl, Asayah and Yo'ĕl, Shemayah and Eli'ĕl and Amminaḏaḇ,
[12]and said to them, "You are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Lĕwites. Set yourselves apart, you and your brothers, then you ***shall*** bring up the ark of ꓤYHZ **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl to the place I have prepared for it.
[13]"**Because** you *did not* do it the **first time,** ꓤYHZ our **Elohim broke out** *against* us, **because** we *did not* **ask Him about the right-ruling."**
[14]So the priests and the Lĕwites set themselves apart, to bring up the ark of ꓤYHZ **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl.
[15]And the children of the Lĕwites bore the ark of **Elohim** on their shoulders, by its poles, as Mosheh had **commanded according** to the **Word** of ꓤYHZ.
[16]And Dawiḏ spoke to the leaders of the Lĕwites to **appoint** their brothers the singers with instruments of song, harps and lyres and cymbals, to lift up the **voice** with joy.
[17]And the Lĕwites **appointed** Hĕman son of Yo'ĕl and of his brothers,
Asaph son of Berekyahu; and of their brothers, the sons of Merari, Ēythan son of Qushayahu;
[18]and with them their brothers of the second rank: Zeḵaryahu, Bĕn and Ya'azi'ĕl and Shemiramoth and Yeḥi'ĕl

and Unni, Eliyaḇ and Benayahu and Ma'asěyahu and Mattithyahu and Eliphelěhu and Miqněyahu and Oḇěḏ-Eḏom and Ye'i'ěl, the gatekeepers;
[19]and the singers Hěman, Asaph and Ěythan, were to sound the cymbals of bronze;
[20]and Zeḵaryah and Azi'ěl and Shemiramoth and Yeḥi'ěl and Unni and Eliyaḇ and Ma'asěyahu and Benayahu, with harps **according** to Alamoth;
[21]and Mattithyahu and Eliphelěhu and Miqněyahu and Oḇěḏ-Eḏom and Ye'i'ěl and Azazyahu, to lead with lyres on the Sheminith;
[22]and Kenanyahu, leader of the Lěwites, in the song, **because** he was skilled;
[23]and Bereḵyah and Elqanah were doorkeepers for the ark;
[24]and Sheḇanyahu and Yoshaphat and Nethanĕ'l and Amasai and Zeḵaryahu and Benayahu and Eli'ezer, the priests, were to **blow** the trumpets before the ark of **Elohim**. And Oḇěḏ-Eḏom and Yeḥiyah, were doorkeepers for the ark.
[25]And it was Dawiḏ and the elders of Yisra'ěl and the commanders over thousands, who went to bring up the ark of the **covenant** of ꓎Y꓎ꓩ from the house of OḇěḏEḏom with joy.
[26]And it came to be, when **Elohim** helped the Lěwites who bore the ark of the **covenant** of ꓎Y꓎ꓩ, that they offered seven bulls and seven rams.
[27]And Dawiḏ was dressed in a **robe** of fine linen, as were **all** the Lěwites who bore the ark, the singers and Kenanyah the leader of the service with the singers. And Dawiḏ wore a linen shoulder garment.
[28]So **all** Yisra'ěl brought up the ark of the **covenant** of ꓎Y꓎ꓩ with shouting and with the sound of the horn, with trumpets and with cymbals,
sounding with harps and lyres.
[29]And it came to be, as the ark of the **covenant** of ꓎Y꓎ꓩ came to the City of Dawiḏ, that Miḵal the daughter of Sha'ul, looking through a window, **saw** Sovereign Dawiḏ **dancing** and **playing**. And she *despised* him in her **heart.**

16 And they brought the ark of **Elohim** and set it in the **midst** of the **Tent** that Dawiḏ had pitched for it. And they brought burnt offerings and **peace** offerings before **Elohim**.
[2]And when Dawiḏ had made an end of offering the burnt offerings and the **peace** offerings, he **blessed** the people in the **Name** of ꓎Y꓎ꓩ,
[3]and gave a portion to everyone of Yisra'ěl, both man and woman, to everyone a loaf of bread, a measure and a cake of raisins.
[4]And he **appointed** some of the Lěwites to **serve** before the ark of ꓎Y꓎ꓩ, to bring to **remembrance** and to **thank** and to **praise** ꓎Y꓎ꓩ **Elohim of Yisra'ěl:**
[5]Asaph the chief and his second Zeḵaryah, Ye'i'ěl and Shemiramoth and Yeḥi'ěl and Mattithyah and Eliyaḇ and Benayahu and Oḇěḏ-Eḏom and Ye'i'ěl, with harps and lyres, but Asaph was sounding with cymbals;
[6]and Benayahu and Yaḥazi'ěl the priests continually blew the trumpets before the ark of the **covenant** of **Elohim**.
[7]And on that day Dawiḏ **first** gave **thanks** to ꓎Y꓎ꓩ by the **hand** of Asaph and his brothers:
[8]Give **thanks** to ꓎Y꓎ꓩ,
Call upon **His Name,**
Make **known His deeds**
Among the peoples!
[9]Sing to **Him,**
Sing **praise** to **Him,**
Speak of **all His wonders**!
[10]Boast in **His** set-apart **Name**,
Let the **hearts** of those **seeking** ꓎Y꓎ꓩ rejoice!
[11]**Seek** ꓎Y꓎ꓩ and **His** strength,
Seek His face continually!
[12]**Remember His wonders**
Which **He** has done,
His signs and the **right-rulings** of **His mouth,**

[13]O seed of Yisra'ĕl, **His** servant;
O children of Ya'aqoḇ,
His chosen ones!
[14]**He** is ֱיְהוָה our **Elohim**,
His right-rulings are in **all** the earth.
[15]**Remember His covenant forever**,
The **Word He commanded** for a
thousand generations,
[16]Which **He** made with Aḇrahim,
And **His oath** to Yitsḥaq,
[17]And **He established** it to Ya'aqoḇ
for a **law,**
To Yisra'ĕl as an everlasting covenant,
[18]Saying, "To you I give the land
of Kena'an,
The portion of your inheritance,"
[19]***When*** you were but **few** in number,
Few indeed and sojourners in it.
[20]And they went up and down,
From one nation to another,
And from one **reign** to another people.
[21]**He** allowed no one to *oppress* them,
And **He** reproved sovereigns for their
sakes, *saying*:
[22]"***Do*** *not* touch **My anointed** ones,
And do **My prophets** no *evil*."
[23]**Sing** to ֱיְהוָה, **all** the **earth**;
Proclaim His deliverance
from day to day.
[24]**Declare His esteem**
among the nations,
His wonders among **all** peoples.
[25]For **great** is ֱיְהוָה
and greatly to be p**raised**;
And **He** is to be ***feared***
above **all** *mighty ones*.
[26]For **all** the *mighty ones*
of the peoples are matters of *naught,*
But ֱיְהוָה made the **heavens.**
[27]Excellency and splendour
are before **Him,**
Strength and gladness are in **His** place.
[28]**Ascribe** to ֱיְהוָה, O clans of the
peoples,
Ascribe to ֱיְהוָה esteem and
strength.
[29]**Ascribe** to ֱיְהוָה the **esteem** of
His Name;
Bring an offering and **come** before
Him;
Bow yourself to ֱיְהוָה
In the splendour of set-apartness!
[30]Tremble before **Him, all** the earth.
The world also is firmly **established**,
immovable.
[31]**Let** the heavens **rejoice** and let the
earth be glad;
And let them say among the nations,
"ֱיְהוָה ***shall*** reign."
[32]**Let** the sea roar and **all** that fills it;
Let the field **rejoice**
and **all** that is in it.
[33]**Let** the trees of the forest then sing
before ֱיְהוָה,
For **He** ***shall*** **come to judge** the **earth**.
[34]Give **thanks** to ֱיְהוָה, for **He** is
good, **His kindness** is **everlasting**!
[35]And say, "**Save** us,
O **Elohim** of our **deliverance**;
And **gather** us together,
And **deliver** us from the *gentiles*,
To give **thanks** to
Your set-apart **Name**,
And boast in **Your** praise."
[36] **Blessed** be ֱיְהוָה
Elohim of Yisra'ĕl
From **everlasting** to **everlasting**!
And **all** the people said, "Amĕn!"
and p**raised** ֱיְהוָה.
[37]So he left Asaph and his brothers
there before the ark of the **covenant**
of ֱיְהוָה to perform regular service
before the ark, as each day required;
[38]also, Oḇĕḏ-Eḏom with his sixty-eight
brothers, including Oḇĕḏ-Eḏom son of
Yeḏuthun and Ḥosah, to be gatekeepers;
[39]and Tsaḏoq the priest and his brothers
the priests, before the **Dwelling Place**
of ֱיְהוָה at the *high place* that was at
Gib'on,
[40]to offer burnt offerings to ֱיְהוָה
on the altar of burnt offering regularly
morning and **evening** and to do
according to **all** that is **written** in
the **Torah** of ֱיְהוָה which **He**

commanded Yisra'ĕl;
41and with them Hĕman and Yeḏuthun and the rest who were **chosen**, who were designated by name, to give **thanks** to ֲיהוה, **because** **His kindness** is **everlasting**;
42and with them Hĕman and Yeḏuthun, to sound aloud with trumpets and cymbals and instruments for the songs of **Elohim** and the sons of Yeḏuthun for the gate.
43And **all** the people went, each one to his house and Dawiḏ returned to **bless** his house.

17 And it came to be, when Dawiḏ was dwelling in his house, that Dawiḏ said to Nathan the **prophet,** "**See,** I am dwelling in a house of cedar, but the ark of the **covenant** of ֲיהוה is under curtains."
2And Nathan said to Dawiḏ, "***Do*** **all** that is in your **heart,** for **Elohim** is with you."
3And it came to be that night that the **Word** of **Elohim** came to Nathan, saying,
4"Go and you ***shall*** say to **My** servant Dawiḏ, 'Thus said ֲיהוה, "You *do not* build **Me** a house to dwell in.
5"For I have not dwelt in a house since the **time** that I brought up Yisra'ĕl, even to this day, but have gone from tent to tent and from *one* **Dwelling Place** *to another*.
6"Wherever I have moved about with **all** Yisra'ĕl, have I ever **spoken** a **word** to any of the rulers of Yisra'ĕl, whom I **commanded** to shepherd **My people**, saying, '***Why*** have you not built **Me** a house of cedar?' " '
7"And **now**, say this to **My** servant Dawiḏ, 'Thus said ֲיהוה of hosts, "I took you from the sheepfold, from **following** the sheep, to be ruler over **My people** Yisra'ĕl.
8"And I have been with you wherever you have gone and have *cut off* **all** your enemies from before you and have made you a name like the name of the **great** men who are on the earth.
9"And I ***shall*** **prepare** a place for **My people** Yisra'ĕl and plant them and they ***shall*** dwell in a place of their own and move no more, nor ***shall*** the sons of *wickedness oppress* them any more, as at the **first,**
10since the **time** that I **commanded** rulers to be over **My people** Yisra'ĕl and I have humbled **all** your enemies. And I **declared** to you that ֲיהוה does build you a house.
11"And it ***shall*** **be,** when your days are filled to go to be with your fathers, that I ***shall*** **raise** up your **seed** after you, who is of your sons. And **I** ***shall*** **establish his reign**.
12"He does build **Me** a house and **I** ***shall*** **establish** his throne **forever**.
13"I am to be his **Father** and he is to be **My** son. And **My kindness** I *do not* turn away from him, as I took it from him who was before you.
14"And **I** ***shall*** **establish** him in **My house** and in **My reign forever** and let his throne be **established forever**." ' "
15According to **all** these **words** and **according** to **all this vision,** so did Nathan **speak** to Dawiḏ.
16And Sovereign Dawiḏ came in and sat before ֲיהוה and said, "***Who*** am I, O ֲיהוה **Elohim**? And what is my house, that **You** have brought me this far?
17"And this was a small matter in **Your** eyes, O **Elohim**, but **You** have **spoken** of **Your** servant's house for a **great** while to come and have **looked** upon me as though I were an exalted man, O ֲיהוה **Elohim**.
18"***What*** more could Dawiḏ add to **You** for the **esteem** of **Your** servant? For **You know Your** servant.
19"O ֲיהוה, for **Your** servant's sake and **according** to **Your** own **heart, You** have done **all** this greatness, in making **known all** these **great** matters.
20"O ֲיהוה, there is none like **You,** nor is there any **Elohim** besides **You, according** to **all** that we have **heard** with our **ears.**

[21]"And who is like **Your people** Yisra'ĕl, the one nation on the earth whom **Elohim** went to **redeem** for **Himself** as a people; to make for **Yourself** a **great** and **awesome Name**, by driving out nations from before **Your people** whom **You redeemed** from Mitsrayim?
[22]"For **You appointed Your people** Yisra'ĕl to be **Your** own people **forever**. And **You,** ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, have become their **Elohim**.
[23]"And **now**, O ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, the **word** which **You** have **spoken** concerning **Your** servant and concerning his house, let it **stand** fast **forever** and do as **You** have said.
[24]"So let it **stand** fast and **Your Name** be **great forever**, saying, 'ꓤꓴꓤꓩ of hosts, **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, is **Elohim** to Yisra'ĕl. **Let** the house of **Your** servant Dawiḏ be **established** before **You.**'
[25]"For **You,** O my **Elohim**, have **revealed** to **Your** servant to build a house for him. Therefore **Your** servant has **found** *courage* to pray before **You.**
[26]"And **now**, ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, **You** are **Elohim** and have **promised** this **goodness** to **Your** servant.
[27]"And **now**, **You** have been pleased to **bless** the house of **Your** servant to be before **You forever**. For **You** have **blessed** it, O ꓤꓴꓤꓩ and it is **blessed forever**."

18 And after this it came to be that Dawiḏ *smote* the Philistines and humbled them and took Gath and its towns from the **hand** of the Philistines.
[2]And he *smote* the Mo'aḇites and the Mo'aḇites became Dawiḏ's servants and brought presents.
[3]And Dawiḏ *smote* Haḏaḏezer sovereign of Tsoḇah as far as Ḥamath, as he went to **establish** his **power** by the River Euphrates.
[4]And Dawiḏ took from him one thousand chariots and seven thousand horsemen and twenty thousand foot soldiers. And Dawiḏ also hamstrung **all** the chariot *horses*, but left of them for one hundred chariots.
[5]And when Aram of Damascus came to help Haḏaḏezer sovereign of Tsoḇah, Dawiḏ *smote* twenty-two thousand of Aram,
[6]and Dawiḏ stationed *men* in Aram of Damascus and the Arameans became Dawiḏ's servants and brought presents. And ꓤꓴꓤꓩ **saved** Dawiḏ wherever he went.
[7]And Dawiḏ took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Haḏaḏezer and brought them to Yerushalayim.
[8]And from Tiḇḥath and from Kun, cities of Haḏaḏezer, Dawiḏ brought a large amount of bronze, with which Shelomoh made the bronze Sea and the columns and the vessels of bronze.
[9]And when To'u sovereign of Ḥamath **heard** that Dawiḏ had *smitten* **all** the army of Haḏaḏezer sovereign of Tsoḇah,
[10]he **sent** Haḏoram his son to Sovereign Dawiḏ, to **ask peace** of him and **bless** him, **because** he had fought *against* Haḏaḏezer and *smote* him – **because** Haḏaḏezer had been *fighting against* To'u – with **all** kinds of objects of gold and silver and bronze.
[11]Sovereign Dawiḏ also set these apart to ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, along with the silver and gold that he had brought from **all** these nations, from Eḏom and from Mo'aḇ and from the children of Ammon and from the Philistines and from Amalĕq.
[12]And Aḇishai son of Tseruyah *smote* eighteen thousand Eḏomites in the Valley of Salt,
[13]and he put watch-posts in Eḏom and **all** the Eḏomites became Dawiḏ's servants. And ꓤꓴꓤꓩ **saved** Dawiḏ wherever he went.
[14]So Dawiḏ reigned over **all** Yisra'ĕl and he was doing **right-ruling** and **righteousness** to **all** his people.
[15]And Yo'aḇ son of Tseruyah was over the army and Yehoshaphat son of Aḥiluḏ was recorder,
[16]and Tsaḏoq son of Aḥituḇ and Aḇimelek son of Eḇyathar were the priests and Shawsha was the scribe,
[17]and Benayahu son of Yehoyaḏa was

over the Kerĕthites and the Pelĕthites. And the sons of Dawiḏ were chiefs at the sovereign's side.

19 Later, it came to be that Naḥash, sovereign of the children of Ammon, died and his son reigned in his place.
[2]And Dawiḏ said, "**Let** me **show kindness** to Ḥanun son of Naḥash, **because** his father showed **kindness** to me." So Dawiḏ **sent** messengers to comfort him concerning his father. And the servants of Dawiḏ came to Ḥanun in the land of the children of Ammon to comfort him.
[3]The chiefs of the children of Ammon said to Ḥanun, "Is Dawiḏ esteeming your father, in your eyes, **because** he has **sent** comforters to you? Have his servants not **come to** you to **search** and to *overthrow* and to spy out the land?"
[4]So Ḥanun took Dawiḏ's servants and shaved them and *cut off* their garments in the middle, at their buttocks and **sent** them away.
[5]And when *some* went and informed Dawiḏ about the men, he **sent** to meet them, **because** the men were greatly ashamed. And the sovereign said, "Remain at Yeriḥo until your beards have grown, then return."
[6]And when the children of Ammon **saw** that they had made themselves a *stench* to Dawiḏ, Ḥanun and the children of Ammon **sent** a thousand talents of silver to hire chariots and horsemen from Aram-Naharayim and from Aram-Ma'aḵah and from Tsoḇah.
[7]So they hired thirty-two thousand chariots,
with the sovereign of Ma'aḵah and his people, who came and encamped before Mĕyḏeḇa. And the children of Ammon had gathered from their cities and came to battle.
[8]***When*** Dawiḏ **heard**, he **sent** Yo'aḇ and the entire army of the mighty men,
[9]and the children of Ammon came out and put themselves in battle array before the gate of the city and the sovereigns who had **come** were by themselves in the field.
[10]And when Yo'aḇ **saw** that the battle had been set *against* him before and behind, he **chose** some of the choice ones of Yisra'ĕl and put them in battle array to meet Aram.
[11]And the rest of the people he put under the **command** of Aḇishai his brother and they set themselves in battle array to meet the children of Ammon.
[12]And he said, "***If*** Aram is too **strong** for me, then you ***shall*** help me; but if the children of Ammon are too **strong** for you, then I ***shall*** help you.
[13]"Be **strong** and let us **show** strength for our people and the cities of our **Elohim** and let יהוה do what is **good** in **His** eyes."
[14]And Yo'aḇ drew near and the people with him, to battle *against* Aram and they fled before him.
[15]And when the children of Ammon **saw** that the Arameans were fleeing, they also fled before Aḇishai his brother and went into the city. And Yo'aḇ came to Yerushalayim.
[16]And when Aram **saw** that they had been *smitten* before Yisra'ĕl, they **sent** messengers and brought the Arameans who were beyond the River and Shophaḵ the commander of Haḏaḏezer's army went before them.
[17]And it was reported to Dawiḏ and he gathered **all** Yisra'ĕl and passed over the Yarděn and came upon them and set up in battle array *against* them. And Dawiḏ set up in battle array *against* Aram and they fought with him.
[18]And Aram fled before Yisra'ĕl and Dawiḏ slew seven thousand charioteers and forty thousand foot soldiers of the Arameans and *smote* Shophaḵ the commander of the army.
[19]And the servants of Haḏaḏezer **saw** that they were *smitten* by Yisra'ĕl and they made **peace** with Dawiḏ and became his servants. And the Arameans *would not* help the children of Ammon any more.

20 And it came to be at the turn of the year, at the **time** sovereigns go out *to battle*, that Yo'aḇ led out the **power** of the army and ***destroyed*** the land of the children of Ammon and came and besieged Rabbah. ***But*** Dawiḏ remained at Yerushalayim. And Yo'aḇ *smote* Rabbah and overthrew it.

2And Dawiḏ took their sovereign's crown from his head and **found** it weighed a talent of gold and there were **precious** stones in it. And it was set on Dawiḏ's head. And he also brought out the spoil of the city, a **very great** amount.

3And he brought out the people who were in it and put them to **work** with saws and with iron picks and with axes. And thus Dawiḏ did to **all** the cities of the children of Ammon. ***Then*** Dawiḏ and **all** the people returned to Yerushalayim.

4And afterward it came to be that *fighting* broke out at Gezer with the Philistines. ***Then*** Sibbeḵai the Ḥushathite *smote* Sippai of the sons of the giant and they were humbled.

5And there was *fighting* again with the Philistines and Elḥanan son of Ya'ir *smote* Laḥmi the brother of Golyath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

6And there was *fighting* again at Gath, where there was a man of **great** size, with twenty-four fingers and toes, six and six and he too was born to the giant.

7And he reproached Yisra'ĕl and Yehonathan son of Shim'a, Dawiḏ's brother, *smote* him.

8These were born to the giant in Gath and they fell by the **hand** of Dawiḏ and by the **hand** of his servants.

21 And Satan stood up *against* Yisra'ĕl and moved Dawiḏ to number Yisra'ĕl.

2And Dawiḏ said to Yo'aḇ and to the rulers of the people, "Gō, number Yisra'ĕl from Be'ĕrsheḇa to Dan and bring the number of them to me so that I **know** it."

3And Yo'aḇ answered, "יהוה does add to **His** people a hundred times more than they are. ***But,*** my master the sovereign, are they not **all** my master's servants? ***Why*** does my master **seek** to do this? ***Why*** should he be a **cause** of *guilt* in Yisra'ĕl?"

4***But*** the sovereign's **word** prevailed *against* Yo'aḇ. And Yo'aḇ left and went throughout **all** Yisra'ĕl and came to Yerushalayim.

5And Yo'aḇ gave the sum of the number of the people to Dawiḏ. And **all** Yisra'ĕl had one million one hundred thousand men who drew the *sword* and Yahuḏah had four hundred and seventy thousand men who drew the *sword.*

6***But*** he *did not* number Lĕwi and Binyamin among them, for the sovereign's **word** was *loathsome* to Yo'aḇ.

7And it was *evil in the eyes* of **Elohim**, concerning this *matter* and **He** *smote* Yisra'ĕl.

8***Then*** Dawiḏ said to **Elohim**, "I have *sinned* greatly, **because** I have done this *matter*. ***But*** **now**, I pray, take away the *crookedness* of **Your** servant, for I have done **very** *foolishly*."

9And יהוה spoke to Gaḏ, Dawiḏ's seer, saying,

10"Go and you ***shall*** **speak** to Dawiḏ, saying, 'Thus said יהוה, "I hold three *options* before you – choose one of them for yourself and I do it to you." ' "

11So Gaḏ came to Dawiḏ and said, "Thus said יהוה, 'Choose for yourself

12either three years of *scarcity of food*, or three months to be defeated by your foes with the *sword* of your enemies overtaking you, or else for three days the *sword* of יהוה, even the *plague* in the land, with the messenger of יהוה destroying throughout **all** the borders of Yisra'ĕl.' **Now** consider what answer I am to **return** to **Him** who **sent** me."

13And Dawiḏ said to Gaḏ, "I am in **great** trouble. Please let me *fall* into the **hand** of יהוה, for **His compassion** is **very** great, but *do not* let me *fall*

into the **hand** of man."
[14]And **ꓤYHWH sent** a *plague* upon Yisra'ĕl and seventy thousand men of Yisra'ĕl fell.
[15]And **Elohim sent** a messenger to Yerushalayim to *destroy* it. And as he was destroying, **ꓤYHWH saw** and **relented** about the *evil* and said to the messenger who was destroying, "Enough! **Now** stop your **hand.**" And the messenger of **ꓤYHWH** was standing by the threshing-floor of Ornan the Yeḇusite.
[16]And Dawiḏ lifted his eyes and **saw** the messenger of **ꓤYHWH** standing between earth and the heavens, having in his **hand** a drawn *sword* **stretched** out over Yerushalayim. And Dawiḏ and the elders, wrapped in sackcloth, fell on their faces.
[17]And Dawiḏ said to **Elohim**, "Was it not I who **commanded** the people to be numbered? I am the one who has *sinned* and done *evil* indeed. ***But*** these, the sheep, what have they done? **Let Your hand,** I pray, O **ꓤYHWH** my **Elohim**, be *against* me and my father's house, but not *against* **Your people**, to be plagued."
[18]And the messenger of **ꓤYHWH commanded** Gaḏ to say to Dawiḏ that Dawiḏ should go up to **raise** an altar to **ꓤYHWH** on the threshing-floor of Ornan the Yeḇusite.
[19]So Dawiḏ went up at the **word** of Gaḏ, which he had **spoken** in the **Name** of **ꓤYHWH**.
[20]And Ornan turned and **saw** the messenger. And his four sons with him hid themselves and Ornan was threshing wheat.
[21]And Dawiḏ came to Ornan and Ornan **looked** and **saw** Dawiḏ and he went out from the threshing-floor and bowed down to Dawiḏ with his face to the ground.
[22]And Dawiḏ said to Ornan, "Give me the site of the threshing-floor, so that I build an altar to **ꓤYHWH** on it. Give it to me at the **complete** price, so that the *plague* is restrained from the people."
[23]And Ornan said to Dawiḏ, "Take it for yourself and let my master the sovereign do what is **good** in his eyes. **See,** I ***shall*** give you the cattle for burnt offerings, the threshing implements for wood and the wheat for the grain offering. I give it **all.**"
[24]And Sovereign Dawiḏ said to Ornan, "No, but I ***shall*** certainly buy it at the **complete** price, for I *do not* take what is yours for **ꓤYHWH**, nor offer a burnt offering without cost."
[25]And Dawiḏ gave Ornan six hundred sheqels of gold by weight for the place.
[26]And Dawiḏ built there an altar to **ꓤYHWH** and offered burnt offerings and **peace** offerings and called on **ꓤYHWH**. And **He** answered him from the heavens by *fire* on the altar of burnt offering.
[27]***Then*** **ꓤYHWH commanded** the messenger and he returned his *sword* to its sheath.
[28]At that **time,** when Dawiḏ **saw** that **ꓤYHWH** had answered him on the threshing-floor of Ornan the Yeḇusite, he slaughtered there,
[29]for the **Dwelling Place** of **ꓤYHWH** and the altar of the burnt offering, which Mosheh had made in the wilderness, were at that **time** at the *high place* in Giḇ'on.
[30]***But*** Dawiḏ was *unable* to go before it to **inquire** of **Elohim**, for he was *afraid* of the *sword* of the messenger of **ꓤYHWH**.

22 Dawiḏ then said, "This is the House of **ꓤYHWH Elohim** and this is the altar of burnt offering for Yisra'ĕl."
[2]And Dawiḏ **commanded** to **gather** the foreigners who were in the land of Yisra'ĕl. And he **appointed** stonemasons to *cut* hewn stones to build the House of **Elohim**.
[3]And Dawiḏ prepared large quantities of iron for the nails of the **doors** of the gates and for the clamps and more bronze than could be weighed,
[4]and cedar trees beyond number, for the Tsiḏonians and those from Tsor brought much cedar ***wood*** to Dawiḏ.

5And Dawiḏ said, “Shelomoh my son is young and tender and the house that is to be built for ꓤYHWH is to be exceedingly great, for a splendid Name, to **all** the lands. Please, let me make **preparation** for it.” So Dawiḏ made extensive **preparation**s before his *death.*

6**He** also called for his son Shelomoh and **commanded** him to build a house for ꓤYHWH **Elohim** of Yisra’ĕl.

7And Dawiḏ said to Shelomoh, “My son, as for me, it has been in my **heart** to build a house to the **Name** of ꓤYHWH my **Elohim**,

8but the **Word** of ꓤYHWH **came to me,** saying, ‘You have shed much **blood** and have fought **great** battles. *you do not* build a house for **My Name, <u>because</u>** you have shed much **blood** on the earth in **My** presence.

9‘**See,** a son is to be born to you, who is a man of rest. And I ***shall*** give him rest from **all** his enemies **all** around, for Shelomoh is his name and **peace** and rest I give to Yisra’ĕl in his days.

10‘He does build a house for **My Name.** He is to be **My** son and I am to be his **Father** and **I *shall* establish** the throne of his reign over Yisra’ĕl **forever**.’

11“**Now**, my son, ꓤYHWH be with you, then you ***shall*** prosper and build the House of ꓤYHWH your **Elohim**, as **He** has said to you.

12“Only, let ꓤYHWH give you **wisdom** and **understanding** and **command** you concerning Yisra’ĕl, so that you **guard** the **Torah** of ꓤYHWH your **Elohim**,

13then you ***shall*** prosper, if you **guard** to do the **laws** and **right-rulings** with which ꓤYHWH **commanded** Mosheh concerning Yisra’ĕl. Be **strong** and brave, *do not* **fear** nor be discouraged.

14“**See,** in my *affliction* I have prepared for the House of ꓤYHWH one hundred thousand talents of gold and one million talents of silver and bronze and iron beyond measure, for it is plenty. And I have prepared timber and stone and you ***shall*** add to them.

15“And with you there are many workmen: hewers and workers of stone and timber and **all** types of skilled men for **every kind** of work.

16“Of gold and silver and bronze and iron there is no limit. Rise up and do and ꓤYHWH is with you.”

17And Dawiḏ **commanded all** the rulers of Yisra’ĕl to help Shelomoh his son, *saying*,

18“Is not ꓤYHWH your **Elohim** with you? And has **He** not **given** you rest **all** around? For **He** has **given** the inhabitants of the land into my **hand** and the land has been subdued before ꓤYHWH and before **His** people.

19“**Now**, give your **heart** and your being to **seek** ꓤYHWH your **Elohim.** Rise up and build the set-apart place of ꓤYHWH **Elohim**, to bring the ark of the **covenant** of ꓤYHWH and the set-apart vessels of **Elohim** into the house that is to be built for the **Name** of ꓤYHWH.”

23 Dawiḏ was old and **satisfied** with days and he made his son Shelomoh to **reign** over Yisra’ĕl,

2and he gathered **all** the rulers of Yisra’ĕl with the priests and the Lĕwites.

3And the Lĕwites were numbered from the age of thirty years and above. And their number, head by head, was thirty-eight thousand males.

4Of these, twenty-four thousand were to oversee the **work** of the House of ꓤYHWH and six thousand were officers and judges.

5Four thousand were gatekeepers and four thousand to give **praise** to ꓤYHWH, “which I made for giving praise.”

6And Dawiḏ divided them into divisions, of the sons of Lĕwi: of Gĕreshon, Qehath and Merari.

7Of the Gĕreshonites: La'dan and Shim'i.

8The sons of La'dan: Yeḥi’ĕl the head, then Zĕtham and Yo’ĕl, three.

9The sons of Shim'i: Shelomith and Ḥazi’ĕl and Haran, three. These were the heads of the fathers’ houses of La'dan.

10And the sons of Shim'i: Yaḥath, Zina

and Ye'ush and Beri'ah. These were the four sons of Shim'i.
[11]And Yaḥath was the head and Zizah the second. ***But*** Ye'ush and Beri'ah *did not* have many sons, so they were reckoned as one father's house.
[12]The sons of Qehath: Amram, Yitshar, Ḥeḇron and Uzzi'ĕl, four.
[13]The sons of Amram: Aharon and Mosheh. And Aharon was set-apart, he and his sons **forever**, that he should set-apart the most set-apart, to burn incense before ꓤYHWH, to **serve Him** and to give the **blessing in His Name forever**.
[14]**Now** Mosheh, the man of **Elohim**, his sons were named after the tribe of Lĕwi.
[15]The sons of Mosheh: Gĕreshom and Eli'ezer.
[16]The sons of Gĕreshom: Sheḇu'ĕl was the head.
[17]And the sons of Eli'ezer: Reḥaḇyah was the head. And Eli'ezer had no other sons, but the sons of Reḥaḇyah were **very** many.
[18]The sons of Yitshar: Shelomith was the head.
[19]The sons of Ḥeḇron: Yeriyahu was the head, Amaryah the second, Yaḥazi'ĕl the third and Yeqam'am the fourth.
[20]The sons of Uzzi'ĕl: Miḳah was the head and Yishshiyah the second.
[21]The sons of Merari: Maḥli and Mushi. The sons of Maḥli: El'azar and Qish.
[22]And El'azar died and had no sons, but only daughters. And their brothers, the sons of Qish, took them.
[23]The sons of Mushi: Maḥli, Ĕḏer and Yerĕmoth, three.
[24]These were the sons of Lĕwi by their fathers' houses, the heads of the fathers' houses as they were counted head by head by the number of their names, who did the **work** for the service of the House of ꓤYHWH, from the age of twenty years and above.
[25]For Dawiḏ said, "ꓤYHWH **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl has given rest to **His** people and **He** dwells in Yerushalayim **forever**,"
[26]and also of the Lĕwites, "They ***shall*** no longer bear the **Dwelling Place,** or any of the vessels for its service."
[27]For by the **last words** of Dawiḏ the Lĕwites were numbered from twenty years old and above,
[28]**<u>because</u>** their duty was to help the sons of Aharon in the service of the House of ꓤYHWH, in the courtyards and in the rooms, in the **cleansing** of **all** that was set-apart and the **work** of the service of the House of **Elohim**,
[29]both with the showbread and the fine flour for the grain offering and with the unleavened cakes and what is baked on the griddle and with what is mixed and with **all** kinds of measures and sizes;
[30]and to **stand every** morning to **thank** and **praise** ꓤYHWH and so at **evening**;
[31]and for **all** the burnt offerings to ꓤYHWH on the **Sabbaths** and on the **New Moons** and on the **appointed times,** by number **according** to the **right-ruling** upon them, continually before ꓤYHWH;
[32]and that they should **guard** the duty of the **Tent** of Meeting, the duty of the set-apart place and the duty of the sons of Aharon their brothers in the service of the House of ꓤYHWH.

24 And the division**s** of the sons of Aharon: The sons of Aharon were Naḏaḇ and Aḇihu, El'azar and Ithamar.
[2]***But*** Naḏaḇ and Aḇihu died before their father and had no children, so El'azar and Ithamar **served** as priests.
[3]And Dawiḏ, with Tsaḏoq of the sons of El'azar and Aḥimeleḵ of the sons of Ithamar, divided them **according** to their offices in their service.
[4]And there were more leaders **found** of the sons of El'azar than of the sons of Ithamar. So they divided the sons of El'azar into sixteen heads of their fathers' houses and the sons of Ithamar into eight heads of their fathers' houses.
[5]And they were divided by **lot,** one group as another, for there were officials of the set-apart place and officials of **Elohim**, from the sons of El'azar and from the sons of Ithamar.
[6]The scribe, Shemayah son of Nethanĕ'l, a Lĕwite, **wrote** them down

before the sovereign and the rulers,
and Tsaḏoq the priest and Aḥimelek̲ son
of Eḇyathar and the heads of the fathers'
houses of the priests and Lĕwites, one
father's house taken for El'azar and one
for Ithamar.
[7]And the **first lot** came forth to
Yehoyariḇ, the second to Yeḏayah,
[8]the third to Ḥarim, the fourth to
Se'orim,
[9]the fifth to Malkiyah, the sixth to
Miyamin,
[10]the seventh to Haqqots, the eighth to
Aḇiyah,
[11]the ninth to Yĕshua, the tenth to
Shek̲anyahu,
[12]the eleventh to Elyashiḇ, the twelfth
to Yaqim,
[13]the thirteenth to Ḥuppah, the
fourteenth to Yesheḇ'aḇ,
[14]the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to
Imměr,
[15]the seventeenth to Ḥĕzir, the
eighteenth to Happitstsĕts,
[16]the nineteenth to Pethaḥyah, the
twentieth to Yeḥezqĕl,
[17]the twenty-first to Yak̲in, the
twentysecond to Gamul,
[18]the twenty-third to Delayahu, the
twenty-fourth to Ma'azyahu.
[19]These were their offices in their
service for **coming** into the House of
יהוה **according** to their **right-ruling**
by the **hand** of Aharon their father,
as יהוה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl had
commanded him.
[20]And the rest of the sons of Lĕwi: of
the sons of Amram, Shuḇa'ĕl; of the sons
of Shuḇa'ĕl, Yeḥdeyahu.
[21]Concerning Reḥaḇyahu, of the sons of
Reḥaḇyahu, the head was Yishshiyah.
[22]Of the Yitsharites, Shelomoth; of the
sons of Shelomoth, Yaḥath.
[23]Of the sons *of AeÄron*, Yeriyahu
was the head, Amaryahu the second,
Yaḥazi'ĕl the third and Yeqam'am the
fourth.
[24]Of the sons of Uzzi'ĕl, Mik̲ah; of the
sons of Mik̲ah, Shamir.
[25]The brother of Mik̲ah, Yishshiyah; of
the sons of Yishshiyah, Zek̲aryahu.
[26]The sons of Merari: Maḥli and Mushi;
the son of Ya'aziyahu, Beno.
[27]The sons of Merari by Ya'aziyahu:
Beno and Shoham and Zakkur and Iḇri.
[28]Of Maḥli: El'azar, who had no sons.
[29]Of Qish: the son of Qish, Yeraḥme'ĕl.
[30]And the sons of Mushi: Maḥli, Ĕḏer
and Yerimoth. These were the sons of
the Lĕwites **according** to their fathers'
houses.
[31]These also *cast* **lots,** they too, as
their brothers the sons of Aharon, in
the presence of Sovereign Dawiḏ and
Tsaḏoq and Aḥimelek̲ and the heads of
the fathers' houses of the priests and
Lĕwites – the head of the fathers, as well
as his younger brothers.

25 And Dawiḏ and the commanders
of the army separated for the service
some of the sons of Asaph and of Hĕman
and of Yeḏuthun, who should prophesy
with lyres, with harps and with cymbals.
And the number of the workmen
according to their service was:
[2]Of the sons of Asaph: Zakkur and
Yosĕph, Nethanyah and Ashar'ĕlah, the
sons of Asaph at the hands of Asaph,who
prophesied at the hands of the sovereign.
[3]Of Yeḏuthun, the sons of Yeḏuthun:
Geḏalyahu and Tseri and Yeshayahu,
Ḥashaḇyahu and Mattithyahu, six, under
the hands of their father Yeḏuthun, who
prophesied with a lyre to give **thanks**
and to **praise** יהוה.
[4]Of Hĕman, the sons of Hĕman:
Buqqiyahu, Mattanyahu, Uzzi'ĕl,
Sheḇu'ĕl, Yerimoth, Ḥananyah, Ḥanani,
Eliyathah, Giddalti and Romamti-Ezer,
Yoshbeqashah, Mallothi, Hothir,
Maḥaziyoth.
[5]All these were the sons of Hĕman
the sovereign's **seer** in the **words** of
Elohim, to **exalt** his horn. For **Elohim**
gave Hĕman fourteen sons and three
daughters.
[6]All these were at the hands of their
father for song in the House of יהוה,
with cymbals, harps and lyres, for the

service of the House of **Elohim**: Asaph, Yeḏuthun and Hĕman, at the hands of the sovereign.

[7]And the number of them, with their brothers who were **taught** in the songs of ꓤYHZ, **all** who were skilled, was two hundred and eighty-eight.

[8]And they *cast* **lots** for their duty, the small as well as the great, the **teacher** with the student.

[9]And the **first lot** for Asaph came forth for Yosĕph; Geḏalyahu the second, he and his brothers and sons, twelve;

[10]the third Zakkur, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

[11]the fourth Yitsri, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

[12]the fifth Nethanyahu, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

[13]the sixth Buqqiyahu, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

[14]the seventh Yesar'ĕlah, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

[15]the eighth Yeshayahu, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

[16]the ninth Mattanyahu, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

[17]the tenth Shim'i, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

[18]the eleventh Azar'ĕl, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

[19]the twelfth Ḥashaḇyah, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

[20]the thirteenth Shuḇa'ĕl, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

[21]the fourteenth Mattithyahu, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

[22]the fifteenth Yerĕmoth, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

[23]the sixteenth Ḥananyahu, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

[24]the seventeenth Yoshbeqashah, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

[25]the eighteenth Ḥanani, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

[26]the nineteenth Mallothi, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

[27]the twentieth Eliyathah, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

[28]the twenty-first Hothir, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

[29]the twenty-second Giddalti, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

[30]the twenty-third Maḥaziyoth, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

[31]the twenty-fourth Romamti-Ezer, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

26 For the division**s** of the gatekeepers: Of the Qorḥites, Meshelemyahu son of Qorĕ, of the sons of Asaph.

[2]And the sons of Meshelemyahu: Zeḵaryahu the first-born, Yeḏiya'ĕl the second, Zeḇaḏyahu the third, Yathni'ĕl the fourth,

[3]Ĕylam the fifth, Yehoḥanan the sixth, Elyo'ĕynai the seventh.

[4]And the sons of Oḇĕḏ-Eḏom: Shemayah the first-born, Yehozaḇaḏ the second, Yo'aḥ the third, Saḵar the fourth, Nethanĕ'l the fifth,

[5]Ammi'ĕl the sixth, Yissasḵar the seventh, Pe'ullethai the eighth, for **Elohim blessed** him.

[6]Also to Shemayah his son were sons born who ruled their fathers' houses, **<u>because</u>** they were able mighty men.

[7]The sons of Shemayah: Othni and Repha'ĕl and Oḇĕḏ, Elzaḇaḏ, whose brothers Elihu and Semaḵyahu were able men.

[8]All these were of the sons of Oḇĕḏ Eḏom, they and their sons and their brothers, able men with strength for the work: sixty-two of Oḇĕḏ-Eḏom.

[9]And Meshelemyahu had sons and brothers, eighteen able men.

[10]Also Ḥosah, of the children of Merari, had sons: Shimri the head (although he was not the first-born, his father made him the head),

[11]Ḥilqiyahu the second, Teḇalyahu the third, Zeḵaryahu the fourth. All the sons and brothers of Ḥosah were thirteen.

[12]These division**s** of the gatekeepers, among the chief men, had duties like their brothers, to **serve** in the House of ꓤYHZ.

[13]And they *cast* **lots** for each gate, the small as well as the great, **according** to

their father's house.
[14]And the **lot** to the east fell to Shelemyahu. ***Then*** they *cast* **lots** for his son Zeḵaryahu, a **wise** counsellor and his **lot** came out to the north;
[15]to Oḇĕḏ-Eḏom to the south and to his sons the storehouse;
[16]to Shuppim and Ḥosah to the west, with the Shalleḵeth Gate on the ascending highway; guard corresponding with guard.
[17]On the east were six Lĕwites, on the north four each day, on the south four each day and for the storehouse two by two.
[18]As for the Parbar on the west, there were four on the highway and two at the Parbar.
[19]These were the division**s** of the gatekeepers among the sons of Qoraḥ and among the sons of Merari.
[20]Of the Lĕwites, Aḥiyah was over the treasuries of the House of **Elohim** and over the treasuries of the set-apart gifts.
[21]The sons of La'dan, the sons of the Gĕreshonites of La'dan, heads of their fathers' houses, of La'dan the Gĕreshonite: Yeḥi'ĕli.
[22]The sons of Yeḥi'ĕli, Zĕtham and Yo'ĕl his brother, were over the treasuries of the House of ה'.
[23]Of the Amramites, the Yitsharites, the Ḥeḇronites and the Uzzi'ĕlites,
[24]even Sheḇu'ĕl son of Gĕreshom, son of Mosheh, was overseer of the treasuries.
[25]And his brothers by Eli'ezer were Reḥaḇyahu his son and Yeshayahu his son and Yoram his son and Zikri his son and Shelomoth his son.
[26]This Shelomoth and his brothers were over **all** the treasuries of the set-apart gifts which Sovereign Dawiḏ and the heads of fathers' houses, the commanders over thousands and hundreds and the commanders of the army, had set-apart.
[27]Some of the booty won in battles they set-apart to maintain the House of ה'.
[28]And **all** that Shemu'ĕl the seer and Sha'ul son of Qish and Aḇnĕr son of Nĕr and Yo'aḇ son of Tseruyah had set-apart, **all** who were setting apart, were under the **hand** of Shelomith and his brothers.
[29]Of the Yitsharites, Kenanyahu and his sons were for the outward duties as officials and judges over Yisra'ĕl.
[30]Of the Ḥeḇronites, Ḥashaḇyahu and his brothers, one thousand seven hundred able men, had the oversight of Yisra'ĕl beyond the Yarděn westward, for **all** the **work** of ה' and in the service of the sovereign.
[31]Of the Ḥeḇronites, Yeriyah was head of the Ḥeḇronites **according** to his genealogy of the fathers. In the fortieth year of the **reign** of Dawiḏ they were sought and there were **found** among them able men at Ya'zĕr of Gil'aḏ.
[32]And his brothers were two thousand seven hundred able men, heads of fathers' *houses*, whom Sovereign Dawiḏ made officials over the Re'uḇĕnites and the Gaḏites and the half-tribe of Menashsheh, in **all** matters of **Elohim** and matters of the sovereign.

27 And the children of Yisra'ĕl, **according** to their number, the heads of fathers' *houses* and the commanders of thousands and hundreds and their officers, **served** the sovereign in **all** matters of the division**s** which came in and went out month by month throughout **all** the months of the year, each division having twenty-four thousand.
[2]Over the **first** division for the **first** month was Yashoḇ'am son of Zaḇdi'ĕl and in his division were twenty-four thousand;
[3]of the sons of Perets and the chief of **all** the commanders of the army for the **first** month.
[4]And over the division of the second month was Doḏai an Aḥohite and of his division Miqloth also was the leader and in his division were twenty-four thousand.
[5]The third commander of the army

for the third month was Benayahu, son of Yehoyaḏa the priest, who was chief and in his division were twenty-four thousand.
[6]This was the Benayahu who was mighty among the thirty and was over the thirty and in his division was Ammizaḇaḏ his son.
[7]The fourth for the fourth month was Asah'ĕl the brother of Yo'aḇ and Zeḇaḏyah his son after him and in his division were twenty-four thousand.
[8]The fifth for the fifth month was Shamhuth the Yizraḥite and in his division were twenty-four thousand.
[9]The sixth for the sixth month was Ira son of Iqqĕsh the Teqowite and in his division were twenty-four thousand.
[10]The seventh for the seventh month was Ḥĕlets the Pelonite, of the children of Ephrayim and in his division were twenty-four thousand.
[11]The eighth for the eighth month was Sibbeḵai the Ḥushathite, of the Zarḥites and in his division were twenty-four thousand.
[12]The ninth for the ninth month was Aḇi'ezer the Anathothite, of the Binyamites and in his division were twenty-four thousand.
[13]The tenth for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarḥites and in his division were twenty-four thousand.
[14]The eleventh for the eleventh month was Benayah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephrayim and in his division were twenty-four thousand.
[15]The twelfth for the twelfth month was Ḥeldai the Netophathite, of Othni'ĕl and in his division were twenty-four thousand.
[16]And over the tribes of Yisra'ĕl: the chief officer over Re'uḇĕn: Eli'ezer son of Ziḵri; over Shim'on: Shephatyahu son of Ma'aḵah;
[17]Lĕwi: Ḥashaḇyah son of Qemu'ĕl; over Aharon: Tsaḏoq;
[18]Yahuḏah: Elihu, one of Dawiḏ's brothers; Yissasḵar: Omri son of Miḵa'ĕl;
[19]Zeḇulun: Yishmayahu son of Oḇaḏyahu; Naphtali: Yerimoth son of Azri'ĕl;
[20]the children of Ephrayim: Hoshĕa son of Azazyahu; the half-tribe of Menashsheh: Yo'ĕl son of Peḏayahu;
[21]the half-tribe of Menashsheh in Gil'aḏ: Iddo son of Zeḵaryahu; Binyamin: Ya'asi'ĕl son of Aḇnĕr;
[22]Dan: Azar'ĕl son of Yeroḥam. These were the rulers of the tribes of Yisra'ĕl.
[23]***But*** Dawiḏ *did not* take the number of those twenty years old and under, **because** ג׳ה׳ז had said **He** would increase Yisra'ĕl like the stars of the **heavens.**
[24]Yo'aḇ son of Tseruyah began a census but he *did not* finish, for *wrath* came upon Yisra'ĕl **because** of this census; nor was the number recorded in the annals of Sovereign Dawiḏ.
[25]And Azmaweth son of Aḏi'ĕl was over the sovereign's treasuries. And Yehonathan son of Uzziyahu was over the store houses in the field, in the cities and in the villages and in the watchtowers.
[26]And Ezri son of Keluḇ was over those who did the **work** of the field for tiling the ground.
[27]And Shim'i the Ramathite was over the vineyards and Zaḇdi the Shiphmite was over the increase of the vineyards for the **wine** cellars.
[28]And Ba'al-Ḥanan the Geḏĕrite was over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the low country and Yo'ash was over the oil-stores.
[29]And Shitrai the Sharonite was over the herds that fed in Sharon and Shaphat son of Aḏlai was over the herds that were in the valleys.
[30]And Oḇil the Yishma'ĕlite was over the camels and Yeḥdeyahu the Mĕronothite was over the donkeys,
[31]and Yaziz the Haḡrite was over the flocks. All of these were heads over the property of Sovereign Dawiḏ.
[32]Also Yehonathan, Dawiḏ's uncle, was a counsellor, a **wise** man and a scribe. And Yeḥi'ĕl son of Ḥaḵmoni was with

the sovereign's sons.
[33]And Aḥithophel was the sovereign's
counsellor and Ḥushai the Arkite was the
sovereign's companion.
[34]And after Aḥithophel was Yehoyaḍa
son of Benayahu, then Eḇyathar. And the
chief of the sovereign's army was Yo'aḇ.

28 And Dawiḏ **assembled**
at Yerushalayim **all** the rulers of
Yisra'ĕl: the rulers of the tribes and
the commanders of the division**s** who
served the sovereign, the commanders
over thousands and commanders
over hundreds and the heads over **all**
the property and possessions of the
sovereign and of his sons, with the
officials, the mighty men and **all** the
mighty brave men.
[2]***Then*** Sovereign Dawiḏ rose to his
feet and said, **"Hear** me, my brothers
and my people: I had it in my **heart**
to build a house of rest for the ark of
the **covenant** of ꓤYHWH and for the
footstool of our **Elohim** and had made
preparations to build it.
[3]"***But*** **Elohim** said to me, 'You *do not*
build a house for **My Name, <u>because</u>**
you have been a man of battle and have
shed blood.'
[4]"Yet ꓤYHWH **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl
chose me above **all** the house of my
father to be sovereign over Yisra'ĕl
forever, for **He** has **chosen** Yahuḏah
to be the ruler. And of the house of
Yahuḏah, the house of my father and
among the sons of my father, **He** was
pleased with me to make me **reign** over
all Yisra'ĕl.
[5]"And of **all** my sons – for ꓤYHWH has
given me many sons – **He** has **chosen**
my son Shelomoh to sit on the throne of
the **reign** of ꓤYHWH over Yisra'ĕl,
[6]and said to me, 'Shelomoh your son
is the one to build **My** house and **My**
courtyards, for I have **chosen** him to be
My son and **I Myself** am a **Father** to
him.
[7]'And **I *shall*** **establish** his **reign**
forever, if he is **strong** to do **My**
commands and **My right-rulings**, as it
is this day.'
[8]"'And **now**, before the eyes of **all**
Yisra'ĕl, the assembly of ꓤYHWH and in
the **hearing** of our **Elohim**, **guard** and
seek all the commands of ꓤYHWH your
Elohim, so that you **possess** this **good**
land and leave it as an **inheritance** for
your children after you **forever**.
[9]"'As for you, my son Shelomoh, **know**
the **Elohim** of your father and **serve**
Him with a **perfect heart** and with a
pleasing **life**, for ꓤYHWH searches **all**
hearts and **understands all** the intent of
the thoughts. ***If*** you do **seek Him, He** is
found by you; but if you *forsake* **Him,**
He *rejects* you **forever**.
[10]"'**See, now**, for ꓤYHWH has **chosen**
you to build a house for the set-apart
place. Be **strong** and do it."
[11]And Dawiḏ gave his son Shelomoh
the plans for the porch and its houses
and its treasuries and its upper rooms
and its inner rooms and the place of
atonement;
[12]and the plans for **all** that he had by the
Spirit, of the courtyards of the House of
ꓤYHWH and of **all** the rooms **all** around
and of the treasuries of the House of
Elohim and of the treasuries for the set-
apart gifts;
[13]and for the division**s** of the priests and
the Lĕwites and for **all** the **work** of the
service of the House of ꓤYHWH and for
all the vessels of service in the House of
ꓤYHWH;
[14]even gold by weight for *utensils* of
gold, for **all** utensils used in **every kind**
of service; for silver for **all** utensils of
silver by weight, for **all** utensils used in
every kind of service;
[15]and by weight for the lampstands of
gold and their **lamps** of gold, by weight
for each **lampstand** and its lamps; and
for the lampstands of silver by weight,
for the **lampstand** and its lamps,
according to the use of each lampstand;
[16]and by weight gold for the tables of
the showbread, for each table and silver
for the tables of silver;
[17]and **clean** gold for the forks and the

basins and the jars of **clean** gold and the golden bowls, by weight for **every** bowl; and for the silver bowls, silver by weight for **every** bowl;
[18]and refined gold by weight for the altar of incense and for the pattern of the chariot of the gold keruḥim, spreading out their wings and covering over the ark of the **covenant** of ꓤYHWH.
[19]"**ꓤYHWH** made me **understand all** this in **writing,** by **His hand** upon me, **all** the **works** of these plans."
[20]And Dawiḏ said to his son Shelomoh, "Be **strong and courageous** and do it. ***Do not* fear** nor be *afraid*, for **ꓤYHWH Elohim**, my **Elohim**, is with you. **He *shall*** not leave you nor *forsake* you, until you have **completed all** the **work** for the service of the House of **ꓤYHWH**.
[21]"And **see,** the division**s** of the priests and the Lĕwites for **all** the service of the House of **Elohim** and **every** volunteer of any **skill** is with you in **all work,** for **every kind** of service. And the rulers and **all** the people are entirely at your **command.**"

29 And Dawiḏ the sovereign said to **all** the **assembly,** "My son Shelomoh, the one whom **Elohim** has **chosen**, is young and tender. And the **work** is great, **<u>because</u>** the palace is not for man but for **ꓤYHWH Elohim**.
[2]"And with **all** my **power** I have pre pared for the House of my **Elohim**: the gold for the gold and the silver for the silver and the bronze for the bronze, the iron for the iron and the ***wood*** for the wood, shoham stones and settings and fair stones of various colours and **all** kinds of **precious** stones and marble slabs – in large quantities.
[3]"And also, **<u>because</u>** I **delighted** in the House of my **Elohim**, I have treasure of gold and silver; I give for the House of my **Elohim** even more than **all** that I have prepared for the **Set-apart** House:
[4]three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses;
[5]the gold for the gold and the silver for the silver and for **all** kinds of **work** to be done by the hands of craftsmen. ***Who*** then is moved to fill his **hand** today for **ꓤYHWH**?"
[6]And the leaders of the fathers' *houses* and the leaders of the tribes of Yisra'ĕl and the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with the heads over the sovereign's **work,** volunteered
[7]and gave for the **work** of the House of **Elohim** five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold and ten thousand talents of silver and eighteen thousand talents of bronze and one hundred thousand talents of iron.
[8]And those with whom were **found precious** *stones* gave them to the treasury of the House of **ꓤYHWH**, into the **hand** of Yeḥi'ĕl the Gĕreshonite.
[9]And the people rejoiced, for they had **given** voluntarily, **<u>because</u>** with a **perfect heart** they had **given** voluntarily to **ꓤYHWH**. And Dawiḏ the sovereign also rejoiced greatly.
[10]And Dawiḏ **blessed ꓤYHWH** before **all** the assembly. And Dawiḏ said, **"Blessed** are **You, ꓤYHWH Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, our **Father, forever** and **ever.**
[11]"**Your**s, O **ꓤYHWH**, is the greatness, the **power** and the comeliness, the preeminence and the excellency, **<u>because</u>** of **all** that is in the heavens and in the earth. **Your**s is the reign, O **ꓤYHWH** and **You** are exalted as head above **all.**
[12]"And the riches and the **esteem come** from **Your** presence and **You rule** over **all.** And in **Your hand** is **power** and might and it is in **Your hand** to make **great** and to give **strength** to **all.**
[13]"And **now**, our **Elohim**, we **thank You** and **praise Your** comely **Name**.
[14]"***But*** who am I and who are my people, that we should be able to give so voluntarily as this? For **all comes** from **You** and we have **given** to **You** out of **Your hand.**
[15]"For we are sojourners and pilgrims before **You,** as were **all** our fathers; our days on earth are as a shadow and without permanence.

16"O ꓤYHZ our **Elohim**, **all** this store that we have prepared to build **You** a house for **Your** set-apart **Name** is from **Your hand** and **all** is of **You.**
17"And I **know,** my **Elohim**, that **You** are trying the **heart** and desire **uprightness**. As for me, in the **uprightness** of my **heart** I have voluntarily **given all** these. And **now** with **joy** I have **seen Your people**, who are present here to give voluntarily to **You.**
18"O ꓤYHZ **Elohim** of Aḇrahim, Yitsḥaq and Yisra'ĕl, our fathers, **guard** this **forever** in the intent of the *thoughts* of the **heart** of **Your people** and **prepare** their **heart** toward **You.**
19"And give my son Shelomoh a **perfect heart** to **guard Your commands** and **Your witnesses** and **Your laws**, to do **all** and to build the palace for which I have prepared."
20And Dawiḏ said to **all** the **assembly,** "**Now bless** ꓤYHZ your **Elohim**." And **all** the assembly **blessed** ꓤYHZ **Elohim** of their fathers and bowed their heads and did obeisance to ꓤYHZ and the sovereign.
21And they made offerings to ꓤYHZ and offered burnt offerings to ꓤYHZ on the next day: a thousand bulls, a thousand rams, a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings and slaughterings in large numbers for **all** Yisra'ĕl.
22And they ate and drank before ꓤYHZ with **great joy** on that day.

And they set up Shelomoh son of Dawiḏ to **reign** the second **time,** and **anointed** him before ꓤYHZ to be leader and Tsaḏoq to be priest.

23And Shelomoh sat on the throne of ꓤYHZ as sovereign instead of Dawiḏ his father and prospered; and **all** Yisra'ĕl **obeyed** him.

24And **all** the rulers and the mighty men and also **all** the sons of Sovereign Dawiḏ, submitted themselves to Shelomoh the sovereign.

25And ꓤYHZ exalted Shelomoh exceedingly *in the eyes* of **all** Yisra'ĕl and put upon him such royal splendour as had not been on any sovereign before him in Yisra'ĕl.

26Thus Dawiḏ son of Yishai reigned over **all** Yisra'ĕl.

27And the days that he reigned over Yisra'ĕl was forty years. He reigned seven years in Ḥeḇron and he reigned thirty-three years in Yerushalayim.

28And he died in a **good** old age, **satisfied** with days, riches and esteem. And Shelomoh his son reigned in his place.

29And the acts of Sovereign Dawiḏ, **first** and **last, see,** they are **written** in the **book** of Shemu'ĕl the seer, in the **book** of Nathan the **prophet** and in the **book** of Gaḏ the seer,

30with **all** his **reign** and his might and the times that passed over him and over Yisra'ĕl and over **all** the reigns of the lands.

2 DIḆRE ha YAMIM

2 CHRONICLES (2 ANNALS)

1 And Shelomoh son of Dawiḏ strengthened himself over his reign, and ꓤꓴꓤꓩ his **Elohim** was with him and made him exceedingly great.

[2]And Shelomoh spoke to **all** Yisra'ĕl, to the commanders of the thousands and of the hundreds, to the judges and to **every** leader in **all** Yisra'ĕl, the heads of the fathers' *houses*.

[3]And Shelomoh and **all** the assembly with him, went to the *high place* that was at Giḇ'on, for **Elohim**'s **Tent** of Meeting was there, which Mosheh the servant of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ had made in the wilderness.

[4]However, Dawiḏ had brought up the ark of **Elohim** from Qiryath Ye'arim to the place Dawiḏ had prepared for it, for he had pitched a tent for it in Yerushalayim.

[5]And the bronze altar that Betsal'ĕl son of Uri son of Ḥur had made, he put before the **Dwelling Place** of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ. And Shelomoh and the assembly sought it.

[6]And Shelomoh went up there to the bronze altar before ꓤꓴꓤꓩ, which was at the **Tent** of Meeting and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it.

[7]That night **Elohim** appeared to Shelomoh and said to him, "**Ask** what should I give you!"

[8]And Shelomoh said to **Elohim**, "You have shown **great kindness** to Dawiḏ my father and have made me sovereign in his place.

[9]"**Now**, ꓤꓴꓤꓩ **Elohim**, let **Your promise** to Dawiḏ my father **stand** fast, for You have set me up to **reign** over a people as numerous as the dust of the earth.

[10]"**Now** give me **wisdom** and **knowledge**, so that I go out and **come** in before this people. For who **is able** *to* **rightly rule** this **great** people of **Your**s?"

[11]And **Elohim** said to Shelomoh, "**Because** this was in your **heart** and you have not asked riches or wealth or **esteem** or the **life** of your enemies, nor have you asked long **life**, but have asked **wisdom** and **knowledge** for yourself, so as to **rightly rule My people** over whom I have set you up to reign,

[12]**wisdom** and **knowledge** are **given** to you. And riches and wealth and **esteem** I *also* give you, such as none of the sovereigns have had who have been before you, nor any after you have."

[13]And Shelomoh went to Yerushalayim from the *high place* that was at Giḇ'on, from before the **Tent** of Meeting and reigned over Yisra'ĕl.

[14]And Shelomoh gathered chariots and horsemen and he had one thousand four hundred chariots and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the sovereign in Yerushalayim.

[15]And the sovereign made silver and gold to be as stones in Yerushalayim and he made cedars to be as plenty as the sycamores which are in the low country.

[16]And Shelomoh had horses imported from Mitsrayim and from Quĕ – the sovereign's *merchants* bought them in Quĕ at a price.

[17]And they came up and brought from Mitsrayim a chariot for six hundred pieces of silver and a horse for one hundred and fifty. And so, for **all** the sovereigns of the Ḥittites and the sovereigns of Aram, they brought them out by their **hand.**

2 And Shelomoh gave **word** to build a House for the **Name** of ꓤꓴꓤꓩ and a house for his reign.

[2]***Then*** Shelomoh enrolled seventy thousand men to bear burdens, eighty thousand hewing *stone* in the mountains and three thousand six hundred to

oversee them.
[3]And Shelomoh **sent** to Ḥuram sovereign of Tsor, saying, "As you did for my father Dawiḏ and **sent** him cedars to build himself a house to dwell in –
[4]see, I am building a House for the **Name** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ my **Elohim**, to set it apart to **Him,** to burn before **Him sweet** incense and for the continual showbread and for the burnt offerings morning and **evening**, on the **Sabbaths** and on the **New Moons** and on the **appointed times** of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ our **Elohim**. This is for Yisra'ĕl **forever**.
[5]"And the House which I build is great, for our **Elohim** is greater than **all** *mighty ones*.
[6]"***But*** who **is able** to build **Him** a House, since the heavens and the heavens of the heavens are *unable* to contain **Him**? ***Who*** am I then, that I should build **Him** a House, ***except*** to offer before **Him**?
[7]"And **now**, send me at once a man who **knows** to **work** in gold and in silver and in bronze and in iron and in purple and crimson and blue and knowing to engrave with the skilled men who are with me in Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim, whom Dawiḏ my father has prepared.
[8]"And send me cedar, cypress and algum logs from Leḇanon, for I **know** that your servants **know** to *cut* timber in Leḇanon. And **see,** my servants are with your servants,
[9]even to **prepare** plenty of timber for me, for the House that I am building is **great** and marvellous.
[10]"And **see,** I have **given** servants to you, the hewers who *cut* timber, twenty thousand kors of ground wheat and twenty thousand kors of barley and twenty thousand baths of **wine** and twenty thousand baths of oil."
[11]***Then*** Ḥuram the sovereign of Tsor answered in **writing,** which he **sent** to Shelomoh, "**Because** ꓤꓰꓤꓶ loves **His** people, **He** has made you sovereign over them."
[12]And Ḥuram said, **"Blessed** be ꓤꓰꓤꓶ **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, who made the heavens and earth, for **He** has **given** Sovereign Dawiḏ a **wise** son, knowing **wisdom** and **understanding**, to build a House for ꓤꓰꓤꓶ and a house for his reign!
[13]"And **now** I have **sent** a skilled man having **understanding**, Ḥuram-aḇi,
[14]the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan and his father was a man of Tsor, who **knows** to **work** in gold and in silver, in bronze, in iron, in stone and in wood, purple and blue and in fine linen and in crimson and to make any engraving and to **accomplish** any plan that is **given** to him, with your skilled men and with the skilled men of my master Dawiḏ your father.
[15]"And **now**, the wheat and the barley, the oil and the **wine** which my master has **spoken** of, let him send to his servants.
[16]"And let us *cut* ***wood*** from Leḇanon, as much as you need and bring it to you in rafts by sea to Yapho and you take it up to Yerushalayim."
[17]And Shelomoh numbered **all** the men, the strangers who were in the land of Yisra'ĕl, **according** to the census in which Dawiḏ his father had numbered them and they were **found** to be one hundred and fifty-three thousand six hundred.
[18]And he made seventy thousand of them to bear burdens and eighty thousand hewers *of stone* in the mountain and three thousand six hundred overseers to make the people work.

3 And Shelomoh began to build the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓶ at Yerushalayim on Mount Moriyah, where **He** appeared to his father Dawiḏ, at the place that Dawiḏ had prepared on the threshing-floor of Ornan the Yeḇusite.
[2]And he began to build on the second **day of** the second month in the fourth year of his reign.
[3]And these are the foundations which Shelomoh laid for building the **House of**

Elohim: The length by cubits **according** to the former measure were sixty cubits and the width twenty cubits.
[4]And the porch that was in front was twenty cubits long **according** to the breadth of the house and the height was one hundred and twenty. And he overlaid the inside with **clean** gold.
[5]And the **great** house he panelled with cypress which he overlaid with fine gold and he *carved* palm trees and chainwork on it.
[6]And he covered the house with **precious** stones for comeliness and the gold was gold from Parwayim.
[7]And he overlaid the house, the beams, the doorposts and its walls and its **doors** with gold and *carved* kerubim on the walls.
[8]And he made the House of the Most Set-apart. Its length was **according** to the width of the house, twenty cubits and its width twenty cubits. And he overlaid it with fine gold, six hundred talents.
[9]And the weight of the nails was fifty sheqels of gold. And he overlaid the upper rooms with gold.
[10]In the Most **Set-apart** House he made two kerubim of sculptured **work** and overlaid them with gold.
[11]And the wings of the kerubim: their *total* length was twenty cubits, one wing was five cubits, touching the wall of the room and the other wing was five cubits, touching the wing of the other kerub,
[12]and the wing of the other kerub was five cubits, touching the wall of the room and the other wing also was five cubits, touching the wing of the other kerub.
[13]The wings of these kerubim spread out twenty cubits and they stood on their feet and they faced inward.
[14]And he made the veil of blue and purple and crimson and fine linen and worked kerubim on it.
[15]And at the front of the House he made two columns thirty-five cubits high and the capital that was on the top of each of them was five cubits.
[16]And he made wreaths of chainwork, as in the Speaking **Place** and put them on top of the columns. And he made one hundred pomegranates and put them on the wreaths of chainwork.
[17]And he set up the columns before the Hěḵal, one on the **right** and the other on the left and called the name of the one on the **right** Yaḵin and the name of the one on the left Bo'az.

4 And he made an altar of bronze, twenty cubits long and twenty cubits wide and ten cubits high.
[2]And he made the Sea of *cast metal*, ten cubits from one rim to the other, round **all** about. And its height was five cubits and a line of thirty cubits measured around it.
[3]And figures like oxen were under it, **all** around it, ten to a cubit, **all** the **way** around the Sea. Two rows of oxen were *cast* when it was cast.
[4]It stood on twelve oxen, three facing north and three facing west and three facing south and three facing east. And the Sea was set upon them and **all** their back parts were inward.
[5]And it was a handbreadth thick and its rim was shaped like the rim of a **cup,** like a lily blossom. It held three thousand baths.
[6]And he made ten basins and put five on the **right** side and five on the left, to wash in them. In them they rinsed off what pertains to the burnt offering, but the Sea was for the priests to wash in.
[7]And he made ten lampstands of gold **according** to their ruling and set them in the Hěḵal, five on the **right** side and five on the left.
[8]And he made ten tables and placed them in the Hěḵal, five on the **right** side and five on the left. And he made one hundred bowls of gold.
[9]And he made the courtyard of the priests and the **great** court and **doors** for the court. And he overlaid these **doors** with bronze.
[10]And he placed the Sea on the **right** side, eastward over *against* the south.
[11]And Ḥuram made the pots and the shovels and the bowls. So Ḥuram **completed** doing the **work** that he was

to do for Sovereign Shelomoh for the House of **Elohim**:
[12]the two columns and the bowl-shaped capitals that were on top of the two columns and the two networks to cover the two bowl-shaped capitals which were on top of the columns;
[13]and four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowlshaped capitals that were on the columns.
[14]And he made stands and the basins on the stands,
[15]one Sea and twelve oxen under it;
[16]and the pots and the shovels and the forks. And **all** their vessels Ḥuram his master craftsman made of polished bronze for Sovereign Shelomoh for the House of ꓎YHWH.
[17]On the plain of Yarděn the sovereign had them *cast* in clay moulds, between Sukkoth and Tserĕḏathah.
[18]And Shelomoh made so large a number of **all** these vessels that the weight of the bronze was not searched out.
[19]And Shelomoh had **all** the furnishings made for the House of **Elohim** and the altar of gold and the tables on which was the showbread,
[20]and the lampstands with their **lamps** of refined gold, to burn **according** to **right-ruling** in front of the Speaking **Place,**
[21]and the blossoms and the **lamps** and the snuffers of gold, of **perfect** gold,
[22]and the snuffers and the bowls and the ladles and the *fire* holders of refined gold. And the entrance to the House, its inner **doors** to the Most **Set-apart Place** and the **doors** of the hĕḵal of the House, were of gold.

5 And **all** the **work** that Shelomoh had done for the House of ꓎YHWH was completed.
And Shelomoh brought in the set-apart items of his father Dawiḏ: the silver and the gold and **all** the utensils. And he put them in the treasuries of the House of **Elohim**.
[2]And Shelomoh **assembled** the elders of Yisra'ĕl and **all** the heads of the tribes, the chief fathers of the children of Yisra'ĕl, in Yerushalayim, to bring up the ark of the **covenant** of ꓎YHWH from the City of Dawiḏ, which is Tsiyon.
[3]And **all** the men of Yisra'ĕl **assembled** to the sovereign at the **festival,** which was in the seventh month.
[4]And **all** the elders of Yisra'ĕl came and the Lĕwites took up the ark,
[5]and they brought up the ark, the **Tent** of Meeting and **all** the set-apart utensils that were in the **Tent**. The Lĕwite priests brought them up.
[6]And Sovereign Shelomoh and **all** the congregation of Yisra'ĕl who were **assembled** to him before the ark, were slaughtering so many sheep and cattle that *could not* be counted or numbered.
[7]And the priests brought in the ark of the **covenant** of ꓎YHWH to its place, into the Speaking Place of the House, to the Most **Set-apart Place,** under the wings of the kerubim.
[8]For the kerubim spread their wings over the place of the ark and the kerubim covered over the ark and its poles.
[9]And the poles were so long that the ends of the poles of the ark were **seen** from the set-apart place, in front of the Speaking **Place,** but they were not **seen** from outside.
And they are there to this day.
[10]There was naught in the ark but the two tablets which Mosheh put there at ḤoreḆ, when ꓎YHWH made a **covenant** with the children of Yisra'ĕl, when they came out of Mitsrayim.
[11]And it came to be when the priests came out of the Most **Set-apart Place** – for **all** the priests who were present had set themselves apart, there was none to **watch** by division –
[12]and the Lĕwite singers, **all** those of Asaph and Hĕman and YeḏuthuN, with their sons and their brothers, stood at the east end of the altar, dressed in white

linen, having cymbals and harps and lyres and with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets.
13***Then*** it came to be, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be **heard** in praising and thanking ꓤYHWH and when they lifted up their **voice** with the trumpets and with cymbals and with instruments of song and giving **praise** to ꓤYHWH, "For **He** is **good**, for **His kindness** is **everlasting**," that the house, the House of ꓤYHWH, was filled with a cloud,
14and the priests were *unable* to **stand** and perform the service **because** of the cloud, for the **esteem** of ꓤYHWH filled the House of **Elohim**.

6 ***Then*** Shelomoh said, "ꓤYHWH has said **He** would dwell in the dark cloud.
2"***But*** I have built **You** an exalted house and a place for **You** to dwell in **forever**."
3And the sovereign turned around and **blessed all** the assembly of Yisra'ĕl, while **all** the assembly of Yisra'ĕl stood.
4And he said, **"Blessed** be ꓤYHWH **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, who has filled with **His** hands what **He** spoke with **His mouth** to my father Dawiḏ, saying,
5'From the day that I brought **My people** out of the land of Mitsrayim, I have **chosen** no city from any tribe of Yisra'ĕl in which to build a house for **My Name** to be there, *nor did* I choose any man to be a leader over **My people** Yisra'ĕl.
6'***But*** I have **chosen** Yerushalayim, for **My Name** to be there. And I have **chosen** Dawiḏ to be over **My people** Yisra'ĕl.'
7"And it was in the **heart** of my father Dawiḏ to build a House for the **Name** of ꓤYHWH **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl.
8"***But*** ꓤYHWH said to my father Dawiḏ,
'**Because** it was in your **heart** to build a House for **My Name,** you did well in that it was in your **heart.**
9'***But*** *you do not* build the house, for your son who **comes** forth from your loins, he does build the House for **My Name.**'
10"**Now** ꓤYHWH has **established His word** which **He** spoke and I have been **raised** up instead of my father Dawiḏ and sit on the throne of Yisra'ĕl, as ꓤYHWH **promised**. And I have built the House for the **Name** of ꓤYHWH **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl.
11"And there I have placed the ark, in which is the **covenant** of ꓤYHWH which **He** made with the children of Yisra'ĕl."
12And he stood before the altar of ꓤYHWH in front of **all** the assembly of Yisra'ĕl and spread out his hands –
13for Shelomoh had made a bronze platform five cubits long and five cubits broad and three cubits high and had put it in the **midst** of the court. And he stood on it and knelt down on his knees before **all** the assembly of Yisra'ĕl and spread out his hands toward the heavens –
14and said, "ꓤYHWH **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, there is no **Elohim** in the heavens or on earth like **You, guarding** the **covenant** and **kindness** with **Your** servants who **walk** before **You** with **all** their **heart,**
15who has **guarded** what **You** promised **Your** servant Dawiḏ myfather. Indeed, **You** have both **spoken** with **Your mouth** and have filled it with **Your hand,** as it is this day.
16"And **now**, ꓤYHWH **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, **guard** what **You promised Your** servant Dawiḏ my father, saying, 'There is not to cease a man of yours before **Me,** sitting on the throne of Yisra'ĕl – only, ***if*** your sons **guard** their **way,** to **walk** in **My Torah** as you have walked before **Me.**'
17"And **now**, O ꓤYHWH **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, let **Your word come true** which **You** have **spoken** to **Your** servant Dawiḏ.
18"For is it true: **Elohim** dwells with men on the earth!
See, the heavens and the heavens of the heavens are *unable* to contain **You,** how much less this House which I have built!
19"Yet, ***shall*** **You** turn to the prayer of

Your servant and his supplication, O ֵיהוָה my **Elohim**, to **listen** to the cry and to the prayer which **Your** servant is praying before **You?**

[20]"For **Your** eyes to be **open** toward this House day and night, toward the place **You** have said to put **Your Name** there, to **listen** to the prayer which **Your** servant prays toward this place.

[21]"And ***shall*** **You** give **heed** to the supplications of **Your** servant and of **Your people** Yisra'ĕl, when they pray toward this place and **hear** from **Your** dwelling place, in the heavens and ***shall*** **hear** and forgive?

[22]"***If*** anyone *sins* <u>*against*</u> his neighbour and he has lifted up an **oath** on him, to **cause** him to swear and **comes** and swears before **Your** altar in this House,

[23]then **hear** in the heavens and act and **rightly rule Your** servants, *repaying* the ***wrong*** by bringing his *way* on his own head and **declare right** the **righteous** by giving him **according** to his **righteousness**.

[24]"And if **Your people** Yisra'ĕl are *smitten* before an enemy **<u>because</u>** they have *sinned* <u>*against*</u> **You** and they ***shall turn*** **back** and **confess Your Name** and pray and make supplication before **You** in this House,

[25]then **hear** in the heavens and **forgive** the *sin* of **Your people** Yisra'ĕl and bring them back to the land which **You** gave to them and their fathers.

[26]"***When*** the heavens are shut up and there is no rain **<u>because</u>** they have *sinned* <u>*against*</u> **You** and *they* ***shall*** pray toward this place and **confess Your Name** and turn from *their sin* **<u>because</u> You** *afflict them*,

[27]then **hear** in the heavens and **forgive,** the *sin* of **Your** servants, **Your people** Yisra'ĕl – for **You teach** them the **good way** in which they should **walk** – and ***shall*** send rain on **Your** land which **You** have **given** to **Your people** as an inheritance.

[28]"***When*** there is *scarcity of food* in the land; when there is *pestilence, blight,* mildew, locusts or grasshoppers; when their enemies *distress* them in the land of their cities; any *plague* or any sickness;

[29]**whatever** prayer, ***whatever*** supplication is made by anyone, or by **all Your people** Yisra'ĕl, when each one **knows** his own *plague* and his own grief and spreads out his hands to this house,

[30]then **hear** from the heavens **Your** dwelling place and **forgive** and give to everyone **according** to **all** his ways, whose **heart You know** – for **You** alone **know** the **hearts** of the sons of men –

[31]so that they **fear You,** to **walk** in *your ways* as long as they **live** in the land which You gave to our fathers.

[32]"Also, concerning a foreigner, who is not of **Your people** Yisra'ĕl, but who **comes** from a far land for the sake of **Your great Name** and **Your strong hand** and **Your** outstretched arm, when they **come** and pray in this House,

[33]then **hear** from the heavens **Your** dwelling place and do **according** to **all** which the foreigner calls to **You** for, so that **all** the people of the earth **know Your Name** and **fear You,** as do **Your people** Yisra'ĕl and **to know** that this House which I have built is called by **Your Name**.

[34]"***When*** **Your people** go out to battle <u>*against*</u> their enemies, in the **way** that **You** send them and they ***shall*** pray to **You** toward this city which **You** have **chosen** and toward the House which I have built for **Your Name,**

[35]then ***shall*** You **hear** from the heavens their prayer and their supplication and maintain their **cause?**

[36]"***When*** they *sin* <u>*against*</u> **You** – for there is no one who *does not sin* – and **You** become **enraged** with them and give them to the enemy and they take them captive to a land far or near,

[37]and they ***shall turn*** **back** unto their **heart,** in the land where they have been taken captive and ***shall*** turn and make supplication to **You** in the land of their captivity, saying,'We have *sinned*, have *acted crookedly* and have done ***wrong***,'

[38]and when they **return** to **You** with **all** their **heart** and with **all** their being in the land of their captivity, where they have taken them captive and they ***shall*** pray

toward their land which **You** gave to their fathers and the city which **You** have **chosen** and toward the House which I have built for **Your Name,**
[39]then ***shall*** **You hear** from the heavens, **Your** dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications and maintain their **cause** and **forgive, Your people** who have *sinned <u>against</u>* **You?**
[40]"**Now**, my **Elohim**, I pray, let **Your** eyes be **open** and let **Your ears** be attentive to the prayer of this place.
[41]"And **now**, arise, O **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ Elohim**, to **Your** resting place, **You** and the ark of **Your** strength. **Let Your** priests, O **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ Elohim**, be robed with **deliverance** and let **Your kind** ones **rejoice** in **goodness**.
[42]"O **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ Elohim**, *do not* turn away the face of **Your anointed**; ***remember*** the **kind** acts of **Your** servant Dawiḏ."

7 And when Shelomoh had ended praying, *fire* came down from the heavens and *consumed* the burnt offering and the slaughterings and the **esteem** of **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ filled** the **House**.
[2]And the priests were *unable to enter* the House of **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**, **<u>because</u>** the **esteem** of **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** had **filled** the House of **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**.
[3]And **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl **saw** how the *fire* came down and the **esteem** of **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** on the House and they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement and did obeisance and gave **thanks** to **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**, saying, "For **He** is **good**, for **His kindness** is **everlasting**."
[4]And the sovereign and **all** the people were making offerings before **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**.
[5]And Sovereign Shelomoh made an offering of twenty-two thousand bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. Thus the sovereign and **all** the people **dedicated** the House of **Elohim**.
[6]And the priests were standing over their duties and the Lĕwites with instruments of the song to **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**, which Sovereign Dawiḏ had made to give **thanks** to **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**, saying, "For **His kindness** is **everlasting**," whenever Dawiḏ p**raised** by their **hand.** And the priests were blowing trumpets before them and **all** Yisra'ĕl were standing.
[7]And Shelomoh set-apart the middle of the courtyard that was in front of the House of **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ**, for there he made burnt offerings and the fat of the **peace** offerings, **<u>because</u>** the bronze altar which Shelomoh had made was not able to contain the burnt offerings and the grain offerings and the fat.
[8]And Shelomoh at that **time observed** the **Festival** seven days and **all** Yisra'ĕl with him, a **very great** assembly from the entrance of Ḥamath to the wadi of Mitsrayim.
[9]And on the eighth day they held an **assembly,** for they performed the **dedication** of the altar seven days and the **festival** seven days.
[10]And on the twenty-third **day of** the seventh month he **sent** the people away to their tents, rejoicing and **glad** of **heart** for the **goodness** that **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** had done for Dawiḏ and for Shelomoh and for **His** people Yisra'ĕl.
[11]Thus Shelomoh **finished** the House of **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** and the sovereign's house. And **all** that came into the **heart** of Shelomoh to do in the House of **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ** and in his own house, he prosperously *executed*.
[12]And **꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ appeared** to Shelomoh by night and said to him, "I have **heard** your prayer and have **chosen** this place for **Myself** as a house of slaughtering.
[13]"***If*** I ***shut*** up the heavens and there is no rain, or ***if*** I **command** the locusts to *devour* the land, or ***if*** I ***send*** *pestilence* among **My people**,
[14]and **My people** upon whom **My Name** is called, ***shall*** humble themselves and pray and **seek My** face and turn from their *evil ways*, ***then*** I ***shall*** **hear** from the heavens and **forgive,** *their sin* and **heal** *their* land.
[15]"**Now**, **My** eyes are **open** and **My ears** attentive to the prayer of this place.
[16]"And **now**, I have **chosen** and set this house apart for **My Name** to be there **forever**. **My** eyes and **My heart *shall* always** be there.

17"And you, ***if*** you **walk** before **Me** as your father Dawiḏ walked and do **according** to **all** that I have **commanded** you and ***if*** you **guard My laws** and **My right-rulings**,
18***then*** **I *shall* establish** the throne of your reign, as I **covenanted** with Dawiḏ your father, saying,'There is not to cease a man of yours as ruler in Yisra'ĕl.'
19"***But if*** you *turn away* and *forsake* **My laws** and **My commands** which I have set before you and ***shall*** go and ***serve*** other *mighty ones* and ***bow*** yourself to *them*,
20then I ***shall*** *pluck* them from **My** land, which I have **given** them and this house which I have set-apart for **My Name** I ***shall*** *cast out* of **My sight** and make it to be a proverb and a *mockery* among **all** peoples.
21"And this house, which has been exalted, everyone who passes by it is ***shall*** **be** astonished and say, '***Why*** has ꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ done thus to this land and this house?'
22"***Then*** they ***shall*** say, '**Because** they ***forsook*** ꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ **Elohim** of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim and *embraced* other *mighty ones* and *bowed* themselves to *them* and *served them*, therefore **He** has brought **all *this evil*** on them.' "

8 And it came to be at **the end** of twenty years, that Shelomoh had built the House of ꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ and his own house.
2As to the cities which Ḥuram had **given** to Shelomoh, Shelomoh had built them and he settled the children of Yisra'ĕl there.
3And Shelomoh went to Ḥamath Tsoḇah and *seized* it.
4And he built Taḏmor in the wilderness and **all** the storage cities which he built in Ḥamath.
5And he built Upper Bĕyth Ḥoron and Lower Bĕyth Ḥoron, cities of defence, with walls, gates and bars,
6also Ba'alath and **all** the storage cities that Shelomoh had and **all** the chariot cities and the cities of the cavalry and **all** that Shelomoh desired to build in Yerushalayim and in Leḇanon and in **all** the land of his **rule.**
7All the people who were left of the Ḥittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Ḥiwwites and the Yeḇusites, who were not of Yisra'ĕl –
8their descendants who were left in the land after them, whom the children of Yisra'ĕl *did not destroy* – from these Shelomoh **raised** compulsory labour, as it is to this day.
9And Shelomoh *did not* make slaves of the children of Yisra'ĕl for his **work,** but they were men of battle and chiefs of his officers and commanders of his chariots and his cavalry.
10And these were the chiefs of the officials of Sovereign Shelomoh: two hundred and fifty, who ruled over the people.
11And Shelomoh brought the daughter of Pharaoh up from the City of Dawiḏ to the house he had built for her, for he said, "My wife *does not* dwell in the house of Dawiḏ sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, for *the place* where the ark of ꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ has come, is set-apart."
12***Then*** Shelomoh offered burnt offerings to ꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ on the altar of ꓎ꓨ꓎ꓩ which he had built before the porch,
13even as the duty of **every** day required, offering **according** to the **command** of Mosheh, for the **Sabbaths,** for the **New Moons** and for the **appointed times** *three times* a year:The **Festival of Unleavened Bread**, **Festival of weeks** and the **Festival of Booths**.
14And **according** to the ruling of Dawiḏ his father, he **appointed** the divisions of the priests for their service, the Lĕwites for their duties,
to **praise** and **serve** before the priests, as the duty of each day required and the gatekeepers by their divisions at each gate, for so was the **command** of Dawiḏ the man of **Elohim**.
15And they *did not* turn aside from the **command** of the sovereign to the priests and Lĕwites concerning any matter or

concerning the treasuries.
16And **all** the **work** of Shelomoh was prepared from the **day of** the foundation of the House of ꓤYHWH until it was completed.
And the House of ꓤYHWH was perfected.
17***Then*** Shelomoh went to Etsyon Geḇer and Ěyloth on the seacoast, in the land of Eḏom.
18And Ḥuram **sent** him ships by the **hand** of his servants and servants who **knew** the sea. And they went with the servants of Shelomoh to Ophir and took four hundred and fifty talents of gold from there and brought it to Sovereign Shelomoh.

9 And the sovereigness of Sheḇa **heard** of the report of Shelomoh and came to Yerushalayim to try Shelomoh with hard questions, with a **very great** company and camels bearing spices and much gold, and **precious** stones. And she came to Shelomoh and she spoke with him about **all** that was in her **heart.**
2And Shelomoh answered **all** her questions. And there was no matter *hidden* for Shelomoh which he *did not* make **known** to her.
3And the sovereigness of Sheḇa **saw** the **wisdom** of Shelomoh and the house that he had built,
4and the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the service of his waiters and their attire and his cupbearers and their attire and his burnt offerings that he offered up in the House of ꓤYHWH and there was no more spirit in her.
5***Then*** she said to the sovereign, "True was the **word** I **heard** in my own land about your **words** and your **wisdom**.
6"***But*** I *did not believe* their **words** until I came and **saw** with my own eyes. And **see,** I have not been told the half of the greatness of your **wisdom**! You exceed the report which I **heard**.
7**"Blessed** are your men and **blessed** are these your servants, who **stand** continually before you and **hear** your **wisdom**!
8**"Blessed** be ꓤYHWH your **Elohim**, who **delighted** in you, to put you on **His** throne to be sovereign for ꓤYHWH your **Elohim**! **Because** your **Elohim** has **loved** Yisra'ĕl, to **establish** them **forever**, therefore **He** made you sovereign over them, to do **right-ruling** and **righteousness**."
9And she gave the sovereign one hundred and twenty talents of gold and **very** many spices and **precious** stones. And there has not been any spices such as those the sovereigness of Sheḇa gave to Sovereign Shelomoh.
10And also, the servants of Ḥuram and the servants of Shelomoh, who brought gold from Ophir, brought algum ***wood*** and **precious** stones.
11And the sovereign made stairs of the algum ***wood*** for the House of ꓤYHWH and for the sovereign's house, also lyres and harps for singers. And there was never **seen** the like of them before in the land of Yahuḏah.
12And Sovereign Shelomoh gave to the sovereigness of Sheḇa **all** she desired, ***whatever*** she asked, besides that which she had brought to the sovereign. And she turned and went to her own land, she and her servants.
13And the weight of gold that came to Shelomoh yearly was *six* hundred and *sixty-six* talents of gold,
14besides that which the *merchants* and traders brought. And **all** the sovereigns of Araḇia and governors of the land were bringing gold and silver to Shelomoh.
15And Sovereign Shelomoh made two hundred large shields of *beaten* gold – six hundred pieces of *beaten* gold went into each shield,
16and three hundred shields of *beaten* gold – three hundred pieces of gold went into each shield. And the sovereign put them in the House of the Forest of Leḇanon.
17And the sovereign made a **great** throne of ivory and overlaid it with **clean** gold,
18and six steps *led* to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne; and there were armrests on either side of the place of the seat and

two lions stood beside the armrests.
[19]And twelve lions were standing there, one on each side of the six steps. The like of it was not in any reign.
[20]And **all** the drinking vessels of Sovereign Shelomoh were of gold and **all** the vessels of the House of the Forest of Leḇanon were of refined gold – silver was reckoned of *little* value in the days of Shelomoh.
[21]For the sovereign's ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Ḥuram. Once in three years the ships of Tarshish came, bringing gold and silver, ivory, apes and baboons.
[22]And Sovereign Shelomoh became greater than **all** the sovereigns of the earth in riches and **wisdom**.
[23]And **all** the sovereigns of the earth sought the presence of Shelomoh to **hear** his **wisdom,** which **Elohim** had put in his **heart.**
[24]And each man brought his present: objects of silver and objects of gold and garments and armour and spices, horses and mules, the matter of a year by year.
[25]And Shelomoh had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots and twelve thousand horsemen whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the sovereign at Yerushalayim.
[26]And he ruled over **all** the sovereigns from the River to the land of the Philistines, as far as the border of Mitsrayim.
[27]And the sovereign made silver in Yerushalayim as the stones and he made cedar trees as plenty as the sycamores which are in the low country.
[28]And they were bringing horses to Shelomoh from Mitsrayim and from **all** lands.
[29]And the rest of the acts of Shelomoh, **first** and **last,** are they not **written** in the **book** of Nathan the **prophet** and in the prophecy of Aḥiyah the Shilonite and in the **visions** of Iddo the **seer** concerning Yaroḇ'am son of Neḇat?
[30]And Shelomoh reigned in Yerushalayim over **all** Yisra'ĕl forty years.
[31]So Shelomoh slept with his fathers and was buried in the City of Dawiḏ his father. And Reḥaḇ'am his son reigned in his place.

10 And Reḥaḇ'am went to Sheḵem, for **all** Yisra'ĕl had gone to Sheḵem to set him up to reign.
[2]And it came to be, when Yaroḇ'am son of Neḇat **heard** it – he was in Mitsrayim where he had fled from the presence of Shelomoh the sovereign – that Yaroḇ'am returned from Mitsrayim.
[3]So they **sent** for him and called him. And Yaroḇ'am and **all** Yisra'ĕl came and spoke to Reḥaḇ'am, saying,
[4]"'Your father made our yoke hard and **now**, lighten the hard service of your father and his *heavy* yoke which he put on us, then we ***shall*** **serve** you."
[5]And he said to them, **"Come back** to me after three days." And the people went.
[6]***Then*** Sovereign Reḥaḇ'am consulted the elders who stood before his father Shelomoh while he still lived, saying, "***What*** do you advise me to answer these people?"
[7]And they spoke to him, saying, "***If*** you are **good** to these people and ***shall*** please them and **speak good words** to them, they ***shall*** **be** your servants **all** the days."
[8]***But*** he *ignored* the advice the elders gave him and consulted the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him.
[9]And he said to them, "***What*** advice do you give? ***How*** should we answer this people who have **spoken** to me, saying, 'Lighten the yoke which your father put on us'?"
[10]And the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying,
"Say this to the people who have **spoken** to you, saying, '**Your** father made our yoke heavy, but you make it lighter on us.' **Say** this to them, **'My** *little* **finger** is thicker than my father's waist!
[11]'And **now**, my father put a *heavy*

yoke on you, but I, I add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I with scourges!' "
12So Yarob̲'am and **all** the people came to Reḥab̲'am on the third day, as the sovereign **commanded**, saying, **"Come back** to me the third day."
13And the sovereign answered them harshly. Thus Sovereign Reḥab̲'am *ignored* the advice of the elders,
14and spoke to them **according** to the advice of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I, I add to it; my father chastised you with whips, but I with scourges!"
15So the sovereign *did not* **listen** to the people, for the turn *of events* was from **Elohim**, **in order** for ꓤYHZ to **establish His word,** which **He** had **spoken** by the **hand** of Aḥiyahu the Shilonite to Yarob̲'am son of Neḇat.
16And when **all** Yisra'ĕl **saw** that the sovereign *did not* **listen** to them, the people answered the sovereign, saying, "***What*** portion have we in Dawiḏ? We have no **inheritance** in the son of Yishai. Every man to your *mighty ones*, O Yisra'ĕl! **Now see** to your own house, O Dawiḏ!" So **all** Yisra'ĕl went to their tents.
17***But*** as for the children of Yisra'ĕl who dwelt in the cities of Yahuḏah, Reḥab̲'am reigned over them.
18***Then*** Sovereign Reḥab̲'am **sent** Hadoram, who was over the compulsory labour and the children of Yisra'ĕl stoned him with stones and he *died.*
And Sovereign Reḥab̲'am hastily mounted his chariot to ***flee*** to Yerushalayim.
19Thus Yisra'ĕl revolted *against* the house of Dawiḏ to this day.

11 And when Reḥab̲'am came to Yerushalayim, he **assembled** from the house of Yahuḏah and Binyamin one hundred and eighty thousand **chosen** brave men to *fight against* Yisra'ĕl, to bring back the **reign** to Reḥab̲'am.
2***But*** the **Word** of ꓤYHZ came to Shemayahu the man of **Elohim**, saying,
3**"Speak** to Reḥab̲'am son of Shelomoh, sovereign of Yahuḏah and to **all** Yisra'ĕl in Yahuḏah and Binyamin, saying,
4'Thus said ꓤYHZ, "***Do*** *not* go up or *fight against* your brothers! **Let every** man **return** to his house, for this matter is from **Me.**" ' So they **obeyed** the **words** of ꓤYHZ and turned back from going *against* Yarob̲'am.
5Reḥab̲'am dwelt in Yerushalayim and built cities for a defence in Yahuḏah.
6And he built Bĕyth Leḥem, Ĕytam and Teqowa,
7Bĕyth Tsur and Soḵo and Aḏullam,
8and Gath and Marĕshah and Ziph,
9and Aḏorayim and Laḵish and Azĕqah,
10and Tsor'ah and Ayalon and Ḥeḇron, which are in Yahuḏah and Binyamin, cities of defence.
11And he strengthened the *strongholds* and put commanders in them and stores of food and oil and **wine**,
12and shields and spears in **every** city and made them **very** strong.Thus Yahuḏah and Binyamin were his.
13And from **all** their borders the priests and the Lĕwites who were in **all** Yisra'ĕl took their **stand** with him.
14For the Lĕwites left their **open** lands and their possessions and came to Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim, for Yarob̲'am and his sons had *rejected* them from serving as priests unto ꓤYHZ,
15as he **appointed** for himself priests for the *high places* and for goats and the *calf idols* which he had made.
16And after the Lĕwites left, those from **all** the tribes of Yisra'ĕl, such as set their **heart** to **seek** ꓤYHZ **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, came to Yerushalayim to offer to ꓤYHZ **Elohim** of their fathers.
17And they strengthened the **reign** of Yahuḏah and made Reḥab̲'am son of Shelomoh **strong** for three years, for they walked in the **way** of Dawiḏ and Shelomoh for three years.
18And Reḥab̲'am took for himself as wife Maḥalath the daughter of Yerimoth

son of Dawiḏ and of Aḇihayil the daughter of Eliyaḇ son of Yishai.
[19]And she bore him sons: Ye'ush and Shemaryah and Zaham.
[20]And after her he took Ma'aḵah the granddaughter of Aḇshalom. And she bore him Aḇiyah and Attai and Ziza and Shelomith.
[21]And Reḥaḇ'am **loved** Ma'aḵah the granddaughter of Aḇshalom more than **all** his wives and his concubines. For he had taken eighteen wives and sixty concubines and brought forth twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters.
[22]And Reḥaḇ'am **appointed** Aḇiyah son of Ma'aḵah as chief, to be leader among his brothers, **in order** to make him reign.
[23]And he had **understanding** and *dispersed* some of his sons throughout **all** the lands of Yahuḏah and Binyamin, to **all** the cities of defence and gave them ample provision. And he sought many wives *for them*.

12 And it came to be, when Reḥaḇ'am had **established** the **reign** and had strengthened himself, that he ***forsook*** the **Torah** of ֱיְהוָה and **all** Yisra'ĕl with him.
[2]And it came to be, in the fifth year of Sovereign Reḥaḇ'am, that Shishaq sovereign of Mitsrayim came up *against* Yerushalayim – **because** they had trespassed *against* ֱיְהוָה –
[3]with twelve hundred chariots and sixty thousand horsemen and innumerable people who came with him out of Mitsrayim: the Luḇim, the Sukkites and the Kushites.
[4]And he took the cities of defence of Yahuḏah and came to Yerushalayim.
[5]And Shemayah the **prophet** came to Reḥaḇ'am and the rulers of Yahuḏah, who had been gathered in Yerushalayim **because** of Shishaq and said to them, "Thus said ֱיְהוָה, 'You have ***forsaken*** **Me** and therefore I also have left you in the **hand** of Shishaq.' "
[6]***Then*** the rulers of Yisra'ĕl and the sovereign humbled themselves and they said, "ֱיְהוָה is righteous."
[7]And when ֱיְהוָה **saw** that they humbled themselves, the **Word** of ֱיְהוָה came to Shemayah, saying, "They have humbled themselves. I *do not destroy* them, but I ***shall*** give to them some **deliverance** and not **pour out My wrath** on Yerushalayim by the **hand** of Shishaq,
[8]but they are to become his servants, so that they **know My** service and the service of the reigns of the lands."
[9]And Shishaq sovereign of Mitsrayim came up *against* Yerushalayim and took away the treasures of the House of ֱיְהוָה and the treasures of the sovereign's house. **He** took **all,** he also took the gold shields which Shelomoh had made.
[10]And Sovereign Reḥaḇ'am made bronze shields to replace them and committed them into the hands of the chiefs of the guard, who **guarded** the entrance of the sovereign's house.
[11]And it came to be, whenever the sovereign went into the House of ֱיְהוָה, the **guard** would go and bring them out, then they would take them back into the guardroom.
[12]And when he humbled himself, the *wrath* of ֱיְהוָה turned from him, so as not to *destroy* him **completely.** And matters also went well in Yahuḏah.
[13]So Sovereign Reḥaḇ'am strengthened himself in Yerushalayim and reigned. For Reḥaḇ'am was forty-one years old when he became sovereign and he reigned seventeen years in Yerushalayim, the city which ֱיְהוָה had **chosen** out of **all** the tribes of Yisra'ĕl, to put **His Name** there.And his mother's name was Na'amah, the Ammonitess.
[14]And he did *evil*, **because** he *did not* **prepare** his **heart** to **seek** ֱיְהוָה.
[15]And the acts of Reḥaḇ'am, the **first** and the **last,** are they not **written** in the **book** of Shemayah the **prophet** and of Iddo the **seer** concerning genealogies? And there was *fighting* between Reḥaḇ'am and Yaroḇ'am **all** the days.
[16]So Reḥaḇ'am slept with his fathers and was buried in the City of Dawiḏ.

And Aḇiyah his son reigned in his place.

13 In the eighteenth year of Sovereign Yarobʿam, Aḇiyah began to **reign** over Yahuḏah.
[2]**He** reigned three years in Yerushalayim. And his mother's name was Miḵayahu the daughter of Uri'ĕl of Gibʿah. And there was *fighting* between Aḇiyah and Yarobʿam.
[3]And Aḇiyah joined battle with an army of mighty men of battle, four hundred thousand choice men. And Yarobʿam drew up in battle formation *against* him with eight hundred thousand choice men, mighty brave men.
[4]And Aḇiyah stood on Mount Tsemarayim, which is in the mountains of Ephrayim and said, **"Hear** me, Yarobʿam and **all** Yisra'ĕl:
[5]"'***Do*** you not **know** that **ꓤꓬꓤꓩ Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl has **given** the **reign** over Yisra'ĕl to Dawiḏ **forever**, to him and his sons, by a **covenant** of salt?
[6]"Yet Yarobʿam son of Neḇat, the servant of Shelomoh son of Dawiḏ, rose up and *rebelled against* his master.
[7]"And vain men gathered to him, sons of Beliyaʿal and strengthened themselves *against* Reḥaḇʿam son of Shelomoh, when Reḥaḇʿam was young and tender of **heart** and *could not* **stand** *against* them.
[8]"'And **now** you *think* to **stand** *against* the **reign** of **ꓤꓬꓤꓩ**, which is in the **hand** of the sons of Dawiḏ. And you are a large crowd and with you are the gold calves which Yarobʿam made for you as *mighty ones*.
[9]"'Have you not *thrown* out the priests of **ꓤꓬꓤꓩ**, the sons of Aharon and the Lĕwites and made for yourselves priests, like the peoples of the lands, so that ***whoever*** **comes** to ordain himself with a young bull and seven rams then becomes a priest of *what are* not *mighty ones*?
[10]"'***But*** as for us, **ꓤꓬꓤꓩ** is our **Elohim** and we have not ***forsaken*** **Him** and priests are serving **ꓤꓬꓤꓩ**, the sons of Aharon and the Lĕwites, in the **work,**
[11]and are *burning* to **ꓤꓬꓤꓩ every** morning and **every evening** burnt offerings and **sweet** incense and the showbread is *set* on the **clean** table and the **lampstand** of gold with its **lamps** to burn **every evening**, for we are **guarding** the Charge of **ꓤꓬꓤꓩ** our **Elohim**. ***But*** you have ***forsaken*** **Him.**
[12]"'And **see,** with us as Head is **Elohim Himself** and **His** priests with sounding trumpets to sound the *alarm against* you. O children of Yisra'ĕl, *do not fight against* **ꓤꓬꓤꓩ Elohim** of your fathers, for you are not going to prosper!"
[13]***But*** Yarobʿam **sent** round an ambush to go behind them, so they were in front of Yahuḏah and the ambush was behind them.
[14]And Yahuḏah turned and **saw** the battle was both in front and behind them. ***Then*** they *cried out* to **ꓤꓬꓤꓩ** and the priests sounded the trumpets.
[15]And the men of Yahuḏah gave a shout. And it came to be, as the men of Yahuḏah shouted, that **Elohim** *smote* Yarobʿam and **all** Yisra'ĕl before Aḇiyah and Yahuḏah.
[16]And the children of Yisra'ĕl fled before Yahuḏah and **Elohim** gave them into their **hand.**
[17]And Aḇiyah and his people *smote* them with a **great** slaughter and five hundred thousand choice men of Yisra'ĕl fell slain.
[18]And the children of Yisra'ĕl were humbled at that **time,** while the children of Yahuḏah prevailed, **<u>because</u>** they ***relied*** on **ꓤꓬꓤꓩ Elohim** of their fathers.
[19]And Aḇiyah pursued Yarobʿam and captured cities from him: Bĕyth Ĕl with its villages and Yeshanah with its villages and Ephron with its villages.
[20]And Yarobʿam *did not* regain **power** again in the days of Aḇiyahu. And **ꓤꓬꓤꓩ** *smote* him and he *died.*
[21]***But*** Aḇiyah grew **strong** and took fourteen wives and brought forth twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters.
[22]And the rest of the acts of Aḇiyah and his ways and his **words** are **written** in the commentary of the **prophet** Iddo.

14 So Aḇiyah slept with his fathers and they buried him in the City of Dawiḏ. And Asa his son reigned in his place. In his days the land rested ten years.
2And Asa did what was **good** and what was **right** *in the eyes* of ꓤYHWH his **Elohim**,
3and removed the altars of the stranger and the *high places* and broke down the *pillars* and *cut down* the Ashĕrim,
4and **commanded** Yahuḏah to **seek** ꓤYHWH **Elohim** of their fathers and to do the **Torah** and the **command.**
5And he removed the *high places* and the ***sun-****pillars* from **all** the cities of Yahuḏah and the **reign** rested under him.
6And he built cities of defence in Yahuḏah, since the land had rest and he had no *fighting* in those years, **<u>because</u>** ꓤYHWH had **given** him rest.
7And he said to Yahuḏah, "**Let** us build these cities and make walls around them and towers, gates and bars, while the land is yet before us, **<u>because</u>** we have sought ꓤYHWH our **Elohim**. We have sought and **He** has **given** us rest **all** around." So they built and prospered.
8And Asa had an army of three hundred thousand men from Yahuḏah bearing shields and spears and from Binyamin two hundred and eighty thousand men bearing shields and drew bows. All of them were mighty brave men.
9And Zeraḥ the Kushite came out *<u>against</u>* them with an army of a million men and three hundred chariots and he came to Marĕshah.
10And Asa went out *<u>against</u>* him and they set battle in array in the Valley of Tsephathah at Marĕshah.
11And Asa called to ꓤYHWH his **Elohim** and said, "ꓤYHWH, there is no one but You to help between the mighty and the powerless. Help us, O ꓤYHWH our **Elohim**, for we rest on **You** and in **Your Name** we go *<u>against</u>* this crowd. O ꓤYHWH, **You** are our **Elohim**, *do not* let man **prevail** *<u>against</u>* **You**!"
12So ꓤYHWH *smote* the Kushites before Asa and Yahuḏah and the Kushites fled.
13And Asa and the people who were with him pursued them to Gerar. And the Kushites fell, until none was left **alive** for them, for they were broken before ꓤYHWH and **His** army. And they took **very** much spoil,
14and *smote* **all** the cities around Gerar, for the **fear** of ꓤYHWH came upon them. And they plundered **all** the cities, for there was exceedingly much spoil in them.
15And they also *smote* the camps of the herdsmen and captured many sheep and camels and returned to Yerushalayim.

15 And the **Spirit** of **Elohim** came upon Azaryahu son of Oḏĕḏ.
2And he went out to face Asa and said to him, **"Hear** me, Asa and **all** Yahuḏah and Binyamin. ꓤYHWH is with you while you are with **Him.** And if you **seek Him, He** is **found** by you, but if you *forsake* **Him, He** *forsakes* you.
3"And for many days Yisra'ĕl has been without the **true Elohim** and without a **Torah** priest and without **Torah**.
4"***But*** in their *distress* they turned to ꓤYHWH **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl and they s**ought Him** and **He** was **found** by them.
5"And in those days there was no **peace** to the one who went out, nor to the one who came in, for **great** disturbances were on **all** the inhabitants of the lands,
6and they were *beaten* down, nation by nation and city by city, for **Elohim** *troubled* them with **every** *distress.*
7"***But*** you, be **strong** and *do not* let your hands be feeble, for there is a reward for your work!"
8And when Asa **heard** these **words** and the prophecy of Oḏĕḏ the **prophet,** he took courage and removed the **<u>abominations</u>** from **all** the land of Yahuḏah and Binyamin and from the cities which he had taken in the mountains of Ephrayim and restored the altar of ꓤYHWH that was before the

porch of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄,
[9]and gathered **all** Yahuḏah and Binyamin and those who sojourned with them from Ephrayim and Menashsheh and Shim'on, for they came over to him in **great** numbers from Yisra'ĕl when they **saw** that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 his **Elohim** was with him.
[10]And they gathered **together** at Yerushalayim in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the **reign** of Asa,
[11]and offered to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 on that day seven hundred bulls and seven thousand sheep from the spoil which they had brought.
[12]And they entered into a **covenant** to **seek** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **Elohim** of their fathers with **all** their **heart** and with **all** their being;
[13]and ***whoever*** *would not* **seek** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl would be put to *death,* from small to great, from man to woman.
[14]And they **swore** to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 with a loud **voice**, with shouting and with trumpets and with rams' horns.
[15]And **all** Yahuḏah rejoiced concerning the oath, for they had sworn with **all** their **heart** and sought **Him** with **all** their being.
And **He** was **found** by them and 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 gave them rest **all** around.
[16]And he also removed Ma'aḵah, the mother of Asa the sovereign, from being sovereigness mother, **because** she had made an **abominable** *image* of Ashĕrah. And Asa *cut down* her **abominable** *image* and crushed it and *burned* it by the wadi Qiḏron.
[17]Yet the *high places* were not removed from Yisra'ĕl. However, the **heart** of Asa was **perfect all** his days.
[18]And he brought into the House of **Elohim** the set-apart items of his father and his own set-apart items: silver and gold and utensils.
[19]And there was no more *fighting* until the thirty-fifth year of the **reign** of Asa.

16 In the thirty-sixth year of the **reign** of Asa, Ba'asha the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl came up *against* Yahuḏah and built Ramah, to prevent anyone going out or **coming** in to Asa, sovereign of Yahuḏah.
[2]And Asa brought silver and gold from the treasuries of the House of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and of the sovereign's house and **sent** to BenHaḏaḏ sovereign of Aram, who dwelt in Damascus, saying,
[3]"**Let** there be a **covenant** between you and me, as there was between my father and your father. **See,** I have **sent** you silver and gold. **Come,** *break* your **covenant** with Ba'asha sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, so that he withdraws from me."
[4]And Ben-Haḏaḏ **listened** to Sovereign Asa and **sent** the commanders of his armies *against* the cities of Yisra'ĕl and they *smote* Iyon and Dan and Aḇĕl Mayim and **all** the storage cities of Naphtali.
[5]And it came to be, when Ba'asha **heard** it, that he *stopped* building Ramah and ceased his work.
[6]***Then*** Asa the sovereign brought **all** Yahuḏah and they took away the stones and timber of Ramah, which Ba'asha had used for building. And with them he built Geḇa and Mitspah.
[7]And at that **time** Ḥanani the **seer** came to Asa sovereign of Yahuḏah and said to him, "**Because** you have ***relied*** on the sovereign of Aram and have not ***relied*** on 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**, therefore the army of the sovereign of Aram has **escaped** from your **hand.**
[8]"Were the Kushites and the Luḇim not a mighty army with **very** many chariots and horsemen? And **because** you ***relied*** on 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, **He** gave them into your **hand.**
[9]"For the eyes of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **diligently search** throughout **all** the earth, to **show Himself strong** on behalf of those whose **heart** is **perfect** to **Him.** You have *acted* foolishly in this, so from **now** on you ***shall*** have battles."
[10]And Asa was *wroth* with the seer and put him in prison, for *he was* **enraged** at him **because** of this. And Asa *oppressed* some of the people at that **time.**

[11]And look, the acts of Asa, the **first** and the **last, see,** they are **written** in the **book** of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah and Yisra'ĕl.
[12]And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became ***diseased*** in his feet and his *disease* was *severe.* Yet even in his *disease* he *did not* **seek** ꓤYꓤZ, but the physicians.
[13]So Asa slept with his fathers and died in the forty-first year of his reign.
[14]And they buried him in his own tomb, which he had made for himself in the City of Dawiḏ. And they laid him in the bed which was filled with spices and various kinds of ointments mixed by the perfumer's skill. And they made a **very great** *burning* for him.

17 And Yehoshaphat his son reigned in his place and strengthened himself *against* Yisra'ĕl,
[2]and placed an army in **all** the walled cities of Yahuḏah and set watch-posts in the land of Yahuḏah and in the cities of Ephrayim which Asa his father had taken.

[3]And ꓤYꓤZ was with Yehoshaphat, for he walked in the former **ways** of his father Dawiḏ and *did not* **seek** the Ba'als,
[4]but sought the **Elohim** of his father and walked in **His commands** and not **according** to the **deeds** of Yisra'ĕl.
[5]So ꓤYꓤZ established the reign in his hand. **All** Yahuḏah gave presents to Yehoshaphat and he had **great** riches and esteem.
[6]His **heart** was exalted in the **ways** of ꓤYꓤZ and he again removed the *high places* and the Ashĕrim from Yahuḏah.
[7]In the third year of his **reign** he **sent** his leaders, Ben-Ḥayil, Oḇaḏyah and Zeḵaryah, Nethanĕ'l and Miḵayahu, to **teach** in the cities of Yahuḏah.
[8]And with them he **sent** Lĕwites: Shemayahu and Nethanyahu and Zeḇaḏyahu and Asah'ĕl and Shemiramoth and Yehonathan and Aḏoniyahu and Toḇiyahu and Toḇaḏoniyah, the Lĕwites and with them Elishama and Yehoram, the priests.
[9]And they **taught** in Yahuḏah and with them was the **Book** of the **Torah** of ꓤYꓤZ. And they went around into **all** the cities of Yahuḏah and **taught** the people.
[10]And the **fear** of ꓤYꓤZ fell on **all** the reigns of the lands that were around Yahuḏah and they *did not fight against* Yehoshaphat.
[11]And some of the Philistines brought Yehoshaphat gifts and a load of silver. And the Araḇians brought him flocks, seven thousand seven hundred rams and seven thousand seven hundred male goats.
[12]And Yehoshaphat became increasingly great and he built palaces and storage cities in Yahuḏah.
[13]And he had much **work** in the cities of Yahuḏah. And the men of battle, mighty brave men, were in Yerushalayim.
[14]And these were their numbers, **according** to their fathers' houses: Of Yahuḏah, the commanders of thousands: Aḏnah the commander and with him three hundred thousand mighty brave men;
[15]and next to him was Yehoḥanan the commander and with him two hundred and eighty thousand;
[16]and next to him was Amasyah son of Zikri, who volunteered himself to ꓤYꓤZ and with him two hundred thousand mighty brave men.
[17]And of Binyamin: Elyaḏa, a mighty brave one and with him two hundred thousand men armed with bow and shield;
[18]and next to him was Yehozaḇaḏ and with him one hundred and eighty thousand prepared for battle.
[19]These were the ones serving the sovereign, besides those whom the sovereign put in the walled cities throughout **all** Yahuḏah.

18 And Yhoshaphat had **great**

riches and esteem and allied himself with Aḥaḇ by marriage.
[2]And some years later he went down to **visit** Aḥaḇ in Shomeron. And Aḥaḇ slaughtered many sheep and cattle for him and the people with him and incited him to go up with him to Ramoth Gil'ad.
[3]And Aḥaḇ sovereign of Yisra'ĕl said to Yehoshaphat sovereign of Yahuḏah, "***Do*** you go with me *against* Ramoth Gil'ad?" And he answered him, "I am as you are and my people as your people, even with you in battle."
[4]And Yehoshaphat said to the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, "Please **inquire** for the **Word** of ꓤYHWH today."
[5]And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl gathered the prophets together, four hundred men and said to them, "***Do*** we go *against* Ramoth Gil'ad to battle, or do I refrain?" And they said, "Go up, for **Elohim** does give it into the sovereign's **hand.**"
[6]***But*** Yehoshaphat said, "Is there not still a **prophet** of ꓤYHWH here, so that we **inquire** of him?"
[7]And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl said to Yehoshaphat, "There is still one man to **inquire** of ꓤYHWH from him; but I *hate* him, **because** he never prophesies **good** concerning me, but **always** *evil*. **He** is Miḵayehu, the son of Yimla." And Yehoshaphat said, "**Let** not the sovereign say so!"
[8]So the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl called one of his officers and said, "Bring Miḵayehu son of Yimla at once!"
[9]And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl and Yehoshaphat the sovereign of Yahuḏah, dressed in their robes, sat each on his throne. And they sat at a threshing-floor at the entrance of the gate of Shomeron. And **all** the prophets were prophesying before them.
[10]And Tsiḏqiyahu son of Kena'anah had made horns of iron for himself and said, "Thus said ꓤYHWH, 'With these you push the Arameans until they are *destroyed*.' "
[11]And **all** the prophets were prophesying so, saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gil'ad and prosper and ꓤYHWH ***shall*** give it into the **hand** of the sovereign."
[12]And the messenger who had gone to **call** Miḵayehu spoke to him, saying, "**See,** the **words** of the prophets with one **mouth** are **good** towards the sovereign. So please let your **word** be like the **word** of one of them and you ***shall*** **speak good**."
[13]And Miḵayehu said, "**As** ꓤYHWH **lives**, ***whatever*** my **Elohim** says, that I speak."
[14]And he came to the sovereign. And the sovereign said to him, "Miḵah, do we go *against* Ramoth Gil'ad to battle, or do I refrain?" And he said, "Go and prosper and they are **given** into your **hand!**"
[15]And the sovereign said to him, "***How*** many times have I made you swear that *you do not* **speak** to me, ***except*** the **truth**, in the **Name** of ꓤYHWH?"
[16]So he said, "I **saw all** Yisra'ĕl *scattered* on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And ꓤYHWH said, 'These have no **Master. Let** each **return** to his house in peace.' "
[17]And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl said to Yehoshaphat, "Did I not say to you that he *would not* prophesy **good** concerning me, but *evil*?"
[18]Then he said, "Therefore **hear** the **Word** of ꓤYHWH: I **saw** ꓤYHWH sitting on **His** throne and **all** the host of the heavens standing on **His right** and on **His** left.
[19]"And ꓤYHWH said, '***Who shall*** entice Aḥaḇ sovereign of Yisra'ĕl to go up and *fall* at Ramoth Gil'ad?' And one said this and another said that.
[20]"And a spirit came forward and stood before ꓤYHWH and said, '**Let** me entice him.' ꓤYHWH said to him,'In what way?'
[21]"And he said, 'I ***shall*** go out and be a spirit of *falsehood* in the **mouth** of **all** his **prophets.**' And **He** said, 'Entice him and also prevail. Go out and do so.'
[22]"And **now**, **see,** ꓤYHWH has put a spirit of false hood in the **mouth** of these prophets of yours and ꓤYHWH has spoken *evil* concerning you." said to the driver of his chariot, "Turn around and take me out of the battle, for I am wounded."

[23]And Tsiḏqiyahu son of Kena'anah came **near** and *smote* Miḵayehu on the cheek and said, "Which **way** did the spirit of ֵיהוָה pass over from me to **speak** to you?"
[24]And Miḵayehu said, "Look, you ***shall*** **see** on that day when you go into an inner room to hide!"
[25]***Then*** the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl said, "Take Miḵayehu and **return** him to Amon the governor of the city and to Yo'ash the sovereign's son,
[26]and say, 'Thus said the sovereign, "Put this one in prison and feed him with **bread** of *affliction* and water of *affliction* until I **return** in peace." ' "
[27]And Miḵayehu said, "***If*** you **return** at **all** in peace, ֵיהוָה has not **spoken** by me." And he said, **"Hear, all** you people!"
[28]***Then*** the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl and Yehoshaphat the sovereign of Yahuḏah went up to Ramoth Gil'ad.
[29]And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl said to Yehoshaphat,
"**Let** me disguise myself and go into battle, but you put on your robes." And the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl disguised himself and they went into battle.
[30]And the sovereign of Aram had **commanded** the commanders of the chariots who were with him, saying, "Fight with no one small or great, but only with the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl."
[31]And it came to be, when the commanders of the chariots **saw** Yehoshaphat, that they said, "It is the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl!" So they turned around to *fight <u>against</u>* him and Yehoshaphat *cried out* and ֵיהוָה helped him and **Elohim** moved them to turn away from him.
[32]And it came to be, when the commanders of the chariots **saw** that it was not the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, that they turned back from pursuing him.
[33]And a man drew a bow in his simplici ty and *smote* the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl between the joints of his armour. And he
[34]***But*** the battle increased that day and the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl was propped up in his chariot facing the Arameans until **evening** and he died at the **time** of the going down of the sun.

19 And Yehoshaphat the sovereign of Yahuḏah returned to his house in peace in Yerushalayim.
[2]And Yĕhu son of Ḥanani the **seer** went out to face him and said to Sovereign Yehoshaphat, "***Do*** you help the ***wrong*** and **love** those who *hate* ֵיהוָה? Therefore the *wrath* of ֵיהוָה is upon you.
[3]"***But*** **good** matters are **found** in you, in that you have removed the Ashĕroth from the land and have prepared your **heart** to **seek Elohim**."
[4]So Yehoshaphat dwelt in Yerushalayim and he went out again among the people from Be'ĕrsheḇa to the hill country of Ephrayim and brought them back to ֵיהוָה **Elohim** of their fathers.
[5]And he **appointed** judges in the land in **all** the walled cities of Yahuḏah, city by city,
[6]and said to the judges, "**Watch** what you are doing, for *you do not* **judge** for man, but for ֵיהוָה who is with you in the matter of right-ruling.
[7]"And **now**, let the **fear** of ֵיהוָה be upon you. **Guard** and do it, for there is no *unrighteousness* with ֵיהוָה our **Elohim**, nor *partiality*, nor taking of *bribes*."
[8]And in Yerushalayim Yehoshaphat also **appointed** some of the Lĕwites and priests and some of the chief fathers of Yisra'ĕl, for the **right-ruling** of ֵיהוָה and for dispute. ***Then*** they returned to Yerushalayim.
[9]And he **commanded** them, saying, "***Do*** this in the **fear** of ֵיהוָה, trustworthily and with a **perfect** heart:
[10]"***When*** any *dispute* **comes** to you from your brothers who dwell in their cities, between **blood** and **blood,** between **Torah** and **command, laws** and **right-rulings**, then you ***shall*** **warn** them, lest they *trespass <u>against</u>* ֵיהוָה and *wrath* **come** upon

you and your brothers. ***Do*** this and you ***shall*** not be *guilty*.
[11]"And look, Amaryahu the chief priest is over you in **all** matters of **ꓤYHWH**. And Zeḇaḏyahu son of Yishmaʿěl, the ruler of the house of Yahuḏah, for **all** the matters of the sovereign and the Lĕwites are officials before you. Be **strong** and do and **ꓤYHWH** is with the **good**."

20 And after this it came to be that the children of Moʾaḇ and the children of Ammon came in and with them some of the peoples, *against* Yehoshaphat to battle.
[2]And they came and spoke to Yehoshaphat, saying, "A **great** army is **coming** *against* you from beyond the sea, from Aram. And **see,** they are in Ḥatsatson Tamar," which is Ěn Geḏi.
[3]And Yehoshaphat was *afraid* and set his face to **seek ꓤYHWH** and
proclaimed a fast throughout **all** Yahuḏah.
[4]And Yahuḏah gathered to **inquire** of **ꓤYHWH**, even from **all** the cities of Yahuḏah they came to **seek ꓤYHWH**.
[5]And Yehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim, in the House of **ꓤYHWH**, in front of the new courtyard,
[6]and said, "O **ꓤYHWH Elohim** of our fathers, are You not **Elohim** in the heavens and do You not **rule** over **all** the reigns of the nations and in **Your hand** is there not **power** and might, so that no one **is able** to **stand** *against* **You?**
[7]"Are You not our **Elohim**? You have *driven* out the inhabitants of this land before **Your people** Yisraʾěl and gave it to the seed of Aḇrahim **Your** friend **forever**.
[8]"And they dwell in it and have built You a set-apart place in it for **Your Name,** saying,
[9]'***If*** *evil* does **come** upon us, such as the *sword,* judgment, or pestilence, or *scarcity of food*, we ***shall*** **stand** before this House and in **Your** presence – for **Your Name** is in this House – and cry out to You in our *distress* and You do **hear** and save.'
[10]"And **now**, **see,** the children of Ammon and Moʾaḇ and Mount Sĕʿir, whom You *would not* let Yisraʾěl invade when they came out of the land of Mitsrayim, for they turned from them and *did not destroy* them,
[11]and **see,** they are repaying us by **coming** in to *drive* us out of **Your** possession which You have **given** us to inherit.
[12]"O our **Elohim**, would You not **judge** them? For we are powerless *against* this **great** army that is **coming** *against* us. And we *do not* **know** what to do, but our eyes are upon **You.**"
[13]And **all** Yahuḏah, with their *little* ones, their wives and their children, stood before **ꓤYHWH**.
[14]And the **Spirit** of **ꓤYHWH** came upon Yaḥaziʾěl son of Zeḵaryahu, son of Benayah, son of Yeʿiʾěl,
son of Mattanyah, a Lĕwite of the sons of Asaph, in the **midst** of the **assembly,**
[15]and he said, "**Listen**, **all** Yahuḏah and you inhabitants of Yerushalayim and Sovereign Yehoshaphat! Thus said **ꓤYHWH** to you, '***Do*** *not* **fear,** nor be *afraid* of the face of this **great** army, for the battle is not yours, but **Elohim**'s.
[16]'Go down *against* them **tomorrow**. **See,** they are **coming** up by the ascent of Tsits and you ***shall*** find them at **the end** of the wadi before the Wilderness of Yeruʾěl.
[17]'It is not for you to *fight* in this. Position yourselves, **stand** still and **see** the **deliverance** of **ꓤYHWH** with you, O Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim!' ***Do*** *not* be *afraid* nor **fear,** go out *against* them **tomorrow**, for **ꓤYHWH** is with you."
[18]And Yehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground and **all** Yahuḏah and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim fell down before **ꓤYHWH**, to bow themselves before **ꓤYHWH**.
[19]And the Lĕwites, of the children of the Qehathites and of the children of the Qorḥites stood up to **praise ꓤYHWH Elohim** of Yisraʾěl with exceedingly

loud **voice**.
[20]And they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Teqowa. And as they went out, Yehoshaphat stood and said, **"Hear** me, O Yahuḏah and you inhabitants of Yerushalayim: Trust in ֱיְהוָה your **Elohim** and be steadfast, **trust His** prophets and prosper."
[21]And after consulting with the people, he **appointed** those who should sing to ֱיְהוָה and who should **praise** the splendour of set-apartness, as they went out before the army and were saying, "Give **thanks** to ֱיְהוָה, for **His kindness** is **everlasting**."
[22]And when they began singing and praising, ֱיְהוָה set ambushes *against* the children of Ammon, Mo'aḇ and Mount Sĕʿir, who had **come** *against* Yahuḏah and they were smitten.
[23]***Then*** the children of Ammon and Mo'aḇ stood up *against* the inhabitants of Mount Sĕʿir to *destroy* and *annihilate* them. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Sĕʿir, they helped to *destroy* one another.
[24]And when Yahuḏah came at the lookout in the wilderness, they **looked** toward the army and **saw** their *dead* bodies, *lying* on the ground and none had **escaped**.
[25]And Yehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil and they **found** among them a **great** amount of valuables on the *dead* bodies and **precious** jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could take away. And they were three days plundering the spoil, for it was much.
[26]And on the fourth day they **assembled** in the Valley of Beraḵah, for there they **blessed** ֱיְהוָה. Therefore the **Name** of that place was called The Valley of Beraḵah to this day.
[27]***Then*** they returned, **every** man of Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim, with Yehoshaphat in front of them, to go back to Yerushalayim with joy, for ֱיְהוָה had made them **rejoice** over their enemies.
[28]And they came to Yerushalayim, with harps and lyres and trumpets, to the House of ֱיְהוָה.
[29]And the **fear** of **Elohim** was on **all** the reigns of the lands when they **heard** that ֱיְהוָה had fought *against* the enemies of Yisra'ĕl.
[30]***Then*** the **reign** of Yehoshaphat was at peace, for his **Elohim** gave him rest on **all** sides.
[31]Thus Yehoshaphat reigned over Yahuḏah – thirty-five years old when he began to reign and he reigned twenty-five years in Yerushalayim. And his mother's name was Azuḇah the daughter of Shilḥi.
[32]And he walked in the **way** of his father Asa and *did not* turn aside from it, doing what was **right** *in the eyes* of ֱיְהוָה.
[33]Only, the *high places* were not taken away, for as yet the people had not prepared their **hearts** for the **Elohim** of their fathers.
[34]And the rest of the acts of Yehoshaphat, the **first** and the **last, see,** they are **written** in the **book** of Yĕhu son of Ḥanani, which is mentioned in the **book** of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl.
[35]And after this Yehoshaphat sovereign of Yahuḏah joined himself with Aḥazyah sovereign of Yisra'ĕl. **He** did ***wrong*** in doing so.
[36]And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish and they made the ships in Etsyon Geḇer.
[37]***Then*** Eliʿezer son of Doḏawahu of Marĕshah prophesied *against* Yehoshaphat, saying, "**Because** you have joined yourself with Aḥazyahu, ֱיְהוָה ***shall*** *break* up your work." And the ships were wrecked, so that they were *unable* to go to Tarshish.

21 And Yehoshaphat slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the City of Dawiḏ. And Yehoram his son reigned in his place.
[2]And he had brothers, the sons of Yehoshaphat: Azaryahu and Yeḥi'ĕl and

Zeḳaryahu and Azaryahu and Miḳa'ĕl and Shephatyahu. All these were sons of Yehoshaphat sovereign of Yisra'ĕl.

[3]And their father gave them many gifts of silver and gold and **precious** items, with walled cities in Yahuḏah, but he had **given** the **reign** to Yehoram **because** he was the first-born.

[4]And when Yehoram had risen up over the **reign** of his father and made himself **strong,** he slew **all** his brothers with the *sword* and also others of the heads of Yisra'ĕl.

[5]Yehoram was thirty-two years old when he began to reign and he reigned eight years in Yerushalayim.

[6]And he walked in the **way** of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl, as the house of Aḥaḇ had done, for he had the daughter of Aḥaḇ as a wife. And he did *evil in the eyes* of יהוה.

[7]However, יהוה *would not destroy* the house of Dawiḏ, **because** of the **covenant He** had made with Dawiḏ and since **He** had **promised** to give a **lamp** to him and to his sons, **all** the days.

[8]In his days the Eḏomites revolted from under the **hand** of Yahuḏah and **appointed** a sovereign over themselves.

[9]***Then*** Yehoram went out with his officers and **all** his chariots with him. And it came to be that he rose by night and *smote* the Eḏomites who had surrounded him and the commanders of the chariots.

[10]Thus the Eḏomites revolted from under the **hand** of Yahuḏah to this day. ***Then*** Liḇnah revolted from under his **hand,** **because** he had ***forsaken*** יהוה **Elohim** of his fathers.

[11]**He** had also made *high places* in the mountains of Yahuḏah and **caused** the inhabitants of Yerushalayim to *commit whoring* and led Yahuḏah *astray*.

[12]And a letter came to him from Ĕliyahu the **prophet,** saying, Thus said יהוה **Elohim** of your father Dawiḏ, "**Because** you have not walked in the **ways** of Yehoshaphat your father, or in the **ways** of Asa sovereign of Yahuḏah,

[13]but have walked in the **way** of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl and have made Yahuḏah and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim to *commit whoring* like the *whorings* of the house of Aḥaḇ and also have *slain* your brothers, those of your father's household, who were better than yourself,

[14]see, יהוה is going to *strike* with a **great blow** among your people, your children, your wives and **all** your possessions,

[15]and you, with many *sicknesses*, with *disease* of your intestines, until your intestines **come out** **because** of the sickness, day by day."

[16]And יהוה stirred up the spirit of the Philistines *against* Yehoram and of the Araḇians who were **near** the Kushites.

[17]And they came up into Yahuḏah and broke into it and captured **all** the possessions that were **found** in the sovereign's house and also his sons and his wives, so that there was not a son left to him ***except*** Yeho'aḥaz, the youngest of his sons.

[18]And after **all** this יהוה *plagued* him in his intestines with a *disease* for which there was no healing.

[19]And it came to be in the course of **time,** at **the end** of two years, that his intestines came out **because** of his sickness and he died in **great** pain. And his people made no *burning* for him, like the *burning* for his fathers.

[20]**He** was thirty-two years old when he began to reign and he reigned eight years in Yerushalayim, to no one's regret and passed away. And they buried him in the City of Dawiḏ, but not in the tombs of the sovereigns.

22 And the inhabitants of Yerushalayim set up Aḥazyahu his youngest son to **reign** in his place, for the raiding band that came with the Araḇians into the camp had *slain* **all** the older sons. So Aḥazyahu son of Yehoram, sovereign of Yahuḏah, reigned.

[2]Aḥazyahu was forty-two years old when he began to reign and he reigned in Yerushalayim one year. And his mother's

name was Athalyahu the granddaughter of Omri.

[3]He too walked in the *ways* of the house of Aḥaḇ, for his mother counselled him to do *wrong.*

[4]And he did *evil in the eyes* of ֲיהוָה, like the house of Aḥaḇ, for they were his counsellors after the *death* of his father, to his ***destruction.***

[5]He also walked in their counsel and went with Yehoram son of Aḥaḇ sovereign of Yisra'ĕl to *fight <u>against</u>* Ḥaza'ĕl sovereign of Aram at Ramoth Ġil'ad. And the Arameans *smote* Yoram,

[6]and he returned to Yizre'ĕl to recover from the *wounds* which he had received at Ramah, when he fought *<u>against</u>* Ḥaza'ĕl sovereign of Aram. And Ȧzaryahu son of Yehoram, sovereign of Yahuḏah, went down to **see** Yehoram son of Aḥaḇ in Yizre'ĕl, for he was *sick,*

[7]***But*** from **Elohim** came the downfall of Aḥazyahu, through his **coming** to Yoram. For when he came he went out with Yehoram *<u>against</u>* Yĕhu son of Nimshi, whom ֲיהוָה had **anointed** to *cut off* the house of Aḥaḇ.

[8]And it came to be, when Yĕhu was executing judgment on the house of Aḥaḇ, that he **found** the rulers of Yahuḏah and the sons of Aḥazyahu's brothers who **served** Aḥazyahu and slew them.

[9]So he searched for Aḥazyahu and they ***caught*** him while he was hiding in Shomeron and brought him to Yĕhu and put him to *death,* then buried him, for they said, "He is the son of Yehoshaphat, who sought ֲיהוָה with **all** his **heart.**" And there was none in the house of Aḥazyahu **strong** enough to reign.

[10]And when Athalyahu the mother of Aḥazyahu **saw** that her son was *dead,* she rose up and ***destroyed*** **all** the offspring of the **reign** of the house of Yahuḏah.

[11]***But*** Yehoshaḇ'ath, the daughter of the sovereign, took Yo'ash son of Aḥazyahu and stole him away from among the sovereign's sons who were slain and put him and his nurse in a bedroom. So Yehoshaḇ'ath, the daughter of Sovereign Yehoram, the wife of Yehoyaḏa the priest, **<u>because</u>** she was the sister of Aḥazyahu, hid him from Athalyahu so that she *could not* put him to *death.*

[12]And he was *hidden* with them in the House of **Elohim** for six years, while Athalyah was **reigning** over the land.

23 And in the seventh year Yehoyaḏa strengthened himself and made a **covenant** with the commanders of hundreds: Azaryah son of Yeroḥam and Yishma'ĕl son of Yehoḥanan and Azaryahu son of Oḇĕḏ and Ma'asĕyahu son of Aḏayahu and Ēlishaphat son of Zikri.

[2]And they went about through Yahuḏah and gathered the Lĕwites from **all** the cities of Yahuḏah and the chiefs of the fathers of Yisra'ĕl and they came to Yerushalayim.

[3]And **all** the assembly made a **covenant** with the sovereign in the House of **Elohim**. And he said to them, "**See,** the son of the sovereign is to reign, as ֲיהוָה has said of the sons of Dawiḏ.

[4]"'This is what you do: One-third of you *entering* on the **Sabbath,** of the priests and the Lĕwites, gatekeepers of the thresholds;

[5]and one-third are at the sovereign's house and one-third at the Gate of the Foundation, while **all** the people are in the courtyards of the House of ֲיהוָה.

[6]"'And let no one **come** into the House of ֲיהוָה ***except*** the priests and those of the Lĕwites who **serve** – they go in, for they are set-apart. ***But*** **all** the people are to **guard** the Charge of ֲיהוָה.

[7]"'And the Lĕwites ***shall*** surround the sovereign on **all** sides, **every** man with his weapons in his **hand.** And ***whoever*** **comes** into the house, let him be put to *death.* And be with the sovereign when he **comes** in and when he goes out."

[8]And the Lĕwites and **all** Yahuḏah did **according** to **all** that Yehoyaḏa the priest **commanded**. And each man took his men who were to **come** in on the

Sabbath, with those going out on the **Sabbath,** for Yehoyaḏa the priest *did not* dismiss the divisions.

[9]And Yehoyaḏa the priest gave to the commanders of hundreds the spears and the large and small shields which had been Sovereign Dawiḏ's, that were in the House of **Elohim**.

[10]And he set **all** the people, **every** man with his weapon in his **hand,** from the **right** side of the House to the left side of the House, along by the altar and by the House, **all** around the sovereign.

[11]And they brought out the son of the sovereign and put on him the diadem and the Witness and set him up to reign. ***Then*** Yehoyaḏa and his sons **anointed** him and said, "**Let** the sovereign live!"

[12]And Athalyahu **heard** the noise of the people running and praising the sovereign and she came to the people in the House of ꓤYHWH,

[13]and **looked** and **saw** the sovereign standing by his column at the entrance. And the chiefs and the trumpeters were beside the sovereign and **all** the people of the land rejoicing and blowing trumpets, also the singers with instruments of song and those who led in praise. ***Then*** Athalyahu tore her garments and said, "Treason! Treason!"

[14]And Yehoyaḏa the priest brought out the commanders of hundreds who were set over the army and said to them, "Take her outside the ranks and *slay* with the *sword* ***whoever*** **follow**s her." For the priest said, "***Do*** *not kill* her in the House of ꓤYHWH."

[15]So they laid hands on her and she went by **way** of the entrance of the Horse Gate into the sovereign's house and they put her to *death* there.

[16]Yehoyaḏa then made a **covenant** – between himself and the people and the sovereign – to be the people of ꓤYHWH.

[17]And **all** the people went to the house of Ba'al and broke it down. They **completely** broke up its altars and images and slew Mattan the priest of Ba'al before the *altars.*

[18]And Yehoyaḏa put the offices of the House of ꓤYHWH into the **hand** of the priests, the Lĕwites, whom Dawiḏ had assigned in the House of ꓤYHWH, to offer the burnt offerings of ꓤYHWH, as it is **written** in the **Torah** of Mosheh, with rejoicing and with singing, by the hands of Dawiḏ.

[19]And he set the gatekeepers at the gates of the House of ꓤYHWH, so that no one who was in any **way** *unclean* should enter.

[20]And he took the commanders of hundreds and the nobles and the governors of the people and **all** the people of the land and brought the sovereign down from the House of ꓤYHWH. And they went through the Upper Gate to the sovereign's house and set the sovereign on the throne of the reign.

[21]And **all** the people of the land rejoiced. And the city had rest, for they had *slain* Athalyahu with the *sword.*

24 Yo'ash was seven years old when he began to reign and he reigned forty years in Yerushalayim. And the name of his mother was Tsiḇyah of Be'ĕrsheḇa.

[2]And Yo'ash did what was **right** in the **eyes** of ꓤYHWH **all** the days of Yehoyaḏa the priest.

[3]Yehoyaḏa took for him two wives and he brought forth sons and daughters.

[4]And after this it came to be that Yo'ash set his **heart** on restoring the House of ꓤYHWH.

[5]And he gathered the priests and the Lĕwites and said to them, "Go out to the cities of Yahuḏah and **gather** from **all** Yisra'ĕl silver to repair the House of your **Elohim** from year to year and **see** that you hurry the matter." ***But*** the Lĕwites *did not* hurry it.

[6]And the sovereign called Yehoyaḏa the chief and said to him, "***Why*** have you not required the Lĕwites to bring in from Yahuḏah and from Yerushalayim the levy of Mosheh the servant of ꓤYHWH and of the assembly of Yisra'ĕl, for the **Tent** of the Witness?"

[7]For the sons of Athalyahu, that ***wrong*** woman, had broken into the House of **Elohim** and had also prepared **all** the set-apart *vessels* of the House of ꓤYꓤZ to the Ba'als.

[8]So the sovereign **commanded** and they made a chest and set it outside at the gate of the House of ꓤYꓤZ,

[9]and made it **known** in Yahuḏah and in Yerushalayim to bring to ꓤYꓤZ the levy that Mosheh the servant of **Elohim** had imposed on Yisra'ĕl in the wilderness.

[10]And **all** the rulers and **all** the people rejoiced and they brought in and put them into the chest to completion.

[11]And it came to be, at that **time,** when the chest was brought to the sovereign's official by the **hand** of the Lĕwites and when they **saw** that there was much silver, that the sovereign's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest and took it and returned it to its place. So they did day by day and gathered a large amount of silver.

[12]And the sovereign and Yehoyaḏa gave it to those who did the **work** of the service of the House of ꓤYꓤZ. And they hired stonemasons and carpenters to restore the House of ꓤYꓤZ and also those who worked in iron and bronze to repair the House of ꓤYꓤZ.

[13]And the workmen laboured and the work of restoration progressed in their hands and they **established** the House of **Elohim** to its proper form and strengthened it.

[14]And when they had **finished**, they brought the rest of the silver before the sovereign and Yehoyaḏa and they made utensils from it for the House of ꓤYꓤZ, utensils for serving and offering, ladles and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the House of ꓤYꓤZ continually **all** the days of Yehoyaḏa.

[15]And Yehoyaḏa was old and **satisfied** with days and died, one hundred and thirty years old when he *died.*

[16]And they buried him in the City of Dawiḏ among the sovereigns, for he had done **good** in Yisra'ĕl, both toward **Elohim** and **His** house.

[17]And after the *death* of Yehoyaḏa the rulers of Yahuḏah came and bowed themselves to the sovereign. And the sovereign **listened** to them,

[18]and they ***forsook*** the House of ꓤYꓤZ **Elohim** of their fathers and **served** the Ashĕrim and the *idols.* And *wrath* came upon Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim **<u>because</u>** of their *trespass.*

[19]And **He sent** prophets to them, to bring them back to ꓤYꓤZ. And they **witnessed** *<u>against</u>* them, but they *did not* **listen**.

[20]***Then*** the **Spirit** of **Elohim** came upon Zeḵaryah son of Yehoyaḏa the priest, who stood above the people and said to them, "Thus said **Elohim**,

'***Why*** are you *transgressing* the **commands** of ꓤYꓤZ [a]nd *do not* prosper? **<u>Because</u>** you have ***forsaken*** ꓤYꓤZ, **He** has ***forsaken*** you.' "

[21]And they *conspired <u>against</u>* him and at the **command** of the sovereign they stoned him with stones in the courtyard of the House of ꓤYꓤZ.

[22]Thus Yo'ash the sovereign *did not* ***remember*** the **kindness** which Yehoyaḏa his father had done to him and slew his son. And as he died, he said, "ꓤYꓤZ does **see** and repays!"

[23]And it came to be, at the turn of the year, that the army of Aram came up *<u>against</u>* him. And they came into Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim and ***destroyed*** **all** the rulers of the people from among the people and **sent all** their spoil to the sovereign of Damascus.

[24]For the army of Aram came with **few** men, but ꓤYꓤZ gave a **very great** army into their **hand, <u>because</u>** they had ***forsaken*** ꓤYꓤZ **Elohim** of their fathers. So they *executed* judgment *<u>against</u>* Yo'ash.

[25]And when they had withdrawn from him – for they left him **very** *sick* – his own servants *conspired <u>against</u>* him **<u>because</u>** of the **blood** of the sons of Yehoyaḏa the priest and slew him on his bed and he *died.* And they buried him in

the City of Dawiḏ, but they *did not* bury him in the tombs of the sovereigns.
[26]And these are the ones who *conspired* *against* him: Zaḇaḏ the son of Shim'ath the Ammonitess and Yehozaḇaḏ the son of Shimrith the Mo'aḇitess.
[27]As to his sons and the many **words** about him and the rebuilding of the House of **Elohim**, **see,** they are **written** in the commentary of the **book** of the sovereigns. And Amatsyahu his son reigned in his place.

25 Amatsyahu was twenty-five years old when he began to reign and he reigned twenty-nine years in Yerushalayim. And the name of his mother was Yehoaddan of Yerushalayim.
[2]And he did what was **right** *in the eyes* of ꓤYHWH, but not with a **perfect heart.**
[3]And it came to be, when the **reign** was **established** for him, that he slew his servants who had *smitten* his father the sovereign.
[4]***But*** he *did not* put their children to *death,* but did as it is **written** in the **Torah** in the **Book** of Mosheh, where ꓤYHWH **commanded**, saying, "Fathers are not put to *death* for their children and children are not put to *death* for their fathers, but each one has to *die* for his own *sin.*"
[5]And Amatsyahu gathered Yahuḏah and set over them commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, **according** to the fathers' houses, for **all** Yahuḏah and Binyamin. And he registered them from twenty years old and above and **found** them to be three hundred thousand choice men going out to the army, handling spear and shield.
[6]And he hired one hundred thousand mighty brave ones from Yisra'ĕl for one hundred talents of silver.
[7]***But*** a man of **Elohim** came to him, saying, "O sovereign, *do not* let the army of Yisra'ĕl go with you, for ꓤYHWH is not with Yisra'ĕl, with **all** the children of Ephrayim.
[8]"***But*** if you are going, do it! Be **strong** in battle, *else* **Elohim** would make you *fall* before the enemy, for **Elohim** has **power** to help and to overthrow."
[9]And Amatsyahu said to the man of **Elohim**, "***But*** what do we do about the hundred talents which I have **given** to the army of Yisra'ĕl?" And the man of **Elohim** answered, "ꓤYHWH has more to give you than this."
[10]So Amatsyahu dismissed the army that had **come to** him from Ephrayim, to go back home. And they were greatly **enraged** *against* Yahuḏah and they returned home in a *rage.*
[11]And Amatsyahu strengthened himself and led his people and went to the Valley of Salt and *smote* ten thousand of the sons of Sĕ'ir.
[12]And the sons of Yahuḏah took captive another ten thousand **alive** and they brought them to the top of the rock and threw them down from the top of the rock and **all** of them were dashed to pieces.
[13]And the soldiers of the army which Amatsyahu had **sent** back from going with him to battle, they raided the cities of Yahuḏah from Shomeron to Bĕyth Ḥoron and *smote* three thousand in them and took much spoil.
[14]And it came to be, after Amatsyahu came from smiting the Eḏomites, that he brought the *mighty ones* of the people of Sĕ'ir and set them up to be his *mighty ones* and bowed down before them and *burned* incense to them.
[15]Therefore the *displeasure* of ꓤYHWH *burned* *against* Amatsyahu and **He sent** him a **prophet** who said to him, "***Why*** have you sought the *mighty ones* of the people, which *did not* **deliver** their own people from your **hand?**"
[16]And it came to be, as he talked with him, that the sovereign said to him, "Have we **appointed** you counsellor to the sovereign? Stop! ***Why*** should they *smite* you?" ***Then*** the **prophet** *stopped* and said, "I **know** that **Elohim** has counselled to *destroy* you, **because** you have done this and have *not listened* to my counsel."

17And Amatsyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah took counsel and **sent** to Yo'aš son of Yeho'aḥaz, son of Yĕhu, sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, saying, **"Come,** let us look each other in the face!"
18And Yo'ash sovereign of Yisra'ĕl **sent** to Amatsyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah, saying, "The thistle that was in Leḇanon **sent** to the cedar that was in Leḇanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son as wife.' And a wild beast that was in Leḇanon passed by and trampled the thistle.
19"You have said, '**See,** I have *smitten* Eḏom,' and your **heart** has lifted you up to boast. **Now** stay at home, why should you stir up yourself to *evil*, that you should *fall* and Yahuḏah with you?"
20***But*** Amatsyahu *did not* **listen**, for it came from **Elohim**, **in order** to give them into the **hand** of their enemies, **because** they had sought the *mighty ones* of Eḏom.
21So Yo'ash sovereign of Yisra'ĕl went out. And he and Amatsyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah faced one another at Bĕyth Shemesh, which belongs to Yahuḏah.
22And Yahuḏah was *smitten* before Yisra'ĕl and they each fled to his tent.
23And Yo'ash the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl ***caught*** Amatsyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah, son of Yo'ash, son of Yeho'aḥaz, at Bĕyth Shemesh and brought him to Yerushalayim and broke down the wall of Yerushalayim from the Gate of Ephrayim to the Corner Gate, four hundred cubits,
24and *took* **all** the gold and the silver and **all** the utensils that were **found** in the House of **Elohim** with Oḇĕḏ-Eḏom and the treasures of the sovereign's house and hostages and returned to Shomeron.
25And Amatsyahu son of Yo'ash, sovereign of Yahuḏah, lived fifteen years after the *death* of Yo'ash son of Yeho'aḥaz, sovereign of Yisra'ĕl.
26And the rest of the acts of Amatsyahu, from the **first** to the **last, see,** are they not **written** in the **book** of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah and Yisra'ĕl?
27And from the **time** that Amatsyahu turned away from **following** ꓘꓴꓘꓩ, they made a ***conspiracy*** *against* him in Yerushalayim and he fled to Laḵish. And they **sent** after him to Laḵish and *killed* him there,
28and they brought him on horses and buried him with his fathers in the City of Yahuḏah.

26 And **all** the people of Yahuḏah took Uzziyahu, who was sixteen years old and set him up to **reign** instead of his father Amatsyahu.
2He built Ĕyloth and restored it to Yahuḏah, after the sovereign slept with his fathers.
3Uzziyahu was sixteen years old when he began to reign and he reigned fifty-two years in Yerushalayim. And his mother's name was Yeḵolyah of Yerushalayim.
4And he did what was **right** *in the eyes* of ꓘꓴꓘꓩ, **according** to **all** that his father Amatsyahu did.
5And he sought **Elohim** in the days of Zeḵaryahu, who had **understanding** in the **visions** of **Elohim**. And while he sought ꓘꓴꓘꓩ, **Elohim** made him prosper.
6And he went out and fought *against* the Philistines and broke down the wall of Gath and the wall of Yaḇneh and the wall of Ashdoḏ and built cities around Ashdoḏ and among the Philistines.
7And **Elohim** helped him *against* the Philistines and *against* the Araḇians who lived in Gur Baʿal and the Meʿunites.
8And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziyahu. And his name spread as far as the entrance of Mitsrayim, for he strengthened himself greatly.
9And Uzziyahu built towers in Yeru shalayim at the Corner Gate and at the Valley Gate and at the corner buttress and strengthened them.
10And he built towers in the wilderness and dug many wells, for he had much livestock, both in the low country and in the plain, farmers and vinedressers in the mountains and in Karmel, for he **loved** the soil.

[11]And Uzziyah had an army of *fighting* men who went out to battle by divisions, **according** to the number on their roll as prepared by Ye'i'ĕl the scribe and Ma'asĕyahu the officer, under the **hand** of Ḥananyahu, one of the sovereign's commanders.
[12]The total number of the clan chiefs of the mighty brave ones was two thousand six hundred.
[13]And under their **hand** was an army of three hundred and seven thousand five hundred that fought with mighty power, to help the sovereign *against* the enemy.
[14]And Uzziyahu prepared for them, for the entire army, shields and spears and helmets and body armour and bows and sling stones.
[15]And he made machines in Yerushalayim, devised by skilled men, to be on the towers and the corners, to shoot arrows and large stones. And his name spread far and wide, for he was marvellously helped til he became strong.
[16]***But*** when he became **strong** his **heart** was lifted up, to his ***destruction,*** for he trespassed *against* ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ his **Elohim** by *entering* the Hĕḵal of ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ to burn incense on the altar of incense.
[17]And Azaryahu the priest went in after him and with him were eighty priests of ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ, who were brave men.
[18]And they stood up *against* Sovereign Uzziyahu and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziyahu, to burn incense to ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ, but for the priests, the sons of Aharon, who are set-apart to burn incense. Get out of the set-apart place, for you have trespassed and there is no **esteem** to you from ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ **Elohim**."
[19]And Uzziyahu was *wroth*. And he had a censer in his **hand** to burn incense. And while he was *wroth* with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the House of ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ, beside the incense altar.
[20]And Azaryahu the chief priest and **all** the priests **looked** at him and **saw** that he was leprous on his forehead. And they hurried him from there. And he also hurried to get out, **because** ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ had *struck* him.
[21]And Sovereign Uzziyahu was a leper until the **day of** his *death* and dwelt in a seperate house, **because** he was a leper, for he was *cut off* from the House of ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ. And Yotham his son was over the sovereign's house, ruling the people of the land.
[22]And the rest of the acts of Uzziyahu, from the **first** to the **last,** the **prophet** Yeshayahu the son of Amots **wrote**.
[23]So Uzziyahu slept with his fathers and they buried him with his fathers in the field of burial which belonged to the sovereigns, for they said, "He is a leper." And Yotham his son reigned in his place.

27 Yotham was twenty-five years old when he began to reign and he reigned sixteen years in Yerushalayim. And his mother's name was Yerushah the daughter of Tsaḏoq.
[2]And he did what was **right** *in the eyes* of ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ, **according** to **all** that his father Uzziyahu had done. Only, he *did not* **come** into the Hĕḵal of ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ. And the people continued to *act corruptly*.
[3]**He** built the Upper Gate of the House of ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ and he built much on the wall of Ophel.
[4]And he built cities in the hill country of Yahuḏah and in the forests he built palaces and towers.
[5]And he fought with the sovereign of the Ammonites and prevailed over them. And the children of Ammon gave him in that year one hundred talents of silver and ten thousand kors of wheat and ten thousand of barley. This is what the children of Ammon paid him, also in the second and third years.
[6]And Yotham strengthened himself, for he prepared his **ways** before ꓎ꓴ꓎ꓵ his **Elohim**.
[7]And the rest of the acts of Yotham and **all** his battles and his ways, **see,** they are **written** in the **book** of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl and Yahuḏah.
[8]**He** was twenty-five years old when he began to reign and he reigned sixteen years in Yerushalayim.

[9]So Yotham slept with his fathers and they buried him in the City of Dawiḏ. And his son Aḥaz reigned in his place.

28 Aḥaz was twenty years old when he began to reign and he reigned sixteen years in Yerushalayim. And he *did not* do what was **right** *in the eyes* of ꓤꓰꓤꓩ, as his father Dawiḏ had done,

[2]and walked in the **ways** of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl and made *moulded images* for the Ba'als.

[3]And he himself *burned* incense in the Valley of the **Son** of Hinnom and *burned* his children in the *fire*, **according** to the **abominations** of the *gentiles* whom ꓤꓰꓤꓩ dispossessed from before the children of Yisra'ĕl,

[4]and slaughtered and *burned* incense on the *high places* and on the hills and under **every** *green tree.*

[5]Therefore ꓤꓰꓤꓩ his **Elohim** gave him into the **hand** of the sovereign of Aram and they *smote* him and took many of them away as captives and brought them to Damascus. And he was also **given** into the **hand** of the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, who *smote* him with a **great** slaughter.

[6]And Peqaḥ son of Remalyahu slew one hundred and twenty thousand in Yahuḏah in one day, **all** brave men, **because** they had ***forsaken*** ꓤꓰꓤꓩ **Elohim** of their fathers.

[7]And Ziḵri, a mighty man of Ephrayim, slew Ma'asĕyahu son of the sovereign and Azriqam the officer over the house and Elqanah who was second to the sovereign.

[8]And the children of Yisra'ĕl took captive from their brothers two hundred thousand women, sons and daughters. And they also *seized* from them much spoil and they brought the spoil to Shomeron.

[9]***But*** a **prophet** of ꓤꓰꓤꓩ was there, whose name was Oḏĕḏ. And he went out before the army that came to Shomeron and said to them, "**See, because** ꓤꓰꓤꓩ **Elohim** of your fathers was *displeased* with Yahuḏah, **He** has **given** them into your **hand** and you have *slain* them in a *rage* that reaches up to the **heavens.**

[10]"And **now** you are planning to make the children of Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim your male and female slaves, but are you not also *guilty* before ꓤꓰꓤꓩ your **Elohim**?

[11]"**Now** therefore, **listen** to me and **return** the captives whom you have taken captive from your brothers, for the *heat* of the *wrath* of ꓤꓰꓤꓩ is upon you."

[12]And some of the heads of the children of Ephrayim: Azaryahu son of Yehoḥanan, Bereḵyahu son of Meshillĕmoth and Yeḥizqiyahu son of Shallum and Amasa son of Ḥaḏlai, stood up *against* those who came from the army,

[13]and said to them, "***Do*** *not* bring the captives here, to bring on us *guilt* before ꓤꓰꓤꓩ. Are you planning to add to our *sins* and to our guilt? For our *guilt* is great and *burning* is the *wrath* on Yisra'ĕl."

[14]And the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the leaders and **all** the assembly.

[15]And the men who were designated by name rose up and took the captives and from the spoil they put on **all** the naked among them, dressed them and gave them sandals and gave them food and drink and **anointed** them and let **all** the weak ones ride on donkeys and brought them to their brothers at Yeriḥo, the city of palm trees, then returned to Shomeron.

[16]At that **time** Sovereign Aḥaz **sent** to the sovereigns of Ashshur to help him.

[17]For the Eḏomites had **come** again and *smote* Yahuḏah and took away captives.

[18]And the Philistines invaded the cities of the low country and of the South of Yahuḏah and captured Bĕyth Shemesh and Ayalon and Geḏĕroth and Soḵo with its villages and Timnah with its villages and Gimzo with its villages and dwelt there.

[19]For ꓤꓰꓤꓩ had brought Yahuḏah low **because** of Aḥaz sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, for he brought about a lack of restraint in

Yahuḏah and trespassed *against* ꓤYHWH.
[20]And Tiglath-Pileser the sovereign of Ashshur came *against* him and *distressed* him and *did not* help him,
[21]though Aḥaz had taken some of the treasures from the House of ꓤYHWH, from the house of the sovereign and from the leaders and he gave it to the sovereign of Ashshur, but he *did not* help him.
[22]And in the **time** of his *distress* Sovereign Aḥaz trespassed even more *against* ꓤYHWH– this Sovereign Aḥaz –
[23]and he slaughtered to the *mighty ones* of Damascus, those smiting him, saying, "**Because** the *mighty ones* of the sovereigns of Aram help them,
I offer to them and they help me." ***But*** they were to **cause** him and **all** Yisra'ĕl to *stumble.*
[24]And Aḥaz gathered the utensils of the House of **Elohim** and *cut* in pieces the utensils of the House of **Elohim** and shut the **doors** of the House of ꓤYHWH and made for himself altars in **every** corner of Yerushalayim.
[25]And in **every** city, even the cities of Yahuḏah, he made *high places* to burn incense to other *mighty ones* and *provoked* ꓤYHWH **Elohim** of his fathers.
[26]And the rest of his acts and **all** his ways, from **first** to **last, see,** they are **written** in the **book** of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah and Yisra'ĕl.
[27]So Aḥaz slept with his fathers and they buried him in the city, in Yerushalayim, but they *did not* bring him into the tombs of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl. And Ḥizqiyahu his son reigned in his place.

29 Ḥizqiyahu began to **reign** when he was twenty-five years old and he reigned twenty-nine years in Yerushalayim. And his mother's name was Aḇiyah the daughter of Zeḵaryahu.
[2]And he did what was **right** *in the eyes* of ꓤYHWH, **according** to **all** that his father Dawiḏ did.
[3]In the **first** year of his reign, in the **first** month, he opened the **doors** of the **House of** ꓤYHWH and repaired them,
[4]and brought in the priests and the Lĕwites and gathered them in the **open** place to the east.
[5]And he said to them, "**Listen** to me, O Lĕwites! **Now** set yourselves apart, set-apart the **House of** ꓤYHWH **Elohim** of your fathers and remove the *uncleanness* from the set-apart place.
[6]"For our fathers have *trespassed* and have done *evil in the eyes* of ꓤYHWH our **Elohim** and have ***forsaken*** **Him** and have turned their faces away from the **Dwelling Place** of ꓤYHWH and have **given** their backs.
[7]"And they have shut the **doors** of the porch and put out the lamps and
they have not *burned* incense or offered burnt offerings in the set-apart place to the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl.
[8]"Therefore the *wrath* of ꓤYHWH fell upon Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim and **He** has **given** them up for a *trembling*, for an *astonishment* and for a *hissing,* as you **see** with your eyes.
[9]"And **see, <u>because</u>** of this our fathers have fallen by the *sword.* And our sons, daughters and our wives are in captivity for this.
[10]"**Now** it is in my **heart** to make a **covenant** with ꓤYHWH **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, so that the *heat* of **His** *wrath* turns away from us.
[11]"My sons, *do not* be slack, for ꓤYHWH has **chosen** you to **stand** before **Him,** to **serve Him** and to be attendants for **Him** and burn incense."
[12]And the Lĕwites rose up: Maḥath son of Amasai and Yo'ĕl son of Azaryahu, of the sons of the Qehathites; and of the sons of Merari, Qish son of Aḇdi and Azaryahu son of Yehallel'ĕl; and of the Gĕreshonites, Yo'aḥ son of Zimmah and Ēḏen son of Yo'aḥ;
[13]and of the sons of Elitsaphan, Shimri and Ye'i'ĕl; and of the sons of Asaph, Zeḵaryahu and Mattanyahu;
[14]and of the sons of Hĕman, Yeḥi'ĕl and Shim'i; and of the sons of Yeḏuthun, Shemayah and Uzzi'ĕl.
[15]And they gathered their brothers and set themselves apart and went **according**

to the **command** of the sovereign, at the **words** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, to **cleanse** the House of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.

16And the priests came into the inner part of the House of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 to **cleanse** it and brought out **all** the *uncleanness* they **found** in the Hĕḵal of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 to the courtyard of the House of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄. ***Then*** the Lĕwites received it to take it outside to the wadi Qiḏron.

17And they began to set-apart on the **first day of** the **first** month and on the eighth **day of** the month they came to the porch of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄. And they set-apart the House of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 in eight days and on the sixteenth **day of** the **first** month they had **finished**.

18***Then*** they came in to Sovereign Ḥizqiyahu and said, "We have **cleansed all** the House of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and the altar of burnt offerings with **all** its utensils and the table of the showbread with **all** its utensils.

19"And **all** the utensils which Sovereign Aḥaz in his **reign** had pushed aside, when he trespassed, we have prepared and set-apart. And **see,** they are before the altar of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄."

20And Sovereign Ḥizqiyahu rose up early and gathered the heads of the city and went up to the House of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.

21And they brought seven bulls and seven rams and seven lambs and seven male goats for a *sin* offering for the reign, for the set-apart place and for Yahuḏah. And he said to the priests, the sons of Aharon, to offer them on the altar of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.

22So they slaughtered the bulls and the priests received the **blood** and sprinkled it on the altar. And they slaughtered the rams and sprinkled the **blood** on the altar. And they slaughtered the lambs and sprinkled the **blood** on the altar.

23And they brought out the male goats of the *sin* offering before the sovereign and the **assembly** and they laid their hands on them,

24and the priests slaughtered them and with their **blood** made a *sin* offering on the altar, to make an atonement for **all** Yisra'ĕl, for the sovereign said that the burnt offering and the *sin* offering is for **all** Yisra'ĕl.

25And he **appointed** the Lĕwites in the House of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 with cymbals, with harps and with lyres, **according** to the **command** of Dawiḏ and of Gaḏ, **seer** of the sovereign and of Nathan the **prophet,** for the **command** was by the **hand** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, by the **hand** of **His prophets.**

26And the Lĕwites stood with the instruments of Dawiḏ and the priests with the trumpets.

27And Ḥizqiyahu gave the order to offer the burnt offering on the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the singing unto 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 began, with the trumpets and with the instruments of Dawiḏ sovereign of Yisra'ĕl.

28And **all** the assembly were bowing and the singers singing and the trumpeters blowing – **all** this until the burnt offering was completed.

29And at the completion of the offering, the sovereign and **all** who were present with him bowed and worshipped.

30And Sovereign Ḥizqiyahu and the rulers ordered the Lĕwites to sing **praise** to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 with the **words** of Dawiḏ and of Asaph the **seer.** And they sang praises with **gladness** and they bowed their heads and worshipped.

31And Ḥizqiyahu responded and said, "**Now** that you have ordained yourselves to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, **come** near and bring slaughterings and thank offerings into the **House of** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄." And the assembly brought in slaughterings and thank offerings and **all** those whose **hearts** were so moved brought burnt offerings.

32And the number of the burnt offerings which the assembly brought was seventy bulls, one hundred rams, two hundred lambs – **all** these for a burnt offering to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.

33And the set-apart gifts were six hundred bulls and three thousand sheep.

34Only, the priests were too few and were *unable* to skin **all** the burnt offerings, so their brothers the Lĕwites helped them until the **work** was **completed** and until the other priests

had set themselves apart, for the Lĕwites were more **upright** of **heart** to set themselves apart, than the priests.
35And there were also many burnt offerings, with the fat of the **peace** offerings and with the drink offerings for **every** burnt offering. Thus the service of the House of **ꓢYHWH** was re-**established**.
36And Ḥizqiyahu and **all** the people rejoiced that **Elohim** had prepared the people, **<u>because</u>** the matter came about so **suddenly**.

30 And Ḥizqiyahu **sent** to **all** Yisra'ĕl and Yahuḏah and he also **wrote** letters to Ephrayim and Menashsheh, to **come to** the House of **ꓢYHWH** at Yerushalayim, to perform the **Passover** to **ꓢYHWH Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl.
2***But*** the sovereign and his leaders and **all** the assembly in Yerushalayim had taken counsel to perform the **Passover** in the second month.
3For they were *unable* to perform it at its **time, <u>because</u>** not enough priests had set themselves apart and the people had not gathered at Yerushalayim.
4And the matter was **right** *in the eyes* of the sovereign and *in the eyes* of **all** the assembly.
5And they settled the matter, to send a **call** to **all** Yisra'ĕl, from Be'ĕrsheḇa to Dan, to **come to** perform a **Passover** to **ꓢYHWH Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl at Yerushalayim, since they had not done it for a long **time,** as it is **written**.
6And the runners went to **all** Yisra'ĕl and Yahuḏah with the letters from the sovereign and his leaders and spoke **according** to the **command** of the sovereign, "Children of Yisra'ĕl, **turn back** to **ꓢYHWH Elohim** of Aḇrahim, Yitsḥaq and Yisra'ĕl, so that **He** returns to the **remnant** of you who have **escaped** from the **hand** of the sovereigns of Ashshur.
7"And *do not* be like your fathers and be like your brothers, who *trespassed <u>against</u>* **ꓢYHWH Elohim** of their fathers, so that **He** gave them up to *ruin,* as you **see.**
8"**Now** *do not* stiffen your neck, like your fathers, stretch forth the **hand** to **ꓢYHWH** and **come to His** set-apart place, which **He** has set-apart **forever** and **serve ꓢYHWH** your **Elohim**, so that **His** *burning wrath* turns away from you.
9"For ***if*** you **turn back** to **ꓢYHWH**, your brothers and your children ***shall be*** shown **compassion** by their captors, even to **return** to this land. For **ꓢYHWH** your **Elohim** shows **favour** and **compassion** and *does not* turn **His** face from you ***if*** you **turn back** to **Him.**"
10And the runners passed from city to city throughout the land of Ephrayim and Menashsheh, as far as Zeḇulun. ***But*** they were laughing at them and *mocking* them.
11Some from Ashĕr and Menashsheh and from Zeḇulun, however, humbled themselves and came to Yerushalayim.
12Also the **hand** of **Elohim** was on Yahuḏah to give them one **heart** to do the **command** of the sovereign and the rulers, at the **Word** of **ꓢYHWH**.
13And many people, a **very great assembly,** gathered at Yerushalayim to perform the **Festival of Unleavened Bread** in the second month.
14And they rose up and ***removed*** the altars that were in Yerushalayim and they ***removed*** **all** the incense altars and threw them into the wadi Qiḏron.
15***Then*** they slaughtered the **Passover** on the fourteenth **day of** the second month. And the priests and the Lĕwites were ashamed and set themselves apart and brought the burnt offerings to the House of **ꓢYHWH**.
16And they stood in their place **according** to their right-ruling. According to the **Torah** of Mosheh, the man of **Elohim**, the priests sprinkled the **blood** from the **hand** of the Lĕwites.
17For many in the assembly had not set themselves apart. Therefore the Lĕwites were over the slaughter of the **Passover** for everyone who was not **clean,** to set them apart to **ꓢYHWH**.
18For many of the people, many from Ephrayim and Menashsheh, Yissasḵar

and Zeḇulun, had not been cleansed, yet they ate the **Passover** *contrary* to what was **written**. ***But*** Ḥizqiyahu prayed for them, saying, "**ꓤꓰꓤꓶ** who is **good**, provide **atonement** for everyone
[19]who has prepared his **heart** to **seek Elohim**, **ꓤꓰꓤꓶ Elohim** of his fathers, though he is not **cleansed according** to the **cleansing** of the set-apart place."
[20]And **ꓤꓰꓤꓶ listened** to Ḥizqiyahu and **healed** the people.
[21]And the children of Yisra'ĕl who were in Yerushalayim performed the **Festival** of **Unleavened Bread seven days** with **great joy**. And the Lĕwites and the priests p**raised ꓤꓰꓤꓶ** day by day, with instruments of **praise** before **ꓤꓰꓤꓶ**.
[22]And Ḥizqiyahu spoke to the **heart** of **all** the Lĕwites, those having **good understanding** concerning **ꓤꓰꓤꓶ**. So they ate what was appointed, **seven days**, slaughtering **peace** offerings and making confession to **ꓤꓰꓤꓶ Elohim** of their fathers.
[23]And **all** the assembly took counsel to perform another seven days and they performed it another seven days with joy.
[24]For Ḥizqiyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah presented to the assembly a thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep and the rulers presented to the assembly a thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep. And a **great** number of priests set themselves apart.
[25]And **all** the assembly of Yahuḏah rejoiced and the priests and Lĕwites and **all** the assembly who had **come** from Yisra'ĕl and the sojourners who came from the land of Yisra'ĕl and those who dwelt in Yahuḏah.
[26]And there came to be **great joy** in Yerushalayim, for since the days of Shelomoh son of Dawiḏ, the sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, the like of this had not been in Yerushalayim.
[27]And the priests, the Lĕwites, rose and **blessed** the people and their **voice** was **heard**. And their prayer came up to **His** set-apart dwelling place, to the **heavens.**

31 And at the completion of **all** this, **all** Yisra'ĕl who were present went out to the cities of Yahuḏah and broke down the *pillars* and *cut down* the Ashĕrim and tore down the *high places* and the altars, from **all** Yahuḏah and Binyamin and in Ephrayim and Menashsheh, even to completion. ***Then*** **all** the children of Yisra'ĕl returned to their own cities, each to his possession.
[2]And Ḥizqiyahu **appointed** the division**s** of the priests and of the Lĕwites **according** to their divisions, each **according** to his service of the priests and Lĕwites for burnt offerings and **peace** offerings, to **serve** and to give thanks and to **praise** in the gates of the camp of **ꓤꓰꓤꓶ**.
[3]And the sovereign **appointed** a portion of his possessions for the burnt offerings, for the morning and **evening** burnt offerings and the burnt offerings for the **Sabbaths** and for the **New Moons** and for the **appointed times,** as it is **written** in the **Torah** of **ꓤꓰꓤꓶ**.
[4]And he said to the people, those who dwelt in Yerushalayim, to give the portion for the priests and the Lĕwites, so that they are strengthened in the **Torah** of **ꓤꓰꓤꓶ**.
[5]And as the **word** spread, the children of Yisra'ĕl brought large quantities of the **first-fruits** of grain and **wine** and oil and honey and of **all** the increase of the field. And they brought in the tithe of **all,** a large amount.
[6]And the children of Yisra'ĕl and Yahuḏah, those who dwelt in the cities of Yahuḏah, brought the tithe of cattle and sheep. Even the tithe of set-apart gifts which were set-apart to **ꓤꓰꓤꓶ** their **Elohim** were brought in and they gave heaps.
[7]In the third month they began to pile up the heaps and they **finished** in the seventh month.
[8]And Ḥizqiyahu and the leaders came and **saw** the heaps and they **blessed ꓤꓰꓤꓶ** and **His** people Yisra'ĕl.
[9]And Ḥizqiyahu asked the priests and the Lĕwites about the heaps.

[10]And Azaryahu the chief priest, from the house of Tsaḏoq, answered him and said, "Since they began to bring the offerings into the House of ꓤYHWH, we have had enough to eat and have plenty left, for ꓤYHWH has **blessed His** people. And this **great** amount is left over."
[11]And Ḥizqiyahu ordered them to **prepare** rooms in the House of ꓤYHWH and they prepared them.
[12]***Then*** they brought in the contribution and the tithes and the set-apart gifts, trustworthily. And Konanyahu the Lĕwite was leader over them and Shim'i his brother was the next.
[13]And Yeḥi'ĕl and Azazyahu and Naḥath and Asah'ĕl and Yerimoth and Yozaḇaḏ and Eli'ĕl and Yismaḵyahu and Maḥath and Benayahu were overseers under the **hand** of Konanyahu and Shim'i his brother, by order of Ḥizqiyahu the sovereign and Azaryahu the ruler of the House of **Elohim**.
[14]And Qorĕ son of Yimnah the Lĕwite, the keeper of the East Gate, was over the voluntary offerings to **Elohim**, to distribute the offerings of ꓤYHWH and the most set-apart gifts.
[15]And under his **hand** were Ĕḏen and Minyamin and Yĕshua and Shemayahu, Amaryahu and Sheḵanyahu, in the cities of the priests, to distribute trustworthily to their brothers by divisions, to the **great** as well as the small.
[16]Besides those males from three years old and up who were **written** in the genealogy, they distributed to everyone who entered the **House of** ꓤYHWH his daily portion for the **work** of his service, by his division,
[17]and to the priests who were **written** in the genealogy **according** to their father's house and to the Lĕwites from twenty years old upward, by their duties in their divisions,
[18]and to **all** listed in the genealogy, their *little* ones and their wives, their sons and daughters, **all** the company of them. For in their trustworthiness they set themselves apart in set-apartness.
[19]And for the sons of Aharon the priests, who were in the fields of the **open** land of their cities, in each and **every** city, there were men who were called by name to distribute portions to **all** the males among the priests and to **all** who were listed by genealogies among the Lĕwites.
[20]And Ḥizqiyahu did this in **all** Yahuḏah and he did what was **good** and what was **right** and what was **true** before ꓤYHWH his **Elohim**.
[21]And in **every work** that he began in the service of the House of **Elohim**, in the **Torah** and in the **command,** to **seek** his **Elohim**, with **all** his **heart,** he did and prospered.

32 After these matters and this **trust** worthiness, Sanḥĕriḇ sovereign of Ashshur came. And he entered Yahuḏah and encamped *against* the cities of defence and said to *break* them **open** to himself.
[2]And Ḥizqiyahu **saw** that Sanḥĕriḇ had come and his face set to *fight against* Yerushalayim,
[3]and he took counsel with his rulers and mighty men to stop the water from the springs which were outside the city. And they helped him.
[4]And many people were gathered and they *stopped* **all** the springs and the stream that ran through the land, saying, "***Why*** should the sovereigns of Ashshur **come** and find much water?"
[5]And he strengthened himself and built up **all** the wall that was *broken* and **raised** it up to the towers and outside of it another wall and strengthened Millo, the City of Dawiḏ and made large numbers of weapons and shields.
[6]And he **appointed** battle officers over the people and gathered them to him in the **open** space at the city gate and spoke to their **heart,** saying,
[7]"Be **strong and courageous,** *do not* be *afraid* nor be *cast* down before the sovereign of Ashshur, nor before **all** the army that is with him. For with us there are more than with him.
[8]"With him is an arm of *flesh,* but with us is ꓤYHWH our **Elohim**, to help us

and to *fight* our battles." And the people leaned on the **words** of Ḥizqiyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah.

[9]After this Sanḥeriḇ the sovereign of Ashshur **sent** his servants to Yerushalayim – but he himself and **all** his **power** with him *against* Laḵish – to Ḥizqiyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah and to **all** Yahuḏah who were in Yerushalayim, saying,

[10]"Thus said Sanḥĕriḇ the sovereign of Ashshur, 'On what are you **trusting**, that you remain in Yerushalayim under siege?

[11]'Is Ḥizqiyahu not persuading you to give yourselves over to *die* by *scarcity of food* and by thirst, saying, "יהוה our **Elohim** ***shall*** **deliver** us from the **hand** of the sovereign of Ashshur"?

[12]'Has not Ḥizqiyahu himself taken away **His** *high places* and **His** altars and ordered Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim, saying, "Bow yourselves before one altar and burn incense on it"?

[13]'***Do*** you not **know** what I and my fathers have done to **all** the peoples of other lands? Were the *mighty ones* of the nations of those lands in any **way** able to **deliver** their lands out of my **hand?**

[14]'***Who*** was there among **all** the *mighty ones* of those nations that my fathers put under the **ban** that could **deliver** his people from my **hand,** that your **Elohim** should be able to **deliver** you from my **hand?**

[15]'And **now**, *do not* let Ḥizqiyahu ***deceive*** you or persuade you like this and *do not* **believe** him; for no *mighty one* of any nation or **reign** was able to **deliver** his people from my **hand** or the **hand** of my fathers – much less your **Elohim** to **deliver** you from my **hand!**' "

[16]And his servants spoke even more *against* יהוה **Elohim** and *against* **His** servant Ḥizqiyahu.

[17]And he **wrote** letters to *reproach* יהוה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl and to **speak** *against* **Him,** saying, "As the *mighty ones* of the nations of other lands have not **delivered** their people from my **hand,** so the **Elohim** of Ḥizqiyahu ***shall*** not **deliver His** people from my **hand.**"

[18]***Then*** they called out with a loud **voice** in the **language** of Yahuḏah to the people of Yerushalayim who were on the wall, to frighten them and to *trouble* them, **in order** to capture the city.

[19]And they spoke *against* the **Elohim** of Yerushalayim, as *against* the *mighty ones* of the people of the earth, the **work** of men's hands.

[20]And Sovereign Ḥizqiyahu and the **prophet** Yeshayahu, son of Amots, prayed about this and *cried out* to the **heavens.**

[21]And יהוה **sent** a messenger who *cut down* **every** mighty brave one, both the leader and the commander in the camp of the sovereign of Ashshur and he returned shamefaced to his own land and went into the house of his *mighty one* and there some of his own offspring **caused** him to *fall* by the *sword.*

[22]Thus יהוה **saved** Ḥizqiyahu and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim from the **hand** of Sanḥeriḇ the sovereign of Ashshur and from the **hand** of **all** others and guided them on **every** side.

[23]And many brought gifts to יהוה at Yerushalayim and presents to Ḥizqiyahu sovereign of Yahuḏah and he was exalted *in the eyes* of **all** nations thereafter.

[24]In those days Ḥizqiyahu was *sick* and **near** *death* and he prayed to יהוה. And **He** spoke to him and **appointed** a **sign** for him.

[25]However, Ḥizqiyahu *did not* **repay according** to the **good** done to him, for his **heart** was lifted up, therefore *wrath* came upon him and upon Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim.

[26]***Then*** Ḥizqiyahu humbled himself for the pride of his **heart,** he and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, so that the *wrath* of יהוה *did not* **come** upon them in the days of Ḥizqiyahu.

[27]And Ḥizqiyahu had much riches and esteem. And he made himself treasuries for silver and for gold and for **precious** stones and for spices and for shields and for **all** desirable utensils;

[28]and storehouses for the harvest of grain and **wine** and oil and stalls for **all**

kinds of livestock and folds for flocks.
29And he made cities for himself and possessions of **great** numbers of flocks and herds, for **Elohim** gave him much property.
30And Ḥizqiyahu himself had *stopped* the upper outlet of the waters of Giḥon and directed them to the west side of the City of Dawiḏ. And Ḥizqiyahu prospered in **all** his work.
31However with the envoys of the princes of Baḇel, whom they **sent** to **ask** him about the **wonder** that was done in the land, **Elohim** left him, **in order** to try him, **to know all** that was in his **heart.**
32And the rest of the acts of Ḥizqiyahu and his **kindness**, **see,** they are **written** in the **vision** of Yeshayahu the **prophet,** son of Amots, in the **book** of the sovereigns of Yahuḏah and Yisra'ĕl.
33So Ḥizqiyahu slept with his fathers and they buried him in the upper tombs of the sons of Dawiḏ. And **all** Yahuḏah and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim esteemed him at his *death.* And Menashsheh his son reigned in his place.

33 Menashsheh was twelve years old when he began to reign and he reigned fifty-five years in Yerushalayim.
2***But*** he did *evil in the eyes* of ꓤꓰꓤꓩ, **according** to the **abominations** of the *gentiles* whom ꓤꓰꓤꓩ dispossessed from before the children of Yisra'ĕl.
3For again he rebuilt the *high places* which Ḥizqiyahu his father had broken down and **raised** up altars for the Ba'als and made Ashĕrim and bowed himself to **all** the host of the heavens and **served** them.
4And he built altars in the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓩ, of which ꓤꓰꓤꓩ had said, "In Yerushalayim is **My Name, forever**."
5And he built altars for **all** the host of the heavens in the two courtyards of the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓩ.
6And he made his sons pass through the *fire* in the Valley of the **Son** of Hinnom and *practised magic* and used divination and ***witchcraft*** and consulted mediums and spiritists. **He** did much *evil in the eyes* of ꓤꓰꓤꓩ, to ***provoke*** **Him.**
7And he placed a *carved image* of the *idol* which he had made, in the House of **Elohim**, of which **Elohim** had said to Dawiḏ and to Shelomoh his son, "In this house and in Yerushalayim, which I have **chosen** out of **all** the tribes of Yisra'ĕl, I put **My Name forever**,
8and no more ***shall*** I remove the foot of Yisra'ĕl from the soil which I have **appointed** for your fathers – only if they **guard** to do **all** that I have **commanded** them, **according** to **all** the **Torah** and the **laws** and the **right-rulings** by the **hand** of Mosheh."
9Thus Menashsheh led Yahuḏah and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim *astray*, to do more *evil* than the *gentiles* whom ꓤꓰꓤꓩ had ***destroyed*** before the children of Yisra'ĕl.
10And ꓤꓰꓤꓩ spoke to Menashsheh and to his people, but they *did not* **listen**.
11Therefore ꓤꓰꓤꓩ brought upon them the commanders of the army of the sovereign of Ashshur, who captured Menashsheh with hooks, *bound* him with bronze shackles and made him go to Baḇel.
12And when he was in *distress,* he sought the face of ꓤꓰꓤꓩ his **Elohim** and humbled himself greatly before the **Elohim** of his fathers,
13and prayed to **Him.** And **He** was moved by his entreaty and **heard** his supplication and brought him back to Yerushalayim into his reign. And Menashsheh **knew** that ꓤꓰꓤꓩ was **Elohim**.
14And after this he built a wall outside the City of Dawiḏ on the west of Giḥon, in the wadi and as far as the entrance of the Fish Gate and it went round Ophel and he made it exceedingly high. And he put army commanders in **all** the walled cities of Yahuḏah.
15And he removed the foreign *mighty ones* and the *idol* from the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓩ and **all** the altars that he had built in the mount of the House of ꓤꓰꓤꓩ and in Yerushalayim and he threw them out of the city.

[16]And he built the altar of ꓤYHZ and brought **peace** offerings and thank offerings on it and ordered Yahuḏah to **serve** ꓤYHZ **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl.
[17]***But*** the people were still offering on the *high places*, though only to ꓤYHZ their **Elohim**.
[18]And the rest of the acts of Menashsheh, his prayer to his **Elohim** and the **words** of the **seers** who spoke to him in the **Name** of ꓤYHZ **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, **see,** they are **written** in the **book** of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl.
[19]And his prayer and his entreaty and **all** his *sin* and his *trespass* and the places where he built *high places* and set up the Ashĕrim and the *carved images*, before he was humbled, **see,** they are **written** among the **words** of the seers.
[20]So Menashsheh slept with his fathers and they buried him in his own house. And his son Amon reigned in his place.
[21]Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign and he reigned two years in Yerushalayim.
[22]***But*** he did *evil in the eyes* of ꓤYHZ, as his father Menashsheh had done. And Amon offered to **all** the *carved images* which his father Menashsheh had made and **served** them.
[23]And he *did not* humble himself before ꓤYHZ, as his father Menashsheh had humbled himself, for Amon trespassed more and more.
[24]And his servants *conspired against* him and *killed* him in his own house.
[25]***But*** the people of the land *smote* **all** those who had *conspired against* Sovereign Amon and the people of the land set Yoshiyahu to **reign** in his place.

34 Yoshiyahu was eight years old when he began to reign and he reigned thirty-one years in Yerushalayim.
[2]And he did what was **right** *in the eyes* of ꓤYHZ and walked in the **ways** of his father Dawiḏ and *did not* turn aside, **right** or left.
[3]And in the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to **seek** the **Elohim** of his father Dawiḏ. And in the twelfth year he began to **cleanse** Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim from the *high places* and the Ashĕrim and the *carved images* and the *moulded* images.
[4]And they broke down the altars of the Ba'als in his presence and the ***sun-pillars*** which were above them he *cut down*. And the Ashĕrim and the *carved images* and the *moulded images* he smashed and ground them up and strewed it on the *graves* of those who had offered to them.
[5]And he *burned* the bones of the priests on their altars and **cleansed** Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim,
[6]and in the cities of Menashsheh and Ephrayim and Shim'on, as far as Naphtali, in their ruins **all** around.
[7]And he broke down the altars and the Ashĕrim and ground the *carved images* into dust and *cut down* **all** the ***sun-pillars*** throughout **all** the land of Yisra'ĕl and returned to Yerushalayim.
[8]In the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had **cleansed** the land and the House, he **sent** Shaphan son of Atsalyahu, Ma'asĕyahu the head of the city and Yo'aḥ son of Yo'aḥaz the recorder, to repair the House of ꓤYHZ his **Elohim**.
[9]And they went to Ḥilqiyahu the high priest and they gave the silver that was brought into the House of **Elohim**, which the Lĕwites who kept the **doors** had gathered from the **hand** of Menashsheh and Ephrayim and from **all** the **remnant** of Yisra'ĕl and from **all** Yahuḏah and Binyamin and which they had brought back to Yerushalayim,
[10]and they gave it in the **hand** of the workmen, those **appointed** over the House of ꓤYHZ. And they gave it to the workmen who worked in the House of ꓤYHZ, to repair and strengthen the house.
[11]And they gave it to the craftsmen and to the builders, to buy hewn stone and timber for couplings and for beams for the houses which the sovereigns of Yahuḏah had **destroyed**.
[12]And the men did the **work** trustworthily. And over them were **appointed** Yaḥath and Oḇaḏyahu the

Lĕwites, of the sons of Merari and Zeḵaryah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Qehathites, to oversee; and of the Lĕwites, **all** of whom were skilled in instruments of song,
[13]and over the *burden* bearers and overseers of **all** who did **work** in any **kind** of service. And of the Lĕwites were scribes and officers and gatekeepers.
[14]And when they brought out the silver that was brought into the House of ֵיהוָה, Ḥilqiyahu the priest **found** the **Book** of the **Torah** of ֵיהוָה **given** by Mosheh.
[15]***Then*** Ḥilqiyahu responded and said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have **found** the **Book** of the **Torah** in the House of ֵיהוָה." And Ḥilqiyahu gave the **book** to Shaphan.
[16]And Shaphan brought the **book** to the sovereign and brought the sovereign **word,** saying, "All that has been **given** into the **hand** of your servants, they are doing.
[17]"And they have **poured out** the silver that was **found** in the House of ֵיהוָה and have **given** it into the **hand** of those **appointed** and the workmen."
[18]And Shaphan the scribe informed the sovereign, saying, "Ḥilqiyahu the priest has **given** me a **book**." And Shaphan **read** it before the sovereign.
[19]And it came to be, when the sovereign heard the **words** of the **Torah**, that he tore his garments.
[20]And the sovereign **commanded** Ḥilqiyahu, Aḥiqam son of Shaphan and Aḇdon son of Miḵah and Shaphan the scribe and Asayah a servant of the sovereign, saying,
[21]"Go, **inquire** of ֵיהוָה for me and for him who is left in Yisra'ĕl and in Yahuḏah, concerning the **words** of the **book** that is found. For **great** is the *wrath* of ֵיהוָה that is **poured out** on us, **because** our fathers have not **guarded** the **Word** of ֵיהוָה, to do **according** to **all** that is **written** in this **book**."
[22]***Then*** Ḥilqiyahu and those of the sovereign went to Ḥuldah the **prophetess,** the wife of Shallum son of Toqhath, son of Ḥasrah, keeper of the wardrobe, who was dwelling in Yerushalayim in the Second Quarter. And they spoke to her about this.
[23]And she said to them, "Thus said ֵיהוָה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, 'Say to the man who **sent** you to **Me,**
[24]"'Thus said ֵיהוָה, '**See,** I am bringing *evil* on this place and on its inhabitants, **all** the *curses* that are **written** in the **book** which they have **read** before the sovereign of Yahuḏah,
[25]**because** they have ***forsaken*** **Me** and *burned* incense to other *mighty ones*, to ***provoke*** **Me** with **all** the **works** of their hands. Therefore **My** *wrath* is **poured out** on this place and is not *quenched*.' " '
[26]"'And to the sovereign of Yahuḏah, who **sent** you to **inquire** of ֵיהוָה, say this, 'Thus said ֵיהוָה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, whose **words** you have **heard**,
[27]"**Because** your **heart** was tender and you humbled yourself before **Elohim** when you **heard His words** *against* this place and *against* its inhabitants and you humbled yourself before **Me** and you tore your garments and wept before **Me,** I also have **heard**," **declares** ֵיהוָה.
[28]"'**See,** I am gathering you to your fathers and you ***shall*** **be** gathered to your grave in peace, so that your eyes would not **see all** the *evil* that I am bringing on this place and its inhabitants." ' " So they brought back **word** to the sovereign.
[29]And the sovereign **sent** and gathered **all** the elders of Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim.
[30]And the sovereign went up to the House of ֵיהוָה with **all** the men of Yahuḏah and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim and the priests and the Lĕwites and **all** the people, both **great** and small. And he **read** in their **hearing all** the **words** of the **Book** of the **Covenant** which had been **found** in the House of ֵיהוָה.
[31]And the sovereign stood in his place and made a **covenant** before ֵיהוָה, to **follow** ֵיהוָה and to **guard His commands** and **His witnesses** and **His laws**, with **all** his **heart** and **all** his

being, to do the **words** of the **covenant** that were **written** in this **book**.
[32]And he made **stand all** who were present in Yerushalayim and Binyamin. And the inhabitants of Yerushalayim did **according** to the **covenant** of **Elohim**, the **Elohim** of their fathers.
[33]And Yoshiyahu removed **all** the **abominations** from **all** the lands that belonged to the children of Yisra'ĕl and made **all** who were present in Yisra'ĕl **diligently serve** ꓢꓰꓢꓢ their **Elohim**. All his days they *did not* turn away from **following** ꓢꓰꓢꓢ **Elohim** of their fathers.

35 Yoshiyahu performed a **Passover** to ꓢꓰꓢꓢ in Yerushalayim and they slaughtered the **Passover** on the fourteenth **day of** the **first** month.
[2]And he set the priests in their duties and strengthened them for the service of the House of ꓢꓰꓢꓢ,
[3]and said to the Lĕwites who were **teaching all** Yisra'ĕl, who were set-apart to ꓢꓰꓢꓢ, "Put the set-apart ark in the house which Shelomoh son of Dawiḏ, sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, built. It is no longer to be a *burden* on your shoulders. **Now serve** ꓢꓰꓢꓢ your **Elohim** and **His** people Yisra'ĕl,
[4]and **prepare** by the fathers' houses, **according** to your divisions, by the **writing** of Dawiḏ sovereign of Yisra'ĕl and by the **writing** of Shelomoh his son.
[5]"'And **stand** in the set-apart place by the division**s** of the fathers' houses of your brothers the lay people and the portion of the father's house of the Lĕwites.
[6]"'And slaughter the **Passover** and set yourselves apart and **prepare** for your brothers, to do **according** to the **Word** of ꓢꓰꓢꓢ by the **hand** of Mosheh."
[7]And Yoshiyahu gave the lay people lambs and young goats from the flock, **all** for **Passover** offerings for everyone present, to the number of thirty thousand and three thousand cattle – these were from the sovereign's possessions.
[8]And his leaders contributed a voluntary offering to the people, to the priests and to the Lĕwites. Ḥilqiyah and Zeḵaryahu and Yeḥi'ĕl, leaders of the House of **Elohim**, gave to the priests for the **Passover** offerings two thousand six hundred and three hundred cattle;
[9]and Konanyahu, his brothers Shemayahu and Nethanĕ'l and Ḥashaḇyahu and Ye'i'ĕl and Yozaḇaḏ, chiefs of the Lĕwites, gave to the Lĕwites for **Passover** offerings five thousand and five hundred cattle.
[10]And the service was prepared and the priests stood in their places and the Lĕwites in their divisions, **according** to the **command** of the sovereign,
[11]and they slaughtered the **Passover**. And the priests sprinkled out of their hands, while the Lĕwites were skinning.
[12]And they removed the burnt offerings to give them to the division**s** of the fathers' houses of the lay people, to bring to ꓢꓰꓢꓢ, as it is **written** in the **Book** of Mosheh and the **same** with the cattle.
[13]So they roasted the **Passover** offerings with *fire* **according** to the right-ruling and they boiled the set-apart offerings in pots and in cauldrons and in bowls and brought them **speedily** to **all** the lay people.
[14]And afterward they prepared for themselves and for the priests, **because** the priests, the sons of Aharon, were offering burnt offerings and fat until night. So the Lĕwites prepared for themselves and for the priests, the sons of Aharon.
[15]And the singers, the sons of Asaph, were in their places, **according** to the **command** of Dawiḏ and Asaph and Hĕman and Yeḏuthun the **seer** of the sovereign. And the gatekeepers at each gate *did not* have to leave their position, **because** their brothers the Lĕwites prepared for them.
[16]And **all** the service of ꓢꓰꓢꓢ was prepared that day, to perform the **Passover** and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of ꓢꓰꓢꓢ, **according** to the **command** of Sovereign Yoshiyahu.
[17]And the children of Yisra'ĕl who were

present performed the **Passover** at that **time,** and the **Festival of Unleavened Bread** for seven days.
[18]There had not been a **Passover** performed in Yisra'ĕl like it since the days of Shemu'ĕl the **prophet.** And none of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl had performed such a **Passover** as Yoshiyahu performed, with the priests and the Lĕwites and **all** Yahuḏah and Yisra'ĕl who were present and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim.
[19]In the eighteenth year of the **reign** of Yoshiyahu this **Passover** was performed.
[20]After **all** this, when Yoshiyahu had prepared the House, Neḵo sovereign of Mitsrayim came up to *fight <u>against</u>* Karkemish by the Euphrates. And Yoshiyahu went out *<u>against</u>* him.
[21]And he **sent** messengers to him, saying, "***What*** have I to do with you, sovereign of Yahuḏah? I am not **coming** *<u>against</u>* you this day, but *<u>against</u>* the house with which I am fighting, for **Elohim commanded** me to make haste. Leave **Elohim** alone, who is with me, lest **He** *destroy* you."
[22]However, Yoshiyahu *would not* turn his face from him, but disguised himself to *fight <u>against</u>* him and *did not* **listen** to the **words** of Neḵo from the **mouth** of **Elohim** and came to *fight* in the Valley of Meḡiddo.
[23]And the archers shot at Sovereign Yoshiyahu. And the sovereign said to his servants, "Take me away, for I am severely wounded."
[24]And his servants took him out of that chariot and put him in the second chariot that he had and they brought him to Yerushalayim. And he died and was buried in one of the tombs of his fathers. And **all** Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim were *mourning* for Yoshiyahu.
[25]And Yirmeyahu lamented for Yoshi yahu. And to this day **all** the singing men and the singing women **speak** of Yoshiyahu in their lamentations and made it a **law** in Yisra'ĕl. And **see,** they are **written** in the Laments.
[26]And the rest of the acts of Yoshiyahu and his **kindness**, **according** to what was **written** in the **Torah** of ꓎YHWH,
[27]and his acts from the **first** to the **last, see,** they are **written** in the **book** of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl and Yahuḏah.

36 And the people of the land took Yeho'aḥaz son of Yoshiyahu and set him up to **reign** in his father's place in Yerushalayim.
[2]Yeho'aḥaz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign and he reigned three months in Yerushalayim.
[3]And the sovereign of Mitsrayim turned him aside in Yerushalayim and imposed on the land a levy of one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.
[4]And the sovereign of Mitsrayim made his brother Elyaqim sovereign over Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim and *changed* his **Name** to Yehoyaqim. And Neḵo took Yeho'aḥaz his brother and brought him to Mitsrayim.
[5]Yehoyaqim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign and he reigned eleven years in Yerushalayim. And he did *evil in the eyes* of ꓎YHWH his **Elohim**.
[6]Neḇuḵaḏnetstsar sovereign of Baḇel came up *<u>against</u>* him and *bound* him in bronze shackles to take him away to Baḇel.
[7]And Neḇuḵaḏnetstsar brought some of the utensils from the House of ꓎YHWH to Baḇel and put them in his hĕḵal at Baḇel.
[8]And the rest of the acts of Yehoyaqim, the **<u>abominations</u>** which he did and what was **found** *<u>against</u>* him, **see,** they are **written** in the **book** of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl and Yahuḏah. ***Then*** Yehoyaḵin his son reigned.
[9]Yehoyaḵin was eight years old when he began to reign and he reigned in Yerushalayim three months and ten days. He did *evil in the eyes* of ꓎YHWH.
[10]And at the turn of the year Sovereign Neḇuḵaḏnetstsar **sent** and brought him to Baḇel, with the valuable utensils from the House of ꓎YHWH

and made Tsiḏqiyahu, Yehoyaqim's brother, sovereign over Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim.

[11]Tsiḏqiyahu was twenty-one years old when he began to reign and he reigned eleven years in Yerushalayim.

[12]He did *evil in the eyes* of ꓤYHWH his **Elohim**. He *did not* humble himself before Yirmeyahu the **prophet,** who spoke from the **mouth** of ꓤYHWH.

[13]He also *rebelled* <u>*against*</u> Sovereign Neḇuḵaḏnetstsar, who had made him swear by **Elohim**, but he stiffened his neck and *hardened* his **heart** <u>*against*</u> turning to ꓤYHWH **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl.

[14]Also, **all** the heads of the priests and the people trespassed more and more, **according** to **all** the **<u>abominations</u>** of the *gentiles* and they *defiled* the House of ꓤYHWH which **He** had set-apart in Yerushalayim.

[15]And ꓤYHWH **Elohim** of their fathers **sent** to them, by **His** messengers, rising up early and sending them, for **He** had **compassion** on **His** people and on **His** dwelling place.

[16]***But*** they were *mocking* the messengers of **Elohim** and *despising* **His words** and *scoffing* at **His prophets,** until the *wrath* of ꓤYHWH arose <u>*against*</u> **His** people, until there was ***no healing***.

[17]Therefore **He** brought <u>*against*</u> them the sovereign of the Chaldeans and he slew their young men with the *sword* in the House of their set-apart place and had no **compassion** on young man or maiden, on the aged or the weak –

He gave **all** into his **hand.**

[18]And **all** the utensils from the House of **Elohim**, **great** and small and the treasures of the House of ꓤYHWH and the treasures of the sovereign and of his leaders, **all** these he brought to Baḇel.

[19]And they *burned* the House of **Elohim** and broke down the wall of Yerushalayim and *burned* **all** its palaces with *fire* and ***destroyed*** **all** its valuable utensils.

[20]And those who **escaped** from the *sword* he exiled to Baḇel, where they became servants to him and his sons until the **reign** of the **reign** of Persia,

[21]**in order** to fill the **Word** of ꓤYHWH by the **mouth** of Yirmeyahu, until the land had **enjoyed** her **Sabbath**s. As long as she *lay waste* she kept **Sabbath,** until seventy years were completed.

[22]And in the **first** year of Koresh sovereign of Persia, **in order** to **accomplish** the **Word** of ꓤYHWH by the **mouth** of Yirmeyahu, ꓤYHWH stirred up the spirit of Koresh sovereign of Persia, so that he called out in **all** his reign and also put it in **writing,** saying,

[23]"Thus said Koresh sovereign of Persia, 'ꓤYHWH **Elohim** of the heavens has **given** me **all** the reigns of the earth. And **He** has **commanded** me to build **Him** a house in Yerushalayim, which is in Yahuḏah. ***whoever*** is among you of **all His people**, ꓤYHWH his **Elohim** be with him and let him go up!' "

The Way

From the beginning, those of the **WAY** have walked on a **narrow straight PATH** We **read** about such men as Enoch, Noach and Abrahim who walked before Yahuah **according** to a certain **WAY**. Walking in the way has **always** meant a singular thing: to obey Torah, the instructions of Yahuah. Let's look at how Yahuah longs for **His Torah** to be in our hearts.

'This **command** which I am **commanding** you today, is not too hard for you, nor is it far off. It is not in the heavens to say; ***Who shall*** ascend into the heavens for us and **bring** it to us and **cause** us to hear it, **so that we do it**? Nor is it beyond the sea to say; ***Who shall*** go over the sea for us and **bring** it and **cause** us to hear it, **so that we do it**?

For the **Word** is very **near** you, in your mouth and in your heart to do it. See, I have set before you today **life** and **good** and *death* and *evil*, in that I am **commanding** you today to **love** Yahuah your Elohim, to **walk** in His ways and to **guard** His **commands** and His **laws** and His **right-rulings**. And you ***shall* live** and increase and Yahuah your Elohim ***shall*** bless you in the land which you go to possess. Deut. 30:11-16

The **Natsarim** were referred to as being of the **WAY** and were easily discovered because they used the **Personal Name** of Yahuah while others would not. Shaul was dispatched to *arrest* and bring them *bound* to Yerushalayim so their utterance of the **Name** in the presence of the Sanhedrin would **cause** them to be *condemned* for *blasphemy*: ***But*** Shaul, still breathing *threats* and murder against **the taught ones** of the **Master,** having come to the high priest, asked from him letters to the congregations of Damascus, so that if he **found** any who were of the Way, whether men or women, to bring them *bound* to Yerushalayim. Acts 9:1 and 2

The Hebrew word for **WAY** is #1870, **DEREK** and means path, road and figuratively a mode of **living**. It is the **straight** and narrow. We get our English word "direct" from this Hebrew root word. The Hebrew **language** uses physical substances in the world and brings their attributes into a figurative expression of thought. A nostril might be literal but often it conveys the figurative meaning of *rage,* or disapproval. A path or way can lead to ***destruction*** or to **life** everlasting. Yahuah will have the last word: He calls us to **walk** on the **old paths** and **listen** to the **voice behind us** when we turn to the right or left. He reminds us constantly of our stubborn *rebellion* but in the **following** two verses we see that the *breach* will one day be repaired and from among us there will be people that will rebuild the *waste* places and restore the streets to dwell in:

Thus said Yahuah, "Stand in the **ways** and see and **ask** for the old **paths** where the good **way** is and **walk** in it and **find rest** for yourselves. ***But*** they said, 'We *do not* walk in it.'" YirmeYahu 6:16

And those from among you ***shall*** build the old *waste* places and you ***shall*** raise up the foundations of many generations. You would be called the **Repairer of the Breach**, the **Restorer of Streets** to dwell in. ***If*** you do **turn back** your foot from the **Sabbath**, from doing your pleasure on **My** set-apart day and ***shall* call** the **Sabbath** a **delight**, the set-apart **day of** Yahuah esteemed and ***shall* esteem** it, *not doing* your *own ways* or finding your *own pleasure* or speaking your *own words*, ***then*** you ***shall* delight** yourself in Yahuah. I ***shall* cause** you to ride on the heights of the earth and feed you with the **inheritance** of Ya'aqob your father. The mouth of Yahuah has **spoken** !" YeshaYahu 58:12-14.

Yahusha is the **Repairer** and the **Restorer** and we are His **ambassadors**. He is working through any that will adhere to **His WAY**, the **Torah**. ***What*** will become of those who *do not walk* in the **Torah**? Help us restore the **Covenant** to the *lost* sheep, who are *perishing* and without hope until the **Mediator of the Covenant** restores them. We are nearing the end of days and those on the wide road ***will seal*** their doom ***unless*** they **repent** and **follow** the road less traveled.

Be
<u>Instructed</u>!
O Yerushalayim!
Lest **<u>My</u>** being be *torn* from you,
Lest <u>I</u> make you a *waste,*
A land not inhabited.
Be *ashamed* and **know** how to blush
So you won't *stumble*
When <u>I</u> **visit** you.
Stand in the **ways**
And **<u>see</u>** and **<u>ask</u>** for the old paths
Where the **good way** is
And
Walk in it
And **find *rest*** for yourselves
BUT
You say
'We *do not walk* in it'
'We *do not listen*.'

"HEAR O Earth and **SEE**!"
<u>I AM</u>
Bringing *evil* upon this people
Even the fruit of their thoughts,
<u>BECAUSE</u>
They have *not listened* to
<u>My</u> Words,
Nor **<u>My</u>** Torah
And they **<u>REJECTED</u>** it."

ƎYƎZ

Has declared
To man
What is good.

What does **Yahuah**
Require
of us?
To do right
To love kindness
To walk humbly with **Him**
To permit Him to be
Our **Elohim**
To permit Him to be
Our **Father.**

The voice of **Yahuah**
Cries to "the city"
Let sound **wisdom**
See My Name!
Hear Me,
The **Rod**
And
The **One**
Who **appointed** it!

Hey Ya'll, Let's Get Together!

The Re-gathering Of All Yisra'el

Yahuah considers everyone obeying His **Covenant** to be Yisra'el. There are physical descendants of Yisra'el, from the sons of Yisra'el, the fathers of the families or tribes. Yonah was descended from Zebulon, Mosheh and Aharon from Lu'i (Levi), Shaul from Benyamin and so on. **Yahusha** was of the tribe of Yahudah. Anyone descended from physical Israel that no longer walks in the **Covenant** is no longer Yisra'el, but still is a "natural branch" that was broken-off the olive *tree.* They are the "lost tribes of Yisra'el" and **Yahusha** is **sent** to them, through us. We bring them the "good news" or "**message"** (**Besorah**), which is **His Covenant** – the Torah.

Being descended from the tribes of Israel *does not* mean you are ***walking*** in a **Covenant** with 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, but He declared He would keep His part in that **Covenant open** to any who would **repent** (return) and walk in it. He promised to **always** ***remember*** His Covenant. We can *ignore* that Covenant and *perish* without hope, being in darkness because we are not brought **near** through His **Covenant** Eph. 2:8-13). Or, we can be restored to it. (Find some time to **read** Psalm 80) It is pertinent to this restoration of the tribes of Yisra'el **to Yahuah's Torah** in these **last** days).

The tribes of Yisra'el are *scattered* across the whole face of the Earth and inherited the customs of the nations, *thoroughly blending into the nations.*The ***Assyrians*** *dispersed* the northern 10 tribes (known by the dominant, first-born **blessing** tribe, Ephraim); shortly after the drought of the northern area of **Samaria** (This is why the 10 tribes in the north were called "Samaritans").

Most fled the Assyrians by sea, to **live** with their families in the safety of various **established** colonies **all** around the Mediterranean, but also further along the coast of Africa and the British Isles, **known** at that time as Hibernia (Eber is the root of this term). Another term that has "Eber" (I'bri, Hebrew) for a root is "Iberia", the area **known** today as Spain (Tarshish was a colony of Yisra'el along the coast of Iberia, where the prophet "Jonah" was attempting to reach. Yonah was hoping that Yahuah WOULD destroy Nineveh because it was the ***capital*** of Yisra'el's mortal enemy, ASSYRIA (ASSHUR in Hebrew). Yisra'el's duty has **always** been to bring the **Covenant** to the nations, but up until **now** this has not been done, or even contemplated by most.

Failing in this duty and turning to worship the Ba'als, Yahuah *scattered* Yisra'el in 722 BCE and Yahudah in 586 BCE. Shortly after the time of Yonah, Yisra'elites fled from the Assyrian onslaughts by land and settled to the north, above the Black Sea and became **known** as the Sacae, or Scythians.

This **word** is cognate with "iSAC" (Isaac, Yitsaq). The descendants of these "Sacae" who migrated to the east became the Parthian empire, which later **completely** wiped-out the Assyrians!

Other Yisra'elites fled to the northern area of Africa, along the southern part of the Mediterranean Sea; one the chief cities there was called Carthage. The Carthaginians almost conquered the Roman Empire and one of the most famous Yisra'elites from there was Hannibal. The land **known** as Ireland (Hibernia) was another long-**established** colony. There were Yisra'elites **living** in colonies in America as long ago as 1000 BCE.

Yisra'el was predominantly a "sea" empire, while other empires were more concerned with becoming land powers. The Yisra'elites traded **all** over the world, using the "rivers" in the oceans (currents) as their "roads". They were traders and miners. The Greeks called the Yisra'elites "Phoenicians", a fact which most modern scholars have yet to learn.

You'll be as amazed as we were to learn that the **word** "Phoenician" is Greek and simply a label for a "sea people" (sea empire with many colonies) who lived in the land of what they called "Phoenicia" about 1000 BCE. The people who lived in that land the Greeks called "Phoenicia" didn't **call** themselves "Phoenicians". Other Yisra'elite colonies were in various places such as the area of North America, one of many evidences is the large stone **found near** the Rio Grande River in modern New Mexico: The Los Lunas Stone. This is an ancient stone artifact of the **Ten Commandments Covenant found** in New Mexico, USA.

This stone shows the Ten **Command**ments **written** in the primary (palaeo) Hebrew script **written** on a large stone **found** in the 1800's at Los Lunas, New Mexico, **near** the Rio Grande. It could be 3000 years old and it contains the Name "Yahuah". It was **written** in obedience to Dt. 6, as we are to **write *them*** on our doorposts and on our ***gates*** — this stone was at the entrance to an ancient colony or settlement of Yisra'elites.

The style of the letter "yod" used on the stone indicates that the Israelites of the northern 10 tribes (Samaritans) were in North America. It could have been **inscribed** on this stone as early as the ninth century BCE, during the **reign** of King Shlomo (Solomon), or as late as 146 BCE when the Carthaginians (Yisra'elites) were conquered by Rome.

Many "diasporas" occurred, but we **now know** that Israel was mostly a "sea empire" and they were called "Phoenicians" ***by the Greeks***. Yes, the "Phoenicians" were Israelites! They didn't **call *themselves*** "Phoenicians", Herodotus called them that.

The Yisra'elites traveled the oceans of the world as they mined tin, copper, gold and iron. Did you **know** that the distance from the western coast of Africa to South America is LESS than the width of the Mediterranean Sea? Columbus didn't discover the Americas, Yisra'elites were already **living** here and many became what are **now** referred to as "Native Americans".

"Therefore, go and **make taught ones** of all the nations,
Immersing them in the <u>Name</u> of the **Father**
And of the **Son** and
Of the **Set-apart Spirit,**
<u>Teaching</u> them to <u>OBEY</u> all that I have <u>commanded you</u>.
And see, I am with you always, until the end of the age."
Amĕn.

Mt. 28:19, 20

Immerse: To plunge or dip into something that surrounds or covers.

To: embed~bury~to involve in deeply~absorb~engage~cover~ingress~douse

The **Covenant** between Yahuah and Yisrael

Most people **read** their favorite translation of Yahuah's Word for years and never **see** the most glaring facts staring right at them. The Truth is, Yahuah has never ***forsaken*** His **Covenant** with Yisrael, but has **renewed** it in the **precious blood** of **Yahusha**. *Gentiles* have been misled to *think* that He has **given** up on the people He Covenanted with, or that He made a "new" **Covenant** with a different people. This is the core of what is called "replacement theology" and it is a profound error. The **everlasting Covenant** is with **all** who partake in it and they become "Yisrael" through this Covenant. They are "cut-off" from Yisrael the moment they depart from it. It is the renewal of this **Covenant** that is significant because it is **sealed,** not with the im**perfect blood** of rams and goats, but with the infinitely superior **blood** of the **Son** of Yahuah, **Yahusha** ha'Mashiach. **Yahusha** is the Mediator of the **renewed** Covenant, ***Who* write**s it upon hearts of *flesh* and **causes** us to receive a **love** for the Truth. We can **now love His** instructions!

Gentiles become "fellow citizens" with Yisrael through this Covenant and are referred to as being "formerly *gentiles* in the flesh". They are no longer *gentiles,* but Yisrael, through the workmanship of Yahusha. ***If*** they **accept** the Mashiach of Yisrael, but *do not* **accept** the **Covenant** He brings with Him, they are without hope, because of their *disobedience*.

"For we are His workmanship, created in **Messiah Yahusha** unto **good works,**
which **Elohim** prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.
Therefore ***remember*** that you, once *gentiles* in the *flesh,*
who are called 'the uncircumcision' by what is called 'the circumcision'
made in the *flesh* by hands,
that at that time you were without **Messiah**,
and you were excluded from the citizenship of Yisrael and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no expectation and
without **Elohim** in the world.

***But* now** in **Messiah Yahusha**
you who once were far off
have been brought **near** by the **blood** of the **Messiah**.
For He is our peace,
who has made both one,
and
having broken down the partition of the barrier,
having abolished in His *flesh* the enmity –
the Torah of the **commands** in dogma –
so as to create in Himself one **renewed** man from the two,
thus making peace,
and to **completely** restore to favor
both of them unto **Elohim** in one body through the stake,
having ***destroyed*** the enmity by it.

And having come,
He brought as **Good News** (**Besorah**)
peace to you who were far off and peace to those near,
because through Him we both have
access to the **Father** by one **Spirit.**
So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners,
but fellow citizens with the set-apart ones and members of the household
of **Elohim**,
having been built upon the foundation of the emissaries and **prophets,**
Yahusha **Messiah** Himself being chief corner-stone,
in whom **all** the building, being joined together, grows into a set-apart
Dwelling Place in Yahuah,
in ***Whom*** you also are being built **together** into a dwelling
of **Elohim** in the **Spirit.**"
Eph. 2:10-22

Yisrael is **now** the **living** Hekel (Temple) of Yahuah, indwelled by Yahusha 's Spiritual presence in us. It has **always** been Yahuah's will for Yisrael to **teach** His Torah to the nations. The story of Yonah portrays Yisrael's unwillingness to perform this duty willingly, but **now** we in the **last** days realize our duty. We are commissioned to **teach** the *gentiles* and engraft them into the Torah/Covenant, "**teaching** them to obey everything I have **commanded** you".

We are one body and we have a name He calls us by:

Yisra'el

IT IS AS SIMPLE AS ONE ~ TWO ~ THREE ~ FOUR! HOW A "GENTILE" GETS HEADED FOR HOME?

If a person outside the **Covenant** picks up this **book** and wants to find their salvation, how are they to begin? Much of the effort behind the **message** in this **book** is directed at getting Yisra'el to **obey** **Yahuah** and **then** in turn they are to **teach** **the nations to obey**, thus increasing Yisra'el. The development of "replacement theology" **caused** a widespread ***deception*** that somehow *gentiles* "replaced" the original people of Yisra'el and that *gentiles* are Yahuah's new bride, called "the Church". This entity usurped the name Yisra'el and **quickly caused** the "falling-away" from Torah. The salvation plan became tied to "sacraments" and "sacramental grace" dispensed through the **teaching** of the Nicolaite priesthood. ***What*** you are holding in your **hand** (Yahuah's inspired word) stands in direct conflict with the Catholic timeline of Dogmas and the establishment of the "priesthood-laity" di**vision** (Nicolaitanism). The fact that Shaul (Paul) was not called a ring-leader of the "sect of the Christians" (Acts 24:5) should be **strong** evidence that "Christianity" didn't exist among the early **believing follow**ers of Yahusha. To get to the root of when "Gentiles" were **first** offered entry into the **Covenant** to become fellow citizens of Yisra'el (Yisra'el being the "Body" of Mashiach, not the "Church"), **all** a person must do is **read** Acts chapter 15 slowly and carefully. **One** of the logical questions this chapter addresses is whether or not an adult male convert must be physically circumcised; but there still remains another question.

Someone was moved to **ask** this: *"I have been pondering over something for years and wonder if you might have the answer or can shed some light on it? It's about the Jerusalem Council at Acts 15.* ***Why*** *did they only tell the gentiles to abstain from meats offered to idols, from* **blood** *and from things strangled and from fornication?"*

Reply: The major issue at the Yerushalayim council was how to bring the **former** *gentiles* into the fold, especially considering these folks were steeped in **all** sorts of *Pagan ideas and practices* that **needed to be halted entirely**. The ***four things*** they needed to *change* right away were those *practices* that directly dealt with how they lived and *worshipped their idols.* They *could not* **serve Yahuah** doing those **same** things! The ***four things*** had to do with what was to be *stopped* and ***then*** they could continue to learn how to **live according** to ***Yahuah's instructions*** by **hearing** "Mosheh" **read** in the synagogues. "Mosheh" is a reference to Torah and the opportunity to hear it would come **every** weekly Shabbath.

Here is the KJV rendering of the area of the text that addresses these **four** things, with the concordance number for each **Greek** **word** used:

Act 15:28 For[1063] it seemed good[1380] to the[3588] Holy[40] Ghost,[4151] and[2532] to us,[2254] to lay[2007] upon you[5213] no[3367] greater[4119] burden[922] than[4133] these[5130] necessary things;[1876]

Act 15:29 That ye abstain[567] from meats offered to *idols,*[1494] and[2532] from **blood,**[129] and[2532] from things *strangled,*[4156] and[2532] from fornication:[4202] from[1537] which[3739] if ye keep[1301] yourselves,[1438] ye ***shall*** do[4238] well,[2095] Fare ye well.[4517]

The Greek term "Hagios Pneuma" (Holy Ghost / Spirit) would be Ruach ha'Qodesh in Hebrew, of course. They turned single **words** into short phrases as their best-guess to the meaning for each Greek **word.** For one thing, *the* **word** *"meat" is not in the sentence at* **all,** but only the Greek terms "apechomai" (abstain) and "eidolothuton" (*idol* sacrifice/service/offering). This would include a **great** deal, such as participating in ANY pattern of Pagan *idol* servitude, such as going to a party and lifting a **cup** to toast "the gods", or celebrating on a day that is only derived from a Pagan background (such as Saturnalia), even if it had been "cleansed" and turned into another meaning. And, it would also include the offering of "meat" to an idol. ***But*** we **know** that Shaul **explained** that we could eat the meat that had been offered to an idol, but not if it **caused** a brother to

stumble (1 Cor. 8:4). ***Eating*** meat and ***offering*** it to an *idol* are two different things.

The **word** "blood" (aima) can mean literally eating **blood** because an animal had been throttled and not properly "bled" before cooking it, but it can also be taken to mean "bloodshed". Both interpretations are certainly applicable.

To take this short **message** as it is without understanding the context and what the *gentiles* were used to doing and claim that people born out of the **Covenant** may do ***whatever*** they **wish *except*** for the **four** things, is **misinterpreting** a **great** deal. ***If*** this were the case, it would mean that former *gentiles* (who have become fellow citizens of Yisra'el through the covenants) ***could*** covet, lie, misuse Yahuah's Name (cast it to ruin), *ignore* Shabbath, bully and misuse their parents and still be fine with Yahuah. The **four** things **all** seem to point to the *practices* that went on at the Pagan temples, including "porneia", which was central to idol-worship, through the temple prostitutes.

After stopping their ***idolatrous patterns*** of **living**, the next step for these who were "turning" to Yahuah was to hear the instructions of Yahuah:

Act 15:21 For[1063] Moses[3475] of old time[1537, 744, 1074] hath[2192] in **every** city[2596, 4172] them that preach[2784] him,[846] being read[314] in[1722] the[3588] synagogues[4864] every[2596, 3956] Sabbath day.[4521]

It's amazing that Christianity managed to miss this blatant reference to the weekly Shabbath. It must be a stronghold (**teaching** of error), because the **word** "Sabbath" is used over twice as much in the **renewed Covenant** Writings than in the other four-fifths of **Scripture** (known as the "Old Testament"). A former Gentile who repents of *sinning* against Yahuah's Torah and accepts Yahusha's **blood** offering as the permanent solution as payment for **all** their *sins*, then joins as a fellow citizen of Israel at the time of their immersion into Yahusha's **Name**. All that is needed is the **repenting person**, **water** and the **calling upon the Name of Yahusha** for salvation. No organization or committee needs to approve the new convert; the approval can only come from Yahusha, ***Who*** called them to **repentance.** They have entered the Covenant and are no longer *gentiles,* but fellow citizens of Yisra'el ~ Yahusha's body, His wife and bride. Remaining in the **Covenant** means they continue to obey the **Commandments** (Covenant, Torah) and hold to the testimony of Yahusha.

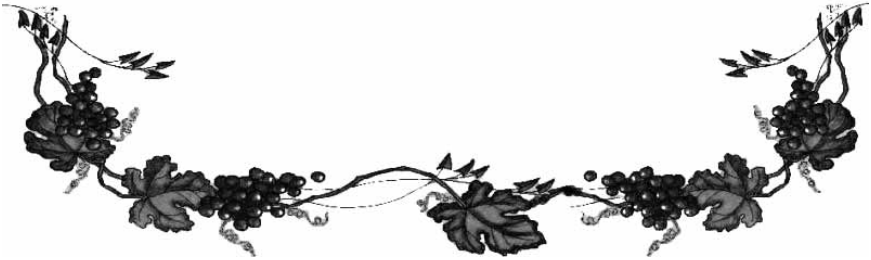
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄: "**Repent** and **turn back** from your *idols* and **turn back** your faces from **all** your **abominations**. Cast away from you **all** the *transgressions* by which you have gone ***wrong*** and make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you *die* O house of Yisra'el? I have no pleasure in the *death* of one who dies, so **turn back** to **Me** and **live**!"

"For the day is near, **My** day is **near!** It is a **day of** clouds and the time of the nations. I ***shall*** set *fire* and *execute* judgments and **pour out My wrath** on *Sin. **When*** I *execute* judgments **all** *flesh **shall*** **know** that I am 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄. **Now** is the time that Yisra'el should **seek My** face and **My way. Now** is the time to be instructed. O ***wrong*** one you ***shall*** certainly *die!*"

"I ***shall*** make **My Set-apart Name known** in the midst of **My people Yisra'el** and not **let it be** *profaned* any more. The *gentiles **shall*** **know** that **I am** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, the **Set-apart One** in Yisra'el. They ***shall*** see **My** judgment which I have *executed* and **My hand** which I have laid on them. On that day there ***shall*** **be** a **great** *shaking* in the land of Yisra'el so that the fish of the sea and the birds of the heavens and the beasts of the field and **all** creeping creatures that creep on the earth and *all men* who are on the face of the earth ***shall*** *shake* at **My** presence. The mountains ***shall*** **be** *thrown* down, the steep places and **every** wall ***shall fall*** to the ground."

It is not too late.

For the **Word** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄
is **living** and working and sharper
than any two-edged sword
cutting through even to the dividing of being and spirit
and of joints and marrow and
able to judge
the *thoughts* and *intentions* of the heart.
There is no creature *hidden* from His sight
but **all** are naked and laid bare before the eyes of Him
with whom is our account.
Therefore, since we have a **great** High Priest
Who has passed through the heavens,
Yahusha the Son of Elohim,
let us hold fast our confession.
For we *do not* have a High Priest
unable to sympathize with our *weaknesses*
but **One** who was tried in **all** respects as we are,
apart from sin.
Therefore,
let us **come boldly** to the throne of favor
in order to receive compassion and find favor for
timely help.
Hebrews/Ibrim 4:12-16



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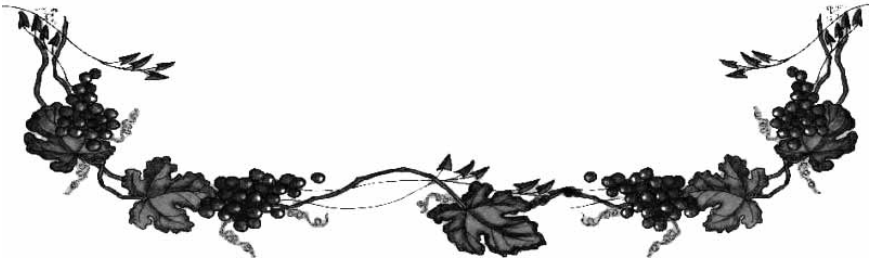

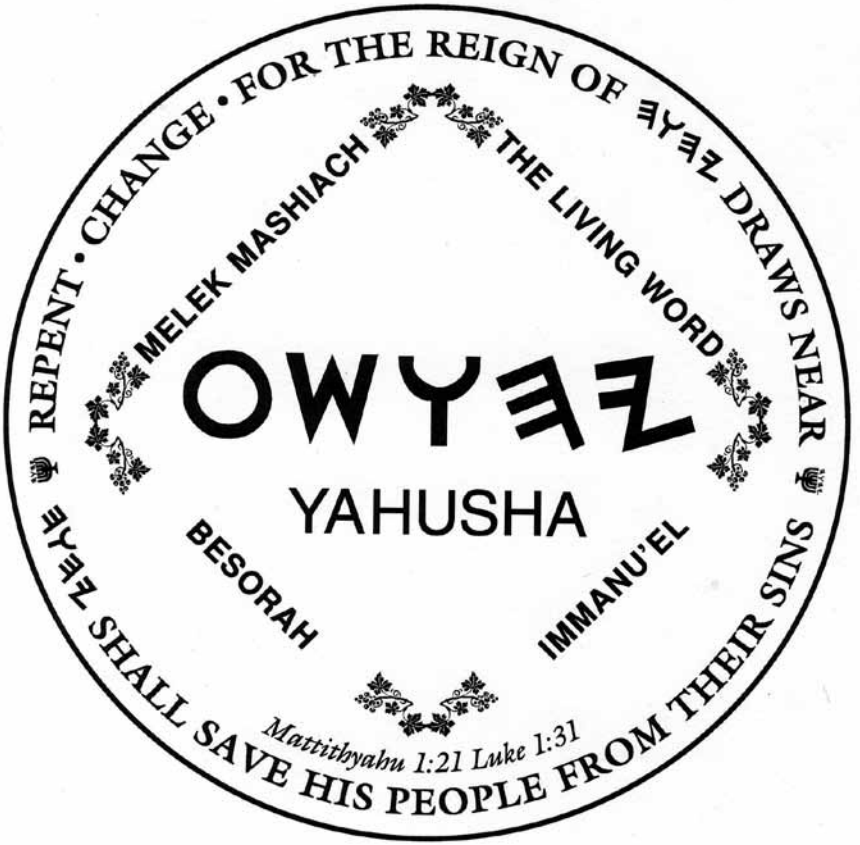

"**Let** not your heart be *troubled,*
Believe/Trust in יהושע
Believe/Trust in **Me.**"
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"**My teaching** is not **Mine** but **His** who **sent Me.**"
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3:34, 8:28, 8:40, 12:49, 14:24, 17:8

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1 The **book** of the genealogy of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, **Son** of Dawiḏ, **Son** of Aḇraham:

2Aḇrahim brought forth Yitsḥaq and Yitsḥaq brought forth Ya'aqoḇ and Ya'aqoḇ brought forth Yahuḏah and his brothers.

3And Yahuḏah brought forth Perets and Zeraḥ by Tamar and Perets brought forth Ḥetsron and Ḥetsron brought forth Ram.

4And Ram brought forth Amminaḏaḇ and Amminaḏaḇ brought forth Naḥshon and Naḥshon brought forth Salmon.

5And Salmon brought forth Bo'az by Raḥaḇ and Bo'az brought forth Oḇĕḏ by Ruth and Oḇĕḏ brought forth Yishai.

6And Yishai brought forth Dawiḏ the sovereign and Dawiḏ the sovereign brought forth Shelomoh by Uriyah's wife.

7And Shelomoh brought forth Reḥaḇ'am and Reḥaḇ'am brought forth Aḇiyah and Aḇiyah brought forth Asa.

8And Asa brought forth Yehoshaphat and Yehoshaphat brought forth Yoram and Yoram brought forth Uzziyah.

9And Uzziyah brought forth Yotham and Yotham brought forth Aḥaz and Aḥaz brought forth Ḥizqiyahu.

10And Ḥizqiyahu brought forth Menashsheh and Menashsheh brought forth Amon and Amon brought forth Yoshiyahu.

11And Yoshiyahu brought forth Yeḵonyah and his brothers at the **time** of the exile to Baḇel.

12And after the exile to Baḇel, Yeḵonyah brought forth She'alti'ĕl and She'alti'ĕl brought forth Zerubbaḇel.

13And Zerubbaḇel brought forth Aḇihuḏ and Aḇihuḏ brought forth Elyaqim and Elyaqim brought forth Azor.

14And Azor brought forth Tsaḏoq and Tsaḏoq brought forth Aqim and Aqim brought forth Elihuḏ.

15And Elihuḏ brought forth El'azar and El'azar brought forth Mattan and Mattan brought forth Ya'aqoḇ.

16And Ya'aqoḇ brought forth Yosĕph the husband of Miryam, of whom was born 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 who is called **Messiah**.

17So **all** the generations from Aḇrahim to Dawiḏ were fourteen generations and from Dawiḏ until the exile to Baḇel were fourteen generations and from the exile to Baḇel until the **Messiah** were fourteen generations.

18***But*** the birth of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** was as **follow**s: After **His** mother Miryam was engaged to Yosĕph, before they came together, she was **found** to be pregnant from the **Set-apart Spirit.**

19And Yosĕph her husband, being **righteous** and not *wishing* to make a **show** of her, had in **mind** to put her away secretly.

20***But*** while he thought about this, **see,** a messenger of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 appeared to him in a **dream,** saying, "Yosĕph, son of Dawiḏ, *do not* be *afraid* to take Miryam as your wife, for that which is in her was brought forth from the **Set-apart Spirit.**

21"She ***shall*** give birth to a **Son** and you ***shall*** **call His Name** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 for **He** ***shall*** save **His people** from *their sins.* "

22And **all** this came to be **in order to fill what was spoken** by 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 through the **prophet,** saying,

23"**See,** a maiden ***shall*** conceive and she ***shall*** give birth to a **Son** and they ***shall*** **call His Name** Immanu'ĕl," which translated, means, "Ĕl with us."

24And Yosĕph, awaking from his sleep, did as the messenger of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **commanded** him and took his wife,

25but **knew** her not until she gave birth to her **Son**, the first-born.

And he called **His Name** OWYƎZ.

2 And OWYƎZ having been born in Bĕyth Leḥem of Yahuḏah in the days of Herodes the sovereign, **see,** Magi from the East came to Yerushalayim,
[2]saying, "Where **is He** who has been born Sovereign of the Yahuḏim? For we **saw His** star in the East and have **come to** do reverence to **Him.**"
[3]And Herodes the sovereign, having **heard**, was *troubled* and **all** Yerushalayim with him.
[4]And having gathered **all** the chief priests and *scribes* of the people together, he asked them where the **Messiah** was to be born.
[5]And they said to him, "In Bĕyth Leḥem of Yahuḏah, for thus it has been **written** by the **prophet,**
[6]"***But*** you, Bĕyth Leḥem, in the land of Yahuḏah, you are by no means least among the rulers of Yahuḏah, for out of you ***shall*** **come** a Ruler who ***shall*** shepherd **My people** Yisra'ĕl.' "
[7]***Then*** Herodes, having called the Magi secretly, **learned** exactly from them what **time** the star appeared.
[8]And having **sent** them to Bĕyth Leḥem, he said, "Go and **search diligently** for **the Child** and when you have **found Him,** bring back **word** to me, so that I too might go and do reverence to **Him.**"
[9]And having **heard** the sovereign, they went. And **see,** the star which they had **seen** in the East went before them, until it came and stood over where **the Child** was.
[10]And **seeing** the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly **great** joy.
[11]And **coming** into the house, they **saw the Child** with Miryam **His** mother and fell down and did reverence to **Him** and opening their treasures, they presented to **Him** gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.
[12]And having been **warned** in a **dream** that they should not **return** to Herodes, they departed for their own country by another **way.**
[13]And when they had left, **see,** a messenger of ƎYƎZ appeared to Yosĕph in a **dream,** saying, "Arise, take **the Child** and **His** mother and ***flee*** to Mitsrayim and remain there until I bring you **word,** for Herodes is about to **seek the Child** to *destroy* **Him.**"
[14]And rising up, he took **the Child** and **His** mother by night and departed for Mitsrayim,
[15]and remained there until the *death* of Herodes, to **fill what was spoken** by ƎYƎZ through the **prophet,** saying, "Out of Mitsrayim I have called **My Son**."
[16]***Then*** Herodes, having **seen** that he was *fooled* by the Magi, was greatly **enraged** and he **sent** forth and slew **all** the male children in Bĕyth Leḥem and in **all** its borders, from two years old and under, **according** to the **time** which he had exactly learnt from the Magi.
[17]***Then*** **was filled** what was **spoken** by Yirmeyahu the **prophet,** saying,
[18]"A **voice** was **heard** in Ramah, *wailing* and *weeping* and ***great*** *mourning* – Raḥĕl *weeping* for her children, ***refusing*** to be comforted, **<u>because</u>** they were no more."
[19]And Herodes having died, **see,** a messenger of ƎYƎZ appeared in a **dream** to Yosĕph in Mitsrayim,
[20]saying, "Arise and take **the Child** and **His** mother and go into the land of Yisra'ĕl, for those **seeking** the **life** of **the Child** are *dead.*"
[21]And rising up, he took **the Child** and **His** mother and came into the land of Yisra'ĕl.
[22]***But*** **hearing** that Archelaos was **reigning** over Yahuḏah instead of his father Herodes, he was *afraid* to go there. And having been **warned** in a **dream,** he departed to the parts of Galil,
[23]and came and dwelt in a city called Natsareth – thus to **fill what was spoken** by the **prophets,** "He ***shall*** **be** called a Natsari."

3 And in those days Yoḥanan the Immerser came **proclaiming** in the

wilderness of Yahuḏah,
[2]and saying, "**Repent**, for the **reign** of the heavens has **come near!**"
[3]For this is he who was **spoken** of by the **prophet** Yeshayahu, saying, "A **voice** of one crying in the wilderness, 'Prepare the **way** of יהוה, make **His** paths **straight.**' "
[4]And Yoḥanan had a garment of camel's hair and a leather girdle around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.
[5]***Then*** Yerushalayim and **all** Yahuḏah and **all** the country around the Yarděn went out to him,
[6]and they were **immersed** by him in the Yarděn, confessing *their sins.*
[7]And **seeing** many of the Pharisees and Sadducees **coming** to his immersion, he said to them, "Brood of adders! ***Who*** has **warned** you to ***flee*** from the **coming** *wrath*?
[8]"Bear, therefore, fruits **worthy** of repentance,
[9]and *do not think* to say to yourselves, 'We have Aḇrahim as father.' For I say to you that **Ělohim is able** to **raise** up children to Aḇrahim from these stones.
[10]"And the axe is already laid to the root of the trees. Every *tree,* then, which *does not* bear **good fruit** is *cut down* and *thrown* into the *fire*.
[11]"I indeed **immerse** you in water unto repentance, but **He** who is **coming** after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not **worthy** to bear. **He *shall*** immerse you in the **Set-apart Spirit** and *fire*.
[12]"**His** winnowing fork is in **His hand** and **He *shall*** thoroughly **cleanse His** threshing-floor and **gather His** wheat into the storehouse, but the chaff **He *shall*** *burn* with *unquenchable fire*."
[13]***Then*** יהושע came from Galil to Yoḥanan at the Yarděn to be **immersed** by him.
[14]***But*** Yoḥanan was hindering **Him,** saying, "I need to be **immersed by You** and **You come to** me?"
[15]***But*** יהושע answering, said to him, "Permit it **now**, for thus it is fitting for us to **fill all righteousness**."
Then he permitted **Him.**
[16]And having been **immersed,** יהושע went up **immediately** from the water and **see,** the heavens were opened and **He saw** the **Spirit** of **Elohim** descending like a dove and **coming** upon **Him,**
[17]and **see,** a **voice** out of the heavens, saying, "This is **My Son**, the **Beloved** , in whom I did delight."

4 ***Then*** יהושע was led up by the **Spirit** into the wilderness to be tried by the *devil*.
[2]And after having fasted forty days and forty nights, **He** was hungry.
[3]And the trier came and said to **Him,** "***If*** You are the **Son** of **Elohim**, **command** that these stones become bread."
[4]***But*** **He** answering, said, "It has been **written**, 'Man ***shall*** not **live** by **bread** alone, but by **every word** that **comes** from the **mouth** of יהוה.' "
[5]***Then*** the *devil* took **Him** up into the set-apart city, set **Him** on the edge of the set-apart **Place,**
[6]and said to **Him,** "***If*** **You** are the **Son** of **Elohim**, *throw* **Yourself** down. For it has been **written**, 'He ***shall*** **command His** messengers concerning you,' and 'In their hands they ***shall*** bear you up so that *you do not* dash your foot *against* a stone.' "
[7]יהושע said to him, "It has also been **written**, 'You ***shall*** not try יהוה your **Elohim**.' "
[8]Again, the *devil* took **Him** up on a **very** high mountain and showed **Him all** the reigns of the world and their esteem,
[9]and said to **Him,** "All these I ***shall*** give **You** if **You** *fall* down and worship me."
[10]***Then*** יהושע said to him, "Go, Satan! For it has been **written**, 'You ***shall*** worship יהוה your **Elohim** and **Him** alone you ***shall*** serve.' "
[11]***Then*** the *devil* left **Him** and **see,** messengers came and attended **Him.**
[12]And יהושע, having **heard**

that Yoḥanan had been put in prison, withdrew into Galil.
[13]And leaving Natsareth, **He** came and dwelt in Kephar Naḥum, which is by the sea, in the borders of Zeḇulun and Naphtali,
[14]to **fill what was spoken** byYeshayahu the **prophet,** saying,
[15]"Land of Zeḇulun and land of Naphtali, the **way** of the sea, beyond the Yarděn, Galil of the *gentiles* –
[16]*the people* who sat in *darkness* **saw** a **great light** and upon those who sat in the land and *shadow of death,* **light** arose to them."
[17]From that **time** OWYHZ began to **proclaim** and to say, "**Repent**, for the **reign** of the heavens has drawn **near.**"
[18]And OWYHZ, walking by the Sea of Galil, **saw** two brothers, Shim'on called Kĕpha and Andri his brother, casting a *net* into the sea, for they were fishermen.
[19]And **He** said to them, "**Follow Me** and I ***shall*** make you fishers of men."
[20]And **immediately** they left their nets and **followed Him.**
[21]And going on from there, **He saw** two other brothers, Ya'aqoḇ the son of Zaḇdai and Yoḥanan his brother, in the boat with Zaḇdai their father, mending their nets. And **He** called them,
[22]and **immediately** they left the boat and their father and **followed Him.**
[23]And OWYHZ went about **all** Galil, **teaching** in their congregations and **proclaiming** the **Besorah** of the reign and **healing every** *disease* and **every** bodily *weakness* among the people.
[24]And news about **Him** went out into **all** Syria. And they brought to **Him all** who were *sick, afflicted* with various *diseases* and *pains* and those who were demon-possessed and epileptics and paralytics. And **He healed** them.
[25]And large crowds – from Galil and Dekapolis and Yerushalayim and Yahuḏah and beyond the Yarděn – **followed Him.**

5 ***But*** when **He saw** the crowds, **He** went up on a mountain and when **He** was seated **His taught ones** came to **Him.**
[2]And having opened **His mouth, He** was **teaching** them, saying,
[3]**"Blessed** are the *poor* in spirit, **because** theirs is the **reign** of the **heavens.**
[4]**"Blessed** are those who mourn, **because** they ***shall*** **be** comforted.
[5]**"Blessed** are the meek, **because**they ***shall*** inherit the earth.
[6]**"Blessed** are those who hungerand thirst for **righteousness**, **because** they ***shall*** **be filled.**
[7]**"Blessed** are the **compassionate**, **because** they ***shall*** obtain **compassion**.
[8]**"Blessed** are the **clean** in **heart, because** they ***shall*** **see Elohim**.
[9]**"Blessed** are the peacemakers, **because** they ***shall*** **be** called sons of **Elohim**.
[10]**"Blessed** are those persecuted for **righteousness**' sake, **because** theirs is the **reign** of the **heavens.**
[11]**"Blessed** are you when they *reproach* and *persecute* you and *falsely* say **every** *wicked* **word** *against* you, for **My** sake.
[12]"Rejoice and be glad, **because** your reward in the heavens is great. For in this **way** they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
[13]"You are the **salt** of the earth, but if the **salt** becomes tasteless, how ***shall*** it be seasoned? For it is no longer of any use but to be *thrown* out and to be trodden down by men.
[14]"You are the **light** of the world. It is *impossible* for a city to be *hidden* on a mountain.
[15]"Nor do they **light** a **lamp** and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand and it shines to **all** those in the house.
[16]"**Let** your **light** so shine before men, so that they **see** your **good works** and **praise** your **Father** who is in the **heavens.**
[17]"***Do*** *not think* that I came to *destroy* the **Torah** or the **Prophet**s. I *did not* **come to** *destroy* but to **complete**.
[18]"For **truly**, I say to you, til **the**

heavens and the earth pass away, one jot or one tittle ***shall*** by no means pass from the **Torah** til **all** be **done**.
19"***Who***ever, then, *breaks* one of the *least* of these **commands** and **teaches** men so, ***shall*** **be** called least in the **reign** of the heavens; but ***whoever*** does and **teaches** them, he ***shall*** **be** called **great** in the **reign** of the **heavens.**
20"For I say to you, that ***unless*** your **righteousness** exceeds that of the *scribes* and Pharisees, you ***shall*** by no means enter into the **reign** of the **heavens.**
21"You **heard** that it was said to those of old, 'You ***shall*** not murder,' and ***whoever*** *murders* ***shall*** **be** *liable* to judgment.
22"***But*** I say to you that ***whoever*** is *wroth* with his brother **without** a **cause** ***shall*** **be** *liable* to judgment. And ***whoever*** says to his brother, 'Raka!' ***shall*** **be** *liable* to the Sanhedrin. ***But whoever*** says, 'You fool!' ***shall*** **be** *liable* to *fire* of Gehenna.
23"If, then, you bring your gift to the altar and there ***remember*** that your brother holds ***whatever*** <u>*against*</u> you,
24leave your gift there before the altar and go, **first** make **peace** with your brother and then **come** and offer your gift.
25"Be well-minded with your opponent, promptly, while you are on the **way** with him, lest your opponent **deliver** you to the judge and the **judge** to the officer and you be *thrown* into prison.
26"**Truly**, I say to you, you ***shall*** by no means get out of there til you have paid the **last** penny.
27"You **heard** that it was said to those of old, 'You ***shall*** not *commit* adultery.'
28"***But*** I say to you that everyone looking at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his **heart.**
29"And if your **right** eye **causes** you to stumble, pluck it out and *throw* it away from you. For it is better for you that one of your members *perish,* than for your entire body to be *thrown* into Gehenna.
30"And if your **right hand causes** you to *stumble, cut* it off and *throw* it away from you. For it is better for you that one of your members *perish,* than for your entire body to be *thrown* into Gehenna.
31"And it has been said, '***Whoever*** puts away his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'
32"***But*** I say to you that ***whoever*** puts away his wife, ***except*** for the matter of *whoring,* makes her *commit* adultery. And ***whoever*** marries a woman who has been put away commits adultery.
33"Again, you **heard** that it was said to those of old, 'You ***shall*** not swear *falsely*, but ***shall*** perform your oaths to ה׳.'
34"***But*** I say to you, *do not* swear at **all,** neither by the heaven, <u>**because**</u> it is **Elohim**'s throne;
35nor by the earth, for it is **His**footstool; nor by Yerushalayim, for it is the city of the **great** Sovereign;
36nor swear by your head, <u>**because**</u> you are not able to make one hair white or black.
37"***But*** let your **word** 'Yea' be 'Yea,' and your 'No' be 'No.' And what goes beyond these is from the *wicked one.*
38"You **heard** that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth,'
39but I say to you, *do not resist* the *wicked*. ***But whoever*** slaps you on your **right** cheek, turn the other to him also.
40"And he who **wishes** to sue you and take away your inner garment, let him have your outer garment as well.
41"And ***whoever*** compels you to go one mile, go with him two.
42"Give to him who asks of you and from him who **wishes** to borrow from you, *do not* turn away.
43"You **heard** that it was said, 'You ***shall*** **love** your neighbour and *hate* your enemy.'
44"***But*** I say to you, **love** your enemies, **bless** those cursing you, do **good** to those hating you and pray for those insulting you and persecuting you,
45so that you become sons of your **Father** in the **heavens. <u>Because</u> He**

makes **His** sun rise on the *wicked* and on the **good** and **sends** rain on the **righteous** and on the unrighteous.
46"For if you **love** those **loving** you, what reward have you? Are the tax collectors *not doing* the **same** too?
47"And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more than others? Are the tax collectors *not doing* so too?
48"Therefore, be perfect, as your Father in the heavens is perfect.

6 "Beware of doing your **kind deeds** before men, **in order** to be **seen** by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your **Father** in the **heavens.**
2"Thus, when you do a **kind deed**, *do not* sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do, in the congregations and in the streets, to be p**raised** by men. **Truly**, I say to you, they have their reward.
3"***But*** when you do a **kind deed**, *do not* let your left **hand know** what your **right hand** is doing,
4so that your **kind deed *shall* be** in **secret.** And your **Father** who **sees** in **secret *shall* Himself** reward you openly.
5"And when you pray, you ***shall*** not be like the hypocrites. For they **love** to pray standing in the congregations and on the corners of the streets, to be **seen** by men. **Truly**, I say to you, they have their reward.
6"***But*** you, when you pray, go into your room and having shut your **door,** pray to your **Father** who is in the **secret** place. And your **Father** who sees in **secret *shall*** reward you openly.
7"And when praying, *do not* keep on babbling like the *gentiles.* For they *think* that they ***shall* be heard** for their many **words**.
8"Therefore *do not* be *like them*, for your **Father knows** what you need before you **ask Him.**
9"This, then, is the **way** you should pray: 'Our **Father** who is in the heavens, let **Your Name** be set-apart,
10let **Your reign** come and let **Your** desire be done on earth as it is in **heavens.**
11'Give us today our daily bread.
12'And **forgive,** us our debts, as we **forgive,** our debtors.
13'And *do not* lead us into trial, but **deliver** us from the *wicked* one – **<u>because</u> Your**s is the **reign** and the **power** and the **esteem**, **forever**. Amĕn.'
14"For if you **forgive,** men their trespasses, your heavenly **Father *shall*** also **forgive** you.
15"***But*** if *you do not* **forgive** men their *trespasses*, neither ***shall*** your **Father forgive,** your *trespasses.*
16"And when you fast, *do not* be sadfaced like the hypocrites. For they disfigure their faces so that they appear to be fasting to men. **Truly**, I say to you, they have their reward.
17"***But*** you, when you fast, **anoint** your head and wash your face,
18so that *you do not* appear to men to be fasting, but to your **Father** who is in the **secret** place. And your **Father** who sees in **secret *shall*** reward you openly.
19"***Do*** *not* lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust *destroy* and where ***thieves*** *break* in and ***steal,***
20but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where ***thieves*** *do not break* in and steal.
21"For where your treasure is, there your **heart *shall* be** also.
22"The **lamp** of the body is the eye.
If therefore your eye is **good**,
all your body ***shall* be enlightened**.
23"***But*** if your eye is *evil*, **all** your body **shall be** darkened. If, then, the **light** that is within you is *darkness*, how **great** is that *darkness*!
24"No one **is able** to **serve** two masters, for either he ***shall*** *hate* the one and **love** the other, or else he ***shall*** cleave to the one and *despise* the other. You are not able to **serve Elohim** and mammon.
25"**<u>Because</u>** of this I say to you, *do not worry* about your **life**, what you ***shall*** eat or drink, or about your body, what you ***shall*** put on.
Is not **life** more than the food and the

body more than the clothing?
[26]"Look at the birds of the heaven, for they neither sow nor reap nor **gather** into storehouses, yet your heavenly **Father** does feed them. Are you not worth more than they?
[27]"And which of you by worrying **is able** to add one cubit to his **life**'s span?
[28]"So why do you *worry* about clothing? Note well the lilies of the field, how they grow. They neither toil nor spin,
[29]and I say to you that even Shelomoh in **all** his **esteem** was not dressed like one of these.
[30]"***But*** if **Elohim** so clothes the grass of the field, which exists today and **tomorrow** is *thrown* into the furnace, how much more you, O you of *little* **belief**?
[31]"***Do*** *not worry* then, saying, '***What shall*** we eat?' or '***What shall*** we drink?' or '***What shall*** we wear?'
[32]"For **all** these the *gentiles* **seek** for. And your heavenly **Father knows** that you need **all** these.
[33]"***But*** **seek first** the **reign** of **Elohim** and **His righteousness** and **all** these matters ***shall*** **be added** to you.
[34]"***Do*** not, then, *worry* about **tomorrow**, for **tomorrow** ***shall*** have its own worries. Each day has enough *evil* of itself.

7 "***Do*** *not* judge, lest you be judged.
[2]"For with what judgment you judge, you ***shall*** **be** judged. And with the **same** measure you use, it ***shall*** **be** measured to you.
[3]"And why do you look at the *splinter* in your brother's eye, but *do not* notice the plank in your own eye?
[4]"Or how is it that you say to your brother, '**Let** me remove the *splinter* out of your eye,' and **see,**
a plank is in your own eye?
[5]"Hypocrite! **First** remove the plank from your own eye and then you ***shall*** **see** clearly to remove the splinter out of your brother's eye.
[6]"***Do*** *not* give what is set-apart to the dogs, nor *throw* your pearls before the ***pigs,*** lest they trample them under their feet and turn and *tear* you in pieces.
[7]"**Ask** and it ***shall*** **be given** to you, **seek** and you ***shall*** find, **knock** and it ***shall*** **be** opened to you.
[8]"For everyone who asks receives and he who seeks finds and to him who **knocks** it ***shall*** **be** opened.
[9]"Or is there a man among you who, if his son asks for bread, ***shall*** give him a stone?
[10]"Or if he asks for a fish, ***shall*** he give him a snake?
[11]"***If*** you then, being *wicked*, **know** how to give **good** gifts to your children, how much more ***shall*** your **Father** who is in the heavens give what is **good** to those who **ask Him!**
[12]"Therefore, ***whatever*** you **wish** men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the **Torah** and the **Prophet**s.
[13]"Enter in through the **narrow** gate! **Because** the gate is wide – and the **way** is broad – that leads to ***destruction*** and there are many who enter in through it.
[14]"**Because** the gate is **narrow** and the **way** is hard pressed which leads to **life** and there are **few** who find it.
[15]"***But*** beware of the *false* **prophets** who **come to** you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are savage *wolves*.
[16]"By *their fruits* **you *shall* know** them. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes or figs from thistles?
[17]"So **every good** *tree* yields **good fruit** but a *rotten tree* yields *wicked* **fruit.**
[18]"A **good** *tree* is *unable* to yield *wicked* fruit and a *rotten tree* to yield **good** fruit**.**
[19]"Every *tree* that *does not* bear **good** fruit is *cut down* and *thrown* into the *fire*.
[20]"So then, by *their fruits* **you *shall* know** them –
[21]"*Not everyone* who says *to* **Me,** '**Master, Master' *shall*** enter into the **reign** of the heavens, but he who is **doing** the **desire** of **My Father** in the **heavens.**
[22]"Many ***shall*** say to **Me** in that day,'**Master, Master,** have we not

prophesied in **Your Name** and *cast* out ***demons*** in **Your Name** and done many mighty **works** in **Your Name**?'
[23]"And then I ***shall*** **declare** to them, 'I never **knew** you, depart from **Me,** you who **work** *lawlessness*!'
[24]"Therefore everyone **who hears** these **words** of **Mine** and **does** them, ***shall*** **be** like a **wise** man who built his house on the rock,
[25]and the rain came down and the floods came and the winds blew and beat on that house and it *did not* fall, for it was founded on the rock.
[26]"And everyone **who hears** these **words** of **Mine** and *does not* do them, ***shall*** **be** like a ***foolish*** man who built his house on the sand,
[27]and the rain came down and the floods came and the winds blew and they beat on that house and it fell and **great** was its fall."
[28]And it came to be, when OWYƎZ had ended these **words**, that the people were astonished at **His teaching**,
[29]for **He** was **teaching** them as one possessing authority and not as the scribes.

8 And when **He** came down from the mountain, large crowds **followed Him.**
[2]And **see,** a leper came and bowed before **Him,** saying, "**Master,** if **You desire,** You are able to make me **clean.**"
[3]And stretching out **His hand** OWYƎZ touched him, saying, "I desire it. Be cleansed!" And **immediately** his leprosy was cleansed.
[4]And OWYƎZ said to him, "**See,** mention it to no one. ***But*** go your **way, show** yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Mosheh **commanded**, as a **witness** to them."
[5]And when OWYƎZ had entered Kephar Naḥum, a captain came to **Him,** appealing to **Him,**
[6]saying, "**Master,** my servant is *lying* in the house paralysed, grievously ***tortured.***"
[7]And OWYƎZ said to him, "I ***shall*** **come** and **heal** him."
[8]And the captain answering, said, "**Master,** I am not **worthy** that You should **come** under my roof. ***But*** only say a **word and** my servant ***shall*** **be healed**.
[9]"For I too am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes and to another, '**Come,**' and he comes and to my servant, '***Do*** this,' and he does it."
[10]And when OWYƎZ **heard**, **He** marvelled and said to those who **followed**, "**Truly**, I say to you, not even in Yisra'ĕl have I **found** such **great belief**!
[11]"And I say to you that many ***shall*** **come** from east and west and sit down with Aḇrahim and Yitsḥaq and Ya'aqoḇ in the **reign** of the heavens,
[12]but the sons of the **reign *shall*** **be** *cast* out into outer *darkness* – there ***shall*** **be** *weeping* and *gnashing* of *teeth*."
[13]And OWYƎZ said to the captain, "Go and as you have **believed**, so **let it be** done for you." And his servant was **healed** that **hour.**
[14]And when OWYƎZ had **come** into the house of Kĕpha, **He saw** his wife's mother *lying sick* with inflammation.
[15]And **He** touched her **hand** and the inflammation left her. And she arose and **served** them.
[16]And when **evening** had come, they brought to **Him** many who were ***demon*** possessed. And **He** *cast* out the spirits with a **word** and **healed all** who were *sick,*
[17]that it might be filled what was **spoken** by Yeshayahu the **prophet,** saying, "**He Himself** took our *weakness es* and bore our *sicknesses*."
[18]And when OWYƎZ **saw** large crowds about **Him, He** gave a **command** to go off to the other side.
[19]And a certain scribe, having **come** near, said to **Him,** "**Teacher**, I ***shall*** **follow** You wherever You go."
[20]And OWYƎZ said to him, "The foxes have holes and the birds of **the heavens** nests, but the **Son** of Aḏam has no where

to lay **His** head."
[21]And another of **His taught ones** said to **Him,** "**Master, first** let me go and bury my father."
[22]***But*** **YAHUWSHA** said to him, "**Follow Me** and leave the *dead* to bury their own *dead.*"
[23]And when **He** entered into a boat, **His taught ones followed Him.**
[24]And **see,** a **great** gale arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered by the waves. ***But*** **He** was sleeping.
[25]And **His taught ones** came to **Him** and woke **Him** up, saying, "**Master, save** us! We are perishing!"
[26]And **He** said to them, "***Why*** are you *afraid*, O you of *little* **belief**?" Then, having risen, **He** ***rebuked*** the winds and the sea. And there was a **great** calm.
[27]And the men marvelled, saying, "***What*** is this, that even the winds and the sea **obey** Him?"
[28]And when **He** came to the other side, to the country of the Girgashites, two ***demon possessed*** ones met **Him, coming** out of the tombs, **very fierce,** so that no one was able to pass that **way.**
[29]And **see,** they *cried out*, saying, "***What*** have we to do with **You, YAHUWSHA**, **Son** of **Elohim**? Have **You come** here to ***torture*** us, before the **appointed** time?"
[30]And at a distance from them there was a herd of many ***pigs*** feeding,
[31]and the ***demons begged*** **Him,** saying, "***If*** You *cast* us out, send us into the herd of ***pigs***."
[32]And **He** said to them, "Go." And they, coming out, went into the herd of ***pigs***. And **see,** the entire herd of ***pigs*** rushed down the steep place into the sea and died in the water.
[33]And the herdsmen fled and went away into the city and reported **all** this and about those possessed by ***demons.***
[34]And **see, all** the city came out to meet **YAHUWSHA**. And when they **saw Him,** they ***begged*** **Him** to leave their borders.

9 And *entering* into a boat, **He** passed over and came to **His** own city.
[2]And **see,** they were bringing to **Him** a paralytic *lying* on a bed. And **YAHUWSHA**, **seeing** their **belief**, said to the paralytic, "Take courage, son, your *sins* have been **forgiven**."
[3]And **see,** some of the *scribes* said to themselves, "This **One** blasphemes!"
[4]And **YAHUWSHA**, knowing their thoughts, said, "***Why*** do you *think wicked thoughts* in your **hearts**?
[5]"For which is easier, to say, '**Your** *sins* have been **forgiven**,' or to say, '**Arise** and **walk**'?
[6]"***But*** **in order** for you **to know** that the **Son** of Aḏam **possesses authority** on earth to **forgive,** *sins*..." **He** then said to the paralytic, "Rise, take up your bed and go to your house."
[7]And he rose and went to his house.
[8]And when the crowds **saw** it, they marvelled and p**raised Elohim** who had **given** such **authority** to men.
[9]And as **YAHUWSHA** passed on from there, **He saw** a man called Mattithyahu sitting at the tax office. And **He** said to him, "**Follow Me.**" And he rose and **followed Him.**
[10]And it came to be, as **YAHUWSHA** sat at the table in the house, that **see,** many tax collectors and *sinners* came and sat down with **Him** and **His taught ones.**
[11]And when the Pharisees **saw** it, they said to **His taught ones,** "***Why*** does your **Teacher** eat with tax collectors and *sinners*?"
[12]And **YAHUWSHA hearing** this said to them, "Those who are **strong** have no need of a physician, but those who are *sick,*
[13]"***But*** go and **learn** what this means, 'I desire **compassion** and not offering.' For I *did not* **come to call** the **righteous** to repentance, but *sinners.*"
[14]***Then*** **the taught ones** of Yoḥanan came to **Him,** saying,
"***Why*** do we and the Pharisees fast often, but **Your taught ones** *do not* fast?"
[15]And **YAHUWSHA** said to them, "Are the friends of the bridegroom able to *mourn* as long as the bridegroom is with

them? ***But*** the days ***shall*** **come** when the bridegroom is taken away from them and then they ***shall*** fast.

[16]"And no one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch pulls away from the garment and the *tear* is made worse.

[17]"Neither do they put **new wine** into old **wine**skins, or else the *wineskins* burst and the **wine** is spilled and the *wineskins* are *ruined*. ***But*** they put **new wine** into **fresh wine**skins and both are **preserved.**"

[18]While **He** was saying **all** this to them, **see,** a ruler came and bowed down to **Him,** saying, "My daughter is *dead* by **now** but **come** and lay **Your hand** on her and she ***shall*** **live.**"

[19]And OWY3Z rose and **followed** him, **His taught ones** too.

[20]And **see,** a woman who had a flow of **blood** for twelve years came from behind and touched the tzitzit of **His** garment.

[21]For she said to herself, "***If*** I only touch **His** garment, I ***shall*** **be healed**."

[22]***But*** OWY3Z turned and when **He saw** her **He** said, "Take courage, daughter, your **belief** has **healed** you." And the woman was **healed** from that **hour.**

[23]And when OWY3Z came into the ruler's house and **saw** the flute players and the crowd making a noise,

[24]**He** said to them, "Go back, for the girl is not *dead,* but sleeping." And they laughed at **Him.**

[25]***But*** when the crowd was put outside, **He** went in and took her by the **hand** and the girl arose.

[26]And this report went out into **all** that land.

[27]And as OWY3Z passed on from there, two *blind* men **followed Him,** crying out and saying, "**Son** of Dawiḏ, have **compassion** on us!"

[28]And when **He** came into the house, the *blind* men came to **Him.**

And OWY3Z said to them, "***Do*** you **believe** that I am able to do this?" They said to **Him,** "Yea, **Master.**"

[29]***Then*** **He** touched their eyes, saying, "According to your **belief let it be** to you."

[30]And their eyes were opened. And OWY3Z strictly ordered them, saying, "**See,** let no one **know.**"

[31]***But*** when they went out, they made **Him known** in **all** that land.

[32]And as they were going out, **see,** they brought to **Him** a man, *dumb* and ***demon*** possessed.

[33]And when the ***demon*** was *cast* out, the *dumb* one spoke. And the crowds marvelled, saying, "It was never **seen** like this in Yisra'ĕl!"

[34]***But*** the Pharisees said, "He casts out ***demons*** by the ruler of the ***demons.***"

[35]And OWY3Z went about **all** the cities and villages, **teaching** in their congregations and **proclaiming** the **besorah** of the reign and **healing every** *disease* and **every** bodily *weakness* among the people.

[36]And having **seen** the crowds, **He** was moved with **compassion** for them, **because** they were *weary* and *scattered*, as sheep having no shepherd.

[37]***Then*** **He** said to **His taught ones,** "The harvest **truly** is great, but the workers are few.

[38]"Pray then that the **Master** of the harvest would send out workers to **His** harvest."

10 And having called **His** twelve **taught ones** near, **He** gave them **authority** over *unclean* spirits, to *cast* them out and to **heal every** *disease* and **every** bodily *weakness.*

[2]And these are the names of the twelve emissaries: **first,** Shim'on, who is called Kĕpha and Andri his brother; Ya'aqoḇ the son of Zaḇdai and Yoḥanan his brother;

[3]Philip and Bartholomi; T'oma and Mattithyahu the tax collector; Ya'aqoḇ the son of Alphai and Laḇai whose **last** name was Taddai;

[4]Shim'on the Kena'anite and Yahuḏah

from Qerioth, who did also **deliver Him** up.

[5]**OWYHZ sent** these twelve out, having **commanded** them, saying, "***Do*** *not* go into the **way** of the *gentiles* and *do not* enter a city of the Shomeronites,

[6]but rather go to the *lost* sheep of the house of Yisra'ĕl.

[7]"As you go, **proclaim,** saying, 'The **reign** of the heavens has drawn **near.**'

[8]"**Heal** the *sick,* **cleanse** the lepers, **raise** the *dead, cast* out ***demons.*** You have received without paying, give without being paid.

[9]"***Do*** *not* acquire gold or silver or copper for your moneybelts,

[10]or a bag for the journey, or two undergarments, or sandals, or staffs, for the worker is **worthy** of his food.

[11]"And into ***whatever*** city or village you enter, **ask** who is **worthy** in it and stay there until you leave.

[12]"As you enter into a house, greet it.

[13]"And if the house is worthy, let your **peace come** upon it. ***But*** if it is not worthy, let your **peace return** to you.

[14]"And ***whoever does not receive*** you nor **hear** your **words**, when you leave that house or city, *shake* off the dust from your feet.

[15]"**Truly**, I say to you, it ***shall*** **be** more bearable for the land of Sedom and Amorah in the **day of** judgment than for that city!

[16]"**See,** I send you out as sheep in the **midst** of *wolves*. Therefore be **wise** as *serpents* and **innocent** as doves.

[17]"***But*** beware of men, for they ***shall*** **deliver** you up to sanhedrins and flog you in their congregations.

[18]"And you ***shall*** **be** brought before governors and sovereigns for **My** sake, as a **witness** to them and to the *gentiles*.

[19]"***But*** when they **deliver** you up, *do not worry* about how or what you should speak. For it ***shall*** **be given** to you in that **hour** what you ***shall*** speak,

[20]for it is not you who speak, but the **Spirit** of your **Father** speaking in you.

[21]"And brother ***shall*** **deliver** up brother to *death* and a father his child. And children ***shall*** rise up *against* parents and ***shall*** put them to *death.*

[22]"And you ***shall*** **be** *hated* by **all** for **My Name's** sake. ***But*** he who ***shall*** have endured to **the end *shall* be saved**.

[23]"And when they *persecute* you in this city, ***flee*** to another. For **truly**, I say to you, you ***shall*** by no means have gone through the cities of Yisra'ĕl before the **Son** of Adam comes.

[24]"A **taught one** is not above his **teacher,** nor a servant above his **Master.**

[25]"It is enough for **the taught one** to become like his **teacher** and a servant like his **Master.** ***If*** they have called the master of the house Be'elzebul, how much more those of his household!

[26]"Therefore *do not* **fear** them. For ***whatever*** is covered ***shall*** **be revealed** and ***whatever*** is *hidden* ***shall*** **be** made **known**.

[27]"***What*** I say to you in the dark, **speak** in the **light**. And what you **hear** in the ear, **proclaim** on the house-tops.

[28]"And *do not* **fear** those who *kill* the body but are *unable* to *kill* the being. ***But*** rather **fear Him** who **is able** to *destroy* both being and body in Gehenna.

[29]"Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground without your **Father.**

[30]"And even the hairs of your head are **all** numbered.

[31]"So *do not* **fear,** you are worth more than many sparrows.

[32]"Everyone, therefore, who ***shall*** confess **Me** before men, him I ***shall*** also confess before **My Father** who is in the **heavens.**

[33]"***But whoever shall*** *deny* **Me** before men, him I ***shall*** also *deny* before **My Father** who is in the **heavens.**

[34]"***Do*** *not think* that I have **come to** bring **peace** on earth. I *did not* **come to** bring **peace** but a *sword,*

[35]for I have **come to** bring division, a man *against* his father, a daughter *against* her mother and a daughter-in-law *against* her mother-in-law –

[36]and a man's enemies are those of his own household.

37"He who loves father or mother more than **Me** is not **worthy** of **Me** and he who loves son or daughter more than **Me** is not **worthy** of **Me.**
38"And he who *does not* take up his stake and **follow** after **Me** is not **worthy** of **Me.**
39"He who has **found** his **life** ***shall*** lose it and he that has *lost* his **life** for **My** sake ***shall*** find it.
40"He who receives you receives **Me** and he who receives **Me** receives **Him** who **sent Me.**
41"He who receives a **prophet** in the **name** of a **prophet** ***shall*** receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a **righteous** one in the **name** of a **righteous** one ***shall*** receive a **righteous** one's reward.
42"And ***whoever*** gives one of these *little* ones a **cup** of cold water only in the **Name** of **a taught one**, **truly**, I say to you, he ***shall*** by no means lose his reward."

11 And it came to be when OWYƎZ ended **instructing His** twelve **taught ones,** that **He** set out from there to **teach** and to **proclaim** in their cities.
2And when Yoḥanan had **heard** in the prison of the **works** of **Messiah**, he **sent** two of his **taught ones**
3and said to **Him,** "Are **You** the **Coming One** or do we look for another?"
4And OWYƎZ answering, said to them, "Go, report to Yoḥanan what you **hear** and **see**:
5"*Blind* receive **sight** and *lame* **walk,** *lepers* are **cleansed** and *deaf* **hear,** *dead* are **raised** up and *poor* are **brought** the **Besorah**.
6"**Blessed** is he who *does not stumble* in **Me.**"
7And as these were going, OWYƎZ began to say to the crowds concerning Yoḥanan, "***What*** did you go out into the wilderness to **see?** A reed *shaken* by the wind?
8"***But*** what did you go out to **see?** A man dressed in soft garments? Look, those wearing soft garments are in the houses of sovereigns.
9"***But*** what did you go out to **see?** A prophet? Yea, I say to you and more than a **prophet.**
10"For this **is He** of whom it was **written**, '**See,** I send **My** messenger before **Your** face, who ***shall*** **prepare** *your way* before **You.**'
11"**Truly**, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than Yoḥanan the Immerser, yet the least one in the **reign** of the heavens is greater than he.
12"And from the days of Yoḥanan the Immerser til **now** the **reign** of the heavens is violated and the *violent seize* it.
13"For **all** the prophets and the **Torah** prophesied til Yoḥanan.
14"And if you **wish** to **accept** it, he is Ěliyahu who was about to come.
15"He who has **ears** to **hear** let him **hear!**
16"And to what ***shall*** I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to their companions,
17and saying, 'We played the flute for you and you *did not* dance; we lamented to you and you *did not* beat the breast.'
18"Yoḥanan came neither eating nor drinking and they say, 'He has a *demon*.'
19"The **Son** of Aḏam came eating and drinking and they say, '**See,** a man, a glutton and a **winedrinker**, a friend of tax collectors and *sinners!*' And **wisdom** was **declared right** by her works."
20***Then*** **He** began to *reproach* the cities in which most of **His** miracles had been done, **<u>because</u>** they *did not* repent:
21"**<u>Woe</u>** to you, Korazin! **<u>Woe</u>** to you, Bĕyth Tsaiḏa! **<u>Because</u>** if the miracles which were done in you had been done in Tsor and Tsiḏon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.
22"***But*** I say to you, it ***shall*** **be** more bearable for Tsor and Tsiḏon in the **day of** judgment than for you.

23"And you, Kephar Naḥum, who were exalted to the heaven, ***shall*** **be** brought down to the grave! **Because** if the miracles which were done in you had been done in Seḏom, it would have remained until this day.
24"***But*** I say to you that it ***shall*** **be** more bearable for the land of Seḏom in the **day of** judgment than for you."
25At that **time** OWY3Z responding, said, "I **thank You, Father, Master** of the heavens and earth, **because** You have *hidden* these matters from clever **learned** ones and have **revealed** them to babes.
26"Yea, **Father, because** so it was well pleasing in **Your** sight.
27"All have been handed over to **Me** by **My Father** and no one **knows** the **Son** ***except*** the **Father.** Nor does anyone **know** the **Father** ***except*** the **Son** and he to whom the **Son wishes** to **reveal Him.**
28**"Come to Me, all** you who labor and are burdened and I ***shall*** give you rest.
29"Take **My** yoke upon you and **learn from Me,** for I am meek and humble in **heart** and you ***shall*** find **rest** for your beings.
30"For **My** yoke is **gentle** and **My** *burden* is **light**."

12 At that **time** OWY3Z went through the grain fields on the **Sabbath**. And **His taught ones** were hungry and began to pluck heads of grain, to eat.
2***When*** the Pharisees **saw** it, they said to **Him,** "Look, **Your taught ones** are doing what is not **right** to do on the **Sabbath**!"
3***But*** **He** said to them, "Have you not **read** what Dawiḏ did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him:
4how he went into the House of **Elohim** and ate the showbread which was not **right** for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?
5"Or did you not **read** in the **Torah** that on the **Sabbath** the priests in the **Set-apart Place** *profane* the **Sabbath** and are blameless?
6"***But*** I say to you that in this place there is **One** greater than the **Set-apart Place.**
7"And if you had **known** what this means, 'I desire **compassion** and not offering,' you *would not* have *condemned* the **blameless.**
8"For the **Son** of Aḏam **is Master** of the **Sabbath**."
9And having left there, **He** went into their congregation.
10And **see,** there was a man having a withered **hand.** And they asked **Him,** saying, "Is it **right** to **heal** on the **Sabbath**?" – so as to *accuse* **Him.**
11And **He** said to them, "***What*** man is there among you who has one sheep and if it falls into a *pit* on the **Sabbath,** ***shall*** not take hold of it and lift it out?
12"***How*** much more worth is a man than a sheep! So it is **right** to do **good** on the **Sabbath**."
13***Then*** **He** said to the man, "Stretch out your **hand.**" And he **stretched** it out and it was restored, as healthy as the other.
14***But*** the Pharisees went out and took counsel *against* **Him,** so as to *destroy* **Him.**
15***But*** OWY3Z, **knowing** it, withdrew from there. And large crowds **followed Him** and **He healed** them **all,**
16and **warned** them not to make **Him known**,
17**in order** that what was **spoken** by Yeshayahu the **prophet,** might be filled, saying,
18"**See, My Servant** whom I have **chosen**, **My Beloved** in whom **My** being did **delight**. I ***shall*** put **My Spirit** upon **Him** and **He *shall* declare right-ruling** to the nations.
19"**He *shall*** not *strive* nor cry out nor ***shall*** anyone **hear His voice** in the streets.
20"A crushed reed **He *shall*** not break and smoking flax **He *shall*** not quench, til **He** brings forth **right-ruling forever**.

[21]"And the nations ***shall*** **trust** in **His Name**."
[22]***Then*** they brought to **Him** one who was demon-possessed, *blind* and *dumb.* And **He healed** him, so that the *blind* and *dumb* man both spoke and saw.
[23]And **all** the crowds were amazed and said, "Is this the **Son** of Dawiḏ?"
[24]***But*** when the Pharisees **heard** it they said, "This one *does not cast* out ***demons except*** by Be'elzebul, the ruler of the ***demons.***"
[25]And **OWY3Z knew** their *thoughts* and said to them, "Every **reign** divided *against* itself is laid *waste* and **every** city or house divided *against* itself ***shall*** not stand.
[26]"And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided *against* himself. ***How*** then does his **reign** stand?
[27]"And if I, by Be'elzebul, do *cast* out ***demons,*** by whom do your sons *cast* them out? **Because** of this they ***shall*** **be** your judges.
[28]"***But*** if I *cast* out ***demons*** by the **Spirit** of **Elohim**, then the **reign** of **Elohim** has **come** upon you.
[29]"Or how is one able to enter a **strong** man's house and plunder his goods, ***unless*** he **first** binds the **strong** man? And then he ***shall*** plunder his house.
[30]"He who is not with **Me** is *against* **Me** and he who *does not* **gather** with **Me** scatters abroad.
[31]"**Because** of this I say to you, **all** *sin* and *blasphemy* ***shall*** **be forgiven** men, but the *blasphemy against* the **Spirit** ***shall not*** be **forgiven** ***men***.
[32]"And ***whoever*** speaks a **word** *against* the **Son** of Aḏam, it ***shall*** **be forgiven** him, but ***whoever*** speaks *against* the **Set-apart Spirit,** it ***shall*** not be **forgiven** him, either in this age or in the age to come.
[33]"Either make the *tree* **good** and its **fruit good**, or else make the *tree rotten* and its **fruit** rotten, for a *tree* is **known** by its **fruit.**
[34]"Brood of *adders*! ***How*** are you able to **speak** what is **good** – being *wicked*? For the **mouth** speaks from the overflow of the **heart.**
[35]"The **good** man brings forth what is **good** from the **good** treasures of his **heart** and the *wicked* man brings forth what is *wicked* from the *wicked* treasure.
[36]"And I say to you that for **every** *idle* **word** men speak, they ***shall*** give an account of it in the **day of** judgment.
[37]"For by your **words** you ***shall*** **be declared righteous** and by your **words** you ***shall*** **be declared** *unrighteous*."
[38]***Then*** some of the *scribes* and Pharisees answered, saying, "**Teacher**, we **wish** to **see** a **sign** from **You.**"
[39]***But*** **He** answering, said to them, "A *wicked* and *adulterous* generation seeks after a **sign** and no **sign** ***shall*** **be given** to it ***except*** the **sign of the prophet** Yonah.
[40]"For as Yonah was ***three days and three nights*** in the stomach of the **great** fish, so ***shall*** the **Son** of Aḏam be ***three days and three nights*** in the **heart** of the earth.
[41]"Men of Ninewĕh ***shall*** **stand** up in the judgment with this generation and *condemn* it, **because** they **repented** at the preaching of Yonah and look, a greater than Yonah is here.
[42]"The sovereigness of the South ***shall*** rise up in the judgment with this generation and ***shall*** *condemn* it, for she came from the ends of the earth to **hear** the **wisdom** of Shelomoh and look, a greater than Shelomoh is here.
[43]"**Now** when the ***unclean spirit*** goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, **seeking** rest and finds none.
[44]"***Then*** it says, 'I ***shall*** **return** to my house from which I came.' And when it **comes**, it finds it empty, swept and decorated.
[45]"***Then*** it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more *wicked* than itself and they enter and dwell there.
And the **last** of that man is worse than the **first.** So ***shall*** it also be with this *wicked* generation."
[46]And while **He** was still talking to the crowds, **see, His** mother and brothers stood outside, **seeking** to **speak** with **Him.**
[47]And one said to **Him,** "**See, Your** mother and **Your** brothers are standing

outside, **seeking** to **speak** with **You.**"
48***But*** **He** answering, said to the one who spoke to **Him,** "***Who*** is **My** mother and who are **My** brothers?"
49And having **stretched** out **His hand** toward **His taught ones, He** said, "**See My** mother and **My** brothers!
50"For *whoever* does the desire of My Father who is in the heavens is My brother and sister and mother."

13 And on that day OWYAZ went out of the house and sat by the sea.
2And large crowds were gathered **together** to **Him,** so that **He** went into a boat and sat down. And **all** the crowd stood on the beach.
3And **He** spoke to them much in parables, saying, "**See,** the sower went out to sow.
4"And as he sowed, some indeed fell by the wayside and the birds came and devoured them.
5"And others fell on rocky places, where they *did not* have much soil and **immediately** they sprang up, **because** they had no depth of soil.
6"***But*** when the sun was up they were scorched and **because** they had no root they withered.
7"And others fell among thorns and the thorns came up and *choked* them.
8"And others fell on **good** soil and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.
9"He who has **ears** to **hear** let him **hear!**"
10And **the taught ones** came and said to Him, "***Why*** do You **speak** to them in parables?"
11And **He** answering, said to them, "**Because** it has been **given** to you **to know** the **secrets** of the **reign** of the **heavens**
but to them it has *not* been **given**.
12"For ***whoever*** possesses, to him more ***shall*** **be given** and he ***shall*** have overflowingly; but ***whoever*** *does not* possess, even what he **possesses *shall*** **be** taken away from him.
13"**Because** of this I **speak** to them in parables, **because seeing** they *do not* **see** and **hearing** they *do not* **hear,** nor do they **understand.**
14"And in them the prophecy of Yeshayahu is **completely filled**, which says, 'Hearing you ***shall*** **hear** and by ***no*** means *understand* and **seeing** you ***shall*** **see** and by ***no*** means **perceive**,
15for the **heart** of this people has become *thickened* and their **ears** are *hard* of **hearing** and their eyes they have *closed*, lest they should **see** with their eyes and **hear** with their **ears,** lest they should **understand** with their **heart *and turn back*** and I **heal** them.'
16"And **blessed** are your eyes **because** they **see** and your **ears because** they **hear,**
17for **truly** I say to you, that many **prophets** and **righteous** ones longed to **see** what you **see** and *did not* **see** it and to **hear** what you **hear** and *did not hear* it.
18"You, then, **hear** the parable of the sower:
19"***When*** anyone **hears** the **Word** of the reign and *does not* **understand** it, then the *wicked* one **comes** and snatches away what was sown in his **heart.** This is that sown by the wayside.
20"And that sown on rocky places, this is he **who hears** the **word** and **immediately** receives it with joy,
21yet he has no root in himself, but is short-lived and when *pressure* or *persecution* arises **because** of the **word, immediately** he *stumbles*.
22"And that sown among the thorns is he **who hears** the **word and** the *worry* of this age and the *deceit* of riches *choke* the **word and** it becomes *fruitless*.
23"That sown on **good** soil is he **who hears** the **word** and **understands** it,who indeed bears **fruit** and **yields** – some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."
24Another parable **He** put before them, saying, "The **reign** of the heavens has become like a man who sowed **good seed** in his field,
25but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed darnel among the wheat and

went away.
[26]"And when the blade sprouted and bore **fruit,** then the darnel also appeared.
[27]"And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, '**Master,** did you not sow **good seed** in your field? From where then does it have the darnel?'
[28]"And he said to them, 'A *man*, an *enemy* did this.' And the servants said to him, '***Do*** you **wish** then, that we go and **gather** them up?'
[29]"***But*** he said, 'No, lest while you **gather** up the darnel you also uproot the wheat with them.
[30]'**Let** both grow **together** until the harvest and at the **time** of harvest I **shall** say to the reapers, "**First gather** the darnel and bind them in bundles to burn them, but **gather** the wheat into my granary." ' "
[31]Another parable **He** put before them, saying, "The **reign** of the heavens is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field,
[32]which indeed is less than **all** the seeds, but when it is grown it is greater than the plants and becomes a *tree,* so that the birds of **the heavens come** and dwell in its branches."
[33]Another parable **He** spoke to them, "The **reign** of the heavens is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in **three** measures of meal until **all** was leavened."
[34]OWYAZ said **all** this to the crowds in parables and **He** *did not* **speak** to them without a parable,
[35]so that what was **spoken** by the **prophet** might be **filled**, saying, "I ***shall*** **open My mouth** in parables, I ***shall*** pour forth what has been *hidden* from the foundation of the world."
[36]Then, having **sent** the crowds away, OWYAZ went into the house. And **His taught ones** came to **Him,** saying, "Explain to us the parable of the darnel of the field."
[37]And **He** answering, said to them, "He who is sowing the **good seed** is the **Son** of Adam,
[38]and the field is the world. And the **good seed**, these are the sons of the reign, but the darnel are the sons of the *wicked* one,
[39]and the enemy who sowed them is the *devil*. And the harvest is **the end** of the age and the ***reapers*** are the messengers.
[40]"As the darnel, then, is *gathered* and *burned* in the *fire*, so it ***shall*** **be** at **the end** of this age.
[41]"The **Son** of Adam ***shall*** send out **His** messengers and they ***shall*** **gather** out of **His reign all** the *stumbling-blocks* and those doing *lawlessness*,
[42]and ***shall*** *throw* them into the furnace of *fire* – there ***shall*** **be** *wailing* and *gnashing* of *teeth*.
[43]"***Then*** the **righteous** ***shall*** shine forth as the sun in the **reign** of their **Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!**
[44]"Again, the **reign** of the heavens is like treasure *hidden* in a field, which a man having **found** it, hid and for **joy** over it he goes and sells **all** that he has and buys that field.
[45]"Again, the **reign** of the heavens is like a man, a merchant, **seeking** fine pearls,
[46]who, when he had **found** one pearl of **great** price, went and sold **all** that he had and bought it.
[47]"Again, the **reign** of the heavens is like a dragnet that was *thrown* into the sea and gathered some of **every** kind,
[48]which, when it was filled, they drew to shore. And they sat down and gathered the **good** into containers, but *threw* the *rotten* away.
[49]"Thus ***shall*** it be at **the end** of the age: the messengers ***shall*** **come** forth and separate the *wicked* out of the **midst** of the **righteous,**
[50]and ***shall*** *throw* them into the furnace of *fire* – there ***shall*** **be** *wailing* and *gnashing* of *teeth*."
[51]OWYAZ said to them, "Have you **understood all** this?" They said to **Him,** "Yea, **Master.**"
[52]And **He** said to them, "Therefore **every** scholar of **Scripture taught** in the **reign** of the heavens is like a householder who brings out of his treasure matters, **renewed** and old."

[53]And it came to be, when OWYƎZ had ended these parables, that **He** left there.
[54]And when **He** had **come to His** own country, **He taught** them in their congregation, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this **One** get this **wisdom** and miracles?
[55]"Is this not the son of the carpenter? Is not **His** mother called Miryam? And **His** brothers Ya'aqoḇ and Yosĕph and Shim'on and Yahuḏah?
[56]"**His** sisters, are they not **all** with us? Where then did this **One** get **all** this?"
[57]And they *stumbled* at **Him.** ***But*** OWYƎZ said to them, "A **prophet** is not unappreciated ***except*** in his own country and in his own house."
[58]And **He** *did not* do many miracles there **<u>because</u>** of their *unbelief.*

14 At that **time** Herodes the district ruler **heard** the report about OWYƎZ,
[2]and said to his servants, "This is Yoḥanan the Immerser. He has risen from the *dead,* and that is why these mighty powers are at **work** in him."
[3]For Herodes had arrested Yoḥanan, *bound* him and put him in prison **<u>because</u>** of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife,
[4]for Yoḥanan had said to him, "It is not **right** for you to have her."
[5]And *wishing* to *kill* him, he ***feared*** the crowd, **<u>because</u>** they held him as a **prophet.**
[6]***But*** as Herodes' birthday was being held, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herodes,
[7]so he **promised** with an **oath** to give her ***whatever*** she asked.
[8]And she, being urged on by her mother, said, "Give me here the head of Yoḥanan the Immerser on a dish."
[9]And the sovereign was sad, but **<u>because</u>** of the oaths and the guests he **commanded** it to be **given**,
[10]and **sent** and beheaded Yoḥanan in prison.
[11]And his head was brought on a dish and **given** to the girl and she brought it to her mother.
[12]And his **taught ones** came and took away the body and buried it and went and reported to OWYƎZ.
[13]**Now** when OWYƎZ **heard** it, **He** withdrew from there by boat to a deserted place, by **Himself**. And when the crowds **heard** it, they **followed Him** on foot from the cities.
[14]And when OWYƎZ came out, **He saw** a large crowd and was moved with **compassion** for them and **healed** their *sick,*
[15]And when **evening** came, **His taught ones** came to **Him,** saying, "This is a deserted place and the **hour** is already late. Dismiss the crowds, so that they might go into the villages and buy food for themselves."
[16]***But*** OWYƎZ said to them, "They do not need to go away, give them to eat yourselves."
[17]And they said to **Him,** "We have here only five loaves and two fish."
[18]And **He** said "Bring them here to **Me.**"
[19]And **commanding** the crowds to sit down on the grass and taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to the heaven, **He blessed** and broke and gave the loaves to **the taught ones.** And **the taught ones** gave to the crowds,
[20]and **all** ate and were satisfied. And they picked up the pieces left over – twelve baskets, **filled.**
[21]And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.
[22]And **immediately** OWYƎZ made **His taught ones** enter into the boat and go before **Him** to the other side, while **He** dismissed the crowds.
[23]And having dismissed the crowds, **He** went up to the mountain by **Himself** to pray. And when **evening** had come, **He** was alone there.
[24]***But*** the boat was **now** in the middle of the sea, agitated by the waves, for the *wind* was *<u>against</u>* it.
[25]And in the fourth **watch** of the night OWYƎZ went to them, walking on the sea.

[26]And when **the taught ones saw Him** walking on the sea, they were *troubled,* saying, "It is a phantom!" And from **fear** they cried.
[27]***But*** **immediately** OWYƎZ spoke to them, saying, "Take courage, it is I, *do not* be *afraid*."
[28]And Kĕpha answered **Him** and said, "**Master,** if it is **You, command** me to **come to** You on the water."
[29]And **He** said, **"Come**." And when Kĕpha had **come** down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to OWYƎZ.
[30]***But*** when he **saw** that the *wind* was **strong,** he was *afraid*. And beginning to sink, he *cried out*, saying, "**Master, save** me!"
[31]And **immediately** OWYƎZ **stretched** out **His hand** and took hold of him and said to him, "O you of *little* **belief**, why did you ***doubt***?"
[32]And when they came into the boat, the *wind* ceased.
[33]And those in the boat came and did bow to **Him,** saying, "**Truly You** are the **Son** of **Elohim**."
[34]And having passed over, they came to the land of Gennĕsar.
[35]And when the men of that place recognised **Him,** they **sent** out into **all** that surrounding country and brought to **Him all** who were *sick,*
[36]and ***begged*** **Him** to let them only touch the tzitzit of **His** garment. And as many as touched it were **completely healed**.

15 ***Then*** there came to OWYƎZ *scribes* and Pharisees from Yerushalayim, saying,
[2]"***Why*** do **Your taught ones** *transgress* the *tradition* of the elders? For they *do not* wash their hands when they eat bread."
[3]***But*** **He** answering, said to them, "***Why*** do you also *transgress* the **command** of **Elohim** **<u>because</u>** of *your tradition*?
[4]"For **Elohim** has **commanded**, saying, 'Respect your father and your mother,' and, 'He who *curses* father or mother, **let** him be put to *death.*'
[5]"***But*** you say, '***Whoever*** says to his father or mother, "***What*****ever** profit you might have received from me has been **dedicated,**"
[6]is certainly released from respecting his father or mother.' So you have ***nullified*** the **command** of **Elohim** by *your tradition.*
[7]"***Hypocrites***! Yeshayahu **rightly** prophesied about *you*, saying,
[8]'This *people* draw **near** to **Me** with *their* **mouth** and respect **Me** with *their* lips, but *their* **heart** is far from **Me.**
[9]'***But*** in ***vain*** do they worship **Me, teaching** as **teaching**s the ***command*****s** of ***men***.' "
[10]And calling the crowd near, **He** said to them, **"Hear** and **understand**:
[11]"Not that which goes into the **mouth** defiles the man but that which **comes** out of the **mouth,** this *defiles* the man."
[12]***Then*** **His taught ones** came and said to **Him,** "***Do*** You **know** that the Pharisees *stumbled* when they **heard** this **word?**"
[13]***But*** **He** answering, said, "Every plant which **My** heavenly **Father** has not planted ***shall*** **be** uprooted.
[14]"Leave them alone. They are *blind* leaders of the blind. And if the *blind* leads the *blind,* both ***shall fall*** into a ditch."
[15]And Kĕpha answering, said to **Him,** "Explain this parable to us."
[16]And OWYƎZ said, "Are you also still without **understanding**?
[17]"***Do*** you not **understand** that **whatever** enters into the **mouth** goes into the stomach and is *cast* out in the sewer?
[18]"***But*** what **comes** out of the **mouth comes** from the **heart** and these *defile* the man.
[19]"For out of the **heart come** forth *wicked reasonings, murders, adulteries, whorings*, *thefts, false* witnessings, *slander*s.
[20]"These *defile* the man, but to eat with

unwashed hands *does not defile* the man."
[21]And YAHUSHA went out from there and withdrew to the parts of Tsor and Tsidon.
[22]And **see,** a woman of Kena'an came from those borders and *cried out* to **Him,** saying, "Have **compassion** on me, O **Master, Son** of Dawid! **My** daughter is badly demon-possessed."
[23]***But* He** *did not* answer her a **word.** And **His taught ones** came and asked **Him,** saying, "Send her away, **because** she cries after us."
[24]And **He** answering, said, "I was not **sent *except*** to the *lost* sheep of the house of Yisra'ĕl."
[25]***But*** she came and was bowing to **Him,** saying, "**Master,** help me!"
[26]And **He** answering, said, "It is not **good** to take the children's **bread** and *throw* it to the *little* dogs."
[27]***But*** she said, "Yea **Master,** for even the *little* dogs eat the crumbs which *fall* from their masters' table."
[28]And YAHUSHA answering, said to her, "O woman, your **belief** is **great! Let** it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was **healed** from that **hour.**
[29]And moving from there, YAHUSHA came toward the Sea of Galil and going up on the mountain, **He** was sitting there.
[30]And large crowds came to **Him,** having with them those who were lame, *blind, dumb, crippled* and many others. And they laid them down at the feet of YAHUSHA and **He healed** them,
[31]so that the crowd marvelled when they **saw** the *dumb* speaking, the *crippled* well, the *lame* walking and the *blind* seeing. And they p**raised** the **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl.

[32]And YAHUSHA, having called **His taught ones** near, said, "I have **compassion** on the crowd, **because** they have **now** continued with **Me** three days and *do not* have ***whatever*** to eat. And I *do not* **wish** to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the **way.**"
[33]And **His taught ones** said to **Him,** "Where are we to get enough **bread** in the desert to satisfy such a large crowd?"
[34]And YAHUSHA said to them, "***How*** many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven and a **few** *little* fish."
[35]And **He commanded** the crowd to sit down on the ground,
[36]and taking the seven loaves and the fish, giving thanks, **He** broke them and gave to **His taught ones** and **the taught ones** to the crowd.
[37]And **all** ate and were satisfied and they picked up what was left over of the broken pieces – seven large baskets, **filled.**
[38]And those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.
[39]And dismissing the crowd, **He** went into the boat and came to the borders of Magdala.

16 And the Pharisees and Sadducees came and trying **Him** asked that **He** would **show** them a **sign** from **heavens.**
[2]And **He** answering, said to them, "***When*** it is **evening** you say, 'Fair weather, for **the heavens** is red,'
[3]and in the morning, 'Stormy weather today, for **the heavens** is red and overcast.' You **know** how to *discern* the face of the heaven, but you are *unable to discern* the **signs** of the times!
[4]"A *wicked* and *adulterous* generation seeks after a **sign** and no **sign *shall* be given** to it ***except*** the **sign of the prophet** Yonah."And **He** left them and went away.
[5]And **His taught ones** came to the other side and had *forgotten* to take bread.
[6]And YAHUSHA said to them, "**Mind!** Beware of the *leaven* of the Pharisees and the Sadducees."
[7]And they reasoned among themselves saying, "**Because** we brought no bread!"
[8]***But*** YAHUSHA, aware of this, said to them, "O you of *little* **belief**, why do you **reason** among yourselves **because** you

brought no bread?
9"***Do*** you still not *understand,* neither ***remember*** the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you picked up?
10"Or the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many large baskets you picked up?
11"***How*** is it that *you do not* **understand** that I *did not* **speak** to you concerning bread, but to beware of the *leaven* of the Pharisees and Sadducees?"
12***Then*** they understood that **He** *did not* say to beware of the *leaven* of bread, but of the **teaching** of the Pharisees and the Sadducees.
13**Now** when OWYƎZ came into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, **He** asked **His taught ones,** saying, "***Who*** do men say the **Son** of Aḏam is?"
14And they said, "Some say Yoḥanan the Immerser and others Ěliyahu and others Yirmeyahu or one of the **prophets.**"
15**He** said to them, "And you, who do you say I am?"
16And Shim'on Kěpha answering, said, "**You** are the **Messiah**, the **Son** of the **living Elohim**."
17And OWYƎZ answering, said to him, **"Blessed** are you, Shim'on Bar-Yonah, for *flesh* and **blood** has not **revealed** this to you, but **My Father** in the **heavens.**
18"And I also say to you that you are Kěpha and on this rock I ***shall*** build **My assembly** and the gates of the grave ***shall*** not overcome it.
19"And I ***shall*** give you the **keys** of the **reign** of the heavens and ***whatever*** you bind on earth ***shall*** **be** having been *bound* in the heavens and ***whatever*** you loosen on earth ***shall*** **be** having been loosened in the **heavens.** "
20***Then*** **He warned His taught ones** that they should say to no one that **He** is OWYƎZ the **Messiah**.
21From that **time** OWYƎZ began to **show** to **His taught ones** that it was necessary for **Him** to go to Yerushalayim and to *suffer much* from the elders and chief priests and scribes and be *killed* and to be **raised** again the third day.
22 And Kěpha took **Him** aside and began to ***rebuke*** **Him,** saying, "Be **kind** to **Yourself**, **Master,** this ***shall*** not be to **You**!"
23***But*** **He** turned and said to Kěpha, "Get behind **Me,** Satan! You are a *stumbling* block to **Me,** for your *thoughts* are not those of **Elohim**, but those of men."
24***Then*** OWYƎZ said to **His taught ones,** "***If*** anyone **wishes** to **come** after **Me,** let him *deny* himself and take up his stake and **follow Me.**
25"For ***whoever*** **wishes** to **save** his **life** ***shall*** lose it and ***whoever*** loses his **life** for **My** sake ***shall*** find it.
26"For what is a man profited if he gains **all** the world and loses his own **life**? Or what ***shall*** a man give in exchange for his **life**?
27"For the **Son** of Aḏam is going to **come** in the **esteem** of **His Father** with **His** messengers and then **He** ***shall*** reward each **according** to his works.
28"**Truly**, I say to you, there are some standing here who ***shall*** not taste *death* at **all** until they **see** the **Son** of Aḏam **coming** in **His reign**:"

17 And after six days OWYƎZ took Kěpha and Ya'aqoḇ and Yoḥanan his brother and brought them up on a high mountain by themselves,
2and **He** was transformed before them and **His** face shone like the sun and **His** garments became as white as the **light**.
3And **see,** Mosheh and Ěliyahu appeared to them, talking with **Him.**
4And Kěpha answering, said to OWYƎZ, "**Master,** it is **good** for us to be here. ***If*** You **wish,** let us make here three booths: one for **You,** one for Mosheh and one for Ěliyahu."
5While he was still speaking, **see,**

a **bright** cloud overshadowed them. And **see,** a **voice** came out of the cloud, saying, "This is **My Son**, the Beloved , in whom I did delight. **hear Him!**"

6And when **the taught ones heard**, they fell on their faces and were much *afraid*.

7***But*** **OWY3Z** came **near** and touched them and said, "Rise and *do not* be *afraid*."

8And having lifted up their eyes, they **saw** no one but **OWY3Z** only.

9And as they were **coming** down from the mountain, **OWY3Z commanded** them, saying, "***Do*** *not* mention the **vision** to anyone until the **Son** of Aḏam is **raised** from the *dead.*"

10And **His taught ones** asked **Him,** saying, "***Why*** then do the *scribes* say that Ĕliyahu has to **come first?**"

11And **OWY3Z** answering, said to them, "Ĕliyahu is indeed **coming first** and ***shall*** restore **all** matters.

12"***But*** I say to you that Ĕliyahu has already come and they *did not* recognise him but did to him ***whatever*** they wished. In this **way** the **Son** of Aḏam is also about to *suffer* by them."

13***Then*** **the taught ones** understood that **He** had **spoken** to them about Yoḥanan the Immerser.

14And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to **Him,** kneeling down to **Him** and saying,

15"**Master,** have **compassion** on my son, for he is an epileptic and *suffers* badly, for he often falls into the *fire* and often into the water.

16"And I brought him to **Your taught ones,** but they were *unable* to **heal** him."

17And **OWY3Z** answering, said, "O generation, *unbelieving* and *perverted*, how long ***shall*** I be with you? ***How*** long ***shall*** I put up with you?

Bring him here to **Me.**"

18And **OWY3Z** ***rebuked*** the ***demon*** and he came out of him. And the child was **healed** from that **hour.**

19***Then*** **the taught ones** came to **OWY3Z** by **Himself** and said, "***Why*** were we *unable* to *cast* him out?"

20And **OWY3Z** said to them, "**Because** of your *unbelief*, for **truly**, I say to you, if you have **belief** as a mustard seed, you ***shall*** say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it ***shall*** move. And no matter ***shall*** **be** *impossible* for you.

21"***But*** this **kind** *does not* go out ***except*** through prayer and fasting."

22And while they were staying in Galil, **OWY3Z** said to them, "The **Son** of Aḏam is about to be **delivered** up into the hands of men,

23and they ***shall*** *kill* **Him** and the third day **He *shall* be raised** up." And they were deeply *grieved*.

24And when they came into Kephar Naḥum, those who received the tax came to Ḳĕpha and said, "Does your **Teacher** not pay the tax?"

25**He** said, "Yea." And when he came into the house, **OWY3Z** spoke to him **first,** saying, "***What*** do you *think,* Shim'on? From whom do the sovereigns of the earth take toll or tax, from their own sons or from the strangers?"

26Ḳĕpha then said to **Him,** "From the strangers." **OWY3Z** said to him, "***Then*** the sons are exempt.

27"But, lest we **cause** them to *stumble,* go to the sea, *cast* in a hook and take the fish that **comes** up **first.** And when you have opened its **mouth,** you ***shall*** find a piece of money. Take that and give it to them for **Me** and you."

18 At that **time the taught ones** came to **OWY3Z**, saying, "***Who***, then, is greatest in the **reign** of the heavens?"

2And **OWY3Z** called a *little* child to **Him,** set him in their **midst**,

3and said, "**Truly**, I say to you, ***unless*** **you turn** and become as *little* children, you ***shall*** by *no means enter* into the **reign** of the **heavens.**

4"***Whoever*** then humbles himself as this *little* child is the greatest in the **reign** of the **heavens.**

5"And ***whoever*** receives one *little* child like this **in My Name** receives **Me.**

6"***But whoever*** **causes** one of these *little* ones who **believe** in **Me** to *stumble,*

it is better for him that a millstone be hung around his neck and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea.

7"**Woe** to the world **because** of *stumbling-blocks*! For it is necessary that *stumbling-blocks* come, but **woe** to that man by whom the *stumbling-block* **comes**!

8"And if your **hand** or foot **causes** you to *stumble, cut* it off and *throw* it away from you. It is better for you to enter into **life** *lame* or *crippled,* rather than having two hands or two feet, to be *thrown* into the **everlasting** *fire*.

9"And if your eye **causes** you to *stumble,* pluck it out and *throw* it away from you. It is better for you to enter into **life** with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be *thrown* into the *fire* of Gehenna.

10"See that *you do not despise* one of these *little* ones, for I say to you that in the heavens their messengers **always see** the face of **My Father** who is in the **heavens.**

11"For the **Son** of Aḏam has **come to save** what was lost.

12"***What*** do you *think? **If*** a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes *astray*, would he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains, going to **seek** the one that is straying?

13"And ***if*** he should find it, **truly**, I say to you, he **rejoices** more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that *did not* go *astray*.

14"Thus it is not the desire of your **Father** who is in the heavens that one of these *little* ones should be lost.

15"And if your brother *sins against* you, go and **reprove** him, between you and him alone. ***If*** he **hears** you,
you have gained your brother.

16"***But*** if he *does not hear,* take with you one or two more, that 'by the **mouth** of two or three **witnesses every word** might be **established**.'

17"And if he *refuses to hear* them, say it to the assembly. And if he *refuses even to hear* the **assembly,** let him be to you like a gentile and a tax collector.

18"**Truly**, I say to you, ***whatever*** you bind on earth ***shall* be** having been *bound* in heaven and ***whatever*** you loosen on earth ***shall* be** having been loosened in **heavens.**

19"Again I say to you that if two of you **agree** on earth concerning any matter that they ask, it ***shall* be** done for them by **My Father** in the **heavens.**

20"For where two or three are gathered **together** in **My Name,** there I am in their **midst**."

21***Then*** Kĕpha came to **Him** and said, "**Master,** how often ***shall*** my brother *sin against* me and I **forgive** him? Up to seven times?"

22OWY3Z said to him, "I *do not* say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

23"**Because** of this the **reign** of the heavens is like a certain man, a sovereign who **wished** to settle accounts with his servants.

24"And when he had begun to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents,

25but as he was *unable* to pay, his master **commanded** that he be sold, with his wife and children and **all** that he had and payment to be made.

26"***Then*** the servant fell down before him, saying, '**Master,** have patience with me and I ***shall*** pay you **all.**'

27"And the master of that servant was moved with **compassion**, released him and forgave him the debt.

28"And that servant went out and **found** one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred pieces of money. And he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'

29"***Then*** his fellow servant fell down at his feet and ***begged*** him saying, 'Have patience with me and I ***shall*** pay you **all.**'

30"***But*** he would not and went and threw him into prison til he should pay the debt.

31"And when his fellow servants **saw** what had been done, they were deeply *grieved* and came and reported to their

master **all** that had taken place.
32"'***Then*** his master called him and said to him, 'Wicked servant! I forgave you **all** that debt **seeing** you ***begged*** me.
33'***Should*** you not also have had **compassion** on your fellow servant, as I also had **compassion** on you?'
34"And his master was *wroth* and **delivered** him to the ***torturers*** until he should pay **all** that was due to him.
35"So also **My** heavenly **Father *shall*** do to you if each of you, from his **heart,** *does not* **forgive** his brother his *trespasses.*"

19 And it came to be, when OWYAZ had ended these **words**, that **He** left Galil and came to the borders of Yahuḏah beyond the Yarděn.
2And large crowds **followed Him** and **He healed** them there.
3And the Pharisees came to **Him,** trying **Him** and saying to **Him,** "Is it **right** for a man to put away his wife for **every** reason?"
4And **He** answering, said to them, "Did you not **read** that **He** who made them at the beginning made them male and female,
5and said, 'For this **cause** a man ***shall*** leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife and the two ***shall*** become one flesh'?
6"So that they are no longer two, but one *flesh.* Therefore, what **Elohim** has joined together, let man not separate."
7They said to **Him,** "***Why*** then did Mosheh **command** to give a certificate of divorce and to put her away?"
8**He** said to them,"**Because** of the *hardness* of your **hearts**, Mosheh allowed you to put away your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.
9"And I say to you, ***whoever*** puts away his wife, ***except*** on the ground of *whoring* and marries another, commits adultery. And ***whoever*** marries her who has been put away commits adultery."
10**His taught ones** said to **Him,** "***If*** such is the case of the man with his wife, it is **good** not to marry."
11And **He** said to them, "Not **all** receive this **word,** but only those to whom it has been **given**,
12for there are eunuchs who were so born from their mother's womb and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the **reign** of the **heavens. He** who **is able** to receive it, let him receive it."
13***Then*** young children were brought to **Him** to lay **His** hands on them and pray and **the taught ones *rebuked*** them.
14***But*** OWYAZ said, "Allow the young children and *do not* stop them from **coming** to **Me,** for of such is the **reign** of the **heavens.**"
15And having laid hands on them **He** went from there.
16And **see,** one came and said to **Him,** "**Good Teacher**, what **good *shall*** I do to have **everlasting life**?"
17And **He** said to him, "***Why*** do you **call Me good**? No one is **good *except* One – Elohim**. ***But*** if you **wish** to enter into **life**, **guard** the **commands**."
18**He** said to **Him,** "Which?" And OWYAZ said, " 'You ***shall*** not murder,' 'You ***shall*** not *commit* adultery,' 'You ***shall*** not steal,' 'You ***shall*** not bear *false* **witness,**'
19'Respect your father and your mother,' and 'You ***shall* love** your neighbour as yourself.' "
20The young man said to **Him,** "All these I have watched over from my youth, what do I still lack?"
21OWYAZ said to him, "***If*** you **wish** to be **perfect,** go, sell what you have and give to the *poor* and you ***shall*** have treasure in **heavens.** And come, **follow Me.**"
22And when the young man **heard** the **word,** he went away sad, **because** he had many possessions.
23And OWYAZ said to **His taught ones,** "**Truly**, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter into the **reign** of

the **heavens.**
[24]And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the **reign** of **Elohim**."
[25]And when **His taught ones heard** it, they were **very** astonished, saying, "***Who*** then **is able** to be **saved**?"
[26]And looking intently 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 said to them, "With men this is *impossible*, but with **Elohim all** is **possible**."
[27]***Then*** Kĕpha answering, said to **Him,** "**See,** we have left **all** and **followed You.** ***What*** then ***shall*** we have?"
[28]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 said to them, "**Truly** I say to you, when the **Son** of Aḏam sits on the throne of **His** esteem, you who have **followed Me** in the rebirth, ***shall*** also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Yisra'ĕl.
[29]"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands for **My Name's** sake, ***shall*** receive a hundredfold and ***shall*** inherit **everlasting life**.
[30]"***But*** many who are **first *shall* be last,** and the **last first.**

20 "For the **reign** of the heavens is like a man, a householder who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard.
[2]"And when he had **agreed** with the workers for a silver piece a day, he **sent** them into his vineyard.
[3]"And he went out about the third **hour** and **saw** others standing *idle* in the market place,
[4]and said to them, 'You too go into the vineyard and ***whatever*** is **right** I ***shall*** give you.' And they went.
[5]"Having gone out again about the sixth and the ninth **hour,** he did likewise.
[6]"And about the eleventh **hour,** having gone out, he **found** others standing idle and said to them, '***Why*** do you **stand** here *idle* **all** day?'
[7]"They said to him, '**Because** no one hired us.' **He** said to them, 'You too go into the vineyard and ***whatever*** is **right** you ***shall*** receive.'
[8]"And when **evening** came, the master of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the **last** to the **first.**'
[9]"And when those came who were hired about the eleventh **hour,** they each received a silver piece.
[10]"And when the **first** came, they thought they would receive more. ***But*** they too received each a silver piece.
[11]"And when they received it, they *grumbled <u>against</u>* the householder,
[12]saying, 'These **last** have worked only one **hour** and you made them equal to us who have borne the *burden* and the *heat* of the day.'
[13]"***But*** he answering, said to one of them, 'Friend, I do you no *wrong.* Did you not **agree** with me for a silver piece?
[14]'Take yours and go. ***But*** I **wish** to give to this **last** man as also to you.
[15]'Is it not **right** for me to do what I **wish** with my own? Or is your eye *evil* **<u>because</u>** I am **good**?'
[16]"Thus the **last *shall* be first** and the **first last.** For many are called but **few chosen**."
[17]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, going up to Yerushalayim, took the twelve **taught ones** aside on the **way** and said to them,
[18]"**See,** we are going up to Yerushalayim and the **Son** of Aḏam ***shall* be delivered** up to the chief priests and to the scribes. And they ***shall*** *condemn* **Him** to *death,*
[19]and **deliver Him** to the *gentiles* to *mock* and to flog and to impale. And the third day **He *shall* be raised.**"
[20]***Then*** the mother of the sons of Zaḇdai came to **Him** with her sons, bowing down and making a request of **Him.**
[21]And **He** said to her, "***What*** do you **wish?**" She said to **Him,** "**Command** that these two sons of mine might sit, one on **Your right hand** and the other on the left, in **Your** reign."
[22]***But*** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 answering, said, "You

do not **know** what you ask. Are you able to drink the **cup** that I am about to drink and to be **immersed** with the immersion that I am **immersed** with?" They said to **Him,** "We are able."
[23]And **He** said to them, "You ***shall*** indeed drink **My cup** and you ***shall* be immersed** with the immersion that I am **immersed** with. ***But*** to sit on **My right hand** and on **My** left is not **Mine** to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by **My Father.**"
[24]And when the ten **heard** it, they were displeased at the two brothers.
[25]***But*** OWYAZ called them **near** and said, "You **know** that the rulers of the *gentiles* are masters over them and those who are **great** exercise **authority** over them.
[26]"***But*** it ***shall*** not be so among you, but ***whoever* wishes** to become **great** among you, let him be your servant.
[27]"And ***whoever* wishes** to be **first** among you, let him be your servant,
[28]even as the **Son** of Aḏam *did not* **come to** be **served**, but to serve [a]nd to give **His life** as a ransom for many."
[29]And as they were leaving Yeriḥo, a large crowd **followed Him.**
[30]And **see,** two *blind* men sitting by the **way,** having **heard** that OWYAZ was passing by, *cried out*, saying, "Have **compassion** on us, O **Master, Son** of Dawiḏ!"
[31]And the crowd ***rebuked*** them that they should be silent, but they *cried out* **all** the more, saying, "Have **compassion** on us, O **Master, Son** of Dawiḏ!"
[32]And OWYAZ *stopped* and called them and said,
"***What*** do you **wish Me** to do for you?"
[33]They said to **Him,** "**Master,** that our **eyes** be **opened**."
[34]And having been moved with **compassion**, OWYAZ touched their eyes. And **immediately** their eyes received **sight** and they **followed Him.**

21 And when they came **near** to Yerushalayim and came to Bĕyth Phaḡi, at the Mount of Olives, then OWYAZ **sent** two **taught ones,**
[2]saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you and straightaway you ***shall*** find a donkey tied and a colt with her, loosen them and bring them to **Me.**
[3]"And if anyone says ***whatever*** to you, you ***shall*** say, 'The **Master** needs them,' and **immediately** he ***shall*** send them."
[4]And **all** this took place that it might be filled what was **spoken** by the **prophet,** saying,
[5]"Say to the daughter of Tsiyon, '**See,** your Sovereign is **coming** to you, meek and sitting on a donkey, even a colt, the foal of a donkey.' "
[6]And **the taught ones** went and having done as OWYAZ ordered them,
[7]they brought the donkey and the colt and laid their garments on them and **He** sat on them.
[8]And most of the crowd spread their garments on the **way,** while others *cut down* branches from the trees and spread them on the **way.**
[9]And the crowds who went before and those who **followed** *cried out*, saying, "Hoshia-na to the **Son** of Dawiḏ! **Blessed is He** who is **coming** in the **Name** of YAZ! Hoshia-na in the highest!"
[10] As **He** entered into Yerushalayim all the city was saying, "***Who*** is this?"
[11]The crowds said, "This is OWYAZ, the **prophet** from Natsareth of Galil."
[12]And OWYAZ went into the **Set-apart** Place of **Elohim** and drove out **all** those ***buying*** and ***selling*** in the **Set-apart Place** and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.
[13]And **He** said to them, "It has been **written**, **'My** House ***shall* be** called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of robbers.' "
[14]And *blind* and *lame* ones came to **Him** in the **Set-apart Place** and **He healed** them.
[15]***But*** when the chief priests and *scribes*

saw the **wonders** which **He** did and the children crying out in the **Set-apart Place** and saying, “Hoshia-na to the **Son** of Dawiḏ!” they were greatly *displeased*,
16and said to **Him,** “***Do*** You **hear** what these say?” And OWYƎZ said to them, “Yea, have you never read, ‘Out of the **mouth** of babes and nurslings You have **perfected** praise’?”
17And having left them **He** went out of the city to Bĕyth Anyah and spent the night there.
18And returning to the city early in the morning, **He** became hungry.
19And **seeing** a single fig *tree* by the **way, He** came to it and **found** naught on it but leaves and said to it, “**Let** no **fruit** grow on you ever again.” And **immediately** the fig *tree* withered.
20And **the taught ones, seeing** it, marvelled, saying, “***How*** did the fig *tree wither* so soon?”
21And OWYƎZ answering, said to them, “**Truly**, I say to you, if you have **belief** and *do not* ***doubt***, you ***shall*** not only do what was done to the fig *tree,* but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be *thrown* into the sea,’ it ***shall*** **be** done.
22“And ***whatever*** you **ask** in prayer, **believing,** you ***shall*** receive.”
23And when **He** had **come** into the set-apart **Place,** the chief priests and the elders of the people came to **Him** as **He** was **teaching** and said, “By what **authority** are You doing these? And who gave You this authority?”
24And OWYƎZ answering, said to them, “I ***shall*** **ask** you one question too, which if you answer **Me,** I also ***shall*** say to you by what **authority** I do these:
25“The immersion of Yoḥanan, where did it **come** from? From **heaven** or from men?” So they reasoned among themselves, saying, “***If*** we say, ‘From heaven,’ **He** ***shall*** say to us, ‘***Then*** why did you not **believe** him?’
26“***But*** if we say, ‘From men,’ we **fear** the crowd, for **all** hold Yoḥanan as a **prophet.**”
27And they answered OWYƎZ and said,“We *do not* **know.**” And **He** said to them, “Neither do I say to you by what **authority** I do these.
28“***But*** what do you *think?* A man had two sons and he came to the **first** and said, ‘**Son**, go, **work** today in my vineyard.’
29“And he answering, said, ‘I *do not* **wish** to,’ but afterwards he repented and went.
30“And having **come to** the second, he said similarly. And he answering, said, ‘I go, master,’ but he *did not* go.
31“Which of the two did the desire of the **Father?**” They said to **Him,** “The **first.**” OWYƎZ said to them, “**Truly**, I say to you that tax collectors and *whores* are *entering* into the **reign** of **Elohim** before you,
32for Yoḥanan came to you in the **way** of **righteousness** and you *did not believe* him, but tax collectors and *whores* **believed** him. And when you **saw** it, you *did not* **repent** afterwards, to **believe** him.
33“Hear another parable: There was a certain man, a householder who planted a vineyard and placed a hedge around it and dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. And he leased it to farmers and went abroad.
34“And when the season of the fruits drew near, he **sent** his servants to the farmers, to receive its **fruit.**
35“And the farmers took his servants and beat one and they *killed* one and they stoned another.
36“Again he **sent** other servants, more than the **first** and they did likewise to them.
37“And at **last** he **sent** his son to them, saying, ‘They ***shall*** respect my son.’
38“***But*** when the farmers **saw** the son, they said among themselves, ‘**This is the heir. Come,** let us *kill* him and let us **possess** his inheritance.’
39“And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and *killed* him.
40“Therefore, when the master of the vineyard comes, what ***shall*** he do to those farmers?”

41They said to **Him,** "*Evil* ones! **He *shall*** bring them to *evil* ***destruction*** and lease the vineyard to other farmers who ***shall*** give to him the fruits in their seasons."
42יהוה said to them, "Did you never **read** in the Scriptures, 'The stone which the builders *rejected* has become the chief corner-stone. This was from יהוה and it is marvellous in our eyes'?
43"**Because** of this I say to you: the **reign** of **Elohim *shall* be** taken from you and **given** to a nation bringing forth the fruits of it.
44"And he who falls on this stone ***shall* be** *broken,* but on ***whomever*** it falls, he ***shall* be** pulverised."
45And the chief priests and Pharisees, having **heard His** parables, **knew** that **He** was speaking of them.
46And **seeking** to lay hands on **Him,** they ***feared*** the crowds, **seeing** they held **Him** to be a **prophet.**

22 And יהוה responded and spoke to them again by parables and said,
2"The **reign** of the heavens is like a man, a sovereign, who made a wedding feast for his son,
3and **sent** out his servants to **call** those who were invited to the wedding feast. ***But*** they *would not* come.
4"Again he **sent** out other servants, saying, 'Say to those who are invited, "**See,** I have prepared my dinner. **My** oxen and fattened cattle are slaughtered and **all** is ready. **come to** the wedding feast." '
5"***But*** they disregarded it and went their **way** – this one to his field, that one to his trade.
6"And the rest, having *seized* his servants, insulted and *killed* them.
7"***But*** when the sovereign **heard**, he was *wroth* and **sent** out his soldiers, ***destroyed*** those *murderers* and set their city on *fire*.
8"***Then*** he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast, indeed, is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.
9'Therefore go into the street corners and as many as you find, invite to the wedding feast.'
10"And those servants went out into the street corners and gathered **all** whom they found, both *wicked* and **good**. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.
11"And when the sovereign came in to view the guests, he **saw** there a man who had not put on a wedding garment,
12and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you **come** in here not having a wedding garment?' And he was speechless.
13"***Then*** the sovereign said to the servants, 'Bind him **hand** and foot, take him away and *throw* him out into the outer *darkness* – there ***shall* be** *weeping* and *gnashing* of *teeth*.'
14"For many are called but **few** are **chosen**."
15***Then*** the Pharisees went and *plotted* how to *trap* **Him** in **His words**.
16And they **sent** to **Him** their **taught ones** with the Herodians, saying, "**Teacher**, we **know** that You are **true** and **teach** the **way** of **Elohim** in **truth** and it *does not* concern You about anyone, for You are not partial to any man.
17"***Then*** say to us, what do You *think?* Is it **right** to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"
18***But*** knowing their *wickedness*, יהוה said, "***Why*** do you try **Me,** you hypocrites?
19"Show **Me** the coin of the tax." And they brought **Him** a silver piece.
20And **He** said to them,"***Whose*** *likeness* and *inscription* is this?"
21They said to **Him,** "Caesar's." And **He** said to them, "***Then*** give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to **Elohim** what is **Elohim**'s."
22And having **heard**, they marvelled and left **Him** and went away.
23On that day Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to **Him** and asked **Him,**
24saying, "**Teacher**, Mosheh said that if

anyone should *die,* having no children, his brother ***shall*** marry his wife and **raise** offspring for his brother.
25"And there were with us seven brothers and the **first** died after he had married and having no children, left his wife to his brother.
26"In the **same way** the second also and the third, unto the seventh.
27"And **last** of **all** the woman died too.
28"At the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven ***shall*** she be – for **all** had her?"
29And OWYƎZ answering, said to them, "You go *astray*, not knowing the **Scriptures** nor the **power** of **Elohim**.
30"For in the resurrection they *do not* marry, nor are they **given** in marriage, but are as messengers of **Elohim** in **heavens.**
31"And concerning the resurrection of the *dead,* have you not **read** what was **spoken** to you by **Elohim**, saying,
32'I am the **Elohim** of Aḇrahim and the **Elohim** of Yitsḥaq and the **Elohim** of Ya'aqoḇ'? **Elohim** is not the **Elohim** of the *dead,* but of the **living**."
33And when the crowds **heard**, they were astonished at **His teaching**.
34***But*** the Pharisees, having **heard** that **He** had silenced the Sadducees, were gathered together,
35and one of them **learned** in the **Torah** did question, trying **Him** and saying,
36"**Teacher**, which is the **great command** in the **Torah**?"
37And OWYƎZ said to him, " 'You ***shall*** **love** ƎYƎZ your **Elohim** with **all** your **heart** and with **all** your **being** and with **all** your **mind**.'
38"This is the first and **great command.**
39"And the second is like it, '**You *shall* love your neighbour as yourself**.'
40"On these **two commands** hang **all** the **Torah** and the **Prophet**s."
41And when the Pharisees were gathered together, OWYƎZ asked them,
42saying, "***What*** do you *think* concerning the **Messiah**? ***Whose*** **Son** is **He?**" They said to **Him,** "The **Son** of Dawiḏ."
43**He** said to them, "***Then*** how does Dawiḏ in the **Spirit call Him** '**Master,**' saying,
44'ƎYƎZ said to my **Master,** "Sit at **My right hand,** until I make **Your** enemies a footstool of **Your** feet" '?
45"***If*** then Dawiḏ calls **Him** '**Master,** ' how **is He** his **Son**?"
46And no one was able to answer **Him** a **word and** from that day on no one was bold enough to **ask Him** any more questions.

23 ***Then*** OWYƎZ spoke to the crowds and to **His taught ones,**
2saying, "The *scribes* and the Pharisees sit on the seat of Mosheh.
3"Therefore, ***whatever*** they say to you to guard, **guard** and do. ***But*** *do not* do **according** to their **works,** for they say and *do not* do.
4"For they bind *heavy* burdens, hard to bear and lay them on men's shoulders, but with their **finger** they *do not* **wish** to move them.
5"And they do **all** their **works** to be **seen** by men and they make their t'fillen wide and lengthen the tzitziyot of their garments,
6and they **love** the best place at feasts and the best seats in the congregations,
7and the greetings in the market-places and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi.'
8"***But*** you, *do not* be called 'Rabbi,' for **One** is your **Teacher**, the **Messiah** and you are **all** brothers.
9"And *do not* **call** anyone on earth your father, for **One** is your **Father, He** who is in the **heavens.**
10"Neither be called leaders, for **One** is your Leader, the **Messiah**.
11"***But*** the greatest among you ***shall*** **be** your servant.
12"And ***whoever*** exalts himself ***shall*** **be** humbled and ***whoever*** humbles himself ***shall*** **be** exalted.
13"***But*** **woe** to you, *scribes* and Pharisees, hypocrites! **Because** you shut up the **reign** of the heavens before men,

for *you do not* go in, nor do you allow those who are *entering* to go in.
14"**Woe** to you, *scribes* and Pharisees, hypocrites! **Because** you eat up widows' houses and for a **show** make long prayers. **Because** of this you ***shall*** receive greater judgment.
15"**Woe** to you, *scribes* and Pharisees, hypocrites! **Because** you go about the land and the sea to win one convert and when he is won, you make him a son of Gehenna twofold more than yourselves.
16"**Woe** to you, *blind* guides, who say, '***Whoever*** swears by the **Dwelling Place,** it *does not* matter, but ***whoever*** swears by the gold of the **Dwelling Place,** is *bound* by oath.'
17"Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gold or the **Dwelling Place** that sets the gold apart?
18"And, '***Whoever*** swears by the altar, it *does not* matter, but ***whoever*** swears by the gift that is on it, is *bound* by oath.'
19"Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that sets the gift apart?
20"**He,** then, who swears by the altar, swears by it and by **all** that is upon it.
21"And he who swears by the **Dwelling Place,** swears by it and by **Him** who is dwelling in it.
22"And he who swears by the heaven, swears by the throne of **Elohim** and by **Him** who is sitting upon it.
23"**Woe** to you, *scribes* and Pharisees, hypocrites! **Because** you tithe the mint and the anise and the cumin and have neglected the weightier matters of the **Torah**: the **right-ruling** and the **compassion** and the **belief**. These need to have been done,
without neglecting the others.
24"Blind guides – straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!
25"**Woe** to you, *scribes* and Pharisees, hypocrites! **Because** you **clean** the outside of the **cup** and dish, but inside they are filled with plunder and *unrighteousness*.
26"Blind Pharisee, **first clean** the inside of the **cup** and dish, so that the outside of them becomes **clean** too.
27"**Woe** to you, *scribes* and Pharisees, hypocrites! **Because** you are like whitewashed tombs which outwardly indeed look well, but inside are filled with *dead* men's bones and **all** *uncleanness*.
28"So you too outwardly indeed appear **righteous** to men, but inside you are filled with *hypocrisy* and *lawlessness*.
29"**Woe** to you, *scribes* and Pharisees, hypocrites! **Because** you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the **righteous,**
30and say, '***If*** we had lived in the days of our fathers, we *would not* have taken part with them in the **blood** of the **prophets.**'
31"Thus you bear **witness** *against* yourselves that you are sons of those who did murder the prophets –
32and you fill up the measure of your fathers!
33"Serpents, brood of adders! ***How*** would you **escape** the judgment of Gehenna?
34"**Because** of this, **see,** I send you **prophets** and **wise** men and scholars of Scripture. Some of them you ***shall*** *kill* and impale and some of them you ***shall*** flog in your congregations and *persecute* from city to city,
35so that on you should **come all** the **righteous blood** shed on the earth, from the **blood** of **righteous** Hebel to the **blood** of Zekaryah, son of Berekyah, whom you murdered between the **Dwelling Place** and the altar.
36"**Truly**, I say to you, **all** this ***shall*** **come** upon this generation.
37"Yerushalayim, Yerushalayim, killing the prophets and stoning those who are **sent** to her! ***How*** often I **wished** to **gather** your children together, the **way** a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, but you would not!
38"See! **Your** house is left to you laid *waste,*
39for I say to you, from **now** on you ***shall*** by no means **see Me,** until you say,

'**Blessed is He** who is **coming** in the **Name** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄! ' "

24 And going out, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 went away from the **Set-apart Place** and **His taught ones** came **near** to point out to **Him** the buildings of the **Set-apart Place.**

[2]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 said to them, "***Do*** you not **see all** these? **Truly**, I say to you, not one stone ***shall* be** left here upon another, at **all,** which ***shall*** not be *thrown* down."

[3]And as **He** sat on the Mount of Olives, **the taught ones** came to **Him** separately, saying, "Say to us, when ***shall*** this be and what is the **sign** of **Your coming** and of **the end** of the age?"

[4]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 answering, said to them, "Take **heed** that no one *leads you astray*.

[5]"For many ***shall* come** in **My Name** saying, **'I am** the **Messiah**,' and they ***shall*** lead many *astray*.

[6]"And you ***shall*** begin to **hear** of fightings and reports of fightings. **see** that you are not *troubled,* for these have to take place, but **the end** is not yet.

[7]"For nation ***shall*** rise *against* nation and **reign** *against* reign. And there ***shall* be** scarcities of food and deadly *diseases* and *earthquakes* in places.

[8]"And **all** these are the beginning of birth *pains*.

[9]"***Then*** they ***shall* deliver** you up to *affliction* and *kill* you and you ***shall* be** *hated* by **all** nations for **My Name's** sake.

[10]"And then many ***shall*** *stumble* and they ***shall* deliver** up one another and ***shall*** *hate* one another.

[11]"And many *false* prophets ***shall*** rise up and lead many *astray*.

[12]"And **because** of the increase in *lawlessness*, the **love** of many ***shall*** become cold.

[13]"***But*** he who ***shall*** have endured to **the end *shall* be saved**.

[14]"And this **besorah** of the **reign *shall* be proclaimed** in **all** the world as a **witness** to **all** the nations and then **the end *shall*** come.

[15]"So when you **see** the '**abomination** that lays *waste,*'spoken of by Dani'ĕl the **prophet,** set up in the set-apart place" – he who **reads**, let him **understand** –

[16]"then let those who are in Yahuḏah ***flee*** to the mountains.

[17]"**Let** him who is on the house-top not **come** down to take ***whatever*** out of his house.

[18]"And let him who is in the field not **turn back** to get his garments.

[19]"And **woe** to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing children in those days!

[20]"And pray that your f**light** *does not* take place in winter or on the **Sabbath**.

[21]"For then there ***shall* be great** *distress,* such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this **time,** no, nor ever ***shall* be.**

[22]"And if those days were not shortened, no *flesh* would be **saved,** but for the sake of the **chosen** ones those days ***shall* be** shortened.

[23]"***If*** anyone then says to you, 'Look, here is the **Messiah!**' or 'There!' *do not* **believe**.

[24]"For *false* messiahs and *false* prophets ***shall*** arise and they ***shall* show great signs** and **wonders**, so as to lead *astray*, if **possible**, even the **chosen** ones.

[25]"**See,** I have **forewarned** you.

[26]"So if they say to you, 'Look, **He** is in the desert!' *do not* go out; or 'Look, **He** is in the inner rooms!' *do not* **believe**.

[27]"For as the lightning **comes** from the east and shines to the west, so also ***shall*** the **coming** of the **Son** of Aḏam be.

[28]"For wherever the *dead* body is, there the eagles ***shall* be** gathered together.

[29]"And **immediately** after the *distress* of those days the sun ***shall* be** darkened and the moon ***shall*** not give its **light** and the stars ***shall fall*** from the heaven and the powers of the heavens ***shall* be** *shaken.*

[30]"***Then*** the **sign of the Son** of Aḏam ***shall*** appear in **the heavens** and then **all**

the tribes of the earth ***shall*** *mourn* and they ***shall*** **see** the **Son** of Aḏam **coming** on the clouds of **the heavens** with **power** and much esteem.
31"And **He** ***shall*** send **His** messengers with a **great** sound of a trumpet and they ***shall*** **gather together His chosen** ones from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.
32"And **learn** this parable from the fig tree: ***When*** its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you **know** that the summer is **near.**
33"So you also, when you **see all** these, **know** that **He** is near, at the **doors**.
34"**Truly**, I say to you, this generation ***shall*** by no means pass away until **all this takes place.**
35"The **heaven** and the earth ***shall*** pass away, but **My words** ***shall*** by no means pass away.
36"***But*** concerning that day and the **hour** no one knows, not even the messengers of the heavens, but **My Father** only.
37"And as the days of Noaḥ, so also ***shall*** the **coming** of the **Son** of Aḏam be.
38"For as they were in the days before the flood, eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noaḥ entered into the ark,
39and they *did not* **know** until the *flood* came and took them **all** away, so also ***shall*** the **coming** of the **Son** of Aḏam be.
40"***Then*** two ***shall*** **be** in the field, the one is taken and the one is left.
41"Two ***shall*** **be** grinding at the mill, one is taken and one is left.
42"**Watch** therefore, for *you do not* **know** what **hour** your **Master** is **coming**.
43"And **know** this, that if the master of the house had **known** what **hour** the *thief* would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.
44"**Because** of this, be **ready** too, for the **Son** of Aḏam is **coming** at an **hour** when *you do not* expect **Him.**
45"***Who*** then is a **trustworthy** and **wise** servant, whom his master set over his household, to give them food in season?
46"**Blessed** is that servant whom his master, having come, ***shall*** find so doing.
47"**Truly**, I say to you that he ***shall*** set him over **all** his possessions.
48"***But*** if that *evil* servant says in his **heart, 'My** master is delaying his **coming**,'
49and begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with the drunkards,
50the master of that servant ***shall*** **come** on a day when he *does not* expect it and at an **hour** he *does not* **know,**
51and ***shall cut*** him in two and **appoint** him his portion with the ***hypocrites*** – *there* ***shall*** *be weeping and gnashing of teeth*.

25 "***Then*** the **reign** of the heavens ***shall*** **be** compared to ten maidens who took their **lamps** and went out to meet the bridegroom.
2"And five of them were **wise** and five *foolish.*
3"Those who were ***foolish,*** having taken their lamps, took no oil with them,
4but the **wise** took oil in their containers with their lamps.
5"**Now** while the bridegroom took **time,** they **all** slumbered and slept.
6"And at midnight a cry was **heard**,
'**See,** the bridegroom is **coming**,
go out to meet **Him!**'
7"***Then*** **all** those maidens rose up and trimmed their lamps.
8"And the ***foolish*** said to the **wise,** 'Give us of your oil,
because our **lamps** are going out.'
9"***But*** the **wise** answered, saying,
'No, indeed, there *would not* be enough for us and you. Instead, go to those who sell and buy for yourselves.'
10"And while they went to buy,
the bridegroom came and those who were **ready** went in with him to the wedding feast and the **door** was shut.
11"And later the other maidens also came, saying, '**Master, Master, open** up for us!'
12"***But*** he answering, said, '**Truly**, I say

to you, I *do not* **know** you.'
13"**Watch** therefore, **because** *you do not* **know** the day nor the **hour** in which the **Son** of Aḏam is **coming**,
14for it is like a man going from home, who called his own servants and **delivered** his possessions to them.
15"And to one he gave five talents and to another two and to another one, to each **according** to his own ability and went from home.
16"And he who had received the five talents went and worked with them and made another five talents.
17"In the **same way,** he with the two also, he gained two more.
18"***But*** he who had received the one went away and dug in the ground and hid the silver of his **Master.**
19"And after a long **time** the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.
20"And he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, '**Master,** you **delivered** to me five talents. **See,** I have gained five more talents besides them.'
21"And his master said to him, 'Well done, **good** and **trustworthy** servant. You were **trustworthy** over a little, I ***shall*** set you over much. Enter into the **joy** of your **Master.**'
22"***Then*** he who had received two talents came and said, '**Master,** you **delivered** to me two talents. **See,** I have gained two more talents besides them.'
23"**His** master said to him, 'Well done, **good** and **trustworthy** servant. You were **trustworthy** over a little, I ***shall*** set you over much.
Enter into the **joy** of your **Master.**'
24"And the one who had received the one talent also came and said, '**Master,** I **knew** you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not *scattered* seed,
25and being *afraid*, I went and hid your talent in the ground. **See,** you have what is yours.'
26"And his master answering, said to him, 'You *wicked* and lazy servant, you **knew** that I reap where I have not sown and **gather** where I have not *scattered* seed.
27'***Then*** you should have put my silver with the bankers and at my **coming** I would have received back my own with interest.
28'Therefore take away the talent from him and give it to him who **possesses** ten talents.
29'For to everyone who possesses, more ***shall*** **be given** and he ***shall*** have overflowingly; but from him who *does not* possess, even what he **possesses** ***shall*** **be** taken away.
30'And *throw* the *worthless* servant out into the outer *darkness* – there ***shall*** **be** *weeping* and *gnashing* of *teeth*.'
31"And when the **Son** of Aḏam **comes** in **His** esteem and **all** the set-apart messengers with **Him,** then **He** ***shall*** sit on the throne of **His** esteem.
32"And **all** the nations ***shall*** **be** gathered before **Him** and **He** ***shall*** separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates his sheep from the goats.
33"And **He** ***shall*** set the sheep on **His right hand,** but the goats on the left.
34"***Then*** the Sovereign ***shall*** say to those on **His right hand,** '**Come,** you **blessed** of **My Father,** inherit the **reign** prepared for you from the foundation of the world –
35for I was hungry and you gave **Me** food, I was thirsty and you gave **Me** drink, I was a stranger and you took **Me** in,
36was naked and you clothed **Me,** I was *sick* and you **visited Me,** I was in prison and you came to **Me.**'
37"***Then*** the **righteous** ***shall*** answer **Him,** saying, '**Master,** when did we **see You** hungry and we fed **You,** or thirsty and gave **You** to drink?
38'***When*** did we **see You** a stranger and took **You** in, or naked and clothed **You?**
39'And when did we **see You** *sick,* or in prison and we came to **You?**'
40"And the Sovereign ***shall*** answer and say to them, '**Truly**, I say to you, in so far as you did it to one of the least of these **My** brothers, you did it to **Me.**'

41"He ***shall*** then also say to those on the left **hand,** 'Go away from **Me,** *accursed* ones, into the **everlasting** *fire* prepared for the *devil* and his messengers –
42for I was hungry and you gave **Me** no food, I was thirsty and you gave **Me** no drink,
43'I was a stranger and you *did not* take **Me** in, was naked and you *did not* clothe **Me,** *sick* and in prison and you *did not* **visit Me.**'
44"'***Then*** they also ***shall*** answer **Him,** saying, '**Master,** when did we **see** You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or *sick* or in prison and *did not* **serve You?**'
45"'***Then*** **He** ***shall*** answer them, saying, '**Truly**, I say to you, in so far as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you *did not* do it to **Me.**'
46"'And these ***shall*** go away into **everlasting** *punishment* but the **righteous** into **everlasting life**."

26 It came to be, when OWYƎZ ended **all** these **words**, **He** said to **His taught ones,**
2"You **know** that after two days the **Passover** takes place and the **Son** of Adam is to be **delivered** up to be impaled."
3***Then*** the chief priests and the scribes and the elders of the people came **together** at the court of the high priest, who was called Qayapha,
4and *plotted* to *seize* OWYƎZ by trickery and *kill* **Him.**
5***But*** they said, "Not at the **festival** lest there be an uproar among the people."
6And when OWYƎZ was in Bĕyth Anyah at the house of Shim'on the leper,
7a woman came to **Him,** having an alabaster flask of costly perfume and she poured it on **His** head as **He** sat at the table.
8And when **His taught ones saw** it, they were much *displeased* saying, "To what purpose is this waste?
9"For this perfume could have been sold for much and **given** to the *poor*."
10However, when OWYƎZ noticed it, **He** said to them, "***Why*** do you *trouble* the woman? For she has done a **good work** toward **Me.**
11"For you **always** have the *poor* with you, but **Me** *you do not* have always.
12"For in pouring this perfume on **My body**, she did it for **My** burial.
13"'**Truly**, I say to you, wherever this **Besorah** is **proclaimed** in **all** the **world**, **what this woman has done *shall* be spoken of also, to her remembrance."**
14***Then*** one of the twelve, called Yahudah from Qerioth, went to the chief priests,
15and said, "***What*** would you give me to **deliver Him** to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.
16And from then on he was **seeking** an occasion to **deliver Him** up.
17And on the **first day of Unleavened Bread the taught ones** came to OWYƎZ, saying to **Him,** "Where do **You wish** us to **prepare** for **You** to eat the **Passover**?"
18And **He** said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The **Teacher** says, "**My time** is **near.** I am to **observe** the **Passover** at your house with **My taught ones.**" ' "
19And **the taught ones** did as OWYƎZ had ordered them and prepared the **Passover**.
20And when **evening** came, **He** sat down with the twelve.
21And while they were eating, **He** said, "**Truly**, I say to you, one of you ***shall*** **deliver Me** up."
22And they were deeply *grieved* and began to say to **Him,** each of them, "**Master,** is it I?"
23And **He** answering, said, "He who has dipped his **hand** with **Me** in the dish, he ***shall*** **deliver Me** up.
24"Indeed, the **Son** of Adam goes as it has been **written** concerning **Him,** but **woe** to that man by whom the **Son** of Adam is **delivered** up! It would have been **good** for that man if he had not been born."
25And Yahudah – he who **delivered Him** up – answering, said, "Rabbi, is it

I?" **He** said to him, "You have said it."
[26]And as they were eating, OWYƎZ took bread and having **blessed**, broke and gave it to **the taught ones** and said, "Take, eat, this is **My** body."
[27]And taking the **cup,** and giving thanks, **He** gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, **all** of you.
[28]"For this is **My blood,** that of the renewed covenant, which is shed for many for the **forgiveness** of *sins*.
[29]"***But*** I say to you, I ***shall*** certainly not drink of this **fruit** of the **vine** from **now** on til that day when I drink it anew with you in the **reign** of **My Father.**"
[30]And having sung a song, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
[31]***Then*** OWYƎZ said to them, "All of you ***shall*** *stumble* in **Me** this night, for it has been **written**, 'I ***shall*** *strike* the Shepherd and the sheep of the flock ***shall*** **be** *scattered*.'
[32]"***But*** after I have been **raised,** I ***shall*** go before you into Galil."
[33]And Kĕpha answering, said to **Him,** "Even if **all** *stumble* in **You,** I ***shall*** never *stumble*."
[34]OWYƎZ said to him, "**Truly**, I say to you that this night, before the cock crows, you ***shall*** *deny* **Me three times**."
[35]Kĕpha said to **Him,** "Even if I have to *die* with **You,** I ***shall*** not *deny* You!" All **the taught ones** said the **same** too.
[36]***Then*** OWYƎZ came with them to a place called Gethsemane and said to **the taught ones,** "Sit here while I go over there and pray."
[37]And **He** took with **Him** Kĕpha and the two sons of Zaḇdai and **He** began to be *grieved* and deeply *distressed*.
[38]***Then*** **He** said to them, "My being is exceedingly *grieved*, even to *death.* Stay here and **watch** with **Me.**"
[39]And going forward a little, **He** fell on **His** face and prayed, saying, "O **My** Father, if it is **possible**, let this **cup** pass from **Me.** Yet not as I desire, but as **You desire.**"
[40]And **He** came to **the taught ones** and **found** them asleep and said to Kĕpha, "So, were you not able to **watch** with **Me** one **hour?**
[41]"**Watch** and pray, lest you enter into trial. The spirit indeed is eager, but the *flesh* is weak."
[42]Again **He** went away, a second **time,** and prayed, saying, "O **My Father,** if it is *impossible* for this to pass ***unless*** I drink it, let **Your** desire be done."
[43]And **He** came and **found** them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.
[44]And **He** left them, went away again and prayed the third **time,** saying the **same words**.
[45]***Then*** **He** came to **His taught ones** and said to them, "Still sleeping and taking rest? **See,** the **hour** has **come** near and the **Son** of Aḏam is **delivered** up into the hands of *sinners.*
[46]"Rise, let us go. **See,** he who delivers **Me** up has **come near.**"
[47]And while **He** was still speaking, **see,** Yahuḏah, one of the twelve, with a large crowd with s**words** and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.
[48]And he who was delivering **Him** up gave them a **sign,** saying, "***Whom***ever I kiss, it is **He,** *seize* **Him.**"
[49]And going **straight** up to OWYƎZ he said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed **Him.**
[50]And OWYƎZ said to him, "Friend, why have you **come?**" ***Then*** they came and laid hands on OWYƎZ and *seized* **Him.**
[51]And look, one of those with OWYƎZ put out his **hand** and drew his *sword* and striking the servant of the high priest he *cut off* his ear.
[52]***Then*** OWYƎZ said to him, "Return your *sword* to its place, for **all** who take the *sword* ***shall*** *die* by the *sword.*
[53]"Or do you *think* that I am not able to pray to **My Father now** and **He** ***shall*** provide **Me** with more than twelve legions of messengers?
[54]"***How*** then would the **Scriptures** be filled that it has to be this **way?**"
[55]In that **hour** OWYƎZ said to the crowds, "Have you **come** out, as <u>*against*</u> a robber, with s**words** and clubs to *arrest*

Me? Daily I sat with you **teaching** in the **Set-apart Place** and you *did not seize* **Me.**

[56]"***But*** **all** this came to be so that the **Scriptures of the prophets** might be **filled.**" ***Then*** **all the taught ones** left **Him** and fled.

[57]And those who had *seized* OWYƎZ led **Him** away to Qayapha the high priest, where the *scribes* and the elders were gathered together.

[58]***But*** Kĕpha **followed Him** at a distance to the courtyard of the high priest and he went in and sat with the servants to **see the end.**

[59]And the chief priests and the elders and **all** the council were **seeking** *false* **witness** *against* OWYƎZ to put **Him** to *death,*

[60]but **found** none. Although many *false* **witnesses** came forward, they **found** none. ***But*** at **last** two *false* **witnesses** came forward,

[61]and said, "This one said, **'I am** able to *destroy* the **Dwelling Place** of **Elohim** and to build it in three days.' "

[62]And the high priest stood up and said to **Him,** "Have You no answer to make? ***What*** do these **witness** *against* **You?**"

[63]***But*** OWYƎZ remained silent. So the high priest said to **Him,** "I put You to oath, by the **living Elohim** that You say to us if You are the **Messiah**, the **Son** of **Elohim**."

[64]OWYƎZ said to him, "You have said it. Besides I say to you, from **now** you ***shall*** **see** the **Son** of Adam sitting at the **right hand** of the Power and **coming** on the clouds of the **heavens.**"

[65]***Then*** the high priest tore his garments, saying, "He has blasphemed! ***Why*** do we need any more witnesses? **See, now** you have **heard His** *blasphemy*!

[66]"***What*** do you *think?*" And they answering, said, "He is *liable* to *death.*"

[67]***Then*** they spat in **His** face and beat **Him** and others *slapped* **Him,**

[68]saying, "**Prophesy** to us, **Messiah! *Who*** is the one who *struck* **You?**"

[69]And Kĕpha sat outside in the courtyard and a servant girl came to him, saying, "And you were with OWYƎZ of Galil."

[70]***But*** he *denied* it before them **all,** saying, "I *do not* **know** what you say."

[71]And as he was going out into the porch, another girl **saw** him and said to those there, "And this one was with OWYƎZ of Natsareth."

[72]***But*** again he *denied* with an oath, "I *do not* **know** the Man!"

[73]And after a while those who stood by came to him and said to Kĕpha, "**Truly** you are one of them too, for even your speech gives you away."

[74]***Then*** he began to *curse* and to swear, saying, "I *do not* **know** the Man!" And **immediately** a cock crowed.

[75]And Kĕpha **remembered** the **word** of OWYƎZ who had said to him, "Before a cock crows, you ***shall*** *deny* **Me** *three times*." And going out, he wept *bitterly*.

27 And morning having come, **all** the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel *against* OWYƎZ, so as to put **Him** to *death.*

[2]And having *bound* **Him,** they led **Him** away and **delivered Him** to Pontius Pilate the governor.

[3]***Then*** Yahuḏah – he who **delivered Him** up – having **seen** that **He** had been condemned, repented, returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and to the elders,

[4]saying, "I have *sinned* in delivering up **innocent** blood." And they said, "***What*** is that to us? You **see** to it!"

[5]And throwing down the pieces of silver in the **Dwelling Place** he left and went and hanged himself.

[6]And the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not **right** to put them into the treasury, **seeing** they are the price of blood."

[7]So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field, for the burial of strangers.

[8]Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood, until today.

9***Then*** **was filled** what was **spoken** by Yirmeyahu the **prophet,** saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of **Him** who was pierced, on whom they of the children of Yisra'ĕl set a price,
10and gave them for the potter's field, as 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 had ordered me."
11And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 stood before the governor and the governor asked **Him,** saying, "Are You the Sovereign of the Yahuḏim?" And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 said to him, "You say it."
12And as **He** was *accused* by the chief priests and the elders, **He** answered not.
13***Then*** Pilate said to **Him,** "***Do*** You not **hear** how much they **witness** *against* **You?**"
14And **He** *did not* answer him, not one word, so that the governor wondered much.
15And at the **festival** the governor used to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished.
16And they had then a well-known prisoner called Barabba.
17So when they were **assembled**, Pilate said to them, "***Whom*** do you **wish** I release to you? Barabba, or 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 who is called **Messiah**?"
18For he **knew** that **because** of *envy* they had **delivered Him** up.
19And as he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife **sent** to him, saying, "Have none at **all** to do with that **righteous** Man, for I have suffered much today in a **dream because** of **Him.**"
20***But*** the chief priests and elders persuaded the crowds that they should **ask** for Barabba and to *destroy* 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏.
21And the governor answering, said to them, "Which of the two do you **wish** I release to you?" They said, "Barabba!"
22Pilate said to them, "***What*** then ***shall*** I do with 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 who is called **Messiah**?" They **all** said to him, "**Let Him** be impaled!"
23And the governor said, "Indeed, what *evil* has **He** done?" And they were crying out **all** the more, saying, "**Let Him** be impaled!"
24And when Pilate **saw** that he was getting **now**here, but rather an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am **innocent** of the **blood** of this **righteous** One. You ***shall*** **see** to it."
25And **all** the people answering, said, "**His blood** be on us and on our children."
26***Then*** he released Barabba to them, but having 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 whipped, he **delivered Him** over to be impaled.
27***Then*** the soldiers of the governor took 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 into the court and gathered the entire company of soldiers around **Him.**
28And having stripped **Him,** they put a **scarlet robe** on **Him.**
29And plaiting a crown of thorns, they put it on **His** head and a reed in **His right hand.** And they kneeled down before **Him** and *mocked* **Him,** saying, "Greetings, Sovereign of the Yahuḏim!"
30And spitting on **Him** they took the reed and *struck* **Him** on the head.
31And when they had *mocked* **Him,** they took the **robe** off **Him,** then put **His** own garments on **Him** and led **Him** away to be impaled.
32And as they were going out, they **found** a man of Cyrene, Shim'on by name – they compelled him to bear **His** stake.
33And when they came to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull,
34they gave **Him wine** mixed with bile to drink. And after **tasting**,
He *would not* drink it.
35And having impaled **Him,** they divided **His** garments, casting lots, that it might be filled what was **spoken** by the **prophet,** "They divided **My** garments among them and for **My** clothing they *cast* lots."
36And sitting down, they **guarded Him** there.
37And they put up over **His** head the **written** charge *against* Him: THIS IS 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, THE SOVEREIGN OF THE YEHUḎIM.
38***Then*** two ***robbers*** were impaled with **Him,** one on the **right** and another on

the left.
39And those passing by were *blaspheming* **Him,** *shaking* their heads,
40and saying, "You who *destroy* the **Dwelling Place** and build it in three days, **save Yourself**! ***If*** You are the **Son** of **Elohim**, **come** down from the stake."
41And likewise the chief priests, with the *scribes* and elders, *mocking,* said,
42"He **saved** others – **He** is *unable* to **save Himself**. ***If*** **He** is the Sovereign of Yisra'ĕl let **Him now come** down from the stake and we ***shall*** **believe Him.**
43"**He trusted** in **Elohim**, let **Him rescue Him now** if **He** desires **Him,** for **He** said, **'I am** the **Son** of **Elohim**.' "
44And also the ***robbers*** who were impaled with **Him** *reviled* **Him,** *saying* the **same.**
45And from the sixth **hour** there was *darkness* over **all** the land, until the ninth **hour.**
46And about the ninth **hour** יהושע *cried out* with a loud **voice**, saying, "Ĕli, Ĕli, lemah shebaqtani?" that is, "My Ĕl, **My** Ĕl, why have **You** ***forsaken*** **Me?**"
47Some of those standing there, having **heard**, said, "This **One** calls Ĕliyahu!"
48And **immediately** one of them ran and took a sponge and filled it with sour **wine** and put it on a reed and gave it to **Him** to drink.
49***But*** the rest said, "Leave it, let us **see** if Ĕliyahu **comes** to **save Him.**"
50And יהושע *cried out* again with a loud **voice** and gave up **His** spirit.
51And **see,** the veil of the **Dwelling Place** was *torn* in two from top to bottom and the earth was shaken and the rocks were split,
52and the tombs were opened and many bodies of the set-apart ones who had fallen asleep were **raised,**
53and **coming** out of the tombs after **His** resurrection, they went into the set-apart city and appeared to many.
54And when the captain and those with him, who were **guarding** יהושע, **saw** the *earthquake* and **all** that took place, they ***feared*** exceedingly, saying, "**Truly** this was the **Son** of **Elohim**!"
55And many women who **followed** יהושע from Galil, attending **Him,** were there, watching from a distance,
56among whom were Miryam from Magdala and Miryam the mother of Ya'aqob and Yosĕph and the mother of Zabdai's sons.
57And when **evening** came, there came a rich man from Ramathayim, named Yosĕph, who himself had also become **a taught one of** יהושע.
58**He** went to Pilate and asked for the body of יהושע. ***Then*** Pilate **commanded** the body to be **given**.
59And having taken the body, Yosĕph wrapped it in **clean** linen,
60and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock. And he rolled a large stone *against* the **door** of the tomb and went away.
61And Miryam from Magdala was there and the other Miryam, sitting opposite the tomb.
62On the next day, which was after the **preparation**, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered **together** to Pilate,
63saying,"**Master,** we **remember,** while **He** was still **alive,** how that *deceiver* said, 'After three days I am **raised.**'
64"**Command**, then, that the tomb be safeguarded until the third day, lest **His taught ones come** by night and steal **Him** away and say to the people, '**He** was **raised** from the *dead.*' And the **last** ***deception shall*** **be** worse than the **first.**"
65So Pilate said to them, "*You* have a **watch**, go, safeguard it as *you* **know** how."
66And *they* went and *safeguarded* the tomb, **sealing** the stone and **setting** the **watch**.

28 **Now** after the **Sabbath,** *toward dawn* on the **first day of** the week, Miryam from Magdala and the other Miryam came to **see** the tomb.
2And **see,** there was a **great** *earthquake,* for a messenger of יהוה came down out of heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the **door,**

and sat on it.
3And his appearance was like lightning and his garments as white as snow.
4And the guards *trembled* for **fear** of him and became like *dead* men.
5And the messenger responding, said to the women, "***Do*** *not* be *afraid*, for I **know** that you **seek** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 who was impaled.
6"He is not here, for **He** was **raised,** as **He** said. **Come, see** the place where the **Master** lay.
7"And go **quickly**, say to **His taught ones** that **He** was **raised** from the *dead,* and **see, He** is going before you to Galil. There you ***shall*** **see Him. See,** I have told you."
8And they left the tomb **quickly**, with **fear** and **great** joy and ran to report to **His taught ones.**
9And as they were going to report to **His taught ones, see,** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 met them, saying, "Greetings!" And they came and held **Him** by the feet and did bow to **Him.**
10***Then*** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 said to them, "***Do*** *not* be *afraid*. Go, report to **My** brothers, to go to Galil and they ***shall*** **see Me** there."
11And while they were going, **see,** some of the **watch** having gone into the city, reported to the chief priests **all** that took place.
12And when they came **together** with the elders and taken counsel, they gave enough silver to the soldiers,
13saying, "Say that **His taught ones** came at night and stole **Him** away while we slept.
14"And if this should be reported to the governor, we ***shall*** win him over and keep you out of trouble."
15And having taken the silver they did as they were **instructed**. And this account was widely spread among the Yahuḏim, to this day.
16And the eleven **taught ones** went away into Galil, to the mountain which 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 had **appointed** for them.
17And when they **saw Him,** they bowed to **Him,** but some ***doubt****ed*.
18And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 came up and spoke to them, saying, "All **authority** has been **given** to **Me** in **heaven** and on earth.
19"Therefore, go and make **taught ones** of **all** the nations, **immersing** them **in the Name** of the **Father** and of the **Son** and of the **Set-apart Spirit,**
20**teaching** them to **guard all** that I have **commanded** you. And **see, I am with you** always, until **the end** of the age." Amĕn.

MARK

1 The beginning of the **Besorah** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, the **Son** of **Elohim**.
[2]As it has been **written** in the **Prophet**s, "**See,** I send **My** messenger before **Your** face who ***shall*** **prepare** *your way* before **You,**
[3]a **voice** of one crying in the wilderness, '**Prepare** the **way** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤗, make **His** paths **straight.**' "
[4]Yoḥanan came immersing in the wilderness and **proclaiming** an immersion of **repentance** for the **forgiveness** of *sins*.
[5]And **all** the country of Yahuḏah and those of Yerushalayim, went out to him and were **all immersed** by him in the Yarděn River, confessing *their sins*.
[6]And Yoḥanan was clothed with camel's hair and a leather girdle around his waist and eating locusts and wild honey.
[7]And he **proclaimed**, saying, "After me **comes One** who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not **worthy** to stoop down and loosen.
[8]"I indeed did **immerse** you in water, but **He *shall* immerse** you in the **Set-apart Spirit.**"
[9]And it came to be in those days that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 came from Natsareth of Galil and was **immersed** by Yoḥanan in the Yarděn.
[10]And **immediately**, **coming** up from the water, **He saw** the heavens being *torn* **open** and the **Spirit coming** down on **Him** like a dove.
[11]And a **voice** came out of the heavens, "**You** are **My Son**, the **Beloved**, in whom I did **delight**."
[12]And **immediately** the **Spirit** drove **Him** into the wilderness.
[13]And **He** was there in the wilderness forty days, tried by Satan and was with the wild beasts. And the messengers attended **Him.**
[14]And after Yoḥanan was **delivered** up, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 came to Galil, **proclaiming** the **besorah** of the **reign** of **Elohim**,
[15]and saying, "The **time** has been filled and the **reign** of **Elohim** has **come near. Repent** and **believe** in the **Besorah**."
[16]And walking by the Sea of Galil, **He saw** Shim'on and Andri his brother, casting a *net* into the sea, for they were fishers.
[17]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 said to them, **"Come, follow Me** and I ***shall*** make you become fishers of men."
[18]And **immediately** they left their nets and **followed Him.**
[19]And having gone on a *little* from there, **He saw** Ya'aqoḇ the son of Zaḇdai and Yoḥanan his brother and they were in the boat mending their nets.
[20]And **immediately He** called them and leaving their father Zaḇdai in the boat with the hired servants, they went after **Him.**
[21]And they went into Kephar Naḥum and **immediately** on the **Sabbath He** went into the congregation and **taught.**
[22]And they were astonished at **His teaching**, for **He** was **teaching** them as possessing authority and not as the scribes.
[23]And there was a man in their congregation with an ***unclean spirit*** and he *cried out*,
[24]saying, "Ha! ***What*** have we to do with **You,** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 of Natsareth? Did **You come to** *destroy* us? I **know** who **You** are: the **Set-apart One** of **Elohim**!"
[25]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 ***rebuked*** him, saying, "Be silenced and **come out** of **Him!**"
[26]And throwing him into convulsions, the ***unclean spirit*** called out with a loud **voice** and came out of him.
[27]And they were **all** so amazed, as to **reason** among themselves, saying, "***What*** is this, a **fresh teaching**? With **authority He commands** even the ***unclean spirits*** and they **obey Him!**"

[28]And news about **Him immediately** spread into **all** the country around Galil.
[29]And **coming** out of the congregation, they went **straight** to the house of Shim'on and Andri, with Ya'aqoḇ and Yoḥanan.
[30]And the mother-in-law of Shim'on lay *sick* with inflammation and **immediately** they spoke to **Him** about her.
[31]And having come, **He** took her by the **hand** and lifted her up and **immediately** the inflammation left her and she **served** them.
[32]And when **evening** came, when the sun had set, they brought to **Him all** who were *sick* and those who were demon possessed.
[33]And the entire city had gathered at the **door.**
[34]And **He healed** many who were *sick* with various *diseases* and *cast* out many ***demons*** and was not allowing the ***demons*** to speak, **because** they **knew Him.**
[35]And having risen **very** early in the morning, while still dark, **He** went out and went away to a lonely place and there **He** prayed.
[36]And Shim'on and those who were with **Him** searched for **Him,**
[37]and when they **found Him,** they said to **Him,** "All are **seeking You.**"
[38]And **He** said to them, "**Let** us go into the neighbouring towns, so that I **proclaim** there also, **because** for this I have **come** forth."
[39]And **He** was **proclaiming** in their congregations, in **all** Galil and casting out ***demons.***
[40]And a leper came to **Him,** calling upon **Him,** kneeling down to **Him** and saying to **Him,** "***If*** **You desire,** You are able to make me **clean.**"
[41]And OWY3Z, moved with **compassion**, **stretched** out **His hand** and touched him and said to him, "I desire it. Be **cleansed**."
[42]And **immediately** the leprosy left him and he was **cleansed**.
[43]And having **strictly warned** him, **He immediately sent** him away,
[44]and said to him, "**See,** say none at **all** to anyone, but go **show** yourself to the priest and offer for your **cleansing** what Mosheh ordered, as a **witness** to them."
[45]***But*** he went out and began to publish it so much and to spread the **word,** that OWY3Z was no longer able to openly enter the city, but was outside in lonely places. Yet they came to **Him** from **all** directions.

2 And some days later **He** again entered into Kephar Naḥum and it was **heard** that **He** was in the house.
[2]And so many gathered together, that there was no more room, not even at the **door.** And **He** spoke the **Word** to them.
[3]And they came to **Him,** bringing a paralytic, carried by four.
[4]And not being able to **come near Him** **because** of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where **He** was. And when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was *lying*.
[5]And when OWY3Z **saw** their **belief**, **He** said to the paralytic, "**Son**, your *sins* are **forgiven** you."
[6]**Now** some of the *scribes* were sitting there and reasoning in their **hearts**,
[7]"***Why*** does this **One** talk like this? **He** is *blaspheming*! ***Who*** **is able** to **forgive** *sins* but **Elohim** alone?"
[8]**Immediately** OWY3Z, knowing in **His** spirit that they were *reasoning that way* within themselves, said to them, "***Why*** do you **reason** about **all** this in your **hearts**?
[9]"Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, '**Your** *sins* are **forgiven**,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and **walk**'?
[10]"***But*** **in order** for you **to know** that the **Son** of Aḏam **possesses authority** on earth to **forgive** *sins*..." **He** said to the paralytic,
[11]"I say to you, rise, take up your bed and go to your house."
[12]He rose straightaway, took up the bed and went out before **all,** so that **all** were amazed and p**raised Elohim**, saying,

"We have never **seen** the like of **it**!"
13And **He** went out again by the sea and **all** the crowd was **coming** to **Him** and **He taught** them.
14And passing by, **He saw** Lĕwi the son of Alphai sitting at the tax office and said to him, "**Follow Me.**" And having risen he **followed Him.**
15And it came to be, as **He** sat at the table at his house, that many tax collectors and *sinners* also sat with OWY3Z and **His taught ones,** for there were many and they **followed Him.**
16And when the *scribes* and Pharisees **saw Him** eating with the tax collectors and *sinners,* they said to **His taught ones,** "***Why*** does **He** eat and drink with tax collectors and *sinners*?"
17And **hearing** this, OWY3Z said to them, "Those who are **strong** have no need of a physician, but those who are *sick,* I *did not* **come to call** the **righteous** to repentance, but *sinners.*"
18And **the taught ones** of Yoḥanan and of the Pharisees were fasting. And they came and said to **Him,** "***Why*** do **the taught ones** of Yoḥanan and of the Pharisees fast, but **Your taught ones** *do not* fast?"
19And OWY3Z said to them, "Are the friends of the bridegroom able to fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they are not able to fast.
20"***But*** the days ***shall*** **come** when the bridegroom ***shall*** **be** taken away from them and then they ***shall*** fast in those days.
21"And no one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, otherwise the **renewed** piece pulls away from the old and the *tear* is made worse.
22"And no one puts **new wine** into old **wineskins**, otherwise the **new wine** bursts the *wineskins* and the **wine** runs out and the *wineskins* are *ruined*. ***But*** **new wine** is to be put into **fresh wineskins**."
23And it came to be that **He** went through the grainfields on the **Sabbath**. And as they went **His taught ones** began to pluck heads of grain,
24and the Pharisees said to **Him,** "Look, why do they do what is not **right** on the **Sabbath**?"
25And **He** said to them, "Have you never **read** what Dawiḏ did when he had need and was hungry, he and those with him?
26"***How*** he went into the House of **Elohim**, while Eḇyathar was high priest and ate the showbread, which is not **right** to eat, ***except*** for the priests and he gave it also to those who were with him?"
27And **He** said to them, "The **Sabbath** was made for man and ***not*** man for the **Sabbath**.
28"So the **Son** of Aḏam is also **Master** of the **Sabbath**."

3 And **He** went into the congregation again and a man who had a withered hand was there.
2And they were watching **Him,** whether **He** would **heal** him on the **Sabbath,** so as to *accuse* **Him.**
3And **He** said to the man who had the withered **hand,** "Get up to the middle."
4And **He** said to them, "Is it **right** to do **good** on the **Sabbath,** or to do *evil*, to **save life** or to kill?" ***But*** they remained silent.
5And having **looked** around on them with *displeasure,* being *grieved* at the *hardness of their hearts*, **He** said to the man, "Stretch out your **hand.**" And he **stretched** it out and his **hand** was restored as healthy as the other.
6And the Pharisees went out and **immediately** *plotted* with the Herodians *against* **Him,** how to *destroy* **Him.**
7***But*** OWY3Z withdrew with **His taught ones** to the sea. And a **great** crowd from Galil **followed Him** and from Yahuḏah.
8Even from Yerushalayim and from Eḏom and beyond the Yarděn and those around Tsor and Tsiḏon, a large crowd came to **Him** when they **heard** how much **He** was doing.

9And **He** spoke to **His taught ones,** that a small boat should be kept **ready** for **Him** **because** of the crowd, lest they should press upon **Him.**
10For **He healed** many, so that as many as had *afflictions* fell upon **Him** to touch **Him.**
11And the *unclean* spirits, whenever they **saw Him,** fell down before **Him** and *cried out*, saying, "**You** are the **Son** of **Elohim**."
12***But*** **He warned** them many times that they should not make **Him known**.
13And **He** went up on the mountain and called to **Him** whom **He** wished and they came to **Him.**
14And **He appointed** twelve to be with **Him** and to be **sent** out to **proclaim,**
15and to **possess authority** to **heal** *sicknesses* and to *cast* out ***demons.***
16And **He appointed** the twelve: Shim'on, to whom **He added** the name Kĕpha;
17and Ya'aqoḇ the son of Zaḇdai and Yoḥanan the brother of Ya'aqoḇ, to whom **He added** the name Beni-Reḡes, that is, "Sons of Thunder,"
18and Andri and Philip and Bartholomi and Mattithyahu and T'oma and Ya'aqoḇ son of Alphai and Taddai and Shim'on the Kena'anite;
19and Yahuḏah from Qerioth, who did also **deliver Him** up. And they went into a house,
20and again the crowd came together, so that they were *unable* even to eat bread.
21And when **His** relatives **heard** about this, they went out to *seize* **Him,** for they said, "He is out of **His** mind."
22And the *scribes* who came down from Yerushalayim said, "He has Be'elzebul," and, "He casts out ***demons*** by the ruler of the ***demons.***"
23And calling them **near He** said to them in parables, "***How*** is Satan able to *cast* out Satan?
24"And if a **reign** is divided *against* itself, that **reign** is *unable* to stand.
25"And if a house is divided *against* itself, that house is *unable* to stand.
26"And if Satan has risen up *against* himself and is divided, he is *unable* to stand, but has an end.
27"No one **is able** to enter a **strong** man's house and plunder his goods, ***unless*** he **first** binds the **strong** man and then he ***shall*** plunder his house.
28"**Truly**, I say to you, **all** the *sins* ***shall*** **be forgiven** the sons of men and ***whatever*** blasphemies they speak,
29but he who ***blasphemes*** *against* the **Set-apart Spirit** has ***no*** **forgiveness forever**, but is subject to **everlasting** judgment,"
30**because** they said, "**He** has an *unclean spirit*."
31And **His** brothers and **His** mother came and standing outside they **sent** to **Him,** calling **Him.**
32And a crowd was sitting around **Him.** And they said to **Him,** "**See, Your** mother and **Your** brothers are outside **seeking You.**"
33***But*** **He** answered them, saying, "***Who*** is **My** mother, or **My** brothers?"
34And looking about on those sitting round **Him, He** said, "**See My** mother and **My** brothers!
35"For ***whoever*** **does the desire** of **Elohim** is **My** brother and **My** sister and mother."

4 And **He** began to **teach** again by the sea and a large crowd was gathered to **Him,** so that **He** entered into a boat, to sit in the sea. And **all** the crowd was on the land facing the sea.
2And **He taught** them much in parables and said to them in **His teaching**:
3"**Listen**!**See,** a sower went out to sow.
4"And it came to be, as he sowed, some fell by the wayside and the birds of **the heavens** came and devoured it.
5"And other fell on rocky places, where it had not much soil. And **immediately** it sprang up **because** it had no depth of soil.
6"***But*** when the sun was up it was scorched and **because** it had no root it withered away.
7"And other fell among thorns.

And the thorns grew up and choked it and it yielded no crop.
[8]"And other fell on **good** soil and yielded a crop that came up, grew and yielded a crop, some thirty fold and some sixty and some a hundred."
[9]And **He** said to them, "He who has **ears** to **hear, let** him **hear!**"
[10]And when **He** was alone, those about **Him,** with the twelve, asked **Him** about the parable.
[11]And **He** said to them, "To you it has been **given to know** the **secret** of the **reign** of **Elohim**, but to those who are outside, **all** are done in parables,
[12]so that 'seeing they **see** but *do not* perceive and **hearing** they **hear** but *do not understand,* lest they should turn and *their sins* be **forgiven** them.' "
[13]And **He** said to them, "***Do*** you not **understand** this parable? ***How*** then ***shall*** you **understand all** the parables?
[14]"The sower sows the **word.**
[15]"These, then, are the ones by the wayside where the **word** is sown. And when they **hear,** Satan **comes immediately** and takes away the **word** that was sown in their **hearts**.
[16]"And likewise these are the ones sown on rocky places, who, when they **hear** the **word, immediately** receive it with joy,
[17]and they have no root in themselves, but are short-lived. ***Then*** when *pressure* or persecution arises **because** of the **word, immediately** they *stumble.*
[18]"And others are those sown among thorns, these are they **who hear** the **word,**
[19]and the *worries* of this age and the *deceit* of riches and the desires for other matters, *entering* in, choke the **word and** it becomes fruitless.
[20]"And those sown on **good** soil, are those **who hear** the **word and accept** it and bear **fruit,** some thirtyfold and some sixty and some a hundred."
[21]And **He** said to them, "Would a **lamp** be brought to be put under a basket or under a bed?
Is it not to be put on a lampstand?
[22]"For ***whatever*** is *hidden* ***shall*** **be revealed** and ***whatever*** has been kept secret, ***shall*** **come to light**.
[23]"***If*** anyone has **ears** to **hear,** let him **hear.**"
[24]And **He** said to them, "Take **heed** what you **hear.** With the **same** measure you use, it ***shall*** **be** measured to you and more ***shall*** **be added** to you **who hear.**
[25]"For ***whoever*** possesses, to him more ***shall*** **be given**; but ***whoever*** *does not* possess, even what he **possesses *shall*** **be** taken away from him."
[26]And **He** said, "The **reign** of **Elohim** is as when a man scatters seed on the ground,
[27]then sleeps by night and rises by day, while the seed sprouts and grows, he himself *does not* **know** how.
[28]"For the soil yields crops by itself: **first** the blade, then the head, after that the **completed** grain in the head.
[29]"And when the crop is ready, **immediately** he puts in the sickle, **because** the harvest has **come**."
[30]And **He** said, "To what ***shall*** we compare the **reign** of **Elohim**? Or with what parable ***shall*** we present it?
[31]"Like a mustard seed, which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than **all** the seeds on earth,
[32]and when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than **all** plants and forms large branches, so that the birds of **the heavens** are able to nest under its shade."
[33]And with many such parables **He** was speaking to them the **word** as they were able to **hear,**
[34]and **He** was not speaking to them without parables. And when they were alone, **He explained all** to **His taught ones.**
[35]And on the **same** day, when **evening** had come, **He** said to them, "**Let** us pass over to the other side."
[36]And having left the crowd, they took **Him** along in the boat, as **He** was. And other *little* boats were also with **Him.**
[37]And there came a **great** windstorm,
and the waves beat into the boat,
so that it was already being **filled.**

[38]And **He** was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. And they woke **Him** up and said to **Him,** "**Teacher**, is it no concern to **You** that we *perish*?"
[39]And having been awakened **He** ***rebuked*** the wind and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the *wind* ceased and there was a **great** calm.
[40]And **He** said to them, "***Why*** are you so *afraid*? Have you not yet **belief**?"
[41]And they ***feared*** exceedingly and asked each other, "***Who*** then is this, that even the *wind* and the sea **obey Him!**"

5 And they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes.
[2]And when **He** came out of the boat, **immediately** there met **Him** out of the tombs a man with an *unclean spirit*,
[3]who had his dwelling among the tombs. And no one was able to bind him, not even with chains,
[4]**because** he had often been *bound* with shackles and chains but the chains had been pulled apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces and no one was able to tame him.
[5]And continually, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.
[6]And **seeing** OWYƎZ from a distance, he ran and bowed down to **Him,**
[7]and having called out with a loud **voice**, said, "***What*** have I to do with **You,** OWYƎZ, **Son** of the **Most High** Ĕl? Swear to **Elohim** not to ***torture*** me."
[8]For **He** had said to him, **"Come out** of the man, *unclean* spirit!"
[9]And **He** was **asking** him, "***What*** is your name?" And he answered, saying, "My **Name** is Legion, **because** we are many."
[10]And he ***begged*** **Him very** much that **He** *would not* send them out of the country.
[11]**Now** a **great** herd of ***pigs*** was there, feeding **near** the mountains.
[12]And **all** the ***demons begged*** **Him,** saying, "Send us to the ***pigs,*** so that we enter into them."
[13]And **He** gave them permission. And the ***unclean spirits*** came out and entered into the ***pigs*** – they were about two thousand – and the herd rushed down the steep place into the sea and drowned in the sea.
[14]And those who fed the ***pigs*** fled and reported it in the city and in the country. And they went out to **see** what had taken place.
[15]So they came to OWYƎZ and **saw** the ***demon possessed*** one, him who had the legion, sitting and dressed and in his **right** mind. And they were *afraid*.
[16]And those who **saw** it related to them what was done to the ***demon possessed*** one and about the ***pigs***.
[17]And they began to plead with **Him** to leave their borders.
[18]And as **He** was *entering* into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed ***begged*** **Him** that he might be with **Him.**
[19]And OWYƎZ *did not* allow him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, report to them what the **Master** has done for you and how **He** had **compassion** on you."
[20]And he left and began to **proclaim** in Dekapolis **all** that OWYƎZ had done for him and **all** marvelled.
[21]And when OWYƎZ had passed over again by boat to the other side, a large crowd **assembled** to **Him** and **He** was by the sea.
[22]And **see,** one of the rulers of the congregation came, Ya'ir by name. And when he **saw Him,** he fell at **His** feet,
[23]and ***begged*** **Him** strongly, saying, "My *little* daughter lies at the point of *death.* **Come,** lay **Your** hands on her to **heal** her and she ***shall*** **live.**"
[24]And **He** went with him. And a large crowd was **following Him** and they were thronging **Him.**
[25]And a certain woman had a flow of **blood** for twelve years,
[26]and had suffered much from many physicians, spent **all** that she had and was no better, but rather became worse.
[27]Having **heard** about OWYƎZ, she came behind **Him** in the crowd and

touched **His** garment,
[28]for she said, "***If*** I only touch **His** garments, I ***shall*** **be** made well."
[29]And **immediately** the fountain of her **blood** was dried up and she felt in her body that she was **healed** of the *affliction*.
[30]And **immediately** OWY3Z, knowing in **Himself** that **power** had gone out of **Him,** turned around in the crowd and said, "***Who*** touched **My** garments?"
[31]And **His taught ones** said to **Him,** "**You see** the crowd is thronging **You** and **You** say, '***Who*** touched **Me?**' "
[32]And **He** was looking around to **see** her who did this.
[33]And the woman, **fearing** and *trembling*, knowing what was done to her, came and fell down before **Him** and spoke to **Him all** the **truth**.
[34]And **He** said to her, "Daughter, your **belief** has **healed** you. Go in peace and be relieved from your *affliction*."
[35]As **He** was speaking, they came from the ruler of the congregation's house, saying to him, "**Your** daughter is *dead. **Why** trouble* the **Teacher** any further?"
[36]***But*** having **heard** the **word** that was **spoken** , OWY3Z said to the ruler of the congregation, "***Do*** *not* be *afraid* – only **believe**."
[37]And **He** allowed no one to **follow Him** ***except*** Kĕpha and Ya'aqoḇ and Yoḥanan the brother of Ya'aqoḇ.
[38]So they came to the house of the ruler of the congregation and **saw** a commotion and much *weeping* and lamenting.
[39]And **coming** in **He** said to them, "***Why*** make this commotion and weep? The child has not died, but is sleeping."
[40]And they were laughing at **Him.** And when **He** had put them **all** out, **He** took the father and the mother of the child and those who were with **Him** and went in where the child was *lying*.
[41]And taking the child by the **hand He** said to her, "Talitha, qumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise."
[42]And **immediately** the girl rose up and was walking, for she was twelve years old. And they were **completely** astonished.
[43]***But*** **He** ordered them many times that no one should **know** it and said that she should be **given** food to eat.

6 And **He** went away from there and came to **His** own country and **His** taught ones **followed Him.**
[2]And **Sabbath** having come, **He** began to **teach** in the congregation. And many **who heard Him** were astonished, saying, "Where did **He** get **all** this? And what **wisdom** is this which is **given** to **Him,** that such miracles are done through **His hands**?
[3]"Is this not the carpenter, the **Son** of Miryam and brother of Ya'aqoḇ and Yosĕph and Yahuḏah and Shim'on? And are not **His** sisters here with us?" And they *stumbled* in **Him.**
[4]And OWY3Z said to them, "A **prophet** is not unappreciated ***except*** in his own country and among his own relatives and in his own house."
[5]And **He** was *unable* to do any miracle there, ***except*** that **He** laid **His** hands on a few *sick* ones and **healed** them.
[6]And **He** marvelled **<u>because</u>** of their *unbelief*. And **He** was going around among the villages, **teaching**.
[7]And **He** called the twelve near and began to send them out two by two and gave them **authority** over *unclean* spirits.
[8]And **He instructed** them to take none at **all** for the journey ***except*** a staff – no bag, no bread, no copper in their money belts,
[9]but to wear sandals and not to wear two undergarments.
[10]And **He** said to them, "Wherever you enter into a house, stay there until you leave that place.
[11]"And any place that ***does not receive*** you or **listen** to you, when you leave there, *shake* off the dust under your feet as a **witness** <u>*against*</u> them. **Truly**, I say to you, it ***shall*** **be** more bearable

for Sedom and Amorah in the **day of** judgment than for that city!"
[12]And they went out and **proclaimed** that men should **repent.**
[13]And they were casting out many ***demons*** and they were anointing with oil many who were *sick* and they were **healing** them.
[14]And Sovereign Herodes **heard**, for **His Name** had become well-known. And he said, "Yoḥanan the Immerser has been **raised** from the *dead,* and **because** of this these powers are at **work** in him."
[15]Others said, "He is Ěliyahu." And others said, "He is a **prophet** – like one of the **prophets.**"
[16]***But*** when Herodes **heard**, he said, "This one is Yoḥanan whom I beheaded, he has been **raised** from the dead!"
[17]For Herodes himself had **sent** and *seized* Yoḥanan and *bound* him in prison **because** of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, **because** he had married her,
[18]for Yoḥanan had said to Herodes, "It is not **right** for you to have your brother's wife."
[19]So Herodias held a grudge *against* him and **wished** to *kill* him, but was *unable*,
[20]for Herodes ***feared*** Yoḥanan, knowing that he was a **righteous** and set-apart man and he **protected** him. And when he **heard** him, he was much perplexed, yet **heard** him gladly.
[21]And a suitable day came when Herodes on his birthday gave a feast for his **great** men and the high officers and the chief men of Galil.
[22]And when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced and pleased Herodes and those who sat with him, the sovereign said to the girl, "**Ask** me ***whatever*** you **wish,** and I ***shall*** give it to you."
[23]And he **swore** to her, "***What*ever** you **ask** me, I ***shall*** give you, up to half of my reign."
[24]And she went out and said to her mother, "***What shall*** I ask?" And she said,"The head of Yoḥanan the Immerser!"
[25]And **coming** in **immediately** with haste to the sovereign she asked, saying, "I **wish** that you give me at once the head of Yoḥanan the Immerser on a dish."
[26]And the sovereign, becoming deeply *grieved*, **because** of the oaths and **because** of those who sat with him, *did not* **wish** to *refuse* her.
[27]And the sovereign straightaway **sent** an executioner and **commanded** his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison,
[28]and brought his head on a dish and gave it to the girl. And the girl gave it to her mother.
[29]And when his **taught ones heard** of it, they came and took away his *dead* body and laid it in a tomb.
[30]And the emissaries gathered to OWY3Z and reported to **Him all,** both what they had done and what they had **taught.**
[31]And **He** said to them, **"Come** aside by yourselves to a lonely place and rest a little" – for there were many **coming** and going and they *did not* even have **time** to eat.
[32]And they went away to a lonely place in the boat by themselves.
[33]***But*** they **saw** them going and many recognised **Him** and ran there on foot from **all** the cities and came before them and came **together** to **Him.**
[34]And having gone out, OWY3Z **saw** a large crowd and was moved with **compassion** for them **because** they were like sheep not having a shepherd. And **He** began to **teach** them many matters.
[35]And as the **hour** grew late, **His taught ones** came to **Him** and said, "This is a lonely place and **now** the **hour** is late.
[36]"Send them away, so that they go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread, since they have no food to eat."
[37]***But*** **He** answering, said to them, "You give them to eat." And they said to **Him,** "***Should*** we go and buy two hundred silver pieces worth of

bread and give them to eat?"
38***Then*** **He** said to them, "***How*** many loaves do you have? Go and **see.**" And when they **found** out they said, "Five and two fish."
39And **He** ordered them to make them **all** sit down in groups on the green grass.
40And they sat down in groups, in hundreds and in fifties.
41And taking the five loaves and the two fish, looking up to the heaven, **He blessed** and broke the loaves and gave them to **His taught ones** to set before them. And the two fish **He** divided among them **all.**
42And **all** ate and were **satisfied**.
43And they picked up twelve baskets, filled with pieces, also from the fish.
44**Now** those who ate the loaves were about five thousand men.
45And **immediately He** made **His taught ones** enter into the boat and to go before **Him** to the other side, to Bĕyth Tsaiḏa, while **He** was dismissing the crowd.
46And having **sent** them away, **He** went away to the mountain to pray.
47And when **evening** came, the boat was in the middle of the sea. And **He** was alone on the land.
48And **seeing** them straining at rowing – for the *wind* was *against* them – at about the fourth **watch** of the night, **He** came to them walking on the sea and **He wished** to pass them by.
49And when they **saw Him** walking on the sea, they thought it was a phantom and *cried out*,
50for they **all saw Him** and were troubled. And **immediately He** spoke to them and said to them, "Take courage, it is I. ***Do*** *not* be *afraid*."
51And **He** went up to them, into the boat and the *wind* ceased. And they were exceedingly amazed in themselves and marvelled.
52For they *did not* **understand** about the loaves, **because** their **heart** was *hardened*.
53And having passed over, they came to the land of Gennĕsar and drew to shore.
54And when they came out of the boat, **He** was **immediately** recognised,
55and **all** that neighbourhood ran about and began to carry about on beds those who were *sick* to wherever they **heard He** was.
56And wherever **He** went, into villages, or cities, or the country, they were laying the *sick* in the market-places and ***begged*** **Him** to let them touch if only the tzitzit of **His** garment. And as many as touched **Him** were **healed**.

7 And the Pharisees and some of the *scribes* **assembled** to **Him,** having come from Yerushalayim.
2And **seeing** some of **His taught ones** eat **bread** with *defiled*, that is, with unwashed hands, they **found** fault.
3For the Pharisees and **all** the Yahuḏim, *do not* eat ***unless*** they wash their hands thoroughly, holding fast the *tradition* of the elders,
4and **coming** from the market-place, they *do not* eat ***unless*** they wash. And there are many other *traditions* which they have received and hold fast – the washing of cups and utensils and copper vessels and couches.
5***Then*** the Pharisees and *scribes* asked **Him,** "***Why*** do **Your taught ones** not **walk according** to the *tradition* of the elders, but eat **bread** with unwashed hands?"
6And **He** answering, said to them, "Well did Yeshayahu prophesy concerning you ***hypocrites,*** as it has been **written**,'This people respect **Me** with their lips but their **heart** is far from **Me.**
7And in ***naught*** do they worship **Me, teaching** as **teaching**s the **commands** of men.'
8"'***Forsaking*** the **command** of **Elohim**, you hold fast the *tradition of men."*
9And **He** said to them, "Well do you set aside the **command** of **Elohim**, **in order** to **guard** your *tradition.*
10"For Mosheh said, 'Respect your father and your mother,' and,

'**He** who *curses* father or mother,
let him be put to *death.*'
[11]"***But*** you say, '***If*** a man says to his father or mother, "***What*****ever** profit you might have received from me, is Qor**ban** (that is, a gift)," '
[12]you no longer let him do any matter at **all** for his father or his mother,
[13]***nullifying*** the **Word** of **Elohim** through your *tradition* which you have handed down. And many such *traditions* ***you do."***
[14]And calling the crowd to **Him, He** said to them, **"Hear Me,** everyone and **understand**:
[15]"There is no matter that enters a man from outside which **is able** to *defile* him, but it is what **comes** out of him that defiles the man.
[16]"***If*** anyone has **ears** to **hear** let him **hear!**"
[17]And when **He** went from the crowd into a house, **His taught ones** asked **Him** concerning the parable.
[18]And **He** said to them, "Are you also without **understanding**? ***Do*** you not **perceive** that ***whatever*** enters a man from outside is *unable* to *defile* him,
[19]**because** it *does not* enter his **heart** but his stomach and is eliminated, thus purging **all** the foods?"
[20]And **He** said, "***What*** **comes** out of a man, that *defiles* a man.
[21]"For from within, out of the **heart** of men, proceed *evil reasonings, adulteries, whorings*, *murders,*
[22]*thefts, greedy desires*, *wickedness*es, *deceit*, *indecency, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness*.
[23]"All these *wicked* matters **come** from within and *defile* a man."
[24]And rising up from there **He** went to the borders of Tsor and Tsiḏon. And entering into a house **He wished** no one **to know** it, but it was *impossible* to be *hidden*.
[25]For a woman whose young daughter had an ***unclean spirit*** **heard** about **Him** and she came and fell at **His** feet.
[26]**Now** the woman was a Greek, a SyroPhoenician by birth and she kept **asking Him** to *cast* the ***demon*** out of her daughter.
[27]And OWY3Z said to her, "**Let** the children be **satisfied first,** for it is not **good** to take the children's **bread** and *throw* it to the *little* dogs."
[28]***But*** she answering, said to **Him,** "Yea, **Master,** for even the *little* dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs."
[29]And **He** said to her, "**Because** of this **word** go, the ***demon*** has gone out of your daughter."
[30]And having **come** into her house, she **found** the ***demon*** gone out and her daughter *lying* on the bed.
[31]And again, going out from the borders of Tsor and Tsiḏon, **He** came to the Sea of Galil, through the **midst** of the borders of Dekapolis.
[32]And they brought to **Him** one who was *deaf* and spoke with difficulty and they ***begged*** **Him** to lay **His hand** upon him.
[33]And taking him away from the crowd, **He** put **His** fingers in his **ears** and having spit, **He** touched his tongue.
[34]And looking up to the heaven, **He** sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."
[35]And **immediately** his **ears** were opened and the binding of his tongue was loosed and he was speaking plainly.
[36]And **He** ordered them, that they should say it to no one, but the more **He** ordered them, the more they **published** it.
[37]And they were immeasurably astonished, saying, "He has done **all** well. **He** makes even the *deaf* to **hear** and the *dumb* to speak."

8 In those days, the crowd being **very great** and not having any to eat, OWY3Z called **His taught ones near** and said to them,
[2]"I have **compassion** on the crowd, for they have **now** been with **Me** three days and *do not* have food to eat.
[3]"And if I dismiss them unfed to their home, they ***shall*** faint on the **way,**

for some of them have **come** from far."
[4]And **His taught ones** answered **Him,** "***How shall*** anyone be able to feed these people with **bread** here in the desert?"
[5]And **He** asked them, "***How*** many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven."
[6]And **He commanded** the crowd to sit down on the ground. And taking the seven loaves, giving thanks, **He** broke them and gave them to **His taught ones** to set before them. And they set them before the crowd.
[7]And they had a **few** small fish. And having **blessed**, **He** said to set them also before them.
[8]And they ate and were satisfied and they picked up seven large baskets of broken pieces.
[9]And those eating were about four thousand and **He** dismissed them.
[10]And **immediately** *entering* into the boat with **His taught ones, He** came to the parts of Dalmanutha.
[11]And the Pharisees came out and began to *dispute* with **Him, seeking** from **Him** a **sign** from heaven, trying **Him.**
[12]And *sighing* deeply in **His** spirit **He** said, "***Why*** does this generation **seek** a **sign**? **Truly**, I say to you, no **sign *shall* be given** to this generation."
[13]And leaving them, again *entering* into the boat, **He** went away to the other side.
[14]And they had *forgotten* to take bread and they *did not* have more than one loaf with them in the boat.
[15]And **He** was **warning** them, saying, "**Mind!** ***Beware*** of the *leaven* of the Pharisees and of the *leaven* of Herodes."
[16]And they were reasoning with one another, saying, "**Because** we have no bread."
[17]And OWY3Z, being aware of it, said to them, "***Why*** do you **reason because** you have no bread? ***Do*** you not yet **perceive** nor **understand?** Is your **heart** still hardened?
[18]"Having eyes, do you not **see?** And having **ears,** do you not **hear**? And do you not ***remember***?
[19]"***When*** I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets filled with broken pieces did you pick up?" They said to **Him,** "Twelve."
[20]"And when I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets filled with broken pieces did you pick up?" And they said, "Seven."
[21]And **He** said to them, "***How*** do you not **understand?**"
[22]And **He** came to Bĕyth Tsaiḏa and they brought a *blind* man to **Him** and ***begged* Him** to touch him.
[23]And taking the *blind* man by the **hand He** led him out of the village. And having spit on his eyes, laying hands on him, **He** asked him, "***Do*** you **see** at **all?**"
[24]And he **looked** up and said, "I **see** men like trees, walking."
[25]***Then* He** placed **His** hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and **saw all** clearly.
[26]And **He sent** him away to his home, saying, "***Do*** *not* go into the village."
[27]And OWY3Z and **His taught ones** went out to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the **way He** asked **His taught ones,** saying to them, "***Who*** do men say I am?"
[28]And they said to **Him,** "Yoḥanan the Immerser and others, Ĕliyahu, but others, one of the **prophets.**"
[29]And **He** asked them, "And you, who do you say I am?" And Kĕpha answering, said to **Him,** "**You** are the **Messiah**."
[30]And **He warned** them that they should **speak** to no one about **Him.**
[31]And **He** began to **teach** them that the **Son** of Aḏam has to *suffer* much and be *rejected* by the elders and chief priests and scribes and be *killed* and after three days to rise again.
[32]And **He** was speaking about this openly. ***Then*** Kĕpha, taking **Him** aside, began to ***rebuke* Him.**
[33]And turning around and **seeing His taught ones, He *rebuked*** Kĕpha, saying, "Get behind **Me,** Satan! For your *thoughts* are not those of **Elohim**, but those of men."

34And calling **near** the crowd with **His taught ones, He** said to them, "***Whoever*** desires to **come** after **Me,** let him *deny* himself and take up his stake and **follow Me.**
35"For ***whoever*** desires to **save** his **life *shall*** lose it, but ***whoever*** loses his **life** for the sake of **Me** and the **Besorah**, he ***shall*** **save** it.
36"For what ***shall*** it profit a man if he gains **all** the world and loses his own **life**?
37"Or what ***shall*** a man give in exchange for his **life**?
38"For ***whoever*** is *ashamed* of **Me** and **My words** in this *adulterous* and *sinning* generation, of him the **Son** of Aḏam also ***shall*** **be** *ashamed* when **He comes** in the **esteem** of **His Father** with the set-apart messengers."

9 And **He** said to them, "**Truly**, I say to you that there are some standing here who ***shall*** not taste of *death* at **all** until they **see** the **reign** of **Elohim** having **come** in power:"
2And after six days OWY3Z took Kĕpha and Ya'aqoḇ and Yoḥanan and led them up on a high mountain alone by themselves. And **He** was transformed before them.
3And **His** garments became glittering, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth **is able** to whiten.
4And there appeared to them Ĕliyahu with Mosheh and they were talking with OWY3Z.
5And Kĕpha responding, said to OWY3Z, "Rabbi, it is **good** for us to be here. And let us make three booths, one for **You** and one for Mosheh and one for Ĕliyahu,"
6**because** he *did not* **know** what to say, for they were exceedingly *afraid*.
7And there came a cloud overshadowing them and a **voice** came out of the cloud, saying, "This is **My Son**, the **Beloved**. **Hear Him!**"
8And **suddenly**, looking around, they no longer **saw** anyone with them, but only OWY3Z.
9And as they were **coming** down from the mountain, **He** ordered them not to relate to anyone what they **saw,** til the **Son** of Aḏam had risen from the *dead.*
10And they kept this matter to themselves, debating what the rising from the *dead* meant.
11And they asked **Him,** saying, "***Why*** do the *scribes* say that Ĕliyahu has to **come first?**"
12And **He** said to them, "Ĕliyahu indeed, having **come first,** restores **all** matters. And how has it been **written** concerning the **Son** of Aḏam, that **He** is to *suffer much* and be *despised*?
13"***But*** I say to you that even Ĕliyahu has come and they did to him ***whatever*** they wished, as it has been **written** of him."
14And **coming** to **the taught ones, He saw** a large crowd around them and *scribes disputing* with them.
15And **immediately**, when **all** the crowd **saw Him,** they were greatly astonished and running near, greeted **Him.**
16And **He** asked the scribes, "***What*** are you *disputing* with them?"
17And one of the crowd answering, said, "**Teacher**, I brought **You** my son, who has a *dumb spirit.*
18"And wherever he seizes him, he throws him down and he foams at the **mouth** and gnashes his *teeth* and he wastes away. And I spoke to **Your taught ones,** that they should *cast* him out, but they were not able."
19And **He** answered him and said, "O *unbelieving* generation, how long ***shall*** I be with you? ***How*** long ***shall*** I put up with you? Bring him to **Me.**"
20So they brought him to **Him.** And when he **saw Him, immediately** the spirit threw him into convulsions. And falling on the ground, he rolled about, foaming at the **mouth.**
21And **He** asked his father, "***How*** long has he been like this?" And he said, "From childhood,
22and often he has *thrown* him both into the *fire* and into the water to *destroy* him. ***But*** if it is at **all possible** for **You,**

have **compassion** on us and help us."
[23]And OWY3Z said to him, "***If*** you are able to **believe, all** is **possible** to him who **believe**s."
[24]And **immediately** the father of the child *cried out* and said with tears, "I **believe Master,** help my *unbelief*!"
[25]And when OWY3Z **saw** that a crowd came running together, **He *rebuked*** the *unclean* spirit, saying to him, "You *deaf* and *dumb spirit,* I order you, **come out** of him and never again enter into **Him!**"
[26]And crying out and convulsing him much, it came out of him. And he became as one *dead,* so that many said that he was *dead.*
[27]***But*** OWY3Z, taking him by the **hand,** lifted him up and he arose.
[28]And when **He** came into a house, **His taught ones** asked **Him** separately, "***Why*** were we *unable* to *cast* him out?"
[29]And **He** said to them, "It is *impossible* for this **kind** to **come out *except*** through prayer and fasting."
[30]And going from there they passed through Galil. And **He** *did not* **wish** anyone **to know,**
[31]for **He** was **teaching His taught ones** and said to them, "The **Son** of Adam is being **delivered** into the hands of men and they ***shall*** *kill* **Him.** And having been *killed*, **He *shall* rise** the third day."
[32]***But*** they *did not* **understand** the **word** and they were *afraid* to **ask Him.**
[33]And they came to Kephar Naḥum and having **come** in the house **He** asked them, "***What*** was it you *disputed* among yourselves on the **way?**"
[34]And they were silent, for on the **way** they had *disputed* with one another who was the greatest.
[35]And sitting down, **He** called the twelve and said to them, "***If*** anyone **wishes** to be **first,** he ***shall* be last** of **all** and servant of **all.**"
[36]And **He** took a *little* child and set him in their **midst** and taking him in **His** arms, **He** said to them,
[37]"***Whoever*** receives one of such *little* children **in My Name** receives **Me.** And ***whoever*** receives **Me,** receives not **Me,** but the **One** who **sent Me.**"
[38]And Yoḥanan said to **Him,** "**Teacher**, we **saw** someone, who *does not* **follow** us, casting out ***demons*** in **Your Name** and we forbade him **<u>because</u>** he *does not* **follow** us."
[39]And OWY3Z said, "***Do*** *not* forbid him, for no one who **works** a miracle **in My Name is able** to readily **speak** *evil* of **Me.**
[40]"For he who is not *<u>against</u>* us is for us.
[41]"For ***whoever*** gives you a **cup** of water to drink in **My Name, <u>because</u>** you are of **Messiah**, **truly**, I say to you, he ***shall*** by no means lose his reward.
[42]"And ***whoever* causes** one of these *little* ones who **believe** in **Me** to *stumble,* it is better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were *thrown* into the sea.
[43]"And if your **hand** makes you *stumble, cut* it off. It is better for you to enter into **life** *crippled,* than having two hands, to go into Gehenna, into the *unquenchable fire*,
[44]where 'their worm *does not die* and the *fire* is not *quenched*.'
[45]"And if your foot makes you *stumble, cut* it off. It is better for you to enter into **life** *crippled,* than having two feet, to be *thrown* into Gehenna, into the *unquenchable fire*,
[46]where 'their worm *does not die* and the *fire* is not *quenched*.'
[47]"And if your eye makes you *stumble,* pluck it out. It is better for you to enter into the **reign** of **Elohim** with one eye, than having two eyes, to be *thrown* into the *fire* of Gehenna,
[48]where 'their worm *does not die* and the *fire* is not *quenched*.'
[49]"For everyone ***shall* be** seasoned with *fire* and **every** offering ***shall* be** seasoned with **salt.**
[50]"Salt is **good**, but if the **salt** becomes tasteless, how ***shall*** you season it? Have **salt** in yourselves and be at **peace** among one another."

10 And rising up from there **He** came into the borders of Yahuḏah by the other side of the Yarděn. And crowds gathered to **Him** again and as **He** usually did, **He** was **teaching** them again.

[2]And Pharisees came and asked **Him,** "Is it **right** for a man to put away his wife?" – trying **Him.**

[3]And **He** answering, said to them, "***What*** did Mosheh **command** you?"

[4]And they said, "Mosheh allowed a man to **write** a certificate of divorce and to put her away."

[5]And OWYAZ said to them, "**Because** of the *hardness* of your **heart** he **wrote** you this **command.**

[6]"However, from the beginning of the creation, **Elohim** 'made them male and female.'

[7]'For this **cause** a man ***shall*** leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife,

[8]and the two ***shall*** become one *flesh,*' so that they are no longer two, but one *flesh.*

[9]"Therefore what **Elohim** has joined together, let ***man*** not separate."

[10]And in the house **His taught ones** asked **Him** about this again.

[11]And **He** said to them, "***Whoever*** puts away his wife and marries another commits adultery *against* her.

[12]"And if a woman puts away her hus band and marries another, she commits adultery."

[13]And they were bringing *little* children for **Him** to touch them, but **the taught ones** were rebuking those who were bringing them.

[14]And when OWYAZ **saw** it, **He** was much *displeased* and said to them, "**Let** the *little* children **come to Me** and *do not* forbid them, for of such is the **reign** of **Elohim**.

[15]"**Truly**, I say to you, ***whoever does not receive*** the **reign** of **Elohim** as a *little* child, ***shall*** certainly ***not*** enter into **it**."

[16]And taking them up in **His** arms, laying **His** hands on them, **He blessed** them.

[17]And as **He** was setting out on the **way,** one came running and knelt before **Him** and asked **Him,** "**Good Teacher**, what ***shall*** I do to inherit **everlasting life**?"

[18]And OWYAZ said to him, "***Why*** do you **call Me good**? No one is **good** ***except*** **One – Elohim**.

[19]"You **know** the **commands**, '***Do*** *not commit* adultery,' '***Do*** *not* murder,' '***Do*** *not* steal,' '***Do*** *not* bear *false* **witness,**' '***Do*** *not* rob,' 'Respect your father and your mother.' "

[20]And he answering, said to **Him,** "**Teacher**, **all** these I have watched over from my youth."

[21]And OWYAZ, looking at him, **loved** him and said to him, "One matter you lack: Go, sell **all** you **possess** and give to the *poor* and you ***shall*** have treasure in **heavens.** And **come**, **follow Me,** taking up the stake."

[22]***But*** he, being sad at this **word,** went away *grieved*, for he had many possessions.

[23]And OWYAZ, looking around, said to **His taught ones,** "***How*** hard it is for those who have riches to enter into the **reign** of **Elohim**!"

[24]And **the taught ones** were astonished at **His words**. And OWYAZ responding, said to them again, "Children, how hard it is for those who **trust** in riches to enter into the **reign** of **Elohim**!

[25]"It is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the **reign** of **Elohim**."

[26]And they were immeasurably astonished, saying among themselves, "***Who*** then **is able** to be **saved**?"

[27]And looking at them, OWYAZ said, "With men it is *impossible*, but not with **Elohim**, for with **Elohim all** is **possible**."

[28]And Kěpha began to say to **Him,** "**See,** we have left **all** and we have **followed You.**"

[29]OWYAZ said, "**Truly**, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or

brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for the sake of **Me** and the **Besorah**,
30who ***shall*** not receive a hundredfold **now** in this **time,** houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions and in the age to come, **everlasting life**.
31"***But*** many who are **first *shall* be last,** and the **last first.**"
32And they were on the **way,** going up to Yerushalayim and OWY3Z was going before them. And they were astonished and those who **followed** were *afraid*. And again **He** took the twelve aside and began to say to them what was about to befall Him:
33"**See,** we are going up to Yerushalayim and the **Son** of Aḏam ***shall* be delivered** to the chief priests and to the scribes and they ***shall*** *condemn* **Him** to *death* and ***shall* deliver Him** to the *gentiles,*
34and they ***shall*** *mock* **Him** and flog **Him** and spit on **Him** and *kill* **Him.** And the third day **He *shall* rise** again."
35And Yaʻaqoḇ and Yoḥanan, the sons of Zaḇdai, came up to **Him,** saying, "**Teacher**, we **wish** that **You** would do for us ***whatever*** we ask."
36And **He** said to them, "***What*** do you **wish Me** to do for you?"
37And they said to **Him,** "Grant us to be seated in **Your** esteem, one on **Your right hand** and the other on **Your** left."
38***But*** OWY3Z said to them, "You *do not* **know** what you ask. Are you able to drink the **cup** that I drink and be **immersed** with the immersion that I am **immersed** with?"
39And they said to **Him,** "We are able." And OWY3Z said to them, "You ***shall*** indeed drink the **cup** that I drink and with the immersion I am **immersed** with you ***shall* be immersed,**
40but to sit on **My right hand** and on **My** left is not **Mine** to give, but it is for those for whom it has been **prepared**."
41And when the ten **heard** it, they began to be sorely *displeased* with Yaʻaqoḇ and Yoḥanan.
42And OWY3Z, calling them near, said to them, "You **know** that those who *think* to **rule** the *gentiles* are masters over them and their **great** ones exercise **authority** over them.
43"***But*** it is not so among you, but ***whoever* wishes** to become **great** among you ***shall* be** your servant.
44"And ***whoever* wishes** to be **first** among you, ***shall* be** servant of **all.**
45"For even the **Son** of Aḏam *did not* **come to** be **served**, but to serve and to give **His life** a ransom for many."
46And they came to Yeriḥo. And as **He** was leaving Yeriḥo with **His taught ones** and a large crowd, *blind* Bartimai, the son of Timai, was sitting by the **way** begging.
47And when he **heard** that it was OWY3Z of Natsareth, he began to cry out and to say, "OWY3Z, **Son** of Dawiḏ, have **compassion** on me!"
48And many were *reprimanding* him to be silent, but he *cried out* **all** the more, "**Son** of Dawiḏ, have **compassion** on me!"
49And OWY3Z *stopped* and said, "Call him." And they called the *blind* man, saying to him, "Take courage, arise, **He** is calling you."
50And he, throwing aside his garment, rose and came to OWY3Z.
51And OWY3Z responding, said to him, "***What*** do you desire I do for you?" And the *blind* man said to **Him,** "Rabboni, that I receive my sight."
52And OWY3Z said to him, "Go, your **belief** has **healed** you." And **immediately** he **saw** again and **followed** OWY3Z on the **way.**

11 And when they came **near** Yeru shalayim, to Bĕyth Phaḡi and Bĕyth Anyah, at the Mount of Olives, **He sent** out two of **His taught ones,**
2and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you and **immediately** *entering* into it, you ***shall*** find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loosen it and

bring it.
3"And if anyone says to you, '***Why*** are you doing this?' say, 'The **Master** needs it and ***shall*** send it back straightaway.' "
4So they went away and **found** the colt tied by the **door** outside on the street and they loosened it.
5And some of those standing there said to them, "***What*** are you doing, loosening the colt?"
6And they said to them, as OWYƎZ had said. So they let them go.
7And they brought the colt to OWYƎZ and threw their garments on it and **He** sat on it.
8And many spread their garments on the **way** and others were cutting down branches from the trees and were spreading them on the **way.**
9And those going before and those **following** *cried out*, saying, "Hoshia-na! **'Blessed is He who is coming in the Name** of ƎYƎZ!'
10 **Blessed** is the **coming reign** of our father Dawid – in the **Name** of ƎYƎZ! Hoshia-na in the highest!"
11And OWYƎZ went into Yerushalayim and into the **Set-apart Place.** And having **looked** around on **all, He** went out to Bĕyth Anyah with the twelve, as the **hour** was already late.
12And on the next day, when they had **come out** from Bĕyth Anyah, **He** was hungry.
13And **seeing** at a distance a fig *tree* having leaves, **He** went to **see** whether **He** would find any **fruit** on it. And when **He** came to it, **He found** none but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.
14And OWYƎZ, responding, said to it, "**Let** no one eat **fruit** from you ever again." And **His taught ones heard** it.
15And they came to Yerushalayim. OWYƎZ, *entering* into the **Set-apart Place,** began to *drive* out those who bought and sold in the **Set-apart Place** and overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those ***selling*** doves.
16And **He** *did not* allow anyone to carry a vessel through the **Set-apart Place.**
17And **He** was **teaching**, saying to them, "***Has*** it not been **written**, **'My House *shall* be** called a house of prayer for **all** nations'? ***But*** you have made it a 'den of robbers.' "
18And the *scribes* and the chief priests **heard** it and they were **seeking** how to *destroy* **Him,** for they ***feared* Him, <u>because</u> all** the crowd was astonished at **His teaching**.
19And when **evening** came, **He** went out of the city.
20And in the morning, passing by, they **saw** the fig *tree* dried up from the roots.
21***Then*** Kĕpha, remembering, said to **Him,** "Rabbi, look! The fig *tree* which **You** *cursed* has withered."
22And OWYƎZ answering, said to them, "**Have belief** in **Elohim**.
23"For **truly**, I say to you, ***whoever*** says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be *thrown* into the sea,' and *does not* ***doubt*** in his **heart,** but **believe**s that what he says, ***shall* be** done, he ***shall*** have ***whatever*** he says.
24"**<u>Because</u>** of this I say to you, ***whatever*** you **ask** when you pray, **believe** that you receive them and you ***shall*** have them.
25"And whenever you **stand** praying, if you hold ***whatever*** *<u>against</u>* anyone, **forgive,** so that your **Father** in the heavens ***shall*** also **forgive** you your *trespasses.*
26"***But*** if *you do not* **forgive,** neither ***shall*** your **Father** in the heavens **forgive** your *trespasses.*"
27And they came again to Yerushalayim and as **He** was walking in the **Set-apart Place,** the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to **Him,**
28and they said to **Him,** "By what **authority** are **You** doing these? And who gave **You** this **authority** to do these?"
29And OWYƎZ answering, said to them, "I ***shall* ask** you one question and answer **Me** and I ***shall*** say to you by what **authority** I do these:
30"The immersion of Yoḥanan – was it from **heaven** or from men?**Answer Me.**"

31And they reasoned among themselves saying, "***If*** we say, 'From heaven,'
He *shall* say,'***Then*** why did you not **believe** him?'
32"***But*** if we say, 'From men' " – they ***feared*** the people, for **all** held that Yoḥanan was a **prophet** indeed.
33Answering they said to OWYƎZ, "We *do not* **know.**" And OWYƎZ answering, said to them, "Neither do I say to you by what **authority** I do these."

12 And **He** began to **speak** to them in parables, "A man planted a vineyard and put a hedge around it and dug a vat for the winepress and built a watchtower and let it out to farmers and went away.
2"And at harvest **time** he **sent** a servant to the farmers, to receive some of the **fruit** of the vineyard from the farmers.
3"And they *seized* him and *beat him* and **sent** him away empty-handed.
4"And again he **sent** them another servant and throwing stones at him, they *wounded* him in the head and **sent** him away, having insulted him.
5"And again he **sent** another and they *killed* him; and many others, *beating* some and killing some.
6"He had one more son, his beloved . **He sent** him **last** of **all,** saying, 'They ***shall*** respect my son.'
7"***But*** those farmers said among themselves, '**This is the heir. Come,** let us *kill* him and the **inheritance *shall* be** ours.'
8"So they took him and *killed* him and threw him out of the vineyard.
9"***What*** then ***shall*** the owner of the vineyard do? **He *shall* come** and *destroy* the farmers and give the vineyard to others.
10"Have you not **read** this **Scripture**, 'The stone which the builders *rejected* has become the chief corner-stone.
11'This was from ƎYƎZ and it is marvellous in our eyes'?"
12And they were **seeking** to *seize* **Him,** but ***feared*** the crowd, for they **knew He** had **spoken** the parable <u>*against*</u> them. And leaving **Him,** they went away.
13And they **sent** to **Him** some of the Pharisees and the Herodians, to ***catch* Him** in a **word.**
14And when they came, they said to **Him,** "**Teacher**, we **know** that You are **true** and it *does not* concern You about anyone, for You are not partial to any, but **teach** the **way** of **Elohim** in **truth**. Is it **right** to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?
15"***Should*** we pay, or should we not pay?" And **He,** knowing their *hypocrisy*, said to them, "***Why*** do you try **Me?** Bring **Me** a silver piece to look at."
16And they brought it and **He** said to them, "***Whose*** likeness and inscription is this?" And they said to **Him,** "Caesar's."
17So OWYƎZ said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to **Elohim** what is **Elohim**'s." And they marvelled at **Him.**
18And Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to **Him.** And they asked **Him,** saying,
19"**Teacher**, Mosheh **wrote** to us that if a brother of anyone dies and leaves his wife behind and leaves no children, his brother should take his wife and **raise** up offspring for his brother.
20"There were seven brothers and the **first** took a wife and died, leaving no offspring.
21"And the second took her and he died, leaving behind no offspring. And the third likewise.
22"And the seven left no offspring. Last of **all** the woman died too.
23"In the resurrection then, when they rise, whose wife ***shall*** she be? For seven had her as wife."
24And OWYƎZ answering, said to them, "Is this not why you go *astray*, <u>**because**</u> *you do not* **know** the **Scriptures** nor the **power** of **Elohim**?
25"For when they rise from the *dead,* they neither marry nor are **given** in marriage, but are as messengers in the **heavens.**

[26]"And concerning the *dead,* that they rise – have you not **read** in the **book** of Mosheh, at the bush, how **Elohim** spoke to him, saying, **'I am** the **Elohim** of Aḇrahim and the **Elohim** of Yitsḥaq and the **Elohim** of Ya'aqoḇ'?
[27]"He is not the **Elohim** of the *dead,* but **Elohim** of the **living**. **You,** then, go greatly *astray*."
[28]And one of the *scribes* **coming** near, **hearing** them reasoning together, knowing that **He** had answered them well, asked **Him,** "Which is the **first command** of **all?**"
[29]And OWYAZ answered him, "The **first** of **all the commands** is, 'Hear, O Yisra'ĕl, AYAZ our **Elohim**, AYAZ **is one.**
[30]'And you ***shall*** **love** AYAZ your **Elohim** with **all** your **heart** and with **all** your being and with **all** your mind and with **all** your strength.' This is the **first command.**
[31]"And the second, like it, is this, 'You ***shall*** **love** your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other **command** greater than these."
[32]And the scribe said to **Him,** "Well said, **Teacher**. **You** have **spoken** the **truth**, for there is one **Elohim** and there is no other besides **Him.**
[33]"And to **love Him** with **all** the **heart** and with **all** the **understanding** and with **all** the being and with **all** the strength and to **love** one's neighbour as oneself, is more than **all** the burnt offerings and offerings."
[34]And when **OWYAZ saw** that he answered **wisely**, **He** said to him, "You are not far from the **reign** of **Elohim**." And after that no one was bold enough to question **Him.**
[35]And OWYAZ responding, said, while **teaching** in the **Set-apart Place,** "***How*** is it that the *scribes* say that the **Messiah** is the **Son** of Dawiḏ?
[36]"Dawiḏ himself said by the **Set-apart Spirit,** 'AYAZ said to my **Master,** "Sit at **My right hand,** until I make **Your** enemies a footstool of **Your** feet." '
[37]"Dawiḏ himself calls **Him** 'Master.' In what **way** then **is He** his **Son**?"
And the large crowd **heard Him** gladly.
[38]And in **His teaching He** was saying to them, "Beware of the scribes, who like to **walk** around in long robes and *like* greetings in the market-places,
[39]and the best seats in the congregations and the best places at feasts,
[40]who are *devouring* widows' houses and for a **show** make long prayers. These ***shall*** receive greater judgment."
[41]And sitting opposite the treasury **He saw** how the people put copper into the treasury. And many rich ones put in much.
[42]And a *poor* widow came and threw in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent.
[43]And calling **near His taught ones He** said to them, "**Truly**, I say to you that this *poor* widow has put in more than **all** those putting into the treasury,
[44]for they **all** put in out of their excess, but she out of her poverty put in **all** that she had, her entire livelihood."

13 And as **He** went out of the **Set-apart Place,** one of **His taught ones** said to **Him,** "**Teacher**, **see** what stones! And what buildings!"
[2]And OWYAZ answering, said to him, "***Do*** you **see** these **great** buildings? Not one stone ***shall*** **be** left upon another at **all,** which ***shall*** not be *thrown* down."
[3]And as **He** sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the **Set-apart Place,** Kĕpha and Ya'aqoḇ and Yoḥanan and Andri asked Him separately,
[4]"Say to us, when ***shall*** these events be? And what ***shall*** **be** the **sign** when **all** this is going to be **accomplished**?"
[5]And OWYAZ began to say to them, "Take **heed** that no one *leads you astray*,
[6]for many ***shall*** **come** in **My Name,** saying, **'I am He,**' and they ***shall*** lead many *astray*.
[7]"And when you **hear** of fightings and reports of fightings, *do not* be *troubled* **it** has to take place, but **the end** is not yet.

8"For nation ***shall*** rise *against* nation and **reign** *against* reign. And there ***shall*** **be** *earthquakes* in various places and there ***shall*** **be** scarcities of food and disturbances. These are the beginnings of birth*pains*.
9"***But*** take **heed** to yourselves, for they ***shall*** **deliver** you up to councils and to congregations. You ***shall*** **be** beaten and you ***shall*** **be** brought before rulers and sovereigns for **My** sake, for a **witness** to them.
10"And the **Besorah** has to be **proclaimed first** to **all** the nations.
11"And when they lead you away and **deliver** you up, *do not worry* beforehand what you are to say. ***But whatever*** is **given** you in that **hour, speak** that, for it is not you who are speaking, but the **Set-apart Spirit.**
12"And brother ***shall*** **deliver** up brother to *death* and a father his child. And children ***shall*** rise up *against* parents and ***shall*** put them to *death.*
13"And you ***shall*** **be** *hated* by **all** **because** of **My Name.** ***But*** he who ***shall*** have endured to **the end,** he ***shall*** **be saved**.
14"And when you **see** the '**abomination** that lays *waste,*' **spoken** of by Dani'ĕl the **prophet,** set up where it should not be" – he who **reads**, **let** him **understand** "then let those who are in Yahuḏah ***flee*** to the mountains.
15"He who is on the house-top, let him not go down into the house, nor **come** in to take ***whatever*** out of his house.
16"And he who is in the field, let him not go back to get his *cloak*.
17"And **woe** to those who are pregnant and to those nursing children in those days!
18"And pray that your f**light** *does not* take place in winter.
19"For in those days there ***shall*** **be** *distress,* such as has not been from the beginning of creation which **Elohim** created until this **time,** nor ever ***shall*** **be.**
20"And if the **Master** had not shortened those days, no *flesh* would have been **saved**; but **because** of the **chosen ones**, **whom He chose, He** shortened the days.
21"And if anyone then says to you, 'Look, here is the **Messiah!**' or, 'Look, there!' *do not* **believe** it.
22"For *false* messiahs and *false* prophets shall rise and **show signs** and **wonders** to lead *astray*, if **possible**, even the **chosen** ones.
23"And you, take **heed**. **See,** I have **forewarned** you of **it all.**
24"***But*** in those days, after that *distress,* the sun ***shall*** **be** darkened and the moon ***shall*** not give its **light**,
25and the stars of **heaven** ***shall fall*** and the powers in the heavens ***shall*** **be** *shaken.*
26"And then they ***shall*** **see** the **Son** of Aḏam **coming** in the clouds with much **power** and esteem.
27"And then **He** ***shall*** send **His** messengers and **assemble His chosen** ones from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of **heavens.**
28"And **learn** this parable from the fig tree: ***When*** its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you **know** that the summer is **near.**
29"So you also, when you **see** these taking place, **know** that "**it**" is near, at the **door.**
30"**Truly**, I say to you, this generation ***shall*** by no means pass away til **all this** takes place.
31"The **heaven** and the earth ***shall*** pass away, but **My words** ***shall*** **by no means pass away.**
32"***But*** concerning that day and the **hour** no one knows, not even the messengers in heaven, nor the **Son**, but only the **Father.**
33"Take **heed**, **watch** and **pray**, for *you do not* **know** when the **time** is –
34as a man going abroad, having left his house and **given authority** to his servants and to each his **work** and **commanded** the **door**keeper to **watch**.
35"**Watch** therefore, for *you do not* **know** when the master of the house is **coming** – in the **evening** or at midnight, or at the crowing of the cock, or in the morning,

[36]lest, **coming suddenly**, he should find you sleeping.
[37]"And what I say to you, I say to all: **Watch!**"

14 **Now** the **Passover** and the **Festival of Unleavened Bread** was after two days. And the chief priests and the *scribes* were **seeking** how to take **Him** through treachery and put **Him** to *death.*
[2]And they said, "Not at the festival**,** lest there ***shall*** be an uproar of the people."
[3]And while **He** was in Bĕyth Anyah in the house of Shim'on the leper and sitting at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of perfume, genuine nard, **very** costly. And breaking the flask she poured it on **His** head.
[4]***But*** there were some who were much *displeased* among themselves and said, "***Why*** was this perfume wasted?
[5]"For it could have been sold for more than three hundred pieces of silver and **given** to the *poor*." And they were scolding her.
[6]***But*** OWYAZ said, "Leave her alone. ***Why*** do you *trouble* her? She has done a **good work** for **Me.**
[7]"For you have the *poor* with you always and you are able do **good** to them, whenever you **wish.** ***But*** *you do not* **always** have **Me.**
[8]"***What*** she had, she used. She took it beforehand to **anoint My** body for the burial.
[9]"Truly, I say to you, wherever this besorah is proclaimed in all the world, what this woman did *shall* also be spoken of, to her remembrance."
[10]And Yahuḏah from Qerioth, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to **deliver Him** up to them.
[11]And when they **heard** it, they were glad and **promised** to give him silver. And he was **seeking** how to **deliver Him** up, conveniently.
[12]And on the **first day of Unleavened Bread**, when they were slaughtering the **Passover** lamb, **His taught ones** said to **Him,** "Where do **You wish** us to go and **prepare,** for You to eat the **Passover**?"
[13]And **He sent** out two of **His taught ones** and said to them, "Go into the city and there a man bearing a jar of water ***shall*** meet you, **follow** him.
[14]"And wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, '**The Teacher** says, "Where is the guest room in which I am to eat the **Passover** with **My taught ones**?" '
[15]"And he ***shall*** **show** you a large upper room, furnished, ready. **Prepare** for us there."
[16]And **His taught ones** went out and came into the city and **found** it as **He** said to them and they **prepared** the **Passover**.
[17]And **evening** having come, **He** came with the twelve.
[18]And as they sat and ate, OWYAZ said, "**Truly**, I say to you, one of you who is eating with **Me *shall* deliver Me** up."
[19]And they began to be *grieved* and to say to **Him** one by one, "Is it I?" And another, "Is it I?"
[20]And **He** answering, said to them, "It is one of the twelve, he who is dipping with **Me** in the dish.
[21]"The **Son** of Aḏam is indeed going, as it has been **written** of **Him,** but **woe** to that man by whom the **Son** of Aḏam is **delivered** up! It would have been **good** for that man if he had not been born."
[22]And as they were eating, OWYAZ took bread, having **blessed**, broke it, gave it to them and said, "Take, eat, this is **My** body."
[23]And taking the **cup,** giving thanks, **He** gave it to them and they **all drank** from it.
[24]And **He** said to them, "This is **My blood,** that of the **renewed covenant**, which is **shed** for **many**.
[25]"**Truly**, I say to you, I ***shall*** certainly no more drink of the **fruit** of the **vine** til **that day when I drink it anew in the reign** of **Elohim**."
[26]And having sung a song, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

27And OWYAZ said to them, "All of you ***shall*** *stumble* in **Me** this night, for it has been **written**, 'I ***shall*** *strike* the shepherd and the sheep ***shall*** **be** *scattered*.'
28"***But*** after I am **raised,** I ***shall*** go before you to Galil."
29And Kĕpha said to **Him,** "Even if **all** ***shall*** *stumble,* yet not I."
30And OWYAZ said to him, "**Truly**, I say to you that today, this night, before the cock ***shall*** crow twice, you ***shall*** *deny* **Me** ***three times***."
31***But*** he spoke more strongly, "***If*** I have to *die* with **You,** I ***shall*** not *deny* You!" And they **all** said the **same.**
32And they came to a place called Gethsemane. And **He** said to **His taught ones,** "Sit here while I pray."
33And **He** took with **Him** Kĕpha and Ya'aqoḇ and Yoḥanan and **He** began to be greatly *amazed* and to be *deeply distressed*.
34And **He** said to them, "**My** being is exceedingly *grieved*, even to *death.* Stay here and **watch**."
35And **He** went on a little and fell on the ground and was praying that if it were **possible**, the **hour** might pass from **Him.**
36And **He** said, "Abba, **Father, all** is **possible** for **You.** Make this **cup** pass from **Me.** Yet not what I desire, but what **You desire.**"
37And **He** came and **found** them sleeping and said to Kĕpha, "Shim'on, are you sleeping? You were not able to **watch** one **hour!**
38"**Watch** and pray, lest you enter into trial. The spirit indeed is eager, but the *flesh* is weak."
39And again **He** went away and prayed and spoke the **same words**.
40And having returned, **He found** them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. And they *did not* **know** what to answer **Him.**
41And **He** came the third **time** and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough! The **hour** has come. **See,** the Son of Aḏam is being delivered up into the hands of the *sinners.*
42"Rise up, let us go. **See,** he who is delivering **Me** up has drawn **near.**"
43And **immediately**, while **He** was still speaking, Yahuḏah, one of the twelve, with a large crowd with s**words** and clubs, came from the chief priests and the *scribes* and the elders.
44And the one who was delivering **Him** up had **given** them a signal, saying, "***Whom***ever I kiss, it **is He** – *seize* **Him** and lead **Him** away safely."
45And **coming**, going **straight** up to **Him,** he said to **Him,** "Rabbi, Rabbi!" and kissed **Him.**
46And they laid their hands on **Him** and *seized* **Him.**
47And one of those standing by drew his *sword* and *struck* the servant of the high priest and *cut off* his ear.
48And OWYAZ answering, said to them,"Have you **come out** as <u>*against*</u> a robber, with s**words** and clubs, to take **Me?**
49"Daily I was with you in the **Set-apart Place teaching** and you *did not seize* **Me.**
But **let the Scriptures** be **filled.**"
50And they **all** left **Him** and fled.
51And a certain young man was **following Him,** having a linen cloth *thrown* around his naked body.
And when they *seized* him,
52he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.
53And they led OWYAZ away to the high priest. And **all** the chief priests and the elders and the *scribes* came **together** to **Him.**
54And Kĕpha **followed Him** at a distance, even into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the officers and warming himself at the *fire*.
55And the chief priests and **all** the council were **seeking witness** <u>*against*</u> OWYAZ to put **Him** to *death* and they were finding none.
56For many bore *false* **witness** <u>*against*</u> **Him,** but their evidences *did not* **agree.**
57And some rose up and bore *false* **witness** <u>*against*</u> **Him,** saying,

58"We **heard Him** saying, 'I ***shall*** *destroy* this **Dwelling Place** that is made with hands and within three days I ***shall*** build another made without hands.' "
59And not even then did their **witness agree.**
60***Then*** the high priest stood up in the centre and asked OWYAZ, saying, "Have You no answer to make? ***What*** do these **witness** *against* **You?**"
61***But*** **He** remained *silent* and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked **Him,** saying to **Him,** "Are You the **Messiah**, the **Son** of the **blessed**?"
62And OWYAZ said, "I am and you ***shall*** **see** the **Son** of Adam sitting at the **right hand** of the Power and **coming** with the clouds of the **heavens.**"
63And tearing his garments, the high priest said, "***What*** further need do we have of witnesses?
64"You have **heard** the *blasphemy*! ***What*** do you *think?*" And they **all** *condemned* **Him** to be *liable* to *death.*
65And some began to spit on **Him** and to blindfold **Him** and to beat **Him** and to say to **Him,** "**Prophesy**!" And the officers *struck* **Him** with the palms of their hands.
66And as Kĕpha was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came,
67and **seeing** Kĕpha warming himself, she **looked** at him and said, "And you were with OWYAZ of Natsareth."
68***But*** he *denied* it, saying, "I *do not* **know** nor **understand** what you are saying." And he went out onto the porch and a cock crowed.
69And the servant girl **saw** him again and began to say to those who stood by, "This is one of them."
70And again he was *denying* it. And after **a** *little* **while** those who stood by again said to Kĕpha, "**Truly** you are one of them, for you are a Galilean too and your speech is alike."
71And he began to *curse* and swear, "I *do not* **know** this Man of whom you speak!"
72And a second **time** the cock crowed. And Kĕpha **remembered** the **word** that OWYAZ had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you ***shall*** *deny* **Me** ***three times***."And thinking on it, he wept.

15 And **immediately**, in the morning, the chief priests had a council meeting with the elders and *scribes* and **all** the council. Having *bound* OWYAZ, they led **Him** away and **delivered Him** to Pilate.
2And Pilate asked **Him,** "Are You the Sovereign of the Yahudim?" And **He** answering, said to him, "You say it."
3And the chief priests *accused* **Him** of much, but **He** made no answer.
4And Pilate again asked **Him,** saying, "Have You no answer? **See** how much they **witness** *against* **You**!"
5***But*** OWYAZ still gave no answer, so that Pilate marvelled.
6And at a **festival** he released to them one prisoner, ***whomever*** they were asking.
7And there was one called Barabba, chained with his fellow rebels, who had committed murder in the uprising.
8And the crowd, crying aloud, began to ask, as he had **always** done for them.
9***But*** Pilate answered them, saying, "***Do*** you **wish** me to release for you the Sovereign of the Yahudim?"
10For he **knew** that the chief priests had handed **Him** over **because** of *envy*.
11And the chief priests stirred up the crowd, that he should rather release Barabba to them.
12And Pilate answered and again said to them, "***What*** then do you **wish** me to do *to* **Him** whom you **call** the Sovereign of the Yahudim?"
13And again they *cried out*,
"Impale **Him**!"
14And Pilate said to them,"Why, what *evil* has **He** done?" And they ***vehemently*** *cried out*, "Impale **Him!**"
15And Pilate, *wishing* to satisfy the crowd, released Barabba to them and having whipped **Him,** he **delivered** OWYAZ over to be impaled.

16And the soldiers led **Him** away into the court, which is the palace and they called **together** the entire company of soldiers,
17and decked **Him** with purple. And they plaited a crown of thorns, put it on **Him,**
18and they began to **call** out to **Him, "**Greetings, Sovereign of the Yahudim!"
19And they kept *beating* **Him** on the head with a reed and were spitting on **Him.** And bending the knee, they were bowing down to **Him.**
20And when they had *mocked* **Him,** they took the purple off **Him** and put **His** own garments on **Him** and led **Him** out to impale **Him.**
21And they compelled a passer-by, Shim'on, a Cyrenian, **coming** from a field, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear **His** stake.
22And they brought **Him** to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull.
23And they were giving **Him wine** mixed with myrrh to drink but **He** *did not* take it.
24And when they impaled **Him,** they divided **His** garments, casting **lots** for them, what each one should take.
25And it was the third **hour** and they impaled **Him.**
26And the inscription of **His** *accusation* was **written** above: THE SOVEREIGN OF THE YEHUḎIM.
27And with **Him** they impaled two ***robbers,*** one on **His right** and the other on **His** left.
28And the **Scripture was filled** which says, "And **He** was reckoned with the *lawless*."
29And those passing by were blaspheming **Him,** *shaking* their heads and saying, "Ah! You who *destroy* the **Dwelling Place** and build it in three days,
30**save Yourself** and **come** down from the stake!"
31And likewise the chief priests and the scribes, *mocking* to one another said, "He **saved** others, **He** is *unable* to **save Himself**.
32"The **Messiah**? The Sovereign of Yisra'ĕl? **come** down **now** from the stake, so that we **see** and **believe**." And those who were impaled with **Him** were reproaching **Him.**
33And when the sixth **hour** came, *darkness* came over **all** the land until the ninth **hour.**
34And at the ninth **hour** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 *cried out* with a loud **voice**, saying, "Ĕli, Ĕli, lamah shebaqtani?" which is translated, "**My** Ĕl, **My** Ĕl, why have **You** ***forsaken*** **Me?**"
35And some of those standing by, when they **heard** it, said, "**See, He** is calling for Ĕliyahu!"
36And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour **wine** and put it on a reed and offered it to **Him** to drink, saying, "Leave **Him,** let us **see** if Ĕliyahu does **come to** take **Him** down."
37And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 *cried out* with a loud **voice** and breathed **His last.**
38And the veil of the **Dwelling Place** was *torn* in two from top to bottom.
39And when the captain, who was standing opposite **Him, saw** that **He** *cried out* like this and breathed **His last,** he said, "**Truly** this **Man** was the **Son** of **Elohim**!"
40And there were also women watching from a distance, among whom was also Miryam from Maḡdala and Miryam the mother of Ya'aqoḇ the Less and of Yosĕph and Shelomah,
41who also **followed Him** and attended **Him** when **He** was in Galil and many other women who came up with **Him** to Yerushalayim.
42And when **evening** had come, **because** it was the **Preparation Day**, that is, the day before the **Sabbath,**
43Yosĕph of Ramathayim, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the **reign** of **Elohim**, came, **boldly** went in to Pilate and asked for the body of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
44***But*** Pilate wondered whether **He** was already *dead,* so summoning the captain, he asked him if **He** was already *dead.*
45And when he **learned** this from the

captain, he gave the body to Yosĕph.
[46]And he, having bought fine linen, took **Him** down and wrapped **Him** in the linen. And he laid **Him** in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock and rolled a stone *against* the entrance of the tomb.
[47]And Miryam from Maḡdala and Miryam the mother of Yosĕph, **saw** where **He** was laid.

16 And when the **Sabbath** was past, Miryam from Maḡdala and Miryam the mother of Ya'aqoḇ and Shelomah bought spices, to go and **anoint Him.**
[2]And **very** early on the **first day of** the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.
[3]And they said among themselves, "***Who shall*** roll away the stone from the entrance of the tomb for us?"
[4]And looking up, they **saw** that the stone had been rolled away, for it was extremely large.
[5]And having entered into the tomb, they **saw** a young man sitting on the right, wearing a white robe and they were greatly astonished.
[6]And he said to them, "***Do*** *not* be much astonished. You **seek** OWYƎZ of Natsareth, who was impaled. **He** was **raised** – **He** is not here! **See** the place where they laid **Him.**
[7]"And go, say to **His taught ones** and Kĕpha, that **He** is going before you into Galil. You ***shall*** **see Him** there as **He** said to you."
[8]And they went out and fled from the tomb and were *trembling* and bewildered. And they spoke to no one, for they were *afraid*.
[9]And having risen early on the **first day of** the week, **He** appeared **first** to Miryam from Maḡdala, from whom **He** had *cast* out seven ***demons.***
[10]She went and reported to those who had been with **Him,** *mourning* and *weeping.*
[11]And when they **heard** that **He** was **alive** and had been **seen** by her, they *did not* **believe**.
[12]And after this **He** appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into a field.
[13]And they went and reported it to the rest, but they *did not believe* them either.
[14]Later **He** appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table. And **He** reproached their *unbelief* and *hardness* of **heart, because** they *did not believe* those who had **seen Him** after **He** was **raised.**
[15]And **He** said to them, "**Go** into **all** the world and **proclaim** the **Besorah** to **every creature**.
[16]"He who has **believed** and has been **immersed, *shall* be saved,** but he who has not **believed *shall* be** *condemned*.
[17]"And these **signs *shall*** accompany the ones who **believe**: **In My Name** they ***shall*** *cast* out ***demons,*** they ***shall*** **speak** with **renewed** tongues,
[18]they ***shall*** take up snakes and if they drink any deadly drink it ***shall*** by no means hurt them, they ***shall*** lay hands on the *sick* and they ***shall*** get well."
[19]***Then*** indeed, after the **Master** had **spoken** to them, **He** was received up into the heaven and sat down at the **right hand** of **Elohim**.
[20]And they went out and **proclaimed** it everywhere, while the **Master** worked with them and **confirmed** the **word through the accompanying signs. Amĕn.**

LUKE

1 Since many have indeed taken in **hand** to set **in order** an account of the matters **completely confirmed** among us,
2 as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the **word delivered** them to us,
3 it seemed **good** to me as well, having **followed** up **all** these matters exactly from the beginning, to **write** to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilos,
4 that you might **know** the certainty of the **words** which you were **taught.**
5 There was in the days of Herodes, the sovereign of Yahudah, a certain priest named Zekaryah, of the division of Abiyah. And his wife was of the daughters of Aharon and her name was Elisheba.
6 And they were both **righteous** before **Elohim**, blamelessly walking in **all the commands** and **righteousnesse**s of יהוה.
7 And they had no child, **<u>because</u>** Elisheba was *barren* and both were advanced in years.
8 And it came to be, that while he was serving as priest before **Elohim** in the order of his division,
9 according to the institute of the priesthood, he was **chosen** by **lot** to burn incense when he went into the **Dwelling Place** of יהוה.
10 And the entire crowd of people was praying outside at the **hour** of incense.
11 And a messenger of יהוה appeared to him, standing on the **right** side of the altar of incense.
12 And when Zekaryah **saw** him, he was *troubled* and **fear** fell upon him.
13 ***But*** the messenger said to him, "***Do not*** be *afraid*, Zekaryah, for your prayer is **heard**. And your wife Elisheba ***shall*** bear you a son and you ***shall*** **call** his name Yohanan.
14 "And you ***shall*** have **joy** and **gladness** and many ***shall*** **rejoice** at his birth.
15 "For he ***shall*** **be great** before יהוה and ***shall*** drink no **wine** and **strong** drink at **all.** And he ***shall*** **be** filled with the **Set-apart Spirit,** even from his mother's womb.
16 "And he ***shall turn*** many of the children of Yisra'ĕl to יהוה their **Elohim**.
17 "And he ***shall*** go before **Him** in the spirit and **power** of Ĕliyahu, 'to turn the **hearts** of the fathers to the children,' and the *disobedient* to the **insight** of the **righteous,** to make **ready** a people prepared for יהוה."
18 And Zekaryah said to the messenger, "By what ***shall*** I **know** this? For I am old and my wife advanced in years."
19 And the messenger answering, said to him, "I am Gabri'ĕl, who stands in the presence of **Elohim** and was **sent** to **speak** to you and **announce** to you this **besorah** .
20 "***But*** **see,** you ***shall*** **be** *silent* and *unable* to **speak** until the day this takes place, **<u>because</u>** you *did not believe* my **words** which ***shall*** **be** filled in their **appointed time.** "
21 And the people waited for Zekaryah and marvelled at his delay in the **Dwelling Place.**
22 And when he came out, he was *unable* to **speak** to them. And they recognised that he had **seen** a **vision** in the **Dwelling Place,** for he was beckoning to them and remained *dumb.*
23 And it came to be, as soon as the days of his service were completed, he went away to his house.
24 And after those days his wife Elisheba conceived. And she hid herself five months, saying,
25 "יהוה has done this for me, in the days when **He looked** upon me, to take away my *reproach* among men."

[26]And in the sixth month the messenger Gabri'ĕl was **sent** by **Elohim** to a city of Galil named Natsareth,
[27]to a maiden engaged to a man whose name was Yosĕph, of the house of Dawid. And the maiden's name was Miryam.
[28]And the messenger, **coming** to her, said, "Greetings, favoured one, the **Master** is with you. **Blessed** are you among women!"
[29]***But*** she was greatly disturbed at his **word and** wondered what **kind** of greeting this was.
[30]And the messenger said to her, "***Do not*** be *afraid*, Miryam, for you have **found favour** with **Elohim**.
[31]"And **see,** you ***shall*** conceive in your womb and ***shall*** give birth to a **Son** and **call His Name** יהושע.
[32]"He ***shall*** **be** great and ***shall*** **be** called the **Son** of the **Most High.** And יהוה **Elohim** ***shall*** give **Him** the throne of **His** father Dawid.
[33]"And **He *shall* reign** over the house of Ya'aqob **forever** and there ***shall*** **be** no end to **His** reign."
[34]And Miryam said to the messenger, "***How shall*** this be, since I *do not* **know** a man?"
[35]And the messenger answering, said to her, "The **Set-apart Spirit *shall* come** upon you and the **power** of the **Most High *shall*** overshadow you. And for that **reason** the **Set-apart One** born of you ***shall*** **be** called: **Son** of **Elohim**.
[36]"And **see,** Elisheba your relative, she has also conceived a son in her old age. And this is **now** the sixth month to her who was called *barren*,
[37]**<u>because</u>** with **Elohim** no matter ***shall*** **be** *impossible*."
[38]And Miryam said, "See the female servant of יהוה! **Let** it be to me **according** to your **word.**" And the messenger went away from her.
[39]And Miryam arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Yahudah,
[40]and entered into the house of Zekaryah and greeted Elisheba.
[41]And it came to be, when Elisheba **heard** the greeting of Miryam, that the baby leaped in her womb. And Elisheba was filled with the **Set-apart Spirit,**
[42]and called out with a loud **voice** and said, **"Blessed** are you among women and **blessed** is the **fruit** of your womb!
[43]"And who am I, that the mother of my **Master** should **come to** me?
[44]"For look, when the sound of your greeting came to my **ears,** the baby in my womb leaped for joy.
[45]**"Blessed** is she who **believed**, for that which יהוה has said to her ***shall*** **be accomplished**!"
[46]And Miryam said, "My being makes יהוה great,
[47]and my spirit has rejoiced in **Elohim** my **Saviour**.
[48]"**<u>Because</u> He looked** on the humiliation of **His** female servant. For look, from **now** on **all** generations ***shall*** **call** me **blessed**.
[49]"For **He** who is mighty has done **wonders** for me and set-apart is **His Name.**
[50]"And **His compassion** is from generation to generation, to those who **fear Him.**
[51]"He did **mightily** with **His** arm, **He** *scattered* the *proud* in the thought of their **hearts**.
[52]"He brought down rulers from their thrones and exalted the lowly.
[53]"He has filled the hungry with **good** items and the rich **He** has **sent** away empty.
[54]"He sustained Yisra'ĕl, **His** servant, in **remembrance** of **His compassion**,
[55]as **He** spoke to our fathers, to Abrahim and to his seed, **forever**."
[56]And Miryam stayed with her about three months and returned to her home.
[57]And the **time** was filled for Elisheba to give birth and she bore a son.
[58]And her neighbours and relatives **heard** how יהוה had shown **great compassion** to her and they rejoiced with her.
[59]And it came to be, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child.

And they were calling him by the name of his father, Zeḵaryah.
60And his mother answering, said, "Not so, but he ***shall*** **be** called Yoḥanan."
61And they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name."
62***Then*** they motioned to his father, what he would like him to be called.
63And having asked for a **writing** tablet, he **wrote**, saying, "Yoḥanan is his name." And they **all** marvelled.
64And at once his **mouth** was opened and his tongue loosed and he was speaking, praising **Elohim**.
65And **fear** came on **all** those dwelling around them and **all** these matters were **spoken** of in **all** the hill country of Yahuḏah.
66And **all who heard** them kept them in their **hearts**, saying, "***What*** then ***shall*** this child be?" And the **hand** of יהוה was with him.
67And Zeḵaryah, his father, was filled with the **Set-apart Spirit** and **prophesied,** saying,
68**"Blessed** be יהוה **Elohim** of Yisra'ĕl, for **He** did look upon and worked redemption for **His** people,
69and has **raised** up a horn of **deliverance** for us in the house of **His** servant Dawiḏ,
70as **He** spoke by the **mouth** of **His** set-apart **prophets,** from of old –
71**deliverance** from our enemies and from the **hand** of **all** those hating us,
72to **show compassion** toward our fathers and to ***remember*** **His set-apart covenant**,
73an **oath** which **He swore** to our father Abraham:
74to give to us, being **delivered** from the **hand** of our enemies, to **serve Him** without **fear,**
75in **set-apartness** and **righteousness** before **Him all** the days of our **life**.
76"And you, child, ***shall*** **be** called **prophet** of the **Most High,** for you ***shall*** go before the face of יהוה to **prepare His ways**,
77to give **knowledge** of **deliverance** to **His** people, by the **forgiveness** of their *sins*,
78through the tender **compassion** of our **Elohim**, with which the daybreak from on high has **looked** upon us,
79to give **light** to those who sit in *darkness* and the *shadow of death,* to guide our feet into the **way** of peace."
80And the child grew and became **strong** in spirit and was in the deserts until the day of showing himself openly to Yisra'ĕl.

2 And it came to be in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus for **all** the world to be registered.
2This took place as a **first** registration while Quirinius was governing Syria.
3And **all** were going to be registered, each one to his own city.
4And Yosĕph also went up from Galil, out of the city of Natsareth to Yahuḏah, to the city of Dawiḏ, which is called Bĕyth Leḥem, **because** he was of the house and lineage of Dawiḏ,
5to be registered with Miryam, who was engaged to him – being pregnant.
6And it came to be, that while they were there, the days were filled for her to give birth.
7And she gave birth to her first-born **Son** and wrapped **Him** up and laid **Him** down in a feeding trough, **because** there was no room for them in a lodging place.
8And in the **same** country there were shepherds **living** out in the fields, keeping **watch** over their flock by night.
9And look, a messenger of יהוה stood before them and the **esteem** of יהוה shone around them and they were greatly *afraid*.
10And the messenger said to them, "***Do*** *not* be *afraid*, for look, I bring you the **besorah** of **great joy** which ***shall*** **be** to **all** people.
11"**Because** there was born to you today in the city of Dawiḏ a **Saviour**, who is **Messiah**, the **Master.**

12"And this is the **sign** to you: You ***shall*** find a baby wrapped up, *lying* in a feeding trough."
13And **suddenly** there was with the messenger a crowd of the heavenly host praising **Elohim** and saying,
14"Esteem to **Elohim** in the highest and on earth **peace** among men with whom **He is pleased!"**
15It came to be, when the messengers had gone away from them into the heaven, that the shepherds said to each other, "Indeed, let us go to Bĕyth Leḥem and **see** this matter that has taken place, which the **Master has made known** to us."
16And they came in haste and **found** Miryam and Yosĕph and the baby *lying* in a feeding trough.
17And having **seen,** they made **known** the matter which was **spoken** to them concerning the child.
18And **all** those **who heard** marvelled at what the shepherds said to them.
19***But*** Miryam kept **all** these matters, considering them in her **heart.**
20And the shepherds returned, boasting and praising **Elohim** for **all** they had **heard** and **seen,** as it was **spoken** to them.
21And when eight days were **completed** for **Him** to be circumcised, **His Name** was called OWYƎZ, the **Name given** by the messenger *before* **He** was conceived in the womb.
22And when the days of her **cleansing according** to the **Torah** of Mosheh were completed, they brought **Him** to Yerushalayim to present **Him** to ƎYƎZ
23as it has been **written** in the **Torah** of ƎYƎZ, "Every male who opens the womb ***shall*** **be** called **set-apart** to ƎYƎZ" –
24and to give an offering **according** to what is said in the **Torah** of ƎYƎZ, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."
25And **see,** there was a man in Yerushalayim whose name was Shim'on and this man was **righteous, dedicated** and looking for the comforting of Yisra'ĕl. And the **Set-apart Spirit** was upon him.
26And it had been **revealed** to him by the **Set-apart Spirit** that he *would not* **see** *death* before he sees the **Messiah** of ƎYƎZ.
27And he came in the **Spirit** into the set-apart **Place.** And as the parents brought in **the Child** OWYƎZ, to do for **Him according** to the usual *practice* of the **Torah**,
28then he took **Him** up in his arms and **blessed Elohim** and said,
29"**Now** let **Your** servant go in peace, O **Master, according** to **Your word,**
30for my eyes have **seen Your deliverance,**
31which **You** have prepared before the face of **all** the peoples,
32a **light** for the unveiling of the *gentiles* and the **esteem** of **Your people** Yisra'ĕl."
33And Yosĕph and **His** mother were marvelling at what was said about **Him.**
34And Shim'on **blessed** them and said to Miryam **His** mother, "**See,** this **One** is set for a *fall* and rising of many in Yisra'ĕl and for a **sign spoken** <u>*against*</u> –
35and a *sword* ***shall*** pierce through your own being also – so as to **reveal** the *thoughts* of many **hearts**."
36And there was Ḥannah, a **prophetess,** a daughter of Penu'ĕl, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years and had lived with a husband seven years from her maidenhood,
37and she was a widow of about eighty-four years, who *did not* leave the **Set-apart Place,** but **served Elohim** with fastings and prayers night and day.
38And she, **coming** in at that moment, gave **thanks** to ƎYƎZ and spoke of **Him** to **all** who were waiting for redemption in Yerushalayim.
39And when they had **accomplished all** matters **according** to the **Torah** of ƎYƎZ, they returned to Galil, to their city Natsareth.
40And **the Child** grew and became **strong** in spirit, being **filled** with **wisdom** and the **favour** of **Elohim** was upon **Him.**

41 **His** parents went to Yerushalayim **every** year at the **Festival** of the **Passover**.
42 And when **He** was twelve years old, they went up to Yerushalayim **according** to the *practice* of the **festival.**
43 ***When*** they had **accomplished** the days, as they returned, but **the Child** OWYƎZ stayed behind inYerushalayim. And **His** parents *did not* **know** it,
44 but thinking **He** was in the company, they went a day's journey and were **seeking Him** among the relatives and friends.
45 And not having **found Him,** they returned to Yerushalayim, **seeking Him.**
46 And it came to be, after three days, that they **found Him** in the **Set-apart Place,** sitting in the **midst** of the **teachers**, both **listening** to them and **asking** them questions.
47 And **all who heard Him** were astonished at **His understanding** and **answers**.
48 And having **seen Him,** they were amazed. And **His** mother said to **Him,** "**Son**, why have **You** done this to us? **See, Your** father and I have been anxiously **seeking You.**"
49 And **He** said to them, "***Why*** were you **seeking Me?** Did you not **know** that I had to be in the matters of **My Father?**"
50 ***But*** they *did not* **understand** the **word** which **He** spoke to them.
51 And **He** went down with them and came to Natsareth and was subject to them, but **His** mother kept **all** these matters in her **heart.**
52 And OWYƎZ increased in **wisdom** and stature and in **favour** with **Elohim** and men.

3 And in the fifteenth year of the **reign** of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Yahuḏah and Herodes district ruler of Galil and his brother Philip district ruler of Yetur and the country of Trachonitis and Lusanias district ruler of Aḇilene,
2 Ḥanan and Qayapha being high priests, the **Word** of **Elohim** came to Yoḥanan the son of Zeḵaryah in the wilderness.
3 And he went into **all** the neighbourhood of the Yarděn, **proclaiming** an immersion of **repentance** for the **forgiveness** of *sins*,
4 as it has been **written** in the **book** of the **words** of Yeshayahu the **prophet,** saying, "A **voice** of one crying in the wilderness, '**Prepare** the **way** of ƎYƎZ, make **His** paths **straight.**
5 'Every valley ***shall*** **be** filled and **every** mountain and hill ***shall*** **be** made low and the *crooked ways* ***shall*** become **straight** and the *rough* become **smooth ways**,
6 and **all** *flesh* ***shall*** **see** the **deliverance** of **Elohim**.' "
7 **He** said therefore to the crowds that came out to be **immersed** by him, "Brood of adders, who **warned** you to ***flee*** from the *wrath* to *come***?**
8 "'Therefore bear **fruit worthy** of **repentance** and *do not* begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Aḇrahim as our father.' For I say to you that **Elohim is able** to **raise** up children to Aḇrahim from these stones.
9 "'And even **now** the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore **every** *tree* that *does not* bear **good fruit** is *cut down* and *thrown* into the *fire*."
10 And the **crowds** asked him, saying, "***What***, then, ***shall*** we do?"
11 And answering **He** said to them, "**Let** him who has two undergarments share with him who has none and let him who has food do likewise."
12 And tax collectors also came to be **immersed** and said to him, "**Teacher**, what ***shall*** we do?"
13 And he said to them, "***Collect*** no more than what is **appointed** for you."
14 And soldiers also asked him, saying, "***What shall*** we do?" And he said to them, "***Do*** *not* intimidate anyone or *accuse falsely* and be **satisfied** with your ***pay***."

15***But*** as the people were in **expectation** and **all** were reasoning in their **hearts** about Yoḥanan,whether he was the **Messiah** or not,
16Yoḥanan answered, saying to them **all,** "I indeed **immerse** you in water, but **One** mightier than I is **coming**, whose sandal straps I am not **worthy** to loosen. **He *shall* immerse** you in the **Set-apart Spirit** and *fire*.
17"**His** winnowing fork is in **His hand** and **He *shall*** thoroughly **cleanse His** threshing-floor and **gather** the wheat into **His** storehouse, but the chaff **He *shall*** *burn* with *unquenchable fire*."
18And urging with many other **words**, he brought the **besorah** to the people.
19And Herodes the district ruler, being reproved by him concerning Herodias his brother Philip's wife and for **all** the *wicked deeds* which Herodes did,
20added this also to them **all** – he locked up Yoḥanan in prison.
21And it came to be, when **all** the people were **immersed,** OWYƎZ also being **immersed** and **praying, the heavens** was opened,
22and the **Set-apart Spirit** descended in **bodily form** like a dove upon **Him** and a **voice** came from **heaven** saying, "**You are My Son, the Beloved, in You I did delight**."
23So when OWYƎZ **Himself** began, **He** was about thirty years of age, being, reckoned by **law,** son of Yosĕph, of Ĕli,
24of Mattithyahu, of Lĕwi, of Meleḳi, of Yanah, of Yosĕph,
25of Mattithyahu, of Amots, of Naḥum, of Ḥesli, of Noğah,
26of Ma'ath, of Mattithyahu, of Shim'i, of Yosĕph, of Yahuḏah,
27of Yoḥanan, of Rephayah, of Zerubbaḇel, of She'alti'ĕl, of Neri,
28of Meleḳi, of Addi, of Qosam, of Elmoḏam, of Ĕr,
29of Yahusha, of Eli'ezer, of Yorim, of Mattithyahu, of Lĕwi,
30of Shim'on, of Yahuḏah, of Yosĕph, of Yonam, of Elyaqim,
31of Melea, of Menna, of Mattattah, of Nathan, of Dawiḏ,
32of Yishai, of Oḇĕḏ, of Bo'az, of Salmon, of Naḥshon,
33of Amminaḏaḇ, of Ram, of Ḥetsron, of Perets, of Yahuḏah,
34of Ya'aqoḇ, of Yitsḥaq, of Aḇrahim, of Teraḥ, of Naḥor,
35of Seruḡ, of Re'u, of Peleḡ, of Ĕḇer, of Shĕlaḥ,
36of Qĕynan, of Arpaḵshaḏ, of Shĕm, of Noaḥ, of Lemeḵ,
37of Methushelaḥ, of Ḥanoḵ, of Yereḏ, of Mahalalĕl, of Qĕynan,
38of Enosh, of Shĕth, of Aḏam, of **Elohim**.

4 And OWYƎZ, being **filled** with the **Set-apart Spirit,** returned from the Yardĕn and was led by the **Spirit** into the wilderness,
2being tried for forty days by the *devil*. And in those days **He** *did not* eat at **all** and afterward, when they had ended, **He** was hungry.
3And the *devil* said to **Him,** "***If*** **You** are the **Son** of **Elohim**, **command** this stone to become bread."
4***But*** OWYƎZ answered him, saying, "It has been written,'**Man shall not live by bread alone but by every Word of Elohim.' "**
5And the *devil*, taking **Him** up on a high mountain, showed **Him all** the reigns of the world in a moment of **time.**
6And the *devil* said to **Him,** "All this **authority** I ***shall*** give **You** and their esteem, for it has been **delivered** to me [a]nd I give it to ***whomever*** I **wish.**
7"If, then, **You** worship before me, **all *shall* be Your**s."
8And OWYƎZ answering him, said, "Get behind **Me,** Satan! For it has been **written**, '**You shall worship ƎYƎZ your Elohim and Him only you shall serve.' "**
9And he brought **Him** to Yerushalayim and set **Him** on the edge of the **Set-apart Place** and said to **Him,**

"***If*** **You** are the **Son** of **Elohim**, *throw* **Yourself** down from here,
[10]for it has been **written**, '**He *shall* command His messengers concerning You, to guard over You,'**
[11]and, 'In their hands they ***shall*** bear **You** up, lest **You** dash **Your** foot *against* a stone.' "
[12]And **OWYAZ** answering, said to him, "It has been said,'**You shall not try AYAZ your Elohim.' "**
[13]And when the *devil* had ended **every** trial, he went away from **Him** until a convenient **time.**
[14]And **OWYAZ** returned in the **power** of the **Spirit** to Galil and news of **Him** went out through **all** the surrounding country.
[15]And **He** was **teaching** in their congregations, being p**raised** by **all.**
[16]And **He** came to Natsareth, where **He** had been brought up. And **according** to **His** *practice*, **He** went into the congregation on the **Sabbath** day and stood up to read.
[17]And the **scroll** of the **prophet** Yeshayahu was handed to **Him.** And having unrolled the scroll, **He found** the place where it was **written**:
[18]"**The Spirit of AYAZ is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to bring the Besorah to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send away crushed ones with a release,**
[19]to proclaim the acceptable year of AYAZ."
[20]And having rolled up the scroll, **He** gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of **all** in the congregation were fixed upon **Him.**
[21]And **He** began to say to them, "**Today** this **Scripture** has been **filled** in your **hearing**."
[22]And **all** were bearing **witness** to **Him** and marvelled at the pleasant **words** that came out of **His mouth.** And they said, "Is this not the son of Yosĕph?"
[23]And **He** said to them, "No ***doubt***, you ***shall*** say this proverb to **Me,** 'Physician, **heal** yourself! ***Whatever*** we have **heard** being done in Kephar Naḥum, do also here in **Your** country.' "
[24]And **He** said, "**Truly**, I say to you, no **prophet** is accepted in his own country.
[25]"***But*** **truly** I say to you, many widows were in Yisra'ĕl in the days of Ĕliyahu, when **the heavens** was shut up for three years and six months and there was a **great** *scarcity of food* in **all** the land,
[26]and Ĕliyahu was **sent** to none of them, but to Tsarephath of Tsiḏon, to a woman, a widow.
[27]"And many lepers were in Yisra'ĕl in the **time** of Elisha the **prophet** and ***none*** of them was **cleansed *except*** Na'aman the Aramean."
[28]And **all** those in the congregation, when they **heard this**, were *filled with wrath*.
[29]And rising up they drove **Him** out of the city and brought **Him** to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, **in order** to *throw* **Him** down.
[30]***But*** **He,** passing through the **midst** of them, went away.
[31]**He** came down to Kephar Naḥum, a city of Galil and was **teaching** them **on the Sabbaths.**
[32]And they were **astonished** at **His teaching** because **His word** was with **authority**.
[33]And in the congregation was a man having a spirit of an *unclean* ***demon*** and he *cried out* with a loud **voice**,
[34]saying, "Ha! ***What*** have we to do with **You, OWYAZ** of Natsareth? Did **You come to** *destroy* us? I **know You,** who **You** are, the **Set-apart One** of **Elohim**!"
[35]And **OWYAZ *rebuked*** him, saying, "Be silenced and **come out** of **Him!**" And when the ***demon*** had *thrown* him in their **midst**, it came out of him without hurting him.
[36]And astonishment came on **all** and they spoke to each other, saying, "***What*** is this **word,** that with **authority** and **power He commands** the *unclean spirits* and they **come** out?"
[37]And the report about **Him** went out into **every** place of the neighbourhood.

[38]And rising up from the congregation **He** went into the house of Shim'on.

But the mother-in-law of Shim'on was *sick* with a *severe* inflammation and they asked **Him** concerning her.

[39]And standing over her **He** ***rebuked*** the inflammation and it left her and **instantly** rising up she **served** them.

[40]And when the sun was setting, **all** who had any who were *sick* with various *diseases* brought them to **Him.** And **He** laid **His** hands on each one of them and **healed** them.

[41]And also ***demons*** were **coming** out of many, crying out and saying, "**You** are the **Messiah**, the **Son** of **Elohim**!" And ***rebuking*** them, **He** *did not* allow them to speak, for they **knew** that **He** was the **Messiah**.

[42]And when day came, **He** went out and proceeded to a lonely place, but the crowds were **seeking Him** and came to **Him** and tried to keep **Him** from leaving them.

[43]And **He** said to them, "To the other cities I also have to bring the **Besorah**: **the reign** of **Elohim**, **because** for **this** I **have been sent."**

[44]And **He** was **proclaiming** in the congregations of Galil.

5 And it came to be, while the crowd was pressing upon **Him** to **hear** the **word** of **Elohim**, that **He** stood by the Lake of Genněsar,

[2]and **He saw** two boats standing by the lake, but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets.

[3]And *entering* into one of the boats, which belonged to Shim'on, **He** asked him to pull away a *little* from the land. And **He** sat down and was **teaching** the **crowds** from the boat.

[4]And when **He** ceased speaking, **He** said to Shim'on, "Pull out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

[5]And Shim'on answering, said to **Him,** "**Master,** we have toiled **all** night and ***caught*** none but at **Your word** I ***shall*** let down the net."

[6]And when they did so, they ***caught*** a **great** number of fish and their *net* was breaking,

[7]and they motioned to their partners in the other boat to **come** and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they were sinking.

[8]And when Shim'on Kĕpha **saw** it, he fell down at the knees of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a man, a *sinner,* O **Master!**"

[9]For astonishment had *seized* him and **all** those with him, at the ***catch*** of ***fish*** which they took,

[10]so too were Ya'aqob̲ and Yoḥanan, the sons of Zab̲dai, who were partners with Shim'on. ***Then*** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 said to Shim'on, "***Do*** *not* **fear,** from **now** on you ***shall catch men***."

[11]And having brought the boats to land, they left **all** and **followed Him.**

[12]And it came to be when **He** was in a certain city, that **see,** a man covered with leprosy **saw** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄. And he fell on his face and ***begged*** **Him,** saying, **"Master, if You desire, You are able to cleanse** *me*."

[13]And **He stretched** out **His hand** and **touched** him, saying, "I desire it. **Be cleansed**." And **immediately** the leprosy left him.

[14]And **He** ordered him to say it to no one, "***But*** go and **show** yourself to the priest and make an offering for your cleansing, as a **witness** to them, as Mosheh **commanded**."

[15]The news about **Him** was spreading even more and large crowds were **coming together** to **hear** and to be **healed** by **Him** of their *sicknesses*.

[16]***But*** **He** was often withdrawing **Himself** to lonely places and praying.

[17]And on a certain day it came to be as **He** was **teaching**, that there were Pharisees and **teachers** of the **Torah** sitting by, who had **come out** of **every** village of Galil, Yahud̲ah and Yerushalayim. **And the power** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **was there to heal them.**

[18]And **see,** men brought on a bed a man who was paralysed. And they were **seeking** to bring him in and lay him before **Him.**

19***But*** having **found** *no way* to bring him in **because** of the crowd, they went up on the house-top and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the **midst** before OWYAZ.
20And having **seen** their **belief**, **He** said to him, "Man, your *sins* are **forgiven** you."
21And the *scribes* and the Pharisees began to **reason,** saying, "***Who*** is this who speaks blasphemies? ***Who*** **is able** to **forgive** *sins* ***except*** **Elohim** alone?"
22OWYAZ, knowing their thoughts, answering, said to them, "***Why*** are you reasoning in your **hearts**?
23"Which is easier, to say, '**Your** *sins* are **forgiven** you,' or to say, '**Rise** up and **walk**'?
24"***But*** **in order** for you **to know** that the **Son** of Adam **possesses authority** on earth to **forgive** *sins*..." **He** said to the man who was paralysed, "I say to you, rise, take up your bed and go to your house."
25And at once, having risen up before them, he took up what he had been *lying* on and went away to his house, praising **Elohim**.
26And astonishment *seized* them **all** and they p**raised Elohim** and were filled with **fear,** saying, "We have **seen** extra-ordinary feats today!"
27And after this **He** went out and **saw** a tax collector named Lĕwi, sitting at the tax office and said to him, "**Follow Me.**"
28And he, having left **all,** rose up and **followed Him.**
29And Lĕwi made a **great** feast for **Him** in his house. And there were a **great** number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them.
30And the Pharisees and their *scribes grumbled against* **His taught ones,** saying, "***Why*** do **You eat** and **drink** with tax *collectors* and *sinners*?"
31And OWYAZ answering, said to them, "Those who are **well** *do not need* a physician, but those who are *sick,*
32"I have not **come to call** the **righteous** but *sinners,* to **repentance.**"
33And they said to **Him,** "***Why*** do **the taught ones** of Yohanan fast often and make prayers and likewise those of the Pharisees, but **Your**s **eat** and **drink**?"
34And **He** said to them, "Are you able to make the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them?
35"***But*** days ***shall*** **come** when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they ***shall*** fast in those days."
36And **He** also spoke a parable to them, "No one puts a piece from a **fresh** garment on an old one, otherwise the **fresh** one makes a ***tear*** and also the piece that was taken out of the **fresh** one *does not match* the old.
37"And no one puts **new wine** into old **wine**skins, otherwise the **new wine** ***shall*** burst the *wineskins* and run out and the *wineskins* ***shall*** **be** *ruined*.
38"***But*** **new wine** is put into **fresh wine**skins and both are **preserved.**
39"And no one, having drunk old **wine**, **immediately** desires new **wine**, for he says, '**The old is better**.' "

6 And it came to be on a **Sabbath** that **He** went through grainfields and **His taught ones** were plucking the heads of grain and were eating, rubbing them in the hands.
2And some of the Pharisees said to them, "***Why*** are you doing what is not **right** to do on the **Sabbath**?"
3And OWYAZ answering them, said, "Have you not **read** what Dawid did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him,
4how he went into the House of **Elohim**, took and ate the showbread and also gave some to those with him, which is not **right** for any but the priests to eat?"
5And **He** said to them, "The **Son** of Adam is **Master** of the **Sabbath**."
6And it also came to be on another **Sabbath,** that **He** entered into the congregation and **taught** and there was a man whose **right hand** was withered.
7And the *scribes* and Pharisees were watching **Him** closely, whether **He**

would **heal** on the **Sabbath** for them to find an *accusation against* **Him.**

[8]And **He knew** their thoughts and said to the man who had the withered **hand,** "Rise and **stand** in the **midst**." And he rose up and stood.

[9]***Then*** OWYHZ said to them, "I **ask** you, is it **right** to do **good** on the **Sabbath,** or to do *evil*, to **save life** or to *destroy* it?"

[10]And looking around at them **all,** **He** said to the man, "Stretch out your **hand.**" And he did so and his **hand** was restored sound as the other.

[11]***But*** they were *filled with folly* and were speaking with one another what they should do to OWYHZ.

[12]And in those days it came to be that **He** went out to the mountain to pray and was spending the night in prayer to **Elohim**.

[13]And when it became day, **He** called **near His taught ones** and **chose** from them twelve, whom **He** also named emissaries:

[14]Shim'on whom **He** also named Kĕpha and his brother Andri, Ya'aqoḇ and Yoḥanan, Philip and Bartholomi,

[15]Matithyahu and T'oma, Ya'aqoḇ the son of Alphai and Shim'on, the one called the Ardent **One,**

[16]Yahuḏah the son of Ya'aqoḇ and Yahuḏah from Qerioth who also became the betrayer.

[17]And **coming** down with them **He** stood on a level place with a crowd of **His taught ones** and a **great** number of people from **all** Yahuḏah and Yerushalayim and from the coast country of Tsor and Tsiḏon, who came to **hear Him** and to be **healed** of their *diseases*,

[18]and those who were *troubled* with ***unclean spirits*** – and they were **healed**.

[19]And **all** the crowd were **seeking** to touch **Him,** for **power** went out from **Him** and **healing** them **all.**

[20]And **He,** lifting up **His** eyes toward **His taught ones,** said, **"Blessed** are the *poor*, **because** yours is the **reign** of **Elohim**.

[21]**"Blessed** are you who hunger **now**, **because** you ***shall*** **be** satisfied. **Blessed** are you who *weep* **now**, **because** you ***shall*** laugh.

[22]**"Blessed** are you when men ***shall*** *hate* you and when they ***shall cut*** you off and ***shall*** *reproach* you and *cast* out your name as *wicked*, for the sake of the **Son** of Aḏam.

[23]"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for look, your **reward** is **great** in the heaven, for that is how their fathers treated the **prophets.**

[24]"***But*** **woe** to you who are rich **because** you are *receiving* your comfort.

[25]"**Woe** to you who have been *filled* **because** you ***shall*** hunger. **Woe** to you who are *laughing* **now**, **because** you ***shall*** *mourn* and *weep*.

[26]"**Woe** to *you* when *all men* **speak** well of you, for thus their fathers did to the *false* **prophets.**

[27]"***But*** I say to you who are **hearing**: **Love** your enemies, do **good** to those hating you.

[28]"Bless those cursing you and pray for those *insulting* you.

[29]"And to him who hits you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your outer garment, *do not* withhold the inner garment either.

[30]"And give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away what is yours *do not* **ask** it back.

[31]"As you **wish** men should do to you, you also do to them in the *same way.*

[32]"And if you **love** those **loving** you, what **favour** have you? For *sinners,* too, **love** those **loving** *them*.

[33]"And if you do **good** to those **doing good** to you, what **favour** have you? For even *sinners* do the **same.**

[34]"And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive back, what **favour** have you? For even *sinners* lend to *sinners* to receive as much back.

[35]"Rather, **love** your enemies and do **good** and lend, expecting none in return. And your reward ***shall*** **be** great and you ***shall*** **be** sons of the **Most High.** **Because** **He** is **kind** to the *thankless* and *wicked ones*.

36"Therefore be **compassionate** as your **Father** also is **compassionate**.
37"And *do not* judge and you ***shall*** not be judged at **all.** *Condemn* not and you ***shall*** not be *condemned* at **all.**
Forgive and you ***shall* be forgiven**.
38"Give and it ***shall* be given** to you. A **good** measure, pressed down and *shaken* **together** and running over ***shall* be** put into your lap. For with the **same** measure with which you measure, it ***shall* be** measured back to you."
39And **He** spoke a parable to them, "Is a *blind* able to lead a *blind? **shall*** they not both *fall* into a pit?
40"A **taught one** is not above his **teacher** but everyone **perfected *shall* be** like his **teacher.**
41"And why do you **see** the splinter in your brother's eye, but are not aware of the plank in your own eye?
42"Or how are you able to say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,' not **seeing** the plank in your own eye? Hypocrite, **first** take the plank out of your own eye and then you ***shall* see** clearly to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.
43"For a **good** *tree does not* yield *rotten* **fruit,** nor does a *rotten tree* yield **good fruit.**
44"For each *tree* is **known** by its own **fruit.** For they *do not* **gather** figs from thorns, nor do they **gather** grapes from a bramble bush.
45"The **good** man brings forth what is **good** out of the **good** treasure of his **heart** and the *wicked* man brings forth what is *wicked* out of the *wicked* treasure of his **heart.** For out of the overflow of the **heart** his **mouth** speaks.
46"***But*** why do you **call Me** '**Master, Master,** ' and *do not* do what I say?
47"Everyone who is **coming** to **Me** and is **hearing My words** and is doing them, I ***shall* show** you whom he is like:
48"He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock. And when a *flood* came, the stream burst <u>*against*</u> that house, but was *unable* to *shake* it, for it was founded on the rock.
49"***But*** the one **hearing** and *not doing*, is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, <u>*against*</u> which the stream burst and **immediately** it fell. And the *ruin* of that house was great."

7 And when **He completed all His words** in the **hearing** of the people, **He** went into Kephar Naḥum.
2And a certain captain's servant, who was valuable to him, was *sick* and about to *die.*
3And **hearing** about OWY3Z, he **sent** elders of the Yahudim to **Him, asking Him** to **come** and **heal** his servant.
4And when they came to OWY3Z, they ***begged* Him** earnestly, saying, "He is **worthy** for **You** to grant this to him,
5for he loves our nation and has built the congregation for us."
6So OWY3Z went with them. However, **He** was not far from the house when the captain **sent** friends to **Him,** saying to **Him,** "**Master,** *do not trouble* **Yourself**, for I am not **worthy** that **You** should **come** under my roof.
7"For this **reason** I *did not* even *think* myself **worthy** to **come to You.** ***But*** say a **word and** my servant ***shall* be healed**.
8"For I too am a man **appointed** under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes and to another, '**Come,**' and he comes and to my servant, '***Do*** this,' and he does it."
9And when OWY3Z **heard** this, **He** marvelled at him and turned around and said to the crowd that **followed Him,** "I say to you, not even in Yisra'ĕl have I **found** such **great belief**!"
10And those who were **sent,** returning to the house, **found** the servant who had been *sick* in **good** health.
11And it came to be the next day, that **He** went into a city called Na'im. And many of **His taught ones** went with **Him** and a large crowd.
12And **see,** as **He** came **near** the gate of the city a *dead* man was being carried

out, the only son of his mother and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.

[13]And when the **Master saw** her, **He** had **compassion** on her and said to her, "***Do*** *not* weep."

[14]And **coming near He** touched the bier and those bearing it stood still. And **He** said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."

[15]And he who was *dead* sat up and began to speak and **He** gave him to his mother.

[16]And **fear** *seized* **all** and they p**raised Elohim**, saying, "A **great prophet** has been **raised** up among us," and, "**Elohim** has **visited His** people."

[17]And this news about **Him** went out in **all** Yahuḏah and **all** the neighbourhood.

[18]And **the taught ones** of Yoḥanan reported to him about **all** this.

[19]And Yoḥanan, calling two of his **taught ones** near, **sent** to OWYAL, saying, "Are **You** the **Coming One,** or should we look for another?"

[20]And **coming** to **Him,** the men said, "Yoḥanan the Immerser has **sent** us to **You,** saying, 'Are **You** the **Coming One,** or should we look for another?' "

[21]And in the **same hour He healed** many of *diseases* and *afflictions* and *wicked spirits*. And **He** gave **sight** to many *blind* ones.

[22]And OWYAL answering, said to them,"Go, report to Yoḥanan what you have **seen** and **heard**: *blind* receive **sight**, *lame* do **walk,** *lepers* are **cleansed**, *deaf* do **hear,** *dead* are **raised** and the **Besorah** is brought to the *poor*.

[23]"And **blessed** is he who ***shall*** not *stumble* in **Me.**"

[24]And when the messengers of Yoḥanan had left, **He** began to **speak** to the crowds concerning Yoḥanan, "***What*** did you go out into the wilderness to **see?** A reed *shaken* by the wind?

[25]"***But*** what did you go out to **see?** A man dressed in soft garments? Look, those who are splendidly dressed and **living** in luxury are in the houses of sovereigns.

[26]"***But*** what did you go out to **see?** A prophet? Yea, I say to you and more than a **prophet.**

[27]"This is he concerning whom it has been **written**, '**See,** I send **My** messenger before **Your** face, who ***shall*** **prepare** *your way* before **You.**'

[28]"For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater **prophet** than Yoḥanan the Immerser, but he who is least in the **reign** of **Elohim** is greater than he."

[29]And **all** the people, even the tax collectors, when they **heard**, **declared Elohim righteous,** having been **immersed** with the immersion of Yoḥanan.

[30]***But*** the Pharisees and those **learned** in the **Torah** *rejected* the counsel of **Elohim** for themselves, not having been **immersed** by him.

[31]And the **Master** said, "To what then ***shall*** I compare the men of this generation and what are they like?

[32]"They are like children sitting in the market-place and calling to each other, saying, 'We played the flute for you and you *did not* dance, we lamented for you and you *did not* weep.'

[33]"For Yoḥanan the Immerser came neither eating **bread** nor drinking **wine** and you say, '**He** has a ***demon***.'

[34]"The **Son** of Aḏam has **come eating** and **drinking** and you say,'Look, a man, a glutton and a **winedrinker**, a friend of tax *collectors* and *sinners!*'

[35]"And **wisdom** is **declared right** by **all** her children."

[36]And one of the Pharisees asked **Him** to eat with him. And **He** went into the Pharisee's house and sat down to eat.

[37]And **see,** a woman in the city who was a *sinner,* when she **knew** that OWYAL sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of perfume.

[38]And standing behind, at **His** feet, *weeping*, she began to wet **His** feet with her tears and wiping them with the hair of her head and was kissing **His** feet and anointing them with the perfume.

39And when the Pharisee who had invited **Him saw** this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This **One,** if **He** were a **prophet,** would **know** who and what **kind** of woman this is who is touching **Him,** for she is a *sinner*."
40And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 answering, said to him, "Shim'on, I have somewhat to say to you." And he said, "**Teacher**, say it."
41"A certain creditor had two debtors. The one owed five hundred pieces of silver and the other fifty.
42"And when they were *unable* to repay, he **forgave** them both. Which of them, then, ***shall*** **love** him more?"
43And Shim'on answering, said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And **He** said to him,"You have **rightly judged**."
44And turning to the woman **He** said to Shim'on, "***Do*** you **see** this woman? I came into your house – you gave **Me** *no* water for **My** feet, but she has wetted **My** feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head.
45"You gave **Me** *no* kiss, but she has not ceased to kiss **My** feet since the **time** I came in.
46"You *did not* **anoint My** head with oil, but she **anointed My** feet with perfume.
47"Therefore I say to you, her many *sins* have been **forgiven**, **because** she **loved** much. ***But*** to whom *little* is **forgiven**, he **loves** *little*."
48And **He** said to her, "**Your** *sins* have been **forgiven**."
49And those who were sitting at the table with **Him** began to say among themselves,"***Who*** is this who even **forgives** *sins*?"
50And **He** said to the woman, "**Your belief** has **saved you**. Go in peace."

8 And it came to be, afterward, that **He** went through **every** city and village, **proclaiming** and **bringing** the **besorah** of the **reign** of **Elohim** and the twelve were with **Him,**
2and certain women who were **healed** of *wicked spirits* and *sicknesses*: Miryam, called 'from Maḡdala,' out of whom had **come** seven ***demons,***
3and Yoḥanah the wife of Kuza, manager of Herodes and Shoshannah and many others who **provided** for **Him** from their **resources**.
4And when a large crowd had gathered and those who were **coming** to **Him** from **every** city, **He** spoke by a parable:
5"A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some indeed fell by the wayside. And it was trodden down and the birds of **the heavens** devoured it.
6"And other fell on rock and when it grew up, it withered **because** it had no moisture.
7"And other fell among thorns and the thorns grew up with it and choked it.
8"And other fell on the **good** soil and grew up and yielded a crop a hundredfold." Having said this **He** cried, "He who has **ears** to **hear, let** him **hear!**"
9And **His taught ones** were **asking Him,** saying, "***What*** does this parable mean?"
10And **He** said,"To you it has been **given to know** the **secrets** of the **reign** of **Elohim**, but to the rest in parables, that 'Seeing they *do not* **see** and **hearing** they *do not* **understand.**'
11"And this is the parable: The **seed** is **the Word** of **Elohim**.
12"And those by the wayside are the ones **who hear,** then the *devil* **comes** and takes away the **word** from their **hearts**, lest having **believed**, they should be **saved**.
13"And those on the rock are those who, when they **hear,** receive the **word** with joy. And these have no root, who **believe** for a while and in **time** of trial *fall* away.
14"And that which fell among thorns are those who, when they have **heard**, go out and are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of **life** and bring no **fruit** to **perfection**.
15"And that on the **good** soil are those who, having **heard** the **word** with a noble and **good heart,** retain it and bear **fruit** with endurance.
16"And no one having lit a lamp, covers

it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but he puts it on a lampstand, so that those **coming** in **see** the **light**.

[17]"For ***whatever*** is *hidden* ***shall*** **be revealed** and ***whatever*** is **secret** ***shall*** **be known** and **come to light**.

[18]"Therefore take **heed** how you **hear.** For ***whoever*** possesses, to him more ***shall*** **be given**; and ***whoever*** *does not* possess, even what he thinks he **possesses** ***shall*** **be** taken from him."

[19]And **His** mother and brothers came to **Him** and were *unable* to get to **Him** **because** of the crowd.

[20]And it was reported to **Him,** saying, "**Your** mother and **Your** brothers are standing outside, *wishing* to **see You.**"

[21]And **He** answering, said to them, "My mother and **My** brothers are those who are **hearing** the **Word** of **Elohim** and **doing it."**

[22]And on a certain day it came to be, that **He** entered into a boat with **His taught ones** and **He** said to them, "**Let** us go over to the other side of the lake." And they set out.

[23]And as they were sailing **He** fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake and they were filling up and were in danger.

[24]And they came to **Him** and woke **Him** up, saying, "**Master, Master,** we are perishing!" And **He** awoke and ***rebuked*** the *wind* and the raging of the water. And they ceased and there came a calm.

[25]And **He** said to them,"Where is your **belief**?" And they were *afraid* and marvelled, saying to one another, "***Who*** then is this, that **He** even **commands** the winds and water and they **obey** Him?"

[26]And they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galil.

[27]And as **He** went out onto the land, **He** was met by a certain man, from the city, who had ***demons*** for a long **time.** And he wore no garments and he was not **living** in a house but in the tombs.

[28]And when he **saw** OWY3Z, he *cried out*, fell down before **Him** and with a loud **voice** said,"***What*** have I to do with **You,** OWY3Z, **Son** of the **Most High Elohim**? I ***beg*** **You,** *do not* ***torture*** me!"

[29]For **He** had **commanded** the ***unclean spirit*** to **come out** of the man. For it had *seized* him many times and he was *bound* with chains and shackles, being guarded. And breaking the bonds, he was *driven* by the ***demon*** into the lonely places.

[30]And OWY3Z asked him, saying, "***What*** is your name?" And he said, "Legion," **because** many ***demons*** had entered into him.

[31]And they were begging **Him** that **He** *would not* **command** them to go out into the bottomless pit.

[32]And a herd of many ***pigs*** was feeding there on the mountain. And they ***begged*** **Him** to allow them to go into them. And **He** allowed them.

[33]And the ***demons,*** having gone out of the man, entered into the ***pigs*** and the herd rushed down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

[34]And when those feeding them **saw** what had taken place, they fled and reported it in the city and in the country.

[35]So they came out to **see** what had taken place and came to OWY3Z and **found** the man from whom the ***demons*** had gone out, sitting at the feet of OWY3Z, dressed and in his **right** mind. And they were *afraid*.

[36]And those who had **seen** it reported to them how he who had been ***possessed*** by ***demons*** was **healed**.

[37]And **all** the crowd of the neighbourhood of the Gadarenes asked **Him** to leave them, for they were *seized* with **great fear.** And **He** entered into the boat and returned.

[38]And the man from whom the ***demons*** had gone out was begging **Him** to be with **Him.** ***But*** OWY3Z **sent** him away, saying,

[39]"Go back to your house and relate what **Elohim** has done for you." And he went away **proclaiming** through **all** the city what OWY3Z did for him.

[40]And it came to be, when OWY3Z returned, that the crowd gladly received

Him, for they were **all** looking for **Him.**
41And **see,** there came a man whose name was Ya'ir and he was a ruler of the congregation. And falling down at the feet of OWY3Z he was calling upon **Him** to **come to** his house,
42**because** he had an only daughter about twelve years of age and she was dying. And as **He** went, the crowds thronged upon **Him.**
43And a woman, having a flow of **blood** for twelve years, who, having spent **all** her livelihood on physicians, was *unable* to be **healed** by any,
44came from behind and touched the tzitzit of **His** garment. And **immediately** her flow of **blood** *stopped*.
45And OWY3Z said, "***Who*** touched **Me?**" And when **all** *denied* it, Kĕpha and those with him said, "**Master,** the crowds throng **You** and press upon **You** and **You** say, '***Who*** touched **Me?**' "
46***But*** OWY3Z said, "Somebody did touch **Me,** for I **knew power** went out from **Me.**"
47And the woman, **seeing** that she was not *hidden*, came *trembling* and falling down before **Him** she **declared** to **Him** in the presence of **all** the people why she had touched **Him** and how she was **healed immediately**.
48And **He** said to her, "Take courage, daughter, your **belief** has **healed** you.
Go in peace."
49While **He** was still speaking, someone came from the ruler
of the congregation's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is *dead. **Do** not trouble* the **Teacher** any further."
50And OWY3Z, having **heard**, answered him, saying,"***Do*** *not* be *afraid*, only **believe** and she ***shall*** **be healed**."
51And **coming** into the house, **He** allowed no one to go in ***except*** Kĕpha, Ya'aqoḇ, Yoḥanan and the girl's parents.
52They were **all** *weeping* and mourning for her and **He** said, "***Do*** *not* weep, she is not *dead,* but sleeps."
53And they were *laughing* at **Him,** knowing that she was *dead.*
54***But*** taking her by the **hand He** called, saying, "Child, arise."
55And her spirit returned and she rose up **immediately**. And **He** directed that she be **given** food to eat.
56And her parents were astonished, but **He** ordered them to say to no one what had taken place.

9 And having called **His** twelve **taught ones** together, **He** gave them **power** and **authority** over **all** ***demons*** and to **heal** *diseases*.
2And **He sent** them to **proclaim** the **reign** of **Elohim** and to **heal** the *sick,*
3And **He** said to them, "Take no matter at **all** for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor **bread** nor money – neither have two undergarments.
4"And ***whatever*** house you enter, stay there and go out from there.
5"And as for those who *do not* receive you, when you go out of that city, *shake* off the dust from your feet as a **witness** *against* them."
6And going out they went through the villages, bringing the **besorah** and **healing** everywhere.
7And Herodes the district ruler **heard** of **all** that was done by **Him** and was perplexed, **because** it was said by some that Yoḥanan had been **raised** from the *dead,*
8and by some that Ĕliyahu had appeared and by others that one of the old prophets has risen up.
9And Herodes said, "Yoḥanan I have beheaded, but who is this of whom I **hear** such reports?" And he was **seeking** to **see Him.**
10And the emissaries, when they had returned, related to **Him all** that they had done. And **He** took them and they withdrew by themselves to a city called Bĕyth Tsaiḏa.
11And when the crowds **knew** it, they **followed Him.** And having received them, **He** was **speaking** to them about the **reign** of **Elohim** and **healed** those who had need of **healing**.
12And as the day began to decline, the twelve came and said to **Him,** "Send the crowd away, that going into the

surrounding villages and country, they might lodge and get food, **because** here we are in a lonely place."
13***But*** **He** said to them,"You give them to eat."And they said,"We have no more than five loaves and two fish, ***unless*** we go and buy food for **all** these people."
14For there were about five thousand men. And **He** said to **His taught ones,** "Make them sit down in groups of fifty."
15And they did so and made them **all** sit down.
16And taking the five loaves and the two fish, having **looked** up to the heaven, **He blessed** and broke them and gave them to **the taught ones** to set before the crowd.
17So they **all** ate and were satisfied and twelve baskets of the broken pieces were picked up by them.
18And it came to be, as **He** was alone praying, **the taught ones** were with **Him** and **He** asked them, saying, "***Who*** do the crowds say that I am?"
19And they answering, said, "Yoḥanan the Immerser, but others Ěliyahu and others say that one of the old prophets has risen up."
20And **He** said to them, "And you, who do you say I am?" And Kěpha answering, said, "**The Messiah** of **Elohim**."
21And **strictly warning** them, **He commanded** them to say this to no one,
22saying, "The **Son** of Aḏam has to *suffer* much and to be *rejected* by the elders and chief priests and scribes and to be *killed* and to be **raised** the third day."
23And **He** said to them **all,** "***If*** anyone **wishes** to **come** after **Me,** let him *deny* himself and take up his stake daily and **follow Me.**
24"For ***whoever*** **wishes** to **save** his **life** ***shall*** lose it, but ***whoever*** loses his **life** for **My** sake ***shall*** **save** it.
25"For what is a man profited if he gains **all** the world and is himself ***destroyed*** or *lost*?
26"For ***whoever*** is *ashamed* of **Me** and **My words**, of him the **Son** of Aḏam ***shall*** **be** *ashamed* when **He comes** in **His** esteem and in **His** Father's and of the set-apart messengers.
27"***But*** **truly** I say to you, there are some standing here who ***shall*** not taste *death* at **all** til they **see** the **reign** of **Elohim**:"
28And it came to be, about eight days after these **words**, taking with **Him** Kěpha and Yoḥanan and Ya'aqoḇ, **He** went up to the mountain to pray.
29And it came to be, as **He** prayed, the appearance of **His** face *changed* and **His** garment dazzling white.
30And **see,** two men were talking with **Him,** who were Mosheh and Ěliyahu,
31who having appeared in esteem, spoke of **His** *death* which **He** was about to **complete** at Yerushalayim.
32***But*** Kěpha and those with him were *heavy* with sleep. And having awakened, they **saw His esteem** and the two men standing with **Him.**
33And it came to be, as they were parting from **Him,** Kěpha said to OWYAZ, "**Master,** it is **good** for us to be here. And let us make three booths: one for **You** and one for Mosheh and one for Ěliyahu," not knowing what he said.
34And as he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them. And they were *afraid* as they entered the cloud.
35And a **voice** came out of the cloud, saying, "**This** is **My Son**, the **Beloved**. **hear Him!**"
36And when the **voice** had **spoken** , OWYAZ was **found** alone. And they were silent and reported to no one in those days any of what they had **seen.**
37And it came to be on the next day when they came down from the mountain, that a large crowd met **Him.**
38And **see,** a man from the crowd *cried out*, saying, "**Teacher**, I ***beg*** **You,** look at my son, for he is my only child.
39"And **see,** a spirit *seizes* him and he **suddenly** cries out and it *convulses* him, with foaming and scarcely leaves him, *bruising* him.
40"And I ***begged*** **Your taught ones** to *cast* it out, but they were *unable*."

41And OWY3Z answering, said, "O generation, *unbelieving* and ***perverse,*** how long ***shall*** I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here."
42And as he was still **coming**, the ***demon*** threw him down in convulsions. And OWY3Z ***rebuked*** the *unclean spirit* and **healed** the child and gave him back to his father.
43And they were **all** amazed at the **greatness** of **Elohim**. While **all** were marvelling at **all** that OWY3Z did, **He** said to **His taught ones,**
44"**Lay up** in your **ears** these **words**, for the **Son** of Aḏam is about to be **delivered** into the hands of men."
45***But*** they *did not* **understand** this saying and it was ***veiled*** from them so that they *did not* **perceive** it. And they were *afraid* to **ask Him** about this saying.
46And a reasoning arose among them, who might be the greater of them.
47And OWY3Z, having **seen** the reasoning of their **heart,** took a *little* child and placed him by **His** side,
48and said to them, "***Whoever*** receives this *little* child **in My Name** receives **Me.** And ***whoever*** receives **Me** receives **Him** who **sent Me.** For he who is least among you **all,** he ***shall*** **be** great."
49Yoḥanan answering, said, "**Master,** we **saw** someone casting out ***demons*** in **Your Name** and we forbade him **because** he *does not* **follow with** us."
50***But*** OWY3Z said to him, "***Do*** *not* forbid him, for he who is not *against* us is **for** us."
51And it came to be, when the days of **His** taking up were being completed, **He** set **His** face to go to Yerushalayim,
52and **He sent** messengers ahead of **Him.** And they went and entered into a village of the Shomeronites, to **prepare** for **Him.**
53And they ***did not receive*** **Him because His** face was set for the journey to Yerushalayim.
54And **His taught ones,** Yaʿaqoḇ and Yoḥanan, **seeing** it said,"**Master,** do **You wish** us to **command** *fire* to **come** down from **the heavens** and *destroy* them, as also Ěliyahu did?"
55***But*** having turned, **He** ***rebuked*** them and said, "You *do not* **know** of what *spirit* you are,
56for the **Son** of Aḏam *did not* **come to** *destroy* men's lives but to **save** them." And they went on to another village.
57And it came to be, as they journeyed on **the way,** that someone said to **Him,** "**Master,** I ***shall*** **follow You wherever You go**."
58And OWY3Z said to him, "The foxes have holes and the birds of **the heavens** nests, but the **Son** of Aḏam has nowhere to lay **His** head."
59And **He** said to another, "**Follow Me,**" but he said, "**Master,** let me **first** go and bury my father."
60And OWY3Z said to him, "**Let** the *dead* bury their own *dead,* but **you go announce the reign of Elohim."**
61And another also said, "**Master,** I ***shall*** **follow You** but let me **first** say good-bye to those in my house."
62***But*** OWY3Z said to him, "No one, having put his **hand** to the plough and looking back, is **fit** for the **reign** of **Elohim**."

10 And after this the **Master appointed** seventy others and **sent** them two by two **ahead** of **Him** into **every** city and place where **He Himself** was about to go.
2***Then*** **He** said to them, "The harvest indeed is great, but the workers are few, therefore pray the **Master** of the harvest to send out workers into **His** harvest.
3"Go! **See,** I send you out as **lambs** into the **midst** of *wolves*.
4"***Do*** *not* take a purse, nor a bag, nor sandals. And greet no one along the **way.**
5"And ***whatever*** house you enter, **first** say, 'Peace to this house.'
6"And if indeed a son of **peace** is there, your **peace** ***shall*** rest on it;
and if not, it ***shall*** **return** to you.
7"And stay in the **same** house, eating and drinking ***whatever*** with them, for the labourer is **worthy** of his wages.

***Do** not* move from house to house.
[8]"And into ***whatever*** city you enter and they **receive** you, eat ***whatever*** is placed before you,
[9]and **heal** the *sick* there and say to them, '**The reign of Elohim has come near to you.'**
[10]"And into ***whatever*** city you enter and they *do not* receive you, go out into its streets and say,
[11]'Even the dust of your city which **cling**s to us, we wipe off *against* you, but **know** this, that the **reign** of **Elohim** has **come near** to you.'
[12]"And I say to you that it ***shall*** **be** more bearable for Sedom in that Day, than for that city.
[13]"**Woe** to you, Korazin! **Woe** to you, Bĕyth Tsaida! For if the miracles which were done in you had been done in Tsor and Tsidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.
[14]"***But*** it ***shall*** **be** more bearable for Tsor and Tsidon at the judgment than for you.
[15]"And you, Kephar Nahum, who are exalted to the heaven, ***shall*** **be** brought down to the grave.
[16]"He **who hears** you **hears Me,** he who *rejects* you *rejects* **Me** and he who *rejects* **Me** *rejects* **Him** who **sent Me.**"
[17]And the seventy returned with joy, saying, "**Master,** even the ***demons*** are subject to us in **Your** Name."
[18]And **He** said to them, "I **saw** Satan falling out of **the heavens** as lightning.
[19]"**See,** I give you the **authority** to trample on *serpents* and scorpions and over **all** the **power** of the enemy and none at **all** ***shall*** hurt you.
[20]"***But*** *do not* **rejoice** in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather **rejoice because** your names have been **written** in the **heavens.**"
[21]In that **hour** OWYƎZ exulted in the **Spirit** and said, "I **praise You, Father, Master** of **the heavens** and of the earth, that **You** have *hidden* these matters from clever and **learned** ones and did **reveal** them to babes. Yea, **Father, because** thus it was well **pleasing** in **Your sight**.
[22]"**All** has been **delivered** to **Me** by **My Father** and no one **knows** who the **Son** is, ***except*** the **Father** and who the **Father** is, ***except*** the **Son** and ***he*** to whom the **Son wishes** to **reveal Him.**"
[23]And turning to **His taught ones He** said, separately, **"Blessed** are the **eyes** that **see** what you **see,**
[24]for I say to you that many prophets and sovereigns have **wished** to **see** what you **see** and have not **seen it** and to **hear** what you **hear** and have not **heard it**."
[25]And **see,** a certain one **learned** in the **Torah** stood up, ***trying*** **Him,** saying, "**Teacher**, what ***shall*** I ***do*** to inherit **everlasting life**?"
[28]**And He** said to him,"***What*** has been **written** in the **Torah**? ***How*** do you **read it**?"
[27]And he answering, said, " 'You ***shall*** **love** ƎYƎZ your **Elohim** with **all** your **heart** and with **all** your being and with **all** your strength and with **all** your mind,' and 'your neighbour as yourself.' "
[28]And **He** said to him, "You have answered **rightly**. ***Do*** **this** and **you** ***shall*** **live.**"
[29]***But*** he, *wishing* to **declare** *himself* **righteous,** said to OWYƎZ, "***And*** who is my neighbour?"
[30]And replying, OWYƎZ said, "A certain man was going down **from Yerushalayim** to Yeriho and fell among ***robbers,*** who, both *stripping* and *beating* him, went away, leaving him half *dead.*
[31]"And by a **coincidence** a certain priest was going down that **way.** And when he **saw** him, he passed by on the other side.
[32]"And likewise a Lĕwite also, when he came to the place and seeing, passed by on the other side.
[33]"***But*** a certain Shomeronite, journeying, came upon him and when he **saw** him, he had **compassion** on him,
[34]and he went to him and bandaged his *wounds*, pouring on **oil** and **wine**. And having placed him on his own beast, he brought him to an inn and **looked** after him.
[35]"And going out on the next day, he took out two pieces of silver, gave them to the innkeeper and said to him, 'Look

after him and ***whatever*** more you spend I ***shall*** **repay** you when I return.'
36"***Who***, then, of these three, do you *think,* was neighbour to him who fell among the robbers?"
37And he said, "He who **showed compassion** on him." ***Then*** OWY3Z said to him, "**Go** and **do** likewise."
38And it came to be as they went that **He** entered into a certain village. And a certain woman named Martha **received Him** into her house.
39And she had a sister called Miryam, who also sat at the **feet** of OWY3Z and **heard His word.**
40***But*** Martha was *distracted* with much serving and **coming** up she said, "**Master,** are **You** not concerned that my sister has left me to **serve** alone? **Speak** to her then, to help me."
41And OWY3Z answering, said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and *troubled* about many matters,
42but one only is necessary and Miryam has **chosen** the **good** portion, which ***shall*** not be taken away from her."

11 And it came to be while **He** was praying in a certain place, as **He** ceased, one of **His taught ones** said to **Him,** "**Master, teach** us to pray, as Yoḥanan also **taught** his **taught ones.**"
2And **He** said to them, "***When*** you pray, say: Our **Father** in the heavens, **let Your Name** be set-apart, **let Your reign** come, **let Your desire** be done on earth as it is in **heavens.**
3"**Give** us day by day our daily bread.
4"And **forgive** us our *sins*, for we also **forgive** everyone who is indebted to us. And *do not* **lead** us into trial, but **rescue** us from the *wicked one.*"
5And **He** said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves,
6since a friend of mine has **come to Me** on his journey and I *do not* have food to set before him,'
7then the one inside answering, says, '***Do*** *not trouble* me, the **door** is already locked and my children with me are in bed. I am *unable* to get up and give to you'?
8"I say to you, if he *does not* get up and give to him **because** he is his friend, he ***shall*** get up and give him as many as he needs **because** of his persistence.
9"And I say to you: **ask** and it ***shall*** **be given** to you, **seek** and you ***shall*** find, **knock** and it ***shall*** **be** opened to you.
10"For everyone **asking** receives and he who is **seeking** finds and to him who is **knocking** it ***shall*** **be** opened.
11"And what father among you whose son asks for **bread** ***shall*** give him a stone, or if he asks for a fish ***shall*** give him a snake instead of a fish,
12or if he asks for an ***egg*** ***shall*** give him a scorpion?
13"***If*** you then, being *wicked*, **know** how to give **good** gifts to your children, how much more ***shall*** your **Father** from **heaven** give the **Set-apart Spirit** to those **asking Him!**"
14And **He** was casting out a ***demon*** and it was *dumb.* And it came to be, when the ***demon*** had gone out, that the *dumb* spoke. And the crowds marvelled.
15***But*** some of them said, "He casts out ***demons*** by Be'elzebul, the ruler of the ***demons***,"
16and others, *trying* **Him,** were **seeking** from **Him** a **sign** from **heavens.**
17And **He,** knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every **reign** divided *against* itself is laid *waste* and a house divided *against* a house falls.
18"So if Satan also is divided *against* himself, how ***shall*** his **reign** stand? **Because** you say I *cast* out ***demons*** by Be'elzebul.
19"**Now** if I *cast* out ***demons*** by Be'elzebul, by whom do your sons *cast* them out? **Because** of this they ***shall*** be your judges.
20"***But*** if I *cast* out ***demons*** by the **finger** of **Elohim**, then the **reign** of **Elohim** has **come** upon *you*.
21"***When*** a **strong** man, having been well armed, watches over his own court,

his possessions are in peace.
22"***But*** when a stronger than he **comes** upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him **all** his armour in which he **trusted** and divides his booty.
23"He who is not with **Me** is *against* **Me** and he who *does not* **gather** with **Me** scatters.
24"***When*** the ***unclean spirit*** goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, **seeking** rest. And finding none, he says, 'I ***shall*** **return** to my house from which I came.'
25"And when he comes, he finds it swept and decorated,
26then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more *wicked* than himself and they enter and dwell there. And the **last** state of that man becomes worse than the **first.**"
27And it came to be, as **He** was saying this, a certain woman from the crowd **raised** her **voice** and said to **Him, "Blessed** is the womb that bore **You** and the breasts which **You** sucked!"
28***But*** **He** said, **"Blessed** rather are those **hearing** the **Word** of **Elohim** and **watching** over **it**!"
29And while the crowds were thronging, **He** began to say,"This generation is *wicked*. It seeks a **sign** and *no* **sign** ***shall*** **be given** to it ***except*** the **sign** of Yonah the **prophet.**
30"For as Yonah became a **sign** to the Ninewites, so also the **Son** of Adam ***shall*** **be** to this generation.
31"The sovereigness of the South ***shall*** rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and ***shall*** *condemn* them, for she came from the ends of the earth to **hear** the **wisdom** of Shelomoh and look, a greater than Shelomoh is here.
32"The men of Ninewĕh ***shall*** rise up in the judgment with this generation and *condemn* it, for they repented at the preaching of Yonah and look, a greater than Yonah is here.
33"And no one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a *hidden* place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who **come** in ***shall*** **see** the **light**.
34"The **lamp** of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is **good**, **all** your body also is **enlightened**. ***But*** when your eye is *evil*, your body also is *darkened*.
35"**See** to it therefore that the **light** which is **in** you is not *darkness*.
36"***If*** then **all** your body is **enlightened,** having no part dark, **all** ***shall*** **be enlightened,** as when the **bright** shining of a **lamp** gives you **light**."
37And as **He** spoke, a certain Pharisee asked **Him** to dine with him, so **He** went in and sat down to eat.
38And when the Pharisee **saw** it, he marvelled that **He** *did not* **first** wash before dinner.
39And the **Master** said to him, "**Now** you Pharisees make the outside of the **cup** and dish **clean,** but your inward part is filled with *greed* and *wickedness*.
40"Mindless ones! Did not **He** who made the outside make the inside also?
41"***But*** give in **kindness** of that which is within and **see, all** are **clean** to you.
42"***But*** **woe** to you Pharisees, **because** you tithe the mint and the rue and **every** plant and pass by the **right-ruling** and the **love** of **Elohim**. These you should have done, without leaving the others undone.
43"**Woe** to you Pharisees, **because** you **love** the best seats in the congregations and the greetings in the market-places.
44"**Woe** to you, *scribes* and Pharisees, ***hypocrites,*** **because** you are like the unseen tombs and the *men* walking over *them do not* **know.**"
45One of those **learned** in the **Torah**, answering, said to **Him,** "**Teacher**, when **You** say this **You** *insult* us too."
46And **He** said, "**Woe** to you also, you learned in the **Torah**, **because** you *load* men with burdens hard to bear and you yourselves *do not* touch the burdens with one of your fingers.
47"**Woe** to you, **because** you build the tombs of the **prophets** and your fathers *killed* them.
48"So you bear **witness** that you ***approve*** of the **works** of your fathers

because they indeed *killed* them and you build their tombs.
49"And **because** of this the **wisdom** of **Elohim** said, '**I *shall* send** them prophets and emissaries and some of them they ***shall*** *kill* and *persecute*,'
50so that the **blood** of **all** the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world ***shall*** **be** required of this generation,
51from the **blood** of Hebel to the **blood** of Zekaryah who *perished* between the altar and the **Dwelling Place.** Yea, I say to you, it ***shall*** **be** required of this generation.
52"***Woe*** to you **learned** in the **Torah**, **because** you took away the **key** of **knowledge**. You *did not* enter in yourselves and those who were *entering* in you *hindered*."
53And as **He** was saying this to them, the *scribes* and the Pharisees began to *oppose* **Him *fiercely*** and to draw **Him** out on many subjects,
54watching **Him** and **seeking** to ***catch*** **Him** in ***whatever*** **He** says, so as to *accuse* **Him.**

12 Meanwhile, when an innumerable crowd of people had gathered together, so that they trampled one another, **He** began to say to **His taught ones, first,** "Beware of the *leaven* of the Pharisees, which is ***hypocrisy***.
2"And ***whatever*** is *concealed* ***shall*** **be revealed** and ***whatever*** is *hidden* ***shall*** **be known**.
3"So, ***whatever*** you have said in the dark ***shall*** **be heard** in the **light** and what you have **spoken** in the ear in inner rooms ***shall*** **be proclaimed** on the house-tops.
4"***But*** I say to you, **My** friends, *do not* be *afraid* of those who *kill* the body and after that are *unable* to do any more.
5"***But*** I ***shall*** **show** you whom you should **fear**: **Fear** the **One** who, after *killing*, **possesses authority** to *cast* into Gehenna. Yea, I say to you, **fear Him!**
6"Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is *forgotten* before **Elohim**.
7"***But*** even the hairs of your head have **all** been numbered. ***Do not*** **fear,** you are worth more than many sparrows.
8"And I say to you, everyone who confesses **Me** before men, the **Son** of Adam ***shall*** also confess him before the messengers of **Elohim**.
9"***But*** he that has *denied* **Me** before men ***shall*** **be** *denied* before the messengers of **Elohim**.
10"And everyone who ***shall*** **speak** a **word** *against* the **Son** of Adam, it ***shall*** **be forgiven** him, but to him who has ***blasphemed*** *against* the **Set-apart Spirit,** it ***shall not*** be **forgiven**.
11"And when they bring you to the congregations and rulers and authorities, *do not worry* about how or what you should answer, or what you should say,
12for the **Set-apart Spirit *shall*** **teach** you in that **very hour** what you should say."
13And someone from the crowd said to **Him,** "**Teacher**, **speak** to my brother, to divide the **inheritance** with me."
14***But*** **He** said to him, "Man, who made **Me** a **judge** or **divider** over you?"
15And **He** said to them, "**Mind** and beware of *greed,* **because** one's **life** *does not* consist in the excess of his possessions."
16**He** then spoke a parable to them, saying, "The land of a certain rich man yielded well.
17"And he was reasoning within himself, saying, '***What shall*** I do, **because** I have no room to store my crops?'
18"And he said, **'I am** going to do this: pull down my storehouses and build greater and store **all** my crops and my goods there,
19then say to myself, "Life, you have many goods laid up for many years, take your ease, eat, drink, rejoice."'
20"***But*** **Elohim** said to him, 'You **mind** less one! This night your **life *shall*** **be** demanded from you. And who ***shall*** own what you have prepared?'

21"So is he who is storing up treasure for himself and is not rich toward **Elohim**."
22And **He** said to **His taught ones,** "For this **reason** I say to you, *do not worry* about your **life**, what you ***shall*** eat; nor about the body, what you ***shall*** put on.
23"The **life** is more than the food and the body is more than the clothing.
24"Look at the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor granary and **Elohim** feeds them. ***How*** much more valuable are you than the birds?
25"And which of you by worrying **is able** to add one cubit to his **life**'s span?
26"***If*** then you are *unable* to do the least, why do you *worry* about the rest?
27"Look at the lilies, how they grow. They neither toil nor spin and I say to you, even Shelomoh in **all** his **esteem** was not dressed like one of these.
28"And if **Elohim** so clothes the grass, which today exists in the field and **tomorrow** is *thrown* into the furnace, how much more you, O you of *little* **belief**?
29"And *do not* **seek** what you ***shall*** eat or what you ***shall*** drink and *do not* keep worrying.
30"For the *gentiles* of the world **seek all** these and your **Father knows**
that you need these.
31"***But*** **seek** the **reign** of **Elohim** and **all** these ***shall*** **be added** to you.
32"***Do*** *not* **fear,** *little* flock, **because** your **Father** did **delight** to give you the reign.
33"Sell your possessions and give in **kindness**. Make yourselves purses which *do not* grow old, a treasure in the heavens that *does not* fail, where no *thief* does **come near** nor moth destroys.
34"For where your treasure is, there your **heart** ***shall*** **be** also.
35"**Let** your loins be girded and your **lamps** burning,
36and be like men waiting for their master, when he ***shall*** **return** from the wedding, that when he **comes** and **knocks** they **open** to him **immediately**.
37**"Blessed** are those servants whom the master, when he comes, ***shall*** find **watch**ing. **Truly**, I say to you that he ***shall*** gird himself and make them sit down to eat and ***shall*** **come** and **serve** them.
38"And if he **comes** in the second **watch**, or in the third **watch** and find them so, **blessed** are those servants.
39"And **know** this, that if the master of the house had **known** what **hour** the *thief* comes, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.
40"And you, then, be ready, for the **Son** of Aḏam is **coming** at an **hour** *you do not* expect."
41And Kĕpha said to **Him,** "**Master,** do **You speak** this parable to us, or also to **all?**"
42And the **Master** said, "***Who*** then is the **trustworthy** and **wise** manager, whom his master ***shall*** **appoint** over his household, to give the portion of food in due season?
43**"Blessed** is that servant whom his master ***shall*** find so **doing** when he **comes**.
44"**Truly**, I say to you that he ***shall*** **appoint** him over **all** his possessions.
45"***But*** if that servant says in his **heart, 'My** master is delaying his **coming**,' and begins to beat the male servants and female servants and to eat and drink and be drunk,
46the master of that servant ***shall*** **come** on a day when he *does not* expect him and at an **hour** that he *does not* **know** and ***shall cut*** him in two and **appoint** his portion with the unbelievers.
47"And that servant who **knew** his master's desire and *did not* **prepare,** *nor did* **according** to his desire, ***shall*** **be** *beaten* with many stripes.
48"***But*** he who *did not* **know,** yet did what deserved flogging, ***shall*** **be** *beaten* with few. Everyone to whom much is **given**, from him much ***shall*** **be** demanded. To whom much has been entrusted,
from him much more ***shall*** **be** asked.
49"I came to send *fire* on the earth and how I **wish** it were already ***kindled***!
50"***But*** I have an immersion to be

immersed with and how *distressed* I am until it is **accomplished**!

51"***Do*** you *think* that I came to give **peace** on earth? I say to you, ***no***, but rather division.

52"For from **now** on five in one house ***shall* be** divided, three *against* two and two *against* three –

53father ***shall* be** divided *against* son and son *against* father, mother *against* daughter and daughter *against* mother, mother-in-law *against* her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law *against* her mother-in-law."

54And **He** also said to the crowds, "***When*** you **see** a cloud rising out of the west, **immediately** you say, 'A *storm* is **coming**,' and so it is.

55"And when you **see** the south *wind* blow, you say, 'There ***shall* be** hot weather,' and it is.

56"Hypocrites! You **know** to *discern* the face of **the heavens** and of the earth, but how is it *you do not discern* ***this time***?

57"And why, also, do you not **judge** for yourselves what is **right**?

58"For, as you go with your opponent to a ruler, try hard along the **way** to settle with him, lest he drag you to the judge and the **judge deliver** you to the officer and the officer *throw* you into prison.

59"I say to you, you ***shall*** certainly not leave there until you have paid even the **last** mite."

13 And some were present at that **time,** reporting to **Him** about the Galileans whose **blood** Pilate had mixed with their offerings.

2And OWYƎZ answering, said to them, "***Do*** you *think* that these Galileans were worse *sinners* than **all** other Galileans, **because** they have *suffered* like this?

3"I say to you, ***no! But unless*** you **repent** you ***shall* all** *perish* in the *same way.*

4"Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Shiloah fell and *killed* them, do you *think* that they were greater *offenders* than **all** other men who dwelt in Yerushalayim?

5"I say to you, ***no! But unless*** you **repent** you ***shall* all** *perish* in the **same way.**"

6And **He** spoke this parable, "A certain man had a fig *tree* planted in his vineyard and he came **seeking fruit** on it and **found** none.

7"And he said to the gardener, 'Look, for three years I have **come seeking fruit** on this fig *tree* and find none. Cut it down, why does it even make the ground useless?'

8"And he answering, said to him, '**Master,** leave it this year too, until I dig around it and *throw* manure.

9'And if indeed it bears **fruit, good**. ***But*** *if not so*, you ***shall cut*** it down.' "

10And **He** was **teaching** in one of the congregations on the **Sabbath,**

11and **see,** there was a woman having a weakening spirit for eighteen years and was bent over and was *unable* to straighten up at **all.**

12And OWYƎZ, **seeing** her, called her **near** and said to her, "Woman, you are loosened from your *weakness.*"

13And **He** laid **His** hands on her and **immediately** she was straightened up and p**raised Elohim**.

14***But*** the ruler of the congregation, responding,

much displeased that OWYƎZ had **healed** on the **Sabbath,** said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men should **work,** so **come** and be **healed** on them and not on the **Sabbath** day."

15***Then*** the **Master** answered him and said, "**Hypocrite**! Does not each one of you on the **Sabbath** loosen his ox or his donkey from the stall and lead it away to water it?

16"And this one, being a daughter of Abrahim, whom Satan has bound, look, for eighteen years, should she not be loosened from this bond on the **Sabbath**?"

17And when **He** said this, **all His** opponents were put to *shame.* And **all** the crowd rejoiced for **all** the splendid **works** being done by **Him.**

18Therefore **He** said, "***What*** is the **reign** of **Elohim** like? And to what ***shall*** I compare it?
19"It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and threw into his garden. And it grew and became a large *tree* and the birds of the heavens nested in its branches."
20And again **He** said, "To what ***shall*** I compare the **reign** of **Elohim**?
21"It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour until it was **all** leavened."
22And **He** was going through the cities and villages, **teaching** and journeying toward Yerushalayim,
23and someone said to **Him,** "**Master,** are there **few** who are being **saved**?" And **He** said to them,
24"Strive to enter through the **narrow** gate, **because** many, I say to you, ***shall*** **seek** to enter in and ***shall not*** be able.
25"***When*** once the **Master** of the house has risen up and shut the **door,** and you begin to **stand** outside and **knock** at the **door,** saying, '**Master, Master, open** for us,' and **He** ***shall*** answer and say to you, 'I *do not* **know** you or where you are from,'
26then you ***shall*** begin to say, 'We ate and drank in **Your** presence and **You taught** in our streets.'
27"***But*** **He** ***shall*** say, 'I say to you I *do not* **know** you or where you are from. Depart from **Me, all** you *workers* of *unrighteousness*.'
28"There ***shall*** **be** *weeping* and *gnashing* of *teeth*, when you **see** Abrahim and Yitshaq and Ya'aqob and **all** the prophets in the **reign** of **Elohim** and yourselves *thrown* outside.
29"And they ***shall*** **come** from the east and the west and from the north and the south and sit down in the **reign** of **Elohim**.
30"And **see,** there are **last** who ***shall*** **be first** and there are **first** who ***shall*** **be last.** "
31On the **same** day there came certain Pharisees, saying to **Him,** "Get out and go from here, for Herodes **wishes** to *kill* **You.**"
32And **He** said to them, "Go, say to that fox, '**See,** I *cast* out ***demons*** and perform **healings** today and **tomorrow** and the third day I ***shall*** **be perfected**.'
33"***But*** I have to journey today and **tomorrow** and the day **follow**ing, **because** it is not fitting for a **prophet** to *perish* outside of Yerushalayim.
34"Yerushalayim, Yerushalayim, *killing* the prophets and *stoning* those who are **sent** to her! ***How*** often I **wished** to **gather** your children together the **way** a hen gathers her chickens under her wings***, but you would not!***
35"**See,** your House is left to you laid *waste.* And **truly** I say to you, you ***shall*** by ***no means*** **see Me** *until* the **time comes** when you say,'**Blessed is He who** is **coming** in the **Name** of ЭАУЭZ!' "

14 And it came to be, as **He** went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat **bread** on the **Sabbath,** that they were watching **Him** closely.
2And **see,** there was a certain man before **Him** *suffering* from dropsy.
3And OWYЭZ responding, spoke to those **learned** in the **Torah** and the Pharisees, saying, "Is it **right** to **heal** on the **Sabbath**?"
4***But*** they were silent. So taking hold of him **He healed** him and let him go.
5And to them **He** said, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, ***shall*** not **immediately** pull him out on the **Sabbath** day?"
6And they were *unable* to answer **Him** regarding these matters.
7And **He** spoke a parable to those who were invited, when **He** noted how they **chose** the best places, saying to them:
8"***When*** you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, *do not* sit down in the best place, lest one more distinguished than you be invited by him,
9and he who invited you and him **come** and say to you, 'Give this one place,' and then you begin with *shame* to take the **last** place.
10"Rather, when you are invited, go and

sit down in the **last** place, so that when he who invited you **comes** he ***shall*** say to you, 'Friend, **come** up higher.' ***Then*** you ***shall*** have **esteem** in the presence of those who sit at the table with you.
[11]"For everyone who is exalting himself ***shall*** **be** humbled and he who is humbling himself ***shall*** **be** exalted."
[12]And **He** also said to him who invited **Him,** "***When*** you give a dinner or a supper, *do not* **ask** your friends, nor your brothers, nor your relatives, nor your rich neighbours, lest they also invite you back and you be repaid.
[13]"***But*** when you give a feast, invite *poor* ones, *crippled* ones, *lame* ones, *blind* ones,
[14]and you ***shall*** **be blessed**, **because** they *do not* have to **repay** you. For you ***shall*** **be** repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."
[15]And when one of those who sat at the table with **Him heard** this, he said to **Him, "Blessed** is he who eats **bread** in the **reign** of **Elohim**!"
[16]***But*** **He** said to him, "A certain man gave a **great** supper and invited many,
[17]and he **sent** his servant at supper **time** to say to those who were invited, '**Come,** for **all** is **now ready**.'
[18]"***But*** one by one they **all** began making *excuses*.
The **first** said to him, 'I have bought a field and I need to go and **see** it.
I **ask** you to have me excused.'
[19]"And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen and I am going to try them out. I **ask** you to have me excused.'
[20]"And another said, 'I have *married* a wife and **because** of this I am *unable* to come.'
[21]"And that servant came and reported this to his **Master.** ***Then*** the master of the house, being *wroth*, said to his servant,
'Hurry out into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the *poor* and *crippled* and lame and blind.'
[22]"And the servant said, '**Master,** it is done as you **commanded** and still there is room.'
[23]"And the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the street corners and hedges and ***compel*** them to **come** in, so that my house is **filled.**
[24]'For I say to you that none of those men who were invited ***shall*** taste my supper.' "
[25]And large crowds were going with **Him** and turning, **He** said to them,
[26]"***If*** anyone **comes** to **Me** and *does not hate* his father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters and his own **life** too, he is *unable* to be **My taught one**.
[27]"And ***whoever*** *does not* bear his stake and **come** after **Me** is *unable* to be **My taught one**.
[28]"For who of you, *wishing* to build a tower, *does not* sit down **first** and count the cost, whether he has *enough* to **complete** it?
[29]"Otherwise, when he has laid the foundation and is *unable* to finish it, **all** who **see** it begin to *mock* him,
[30]saying, 'This man began to build and was *unable* to finish.'
[31]"Or what sovereign, going to *fight against* another sovereign, *does not* sit down **first** and take counsel whether he **is able** with ten thousand to meet him who **comes** *against* him with twenty thousand?
[32]"And if not, while the other is still far away, he **sends** a delegation and asks conditions of peace.
[33]"So, then, everyone of you who *does not* give up **all** that he has, is *unable* to be **My taught one**.
[34]"The **salt** is **good**, but if the **salt** becomes tasteless, with what ***shall*** it be seasoned?
[35]"It is not fit for land, nor for manure, they *throw* it out. **He** who has **ears** to **hear let** him **hear!**"

15 **Now all** the tax *collectors* and the *sinners* were **coming** to **Him** to **hear Him.**
[2]And the Pharisees and *scribes grumbled,* saying, "This **One** receives

sinners and eats with them."
[3]And **He** spoke this parable to them, saying,
[4]"'***What*** man among you, having a hundred sheep and having *lost* one of them, *does not* leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one which is *lost* until he finds it?
[5]"And having **found** it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.
[6]"And having **come** home, he calls **together** his friends and neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have **found** my sheep which was lost!'
[7]"I say to you that in the **same way** there ***shall*** **be** more **joy** in **the heavens** over one *sinner* repenting, than over ninety-nine **righteous** ones who need no **repentance.**
[8]"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, *does not* **light** a **lamp** and sweep the house and **seek diligently** til she finds it?
[9]"And having **found** it, she calls friends and neighbours together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have **found** the coin which I lost!'
[10]"I say to you, in the **same way** there is **joy** in the presence of the messengers of **Elohim** over one *sinner* repenting."
[11]And **He** said, "A certain man had two sons,
[12]and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods falling to me.' And he divided his livelihood between them.
[13]"And not many days after, the younger son, having gathered **all** together, went away to a distant country and there wasted his goods with loose **living**.
[14]"And when he had spent **all,** there arose a *severe scarcity of food* throughout that land and he began to be in need.
[15]"And he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country and he **sent** him to his fields to feed ***pigs***.
[16]"And he was longing to fill his stomach with the pods which the ***pigs*** were eating and no one gave to him.
[17]"***But*** having **come to** himself, he said, '***How*** many of my father's hired servants have **bread** enough and to spare and I am *perishing* with hunger!
[18]'Having risen, I ***shall*** go to my father and say to him, "Father, I have *sinned <u>against</u>* **the heavens** and before you,
[19]and I am no longer **worthy** to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." '
[20]"And having risen, he went to his father. And while he was still a long **way** off, his father **saw** him and was moved with **compassion** and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.
[21]"And the son said to him, 'Father, I have *sinned <u>against</u>* the heaven and before you and I am no longer **worthy** to be called your son.'
[22]"***But*** the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best **robe** and put it on him and put a ring on his **hand** and sandals on his feet.
[23]'And bring the fattened *calf* here and slaughter it and let us eat and **rejoice,**
[24]**<u>because</u>** this son of mine was *dead* and is **alive** again and he was *lost* and is found.' And they began to rejoice.
[25]"And his older son was in the field and when he came and approached the house, he **heard** music and dancing.
[26]"And having called one of the servants he asked what this meant.
[27]"And he said to him, '**Your** brother has come and your father has slaughtered the fattened *calf* **<u>because</u>** he received him back in health.'
[28]"And he was *wroth* and *would not* go in. So his father came out and pleaded with him.
[29]"And answering, he said to his father, '**See,** these many years I have been serving you and I have never *transgressed* a **command** of yours, but to me you have never **given** a young goat, so I could **rejoice** with my friends.
[30]'***But*** when this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with *whores*, you slaughtered the fattened *calf* for him.'
[31]"'***Then*** he said to him, '**Son**, you are **always** with me and **all** I have is yours.
[32]'And we had to **rejoice** and be glad,

for your brother was *dead* and is **alive** and was *lost* and is **found**.' "

16 And **He** also said to **His taught ones,** "There was a certain rich man who had a manager and he was *accused* to him as wasting his possessions.

2"So having called him he said to him, '***What*** is this I **hear** about you? Give an account of your management, for you are no longer able to be manager.'

3"And the manager said within himself, '***What shall*** I do? For my master is taking the managership away from me. I am *unable* to dig, I am *ashamed* to beg.

4'I **know** what I ***shall*** do, that, when I am removed from the managership, they might receive me into their houses.'

5"And calling **every** one of his master's debtors to him, he said to the **first,** '***How*** much do you owe my **Master?**'

6"And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill and sit down **quickly** and **write** fifty.'

7"***Then*** to another he said, 'And how much do you owe?'

And he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill and **write** eighty.'

8"And the master p**raised** the *unrighteous* manager **because** he had *acted* shrewdly, **because** the sons of this age are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of **light**.

9"And would I say to you, make friends for yourselves by *unrighteous* mammon, that when you fail, they ***shall*** receive you into **everlasting** dwellings?

10"He who is **trustworthy** in what is least, is **trustworthy** also in much. And he who is *unrighteous* in what is least is *unrighteous* also in much.

11"If, therefore, you have not been **trustworthy** in the *unrighteous* mammon, who ***shall*** **entrust** to you the **true?**

12"And if you have not been **trustworthy** in what is another man's, who ***shall*** give you what is your own?

13"No servant **is able** to **serve** two masters, for either he ***shall*** *hate* the one and **love** the other, or else he ***shall*** **cling** to the one and *despise* the other. You are not able to **serve Elohim** and mammon."

14And the Pharisees, who **loved** silver, also **heard all** this and were sneering at Him,

15so **He** said to them, "You are those who **declare** yourselves **righteous** before men, but **Elohim knows** your **hearts**, **because** what is highly thought of among men is an **abomination** in the **sight** of **Elohim**.

16"The **Torah** and the prophets are until Yoḥanan. Since then the **reign** of **Elohim** is being **announced** and everyone is doing *violence* upon it.

17"And it is easier for **the heavens** and the earth to pass away than for one tittle of the **Torah** to fall.

18"Everyone putting away his wife and marrying another commits adultery. And everyone marrying her who is put away from her husband commits adultery.

19"***But*** there was a certain rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and lived luxuriously **every** day.

20"And there was a certain beggar named El'azar, being covered with sores, who was placed at his gate,

21and longing to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Indeed, even the dogs came and licked his sores.

22"And it came to be that the beggar died and was carried by the messengers to the bosom of Aḇrahim. And the rich man also died and was buried.

23"And while suffering ***torture***s in the grave, having lifted up his eyes, he **saw** Aḇrahim far away and El'azar in his bosom.

24"And crying out he said, 'Father Aḇrahim, have **compassion** on me and send El'azar to dip the tip of his **finger** in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering in this flame.'

25"***But*** Aḇrahim said, '**Son**, ***remember***

that in your **life** you received your **good** and likewise El'azar the *evil*, but **now** he is comforted and you are suffering.
[26]'And besides **all** this, between us and you a **great** chasm has been set, so that those who **wish** to pass from here to you are *unable*, nor do those from there pass to us.'
[27]"And he said, '***Then*** I ***beg*** you, father, that you would send him to my father's house,
[28]for I have five brothers, let him **warn** them, lest they also **come to** this place of ***torture***.'
[29]"Abrahim said to him, 'They have Mosheh and the **prophets,** let them **hear** them.'
[30]"And he said, 'No, father Abrahim, but if someone from the *dead* goes to them, they ***shall*** **repent.**'
[31]"***But*** he said to him, '***If*** they *do not* **hear** Mosheh and the **prophets,** neither would they be persuaded even if one should rise from the *dead.*' "

17 And **He** said to **the taught ones,** "It is inevitable that *stumbling-blocks* should come, but **woe** to him through whom they **come!**
[2]"It would be better for him if a millstone is put around his neck and he were *thrown* into the sea, than that he should **cause** one of these *little* ones to *stumble.*
[3]"Take **heed** to yourselves. ***If*** your brother *sins against* you, ***rebuke*** him and ***if*** he repents, **forgive** him.
[4]"And if he *sins against* you seven times in a day and seven times in a day **comes** back to you, saying, 'I **repent,**' you ***shall*** **forgive** him."
[5]And the emissaries said to the **Master,** "Give us more **belief**."
[6]And the **Master** said, "***If*** you have **belief** as a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry *tree,* 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would **obey** you.
[7]"***But*** who of you, having a servant ploughing or shepherding, would say to him when he has **come** in from the field,'Come immediately and sit down to eat'?
[8]"***But*** would he not rather say to him, '**Prepare** somewhat for my supper and gird yourself and **serve** me while I eat and drink and afterward you ***shall*** eat and drink'?
[9]"Would he thank that servant **because** he did what he was **commanded**? I *think* not.
[10]"So also you, when you have done **all** that you were **commanded**, say, 'We are *unworthy* servants, we have done what was our duty to do.' "
[11]And it came to be, as **He** went to Yerushalayim, that **He** passed through the **midst** of Shomeron and Galil.
[12]And as **He** was *entering* into a certain village, **He** was met by ten leprous men, who stood at a distance.
[13]And they lifted up their **voice**s, saying, "𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, **Master,** have **compassion** on us!"
[14]And having **seen** them, **He** said to them, "Go, **show** yourselves to the priests." And it came to be, that as they were going, they were cleansed.
[15]And one of them, when he **saw** that he was **healed**, returned, praising **Elohim** with a loud **voice**,
[16]and he fell down upon his face at **His** feet, giving **thanks** to **Him.** And he was a Shomeronite.
[17]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 answering, said, "Were there not ten cleansed? ***But*** where are the nine?
[18]"Was no one **found** to **return** to give **praise** to **Elohim**, ***except*** this foreigner?"
[19]And **He** said to him, "Rise, go your **way. Your belief** has made you well."
[20]And having been asked by the Pharisees when the **reign** of **Elohim** would come, **He** answered them and said, "The **reign** of **Elohim** *does not* **come** with intent watching,
[21]nor ***shall*** they say, 'Look here!' or 'Look there!' **For look, the reign of Elohim is in your midst!**"

22And **He** said to **the taught ones,** "Days ***shall*** **come** when you ***shall*** long to **see** one of the days of the **Son** of Adam, but you ***shall*** not **see** it.
23"And they ***shall*** say to you, 'Look here!' or 'Look there!' ***Do*** *not* go after them, nor **follow.**
24"For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under **heaven** shines to the other part under heaven, so also the **Son** of Adam ***shall*** **be** in **His day**.
25"***But*** **first He** has to *suffer much* and be *rejected* by this generation.
26"And as it came to be in the days of Noah, so also ***shall*** it be in the days of the **Son** of Adam:
27"They were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were **given** in marriage, until the day that Noah went into the ark and the *flood* came and ***destroyed*** them **all.**
28"And likewise, as it came to be in the days of Lot: They were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building,
29but on the day Lot went out of Sedom it rained *fire* and sulphur from **heaven** and ***destroyed*** **all.**
30"It ***shall*** **be** the **same** in the day the **Son** of Adam is **revealed**.
31"In that day, he who ***shall*** **be** on the house-top and his goods in the house, let him not **come** down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back.
32"**Remember** the wife of Lot.
33"***Whoever*** seeks to **save** his **life** ***shall*** lose it and ***whoever*** loses his **life** ***shall*** **preserve** it.
34"I say to you, in that **night** there ***shall*** **be** two in one bed, the one ***shall*** **be** taken and the other ***shall*** **be** left.
35"Two ***shall*** **be** grinding together, the one ***shall*** **be** taken and the other ***shall*** **be** left.
36"Two ***shall*** **be** in the field, the one ***shall*** **be** taken and the other ***shall*** **be** left."
37And they answering, said to **Him,** "Where, **Master?**" And **He** said to them, "Where the body is, there also the eagles ***shall*** **be** gathered together."

18 And **He** spoke a parable to them, that they should **always** pray and not lose **heart,**
2saying, "In a certain city there was a certain judge, not **fearing Elohim** nor regarding man.
3"And a widow was in that city and she came to him, saying, '***Do*** **right** to me on my adversary.'
4"And he *would not* for a while, but afterward he said within himself, 'Even if I *do not* **fear Elohim** nor regard man,
5yet **because** this widow troubles me I ***shall*** do **right** to her, lest by her continual **coming** she wears me out.' "
6And the **Master** said, **"Hear** what the *unrighteous* **judge** said.
7"And ***shall*** **Elohim** not do **right** by **all** means to **His** own **chosen** ones who are crying out day and night to **Him** and being patient over them?
8"I say to you that **He** ***shall*** do **right** to them **speedily,** ***but*** when the **Son** of Adam comes, ***shall*** **He** find the **belief** on the earth?"
9And **He** also spoke this parable to some who ***relied*** on themselves that they were **righteous** and looking down on others:
10"Two men went up to the **Set-apart Place** to pray – the one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.
11"The Pharisee stood and began to pray *with himself* this **way,** '**Elohim**, I **thank You** that I am not like the rest of *men*, *swindlers*, *unrighteous***,** *adulterers*, or even as this tax *collector*.
12'I fast twice a week, I give tithes of **all** that I possess.'
13"***But*** the tax collector standing at a distance *would not* even **raise** his eyes to the heaven, but was *beating* his breast, saying, '**Elohim**, **show favour** unto me, a *sinner!*'
14"I say to you, this man went down to his house **declared** right, rather than

the other. For everyone who is exalting himself ***shall*** **be** humbled and he who is humbling himself ***shall*** **be** exalted."
15And they also brought infants to **Him** to touch them, but **His taught ones seeing** it, ***rebuked*** them.
16***But*** **OWYƎZ** called them to **Him** and said, "**Let** the *little* children **come to Me** and *do not* forbid them, for of such is the **reign** of **Elohim**.
17"**Truly**, I say to you, ***whoever does not receive*** the **reign** of **Elohim** as a *little* child, ***shall*** certainly not enter into it."
18And a certain ruler asked **Him,** saying, "**Good Teacher**, what ***shall*** I do to inherit **everlasting life**?"
19So **OWYƎZ** said to him, "***Why*** do you **call Me good**? No one is **good** ***except*** **One – Elohim**.
20"You **know** the **commands**, '***Do*** *not commit* adultery,' '***Do*** *not* murder,' '***Do*** *not* steal,' '***Do*** *not* bear *false* **witness,**' 'Respect your father and your mother.' "
21And he said, "All these I have watched over from my youth."
22And **hearing** this, **OWYƎZ** said to him, "Yet one you lack: Sell **all** that you have and distribute to the *poor*
and you ***shall*** have treasure in **heaven** and **come**, **follow Me.**"
23***But*** when he **heard** this, he became intensely sad, for he was extremely rich.
24And when **OWYƎZ saw** that he became intensely sad, **He** said, "***How hard*** it is for those who have riches to enter into the **reign** of **Elohim**!
25"For it is easier for a camel to enter through a needle's eye than for a rich man to enter into the **reign** of **Elohim**."
26And those **who heard** it said, "And who **is able** to be **saved**?"
27And **He** said, "***What*** is *impossible* with men is **possible** with **Elohim**."
28And Kĕpha said, "**See,** we have left **all** and **followed You.**"
29And **He** said to them, "**Truly**, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the **reign** of **Elohim**,
30who ***shall*** not receive many times more in this present **time** and in the age to **come everlasting life**."
31And taking the twelve aside, **He** said to them, "**See,** we are going up to Yerushalayim and **all** that have been **written** by the prophets about the **Son** of Adam ***shall*** **be accomplished**.
32"For **He** ***shall*** **be delivered** up to the *gentiles* and ***shall*** **be** *mocked* and insulted and spat upon,
33and having *flogged* **Him** they ***shall*** *kill* **Him.** And on the third day **He** ***shall*** **rise** again."
34***But*** they understood none of this and this **word** was *hidden* from them and they *did not* **know** what was being said.
35And it came to be, that as **He** was **coming near** Yeriḥo, that a certain *blind* man was sitting by the **way** begging.
36And **hearing** a crowd passing by, he asked what it meant.
37They reported to him that **OWYƎZ** of Natsareth was passing by.
38And he *cried out*, saying, "**OWYƎZ**, **Son** of Dawiḏ have **compassion** on *me*!"
39And those going before were rebuking him that he should be silent, but he was crying out much more, "**Son** of Dawiḏ, have **compassion** on me!"
40And **OWYƎZ** *stopped* and **commanded** him to be brought to **Him.** And when he had **come** near, **He** asked him,
41saying, "***What*** do you **wish Me**to do for you?" And he said, "**Master,** to receive my sight."
42And **OWYƎZ** said to him, "Receive your sight! **Your belief** has **saved** you."
43And **immediately** he receivedhis sight and was **following Him,**praising **Elohim**. And **all** the people, **seeing** it, gave **praise** to **Elohim**.

19 And having entered, **He** was passing through Yeriḥo.
2And **see,** a man called Zakkai! He was a chief tax collector and he was rich,
3and he was **seeking** to **see** who **OWYƎZ** was, but was *unable* **<u>because</u>** of the crowd, for he was small in stature.

[4]And having run ahead, he climbed up into a sycamore *tree* to **see Him, because He** was about to pass by.
[5]And as OWY3Z came to the place, **He looked** up and **saw** him and said to him, "Zakkai, hurry and **come** down, for I have to stay at your house today."
[6]And he hurried and came down and received **Him,** rejoicing.
[7]And **seeing** it, they **all** *grumbled,* say ing, "He has gone in to stay with a man who is a *sinner.*"
[8]***But*** Zakkai stood up and said to the **Master,** "Look, **Master,** I give half of my possessions to the *poor*. And if I have taken ***whatever*** from anyone by *false accusation,* I **repay** fourfold."
[9]And OWY3Z said to him, "Today **deliverance** has **come to** this house – since he also is a son of Aḇrahim.
[10]"For the **Son** of Aḏam has **come to seek** and to **save** what was lost."
[11]And as they were **hearing** this, **He** spoke another parable, **because He** was **near** Yerushalayim and they thought the **reign** of **Elohim** was about to be manifested straightaway.
[12]**He** therefore said, "A certain nobleman went to a distant country to receive for himself a **reign** and to return.
[13]"And calling ten of his servants, **He** gave them ten minas and said to them, '***Trade*** until I come.'
[14]"***But*** his subjects were ***hating*** him and **sent** a delegation after him, to say, 'We *do not* **wish** this one to **reign** over us.'
[15]"And it came to be, when he came back, having received the reign, that he **sent** for these servants to whom he had **given** the silver, **in order to know** what each had gained by trading.
[16]"And the **first** came, saying, '**Master,** your mina has earned ten minas.'
[17]"And he said to him, 'Well done, **good** servant. **Because** you were **trustworthy** in a small matter, have **authority** over ten cities.'
[18]"And the second came, saying, '**Master,** your mina has earned five minas.'
[19]"And he said to him also, 'And you – be over five cities.'
[20]"And another came, saying, '**Master,** here is your mina,
which I kept laid up in a handkerchief.
[21]'For I was *afraid* of you, **because** you are a hard man.You take up what you *did not* lay down and reap what you *did not* sow.'
[22]"And he said to him, 'Out of your *own* ***mouth*** I ***shall*** **judge** you, you *wicked* servant. *You* **knew** that I was a hard man, taking up what I *did not* lay down and reaping what I *did not* sow.
[23]'***Why*** did *you* not put the silver in the bank, that when I **come** I could have collected it with interest?'
[24]"'***Then*** he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him and give it to him who **possesses** ten minas.'
[25]"'***But*** they said to him, '**Master,** he already **possesses** ten minas.'
[26]'For I say to you, that to everyone who **possesses *shall* be given**; and from him who *does not* possess, even what he **possesses *shall* be** taken away from him.
[27]'***But*** those enemies of mine who *did not* **wish** me to **reign** over them, bring them here and *slay* them before me.' "
[28]And having said this, **He** went on ahead, going up to Yerushalayim.
[29]And it came to be, when **He** came **near** to Bĕyth Phaḡi and Bĕyth Anyah, at the mountain of Olives, that **He sent** two of **His taught ones,**
[30]saying, "Go into the village opposite you, in which, as you enter, you ***shall*** find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loosen it and bring it here.
[31]"And if anyone asks you, '***Why*** do you loosen it?' thus you ***shall*** say to him, '**Because** the **Master** has need of it.' "
[32]And those who were **sent** went away and **found** it as **He** had said to them.
[33]And as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them,"***Why*** do you loosen the colt?"
[34]And they said, "The **Master** needs it."
[35]So they brought it to OWY3Z. And throwing their garments on the colt, they set OWY3Z on it.

[36]And as **He** went, they were spreading their garments on the **way.**
[37]And as **He** was **coming** near, already at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the entire crowd of **the taught ones** began, to **praise Elohim**, rejoicing with a loud **voice** for **all** the miracles they had **seen,** saying,
[38]"**'Blessed is the Sovereign who is coming in the Name of** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄!**' Peace in heaven and esteem in the highest!**"
[39]And some of the Pharisees from the crowd, said to **Him,** "**Teacher**, ***rebuke*** **Your taught ones.**"
[40]***But*** **He** answering, said to them, "I say to you that if these ***shall*** **be** silent, the stones would cry out."
[41]And as **He** came near, **He saw** the city and *wept* over it,
[42]saying, "***If*** you only **knew** even today, the matters for your peace! ***But*** **now** they are *hidden* from your eyes.
[43]"**Because** days ***shall*** **come** upon you when your enemies ***shall*** build a rampart around you and surround you and press you on **all** sides,
[44]and dash you to the ground and your children within you. And they ***shall*** not leave in you one stone upon another, **because** you *did not* **know** the **time** of your **visitation**."
[45]Having entered into the **Set-apart Place, He** began to *drive* out those ***selling*** and ***buying*** in it,
[46]saying to them, "It has been **written**, **'My House** is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of ***robbers***.' "
[47]And **He** was **teaching** daily in the **Set-apart Place.** ***But*** the chief priests and the *scribes* and the *leaders* of the people were **seeking** to *destroy* **Him,**
[48]but *they did not* find what they might do, for **all** the people were *hanging* upon **Him, listening.**

20 And it came to be, on one of those days, as **He** was **teaching** the people in the **Set-apart Place** and bringing the **Besorah**, that the chief priests and the scribes, **together** with the elders, came up
[2]and spoke to **Him,** saying, "Say to us, by what **authority** are **You** doing these? Or who is he who gave **You** this **authority**?"
[3]And **He** answering, said to them, "I ***shall*** **ask** you one question too and answer **Me:**
[4]"The immersion of Yoḥanan – was it from **heaven** or from *men*?"
[5]And they debated among themselves, saying, "***If*** we say, 'From heaven,' **He** ***shall*** say, '***Then*** why did you not **believe** him?'
[6]"***But*** if we say, 'From men,' **all** the people ***shall*** stone us, for they are persuaded that Yoḥanan was a **prophet.**"
[7]And they answered that they *did not* **know** from where it was.
[8]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 said to them, "Neither do I say to you by what **authority** I do these."
[9]And **He** began to **speak** this parable to the people, "A certain man planted a vineyard and leased it to farmers and went away for a long **time.**
[10]"And at *harvest* **time** he **sent** a servant to the farmers, to give him some of the **fruit** of the vineyard. ***But*** the farmers *beat him* and **sent** him away empty-handed.
[11]"And again he **sent** another servant. And they *beat him* too and *maltreated* him and **sent** him away empty-handed.
[12]"And again he **sent** a third. And they *wounded* him too and *cast* him out.
[13]"And the owner of the vineyard said, '***What shall*** I do? **I *shall* send** my son, the **beloved**. They might respect him when they **see** him.'
[14]"***But*** when the farmers **saw** him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, '**This is the heir. Come,** let us *kill* him, so that the **inheritance** becomes ours.'
[15]"And they *cast* him out of the vineyard and *killed* him. ***What***, then, ***shall*** the owner of the vineyard ***do*** to them?
[16]"He ***shall*** **come** and *destroy* those farmers and give the vineyard

to others." And having **heard**,
they said, "**Let** it not be!"
17***But*** **He looked** at them and said,
"***What*** then is this that has been **written**,
'The stone which the builders *rejected*
has become the chief corner-stone'?
18"Everyone who falls on that stone
shall **be** *broken,* but on ***whomever*** it
falls, he ***shall*** **be** pulverised."
19And the chief priests and the *scribes*
sought to lay hands on **Him** in the **same**
hour, but they ***feared*** the people, for
they **knew** that **He** had **spoken** this
parable *against* them.
20And keeping a close **watch** on **Him,**
they **sent** spies who *pretended* to be
righteous, to ***catch*** **Him** in a **word, in**
order to **deliver Him** to the **rule** and to
the **authority** of the governor.
21So they asked **Him,** saying, "**Teacher**,
we **know** that **You** say and **teach rightly**
and **You** are not partial to any, but **teach**
the **way** of **Elohim truly**,
22"Is it **right** for us to pay taxes
to Caesar or not?"
23***But*** perceiving their *craftiness,*
He said to them, "***Why*** do you try **Me?**
24"**Show Me** a silver piece. ***Whose***
likeness and inscription does it have?"
And they answering, said, "Caesar's."
25And **He** said to them, "***Then*** give to
Caesar what is Caesar's and to **Elohim**
what is **Elohim**'s."
26And they were *unable* to ***catch*** **Him**
in a saying in the presence of the people
and marvelling at **His** answer, they were
silent.
27And some of the Sadducees,
who *deny* that there is a resurrection,
came to **Him** and asked **Him,**
28saying, "**Teacher**, Mosheh **wrote** to
us that if a man's brother dies, having a
wife and he dies childless, his brother
should take his wife and **raise** up
offspring for his brother.
29"**Now,** there were seven brothers and
the **first** took a wife and died *childless*.
30"And the second took her as wife and
he died childless.
31"And the third took her and in the
same way the seven also. And they left
no children and *died.*
32"And **last** of **all** the woman died too.
33"At the resurrection, then,
whose wife does she become?
For the seven had her as wife."
34And OWYHZ answering, said to
them, "The sons of this age marry and
are **given** in marriage,
35but those who are counted **worthy** of
attaining that age and the resurrection
from the *dead,* neither marry, nor are
they **given** in marriage,
36for neither is it **possible** for them
to *die* any more, **because** they are like
messengers and are sons of **Elohim**,
being sons of the resurrection.
37"***But*** that the *dead* are **raised,** even
Mosheh showed at the bush when he
called YHWH 'the **Elohim** of Abrahim
and the **Elohim** of Yitsḥaq and the
Elohim of Ya'aqob.'
38"**Now He** is not the **Elohim** of the
dead, but of the **living**, for **all live** to
Him."
39And some of the *scribes* answering,
said, "**Teacher**, **You** have **spoken** well."
40And they were not bold enough to
question **Him** any more.
41And **He** said to them, "***How*** do they
say that the **Messiah** is the **Son** of
Dawid?
42"For Dawid himself said in the **Book**
of Psalms,'YHWH said to my **Master,**
"sit at **My right hand,**
43until I make **Your** *enemies* a **footstool**
of **Your feet**." '
44"Dawid then calls **Him** '**Master,** '
how **is He** then his **Son**?"
45And in the **hearing** of **all** the people,
He said to **His taught ones,**
46"***Beware*** of the ***scribes***, who like to
walk in ***long robes and*** **love** greetings
in the market-places and the best seats
in the congregations and the best places
at feasts,
47who *devour* widows' houses and for
a **show** make long prayers. *They* ***shall***
receive greater judgment."

21 And looking up **He saw** the rich

putting their gifts into the treasury and **He saw** a certain *poor* widow putting in two mites.

3**He** said,"**Truly** I say to you that this *poor* widow has put in more than **all.**

4"For **all** these out of their excess have put in offerings for **Elohim**, but she out of her poverty has put in **all** that she had to **live** on."

5And as some were speaking about the **Set-apart Place,** that it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, **He** said,

6"These that you **see** – the days are **coming** in which not one stone ***shall*** **be** left upon another that ***shall*** not be *thrown* down."

7And they asked **Him,** saying, "**Teacher**, but when ***shall*** this be? ***What*** is the **sign** when this is about to take place?"

8And **He** said, "See that you are not led *astray*, for many ***shall*** **come** in **My Name,** saying, **'I am**,' and, 'The **time** is **near.**' ***Then*** *do not* go after them.

9"***But*** when you **hear** of fightings and unrests, *do not* be *alarmed*, for these have to take place **first,** but **the end** is not **immediately**."

10***Then*** **He** said to them,"**Nation** ***shall*** rise <u>*against*</u> *nation* and **reign** <u>*against*</u> *reign*.

11"There ***shall*** **be great** *earthquakes* in various places and scarcities of food and deadly *diseases* and there ***shall*** **be** *horrors* and **great signs** from **heavens.**

12"***But*** **before all this**, they ***shall*** lay their hands on you and *persecute* you, delivering you up to the congregations and prisons and be brought before sovereigns and rulers for **My Name's** sake.

13"And it ***shall turn*** out to you for a **witness.**

14"Therefore, **resolve** in your **hearts** not to premeditate on what to answer.

15"For I ***shall*** give you a **mouth** and **wisdom** which **all** your adversaries ***shall*** not be able to *refute* or *resist.*

16"And you ***shall*** also be *betrayed* by parents and brothers and relatives and friends. And some of you ***shall*** **be** put to *death.*

17"And you ***shall*** **be** *hated* by **all** <u>**because**</u> of **My Name.**

18"***But*** not a hair of your head***shall*** **be** *lost* at **all.**

19"Possess your lives by your endurance!

20"And when you **see** Yerushalayim surrounded by armies,then **know** that its laying *waste* is **near.**

21"***Then*** let those in Yahuḏah ***flee*** to the mountains and let those who are in the **midst** of her go out and let not those who are in the fields enter her.

22"<u>**Because**</u> these are **days** of **vengeance** to **fill all** that have been **written**.

23"<u>**Woe**</u> to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing children in those days! For there ***shall*** **be great** *distress* in the earth and *wrath* upon this people.

24"And they ***shall fall*** by the edge of the sword and be led away captive into **all** nations. And Yerushalayim ***shall*** **be** trampled underfoot by the *gentiles* until the times of the *gentiles* are **filled.**

25"And there ***shall*** **be signs** in the sun and moon and stars and on the earth anxiety of nations, in bewilderment at the roaring of the sea and agitation,

26men fainting from **fear** and the expectation of what is **coming** on the earth, for the powers of the heavens ***shall*** **be** *shaken.*

27"And then they ***shall*** **see** the **Son** of Aḏam **coming** in a cloud with **power** and much esteem.

28"And when these matters begin to take place, look up and lift up your heads, <u>**because**</u> your redemption **draws near.**"

29And **He** spoke a parable to them, "Look at the fig *tree* and **all** the trees.

30"***When*** they have already budded, observing it, **you** ***shall*** **know** for yourselves that summer is **now near.**

31"So you also, when you **see** these matters take place, **know** that the **reign** of **Elohim** is **near.**

32"**Truly**, I say to you, this generation

shall by no means pass away til **all *shall*** have taken place.
[33]"The **heaven** and the earth ***shall*** pass away, but **My words *shall*** by no means pass away.
[34]"And take **heed** to yourselves, lest your **hearts** be weighed down by *gluttony* and *drunkenness* and *worries* of this **life** and that day **come** on you **suddenly**.
[35]"For it ***shall*** **come** as a *snare* on **all** those dwelling on the face of **all** the earth.
[36]"**Watch** then at **all** times and pray that you be counted **worthy** to **escape all** this about to take place and to **stand** before the **Son** of Adam."
[37]And **He** was **teaching** in the **Set-apart Place** by day, but at night **He** went out and stayed on the mountain of Olives,
[38]and early in the morning **all** the people came to **Him** in the **Set-apart Place** to **hear Him.**

22 The **Festival of Unleavened Bread** drew near, which is called **Passover**.
[2]And the chief priests and the *scribes* were **seeking** how to *kill* **Him,** for they ***feared*** the people.
[3]And Satan entered into Yahudah, who was called man from Qerioth, who was numbered among the twelve.
[4]And he went and spoke with the chief priests and captains, how he might **deliver Him** up to them.
[5]And they were glad and **agreed** to give him silver.
[6]And he **promised** and was **seeking** an occasion to **deliver Him** up to them, away from the crowd.
[7]And the Day of **Unleavened Bread** came when the **Passover** had to be slaughtered.
[8]And **He sent** Kĕpha and Yoḥanan, saying, "Go and **prepare** the **Passover** for us to eat."
[9]And they said to **Him,** "Where do **You wish** us to **prepare?**"
[10]And **He** said to them, "**See,** as you enter into the city, a man ***shall*** meet you carrying a jar of water. **Follow** him into the house he enters.
[11]"And you ***shall*** say to the master of the house,'The **Teacher** says to you, "Where is the guest room where I might eat the **Passover** with **My taught ones**?'
[12]"And he ***shall*** **show** you a large, furnished upper room. **Prepare** it there."
[13]And going they **found** it as **He** had said to them and they prepared the **Passover**.
[14]When the **hour** had come, **He** sat down and the twelve emissaries with **Him.**
[15]And **He** said to them, "With desire I have desired to eat this **Passover** with you before **My** suffering,
[16]for I say to you, I ***shall*** certainly not eat of it again until it is filled in the **reign** of **Elohim**."
[17]And taking the **cup,** giving thanks, **He** said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves,
[18]for I say to you, I ***shall*** certainly not drink of the **fruit** of the **vine** until the **reign** of **Elohim** comes."
[19]And taking bread, giving thanks, **He** broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is **My** body which is **given** for you, do this in **remembrance** of **Me.**"
[20]Likewise the **cup** also, after supper, saying, "This **cup** is the **renewed covenant** in **My blood** which is shed for you.
[21]"***But*** **see,** the **hand** of him delivering **Me** up is with **Me** on the table.
[22]"For indeed the **Son** of Adam goes as it has been decreed, but **woe** to that man by whom **He** is **delivered** up!"
[23]And they began to **ask** among themselves, which of them it could be who was about to do this.
[24]And there also took place a *dispute* among them, as to which of them seemed to be greater.
[25]And **He** said to them, "The sovereigns of the *gentiles* **rule** over them and those who control them are called 'workers of **good**.'
[26]"***But*** not so with you, but let him who

is greatest among you be as the youngest and the leader as one who serves.
[27]"For who is greater, the one who sits at the table, or the one who serves? Is it not the one who sits at the table? ***But*** I am in your **midst** as the **One** who serves.
[28]"***But*** you are those who have remained with **Me** in **My** trials.
[29]"And I **covenant** for you, as **My Father** covenanted for **Me,** a reign,
[30]to eat and drink at **My** table, in **My** reign and to sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Yisra'ĕl."
[31]And the **Master** said, "Shim'on, Shim'on! **See,** Satan has asked for you to sift *you* as wheat.
[32]"***But*** I have prayed for you, that your **belief** should not fail. And when you have turned, strengthen your brothers."
[33]And he said to **Him,** "**Master,** I am prepared to go with **You,** both to prison and to *death*."
[34]And **He** said, "I say to you, Kĕpha, the cock ***shall*** not crow at **all** today until you have *denied three times* that you **know Me.**"
[35]And **He** said to them, "***When*** I **sent** you without purse and bag and sandals, did you lack any?" And they said, "None at **all.**"
[36]And **He** said to them, "***But*** **now**, let him who has a purse take it, likewise also a bag. And let him who has no *sword* sell his garment and buy one.
[37]"For I say to you that what has been **written** has yet to be **accomplished** in **Me,** 'And **He** was reckoned with *lawless* ones.' For that which refers to **Me** has an end too."
[38]And they said, "**Master,** look, here are two s**words**." ***But*** **He** said to them, "That is enough!"
[39]And **coming** out, **He** went to the Mount of Olives, **according** to usage and **His taught ones** also **followed Him.**
[40]And **coming** to the place, **He** said to them, "Pray that *you do not* enter into trial."
[41]And **He** withdrew from them about a stone's throw and falling on **His** knees **He** was praying,
[42]saying, "Father, if it be **Your** counsel, remove this **cup** from **Me.** Yet not **My** desire, but let **Your**s be done."
[43]And there appeared a messenger from **heaven** to **Him,** strengthening **Him.**
[44]And being in agony, **He** was praying more earnestly. And **His** sweat became like **great** drops of **blood** falling down to the ground.
[45]And rising up from prayer and **coming** to **His taught ones, He found** them sleeping from grief.
[46]And **He** said to them, "***Why*** do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into trial."
[47]And while **He** was still speaking, see: a crowd! And he who was called Yahuḏah, one of the twelve, was going before them and came **near** to OWY3Z to kiss **Him.**
[48]And OWY3Z said to him, "Yahuḏah, do you **deliver** up the **Son** of Aḏam with a kiss?"
[49]And those around **Him, seeing** what was about to take place,
said to **Him,** "**Master,** ***shall*** we *strike* with the sword?"
[50]And one of them *struck* the servant of the high priest and *cut off* his **right** ear.
[51]***But*** OWY3Z answering, said, "Allow it this far." And touching his ear **He healed** him.
[52]And OWY3Z said to those who had **come** *against* **Him,** the chief priests and captains of the **Set-apart Place** and the elders, "Have you **come out** as *against* a robber, with s**words** and clubs?
[53]"While I was with you daily in the **Set-apart Place,** you *did not* lay hands on **Me.** ***But*** this is your **hour** and the **authority** of *darkness*."
[54]And having *seized* **Him,** they led **Him** and brought **Him** to the house of the high priest. And Kĕpha was **following** at a distance.
[55]And when they had lit a *fire* in the **midst** of the courtyard and sat down together, Kĕpha sat among them.
[56]And a certain servant girl, **seeing** him as he sat by the *fire*, **looked** intently at him and said, "And this one was with **Him.**"

[57]***But*** he *denied* **Him,** saying, "Woman, I *do not* **know Him.**"
[58]And after **a** *little* **while** another **saw** him and said, "You are one of them too." ***But*** Kĕpha said, "Man, I am not!"
[59]And about an **hour** later, another insisted, saying, "**Truly**, this one was with **Him** too, for he is a Galilean too."
[60]***But*** Kĕpha said,"Man, I *do not* **know** what you are saying!"And **immediately**, while he was still speaking, a cock crowed.
[61]And the **Master** turned and **looked** at Kĕpha and Kĕpha **remembered** the **word** of the **Master,** how **He** had said to him, "Before a cock crows, you ***shall*** *deny* **Me three times**."
[62]Kĕpha went out and wept *bitterly*.
[63]The men who were holding OWYƎZ were *mocking* **Him** and *beating* **Him.**
[64]And having blindfolded **Him,** they were striking **Him** on the face and were **asking Him,** saying, "**Prophesy**! ***Who*** is it that *struck* **You?**"
[65]And they said to **Him** much more, blaspheming.
[66]And when it became day, the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, came **together** and they led **Him** into their council, saying,
[67]"***If*** **You** are the **Messiah**, say it to us." And **He** said to them, "***If*** I say to you, you *would not* **believe** it at **all,**
[68]and if I asked you, you *would not* answer **Me** at **all.**
[69]"From **now** on the **Son** of Aḏam ***shall*** sit on the **right hand** of the **power** of **Elohim**."
[70]And they **all** said, "Are **You** then the **Son** of **Elohim**?" And **He** said to them, "You say that I am."
[71]And they said, "***Why*** do we need further witness? For we **heard** it ourselves from **His mouth.**"

23 And the entire assembly of them, having risen up, led **Him** to Pilate,
[2]and began to *accuse* **Him,** saying, "We found this one *perverting* the nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that **He Himself** is **Messiah**, a Sovereign."
[3]And Pilate asked **Him,** saying, "Are **You** the Sovereign of the Yahuḏim?" Answering him **He** said,"You say it."
[4]And Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd,"I find *no guilt* in this Man."
[5]***But*** they were insisting, saying, "He stirs up the people, **teaching** through **all** Yahuḏah, beginning from Galil unto this place."
[6]And when Pilate **heard** of Galil, he asked if the Man were a Galilean.
[7]And when he **learned** that **He** was under the **authority** of Herodes, he **sent Him** to Herodes, who was also in Yerushalayim in those days.
[8]And **seeing** OWYƎZ, Herodes rejoiced greatly, for a long **time** he had **wished** to **see Him, <u>because</u>** he had **heard** much about **Him** and was anticipating to **see** some miracle done by **Him,**
[9]and was questioning **Him** with many **words**, but **He** gave him no answer.
[10]And the chief priests and the *scribes* stood, accusing **Him** intensely.
[11]And Herodes, with his soldiers, made **light** of **Him** and *mocked* **Him,** dressing **Him** in a splendid robe and **sent Him** back to Pilate.
[12]And on that day Pilate and Herodes became friends with each other, for before that they had been at enmity with each other.
[13]And Pilate, having called **together** the chief priests and the rulers and the people,
[14]said to them, "You brought this Man to me, as one who turns away the people. And look, I have examined **Him** in your presence and have **found** *no guilt* in this Man regarding the charges which you make <u>*against*</u> **Him,**
[15]and neither did Herodes, for I **sent** you back to him. And look, **He** has done none at **all** deserving *death.*
[16]"Having disciplined **Him,** then, I ***shall*** release *Him*" –
[17]for he had to release one to them at

the **festival.**
[18]And they *cried out*, **all** together, saying, "Away with this **One** and release to us Barabba"
[19](who had been *thrown* into prison for a certain uprising made in the city and for murder).
[20]Wishing to release OWYAZ, then, Pilate appealed to them again.
[21]***But*** they were calling out, saying, "Impale! Impale **Him!**"
[22]And he said to them the third **time,** "Why, what *evil* has **He** done? I have **found** no **reason** for *death* in **Him.** Having disciplined **Him** then, I ***shall*** release **Him.**"
[23]***But*** with loud **voice**s they insisted, **asking** for **Him** to be impaled. And the **voice**s of these men and of the chief priests were **prevailing.**
[24]And Pilate pronounced **sent**ence that what they asked should be done.
[25]And he released the one they asked for, who for uprising and murder had been *thrown* into prison, but he handed OWYAZ over to their **wishes**.
[26]And as they led **Him** away, they laid hold of a certain man, Shim'on a Cyrenian, who was **coming** from the field and they put the stake on him, to bear it behind OWYAZ.
[27]And a **great** number of the people were **following Him** and women who also were *mourning* and lamenting **Him.**
[28]***But*** OWYAZ, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Yerushalayim, *do not weep* for **Me,** but *weep* for yourselves and for your children.
[29]"For look, days are **coming** in which they ***shall*** say,'**Blessed** are the *barren* and wombs that never bore and the breasts which never nursed!'
[30]"***Then*** they ***shall*** begin 'to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" '
[31]"***If*** they do this to the green *tree,* what is going to be done to the dry *tree?*"
[32]And two others also, *evil-doers*, were led with **Him** to be put to *death.*
[33]And when they had **come to** the place called Golgotha, they impaled **Him** there and the *evil-doers*, one on the **right** and the other on the left.
[34]And OWYAZ said, "Father, **forgive** them, for they *do not* **know** what they do." And they divided **His** garments and *cast* lots.
[35]And the people were standing, looking on and the rulers also were sneering with them, saying, "He **saved** others, let **Him save Himself** if **He** is the **Messiah**, the **chosen** of **Elohim**."
[36]The soldiers were *mocking* **Him** too, **coming** and offering **Him** sour **wine**,
[37]and saying, "***If*** **You** are the Sovereign of the Yahudim, **save Yourself**."
[38]And there was also an inscription **written** over **Him** in letters of Greek and Roman and Hebrew: THIS IS THE SOVEREIGN OF THE YEHUDIM.
[39]And one of the *evil-doers* who were hanged, was speaking *evil* of **Him,** saying, "***If*** **You** are the **Messiah**, **save Yourself** and us."
[40]***But*** the other, responding, ***rebuked*** him, saying, "***Do*** you not even **fear Elohim**, since you are under the **same** judgment?
[41]"And we, indeed, **rightly** so, for we receive the due reward of our **deeds**, but this **One** has done no *wrong*."
[42]And he said to OWYAZ, "**Master,** ***remember*** me when **You come** into **Your** reign."
[43]And OWYAZ said to him, "**Truly**, I say to you today, you ***shall*** **be** with **Me** in Paradise."
[44]And it was **now** about the sixth **hour,** and *darkness* came over **all** the land, until the ninth **hour.**
[45]And the sun was darkened and the veil of the **Dwelling Place** was *torn* in two.
[46]And crying out with a loud **voice**, OWYAZ said, "Father, into **Your** hands I *commit* **My** spirit." And having said this, **He** breathed **His last.**
[47]And the captain, **seeing** what took place, p**raised Elohim**, saying, "**Truly**, this Man was righteous!"
[48]And when **all** the crowds who had gathered to that **sight saw** what took

place, they beat their breasts and went away.
49And **all** those who **knew Him** and the women who **followed Him** from Galil, stood at a distance, watching this.
50And **see,** a man named Yosĕph, a council member, **good** and **righteous,**
51was not agreeing with their counsel and **deed** – from Ramathayim, a city of the Yahuḏim, who himself was also waiting for the **reign** of **Elohim**,
52he, going to Pilate, asked for the body of OWY3Z.
53And taking it down, he wrapped it in linen and laid it in a tomb hewn out of the rock, where no one was yet laid.
54And it was Preparation day and the **Sabbath** was approaching.
55And the women who had **come** with **Him** from Galil **followed** after and **saw** the tomb and ***how*** **His** body was laid.
56And having returned, they prepared spices and perfumes and they rested the **Sabbath according** to the **command.**

24 And on the **first day of** the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared,
2and they **found** the stone rolled away from the tomb.
3And having entered, they *did not* find the body of the **Master** OWY3Z.
4And it came to be, as they were perplexed about this, that **see,** two men stood by them in glittering garments.
5And becoming frightened and bowing their faces to the earth, these said to them, "***Why*** do you **seek** the **living** among the dead?
6"He is not here, but has been **raised** up! ***remember*** how **He** spoke to you when **He** was still in Galil,
7saying, 'The **Son** of Aḏam has to be **delivered** into the hands of *sinners* and be impaled and the third day rise again.'"
8And they **remembered His words**.
9And having returned from the tomb they reported **all** this to the eleven and to **all** the rest.
10And it was Miryam from Maḡdala and Yoḥanah and Miryam the mother of Ya'aqoḇ and the rest with them, who told this to the emissaries.
11Their **words** appeared to them to be nonsense and they *did not believe* them.
12***But*** Kĕpha arose and ran to the tomb. Stooping down, he **saw** the linen wrappings *lying* by themselves and he went away home, marvelling at what took place.
13And **see,** two of them were going that **same** day to a village called Amma'us, which was twelve kilometres from Yerushalayim.
14And they were talking to each other of **all** this which had taken place.
15And it came to be, as they were talking and reasoning, that OWY3Z **Himself** drew **near** and went with them.
16***But*** their eyes were restrained, so that they *did not* **know Him.**
17And **He** said to them,"***What*** are these words you are exchanging with each other as you're walking and are sad?"
18And the one whose name was Qleophas answering, said to **Him,** "Are **You** the lone visitor in Yerushalayim who *does not* **know** what took place in it these days?"
19And **He** said to them, "***What***?" And they said to **Him,** "Concerning OWY3Z of Natsareth, who was a **Prophet** mighty in **deed** and **word** before **Elohim** and **all** the people,
20and how the chief *priests* and our *rulers* **delivered Him** to be *condemned* to *death* and impaled **Him.**
21"We, however, were expecting that it was **He** who was going to **redeem** Yisra'ĕl. ***But*** besides **all** this, today is the third day since these matters took place.
22"Certain women of ours, who arrived at the tomb early, also astonished us,
23when they *did not* find **His** body, they came saying that they had also **seen** a **vision** of messengers who said **He** was **alive.**
24"Some of those with us went to the tomb and **found** it, as also the women had said, but they *did not* **see Him.**"
25And **He** said to them, "O thoughtless

ones and slow of **heart** to **believe** in **all** that the prophets have **spoken** !
[26]"Was it not necessary for the **Messiah** to *suffer* these and to enter into **His** esteem?"
[27]And beginning at Mosheh and **all** the **Prophet**s, **He** was explaining to them in **all** the **Scriptures** the ***matters*** concerning **Himself**.
[28]And they approached the village where they were going and **He** seemed to be going on.
[29]***But*** they urged **Him** strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward **evening** and the day has declined." And **He** went in to stay with them.
[30]And it came to be, when **He** sat at the table with them, having taken the bread, **He blessed** and having *broken,* **He** was giving it to them.
[31]And their eyes were opened and they recognised **Him.** And **He** disappeared from their sight.
[32]And they said to each other, "Was not our **heart** *burning* within us as **He** was speaking to us on the **way** and as **He** was opening the **Scriptures** to us?"
[33]And rising up that **same hour** they returned to Yerushalayim and **found** the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,
[34]saying, "The **Master** was **truly raised** and has appeared to Shim'on!"
[35]And they related what took place on the **way** and how **He** was recognised by them in the breaking of the bread.
[36]As they were saying this, **OWYƎZ Himself** stood in the **midst** of them and said to them, "Peace to you."
[37]And being startled and frightened, they thought they had **seen** a spirit.
[38]And **He** said to them, "***Why*** are you troubled? And why do ***doubts*** arise in your **hearts**?
[39]"See **My** hands and **My** feet, that it is I **Myself**. Handle **Me** and **see,** for a spirit *does not* have *flesh* and bones as you **see** I have."
[40]And saying this, **He** showed them **His** hands and **His** feet.
[41]And while they were still not **believing** for joy and marvelling, **He** said to them, "Have you any food here?"
[42]And they gave **Him** a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb.
[43]And taking it **He** ate in their presence.
[44]And **He** said to them, "These are the **words** which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that **all** have to be filled that were **written** in the **Torah** of Mosheh and the **Prophet**s and the Psalms concerning **Me.**"
[45]***Then*** **He** opened their minds to **understand** the **Scriptures**,
[46]and said to them, "Thus it has been **written** and so it was necessary for the **Messiah** to *suffer* and to rise again from the *dead* the third day,
[47]and that **repentance** and **forgiveness** of *sins* should be **proclaimed in His Name** to **all** nations, beginning at Yerushalayim.
[48]"You are **witnesses** of these matters.
[49]"**See,** I am sending the **Promise of My Father** upon you, but you are to remain in the city of Yerushalayim until you are **clothed with power from on high."**
[50]And **He** led them out as far as Bĕyth Anyah and lifting up **His** hands **He blessed** them.
[51]And it came to be, while **He** was **blessing** them, that **He** was parted from them and was taken up into the **heavens.**
[52]And they, having bowed down to **Him,** returned to Yerushalayim with **great joy**,
[53]and were continually in the **Set-apart** Place praising and **blessing Elohim!** Amĕn.

YOḤANAN

JOHN

1 In the beginning was the **Word, and** the **Word** was with **Elohim,** and the **Word** was **Elohim**.
[2]**He** was in the beginning with **Elohim**.
[3]All came to be through **Him,** and without **Him** not even one came to be that came to be.
[4]In **Him** was **life,** and the **life** was the **light** of men.
[5]And the **light** shines in the *darkness,* and the *darkness* has not overcome it.
[6]There was a man **sent** from **Elohim**, whose name was Yoḥanan.
[7]This one came for a **witness,** to bear **witness** of the **Light**, that **all** might **believe** through him.
[8]**He** was not that **Light**, but that he might bear **witness** of that **Light**.
[9]**He** was the **true Light**, which **enlightens every** man, **coming** into the world.
[10]**He** was in the world, and the world came to be through **Him,** and the world *did not* **know Him.**
[11]**He** came to **His** own and **His** own ***did not receive*** **Him.**
[12]***But*** as many as **received Him,** to them **He** gave the **authority** to become children of **Elohim**, to those **believing** in **His Name,**
[13]who were born, not of **blood** nor of the desire of *flesh* nor of the desire of man, but of **Elohim**.
[14]And the **Word** became *flesh* and **pitched His** tent among us, and we **saw His** esteem, **esteem** as of an only brought-forth of a father, **complete** in **favour** and **truth**.
[15]Yoḥanan bore **witness** of **Him** and *cried out*, saying, "This was **He** of whom I said, '**He** who **comes** after me has become before me, **because He** was before me.' "
[16]And out of **His** completeness we **all** did receive, and **favour** upon **favour,**
[17]for the **Torah** was **given** through Mosheh – the **favour** and the **truth** came through 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**.
[18]No one has ever **seen Elohim**. The only brought-forth **Son**, who is in the bosom of the **Father, He** did **declare.**
[19]**Now** this was the **witness** of Yoḥanan when the Yahuḏim **sent** from Yerushalayim priests and Lĕwites to **ask** him, "***Who*** are you?"
[20]And he confessed and *did not* deny, but confessed, "I am ***not*** the **Messiah**."
[21]And they asked him, "***What*** then, are you Ĕliyahu?" So he said, "I am not." "Are you the **Prophet**?" And he answered, "**No**."
[22]Therefore they said to him, "***Who*** are you, so that we give an answer to those who **sent** us? ***What*** do you say about yourself?"
[23]**He** said, "I am a **voice** of one crying in the wilderness, '**Make straight the way** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, ' as the **prophet** Yeshayahu said."
[24]And those **sent** were of the Pharisees,
[25]and they asked him, saying,"***Why*** then do you **immerse** if you are not the **Messiah**, nor Ĕliyahu, nor the **Prophet**?"
[26]Yoḥanan answered them, saying, "I **immerse** in water, but in your **midst** stands **One** whom *you do not* **know,**
[27]the **One coming** after me, who has become before me, whose sandal strap I am not **worthy** to loosen."
[28]This took place in Bĕyth Anyah beyond the Yarděn, where Yoḥanan was immersing.
[29]The next day Yoḥanan **saw** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **coming** toward him, and said, "**See,** the **Lamb** of **Elohim** who takes away the *sin* of the **world**!
[30]"This **is He** of whom I said,'After me **comes** a Man who has become before

me, for **He** was before me.'
31"And I *did not* **know Him,** but that **He** might be **revealed** to Yisra'ĕl, therefore I came immersing in water."
32And Yoḥanan bore **witness,** saying, "I have **seen** the **Spirit coming** down from **heaven** like a dove and remain on **Him.**
33"And I *did not* **know Him,** but **He** who **sent** me to **immerse** in water said to me, 'Upon whom you **see** the **Spirit coming** down and remaining on **Him,** this **is He** who immerses in the **Set-apart Spirit.**'
34"And I have **seen** and have **witnessed** that this is the **Son** of **Elohim**."
35Again the **following** day, Yoḥanan was standing with two of his **taught ones,**
36and looking at OWY3Z walking, he said, "**See the Lamb of Elohim**!"
37And the two **taught ones heard** him speaking and they **followed** OWY3Z.
38And OWY3Z turning, and **seeing** them **follow**ing, said to them, "***What*** do you seek?" And they said to **Him,** "Rabbi" (which means **Teacher**), "where are **You** staying?"
39**He** said to them, **"Come** and **see.**" They went and **saw** where **He** was staying, and remained with **Him** that day. **Now** it was about the tenth **hour.**
40Andri, the brother of Shim'on Kĕpha, was one of the two **who heard** from Yoḥanan, and **followed Him.**
41**First** he **found** his own brother Shim'on and said to him, "We have **found** the **Messiah**" (which means the **Anointed**).
42And he brought him to OWY3Z. And looking at him, OWY3Z said,"You are Shim'on, the son of Yonah, you ***shall*** **be** called Kĕpha" (which means A Stone).
43On the **following** day OWY3Z **wished** to go to Galil, and **He found** Philip and said to him,"**Follow Me.**"
44And Philip was from Bĕyth Tsaiḏa, the city of Andri and Kĕpha.
45Philip **found** Nethanĕ'l and said to him, "We have **found Him** whom Mosheh **wrote** of in the **Torah,** and the prophets: OWY3Z of Natsareth – the son of Yosĕph."
46And Nethanĕ'l said to him, "Is it **possible** for any **good** matter to **come out** of Natsareth?" Philip said to him, **"Come** and **see.**"
47OWY3Z **saw** Nethanĕ'l **coming** toward **Him,** and said of him, "**See, truly** a Yisra'ĕlite, in whom is no *deceit*!"
48Nethanĕ'l said to **Him,** "From where do **You know** me?" OWY3Z answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig *tree,* I **saw** you."
49Nethanĕ'l answered and said to **Him,** "Rabbi, **You** are the **Son** of **Elohim**! **You** are the Sovereign of Yisra'ĕl!"
50OWY3Z answered and said to him, "**Because** I said to you, 'I **saw** you under the fig *tree,*' do you **believe**? Greater than that you ***shall*** **see.**"
51And **He** said to him, "**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, from **now** on you ***shall*** **see the heaven** opened and the messengers of **Elohim** ascending and descending upon the **Son** of Aḏam."

2 And on the third day there was a wedding in Qanah of Galil, and the mother of OWY3Z was there.
2And both OWY3Z and **His taught ones** were invited to the wedding.
3And when they were short of **wine**, the mother of OWY3Z said to **Him,** "They have *no* **wine**."
4OWY3Z said to her, "Woman, what is that to **Me** and to you? **My hour** has not yet come."
5**His** mother said to the servants, "***Do whatever*** **He** says to you."
6And there were six stone water-jugs standing there, **according** to the mode of **cleansing** of the Yahuḏim, each holding two or three measures.
7OWY3Z said to them, "Fill the water-jugs with water." And they filled them up to the brim.
8And **He** said to them,"**Now** draw out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it.
9***But*** when the master of the feast had

tasted the water that had become **wine,** and *did not* **know** where it came from – though the servants who had drawn the water **knew** – the master of the feast called the bridegroom,
[10]and said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the **good wine** and, when they have drunk, then that which is *poor*er. You **have** kept the **good wine** until *now.*"
[11]This, the beginning of the **signs,** **OWYAZ** did in Qanah of Galil, and manifested **His** esteem. And **His taught ones believed** in **Him.**
[12]After this **He** went down to Kephar Naḥum, **He** and **His** mother, and **His** brothers, and **His taught ones.** And there they stayed not many days.
[13]And the **Passover** of the Yahuḏim was near, and **OWYAZ** went up to Yerushalayim.
[14]And **He found** in the **Set-apart Place** those ***selling*** oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers sitting.
[15]And having made a whip of cords, **He** drove them **all** out of the **Set-apart Place,** with the sheep and the oxen, and **poured out** the moneychangers' coins and overturned the tables.
[16]And **He** said to those ***selling*** *doves*, "Take these away! ***Do*** *not* make the house of **My Father** a house of ***merchandise***!"
[17]And **His taught ones remembered** that it was **written**, "The **ardour** for **Your** house has eaten **Me** up."
[18]And the Yahuḏim answered and said to **Him,** "***What*** **sign** do **You show** to us, since **You** are doing these?"
[19]**OWYAZ** answered and said to them, "Destroy this **Dwelling Place,** and in three days I ***shall*** **raise** it."
[20]***Then*** the Yahuḏim said, "It took fortysix years to build this **Dwelling Place,** and **You** are going to **raise** it in three days?"
[21]***But*** **He** spoke about the **Dwelling Place** of **His** body.
[22]So, when **He** was **raised** from the *dead,* **His taught ones remembered** that **He** said this to them. And they **believed** the **Scripture** and the **word** which **OWYAZ** had said.
[23]And when **He** was in Yerushalayim at the **Passover**, at the **festival,** many **believed in His Name** when they **saw** the **signs** which **He** was **doing**.
[24]***But*** **OWYAZ** was not entrusting **Himself** to them, **<u>because</u>** **He knew** *all men*,
[25]and had no need that anyone should **witness** of *man*, for **He knew** what was in *man*.

3 And there was a man of the Pharisees, Naḵdimon was his name, a ruler of the Yahuḏim.
[2]This one came to **OWYAZ** by night and said to **Him,** "Rabbi, we **know** that **You** are a **teacher come** from **Elohim**, for no one **is able** to do these **signs You** do if **Elohim** is not with him."
[3]**OWYAZ** answered and said to him, "**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, ***unless*** one is born from above, he is *unable* to **see** the **reign** of **Elohim**."
[4]Naḵdimon said to **Him,** "***How*** is a man able to be born when he is old? Is he able to enter into his mother's womb a second **time** and be born?"
[5]**OWYAZ** answered, "**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, ***unless*** one is born of **water** and the **Spirit,** he is *unable to enter* into the **reign** of **Elohim**.
[6]"That which has been born of the *flesh* is *flesh,* and that which has been born of the **Spirit** is **spirit**.
[7]"***Do*** *not* marvel that I said to you, 'You **have** to be born from **above**.'
[8]"**The Spirit** breathes where it **wishes,** and you **hear** the sound of it, but *do not* **know** where it **comes** from and where it goes. So is everyone who has been born of **the Spirit.**"
[9]Naḵdimon answered and said to **Him,** "***How*** is it **possible** for this to take place?"
[10]**OWYAZ** answered and said to him, "***Are*** you ***the*** **teacher** of Yisra'ĕl, and *do not* **know** ***this***?
[11]"**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, **We speak**

what **We know** and **witness** what **We** have **seen,** and *you do not* receive **Our witness.**

12"***If*** *you do not* **believe** when I spoke to you about earthly matters, ***how*** are you going to **believe** when I **speak** to you about the heavenly matters?

13"And no one has gone up into **the heaven** ***except*** **He** who **came down** from **the heaven** – the **Son** of Aḏam.

14"And as Mosheh lifted up the *serpent* in the wilderness, even so the **Son** of Adam has to be lifted up,

15so that ***whoever*** is **believing** in **Him** should not *perish* but **possess everlasting life**.

16"For **Elohim** so **loved** the world that **He** gave **His** only brought-forth **Son**, so that everyone who **believe**s in **Him** should not *perish* but **possess everlasting life**.

17"For **Elohim** *did not* send **His Son** into the world to **judge** the world, but that the world **through Him** might be **saved**.

18"He who **believe**s in **Him** is not judged, but he who *does not* **believe** is judged already, **<u>because</u>** he has not **believed** in the **Name** of the only brought-forth **Son** of **Elohim**.

19"And this is the judgment, that the **light** has **come** into the world, and men **loved** the *darkness* rather than the **light**, for their **works** were *wicked*.

20"For everyone who is practising *evil* matters *hates* the **light** and *does not* **come to** the **light**, lest his **works** should be exposed.

21"***But*** the one doing the **truth comes** to the **light**, so that his **works** are clearly **seen,** that they have been wrought in **Elohim**."

22After this, **OWYAZ** and **His taught ones** came into the land of Yahuḏah, and **He** remained there with them, and was immersing.

23And Yoḥanan was also immersing in Ayin **near** Salim, **<u>because</u>** there was plenty of water there. And they were **coming** and were being **immersed,**

24for Yoḥanan had not yet been put into prison.

25***Then*** a *dispute* arose between some of Yoḥanan's **taught ones** and the Yahuḏim about cleansing,

26and they came to Yoḥanan and said to him, "Rabbi, **He** who was with you beyond the Yarděn, to whom you have **witnessed, see, He** is immersing, and **all** are **coming** to **Him!**"

27Yoḥanan answered and said, "No man **is able** to **receive** any matter ***unless*** it is **given** to him from the **heaven.**

28"You yourselves are **witnesses** for me that I said, **'I am** not the **Messiah** but I am **sent** ahead of **Him.**'

29"He that has the bride is the bridegroom, but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and **hears** him, **rejoices** greatly **<u>because</u>** of the **voice** of the bridegroom. So this **joy** of mine is **complete**.

30"It is **right** for **Him** to increase, but me to decrease.

31"He who **comes** from above is over **all,** he who is from the earth is of the earth and speaks of the earth. **He** who **comes** from **the heaven** is over **all.**

32"And what **He has seen** and **heard**, that **He witnesses.** And no one receives **His witness.**

33"He who receives **His witness** has set his **seal** that **Elohim** is **true.**

34"For **He** whom **Elohim** has **sent** speaks the **Words** of **Elohim**, for **Elohim** *does not* give the **Spirit** by measure.

35"The **Father loves** the **Son,** and has **given all** into **His hand.**

36"He who **believe**s in the **Son possesses everlasting life,** but he who *does* ***not obey*** the **Son** ***shall*** not **see life**, but the *wrath* of **Elohim** remains on him."

4 So when the **Master knew** that the Pharisees had **heard** that **OWYAZ** made and **immersed** more **taught ones** than Yoḥanan –

2although **OWYAZ Himself** *did not* immerse, but **His taught ones** –

[3]**He** left Yahuḏah and went away again to Galil.
[4]And **He** had to pass through Shomeron.
[5]So **He** came to a city of Shomeron, called Sheḵem, **near** the piece of land Ya'aqoḇ gave to his son Yosĕph.
[6]And Ya'aqoḇ's fountain was there. So OWYƎZ, being wearied from the journey, was sitting thus at the fountain. It was about the sixth **hour.**
[7]A woman of Shomeron came to draw water. OWYƎZ said to her, "Give **Me** to drink."
[8]For **His taught ones** had gone off into the city to buy food.
[9]The woman of Shomeron therefore said to **Him,** "***How*** is it that **You,** being a Yahuḏite, **ask** a drink from me, a woman of Shomeron?" For Yahuḏim *do not* associate with Shomeroniṯes.
[10]OWYƎZ answered and said to her, "***If*** you **knew** the gift of **Elohim,** and who it is who says to you, 'Give **Me** to drink,' you would have asked **Him,** and **He** would have **given** you **living** water."
[11]The woman said to **Him,** "**Master, You have** no vessel, and the well is deep. From where, then, do **You have living** water?
[12]"Are **You** greater than our father Ya'aqoḇ, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?"
[13]OWYƎZ answered and said to her, "Everyone drinking of this water ***shall*** thirst again,
[14]but ***whoever*** drinks of the water I give him ***shall*** certainly never thirst. And the water that I give him ***shall*** become in him a fountain of water springing up into **everlasting life**."
[15]The woman said to **Him,** "**Master,** give me this water, so that I *do not* thirst, nor **come** here to draw."
[16]OWYƎZ said to her, "Go, **call** your husband, and **come** here."
[17]The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." OWYƎZ said to her, "You have well said,'I have no husband,'
[18]for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you **now** have is not your husband. ***What*** you have said is **true.**"
[19]The woman said to **Him,** "**Master,** I **see** that **You** are a **prophet.**
[20]"Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you people say that in Yerushalayim is the place where one ***needs*** to worship."
[21]OWYƎZ said to her, "Woman, **believe Me,** the **hour** is **coming** when you ***shall*** neither on this mountain, nor in Yerushalayim, worship the **Father.**
[22]"You worship what *you do not* **know. We** worship what we **know, <u>because</u>** the **deliverance** is of the Yahuḏim.
[23]"***But*** the **hour** is **coming,** and **now** is, when the **true** worshippers ***shall*** worship the **Father in spirit and truth,** for the **Father** also does **seek** such to worship **Him.**
[24]"**Elohim** is **Spirit,** and those who worship **Him** *need* to worship **in spirit** and **truth**."
[25]The woman said to **Him,** "I **know** that **Messiah** is **coming**, the **One** who is called Anointed. ***When*** that **One** comes, **He *shall* announce** to us **all.**"
[26]OWYƎZ said to her, "I who am speaking to you **am He.**"
[27]And upon this **His taught ones** came, and they were marvelling that **He** was speaking with a woman, however, no one said, "***What*** do **You** seek?"or, "***Why*** do **You speak** with her?"
[28]The woman then left her water-jug, and went away to the city, and said to the men,
[29]**"Come, see** a Man who told me **all** that I have done. Is this not the **Messiah**?"
[30]They went out of the city and were **coming** to **Him.**
[31]***But*** in the meantime **His taught ones** were **asking Him,** saying, "Rabbi, eat."
[32]And **He** said to them, "I have **food** to eat of which *you do not* **know.**"
[33]***Then*** **the taught ones** said to each other, "Did anyone bring **Him** *food* to eat?"

34 **YHWH** said to them,"**My food** is to **do the desire of Him** who **sent Me,**and to **accomplish His work**.
35"***Do*** you not say, 'There are still four months, and the harvest comes'? **See,** I say to you, lift up your eyes and **see** the fields, for they are white for harvest – already!
36"He who is reaping receives a reward and gathers **fruit** for **everlasting life**, so that both he who is sowing and he who is reaping **rejoice** together.
37"For in this the **word** is **true,** 'One sows and another reaps.'
38"**I sent** you to reap that for which you have not laboured. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labours."
39And many of the Shomeronites of that city **believed** in **Him** **because** of the **word** of the woman who **witnessed,** "He told me **all** that I have done."
40Therefore when the Shomeronites came to **Him,** they were **asking Him** to stay with them, and **He** stayed there two days.
41And many more **believed** **because** of **His word.**
42And they said to the woman, "We no longer **believe** **because** of what you said, for we ourselves have **heard,** and we **know** that this is **truly** the **Messiah**, the **Saviour** of the world."
43And after the two days **He** left there and went to Galil.
44For **YHWH Himself witnessed** that a **prophet** is without appreciation in his own country.
45Therefore when **He** came to Galil, the Galileans received **Him,** having **seen all** that **He** had done in Yerushalayim at the **festival,** for they also went to the **festival.**
46***Then*** **YHWH** came again to Qanah of Galil where **He** had made the water **wine**. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was *sick* at Kephar Naḥum.
47***When*** he **heard** that **YHWH** had **come** from Yahuḏah into Galil, he went to **Him** and was **asking Him** to **come** down and **heal** his son, for he was about to *die.*
48**YHWH** then said to him, "***If*** you *people do not* **see signs** and **wonders**, *you do not* **believe** at **all.**"
49The nobleman said to **Him,** "**Master, come** down before my child dies!"
50**YHWH** said to him, "Go, your son **lives.**" And the man **believed** the **word** that **YHWH** spoke to him, and went.
51And while he was going down, his servants met him and reported, saying, "**Your** son **lives**!"
52**He** then asked from them the **hour** in which he became better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh **hour** the inflammation left him."
53***Then*** the father **knew** that it was at the **same hour** in which **YHWH** said to him, "**Your** son **lives.**" And he himself **believed,** and **all** his household.
54Again this was the second **sign** **YHWH** did, when **He** had **come** from Yahuḏah into Galil.

5 After this there was a **festival** of the Yahuḏim, and **YHWH** went up to Yerushalayim.
2And in Yerushalayim at the Sheep *Gate* there is a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bĕyth Zatha, having five porches.
3In these were *lying* a **great** number of those who were *sick, blind, crippled,* paralysed, waiting for the stirring of the water.
4For a messenger was going down at a certain **time** into the pool and was stirring the water. ***Whoever*** stepped in **first,** then, after the stirring of the water, became well of ***whatever*** *disease* he had.
5And a certain man was there who had a *sickness* thirty-eight years.
6***When*** **YHWH saw** him *lying* there, and knowing that he already had been a long **time,** **He** said to him, "***Do*** you **wish** to become well?"
7The *sick* man answered **Him,** "**Master,** I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred, but while I am **coming**, another steps down before me."
8**YHWH** said to him,"Rise, take up

your bed and **walk.**"
9And **immediately** the man became well, and he took up his bed and was walking. **Now** it was **Sabbath** on that day.
10The Yahuḏim therefore said to him who had been **healed**, "It is the **Sabbath,** it is not **right** for you to take up the bed."
11**He** answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and **walk.**' "
12Therefore they asked him,"***Who*** is the Man who said to you,'Take up your bed and walk'?"
13***But*** the one who was **healed** *did not* **know** who it was, for OWYƎZ had moved away, a crowd being in that place.
14Afterward OWYƎZ **found** him in the Set-apart **Place** and said to him, "**See,** you have been made well. *Sin* no more, so that no worse matter befalls you."
15The man went away, and told the Yahuḏim that it was OWYƎZ who made him well.
16And **because** of this the Yahuḏim persecuted OWYƎZ, and were **seeking** to *kill* **Him, because He** was doing these **healings** on the **Sabbath**.
17***But*** OWYƎZ answered them, "My **Father works** until **now,** and I work."
18**Because** of this, then, the Yahuḏim were **seeking all** the more to *kill* **Him,** '**because** not only was **He** breaking the **Sabbath,** but **He** also called **Elohim His** own **Father,** making **Himself** equal with **Elohim**.'
19Therefore OWYƎZ responded and said to them, "**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, the **Son is able** to do none at **all** by **Himself**, but only that which **He sees** the **Father** doing, **because** ***whatever*** **He** does, the **Son** also likewise does.
20"For the **Father** loves the **Son,** and shows **Him all** that **He Himself** does. And greater **works** than these **He** is going to **show Him, in order** that you marvel.
21"For as the **Father** raises the *dead* and makes **alive,** even so the **Son** makes **alive** whom **He wishes**.
22"For the **Father** judges no one,but has **given all** the judgment to the **Son**,
23that **all** should value the **Son** even as they value the **Father. He** who *does not* value the **Son** *does not* value the **Father** who **sent Him.**
24"**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, he **who hears My word** and **believe**s in **Him** who **sent Me possesses everlasting life,** and *does not* **come** into judgment, but, has passed from *death* into **life**.
25"**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, the **hour** is **coming,** and **now** is, when the *dead* ***shall*** **hear** the **voice** of the **Son** of **Elohim**. And those having **heard** ***shall*** **live.**
26"For as the **Father possesses life** in **Himself**, so **He** gave also to the **Son** to **possess life** in **Himself**,
27and **He** has **given Him authority** also to do judgment, **because He** is the **Son** of Aḏam.
28"***Do*** *not* marvel at this, **because** the **hour** is **coming** in which **all** those in the tombs ***shall*** **hear His voice**,
29and ***shall*** **come** forth – those who have **done good**, to the resurrection of **life,** and those who have *practised evil* matters, to a resurrection of judgment.
30"Of **Myself** I am *unable* to do any matter. As I **hear,** I judge and **My** judgment is **righteous, because** I *do not* **seek My** own desire, but the **desire of the Father** who **sent Me.**
31"***If*** I bear **witness** of **Myself**, **My witness** is ***not*** **true.**
32"There is another who bears **witness** of **Me,** and I **know** that the **witness** which **He witnesses** of **Me** is **true.**
33"You have **sent** to Yoḥanan, and he bore **witness** to the **truth**.
34"***But*** I *do not* receive **witness** from man, but I say this **in order** that you might be **saved**.
35"He was the **burning** and **shining** lamp, and for a while you **wished** to **rejoice** in his **light**.
36"***But*** I have a greater **witness** than that of Yoḥanan, for the **works** that the **Father** gave **Me** to **accomplish**, the **works** that I do, bear **witness** of **Me,**

that the **Father** has **sent Me.**
[37]"And the **Father** who **sent Me,**
He bore **witness** of **Me.** You have
neither **heard His voice** at any **time,**
nor **seen His form**.
[38]"And *you do not* have **His Word**
staying in you, **<u>because</u>** *you do not*
believe Him whom **He sent**.
[39]"You **search** the **Scriptures**, **<u>because</u>**
you *think* you **possess everlasting life** in
them. And these are the ones that bear
witness of **Me.**
[40]"***But*** *you do not desire* to **come to Me**
in order to **possess life**.
[41]"I *do not* receive **esteem** from men,
[42]but I **know** you, that *you do not have*
the **love** of **Elohim** in you.
[43]"I have **come** in **My Father's Name**
and *you do not receive* **Me,** if another
comes in his own name, him you would
receive.
[44]"***How*** are you able to **believe,** when
you are receiving **esteem** from one
another, and the **esteem** that is from the
only **Elohim** *you do not* seek?
[45]"***Do*** *not think* that I ***shall*** *accuse* you
to the **Father.** There is one who ***accuses***
you: Mosheh, in whom you have set
your expectation.
[46]"For if you **believed** Mosheh, you
would have **believed Me,** since he **wrote**
about **Me.**
[47]"***But*** if *you do not* **believe** his
writings, how ***shall*** you **believe My**
words?"

6 After this OWYƎZ went away to
the other side of the Sea of Galil, that is
Lake Kinnereth.
[2]And a large crowd was **following**
Him, <u>because</u> they **saw His signs** which
He did on those who were *sick.*
[3]And OWYƎZ went up on a mountain,
and there **He** sat down with **His taught**
ones.
[4]And the **Passover** was near, the
festival of the Yahuḏim.
[5]***Then*** OWYƎZ, lifting up **His** eyes
and **seeing** a large crowd **coming** toward
Him, said to Philip, "Where ***shall*** we
buy **bread** for them to eat?"
[6]And this **He** said, trying him, for **He**
Himself knew what **He** would do.
[7]Philip answered **Him,** "Two hundred
pieces of silver worth of **bread** is not
sufficient for them, for **every** one of
them to receive a little."
[8]One of **His taught ones,** Andri, the
brother of Shim'on Kĕpha, said to **Him,**
[9]"Here is a boy who has five barley
loaves and two fish, but what are these
for so many?"
[10]And OWYƎZ said, "Make the people
sit down." **Now** there was much grass in
the place, and the men, numbering about
five thousand, sat down.
[11]And OWYƎZ took the loaves and
having **given thanks He** distributed
them to **the taught ones** and **the taught**
ones to those sitting down. And the
same with the fish, as much as they
wished.
[12]And when they were filled, **He** said
to **His taught ones,** "**Gather** the broken
pieces that are left over, so that none gets
wasted."
[13]So they gathered them and filled
twelve baskets with broken pieces of the
five barley loaves which were left over
by those who had eaten.
[14]***Then*** the men, having **seen** the **sign**
that OWYƎZ did, said, "This is **truly**
the **Prophet** who is **coming** to the
world."
[15]***Then*** OWYƎZ, knowing that they
were about to **come** and *seize* **Him,**
that they might make **Him** sovereign,
withdrew again to the mountain, alone
by **Himself**.
[16]And when **evening** came, **His taught**
ones went down to the sea,
[17]and *entering* into the boat, they
were going over the sea toward Kephar
Naḥum. And it had already become dark,
and OWYƎZ had not yet **come to** them.
[18]And the sea was rising **<u>because</u>** a
great *wind* was blowing.
[19]***When*** they had rowed about five
or six kilometers, they **saw** OWYƎZ
walking on the sea and **coming near** the
boat, and they were *afraid*.
[20]And **He** said to them,"It is I, *do not* be

afraid."
[21]They **wished** therefore to take **Him** into the boat, and at once the boat was at the land where they were going.
[22]On the next day, the crowd that was standing on the other side of the sea **saw** that there was no other boat there ***except*** that one into which **His taught ones** had entered, and that OWYƎZ had not entered the boat with **His taught ones,** but **His taught ones** went away alone –
[23]but other boats came from Kinnereth, **near** the place where they ate **bread** after the **Master** had **given thanks** –
[24]therefore when the crowd **saw** that OWYƎZ was not there, nor **His taught ones,** they themselves also entered into the boats and came to Kephar Naḥum, **seeking** OWYƎZ.
[25]And having **found Him** on the other side of the sea, they asked **Him,** "Rabbi, when did **You come** here?"
[26]OWYƎZ answered them and said, "**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, you **seek Me,** not **because** you **saw signs,** but **because** you ate of the loaves and were satisfied.
[27]"***Do*** *not* labour for the food that is perishing but for the food that is remaining to **everlasting life**, which the **Son** of Aḏam ***shall*** give you, for the **Father, Elohim**, has set **His seal** on **Him.**"
[28]So they said to **Him,** "***What*** should we do to **work** the **works** of **Elohim**?"
[29]OWYƎZ answered and said to them, "This is the **work** of **Elohim**, that you **believe** in **Him** whom **He sent**."
[30]So they said to **Him,** "***What*** **sign** then would **You** do, so that we **see** and **believe You?** ***What*** would **You** do?
[31]"Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, as it has been **written**, '**He** gave them **bread** out of **the heaven** to eat.' "
[32]Therefore OWYƎZ said to them, "**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, Mosheh *did not* give you the **bread** out of the heaven, but **My Father** gives you the **true bread** out of the **heaven.**
[33]"For the **bread** of **Elohim is He** who **comes** down out of **the heavens** and **gives life** to the world."
[34]So they said to **Him,** "**Master,** give us this **bread** always."
[35]And OWYƎZ said to them, "**I am** the **bread** of **life**. He who **comes** to **Me** ***shall*** not get hungry at **all,** and he who **believe**s in **Me** ***shall*** not get thirsty at **all.**
[36]"***But*** I said to you that you have **seen Me,** and still *do not* **believe**.
[37]"**All** that the **Father** gives **Me** ***shall*** **come to Me,** and the one who **comes** to **Me** I ***shall*** by no means *cast* out.
[38]"**Because** I have **come** down out of the heaven, not to do **My** own desire, but the **desire of Him** who **sent Me.**
[39]"This is the **desire of the Father** who **sent Me,** that **all He** has **given Me** I should not lose of it, but should **raise** it in the **last day.**
[40]"And this is the **desire of Him** who **sent Me,** that everyone who sees the **Son** and **believe**s in **Him** should **possess everlasting life**. And I ***shall*** **raise** him up in the **last day.**"
[41]Therefore the Yahuḏim were *grumbling against* **Him, because He** said, "I am the **bread** which came down out of the **heaven.**"
[42]And they said, "Is not this OWYƎZ, the son of Yosĕph, whose father and mother we **know? *How*** is it then that **He** says,'I have **come** down out of the **heaven**'?"
[43]***Then*** OWYƎZ answered and said to them, "***Do*** *not grumble* with one another.
[44]"No one **is able** to **come to Me** ***unless*** the **Father,** who **sent Me draws** him. And I ***shall*** **raise** him up in the **last day.**
[45]"It has been **written** in the **prophets,** 'And they ***shall*** **all** be **taught** by ƎYƎZ.' Everyone, then, who has **heard** from the **Father** and **learned, comes** to **Me.**
[46]"Not that anyone has **seen** the **Father,** ***except*** **He** who is from **Elohim** – **He has seen** the **Father.**
[47]"**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, he who **believe**s in **Me possesses everlasting life**.
[48]"I am the **bread** of **life**.

[49]"**Your** fathers ate the manna in the wilderness and they *died.*
[50]"This is the **bread** which **comes** down out of the heaven, so that anyone might eat of it, and not *die.*
[51]"I am the **living bread** which came down out of the **heaven.** ***If*** anyone eats of this bread, he ***shall* live forever**. And indeed, the **bread** that I ***shall*** give is **My** *flesh,* which I ***shall*** give for the **life** of the world."
[52]The Yahuḏim, therefore, were striving with one another, saying, "***How*** is this **One** able to give us **His** *flesh* to eat?"
[53]OWYƎZ therefore said to them, "**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, ***unless*** you eat the *flesh* of the **Son** of Aḏam and drink **His blood,** you **possess** no **life** in yourselves.
[54]"He who eats **My** *flesh* and drinks **My blood possesses everlasting life** and I ***shall* raise** him up in the **last day.**
[55]"For **My** *flesh* is **truly** food, and **My blood** is **truly** drink.
[56]"He who eats **My** *flesh* and drinks **My blood** stays in **Me** and I in him.
[57]"As the **living Father sent Me,** and I **live** <u>**because**</u> of the **Father,** so he who feeds on **Me *shall* live** <u>**because**</u> of **Me.**
[58]"This is the **bread** which came down out of the heaven, not as your fathers ate the manna and *died.* **He** who eats this **bread *shall* live forever**."
[59]**He** said this in a congregation, while **teaching** in Kephar Naḥum.
[60]Therefore many of **His taught ones** having **heard**, said,"This **word** is ***hard***, who **is able** to **hear** it?"
[61]***But* OWYƎZ knowing** within **Himself** that **His taught ones** were *grumbling* about this, said to them, "***Does*** this make you *stumble*?
[62]"***What*** if you **see** the **Son** of Aḏam going up where **He** was before?"
[63]"It is the **Spirit** that gives **life**, the *flesh does not* profit at **all.** The **words** that I **speak** to you are **Spirit** and are **life**.
[64]"***But*** there are some of you who *do not* **believe**." OWYƎZ **knew** from the beginning who they were who *did not believe,* and who would **deliver Him** up.
[65]And **He** said, "<u>**Because**</u> of this I have said to you that no one **is able** to **come to Me *unless*** it has been **given** to him by **My Father.**"
[66]From then on many of **His taught ones** withdrew and were not walking with **Him** any more.
[67]OWYƎZ therefore said to the twelve, "***Do*** you also **wish** to go away?"
[68]***Then*** Shimʿon Kĕpha answered **Him,** "**Master,** to whom ***shall*** we go? **You possess words** of **everlasting life**.
[69]"And we have **believed** and we **know** that **You** are the **Messiah**, the **Son** of the **living Elohim**."
[70]OWYƎZ answered them, "Have I not **chosen** you, the twelve, and one of you is a *devil*?"
[71]**He** was **now** speaking of Yahuḏah from Qerioth, the son of Shimʿon, for he, one of the twelve, was about to **deliver Him** up.

7 And after this OWYƎZ was walking in Galil, for **He** *did not* **wish** to **walk** in Yahuḏah, <u>**because**</u> the Yahuḏim were **seeking** to *kill* **Him.**
[2]And the **festival** of the Yahuḏim was near, the **Festival of Booths**.
[3]So **His** brothers said to **Him,** 'Get away from here and go into Yahuḏah, so that **Your taught ones** also **see** the **works** that **You** are **doing**.
[4]"For no one acts in **secret** while he himself seeks to be **known** openly. ***If*** **You** do these **works, show Yourself** to the world."
[5]For even **His** brothers *did not believe* in **Him.**
[6]OWYƎZ therefore said to them, "**My time** has not yet come, but your **time** is **always** ready.
[7]"It is *impossible* for the world to *hate* you, but it *hates* **Me** <u>**because**</u> I bear **witness** of it, that its **works** are *wicked*.
[8]"You go up to this **festival.** I am not yet going up to this **festival,** for **My time** has not yet been **filled.**"
[9]And having said this to them, **He** stayed in Galil.
[10]***But*** when **His** brothers had gone up to

the **festival,** then **He** also went up,
not openly, but as it were in **secret.**
[11]The Yahuḏim, therefore, were **seeking Him** at the **festival,** and said,"***Where*** is **He?**"
[12]And there was much *grumbling* about **Him** among the crowd. Some were saying, "He is **good**," but others were saying, "No, but **He** is leading the crowd *astray*."
[13]However, no one spoke openly of **Him** for **fear** of the Yahuḏim.
[14]And about the middle of the **festival** OWYƎZ went up into the **Set-apart Place,** and **He** was **teaching**.
[15]And the Yahuḏim were marvelling, saying, "***How*** does this Man **know** letters, not having learned?"
[16]OWYƎZ answered them and said, "**My teaching** is not **Mine** but **His** who **sent Me.**
[17]"***If*** anyone **desires** to do **His desire,** he ***shall*** **know** concerning the **teaching**, whether it is from **Elohim**, or whether I **speak** from **Myself**.
[18]"He who speaks from himself is **seeking** his own esteem, but **He** who seeks the **esteem** of the **One** who **sent Him** is **true,** and no *unrighteousness* is in **Him.**
[19]"Did not Mosheh give you the **Torah**? Yet not one of you ***does*** the **Torah**! ***Why*** do you **seek** to *kill* **Me?**"
[20]The crowd answered and said, "You have a ***demon,*** who seeks to *kill* **You?**"
[21]OWYƎZ answered and said to them, "I did one **work** and you **all** marvel.
[22]"**Because** of this Mosheh has **given** you the circumcision – though it is not from Mosheh, but from the fathers – and you circumcise a man on the **Sabbath**.
[23]"***If*** a man receives circumcision on the **Sabbath,** so that the **Torah** of Mosheh should not be *broken,* are you *wroth* with **Me because** I made a man entirely well on the **Sabbath**?
[24]"***Do not*** **judge according** to appearance, but **judge** with **righteous** judgment."
[25]Therefore some of them from Yerushalayim said, "Is this not **He** whom they are **seeking** to *kill*?
[26]"And see! **He** speaks **boldly,** and they say none at **all** to **Him.** Could it be that the rulers **truly know** that this is **truly** the **Messiah**?
[27]"***But*** we **know** where this **One** is from. And when the **Messiah** comes, ***no one*** **knows** where **He** is from."
[28]OWYƎZ therefore *cried out* in the **Set-apart Place, teaching** and saying, "You both **know Me,** and you **know** where I am from. I have not **come** of **Myself**, but **He** who **sent Me** is **true,** whom *you do not* **know.**
[29]"***But*** I **know Him, because** I am from **Him** and **He sent Me.**"
[30]So they were **seeking** to *seize* **Him,** but no one laid a **hand** on **Him, because His hour** had not yet come.
[31]And many of the crowd **believed** in **Him,** and said, "***When*** the **Messiah comes, *shall*** **He** do more **signs** than these which this **One** did?"
[32]The Pharisees **heard** the crowd muttering these matters concerning **Him** and the Pharisees and the chief priests **sent** officers to *seize* **Him.**
[33]Therefore OWYƎZ said to them, "Yet **a** *little* **while I am with you**, then I go to **Him** who **sent Me.**
[34]"You ***shall*** **seek Me** and you ***shall*** not find **Me,** and where I am you are *unable* to **come**."
[35]The Yahuḏim, therefore, said to themselves, "***Where*** **is He** about to go that we ***shall*** not find **Him**? Is **He** about to go to the ***Dispersion*** among the ***Greeks,*** and to **teach** the ***Greeks***?
[36]"***What*** is this **word** which **He** said, 'You ***shall*** **seek Me** and you ***shall*** not find **Me** and where I am you are *unable* to **come**'?"
[37]And on the **last day**, the **great day of** the **festival,** OWYƎZ stood and *cried out*, saying, "***If*** anyone thirsts, **let** him **come to Me,** and **let** him who **believe**s in **Me drink**.
[38]"As the **Scripture** said, out of **His** innermost ***shall*** flow rivers of **living** water."
[39]And this **He** said concerning the **Spirit,** which those **believing** in **Him**

were about to receive, for the **Set-apart Spirit** was not yet **given**, **<u>because</u>** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 was not yet esteemed.

40Many from the crowd, when they **heard** the **word,** then said, "This **truly** is the **Prophet**."

41Others said, "This is the **Messiah**," but others said, "Does the **Messiah** then **come out** of Galil?

42"Did not the **Scripture** say that the **Messiah comes** from the seed of Dawiḏ and from the village of Bĕyth Leḥem, where Dawiḏ was?"

43So a division came about among the people **<u>because</u>** of **Him.**

44And some of them **wished** to take **Him,** but no one laid hands on **Him.**

45The officers therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees. And they said to them, "***Why*** did you not bring **Him**?"

46The officers answered, "Never has any man **spoken** like this Man!"

47The Pharisees, therefore, answered them, "Have you also been led *astray*?

48"Has anyone of the rulers or of the Pharisees **believed** in Him?

49"***But*** this crowd that *does not* **know** the **Torah** is ***<u>accursed</u>***."

50Naḳdimon - he who came to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 by night, being one of them - said to them,

51"***Does*** our **Torah judge** the man ***unless*** it **hears first** from him and **knows** what he is **doing**?"

52They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galil? **Search** and **see** that no **prophet** has arisen out of Galil."

53And each one went to his own house.

8 And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 went to the Mount of Olives.

2And at dawn **He** came again into the **Set-apart Place,** and **all** the people were **coming** to **Him.** And having sat down, **He** was **teaching** them.

3And the *scribes* and Pharisees brought to **Him** a woman ***caught*** in adultery. And having set her in the **midst**,

4they said to **Him,** "**Teacher**, this woman was ***caught*** in the act of adultery.

5"And in the **Torah** Mosheh **commanded** us that such should be stoned. ***What*** then do **You** say?"

6And this they said, *trying* **Him,** so that they might *accuse* **Him.** ***But*** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, bending down, **wrote** on the ground with the **finger,** as though **He** *did not* **hear.**

7***But*** as they kept on questioning **Him, He** straightened up and said to them, "He who is without *sin* among you, let him be the **first** to *throw* a stone at her."

8And bending down again, **He wrote** on the ground.

9And when they **heard** it, being reproved by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning from the older ones until the **last.** And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 was left alone, and the woman standing in the middle.

10And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, straightening up and **seeing** no one but the woman, said to her, "Woman, where are those *accusers* of yours? Did no one *condemn* you?"

11And she said, "No one, **Master.**" And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 said to her, "Neither do I *condemn* you. **Go and** *sin* **no more**."

12Therefore 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 spoke to them again, saying, "I am the **light** of the world. **He** who **follow**s **Me *shall*** by no means **walk** in *darkness,* but **possess** the **light** of **life**."

13The Pharisees, therefore, said to **Him,** "**You** bear **witness** about **Yourself**, **Your witness** is ***not*** **true.**"

14𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 answered and said to them, "Even if I **witness** concerning **Myself**, **My witness** is **true,** for I **know** where I came from and where I am going. ***But*** *you do not* **know** from where I come, or where I go.

15"*You* **judge according** to the *flesh,* I **judge** no one.

16"***But*** even if I do judge, **My** judgment is **true,** **<u>because</u>** I am not alone in it, but I and the **Father** who **sent Me.**

17"In *your* **Torah** *also*, it has been **written** that the **witness** of two men is **true.**

18"I am **One** who **witnesses** concerning **Myself,** and the **Father** who **sent Me witnesses** concerning **Me.**"
19Therefore they said to **Him,** "***Where*** is **Your Father?**" OWYƎZ answered, "You **know** neither **Me** nor **My Father.** ***If*** you **knew Me,** you would have **known My Father** also."
20These **words** OWYƎZ spoke in the treasury, **teaching** in the **Set-apart Place.** And no one laid hands on **Him, <u>because</u> His hour** had not yet come.
21Therefore OWYƎZ said to them again, "I am going away, and you ***shall*** **seek Me** and you ***shall*** *die* in your *sin.* Where I go you are *unable* to come."
22***Then*** the Yahuḏim said, "***Shall*** **He** *kill* **Himself**, **<u>because</u> He** says, 'Where I go you are *unable* to come'?"
23And **He** said to them, "You are from below, I am from above. You are of this world, I am not of this world.
24"Therefore I said to you that you ***shall*** *die* in your *sins*. For if *you do not* **believe** that **I am He,** you ***shall*** *die* in your *sins*."
25***Then*** they said to **Him,** "***Who*** are **You?**" And OWYƎZ said to them, "Altogether that which I even say to you!
26"I have much to say and to **judge** concerning you. ***But*** **He** who **sent Me** is **true,** and what I **heard** from **Him,** these **Words** I **speak** to the **world**."
27*They did not* **know** that **He** spoke to them of the **Father.**
28So OWYƎZ said to them, "***When*** you lift up the **Son** of Aḏam, then **you *shall* know that I am He,** and that I do none at **all** of **Myself**, but as **My Father taught Me,** these **words** I speak.
29"And **He** who **sent Me** is with **Me.** The **Father** has not left **Me** alone, for I **always do** what **pleases Him.**"
30As **He** was speaking these **words**, many **believed** in **Him.**
31So OWYƎZ said to those Yahuḏim who **believed Him,** "***If*** you stay in **My Word,** you are **truly My taught ones,**
32and **you *shall* know** the **truth,** and the **truth *shall*** make you **free.**"
33They answered **Him,** "We are the seed of Aḇraham, and have been servants to no one at any **time.** ***How*** do you say, '***You shall*** become **free**'?"
34OWYƎZ answered them, "**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, *everyone* doing *sin* is a *servant* of *sin.*
35"And the servant *does not* stay in the house **forever** – a son **stays forever**.
36"If, then, the **Son** makes you **free,** you ***shall*** **be free** indeed.
37"I **know** that you are the seed of Aḇraham, but you **seek** to *kill* **Me <u>because</u> My word** has no place in you.
38"I **speak** what I have **seen** with **My Father,** and you *do* what you have *heard* from your *father*."
39They answered and said to **Him,** "Aḇrahim is our father ." OWYƎZ said to them, "***If*** you were Aḇraham's children, you would **do the works** of Aḇraham.
40"***But*** **now** you **seek** to *kill* **Me,** a Man who has **spoken** to you the **truth** which I **heard** from **Elohim**. Aḇraham *did not* do this.
41*"You do the works of your father."* ***Then*** they said to **Him,** "We were not born of *whoring,* we have one Father: **Elohim**."
42OWYƎZ said to them, "***If*** **Elohim** were your **Father,** you would **love Me,** for I came forth from **Elohim,** and am here. For I have not **come** of **Myself**, but **He sent Me.**
43"***Why*** do you not **know** what I say? **<u>Because</u>** you are *unable* to **hear My Word.**
44*"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you wish to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has not stood in the truth, <u>because</u> there is no truth in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks of his own, for he is a liar and the father of it.*
45"And **<u>because</u>** I **speak** the **truth**, *you do not* **believe Me.**
46"***Who*** of you proves **Me *wrong*** concerning *sin?* ***If*** I **speak** the **truth**, ***why*** do you not **believe Me?**
47"He who is of **Elohim hears** the **Words** of **Elohim**, therefore *you do not*

hear **because** you are *not* of **Elohim**."
48The Yahuḏim answered and said to **Him,** "***Do*** we not say well that **You** are a Shomeronite and have a ***demon***?"
49**OWYƎZ** answered, "I *do not* have a ***demon***, but I value **My Father,** and *you do not* value **Me.**
50"And I *do not* **seek My** own esteem, there is **One** who is **seeking** and is judging.
51"**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, if anyone guards **My Word** he ***shall*** never **see** *death* at **all.**"
52The Yahuḏim said to **Him,** "**Now** we **know** that **You** have a ***demon***! Aḇraham died, and the **prophets.** And **You** say, '***If*** anyone guards **My Word** he ***shall*** never *taste death* at **all.**'
53"Are **You** greater than our father Aḇraham, who died? And the prophets *died. **Whom*** do **You** make **Yourself**?"
54**OWYƎZ** answered, "***If*** I **esteem Myself**, **My esteem** is none at **all.** It is **My Father** who **esteems Me,** of whom you say that **He** is your **Elohim**.
55"And you have not **known Him,** but I **know Him.** And if I say, 'I *do not* **know Him,**' I ***shall*** **be** like you, a *liar. **But*** I do **know Him** and I **guard His Word.**
56"Your father Aḇraham was **glad** that he should **see My day,** and he **saw** it and did rejoice."
57The Yahuḏim, therefore, said to **Him,** "**You** are not yet fifty years old, and have **You seen** Aḇraham?"
58**OWYƎZ** said to them, "**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, before Aḇraham came to be, **I am.**"
59Therefore they picked up stones to *throw* at **Him,** but **OWYƎZ** was *hidden* and went out of the **Set-apart Place,** going through the **midst** of them, and so passed by.

9 And passing by, **He saw** a man, *blind* from birth.
2And **His taught ones** asked **Him,** saying, "Rabbi, who *sinned*, this man or his parents, that he should be born *blind?*"
3**OWYƎZ** answered, "Neither this man nor his parents *sinned*, but that the **works** of **Elohim** might be made manifest in him.
4"It is necessary for **Me** to **work** the **works** of **Him** who **sent Me** while it is day – night is **coming**, when no one **is able** to work.
5"While I am in the world, I am the **light** of the world."
6Having said this, **He** spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and applied the clay to the **eyes** of the *blind* man.
7And **He** said to him, "**Go**, wash in the pool of Shiloaḥ" (which means **Sent**). So he went and washed, and came seeing.
8Therefore the neighbours and those who **saw** him before, that he was *blind,* said, "Is not this he who was sitting and begging?"
9Others said, "This is he." Others *said*, "He is like him." He said, "I am."
10So they said to him, "***How*** were your eyes opened?"
11He answered and said, "A Man called **OWYƎZ** made clay and applied it to my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Shiloaḥ and wash.' And I went and washed and I received sight."
12And they said to him, "Where is **He?**" He said,"I *do not* **know.**"
13They brought to the Pharisees the one who was once *blind*.
14**Now** it was a **Sabbath** when **OWYƎZ** made the clay and **opened** his eyes.
15Therefore the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "**He** put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I **see.**"
16Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from **Elohim, because He** *does not* **guard** the **Sabbath**." Others said, "***How*** is a man who is a *sinner* able to do such miracles?" And there was a *division* among them.
17So they said to the *blind* one again, "***What*** do you say about **Him because He** opened your eyes?" And he said, "**He** is a **prophet.**"
18However, the Yahuḏim *did not believe* concerning him, that he had been *blind*

and received his sight, til they called the parents of him who had received his sight.
[19]And they asked them, saying,"Is this your son, who you say was born *blind? **How*** then does he **now see?**"
[20]**His** parents answered them and said, "We **know** that this is our son, and that he was born *blind,*
[21]but how he **now** sees we *do not* **know,** or who opened his eyes we *do not* **know. He** is of age, **ask** him, he ***shall*** **speak** concerning himself."
[22]**His** parents said this **<u>because</u>** they were *afraid* of the Yahuḏim, for the Yahuḏim had already **agreed** that if anyone confessed that **He** was **Messiah**, he should be put out of the congregation.
[23]**<u>Because</u>** of this his parents said, "He is of age, **ask** him."
[24]So for the second **time** they called the man who was *blind,* and said to him, "Give **esteem** to **Elohim**, we **know** that this Man is a *sinner.*"
[25]***Then*** he answered and said, "Whether **He** is a *sinner,* I *do not* **know.** I only **know** that I was *blind,* **now** I **see.**"
[26]And they asked him once more, "***What*** did **He** do to you? ***How*** did **He open** your eyes?"
[27]**He** answered them, "I have told you already and you *did not hear**. Why*** do you **wis,h** to **hear** it again? ***Do*** you **wish** to become **His taught ones** too?"
[28]***Then*** they *abused* him and said, "You are **His taught one,** but we are **taught ones** of Mosheh.
[29]"We **know** that **Elohim** has **spoken** to Mosheh, but this **One,** we *do not* **know** where **He** is from."
[30]The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a wonder! *You do not* **know** where **He** is from, yet **He** opened my eyes!
[31]"And we **know** that **Elohim** *does not* **hear** *sinners. **But*** if anyone ***fears*** **Elohim** and **does His desire, He hears** him.
[32]"From of old it has never been **heard** that anyone opened the eyes of one who was *born blind*.
[33]"***If*** this **One** were not from **Elohim**, **He** could have done none at **all.**"
[34]They answered and said to him, "You were **completely** born in *sins* – and are you **teaching** us?" And they *cast* him out.
[35]**OWYƎZ heard** that they had *cast* him out, and when **He** had **found** him, **He** said to him, "***Do*** you **believe** in the **Son** of **Elohim**?"
[36]**He** answered and said, "***Who*** is **He, Master,** that I might **believe** in Him?"
[37]And **OWYƎZ** said to him, "You have both **seen Him** and **He** who speaks with you **is He.**"
[38]And he said, "**Master,** I **believe**," and bowed before **Him.**
[39]And **OWYƎZ** said, "For judgment I have **come** into this world, that those not **seeing** might **see,** and those **seeing** might become blind."
[40]And those of the Pharisees who were with **Him heard** these **words,** and said to **Him,** "Are we *blind,* too?"
[41]**OWYƎZ** said to them, "***If*** you were *blind,* you would have no *sin,* but **now** you say, 'We **see**,' therefore your *sin* remains.

10 "**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, he who *does not* enter through the **door** into the sheepfold, but climbs up by another **way,** that one is a *thief* and a *robber*.
[2]"***But*** he who enters through the **door** is the shepherd of the sheep.
[3]"The **doorkeeper** opens for him, and the sheep **hear** his **voice**. And **he** calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
[4]"And when he has brought out his own sheep, he goes before them. And the sheep **follow** him, **<u>because</u>** they **know** his **voice**.
[5]"And they ***shall*** by no means **follow** a stranger, but ***shall flee*** from him, **<u>because</u>** they *do not* **know** the **voice** of strangers."
[6]**OWYƎZ** used this figure of speech, but they *did not* **know** what **He** had been

saying to them.
7OWYAZ therefore said to them again, "**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, I am the **door** of the sheep.
8"All who came before **Me** are ***thieves*** and ***robbers,*** but the sheep *did not hear* them.
9"I am the **door.** ***Whoever*** enters through **Me,** he ***shall*** **be saved,** and ***shall*** go in and ***shall*** go out and find pasture.
10"The *thief does not* **come** ***except*** to ***steal,*** and to *slaughter,* and to *destroy.* I have **come** that they might **possess life,** and that they might **possess** it beyond measure.
11"I am the **good** shepherd. The **good** shepherd lays down **His life** for the sheep.
12"***But*** the hireling, and not being a shepherd, one who *does not* own the sheep, sees the wolf **coming** and leaves the sheep and flees. And the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them.
13"**Now** the hireling flees **because** he is a hireling and is *not concerned* about the sheep.
14"I am the **good** shepherd. And I **know Mine** and **Mine know Me,**
15even as the **Father knows Me,** and I **know** the **Father.** And I lay down **My life** for the sheep.
16"And other sheep I have which are not of this fold – I have to bring them as well, and they ***shall*** **hear My voice,** and there ***shall*** **be one** flock, **one** shepherd.
17"**Because** of this the **Father** loves **Me, because** I lay down **My life**, **in order** to receive it again.
18"No one takes it from **Me,** but I lay it down of **Myself**. I have **authority** to lay it down, and I have **authority** to receive it again. This **command** I have received from **My Father.**"
19Again there came a division among the Yahuḏim **because** of these **words**,
20and many of them said, "**He** has a ***demon*** and is mad, why do you **listen** to **Him**?"
21Others said, "These are not the **words** of one possessed by a ***demon***. Is a ***demon*** able to **open** the eyes of the *blind?*"
22At that **time** the Ḥanukkah came to be in Yerushalayim, and it was winter.
23And OWYAZ was walking in the **Set-apart Place,** in the porch of Shelomoh.
24So the Yahuḏim surrounded **Him** and said to **Him,** "***How*** long do **You** keep us in suspense? ***If*** **You** are the **Messiah**, say to us plainly."
25OWYAZ answered them, "I have told you, and *you do not* **believe**. The **works** that I do in **My Father's Name,** they bear **witness** concerning **Me.**
26"***But*** *you do not* **believe, because** you are not of **My** sheep, as I said to you.
27"**My** sheep **hear My voice,** and I **know** them, and they **follow Me.**
28"And I give them **everlasting life,** and they ***shall*** by no means ever *perish,* and no one ***shall*** *snatch* them out of **My hand.**
29"**My Father,** who has **given** them to **Me,** is greater than **all.** And no one **is able** to *snatch* them out of **My** Father's **hand.**
30**"I and My Father are one."**
31Again the Yahuḏim picked up stones to stone **Him.**
32OWYAZ answered them, "Many **good works** I have **shown** you from **My Father. Because** of which of these **works** do you ***stone*** **Me?**"
33The Yahuḏim answered **Him,** saying, "We *do not* stone **You** for a **good work,** but for *blasphemy,* and **because You,** being a Man, make **Yourself Elohim**."
34OWYAZ answered them, "Is it not **written** in *your own* **Torah**, 'I said, "You are **elohim**" '?
35"***If*** **He** called them **elohim**, to whom the **Word** of **Elohim** came – and it is *impossible* for the **Scripture** to be broken –
36do you say of **Him** whom the **Father** set-apart and **sent** into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' **because** I said, **'I am** the **Son** of **Elohim**'?
37"***If*** I *do not* do the **works** of **My Father,** *do not* **believe** Me;

[38]but if I do, though *you do not* **believe Me, believe** the **works,** so that you **know** and **believe** that the **Father** is in **Me,** and I in **Him.**"
[39]Therefore they were **seeking** again to *seize* **Him,** but **He** went forth out of their **hand,**
[40]and went once more to the other side of the Yarděn to the place where Yoḥanan was immersing at **first,** and there **He** stayed.
[41]And many came to **Him** and said, "Yoḥanan indeed did no **sign,** yet **all** that Yoḥanan said about this Man was **true.**"
[42]And many **believed** in **Him** there.

11 And a certain one was *sick,* El'azar from Bĕyth Anyah, the village of Miryam and her sister Martha.
[2](**Now** it was Miryam who **anointed** the **Master** with perfume and wiped **His** feet with her hair, whose brother El'azar was *sick*).
[3]Therefore the sisters **sent** to **Him,** saying, "**Master, see,** he whom **You love** is *sick,*"
[4]***But*** when **OWYƎZ heard**, **He** said, "This *sickness* is not unto *death,* but for the **esteem** of **Elohim**, so that the **Son** of **Elohim** might be esteemed by it."
[5]**Now OWYƎZ loved** Martha and her sister and El'azar .
[6]Therefore, when **He heard** that he was *sick,* then indeed **He** stayed at the place where **He** was, two more days.
[7]***Then*** after this **He** said to **the taught ones,** "**Let** us go back to Yahuḏah."
[8]The **taught ones** said to **Him,** "Rabbi, the Yahuḏim were but **now seeking** to stone **You,** and are **You** going back there?"
[9]**OWYƎZ** answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? ***If*** anyone walks in the day, he *does not stumble,* **because** he sees the **light** of this world.
[10]"***But*** if anyone *walks* in the night, he *stumbles,* **because** the **light** is not in him."
[11]**He** said this, and after that **He** said to them, "Our friend El'azar has fallen asleep, but I am going there, to wake him up."
[12]Therefore **the taught ones** said to **Him,** "**Master,** if he has fallen asleep he ***shall*** recover."
[13]***But*** **OWYƎZ** had **spoken** about his *death,* whereas they thought that **He** spoke of taking rest in sleep.
[14]So then **OWYƎZ** said to them plainly, "El'azar has *died.*
[15]"And for your sake I am **glad** I was not there, **in order** for you to **believe**. ***But*** let us go to him."
[16]T'oma, who is called the Twin, then said to his fellow **taught ones,** "**Let** us also go, so that we *die* with **Him.**"
[17]Therefore, when **OWYƎZ** arrived, **He found** that he had already been four days in the tomb.
[18]**Now** Bĕyth Anyah was **near** Yerushalayim, about three kilometers away.
[19]And many of the Yahuḏim had **come to** Martha and Miryam, to comfort them concerning their brother.
[20]Martha, then, when she **heard** that **OWYƎZ** was **coming**, met **Him,** but Miryam was sitting in the house.
[21]Martha, then, said to **OWYƎZ**, "**Master,** if **You** had been here, my brother *would not* have *died.*
[22]"***But*** even **now** I **know** that ***whatever*** **You** might **ask** of **Elohim**, **Elohim** ***shall*** give **You.**"
[23]**OWYƎZ** said to her, "**Your** brother ***shall*** rise again."
[24]Martha said to **Him,** "I **know** that he ***shall*** rise again in the resurrection at the **last day.**"
[25]**OWYƎZ** said to her, "I am the resurrection and the **life**. **He** who **believe**s in **Me,** though he dies, he ***shall*** **live.**
[26]"And everyone that is **living** and **believing** in **Me** ***shall*** never *die* at **all.** ***Do*** you **believe** this?"
[27]She said to **Him,** "Yea, **Master,** I **believe** that **You** are the **Messiah**, the **Son** of **Elohim**, who is **coming** into the world."
[28]And having said this she went away

and called her sister Miryam secretly, saying, "The **Teacher** is here and calls you."

[29]***When*** she **heard**, she rose up **quickly** and came to **Him.**

[30]And OWYƎZ had not yet **come** into the village, but was in the place where Martha met **Him.**

[31]Therefore the Yahuḏim who were with her in the house, and were comforting her, when they **saw** that Miryam rose up **quickly** and went out, **followed** her, saying, "She is going to the tomb to *weep* there."

[32]Miryam, therefore, when she came where OWYƎZ was, and **saw Him,** she fell down at **His** feet, saying to **Him,** "**Master,** if **You** had been here, my brother *would not* have *died.*"

[33]OWYƎZ, therefore, when **He saw** her *weeping,* and the Yahuḏim who came with her *weeping*, **He** groaned in the spirit and was *troubled,*

[34]and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to **Him,** "**Master, come** and **see.**"

[35]OWYƎZ wept.

[36]The Yahuḏim therefore said, "See how **He loved Him!**"

[37]And some of them said, "Was this **One,** who opened the eyes of the *blind,* not also able to prevent this one from dying?"

[38]OWYƎZ, therefore, again groaning in **Himself**, came to the tomb. **Now** it was a cave, and a stone lay *against* it.

[39]OWYƎZ said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who had died, said to **Him,** "**Master,** already he smells, for it is four days."

[40]OWYƎZ said to her, "Did I not say to you, that if you **believe,** you ***shall*** **see** the **esteem** of **Elohim**?"

[41]So they took away the stone where the *dead* man was laid. And OWYƎZ lifted up **His** eyes and said, "Father, I **thank You** that **You** have **heard Me.**

[42]"And I **know** that **You always hear Me,** but **because** of the crowd standing by I said this, **in order** that they **believe** that **You sent Me.**"

[43]And when **He** had said this, **He** cried with a loud **voice**, "El'azar, **come** out!"

[44]And he who died came out *bound* feet and hands with wrappings, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. OWYƎZ said to them, "Loosen him, and let him go."

[45]Therefore many of the Yahuḏim who had **come to** Miryam, and had **seen** what OWYƎZ did, **believed** in **Him.**

[46]***But*** some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them what OWYƎZ did.

[47]So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, "***What shall*** we do? **Because** this Man does many **signs.**

[48]"***If*** we let **Him** alone like this, they **all** shall **believe** in **Him,** and the Romans ***shall*** **come** and take away from us both our place and nation."

[49]And one of them, Qayapha, being high priest that year, said to them, "You **know** *naught,*

[50]neither do you consider that it is better for us that one man *die* for the people than that the entire nation should *perish.*"

[51]***But*** he *did not* say this from himself, but being high priest that year he prophesied that OWYƎZ was about to *die* for the nation,

[52]and not for the nation only, but to **gather together** into one the children of **Elohim** who were *scattered* abroad.

[53]So from that day on they *plotted* to *kill* **Him.**

[54]OWYƎZ therefore no longer went openly among the Yahuḏim, but went from there into the country **near** the wilderness, to a city called Ephrayim, and remained there with **His taught ones.**

[55]**Now** the **Passover** of the Yahuḏim was near, and many went from the country up to Yerushalayim before the **Passover**, to set themselves apart.

[56]And so they were **seeking** OWYƎZ, and spoke among one another, standing in the **Set-apart Place,** "***What*** do you *think?* Is **He** not **coming** to the **festival** at **all?**"

[57]And both the chief priests and the Pharisees had **given** a **command,** that if anyone **knew** where **He** was, he should disclose it, **in order** for them to *seize* **Him.**

12 Accordingly 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, six days before the **Passover**, came to Bĕyth Anyah, where El'azar was, who had died, whom **He raised** from the *dead.*

[2]So they made **Him** a supper there, and Martha **served**, while El'azar was one of those who sat at the table with **Him.**

[3]***Then*** Miryam took a pound of costly perfume of nard, **anointed** the feet of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, and wiped **His** feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

[4]***Then*** one of **His taught ones,** Yahuḏah from Qerioth, son of Shim'on, who was about to **deliver Him** up, said,

[5]"***Why*** was this perfume not sold for three hundred pieces of silver and **given** to the *poor*?"

[6]And he said this, not **because** he was concerned about the *poor*, but **because** he was a *thief,* and had the bag, and he used to take what was put in it.

[7]𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 then said, "**Let** her alone, she has kept this for the **day of My** burial.

[8]"For the *poor* you have with you **always,** but **Me** *you do not* have always."

[9]***Then*** a **great** crowd of the Yahuḏim **learned** that **He** was there. And they came, not on account of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 only, but also to **see** El'azar, whom **He** had **raised** from the *dead.*

[10]And the chief priests **resolved** to *kill* El'azar as well,

[11]**because** on account of him many of the Yahuḏim went away and **believed** in 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏.

[12]On the next day a **great** crowd who had **come to** the **festival,** when they **heard** that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 was **coming** to Yerushalayim,

[13]took the branches of palm trees and went out to meet **Him,** and were crying out, "Hoshia-na! **Blessed is He who is coming** in the **Name** of 𐤀𐤃𐤍𐤉, the **Sovereign** of Yisra'ĕl!"

[14]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, having **found** a young donkey, sat on it, as it has been **written**:

[15]"***Do not*** **fear,** daughter of Tsiyon, **see,** your Sovereign is **coming**, sitting on the colt of a donkey."

[16]At **first His taught ones** *did not* **understand** this. ***But*** when 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 was esteemed, then they **remembered** that this was **written** about **Him** and that they had done this to **Him.**

[17]Therefore the crowd, who were with **Him** when **He** called El'azar out of his tomb and **raised** him from the *dead,* were bearing **witness.**

[18]On account of this the crowd also met **Him, because** they **heard** that **He** had done this **sign.**

[19]The Pharisees then said among themselves, "You **see** how you are getting **now**here at **all.** Look, the world has gone after **Him!**"

[20]And there were certain Greeks among those **coming** up to worship at the **festival.**

[21]These then came to Philip, who was from Bĕyth Tsaiḏa of Galil, and were **asking** him, saying, "**Master,** we **wish** to **see** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏."

[22]Philip came and told Andri, and in turn Andri and Philip told 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏.

[23]And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 answered them, saying, "The **hour** has **come** for the **Son** of Aḏam to be **esteemed**.

[24]"**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, ***unless*** a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone. ***But*** if it dies, it bears much **fruit.**

[25]"He who loves his **life** ***shall*** lose it, and he who *hates* his **life** in this world ***shall*** **preserve** it for **everlasting life**.

[26]"***If*** anyone serves **Me,** let him **follow Me.** And where I am, there **My** servant also ***shall*** **be.** ***If*** anyone serves **Me,** the **Father** ***shall*** value him.

[27]"**Now I Myself** am *troubled,* and what ***shall*** I say? '**Father**, **save Me** from this **hour**'? ***But*** for this **reason** I came to this **hour.**

[28]"**Father**, **esteem Your Name**." ***Then***

a **voice** came from the heaven, "I have both **esteemed it** and ***shall* esteem it again**."
[29]So the crowd who stood by and **heard** it were saying there had been thunder. Others said, "A messenger has **spoken** to **Him.**"
[30]OWYƎZ answered and said, "This **voice** *did not* **come** **because** of **Me,** but for your sake.
[31]"**Now** is the judgment of this world, **now** the ruler of this world ***shall* be** *cast* out.
[32]"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, ***shall*** draw *all men* unto **Myself**."
[33]This **He** said, signifying by what *death* **He** was about to *die.*
[34]The crowd answered **Him,** "We have **heard** out of the **Torah** that the **Messiah** remains **forever**. And how do **You** say, 'The **Son** of Aḏam has to be lifted up'? ***Who*** is this **Son** of Aḏam?"
[35]OWYƎZ, therefore, said to them, "Yet **a** *little* **while** the **light** is with you. **Walk** while you have the **light**, lest *darkness* overtake you. And he who walks in *darkness does not* **know** ***where*** he is going.
[36]"While you have the **light**, **believe** in the **light**, so that you become sons of **light**." These **words** OWYƎZ spoke, and went off and was *hidden* from them.
[37]***But*** though **He** had done so many **signs** before them, they *did not believe* in **Him,**
[38]that the **word** of Yeshayahu the **prophet** might be filled, which he spoke, "ƎYƎZ, who has **believed** our report? And to whom has the arm of ƎYƎZ been **revealed**?"
[39]**Because** of this they were *unable to believe,* **because** again Yeshayahu said:
[40]"He has *blinded their eyes* and *hardened their heart,* so that they should *not see with their eyes* and **understand** with their **heart,** and ***turn,*** and I should **heal** them."
[41]Yeshayahu said this when he **saw His esteem** and spoke of **Him.**
[42]Still, even among the rulers many did **believe** in **Him,** but **because** of the Pharisees they *did not confess* **Him,** lest they should be put out of the congregation,
[43]for they **loved** the **praise** of men more than the **praise** of **Elohim**.
[44]***Then*** OWYƎZ *cried out* and said, "He who **believe**s in **Me, believe**s not in **Me** but in **Him** who **sent Me.**
[45]"And he who sees **Me** sees **Him** who **sent Me.**
[46]"I have **come** as a **light** into the world, so that no one who **believe**s in **Me** should stay in *darkness*.
[47]"And if anyone **hears My Words** but *does not* **watch** over them, I *do not* **judge** him. For I *did not* **come to judge** the world but to **save** the world.
[48]"He who *rejects* **Me,** and ***does not receive* My Words**, has one who judges him: **the Word** that I have **spoken *shall* judge** him in the **last day.**
[49]"**Because** I spoke not from **Myself**, but the **Father** who **sent Me** has **given Me** a **command,** ***what*** I should **say** and ***what*** I should **speak**.
[50]"And I **know** that **His command** is **everlasting life**. Therefore, ***whatever*** I speak, as the **Father** has said to **Me,** so I speak."

13 And before the **Festival** of the **Passover**, OWYƎZ knowing that **His hour** had **come** that **He** should move out of this world unto the **Father,** having **loved His** own who were in the world, **He loved** them to **the end.**
[2]And supper taking place, the *devil* having already put it into the **heart** of Yahuḏah from Qerioth, son of Shim'on, to **deliver Him** up,
[3]OWYƎZ, **knowing** that the **Father** had **given all** into **His** hands, and that **He** had **come** from **Elohim** and was going to **Elohim**,
[4]rose from supper and laid aside **His** garments, and having taken a towel, **He** girded **Himself**.
[5]After that **He** put water into a basin and began to wash the feet of **the taught ones,** and to wipe them with the towel

with which **He** was girded.
[6]And so **He** came to Shim'on Kĕpha, and he said to **Him,** "**Master,** do **You** wash my feet?"
[7]**OWY3Z** answered and said to him, "You *do not* **know** what I am doing **now**, but **you *shall* know** after this."
[8]Kĕpha said to **Him,** "By no means ***shall* You** wash my feet, ever!" **OWY3Z** answered him, "***If*** I **do not wash you**, you *have no part* with **Me.**"
[9]Shim'on Kĕpha said to **Him,** "**Master,** not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!"
[10]**OWY3Z** said to him, "He who has had a bath *does not* need to wash, ***except*** his feet, but is **clean** altogether. And you are **clean,** but not **all** of you."
[11]For **He knew** who would **deliver Him** up, so **He** said, "You are not **all clean.**"
[12]So when **He** had washed their feet and taken **His** garments, and sat down again, **He** said to them, "***Do*** you **know** what I have **done** to you?
[13]"You **call** me **Teacher** and **Master,** and you say well, for I am.
[14]"***Then*** if I, **Master** and **Teacher**, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.
[15]"For I gave you an **example**, that you should do as I have done to you.
[16]"**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is an emissary greater than he who **sent** him.
[17]"***If*** you **know** these **teaching**s, **blessed** are you ***if*** you **do them**.
[18]"I *do not* **speak** concerning **all** of you. I **know** whom I have **chosen**, but that the **Scripture** might be **filled**, '**He** who eats **bread** with **Me** has lifted up his ***heel*** *against* **Me.**'
[19]"**Now** I say to you, before it takes place, that when it does take place, you ***shall* believe** that I am.
[20]"**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, he who receives ***whomever*** I send, receives **Me.** And he who **receives Me, receives Him** who **sent Me.**"
[21]***When*** **OWY3Z** had said this **He** was *troubled* in spirit, and **witnessed** and said, "**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, one of you ***shall* deliver Me** up."
[22]The **taught ones looked** at one another, ***doubting*** of whom **He** spoke.
[23]And one of **His taught ones,** whom **OWY3Z loved**, was reclining on the bosom of **OWY3Z**.
[24]Shim'on Kĕpha then motioned to him to **ask** who it was of whom **He** spoke.
[25]And leaning back on the breast of **OWY3Z** he said to **Him,** "**Master,** who is it?"
[26]**OWY3Z** answered, "It is he to whom I ***shall*** give a piece of **bread** when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, **He** gave it to Yahuḏah from Qerioth, son of Shim'on.
[27]And after the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. **OWY3Z**, therefore, said to him, "***What*** you do, do **quickly**."
[28]***But*** no one at the table **knew** why **He** said this to him,
[29]for some were supposing, **because** Yahuḏah had the bag, that **OWY3Z** was saying to him, "Buy what we need for the festival," or that he should give somewhat to the *poor*.
[30]So, having received the piece of bread, he then went out straightaway, and it was night.
[31]When, therefore, he went out, **OWY3Z** said, "**Now** the **Son** of Aḏam has been esteemed, and **Elohim** has been esteemed in **Him.**
[32]"***If*** **Elohim** has been esteemed in **Him, Elohim *shall*** also **esteem Him** in **Himself,** and straightaway **esteem Him.**
[33]"Little children, yet **a** *little* **while I am with you.** You ***shall* seek Me,** and as I said to the Yahuḏim, 'Where I am going, you are *unable* to come,' I **now** also say to you.
[34]"A **renewed command** I give to you, that you **love** one another, as I have **loved** you, that you also **love** one another.
[35]"By this ***shall* all know** that you are **My taught ones,** if you have **love** for one another."
[36]Shim'on Kĕpha said to **Him,** "**Master,** where are **You** going?" **OWY3Z**

answered him, “Where I am going you are *unable* to **follow Me now,** but afterwards you ***shall*** **follow Me.**”

37Kĕpha said to **Him,** “**Master,** why am I *unable* to **follow You now**? **I *shall* lay** down my **life** for **You.**”

38**OWYAZ** answered him, “***Shall*** you lay down your **life** for **Me? Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, the cock ***shall*** not crow at **all** until you have *denied* **Me *three times***.

14 “**Let** not your **heart** be *troubled*. **Believe** in **Elohim**, **believe** also in **Me.**

2“In **My Father’s** house are many staying places. And if not, I would have told you. I go to **prepare** a place for you.

3“And if I go and **prepare** a place for you, I ***shall*** **come** again and receive you to **Myself**, that where I am, you might be too.

4“And where I go you **know,** and the **way** you **know.**”

5T’oma said to **Him,** “**Master,** we *do not* **know** where **You** are going, and ***how*** are we able **to know the way?**”

6**OWYAZ** said to him, “**I am** the **Way** and the **Truth** and the **Life**. No one **comes** to the **Father *except*** through **Me.**

7“***If*** you had **known Me,** you would have **known My Father** too. From **now** on you **know Him,** and have **seen.**”

8Philip said to **Him,** “**Master, show** us the **Father,** and it is enough for us.”

9**OWYAZ** said to him, “Have I been with you so long and you have not **known Me,** Philip? **He** who has **seen Me** has **seen** the **Father,** and how do you say, ‘Show us the Father’?

10“***Do*** you not **believe** that I am in the **Father** and the **Father** is in **Me?** The **words** that I **speak** to you I *do not* **speak** from **Myself**. ***But*** the **Father** who stays in **Me** does **His works**.

11“**Believe Me** that I am in the **Father** and the **Father** in **Me,** otherwise **believe Me** <u>**because**</u> of the **works** themselves.

12“**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, he who **believe**s in **Me,** the **works** that I do he ***shall*** do also. And greater **works** than these he ***shall*** do, <u>**because**</u> I go to **My Father.**

13“And ***whatever*** you **ask** in **My Name,** that I ***shall*** **do**, **in order** that the **Father** might be **esteemed** in the **Son**.

14“***If*** you **ask *whatever*** in **My Name,** I ***shall*** do it.

15“***If*** you **love Me,** you ***shall*** **guard My commands**.

16“And I ***shall*** **ask** the **Father,** and **He *shall*** give you **another Helper**, to stay with you **forever** –

17the **Spirit** of the **Truth**, whom the world is *unable* to receive, <u>**because**</u> it *does not* **see Him** or **know Him.** ***But*** you **know Him,** for **He** stays with you and ***shall*** **be** in you.

18“I ***shall*** not leave you orphans – I am **coming** to you.

19“Yet **a** *little* **while,** and the world no longer sees **Me,** but you ***shall*** **see Me,** <u>**because**</u> I **live,** and you ***shall*** **live.**

20“In that day **you *shall* know that I am** in **My Father,** and you in **Me,** and I **in** you.

21”He who **possesses My commands** and guards them, it is he who loves **Me.** And he who loves **Me *shall* be loved** by **My Father** and I ***shall*** **love** him and manifest **Myself** to him.”

22Yahuḏah – not the one from Qerioth – said to **Him,** “**Master,** what has **come** about that **You** are about to manifest **Yourself** to us, and not to the world?”

23**OWYAZ** answered him, “***If*** anyone loves **Me,** he ***shall*** **guard My Word. My Father *shall* love** him, and **We *shall* come to** him and make **Our** stay with him.

24”He who *does not* **love Me** *does not* **guard My Words**. And the **Word** which you **hear** is ***not*** **Mine *but*** of the **Father *Who* sent Me.**

25“These **Words** I have **spoken** to you while still with you.

26“***But*** the **Helper**, the **Set-apart Spirit,** whom the **Father *shall*** send in **My Name, He *shall* teach** you **all,** and ***remind*** you of **all** that **I said** to you.

27“Peace I leave with you – **My peace** I give to you. I *do not* give to you as the

world gives. ***Do*** *not* let your **heart** be *troubled,* neither **let it be** *afraid*.
[28]"You **heard** that I said to you, **'I am** going away and I am **coming** to you.' ***If*** you did **love Me,** you would have rejoiced that I said, **'I am** going to the **Father,**' for **My Father** is greater than I.
[29]"And **now** I have told you before it takes place, that when it does take place, you ***shall*** **believe**.
[30]"I ***shall*** no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is **coming,** and he **possesses** none at **all** in **Me,**
[31]but, **in order** for the world **to know** that I **love** the **Father,** and that as the **Father commanded Me,** so I am doing. Rise up, let us go from here.

15 "I am the **true** vine, and **My Father** is the gardener.
[2]"Every branch in **Me** that bears no **fruit He** takes away. And **every** branch that bears **fruit He** prunes, so that it bears more **fruit.**
[3]"You are already **clean** **because** of the **Word** which I have **spoken** to you.
[4]"Stay in **Me** and I stay in you. As the branch is *unable* to bear **fruit** of itself, ***unless*** it stays in the vine, so neither you, ***unless*** you stay in **Me.**
[5]"I am the **vine**, you are the branches. **He** who stays in **Me,** and I in him, he bears much **fruit.** **Because** *without* **Me** you are able to do *naught*!
[6]"***If*** anyone *does not* stay in **Me,** he is *thrown* away as a branch and dries up. And they **gather** them and *throw* them into the *fire,* and they are *burned*.
[7]"***If*** you stay in **Me,** and **My Words** stay **in** you, you ***shall*** **ask** ***whatever*** you **wish,** and it ***shall*** **be** done for you.
[8]"In this **My Father** is esteemed, that you bear much **fruit,** and you ***shall*** **be My taught ones.**
[9]"As the **Father** has **loved Me,** I have also **loved** you. Stay in **My love.**
[10]"***If*** you **guard My commands**, you ***shall*** stay in **My love,** even as I have **guarded My Father's commands** and stay in **His love.**
[11]"These **words** I have **spoken** to you, so that **My joy** might be in you, and that your **joy** might be **complete**.
[12]"This is **My command,** that you **love** one another, as I have **loved** you.
[13]"No one has greater **love** than this: that one should lay down his **life** for his friends.
[14]"You are **My** friends if you **do** ***whatever*** I **command** you.
[15]"No longer do I **call** you servants, for a servant *does not* **know** what his master is doing. ***But*** I have called you friends, for **all teachings** which I **heard** from **My Father** I **have made known** to you.
[16]"You *did not* choose **Me,** but I **chose** you and **appointed** you that you should go and bear **fruit,** and that your **fruit** should remain, so that ***whatever*** you **ask** the **Father in My Name He** *might* give you.
[17]"These **words** I **command** you, so that you **love** one another.
[18]"***If*** the world *hates* you, you **know** that it *hated* **Me** before it *hated* you.
[19]"***If*** you were of the world, the world would **love** its own. ***But*** **because** you are not of the world, but I **chose** you out of the world, for that **reason** the world *hates* you.
[20]"**Remember** the **word** that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his **Master.**' ***If*** they *persecuted* **Me,** they ***shall*** *persecute* you too. ***If*** they have **guarded My Word,** they would **guard** yours too.
[21]"***But*** **all** this they ***shall*** do to you **because** of **My Name,** **because** they *do not* **know Him** who **sent Me.**
[22]"***If*** I had not **come** and **spoken** to them, they would have no *sin,* but **now** they have no excuse for *their sin.*
[23]"He who *hates* **Me** *hates* **My Father** as well.
[24]"***If*** I *did not* do among them the **works** which no one else did, they would have no *sin.* ***But*** **now** they have both **seen** and have *hated* both **Me** and **My Father,**
[25]but that the **word** might be **filled** which was **written** in their **Torah**,'*They hated* **Me** without a **cause.**'

[26]"And when the **Helper** comes, whom **I *shall* send** to you from the **Father,** the **Spirit** of the **Truth**, Who **comes** from the **Father, He *shall*** bear **witness** of **Me,**
[27]but you also bear **witness, <u>because</u>** you have been with **Me** from the beginning.

16 "These **words** I have **spoken** to you, so that *you do not stumble.*
[2]"They ***shall*** put you out of the congregations, but an **hour** is **coming** when everyone who *kills* you ***shall*** *think* he is rendering service to **Elohim**.
[3]"And this they ***shall*** do to you **<u>because</u>** they *did not* **know** the **Father,** nor **Me.**
[4]"***But*** I have said these **words** to you, so that when the **hour comes** you ***remember*** that I told them to you. And these **words** I *did not* say to you at the beginning, for I was with you.
[5]"***But* now** I go away to **Him** who **sent Me,** and not one of you asks **Me,** 'Where are **You** going?'
[6]"***But* <u>because</u>** I have said these **words** to you, grief has filled your **heart.**
[7]"***But*** I say the **truth** to you. It is better for you that I go away, for if I *do not* go away, the **Helper *shall*** not **come to** you at **all,** but if I go, **I *shall* send Him** to you.
[8]"And having come, **He *shall*** reprove the world concerning *sin,* and concerning **righteousness,** and concerning judgment –
[9]concerning *sin* **<u>because</u>** they *do not* **believe** in **Me,**
[10]concerning **righteousness <u>because</u>** I go to **My Father** and you **see Me** no more,
[11]concerning judgment **<u>because</u>** the ruler of this world is judged.
[12]"I still have many **words** to say to you, but you are not able to bear them *now.*
[13]"But when **He** comes, the **Spirit** of the **Truth**, **He *shall*** guide you into **all** the **truth**. For **He *shall*** not **speak** from **Himself,** but ***whatever* He hears He *shall*** speak, and **He *shall* <u>announce</u>** to you what is to **come**.
[14]"**He *shall* esteem Me** for **He *shall*** take of what is **Mine** and **<u>announce</u>** it to you.
[15]"**All** that the **Father** has is **Mine.** That is why I said that **He** takes from what is **Mine** and **<u>announces</u>** it to you.
[16]"A *little* while, and *you do not* **see Me**, and again **a** *little* **while,** and you ***shall* see Me.**"
[17]Therefore some of **His taught ones** said to one another, "***What*** is this that **He** says to us, 'A *little* while, and *you do not* **see Me,** and again **a** *little* **while** and you ***shall* see Me,**' and, '**<u>because</u>** I am going to the Father'?"
[18]So they said, "***What*** is this that **He** says, 'A *little* while'? We *do not* **know** what **He** is saying."
[19]OWYƎZ, therefore, **knew** that they were *wishing* to **ask Him,** and **He** said to them, "Are you **asking** one another about what I said, 'A *little* while, and *you do not* **see Me,** and again **a** *little* **while,** and you ***shall* see** Me'?
[20]"**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you that you ***shall*** *weep* and lament, but the world ***shall*** rejoice. And you ***shall* be** *grieved*, but your grief ***shall*** become joy.
[21]"The woman has grief when she is in labour, **<u>because</u>** her **hour** has come, but as soon as she has **given** birth to the child, she no longer **remembers** the *affliction*, for **joy** that a man was born into the world.
[22]"And you, therefore, have grief **now**, but **I *shall* see** you again and your **heart *shall* rejoice,** and no one takes your **joy** away from you.
[23]"And in that day you ***shall* ask Me** none at **all. Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, ***whatever*** you **ask** the **Father in My Name He *shall*** give you.
[24]"Until **now** you have asked naught in **My Name. Ask** and you ***shall* receive**, **in order** that your **joy** might be **complete**.
[25]"These **words** I have **spoken** to you

in figures of speech, but an **hour** is **coming** when I ***shall*** no longer **speak** to you in figures of speech, but I ***shall*** **declare** the **Father** plainly to you.
[26]"In that day you ***shall*** **ask** in **My Name,** and I *do not* say to you that I ***shall*** pray the **Father** on your behalf,
[27]for the **Father Himself** does **love** you, **<u>because</u>** you have **loved Me,** and have **believed** that I came forth from **Elohim**.
[28]"I came forth from the **Father** and have **come** into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the **Father.**"
[29]**His taught ones** said to **Him,** "**See, now You** are speaking plainly and not using figure of speech!
[30]"**Now** we **know** that **You know all** and have no need that anyone should question **You.** By this we **believe** that **You** came forth from **Elohim**."
[31]OWYƎZ answered them, "***Do*** you **now believe**?
[32]"**See,** an **hour** is **coming** and has **now** come, that you are *scattered*, each to his own and leave **Me** alone. Yet I am not alone **<u>because</u>** the **Father** is with **Me.**
[33]"These **words** I have **spoken** to you, that in **Me** you might have peace. In the world you have *pressure,* but take courage, **I have overcome** the **world**."

17 OWYƎZ said these **words,** and lifted up **His** eyes to the heaven, and said, "Father, the **hour** has come. Esteem **Your Son**, so that **Your Son** also might **esteem You,**
[2]as **You have given Him authority** over **all** *flesh,* that **He** should give **everlasting life** to **all** whom **You have given Him.**
[3]"And this is **everlasting life**, that they should **know You,** the only **true Elohim,** and OWYƎZ **Messiah** whom **You have sent**.
[4]"I have esteemed **You** on the earth, having **accomplished** the **work You have given Me** that I should do.
[5]"And **now**, **esteem Me** with **Yourself**, **Father,** with the **esteem** which I had with **You** before the world was.
[6]"I have **revealed Your Name** to the men whom **You** gave **Me** out of the world. They were **Your**s, and **You** gave them to **Me,** and they have **guarded Your Word.**
[7]"**Now** they have **come to know** that **all You** gave to **Me,** is from **You.**
[8]"**<u>Because</u>** the **Words** which **You** gave to **Me,** I have **given** to them. And they have received them, and have **truly known** that I came forth from **You,** and they **believed** that **You sent Me.**
[9]"I pray for them. I *do not* pray for the world but for those whom **You have given Me,** for they are **Your**s.
[10]"And **all Mine** are **Your**s, and **Your**s are **Mine,** and I have been esteemed in them.
[11]"And I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I **come to You. Set-apart Father, guard** them in **Your Name** which **You have given Me,** so that they might be one, as **We** are.
[12]"***When*** I was with them in the world, I was **guarding** them in **Your Name** which **You have given Me,** and I watched over them, and not one of them *perished* ***except*** the son of ***destruction,*** that the **Scripture** might be **filled.**
[13]"**Now** I **come to You.** And I **speak** these **words** in the world, so that they have **My joy completed** in them.
[14]"I have **given** them **Your word, and** the world *hated* them **<u>because</u>** they are not of the world, as I am not of the world.
[15]"I *do not* pray that **You** should take them out of the world, but that **You** keep them from the *wicked one.*
[16]"They are not of the world, as I am not of the world.
[17]"Set them apart in **Your truth** – **Your Word** is **truth**.
[18]"As **You sent Me** into the world, I also **sent** them into the world.
[19]"And for them I set **Myself** apart, so that they too might be set-apart in **truth**.
[20]"And I *do not* pray for these alone, but also for those **believing** in **Me**

through their **word,**
[21]so that they **all** might be one, as **You, Father,** are in **Me,** and I in **You,** so that they too might be one in **Us**, so that the world might **believe** that **You have sent Me.**
[22]"And the **esteem** which **You** gave **Me** I have **given** them, so that they might be one as **We are one**,
[23]"I in them, and **You** in **Me,** so that they might be **perfected** into one, so that the world **knows** that **You have sent Me,** and have **loved** them as **You have loved Me.**
[24]"Father, I desire that those whom **You have given Me,** might be with **Me** where I am, so that they **see My esteem** which **You have given Me, <u>because</u> You loved Me** before the foundation of the world.
[25]"O **righteous Father,** indeed the world *did not* **know You,** but I **knew You,** and these **knew** that **You sent Me.**
[26]"And I have made Your Name known to them, and *shall* make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me might be in them, and **I in them."**

18 Having said these **words**, OWYƎZ went out with **His taught ones** beyond the Qiḏron torrent, where there was a garden, into which **He** and **His taught ones** entered.
[2]And Yahuḏah, who **delivered Him** up, also **knew** the place, **<u>because</u>** OWYƎZ often met there with **His taught ones.**
[3]Yahuḏah, then, having received the company of soldiers, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, and torches, and weapons.
[4]OWYƎZ, then, knowing **all** that would **come** upon **Him,** went forward and said to them, "***Whom*** do you seek?"
[5]They answered **Him,** "OWYƎZ of Natsareth." OWYƎZ said to them, "I am." And Yahuḏah, who **delivered Him** up, was also standing with them.
[6]When, therefore, **He** said to them, "I am," they drew back and fell to the ground.
[7]Once more **He** asked them, "***Whom*** do you seek?" And they said, "OWYƎZ of Natsareth."
[8]OWYƎZ answered, "I said to you that I am. If, then, you **seek Me,** allow these to go,"
[9]**in order** that the **word** might be filled which **He** spoke, "Of those whom **You have given Me,** I have *lost* none."
[10]***Then*** Shim'on Kĕpha, having a *sword,* drew it and *struck* the high priest's servant, and *cut off* his **right ear**. And the servant's name was Melek.
[11]***Then*** OWYƎZ said to Kĕpha, "Put your *sword* into the sheath. ***Shall*** I not ***drink the cup*** which **My Father** has **given Me?**"
[12]***Then*** the company of soldiers and the commander and the officers of the Yahuḏim *seized* OWYƎZ and *bound* **Him,**
[13]and they led **Him** away to Ḥanan **first,** for he was the father-in-law of Qayapha who was high priest that year.
[14]**Now** Qayapha was the one who gave counsel to the Yahuḏim that it was better that one man should *die* for the people.
[15]And Shim'on Kĕpha **followed** OWYƎZ, with another **taught one,** and that **taught one** was **known** to the high priest, and went with OWYƎZ into the courtyard of the high priest.
[16]***But*** Kĕpha was standing outside at the **door.** So the other **taught one**, who was **known** to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the **door,** and brought Kĕpha in.
[17]***Then*** the servant girl who kept the **door** said to Kĕpha, "Are you also one of this **Man's taught ones**?" **He** said, "I am not."
[18]And the servants and officers who had made a *fire* of coals stood there, **<u>because</u>** it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Kĕpha was standing with them and warming himself.
[19]Then the high priest asked OWYƎZ about **His taught ones** and **His**

teaching.
20 OWYƎZ answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I **always taught** in the congregation and in the **Set-apart Place,** where the Yahuḏim **always** meet, and I spoke no **word** in **secret.**
21 "***Why*** do you **ask Me? Ask** those who have **heard Me** what I said to them. **See,** they **know** what I said."
22 And when **He** had said this, one of the officers who stood by *slapped* OWYƎZ in the face, saying,"***Do*** **You** answer the high priest this **way?**"
23 OWYƎZ answered him, "***If*** I have **spoken** *evilly*, bear **witness** of the *evil*, but if well, why do you *strike* **Me?**"
24 ***Then*** Ḥanan **sent Him** *bound* to the high priest, Qayapha.
25 And Shim'on Kĕpha was standing and warming himself. ***Then*** they said to him, "***Are*** you also one of **His taught ones**?" **He** *denied* it and said, "I am not!"
26 One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Kĕpha *cut* off, said, "Did I not **see** you in the garden with Him?"
27 ***Then*** Kĕpha again *denied* it, and **immediately** a cock crowed.
28 ***Then*** they led OWYƎZ from Qayapha to the palace, and it was early. And they themselves *did not* go into the palace, lest they should be *defiled*, but that they might eat the **Passover**.
29 Pilate, therefore, came out to them and said, "***What*** *accusation* do you bring *against* this Man?"
30 They answered and said to him, "***If*** **He** were not an *evil*-doer, we *would not* have **delivered Him** up to you."
31 ***Then*** Pilate said to them, "You take **Him** and **judge Him according** to your law." The Yahuḏim said to him, "It is not **right** for us to put anyone to *death,*"
32 **in order** that the **Word** of OWYƎZ might be filled which **He** spoke, signifying by what *death* **He** was about to *die.*
33 ***Then*** Pilate went back into the palace, and called OWYƎZ, and said to **Him,** "Are **You** the **Sovereign** of the Yahuḏim?"
34 OWYƎZ answered him, "***Do*** you say this from yourself, or did others talk to you about **Me?**"
35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Yahuḏite? **Your** own nation and the chief priests have **delivered You** to me. ***What*** did **You** do?"
36 OWYƎZ answered, "**My reign** is not of this world. ***If*** **My reign** were of this world, **My servants** would fight, so that I should not be **delivered** to the Yahuḏim. ***But*** **now My reign** is not from here."
37 ***Then*** Pilate said to **Him,** "**You** are a sovereign, then?" OWYƎZ answered, "You say it, **because** I am a Sovereign. For this I was born, and for this I have **come** into the world, that I should bear **witness** to the **truth**. Everyone who is of the **truth hears My voice**."
38 Pilate said to **Him,** "***What*** is **truth?**" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Yahuḏim, and said to them, "I find *no guilt* in **Him.**
39 "***But*** you have a habit that I ***shall*** release someone to you at the **Passover**. ***Do*** you **wish,** then, that I release to you the **Sovereign** of the Yahuḏim?"
40 ***Then*** they **all** *shouted* again, saying, "Not this **One,** but Barabba!" And Barabba was a ***robber***.

19 Then, therefore, Pilate took OWYƎZ and *flogged* **Him.**
2 And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns and placed it on **His** head, and they put a purple **robe** on **Him,**
3 and came to **Him** and said, "Greetings, **Sovereign** of the Yahuḏim!" And they *slapped* **Him** in the face.
4 And Pilate went outside again, and said to them, "**See,** I am bringing **Him** out to you, to let you **know** that I find *no guilt* in **Him.**"
5 ***Then*** OWYƎZ came outside, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "See the Man!"
6 So when the chief priests and officers **saw Him,** they shouted, saying,

"Impale! Impale!" Pilate said to them, "*You take* **Him** and impale **Him,** for I find *no guilt* in **Him.**"

[7]The Yahuḏim answered him, "We have a **law,** and **according** to our **law He** ought to *die,* for **He** has made **Himself** the **Son** of **Elohim**."

[8]So when Pilate **heard** this **word,** he was more *afraid*,

[9]and went back into the palace, and asked OWYƎZ,"***Where*** are **You** from?" ***But*** OWYƎZ gave him no answer.

[10]***Then*** Pilate said to **Him,** "***Do*** **You** not **speak** to me? ***Do*** **You** not **know** that I **possess authority** to impale **You,** and I **possess authority** to release **You?**"

[11]OWYƎZ answered, "You would **possess** no **authority** *against* **Me** if it were not **given** you from above. **Because** of this, he who **delivered Me** to you has *greater sin.*"

[12]From then on Pilate was **seeking** to release **Him,** but the Yahuḏim shouted, saying, "***If*** you release this **One,** you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a sovereign, does **speak** *against* Caesar."

[13]Therefore, when Pilate **heard** these **words**, he brought OWYƎZ out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called Pavement, but in Heḇrew, Gabbatha.

[14]And it was the Preparation *Day* of the **Passover** *week,* and about the sixth **hour.** And he said to the Yahuḏim, "See your Sovereign!"

[15]***But*** they shouted, "Away, away, impale **Him!**" Pilate said to them, "***Shall*** I impale your Sovereign?" The chief priests answered, "We have no sovereign ***except*** Caesar!"

[16]At that **time,** then, he **delivered Him** to them to be impaled. And they took OWYƎZ and led **Him** away.

[17]And bearing **His** stake, **He** went out to the so-called Place of a Skull, which is called in Heḇrew, Golgotha,

[18]where they impaled **Him,** and two others with **Him,** one on this side and one on that side, and OWYƎZ in the middle.

[19]And Pilate **wrote** a title too, and put it on the stake, and it was **written**: **OWYƎZ OF NATSARETH, THE SOVEREIGN OF THE YAHUḎIM**.

[20]Many of the Yahuḏim therefore **read** this title, for the place where OWYƎZ was impaled was **near** the city, and it was **written** in Heḇrew, in Greek, in Roman.

[21]So the chief priests of the Yahuḏim said to Pilate, "***Do not*** **write,**'**The Sovereign of the Yahuḏim**,'but, '**He** said, "**I am the Sovereign of the Yahuḏim.**" '"

[22]Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

[23]***Then*** the soldiers, when they had impaled OWYƎZ, took **His** outer garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and the inner garment. ***But*** the inner garment was without seam, woven from the top in one piece.

[24]So they said to each other, "**Let** us not *tear* it, but *cast* **lots** for it – whose it ***shall*** **be,**" **in order** that the **Scripture might be filled** which says, "They divided **My** garments among them, and for **My** clothing they *cast* lots." The soldiers therefore indeed did this.

[25]And by the stake of OWYƎZ stood **His** mother, and **His** mother's sister, Miryam the wife of Qlophah, and Miryam from Maḡdala.

[26]***Then*** OWYƎZ, **seeing His** mother and **the taught one** whom **He loved** standing by, **He** said to **His** mother, "Woman, **see** your son!"

[27]***Then*** to **the taught one He** said, "**See,** your mother!" And from that **hour** that **taught one** took her to his own home.

[28]After this, OWYƎZ, **knowing** that **all** had been **accomplished**, **in order** that the **Scripture** might be **accomplished**, said, "I thirst!"

[29]A bowl of sour **wine** stood there, and they filled a sponge with sour **wine**, put it on hyssop, and held it to **His mouth.**

[30]So when OWYƎZ took the sour **wine He** said, "**It has been accomplished**!" And bowing **His** head, **He** gave up **His** spirit.

[31]Therefore, since it was the **Preparation** Day, that the bodies should not remain on the stake on the **Sabbath** – for that **Sabbath** was a high one – the Yahuḏim asked Pilate to have their legs *broken* and that they be taken away.
[32]Therefore the soldiers came and broke the legs of the **first,** and of the other who was impaled with **Him,**
[33]but when they came to OWYƎZ and **saw** that **He** was already *dead,* they *did not break* **His** legs.
[34]***But*** one of the soldiers *pierced* **His** side with a spear, and **instantly blood** and water came out.
[35]And he who has **seen** has **witnessed,** and his **witness** is **true.** And he **knows** that he is speaking the **truth**, **in order** that you might **believe**.
[36]For this took place **in order** for the **Scripture** to be **filled:** "Not one of **His** bones ***shall*** **be** broken."
[37]And again another **Scripture** says, "They ***shall*** look on **Him** whom they pierced."
[38]And after this, Yosĕph of Ramathayim, being **a taught one of** OWYƎZ, but secretly, for **fear** of the Yahuḏim, asked Pilate that he might take the body of OWYƎZ, and Pilate gave permission. Therefore he came and took the body of OWYƎZ.
[39]And Naḳdimon, who at **first** came to OWYƎZ by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds.
[40]***Then*** they took the body of OWYƎZ, and *bound* it in linen wrappings with the spices, as was the habit of the Yahuḏim for burial.
[41]And at the place where **He** was impaled there was a garden, and in the garden a **fresh** tomb in which no one had yet been laid.
[42]There, then, **<u>because</u>** of the **Preparation** *Day* of the Yahuḏim, they laid OWYƎZ, **<u>because</u>** the tomb was **near.**

20 And on the **first day of** the week Miryam from Maḡdala came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and **saw** that the stone had been removed from the tomb.
[2]So she ran and came to Shim'on Kĕpha, and to the other **taught one** whom OWYƎZ **loved,** and said to them, "They have taken the **Master** out of the tomb, and we *do not* **know** where they laid **Him.**"
[3]***Then*** Kĕpha and the other **taught one** went out and they were going to the tomb,
[4]and the two were running together, but the other **taught one** outran Kĕpha and came to the tomb **first.**
[5]And stooping down he **saw** the linen wrappings *lying*, but he *did not* go in.
[6]***Then*** Shim'on Kĕpha came, **following** him, and went into the tomb. And he **saw** the linen wrappings *lying*,
[7]and the cloth which had been on **His** head, not *lying* with the linen wrappings, but folded up in a place by itself.
[8]So, then, the other **taught one**, who came to the tomb **first,** also went in. And he **saw** and **believed**.
[9]For they *did not* yet **know** the **Scripture,** that **He** has to rise again from the *dead.*
[10]Therefore **the taught ones** went away again, by themselves.
[11]***But*** Miryam was standing outside by the tomb *weeping.* ***Then*** as she wept, she stooped down to the tomb,
[12]and **saw** two messengers in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of OWYƎZ had been laid.
[13]And they said to her, "Woman, why do you weep?" She said to them, "**<u>Because</u>** they took away my **Master,** and I *do not* **know** where they laid **Him.**"
[14]And having said this, she turned around and **saw** OWYƎZ standing, but she *did not* **know** that it was OWYƎZ.
[15]OWYƎZ said to her, "Woman, why do you weep? ***Whom*** do you seek?"

Thinking **He** was the gardener, she said to **Him,** "**Master,** if **You have** carried **Him** away, say to me where **You** put **Him,** and I ***shall*** take **Him** away."
16**OWYƎZ** said to her, "Miryam!" She turned and said to **Him,** "Rabboni!" (which means **Teacher**).
17**OWYƎZ** said to her, "***Do not*** hold on to **Me,** for I have not yet ascended to **My Father.** ***But*** go to **My** brothers and say to them, **'I am** ascending to **My Father** and your **Father** and to **My Elohim** and your **Elohim**.' "
18Miryam from Maḡdala came **announcing** to **the taught ones** that she had **seen** the **Master,** and that **He** had told her this.
19***When*** therefore it was **evening** on that day, the **first day of** the week, and when the **doors** were shut where **the taught ones** met, for **fear** of the Yahuḏim, **OWYƎZ** came and stood in the **midst,** and said to them, "Peace to you."
20And having said this, **He** showed them **His** hands and **His** side. The **taught ones** therefore rejoiced when they **saw** the **Master.**
21***Then*** **OWYƎZ** said to them again, "Peace to you! As the **Father** has **sent Me,** I also send you."
22And having said this, **He** breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the set-apart **Spirit.**
23"***If*** you **forgive** the *sins* of any, they are **forgiven** them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they have been retained."
24***But*** T'oma, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when **OWYƎZ** came,
25so the other **taught ones** said to him, "We have **seen** the **Master.**" ***But*** he said to them, "Unless I **see** in **His** hands the mark of the nails, and put my **finger** into the imprint of the nails, and put my **hand** into **His** side, I ***shall*** by no means **believe**."
26And after eight days **His taught ones** were again inside, and T'oma with them. **OWYƎZ** came, the **doors** having been shut, and **He** stood in the **midst,** and said, "Peace to you!"
27***Then*** **He** said to T'oma,"Bring your **finger** here, and **see My** hands. Bring your **hand** and put it into **My** side – and *do not* be *unbelieving*, but **believing.**"
28And T'oma answered and said to **Him,** "My **Master** and my **Elohim**!"
29**OWYƎZ** said to him, "T'oma, **<u>because</u>** you have **seen Me,** you have **believed**. **Blessed** are those who have ***not*** **seen** and **have believed**."
30There were indeed many other **signs** that **OWYƎZ** did in the presence of **His taught ones,** which are not **written** in this **book**,
31but these have been **written** so that you **believe** that **OWYƎZ** is the **Messiah**, the **Son** of **Elohim**, and that, **believing,** you might **possess life** in **His Name.**

21 After this **OWYƎZ** manifested **Himself** again to **the taught ones** at the Sea of Kinnereth, and **He** manifested this way:
2Shim'on Kĕpha, and T'oma called the Twin, and Nethanĕ'l of Qanah in Galil, the sons of Zaḇdai, and two others of **His taught ones** were together.
3Shim'on Kĕpha said to them, "I am going to fish." They said to him, "We are also **coming** with you." They went out and **immediately** entered into the boat. And that night they ***caught*** none at **all.**
4***But*** when it became early morning, **OWYƎZ** stood on the beach. However, **the taught ones** *did not* **know** that it was **OWYƎZ**.
5***Then*** **OWYƎZ** said to them, "Children, have you any **food**?" They answered **Him,** "No."
6And **He** said to them, "Throw the *net* on the **right** side of the boat, and you ***shall*** find." So they threw, and they were no longer able to draw it in **<u>because</u>** of the large number of **fish**.
7That **taught one** whom **OWYƎZ** **loved** then said to Kĕpha, "It is the **Master!**" ***Then*** Shim'on Kĕpha, **hearing** that it was the **Master,** put on his outer garment – for he was stripped – and

plunged into the sea.
[8]And the other **taught ones** came in the *little* boat – for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits – *dragging* the *net* with fish.
[9]So when they had **come to** land, they **saw** a *fire* of coals there, and **fish** laid on it and **bread**.
[10]**OWYƎZ** said to them, "Bring some of the **fish** which you have **now** caught."
[11]Shim'on Kĕpha went up and *dragged* the *net* to land, filled with one hundred and fifty-three big **fish**. And though there were so many, the *net* was not broken.
[12]**OWYƎZ** said to them, **"Come,** have **breakfast**." And not one of **the taught ones** had the courage to **ask Him,** "***Who*** are **You?**," **knowing** that it was the **Master.**
[13]**OWYƎZ** came and took the **bread** and gave it to them and the **same** with the fish.
[14]This was **now** the ***third* time** **OWYƎZ** was manifested to **His taught ones** after **He** was **raised** from the *dead.*
[15]When, therefore, they had eaten breakfast, **OWYƎZ** said to Shim'on Kĕpha, "Shim'on, son of Yonah, do you **love Me** more than these?" **He** said to **Him,** "Yea, **Master, You know** that I **love You.**" **He** said to him, **"Feed My lambs."**
[16]**He** said to him again, the ***second* time,** "Shim'on, son of Yonah, do you **love Me?**" **He** said to **Him,** "Yea, **Master, You know** that I **love You.**" **He** said to him, **"Shepherd My sheep."**
[17]**He** said to him the ***third* time,** "Shim'on, son of Yonah, do you **love Me?**" Kĕpha was sad **<u>because</u> He** said to him the ***third* time,** "***Do*** you **love Me?"** And he said to **Him,** "**Master, You know all, You know** that I **love You.**" **OWYƎZ** said to him, "**Feed My sheep.**
[18]"**Truly**, **truly**, I say to you, when you were younger you girded yourself and walked where you wished, but when you are old you ***shall*** stretch out your hands, and another ***shall*** gird you and bring you where *you do not* **wish.**"
[19]**Now** this **He** said, signifying by what *death* he would **esteem Elohim**. And having said this, **He** said to him, "**Follow Me.**"
[20]And Kĕpha, turning around, **saw the taught one** whom **OWYƎZ loved follow**ing, who also had leaned on **His** breast at the supper, and said, "**Master,** who is the one who is delivering **You** up?"
[21]Seeing him, Kĕpha said to **OWYƎZ**, "***But* Master,** what about this one?"
[22]**OWYƎZ** said to him, "***If*** I **wish** him to remain til I come, what is that to you? *You* **follow Me.**"
[23]Therefore this **word** went out among the brothers that this **taught one** *would not die.* However, **OWYƎZ** *did not* say to him that he *would not die,* but, "***If*** I desire him to remain until I come, what is it to you?"
[24]This is **the taught one** who bears **witness** about these matters, and **wrote** these matters. And we **know** that his **witness** is **true.**
[25]**Now** there is much else that **OWYƎZ** did. ***If* every** one of them were **written** down, I *think* that the world itself *would not* contain the **written book**s. Amĕn.

ACTS

1 The **first** account I made, O Theo philos, of **all** that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 began both to do and to **teach,**

[2]until the day when **He** was taken up, after giving instructions through the **Set-apart Spirit** to the emissaries whom **He** had **chosen**,

[3]to whom **He** also presented **Himself alive** after **His** suffering by many infallible proofs, being **seen** by them for forty days, speaking concerning the **reign** of **Elohim**.

[4]And meeting with them, **He commanded** them not to leave Yerushalayim, but to wait for the Promise of the **Father,** "which you have **heard** from **Me** –

[5]**because** Yoḥanan **truly immersed** in water but you ***shall*** **be immersed** in the **Set-apart Spirit** not many days from *now*."

[6]So when they had **come to**gether, they asked **Him,** saying, "**Master,** would **You** at this **time** restore the **reign** to Yisra'ĕl?"

[7]And **He** said to them, "It is not for you **to know** times or seasons which the **Father** has put in **His** own authority.

[8]"***But*** you ***shall*** receive **power** when the **Set-apart Spirit** has **come** upon you and you ***shall*** **be My witnesses** in Yerushalayim and in **all** Yahuḏah and Shomeron and to **the end** of the earth."

[9]And having said this, while they were looking on, **He** was taken up and a cloud hid **Him** from their sight.

[10]And as they were gazing into the **heavens** as **He** went up, **see,** two men stood by them dressed in white,

[11]who also said, "Men of Galil, why do you **stand** looking up into the heaven? This **same** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, who was taken up from you into the heaven, ***shall*** **come** in the **same way** as you **saw Him** go into the **heavens.**"

[12]***Then*** they went back to Yerushalayim from the Mount of Olives, which is **near** Yerushalayim, a **Sabbath** day's journey.

[13]And when they came in, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: both Kĕpha and Ya'aqoḇ and Yoḥanan and Andri, Philip and Ṯ'oma, Bartholomi and Mattithyahu, Ya'aqoḇ the son of Alphai and Shim'on the Zealot and Yahuḏah the son of Ya'aqoḇ.

[14]All these were continuing with one **mind** in prayer and supplication, with the women and Miryam the mother of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 and with **His** brothers.

[15]And in those days Kĕpha, standing up in the **midst** of **the taught ones** – and there was a gathering of about a hundred and twenty – said,

[16]"Men and brothers, this **Scripture** had to be **filled** which the **Set-apart Spirit** spoke before by the **mouth** of Dawiḏ concerning Yahuḏah, who became a guide to those who *seized* 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏,

[17]**because** he was numbered with us and did receive his share in this service."

[18](This one, therefore, purchased a field with the wages of *unrighteousness* and falling forward, he burst **open** in the middle and **all** his intestines gushed out.

[19]And it became **known** to **all** those dwelling in Yerushalayim, so that in their own **language** that field was called, Ḥaqal Dema, that is, Field of Blood).

[20]"For it has been **written** in the **Book** of Psalms, '**Let** his dwelling *lie waste* and **let** no one **live** in it,' and, '**Let** another take his office.'

[21]"It is therefore necessary that of the men who have been with us **all** the **time** that the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 went in and out among us,

[22]beginning from the immersion of Yoḥanan to that day when **He** was taken up from us, that one of these should become a **witness** with us

of **His** resurrection."
[23]And they put forward two: Yosĕph called Barsabba, who was also called Justus and Mattithyahu.
[24]And praying they said, "**You**, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, who **know** the **hearts** of **all, show** which one of these two **You have chosen**
[25]to receive the share in this service and office of the emissary from which Yahuḏah by *transgression* fell, to go to his own place."
[26]And they *cast* their **lots** and the **lot** fell on Mattithyahu. And he was numbered with the eleven emissaries.

2 And when the Day of the **Festival of weeks** had come, they were **all** with one **mind** in one place.
[2]And **suddenly** there came a sound from the heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind and it filled **all** the house where they were sitting.
[3]And there appeared to them divided tongues, as of *fire* and settled on each one of them.
[4]And they were **all** filled with the **Set-apart Spirit** and began to **speak** with other tongues, as the **Spirit** gave them to speak.
[5]**Now** in Yerushalayim there were dwelling Yahuḏim, **dedicated** men from **every** nation under the **heavens.**
[6]And when this sound came to be, the crowd came together and were confused, **because** everyone **heard** them **speak** in his own **language.**
[7]And they were **all** amazed and marvelled, saying to each other, "Look, are not **all** these who **speak** Galileans?
[8]"And how do we **hear,** each one in our own **language** in which we were born?
[9]"Parthians and Medes and Ĕylamites and those dwelling in Aram Naharayim, both Yahuḏah and Kappadokia, Pontos and Asia,
[10]both Phrygia and Pamphulia, Mitsrayim and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Yahuḏim and converts,
[11]"Cretans and Araḇs, we **hear** them speaking in our own tongues the **great deeds** of **Elohim**."
[12]And they were **all** amazed and were puzzled, saying to each other, "***What*** does this mean?"
[13]And others *mocking* said, "They have been filled with **sweet wine**."
[14]***But*** Kĕpha, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his **voice** and said to them, "Men of Yahuḏah and **all** those dwelling in Yerushalayim, let this be **known** to you and **listen** closely to my **words**.
[15]"For these men are not drunk, as you imagine, since it is only the third **hour** of the day.
[16]"***But*** this is what was **spoken** by the **prophet** Yo'ĕl:
[17]'And it ***shall*** **be** in the **last** days, says **Elohim**, that I ***shall*** **pour out** of **My Spirit** on **all** *flesh.* And your sons and your daughters ***shall*** **prophesy** and your young men ***shall*** **see visions** and your old men ***shall*** **dream dreams**,
[18]and also on **My** male servants and on **My** female servants I ***shall*** **pour out My Spirit** in those days and they ***shall*** **prophesy**.
[19]'And I ***shall*** **show wonders** in **the heavens** above and **signs** in the earth beneath: **blood** and *fire* and vapour of smoke.
[20]'The sun ***shall*** **be** turned into *darkness* and the moon into **blood,** before the **coming** of the **great** and splendid **day of** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
[21]'And it ***shall*** **be** that ***everyone*** who calls on the **Name** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 ***shall*** **be saved**.'
[22]"Men of Yisra'ĕl, **hear** these **words**: 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 of Natsareth, a Man from **Elohim**, having been ***pointed out*** to you by mighty **works** and **wonders** and **signs** which **Elohim** did through **Him** in your **midst**, as you yourselves also **know,**
[23]this **One, given** up by the set purpose and **foreknowledge** of **Elohim**, you have impaled and put to *death* through the hands of *lawless men* –
[24]"Him **Elohim raised** up, having loosed the pangs of *death* **because** it was

impossible that **He** could be held in its grip.
25"Dawid says concerning **Him,**'I saw יהוה before me continually, **because He** is at my **right hand, in order** that I should not be *shaken.*
26'For this **reason** my **heart** rejoiced and my tongue was glad and **now** my *flesh* ***shall*** also rest in **expectation**,
27**because You *shall*** not leave my being in the grave, nor ***shall*** **You** give **Your kind One** to **see** *corruption*.
28'You have made **known** to me the **ways** of **life**, **You *shall*** fill me with **joy** in **Your** presence.'
29"Men and brothers, let me **speak boldly** to you of the ancestor Dawid, that he died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.
30"Being a **prophet,** then and knowing that **Elohim** had sworn with an **oath** to him: of the **fruit** of his loins, **according** to the *flesh,* to **raise** up the **Messiah** to sit on **his throne**,
31foreseeing this he spoke concerning the **resurrection** of the **Messiah**, that **His** being was neither left in the grave, *nor did* **His** *flesh* **see** *corruption*.
32"**Elohim** has **raised** up this יהושע, of which we are **all witnesses.**
33"Therefore, having been exalted to the **right hand** of **Elohim** and having received from the **Father** the **promise** of the **Set-apart Spirit, He poured out** this which you **now see** and **hear.**
34"For Dawid *did not* ascend into the heavens, but he himself said, 'יהוה said to my **Master,** "Sit at **My right hand,**
35until I make **Your** enemies a footstool for **Your feet**." '
36"Therefore let **all** the house of Yisra'ĕl **know** for certain that **Elohim** has made this יהושע, whom you impaled, both **Master** and **Messiah**."
37And having **heard** this, they were *pierced* to the **heart** and said to Kĕpha and the rest of the emissaries, "Men, brothers, what ***shall*** we do?"
38And Kĕpha said to them, "**Repent** and let each one of you be **immersed** in the **Name** of יהושע **Messiah** for the **forgiveness** of *sins* and you ***shall*** receive the gift of the **Set-apart Spirit.**
39"For the **promise** is to you and to your children and to **all** who are far off, as many as יהוה our **Elohim *shall* call**."
40And with many other **words** he **earnestly witnessed** and urged them, saying, "Be **saved** from this *crooked* generation."
41***Then*** those, indeed, who gladly received his **word,** were **immersed.** And on that day about three thousand beings were **added** to them.
42And they were continuing steadfastly in the **teaching** of the emissaries and in the fellowship and in the breaking of bread and in the prayers.
43And **fear** came upon **every being** and many **wonders** and **signs** were being done through the emissaries.
44And **all** those who **believed** were together and had **all** in *common,*
45and sold their possessions and property and divided them among **all,** as anyone might have need.
46And day by day, continuing with one **mind** in the **Set-apart Place** and breaking **bread** from house to house, they ate their **food** with **gladness** and simplicity of **heart,**
47praising **Elohim** and having **favour** with **all** the people. And the **Master added** to the assembly those who were being **saved,** day by day.

3 And Kĕpha and Yoḥanan were going up to the **Set-apart Place** at the **hour** of prayer, the ninth **hour.**
2And a certain man, *lame* from his birth, was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the **Set-apart Place** which is called Yaphah, to **ask** alms from those *entering* into the **Set-apart Place,**
3who, **seeing** Kĕpha and Yoḥanan about to go into the **Set-apart Place,** asked for alms.
4And Kĕpha, with Yoḥanan, looking steadfastly at him, said, "Look at us."

5And he gave **heed** to them, expecting to receive ***whatever*** from them.
6***But*** Kĕpha said, "I *do not* have silver and gold, but what I do possess, this I give you: **In** the **Name** of **OWYƎZ Messiah** of Natsareth, rise up and walk**.**"
7And taking him by the **right hand** he lifted him up and **immediately** his feet and ankle bones were made firm.
8And leaping up, he stood and walked and went in with them into the **Set-apart Place,** walking and leaping and praising **Elohim**.
9And **all** the people **saw** him walking and praising **Elohim**.
10And they recognised him, that it was he who sat begging alms at the Lovely Gate of the **Set-apart Place.** And they were filled with **wonder** and amazement at what befell him.
11And as the *lame* man who was **healed** was **clinging** to Kĕpha and Yoḥanan, **all** the people ran **together** to them in the porch which is called Shelomoh's, greatly amazed.
12And **seeing** it, Kĕpha responded to the people, "Men of Yisra'ĕl, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own **power** or reverence we have made him walk?
13"The **Elohim** of Aḇrahim and of Yitsḥaq and of Ya'aqoḇ, the **Elohim** of our fathers, esteemed **His** Servant **OWYƎZ**, whom you **delivered** up and *denied* in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release **Him.**
14"***But*** you *denied* the **Set-apart** and **righteous One** and asked that a man, a *murderer*, be granted you.
15"***But*** you *killed* the **Leader** of **life**, whom **Elohim raised** from the *dead,* of which we are **witnesses.**
16"And by the **belief** in **His Name,** this one whom you **see** and **know, His Name** made **strong** and the **belief** which **comes** through **Him** has **given** him this **perfect healing** before **all** of you.
17"And **now**, brothers, I **know** that you did it in ***ignorance***, as your rulers did too.
18"***But*** this is how **Elohim** has filled what **He** had **announced** beforehand through the **mouth** of **all** the **prophets,** that **His Messiah** was to suffer.
19"**Repent** therefore ***and turn back,*** for the **blotting** out of your *sins*, **in order** that times of refreshing might **come** from the presence of the **Master,**
20and that **He sends OWYƎZ Messiah**, **preappointed** for you,
21whom **heaven** needs to receive until the times of restoration of **all** ***matters***, of which **Elohim** spoke through the **mouth** of **all His** set-apart prophets since of old.
22"For Mosheh **truly** said to the fathers, '**ƎYƎZ** your **Elohim** ***shall*** **raise** up for you a **Prophet** like me from your brothers. **Him** you ***shall*** **hear according** to **all** matters, ***whatever*** **He** says to you.
23'And it ***shall*** **be** that **every** being who *does not* **hear** that **Prophet** ***shall*** **be** *utterly* ***destroyed*** from among the people.'
24"And likewise, **all** the prophets who have **spoken**, from Shemu'ĕl and those **following** have also **announced** these days.
25"You are sons of the **prophets** and of the **covenant** which **Elohim** made with our fathers, saying to Aḇrahim, 'And in your seed **all** the nations of the earth ***shall*** **be blessed**.'
26"To you **first, Elohim**, having **raised** up **His** Servant **OWYƎZ**, **sent Him** to **bless** you, in **turning** away each one of you from your *wicked ways*."

4 And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the **Set-apart Place** and the Sadducees, came upon them,
2being *annoyed* **<u>because</u>** they **taught** the people and **announced** the resurrection from the *dead* in **OWYƎZ**.
3And they arrested them and put them in jail until the next day, for it was already **evening**.
4***But*** many of those who had **heard** the **word believed** and the number of the men became about five thousand.
5And it came to be, on the next day, that their *rulers* and *elders* and *scribes* **assembled** in Yerushalayim,

[6]as well as Ḥanan the high priest and Qayapha, Yoḥanan and Alexander and as many as were of high priestly descent.
[7]And having placed them in the middle, they asked, "By what **power** or in what **Name** did you do this?"
[8]***Then*** Kĕpha, filled with the **Set-apart Spirit,** said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Yisra'ĕl:
[9]"***If*** today we are called to account for a **good deed** towards a *sick* man, by whom he has been **healed**,
[10]**let it be known** to **all** of you and to **all** the people of Yisra'ĕl, that in the **Name** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** of Natsareth, whom you impaled, whom **Elohim raised** from the *dead,* by **Him** this one stands before you, healthy.
[11]"This is 'the stone which was *rejected* by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.'
[12]"And there is no **deliverance** in anyone else, for there is no other **Name** under **the heavens given** among men by which we need to be **saved**."
[13]And **seeing** the **boldness** of Kĕpha and Yoḥanan and perceiving that they were unlearned and ordinary men, they marvelled. And they recognised that they had been with 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏.
[14]And **seeing** the man who had been **healed** standing with them, they *could not contradict* it.
[15]***But*** when they had **commanded** them to go aside out of the council, they consulted with one another,
[16]saying, "***What shall*** we do to these men? For, indeed, that an outstanding miracle has been done through them is apparent to **all** those dwelling in Yerushalayim and we are *unable* to *deny* it.
[17]"***But*** **in order** that it spreads no further among the people, let us strongly threaten them, to **speak** no more to anyone in this **Name**."
[18]And they called them and **commanded** them not to **speak** at **all** ***nor*** to **teach** in the **Name** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏.
[19]***But*** Kĕpha and Yoḥanan answering them, said, "Whether it is **right** in the **sight** of **Elohim** to **listen** to you more than to **Elohim**, you judge.
[20]"For it is *impossible* for us *not* to **speak** of what we **saw** and **heard**."
[21]And having threatened them further, they released them, finding *no way* of punishing them, **because** of the people, **because** they were **all** praising **Elohim** for what had been done.
[22]For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of **healing** had been done.
[23]And having been released, they went to their own people and reported **all** that the chief priests and elders said to them.
[24]And having **heard** that, they lifted up their **voice** to **Elohim** with one **mind** and said, "𐤀𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, **You** are **Elohim**, who made **the heavens** and the earth and the sea and **all** that is in them,
[25]who by the **mouth** of **Your** servant Dawiḏ have said, '***Why*** did the *gentiles rage* and the people *plot* in ***ruin***?
[26]'The sovereigns of the earth stood up and the rulers were gathered **together** *against* 𐤀𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and *against* **His Messiah**.'
[27]"For **truly**, in this city there were gathered **together** *against* **Your** set-apart Servant 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, whom You **anointed**, both Herodes and Pontius Pilate, with the *gentiles* and the people of Yisra'ĕl
[28]to do ***whatever*** **Your hand** and **Your** purpose decided before to be done.
[29]"And **now**, 𐤀𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, look on their *threats* and give to **Your** servants **all boldness** to **speak Your word,**
[30]by stretching out **Your hand** for **healing** and **signs** and **wonders** to take place through the **Name** of **Your** set-apart Servant 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏."
[31]And when they had prayed, the place where they came **together** was *shaken.* And they were **all** filled with the **Set-apart Spirit** and they spoke the **Word** of **Elohim** with **boldness.**
[32]And the group of those who **believed** were of one **heart** and one being. And no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had **all** in *common.*

[33]And with **great power** the emissaries gave **witness** to the resurrection of the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and **great favour** was upon them **all.**
[34]For there was not anyone needy among them, for **all** who were possessors of lands or houses sold them and brought the prices of what was sold,
[35]and laid them at the feet of the emissaries and they distributed to each as anyone had need.
[36]And Yosĕph, who was also called Barnaḇah by the emissaries (which means **Son** of Encouragement), a Lĕwite, a native of Cyprus,
[37]having land, sold it and brought the proceeds and laid it at the feet of the emissaries.

5 ***But*** a certain man named Ḥananyah and Shappirah his wife sold a possession.
[2]And he kept back from the price, his wife also being aware of it and brought a certain part and laid it at the feet of the emissaries.
[3]***But*** Kĕpha said,"Ḥananyah, why has Satan filled your **heart** to *lie* to the **Set-apart Spirit** and keep back from the price of the land for yourself?
[4]"While it remained, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your authority? ***Why*** have you conceived this **deed** in your heart? You have not *lied* to men but to **Elohim**."
[5]***Then*** Ḥananyah, **hearing** these **words**, fell down and breathed his **last.** And ***great fear*** came upon **all** those **who heard** of this.
[6]***But*** the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried him out and buried him.
[7]And it came to be, about three hours later, that his wife came in, not knowing what had taken place.
[8]And Kĕpha responded to her,"Say to me whether you sold the land for so much?"And she said,"Yes, for so much."
[9]So Kĕpha said to her, "***Why*** have you **agreed** to ***try*** the **Spirit** of 𐤓𐤅𐤇 Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the **door** and they ***shall*** carry you out."
[10]And **immediately** she fell down at his feet and breathed her **last.** And the young men came in and **found** her *dead,* and carrying her out, they buried her beside her husband.
[11]And ***great fear*** came upon **all** the assembly and upon **all who heard** of this.
[12]And through the hands of the emissaries many **signs** and **wonders** were done among the people. And they were **all** with one **mind** in Shelomoh's Porch.
[13]***But*** of the rest no one had the courage to join them, however, the people made much of them.
[14]And more **believe**rs were **added** to the **Master,** large numbers of both men and women,
[15]so that they brought the *sick* out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Kĕpha, passing by, might *fall* on some of them.
[16]A large number also gathered from the surrounding cities to Yerushalayim, bringing *sick* ones and those who were *troubled* by *unclean* spirits and they were **all healed**.
[17]***But*** the high priest rose up and **all** those with him, which is the *sect* of the Sadducees and they were *filled* with *jealousy*,
[18]and *seized* the emissaries and put them in the public jail.
[19]***But*** a messenger of 𐤓𐤅𐤇 opened the prison **doors** at night and brought them out and said,
[20]"**Go** and **stand** in the **Set-apart Place** and **speak** to the people **all** the **words** of this **life**."
[21]**Now** when they **heard**, they went into the **Set-apart Place** early in the morning and were **teaching**. ***But*** the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with **all** the elders of the children of Yisra'ĕl and **sent** to the prison for them to be brought.
[22]***But*** having come, the officers *did not* find them in the prison and they went

back and reported it,
[23]saying, "We **found** the prison shut in **all** safety and the watches standing outside before the **doors**. ***But*** having opened them, we **found** no one inside!"
[24]And as the high priest and the captain of the **Set-apart Place** and the chief priests **heard** these **words**, they were puzzled and wondered what this might be.
[25]***But*** one came and reported to them, saying, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the **Set-apart Place** and **teaching** the people!"
[26]***Then*** the captain went with the officers and brought them, not with force, for they ***feared*** the people, lest they should be stoned.
[27]And having brought them, they set them before the council and the high priest asked them,
[28]saying, "Did we not strictly command you ***not*** to **teach** in this **Name**? And look, you have filled Yerushalayim with your **teaching** and intend to bring the **blood** of this Man upon us!"
[29]And Kĕpha and the other emissaries answering, said, "We have to **obey Elohim** rather than men.
[30]"The **Elohim** of our fathers **raised** up 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 whom you laid hands on, *hanging* **Him** on a timber.
[31]"**Him**, a **Prince** and a **Saviour**, **Elohim** has exalted to **His right hand,** to give **repentance** to Yisra'ĕl and **forgiveness** of *sins*.
[32]"And we are **His witnesses** to these matters and so also is the **Set-apart Spirit** whom **Elohim** has **given** to those who **obey Him.**"
[33]And those **hearing** were *cut* to the **heart** and took counsel to *kill* them.
[34]***But*** a certain one in the council stood up, a Pharisee named Gamli'ĕl, a **teacher** of the **Torah**, respected by **all** the people and ordered them to put the emissaries outside for **a** *little* **while**,
[35]and said to them, "Men of Yisra'ĕl, take **heed** to yourselves what you intend to do to these men.
[36]"For before these days Todah rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of men, about four hundred, did join him. **He** was slain and **all** who **obeyed** him were dispersed and came to naught.
[37]"After him, Yahudah of Galil rose up in the days of the census and drew away many people after him. **He** also *perished* and **all** who **obeyed** him were *scattered*.
[38]"And **now** I say to you, stay away from these men and leave them alone, **because** if this plan or this **work** is of men, it ***shall*** **be** *overthrown*,
[39]but if it is of **Elohim**, you are *unable* to *overthrow* it, lest you even be **found** to *fight against* **Elohim**."
[40]And they heeded his advice and having called for the emissaries, *beating* them, they **commanded** that they should ***not*** **speak** in the **Name** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 and let them go.
[41]***Then*** indeed they went rejoicing from the presence of the council, **because** they were counted **worthy** to *suffer shame* for **His Name.**
[42]And daily in the **Set-apart Place** and in **every** house, they *did not* cease **teaching** and **bringing** the **Besorah**: 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 the **Messiah!**

6 And in those days, when **the taught ones** were increasing, there arose a grumbling *against* the Hebrews by the Hellenists, **because** their widows were overlooked in the daily serving.
[2]So the twelve summoned the group of the **taught ones** and said, "It is not pleasing for us to leave the **Word** of **Elohim** and **serve** tables.
[3]"Therefore, brothers, **seek** out from among you seven men who are **known** to be filled with the **Set-apart Spirit** and **wisdom,** whom we ***shall*** **appoint** for this duty,
[4]but we ***shall*** give ourselves continually to prayer and to serving the **Word.**"
[5]The **word** pleased the entire group and they **chose** Stephanos, a man **filled** with **belief** and the **Set-apart Spirit,**
and Philip, Prochoros, Nikanor and Timon and Parmenas and Nikolaos, a convert from Antioch,

[6]whom they set before the emissaries. And when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

[7]And the **Word** of **Elohim** spread and the number of **the taught ones** increased greatly in Yerushalayim and a **great** many of the ***priests*** were **obedient** to the **belief**.

[8]And Stephanos, filled with **belief** and power, did **great wonders** and **signs** among the people.

[9]***But*** some of those of the so called Congregation of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians and those from Kilikia and Asia), rose up, *disputing* with Stephanos,

[10]but they were *unable* to *resist* the **wisdom** and the **Spirit** by which he spoke.

[11]***Then*** they instigated men to say, "We have **heard** him **speak** blasphemous **words** *against* Mosheh and **Elohim**."

[12]And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, so they came upon him, *seized* him and brought him to the council.

[13]And they set up *false* **witnesses** who said, "This man *does not* cease to **speak** blasphemous **words** *against* this set-apart place and the **Torah**,

[14]for we have **heard** him saying that this OWYƎZ of Natsareth ***shall*** *overthrow* this place and *change* the institutes which Mosheh **delivered** unto us."

[15]And **all** who sat in the council, looking steadily at him, **saw** his face was like the face of a heavenly messenger.

7 The high priest said, "Is this so?"

[2]And he replied, "Men, brothers and fathers, **listen**: The **Elohim** of **esteem** appeared to our father Aḇrahim when he was in Aram Naharayim, before he dwelt in Ḥaran,

[3]and said to him, **'Come out** of your land and from your *relatives* and **come** here, into a land that I ***shall*** **show** you.'

[4]"***Then*** he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Ḥaran. And from there, after the *death* of his father, **He** removed him to this land in which you **now** dwell.

[5]"And **He** gave him no **inheritance** in it, not a foot of it. ***But*** **He promised** to give it to him for a possession and to his seed after him, when as yet he had no child.

[6]"And **Elohim** spoke in this way: that his **seed** would be sojourning in a foreign land and that they would be *enslaved* and *mistreated* four hundred years.

[7]'And the **nation** to whom they ***shall*** **be** enslaved, I ***shall*** **judge**,' said **Elohim**, 'and after that they ***shall*** **come out** and **serve Me** in this place.'

[8]"And **He** gave him the **covenant** of circumcision. And so he brought forth Yitsḥaq and circumcised him on the eighth day. And Yitsḥaq brought forth Ya'aqoḇ and Ya'aqoḇ brought forth the twelve ancestors.

[9]"The ancestors, becoming ***jealous,*** sold Yosĕph into Mitsrayim. ***But*** **Elohim** was with him,

[10]and **delivered** him out of **all** his *afflictions* and gave him **favour** and **wisdom** before Pharaoh, sovereign of Mitsrayim. And he **appointed** him governor over Mitsrayim and **all** his house.

[11]"***Then*** a *scarcity of food* and **great** *distress* came over **all** the land of Mitsrayim and Kena'an and our fathers **found** no **food**.

[12]"***But*** Ya'aqoḇ **heard** that there was grain in Mitsrayim and he **sent** out our fathers the **first time,**

[13]and at the second **time** Yosĕph was made **known** to his brothers and Yosĕph's race became **known** to the Pharaoh.

[14]"And Yosĕph **sent** and called his father Ya'aqoḇ and **all** his relatives to him, seventy-five people.

[15]"And Ya'aqoḇ went down to Mitsrayim and died, he and our fathers,

[16]and they were brought over to Shekem and laid in the tomb that Aḇrahim bought for a price of silver

from the sons of Ḥamor, *the father* of Shekem.
17"***But*** as the **time** of the **promise** drew **near** which **Elohim** had sworn to Aḇrahim, the people increased and multiplied in Mitsrayim
18until another sovereign arose who *did not* **know** Yosĕph.
19"Having dealt *treacherously* with our race, this one *mistreated* our fathers, making them *expose* their babies, so that they should not **live.**
20"At that **time** Mosheh was born and he was well-pleasing to **Elohim**. And he was reared three months in the house of his father.
21"***But*** when he was exposed, the daughter of Pharaoh took him up and reared him as her own son.
22"And Mosheh was **instructed** in **all** the **wisdom** of the Mitsrites and was mighty in **words** and works.
23"And when he was forty years old, it came into his **heart** to **visit** his brothers, the children of Yisra'ĕl.
24"And **seeing** one of them being *wronged*, he defended and revenged him who was *oppressed*, smiting the Mitsrite.
25"And he thought that his brothers would have understood that **Elohim** would give **deliverance** to them by his **hand,** but they *did not* **understand.**
26"And the next day he appeared to two of them as they were *fighting* and urged them to peace, saying, 'Men, you are brothers, why do you ***wrong*** one another?'
27"***But*** he who was *wronging* his neighbour pushed him away, saying, '***Who*** made you a **ruler** and a **judge** over us?
28'***Do*** you **wish** to *kill* me as you *killed* the Mitsrite yesterday?'
29"And at this saying, Mosheh fled and became a sojourner in the land of Miḏyan, where he fathered two sons.
30"And after forty years were completed, a Messenger of יהוה appeared to him in a *flame* of *fire* in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai.
31"And Mosheh, **seeing** it, marvelled at the sight and **coming near** to look, the **voice** of יהוה came to him,
32saying, **'I am** the **Elohim** of your fathers, the **Elohim** of Aḇrahim and the **Elohim** of Yitsḥaq and the **Elohim** of Ya'aqoḇ.' And Mosheh *trembled* and *did not* have the courage to look.
33'***But*** יהוה said to him, "Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you **stand** is set-apart ground.
34"I have certainly **seen** the *evil treatment* of my people who are in Mitsrayim and I have **heard** their *groaning* and have **come** down to **deliver** them. And **now** come, let **Me** send you to Mitsrayim." '
35"This Mosheh whom they had *refused*, saying, '***Who*** made you a **ruler** and a **judge**?' – this one **Elohim sent** to be a **ruler** and a **deliverer** by the **hand** of the Messenger who appeared to him in the bush.
36"This one led them out, after he had done **wonders** and **signs** in the land of Mitsrayim and in the Red Sea and in the wilderness forty years.
37"This is the Mosheh who said to the children of Yisra'ĕl, 'יהוה your **Elohim** ***shall*** **raise** up for you a **Prophet** like me from your brothers. **Him** you ***shall*** **hear.**'
38"This is he who was in the assembly in the wilderness with the Messenger who spoke to him on Mount Sinai and with our fathers, who received the **living Words** to give to us,
39unto whom our fathers *would not* become obedient, but ***thrust*** away and in their **hearts** they ***turned back*** to Mitsrayim,
40saying to Aharon,'Make us *mighty ones* to go before us, for this Mosheh who led us out of the land of Mitsrayim, we *do not* **know** what has become of him.'
41"They made a *calf* in those days and brought an offering to the ***idol*** and were rejoicing in the **works** of their hands.
42"So **Elohim** turned and gave them up to worship the host of the heaven, as it has been **written** in the **book** of the

Prophets, '***Did*** you bring slaughtered beasts and offerings unto **Me** during forty years in the wilderness, O house of Yisra'ĕl?
[43]'And you took up the tent of Molek̲ and the ***star*** of your *mighty one* Kiyyun, *images* which you made to bow before them. Therefore I ***shall*** remove you beyond Bab̲el.'
[44]"The **Tent** of **witness** was with our fathers in the wilderness, as **He** appointed, **instructing** Mosheh to make it **according** to the pattern that he had **seen,**
[45]which our fathers, having received it in turn, also brought with Yahusha into the land possessed by the *gentiles,* whom **Elohim** drove out before the face of our fathers until the days of Dawid̲,
[46]who **found favour** before **Ĕlohim** and asked to find a dwelling for the **Elohim** of Ya'aqob̲,
[47]but Shelomoh built **Him** a house.
[48]"However, the **Most High** *does not* dwell in dwellings made with hands, as the **prophet** says:
[49]'The **heaven** is **My** throne and earth is **My** footstool. ***What*** house ***shall*** you build for **Me?** says 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, or what is the place of **My** rest?
[50]'Has **My hand** not made **all** these?'
[51]"You *stiff-necked* and *uncircumcised* in **heart** and **ears**! You **always** *resist* the **Set-apart Spirit,** as your fathers did, you also do.
[52]"***Which*** of the prophets did your fathers ***not*** *persecute*? They *killed* those who before **announced** the **coming** of the **righteous One,** of whom you **now** have become the *betrayers* and *murderers,*
[53]who received the **Torah** as it was ordained by messengers, but *did not* **watch** over it."
[54]And **hearing** this they were *cut* to the **hearts** and *gnashed* the *teeth* at him.
[55]***But*** he, being filled with the **Set-apart Spirit, looked** steadily into **the heavens** and **saw** the **esteem** of **Elohim** and 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 standing at the **right hand** of **Elohim**,
[56]and he said, "Look! I **see** the heavens opened and the **Son** of Ad̲am standing at the **right hand** of **Elohim**!"
[57]And crying out with a loud **voice**, they *stopped* their **ears** and rushed upon him with one mind,
[58]and threw him out of the city and stoned him. And the **witnesses** laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Sha'ul.
[59]And they were stoning Stephanos as he was calling and saying, "**Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, receive my spirit."
[60]And kneeling down he *cried out* with a loud **voice**, "**Master,** *do not* hold this *sin* *against* them." And having said this, he fell asleep.

8 And Sha'ul was giving approval to his *death.* And on that day there was a great persecution *against* the assembly which was at Yerushalayim and they were **all** *scattered* throughout the countries of Yahud̲ah and Shomeron, ***except*** the emissaries.
[2]And **dedicated** men buried Stephanos and made **great** lamentation over him.
[3]***But*** Sha'ul was *ravaging* the **assembly,** *entering* **every** house and *dragging* off men and women, putting them in prison.
[4]***Then*** those who had been *scattered* went everywhere bringing the **Besorah**: **the Word!**
[5]And going down to the city of Shomeron Philip **proclaimed Messiah** to them.
[6]And the crowds with one **mind** heeded what Philip said, **hearing** and **seeing** the miracles which he did.
[7]For ***unclean spirits*** came out of many who were possessed, crying with a loud **voice** and many who were paralysed and *lame* were **healed**.
[8]And there came to be **great joy** in that city.
[9]**Now** there was a certain man called Shim'on, who formerly was *practising magic* in the city and astonishing the people of Shomeron, claiming to be

someone great,
[10]to whom they **all** were giving **heed**, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This one is the **power** of **Elohim**, which is great."
[11]And they were giving **heed** to him **because** for a long **time** he had amazed them with his *magic.*
[12]And when they **believed** Philip as he brought the **Besorah** about the **reign** of **Elohim** and the **Name** of **OWYƎZ Messiah**, both men and women were **immersed.**
[13]And Shim'on himself also **believed**. And when he was **immersed** he continued with Philip and was amazed, **seeing** the miracles and **signs** which took place.
[14]And when the emissaries who were at Yerushalayim **heard** that Shomeron had received the **Word** of **Elohim**, they **sent** Kĕpha and Yoḥanan to them,
[15]who, when they had **come** down, prayed for them to receive the **Set-apart Spirit,**
[16]for **He** had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been **immersed** in the **Name** of the **Master OWYƎZ**.
[17]***Then*** they laid hands on them and they received the **Set-apart Spirit.**
[18]And Shim'on, **seeing** that through the laying on of the hands of the emissaries the **Set-apart Spirit** was **given**, he offered them money,
[19]saying, "Give me this **authority** too, so that anyone I lay hands on ***shall*** receive the **Set-apart Spirit.**"
[20]***But*** Kĕpha said to him, "**Let** your silver *perish* with you, **because** you thought to buy the gift of **Elohim** through money!
[21]"You have neither part nor **lot** in this matter, for your **heart** is ***not*** **right** before **Elohim**.
[22]"**Repent** therefore of this *evil* of yours and plead with **Elohim** to **forgive** you the *intention* of your **heart.**
[23]"For I **see** that you are ***poisoned*** by *bitterness* and *bound* by *unrighteousness.*"
[24]***But*** Shim'on answering, said, "Plead with the **Master** for me, so that none of what you had said ***shall*** **come** *upon me*."
[25]***Then*** after they had **earnestly witnessed** and **spoken** the **Word** of **ƎYƎZ**, they returned to Yerushalayim, bringing the **Besorah** in many villages of the Shomeronites.
[26]***But*** a messenger of **ƎYƎZ** spoke to Philip, saying, "**Arise** and go toward the south along the **way** which goes down from Yerushalayim to Azzah." This is desert.
[27]And he arose and went and **saw** a man of Kush, a eunuch of **great authority** under Kandake the sovereigness of the Kushites, who was in charge of **all** her treasury and had **come to** Yerushalayim to worship,
[28]and was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading the **prophet** Yeshayahu.
[29]And the **Spirit** said to Philip, "**Go near** and join him in that chariot."
[30]And running up, Philip **heard** him reading the **prophet** Yeshayahu and said, "***Do*** you **know** what you are ***reading***?"
[31]And he said, "***How*** am I able, ***unless*** someone **guides** me?" And he called Philip near, to **come** up and sit with him.
[32]And the passage of the **Scripture** which he was reading was this, "**He** was led as a sheep to slaughter and like a **lamb** *silent* before its shearer, so **He** opened not **His mouth.**
[33]"In **His** humiliation **He** was deprived of right-ruling. And who ***shall*** **declare** **His** generation? **Because** **His life** was taken from the earth."
[34]And the eunuch, answering Philip, said, "I **ask** you, about whom does the **prophet** say this, about himself or about some other?"
[35]And Philip opening his **mouth** and beginning at this **Scripture**, brought to him the **Besorah**: **OWYƎZ**!
[36]As they were going on the **way,** they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "Look, water! ***What*** hinders me from being immersed?"

37And Philip said, "***If*** you **believe** with **all** your **heart,** it is permitted." And he answering, said,"I **believe** that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** is the **Son** of **Elohim**."
38And he **commanded** the chariot to **stand** still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and he **immersed** him.
39And when they came up out of the water, the **Spirit** of 𐤓𐤅𐤇 ***caught*** Philip away and the eunuch **saw** him no more, for he went his **way,** rejoicing.
40Philip, however, was **found** at Ashdod. And passing through, he brought the **Besorah** in **all** the cities until he came to Caesarea.

9 ***But*** Sha'ul, still breathing *threats* and murder *against* **the taught ones** of the **Master,** having **come to** the high priest,
2asked from him letters to the congregations of Damascus, so that if he **found** any who were of **the Way,** whether men or women, to bring them *bound* to Yerushalayim.
3It came to be, that as he journeyed, he came **near** Damascus and **suddenly** a **light** flashed around him from the **heavens.**
4And he fell to the ground and **heard** a **voice** saying to him, "Sha'ul, Sha'ul, why do you *persecute* **Me?**"
5And he said,"***Who*** are **You, Master?**" And the **Master** said, "I am 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, whom you *persecute*. It is hard for you to kick *against* the prods."
6Both *trembling* and being *astonished*, he said, "**Master,** what do **You wish** me to do?" And the **Master** said to him, "**Arise** and go into the city and you ***shall*** **be** told what you have to do."
7And the men journeying with him stood speechless, **hearing** indeed the **voice** but **seeing** no one.
8And Sha'ul arose from the ground, but when his eyes were opened he **saw** no one. And leading him by the **hand** they brought him into Damascus.
9And he was ***three days*** without sight and *did not* eat nor drink.
10And there was at Damascus a certain taught one, by name Ḥananyah. And the **Master** said unto him in a **vision,** "Ḥananyah!" And he said, "Here I am, **Master**."
11And the **Master** said to him, "**Arise** and go to the street called Straight and **seek** in the house of Yahuḏah for one called Sha'ul of Tarsos, for look, he is praying,
12and has **seen** in a **vision** a man named Ḥananyah **coming** in and laying his **hand** on him, so as to **see** again."
13And Ḥananyah answered, "**Master,** I have **heard** from many about this man, how many *evil*s he did to **Your** set-apart ones in Yerushalayim,
14and here he has **authority** from the chief priests to bind **all** those calling on **Your Name**."
15***But*** the **Master** said to him, "**Go**, for he is a **chosen** vessel of **Mine** to bear **My Name** before nations, sovereigns and the children of Yisra'ĕl.
16"For I ***shall*** **show** him how much he has to *suffer* for **My Name.**"
17And Ḥananyah went away and went into the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Sha'ul, the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, who appeared to you on the **way** as you came, has **sent** me, so that you might **see** again and be filled with the **Set-apart Spirit.**"
18And **immediately** there fell from his eyes, as it were scales and he received his sight. And rising up, he was **immersed.**
19And having received **food**, he was strengthened. And Sha'ul was with **the taught ones** at Damascus some days.
20And **immediately** he **proclaimed** the **Messiah** in the congregations, that **He** is the **Son** of **Elohim**.
21And **all who heard** were amazed and said, "Is this not he who ***destroyed*** those calling on this **Name** in Yerushalayim and has **come** here for this, to take them *bound* to the chief priests?"
22***But*** Sha'ul kept increasing in strength and was confounding the Yahuḏim who dwelt in Damascus,

proving that this is the **Messiah**.
23And after many days had elapsed, the Yahuḏim *plotted* to *kill* him.
24***But*** their *plot* became **known** to Sha'ul. And they were watching the gates day and night, to *kill* him.
25***But*** taking him by night, **the taught ones** let him down through the wall, lowering him in a basket.
26And having arrived at Yerushalayim, Sha'ul tried to join **the taught ones,** but they were **all** *afraid* of him, not **believing** that he was **a taught one**.
27***But*** Barnaḇah took him and brought him to the emissaries and told them how he had **seen** the **Master** on the **way** and that **He** had **spoken** to him and how he was speaking **boldly** at Damascus in the **Name** of OWYƎZ.
28He was with them at Yerushalayim, **coming** in and **going** out,
29and **speaking boldly** in the **Name** of the **Master** OWYƎZ and *disputed* with the Hellenists, but they undertook to *kill* him.
30And when the brothers **learned** of this, they brought him down to Caesarea and **sent** him out to Tarsos.
31***Then*** indeed the assemblies throughout **all** Yahuḏah and Galil and Shomeron had **peace** and were built up and walking in the **fear** of ƎYƎZ and in the **encouragement** of the **Set-apart Spirit,** they were being increased.
32And it came to be, as Kĕpha was passing through **all** places, that he also came down to the set-apart ones who were dwelling at Lod.
33And there he **found** a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years, being paralytic.
34And Kĕpha said to him, "Aeneas, OWYƎZ the **Messiah heals** you! Rise up and make your bed." And **immediately** he rose up.
35And **all** those dwelling at Lod and Sharon **saw** him and did turn to the **Master.**
36And in Yapho there was a certain **taught one** named Taḇitha, which means Dorkas. This woman was filled with **good works** and **kind deeds** which she did.
37And it came to be in those days that she became *sick* and *died.* And having washed her, they laid her in an upper room.
38And Lod being **near** to Yapho and the **taught ones** having **heard** that Kĕpha was there, they **sent** two men to him, urging him not to delay in **coming** to them.
39And having risen up, Kĕpha went with them. And when he arrived, they brought him to the upper room. And **all** the widows stood beside him *weeping*, showing the inner garments and outer garments which Dorkas had made while she was with them.
40***But*** Kĕpha **sent** them **all** out and knelt down and prayed and turning to the body he said,"Taḇitha, arise." And she opened her eyes and **seeing** Kĕpha, she sat up.
41And giving her his **hand,** he lifted her up. And calling the set-apart ones and widows, he presented her **alive.**
42And it became **known** throughout **all** Yapho and many **believed** on the **Master.**
43And it came to be that he stayed for many days in Yapho with Shim'on, a leather-tanner.

10 **Now** there was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a captain of what was called the Italian Regiment,
2**dedicated** and **fearing Elohim** with **all** his household, doing many **kind deeds** to the people and praying to **Elohim** always.
3**He** clearly **saw** in a **vision,** about the ninth **hour** of the day, a messenger of **Elohim coming** to him and saying to him, "Cornelius!"
4And looking intently at him and becoming *afraid*, he said, "***What*** is it, **Master?**" And he said to him, "**Your** prayers and your **kind deeds** have **come** up for a **remembrance** before **Elohim**.
5"And **now** send men to Yapho and send for Shim'on who is also called Kĕpha.

6"He is staying with Shim'on, a leather tanner, whose house is by the sea."
7And when the messenger who spoke to him went away, Cornelius called two of his household servants and a **dedicated** soldier from among those who waited on him continually.
8And having **explained** to them **all,** he **sent** them to Yapho.
9And on the next day, as they were on their **way** and approaching the city, Kĕpha went up on the house-top to pray, about the sixth **hour.**
10And he became ***hungry*** and **wished** to eat. ***But*** while they were preparing, he fell into a ***trance***,
11and he **saw the heavens** opened and a certain vessel like a **great** sheet *bound* at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth,
12in which were **all *kinds*** of four-footed beasts of the earth, wild beasts, creeping creatures and the birds of the **heavens.**
13And a **voice** came to him, "**Rise** up, Kĕpha, *slay* and *eat*."
14***But*** Kĕpha said, "***Not*** at **all, Master! Because** I have ***never eaten whatever*** is *common* or *unclean.*"
15And a **voice** came to him again the ***second time*****,** "***What* Elohim** has **cleansed** *you do not* consider *common.*"
16And this took place ***three times*** and the vessel was taken back to the **heavens.**
17While Kĕpha was ***doubting*** within himself about what the **vision *might mean***, look, the men who had been **sent** from Cornelius, having asked for the house of Shim'on, stood at the gate,
18and calling out, they enquired whether Shim'on, also **known** as Kĕpha, was staying there.
19And as Kĕpha was thinking about the **vision,** the **Spirit** said to him, "**See,** three men **seek** you.
20"***But*** rise up, go down and go with them, ***not doubting*** at **all,** for I have **sent** them."
21So Kĕpha went down to the men who had been **sent** to him from Cornelius and said, "Look, I am the one you seek. ***Why*** have you **come?**"
22And they said, "Cornelius the captain, a **righteous** man and one who ***fears* Elohim** and well **spoken** of by the entire nation of the Yahudim, was **instructed** by a set-apart messenger to send for you to his house and to **hear words** from you."
23So inviting them in, he housed them. And on the next day Kĕpha went away with them and some brothers from Yapho went with him.
24And the **following** day they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius was waiting for them, having called **together** his relatives and close friends.
25And it came to be, that when Kĕpha entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and bowed before him.
26***But*** Kĕpha **raised** him up, saying, "Stand up, I myself am also a man."
27And talking with him, he went in and **found** many who had **come to**gether.
28And he said to them, "You **know** that a Yahudi man is *not allowed* to associate with, or go to one of another race. ***But* Elohim has shown me that I should not call *any man*** *common* or *unclean.*
29"That is why I came without hesitation when I was **sent** for. So I ask, why have you **sent** for me?"
30And Cornelius said, "Four days ago I was fasting until this **hour.** And at the ninth **hour** I prayed in my house and **see,** a man stood before me in shining garments,
31and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been **heard** and your **kind deeds** were **remembered** before **Elohim**.
32'**Now** send to Yapho and **call** Shim'on here, who is also called Kĕpha. **He** is staying in the house of Shim'on, a leather tanner, by the sea. ***When*** he comes, he ***shall* speak** to you.'
33"So I **sent** to you **immediately** and you have done well to come. And **now**, we are **all** present before **Elohim**, to **hear all** that ***you*** have been **commanded** by **Elohim**."
34And opening his **mouth,** Kĕpha said, "**Truly** I **see** that **Elohim shows *no*** partiality,

[35]but in **every** nation, he who ***fears*** **Him** and **works righteousness** is **accepted** by **Him.**
[36]"He **sent** the **word** to the children of Yisra'ĕl, bringing the **Besorah**: **peace** through 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah! He** is **Master** of **all.**
[37]"You **know** what **word** came to be throughout **all** Yahuḏah, beginning from Galil after the immersion which Yoḥanan **proclaimed**:
[38]how **Elohim** did **anoint** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 of Natsareth with the **Set-apart Spirit** and with power, who went about doing **good** and **healing all** who were *oppressed* by the *devil*, for **Elohim** was with **Him.**
[39]"And we are **witnesses** of **all He** did, both in the country of the Yahuḏim and in Yerushalayim, whom they even *killed* by *hanging* on a timber.
[40]"**Elohim raised** up this **One** on the third day and let **Him** be **seen,**
[41]not to **all** the people, but to **witnesses,** those having been **chosen** before by **Elohim** – to us who ate and drank with Him after **He** arose from the *dead.*
[42]"And **He commanded** us to **proclaim** to the people and to **witness** that it **is He** who was **appointed** by **Elohim** to be Judge of the **living** and the *dead.*
[43]"To this **One all** the prophets bear **witness,** that through **His Name,** everyone **believing** in **Him** does receive **forgiveness** of *sins*."
[44]While Kĕpha was still speaking these **words**, the **Set-apart Spirit** fell upon **all** those **hearing** the **word.**
[45]And those of the circumcision who **believed** were astonished, as many as came with Kĕpha, **<u>because</u>** the gift of the **Set-apart Spirit** had been **poured out** on the *gentiles* also,
[46]for they were **hearing** them speaking with tongues and extolling **Elohim**. ***Then*** Kĕpha answered,
[47]"Is anyone able to forbid water, that these should not be **immersed** who have received the **Set-apart Spirit** – even as also we?"
[48]And he **commanded** them to be **immersed** in the **Name** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**. ***Then*** they asked him to remain a **few** days.

11 The emissaries and brothers who were in Yahuḏah **heard** that the *gentiles* also received the **Word** of **Elohim**.
[2]And when Kĕpha went up to Yerushalayim, those of the circumcision were *contending* with him,
[3]saying, "You went in to *uncircumcised* men and ate with *them*!"
[4]***But*** Kĕpha began and set it forth in order, saying:
[5]"I was in the city of Yapho praying. And in a trance I **saw** a **vision,** a certain vessel descending like a **great** sheet, let down from **the heavens** by four corners and it came to me.
[6]"Having **looked** into it, I **perceived** and I **saw** four-footed beasts of the earth and wild beasts and creeping creatures and the birds of **heavens.**
[7]"And I **heard** a **voice** saying to me, '**Rise** up, Kĕpha, *slay* and *eat*.'
[8]"***But*** I said, '***Not*** at **all, Master! <u>Because</u>** ***whatever*** is *common* or *unclean* has ***never*** entered into my **mouth.**'
[9]"And the **voice** answered me again from the heaven, '***What*** **Elohim** has **cleansed** *you do not* consider *common.*'
[10]"And this took place ***three times*** and **all** were drawn up again into the **heavens.**
[11]"And **see, immediately** three men stood before the house where I was, having been **sent** to me from Caesarea.
[12]"And the **Spirit** said to me to go with them, not ***doubting*** at **all.** And these six brothers also went with me and we went into the man's house.
[13]"And he told us how he had **seen** a messenger standing in his house, who said to him, 'Send men to Yapho and **call** for Shim'on who is also called Kĕpha,
[14]who ***shall*** **speak** to you **words**, by which you ***shall*** **be saved,** you and **all** your house.'
[15]"And as I began to speak,

the **Set-apart Spirit** fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning.
16"And I **remembered** the **word** of the **Master,** how **He** said, 'Yoḥanan indeed **immersed** in water, but you ***shall*** **be immersed** in the **Set-apart Spirit.**'
17"So if **Elohim** gave them the **same** gift as **He** gave us when we **believed** on the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, how was I able to withstand **Elohim**?"
18And having **heard** this, they were silent and p**raised Elohim**, saying, "***Then*** **Elohim** has indeed also **given** to the *gentiles* **repentance** to **life**."
19Then, indeed, they who were *scattered* **<u>because</u>** of the *pressure* that arose over Stephanos passed through to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the **word** to no one ***except*** the Yahuḏim only.
20***But*** some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had **come to** Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, bringing the **Besorah**: the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏!
21And the **hand** of the **Master** was with them and a **great** number having **believed** turned to the **Master.**
22And **word** of it came to the **ears** of the assembly in Yerushalayim and they **sent** out Barnaḇah to go as far as Antioch,
23who, having come and **seeing** the **favour** of **Elohim**, was glad and **encouraged** them **all** with purpose of **heart** to cleave to the **Master.**
24**<u>Because</u>** he was a **good** man and filled with the **Set-apart Spirit** and with **belief**. And large numbers were **added** to the **Master.**
25***Then*** Barnaḇah went to Tarsos to **seek** Sha'ul,
26and having **found** him, he brought him to Antioch. And it came to be that for an entire year they came **together** in the assembly and **taught** large numbers. And **the taught ones** were called 'Natsarim' **first** in Antioch.
27And in those days prophets came from Yerushalayim to Antioch.
28And one of them, named Ḥaḡaḇ, stood up and indicated by the **Spirit** that there was going to be a **great** *scarcity of food* over **all** the world – which also took place under Claudius Caesar.
29So **the taught ones,** each **according** to his ability, decided to send relief to the brothers dwelling in Yahuḏah.
30This they also did and **sent** it to the elders by the hands of Barnaḇah and Sha'ul.

12 And about that **time** Herodes the sovereign put forth his hands to do *evil* to some from the assembly.
2And he *killed* Ya'aqoḇ the brother of Yoḥanan with the *sword.*
3And **seeing** that it was pleasing to the Yahuḏim, he proceeded further to *arrest* Kĕpha as well – and they were the Days of **Unleavened Bread**.
4So when he had *seized* him, he put him in prison and **delivered** him to four squads of soldiers to **watch** over him, intending to bring him before the people after **Passover**.
5So Kĕpha was indeed kept in prison, but prayer was **earnestly** made to **Elohim** on his behalf by the assembly.
6And when Herodes was about to bring him out, that night Kĕpha was sleeping, *bound* with two chains between two soldiers. And the guards before the **door** were keeping the prison.
7And **see,** a messenger of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 stood by and a **light** shone in the building. And smiting the side of Kĕpha he **raised** him up, saying, "Get up **quickly**!" And his chains fell off his hands.
8And the messenger said to him,"Gird yourself and bind on your sandals,"and he did so. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and **follow** me."
9And **coming** out he **followed** him and **knew** not that what was done by the messenger was **true,** but thought he was **seeing** a **vision.**
10And when they had passed the **first** and the second **guard** posts,

they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them by itself. And they went out and went down one street and the messenger **instantly** withdrew from him.

[11]And when Kĕpha had **come to** himself, he said, "**Now** I **truly know** that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 has **sent His** messenger and **delivered** me from the **hand** of Herodes and from **all** the Yahudi people were **anticipating**."

[12]And having realised this, he went to the house of Miryam, the mother of Yoḥanan who was also called Mark, where many had gathered to pray.

[13]And when Kĕpha knocked at the **door** of the gate, a girl named Rhode came to answer.

[14]And when she recognised Kĕpha's **voice**, she *did not* **open** the gate **because** of her joy, but ran in and reported that Kĕpha stood before the gate.

[15]And they said to her, "You are **mad**!" ***But*** she kept insisting that it was so and they said, "It is his messenger."

[16]And Kĕpha continued knocking and having opened they **saw** him and were amazed.

[17]And motioning to them with his **hand** to be silent, he told them how the **Master** brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Report this to Ya'aqoḇ and to the brothers." And he left and went to another place.

[18]**Now** when day came, there was no small stir among the soldiers about what had become of Kĕpha.

[19]And when Herodes had searched for him and *did not* find him, he examined the guards and ordered them to be led away. And he went down from Yahuḏah to Caesarea and stayed there.

[20]**Now** Herodes had been highly displeased with the people of Tsor and Tsiḏon, but with one **mind** they came to him and having made Blastos the sovereign's eunuch their friend, they were **asking** for peace, **because** their country was supplied with food by the sovereign's country.

[21]And on an **appointed** day Herodes, having put on his royal clothes, sat on his throne and gave an address to them.

[22]And the people kept shouting, "The **voice** of a *mighty one* and not of a man!"

[23]And **instantly** a messenger of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 *smote* him, **because** he *did not* give the **esteem** to **Elohim**. And becoming worm eaten, he *died.*

[24]And the **Word** of **Elohim** went on growing and spreading.

[25]And Barnaḇah and Sha'ul returned from Yerushalayim, having **completed** the service and having taken with them Yoḥanan who was also called Mark.

13 And in the assembly that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and **teachers**: both Barnaḇah and Shim'on who was called Niger and Lucius of Cyrene and Manaḥĕm who had been brought up with Herodes the district ruler and Sha'ul.

[2]And as they were doing service to the **Master** and fasted, the **Set-apart Spirit** said, "Separate unto **Me** Barnaḇah and Sha'ul for the **work** to which I have called them."

[3]***Then*** having fasted and prayed and having laid hands on them, they **sent** them away.

[4]So they, having been **sent** out by the **Set-apart Spirit,** went down to Seleukeia and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

[5]And having **come** into Salamis, they **proclaimed** the **Word** of **Elohim** in the congregations of the Yahuḏim. And they also had Yoḥanan as an attendant.

[6]And having passed through **all** the island to Paphos, they **found** a certain *magician,* a *false* **prophet,** a Yehuḏite whose name was Bar-Yahusha,

[7]who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of **understanding**. This man, having called for Barnaḇah and Sha'ul, **earnestly** sought to **hear** the **Word** of **Elohim**.

[8]***But*** Elumas the *magician* – for so his name is translated – withstood them, **seeking** to turn the proconsul away

from the **belief**.
9***Then*** Sha'ul, filled with the **Set-apart Spirit, looked** intently at him,
10and said, "O son of the *devil*, *filled* with **all** *deceit* and **all** *recklessness*, you *enemy* of **all righteousness**, ***shall*** you not cease *perverting* the **straight ways** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄?
11"And **now**, **see,** the **hand** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is upon you and you ***shall*** **be** *blind,* not **seeing** the sun for a **time.**" And **instantly** a dark mist fell on him and he went around **seeking** someone to lead him by the **hand.**
12And having **seen** what took place, the proconsul **believed**, being astonished at the **teaching** of the **Master.**
13And having put out from Paphos, Sha'ul and those with him came to Perge in Pamphulia. And Yoḥanan, having left them, returned to Yerushalayim.
14***But*** passing through from Perge, they came to Antioch in Pisidia and went into the congregation on the **Sabbath** day and sat down.
15And after the reading of the **Torah** and the **Prophet**s, the rulers of the congregation **sent** to them, saying, "Men, brothers, if you have any **word** of **encouragement** for the people, speak."
16And Sha'ul, standing up and motioning with his **hand** said, "Men, Yisra'ĕlites and those **fearing Elohim**, **listen**:
17"The **Elohim** of this people Yisra'ĕl did choose our fathers and exalted the people in their sojourning in the land of Mitsrayim and with a high arm **He** brought them out of it.
18"**Now** for a **time** of about forty years **He** sustained them in the wilderness.
19"And having ***destroyed*** seven nations in the land of Kena'an, **He** gave their land to them as an inheritance.
20"And after that **He** gave judges for about four hundred and fifty years, until Shemu'ĕl the **prophet.**
21"***But*** then they asked for a sovereign and **Elohim** gave them Sha'ul the son of Qish, a man of the tribe of Binyamin, for forty years.
22"And having removed him, **He raised** up for them Dawiḏ as sovereign, to whom also **He** gave **witness** and said, 'I have **found** Dawiḏ the son of Yishai, a man after **My own heart,** who ***shall*** do **all My desires**.'
23"From this one's seed, **according** to the **promise, Elohim raised** up for Yisra'ĕl a **Saviour**, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏,
24after Yoḥanan had **first proclaimed** the immersion of **repentance** to **all** the people of Yisra'ĕl, before **His coming**.
25"And as Yoḥanan was completing his mission, he said, '***Who*** do you suppose I am? I am not **He.** ***But*** **see,** there **comes One** after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not **worthy** to loose.'
26"Men, brothers, sons of the race of Abrahim and those among you **fearing Elohim**, to you the **word** of this **deliverance** has been **sent,**
27for those dwelling in Yerushalayim and their rulers, **because** they *did not* **know Him,** nor even the **voice**s of the **Prophet**s which are **read every Sabbath,** have filled them in having judged **Him.**
28"And having **found** not one **cause** for *death,* they asked Pilate that **He** should be put to *death.*
29"And when they had **accomplished all** that was **written** concerning **Him,** taking **Him** down from the timber, they laid **Him** in a tomb.
30"***But*** **Elohim raised Him** from the *dead,*
31and **He** was **seen** for many days by those who came up with **Him** from Galil to Yerushalayim, who are **His witnesses** to the people.
32"And we bring you the **Besorah**, the **promise** made to the fathers,
33that **Elohim** has filled this for us, their children, having **raised** up 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, as it has also been **written** in the second Psalm, 'You are **My Son**, today I have brought You forth.'
34"And that **He raised Him** out of the *dead,* no more to **return** to *corruption*, **He** has said thus, 'I ***shall*** give you the **trustworthy kindness**es of Dawiḏ.'

35"For this **reason He** also says in another Psalm, '**You *shall*** not give **Your kind One** to **see** *corruption*.'
36"For Dawiḏ, indeed, having **served** his own generation by the counsel of **Elohim**, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers and **saw** *corruption*,
37but **He** whom **Elohim raised** up **saw** no *corruption*.
38"**Let** it therefore be **known** to you brothers, that through this **One forgiveness** of *sins* is **proclaimed** to you,
39and by **Him** everyone who **believe**s is **declared right** from **all** *sins* from which you were not able to be **declared right** by the **Torah** of Mosheh.
40"**Watch** then that what was said in the prophets *does not* **come** upon you:
41"**See,** you *despisers,* marvel and *perish,* for I **work** a **work** in your days, a **work** which you would in *no way* **believe** if someone were to **declare** it to you.' "
42And when the Yahuḏim went out of the congregation, the *gentiles* ***begged*** to have these **words spoken** to them the next **Sabbath**.
43And when the meeting *of* the congregation had broken up, many of the Yahuḏim and of the worshipping converts **followed** Sha'ul and Barnaḇah, who, speaking to them, were urging them to continue in the **favour** of **Elohim**.
44And on the next **Sabbath** almost **all** the city came **together** to **hear** the **Word** of **Elohim**.
45***But*** when the Yahuḏim **saw** the crowds, they were *filled* with *jealousy*. And *contradicting* and speaking *evil*, they *opposed* what Sha'ul was saying.
46***But*** speaking **boldly,** Sha'ul and Barnaḇah said, "It was necessary that the **Word** of **Elohim** should be **spoken** to you **first,** but since you ***thrust*** it away and **judge** yourselves *unworthy* of **everlasting life**, **see,** we turn to the *gentiles.*
47"For so the **Master** has **commanded** us, 'I have set you to be a **light** to the *gentiles,* that you should be for **deliverance** to the ends of the earth.' "
48And when the *gentiles* **heard** this, they were **glad** and p**raised** the **Word** of ℨΥℨℨ. And as many as had been **appointed** to **everlasting life believed**.
49And the **Word** of ℨΥℨℨ was being spread throughout the entire country.
50***But*** the Yahuḏim stirred up the worshipping and noble women and the chief men of the city and **raised** up persecution *against* Sha'ul and Barnaḇah and threw them out of their borders.
51And *shaking* off the dust from their feet *against* them, they came to Ikonion.
52And **the taught ones** were filled with **joy** and the **Set-apart Spirit.**

14 And it came to be in Ikonion that they went **together** into the congregation of the Yahuḏim and spoke in such a **way** that a **great** number of both Yahuḏim and Greeks **believed**.
2***But*** the Yahuḏim who *would not* ***obey*** stirred up the *gentiles* and *evilly* influenced their beings *against* the brothers.
3So they remained a long **time,** speaking **boldly** in the **Master,** who was bearing **witness** to the **word** of **His favour,** giving **signs** and **wonders** to be done by their hands.
4And the crowd of the city was divided and some sided with the Yahuḏim and some with the emissaries.
5***But*** when a move took place by both the *gentiles* and Yahuḏim, with their rulers, to mistreat and stone them,
6they became aware of it and fled to Lustra and Derbe, cities of Lukaonia and the country round about.
7And they were bringing the **Besorah** there.
8And in Lustra there was sitting a certain man, disabled in his feet, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked.
9This one **heard** Sha'ul speaking, who, looking intently at him and **seeing** that he had **belief** to be **healed**,

[10]said with a loud **voice**, "Stand **upright** on your feet!" And he sprang up and began to **walk.**
[11]And when the crowds **saw** what Sha'ul had done, they lifted up their **voice**s, saying in Lukaonian, "The *mighty ones* have become like men and **come** down to us!"
[12]And they called Barnaḇah ***Zeus*** and Sha'ul Hermes, since he was the chief speaker.
[13]And the priest of ***Zeus***, being in front of their city, brought oxen and wreaths to the gates and **wished** to offer with the crowds.
[14]And when the emissaries Barnaḇah and Sha'ul **heard** this, they tore their garments and ran in among the crowd, crying out
[15]and saying, "Men, why are you doing this? We also are men with the **same** nature as you, bringing to you the **Besorah**: to turn from these *worthless* matters to the **living Elohim**, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and **all** that is in them,
[16]who in past generations allowed **all** the nations to **walk** in their own ways,
[17]though, indeed, **He** *did not* leave **Himself** without **witness,** doing **good** – giving us rain from **heaven** and fruitbearing seasons, filling our **hearts** with food and **gladness**."
[18]Even with these **words** they still had difficulty in stopping the crowds from offering to them.
[19]***But*** Yahuḏim arrived from Antioch and Ikonion and having won over the crowds, they stoned Sha'ul, *dragged* him out of the city, thinking he was *dead.*
[20]***But*** while **the taught ones** gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And on the next day he went away with Barnaḇah to Derbe.
[21]And having brought the **Besorah** to that city and having made **many taught ones,** they returned to Lustra and Ikonion and Antioch,
[22]strengthening the beings of **the taught ones,** encouraging them to continue in the **belief** and that through many *pressure*s we have to enter the **reign** of **Elohim**.
[23]And having **appointed** elders in **every assembly,** having prayed with fasting, they committed them to the **Master** in whom they had **believed**.
[24]And having passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphulia.
[25]And having **spoken** the **word** in Perge, they went down to Attaleia,
[26]and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been committed to the **favour** of **Elohim** for the **work** which they had completed.
[27]And having arrived and having gathered **together** the **assembly,** they related **all** that **Elohim** had done with them and that **He** had opened the **door** of **belief** to the *gentiles.*
[28]And they remained there a long **time** with **the taught ones.**

15 And certain men came down from Yahuḏah and were **teaching** the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised, **according** to the *practice* of Mosheh, you are *unable* to be **saved**."
[2]So when Sha'ul and Barnaḇah had no small dissension and *dispute* with them, they arranged for Sha'ul and Barnaḇah and certain others of them to go up to Yerushalayim, to the emissaries and elders, about this question.
[3]So, being **sent** on their **way** by the **assembly,** they passed through Phoenicia and Shomeron, relating the conversion of the *gentiles.* And they were causing **great joy** to **all** the brothers.
[4]And having arrived in Yerushalayim, they were received by the assembly and the emissaries and the elders. And they reported **all** that **Elohim** had done with them.
[5]And some of the **believer**s who belonged to the *sect* of the Pharisees, rose up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to **command** them to keep the **Torah** of Mosheh."
[6]And the emissaries and elders came **together** to look into this matter.
[7]And when there had been much

dispute, Kĕpha rose up and said to them, "Men, brothers, you **know** that a **good** while ago **Elohim chose** among us, that by my **mouth** the *gentiles* should **hear** the **Word** of the **Besorah** and **believe**.
[8]"And **Elohim**, who **knows** the **heart,** bore **witness** to them, by giving them the **Set-apart Spirit,** as also to us,
[9]and made no **distinction** between us and them, **cleansing** their **hearts** by **belief**.
[10]"**Now** then, why do you try **Elohim** by putting a yoke on the neck of **the taught ones** which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?
[11]"***But*** through the **favour** of the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** we **trust** to be **saved,** in the **same way** as they."
[12]And **all** the crowd was *silent* and were **listen**ing to Barnaḇah and Sha'ul **declaring** how many miracles and **wonders Elohim** did among the *gentiles,* through them.
[13]And after they were silent, Ya'aqoḇ answered, saying, "Men, brothers, **listen** to me:
[14]"Shim'on has **declared** how **Elohim** first **visited** the *gentiles* to take out of them a people for **His Name.**
[15]"And the **words** of the prophets **agree** with this, as it has been **written**:
[16]'After this I ***shall*** **return** and rebuild the Booth of Dawiḏ which has fallen down. And I ***shall*** rebuild its ruins and I ***shall*** set it up,
[17]so that the **remnant** of mankind ***shall*** **seek** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, even **all** the *gentiles* on whom **My Name** has been called, says 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 who is doing **all** this,'
[18]who has made this **known** from of old.
[19]"Therefore I **judge** that we should not *trouble* those from among the *gentiles* who are turning to **Elohim**,
[20]but that we **write** to them to abstain from the *defilements* of *idols,* from *whoring,* from what is *strangled* and from blood.
[21]"For from ancient generations Mosheh has, in **every** city, those **proclaiming** him – being **read** in the congregations **every Sabbath**."
[22]***Then*** it seemed **good** to the emissaries and elders, with **all** the **assembly,** to send **chosen** men from among them to Antioch with Sha'ul and Barnaḇah: Yahuḏah being called Barsabba and Sila, leading men among the brothers,
[23]having **written** by their **hand** this: The emissaries and the elders and the brothers, To the brothers who are of the *gentiles* in Antioch and Syria and Kilikia: Greetings.
[24]Since we have **heard** that some who went out from us have *troubled* you with **words**, unsettling your lives, to whom we gave no **command** –
[25]it seemed **good** to us, having become of one mind, to send **chosen** men to you with our beloved Barnaḇah and Sha'ul,
[26]men who have **given** up their lives for the **Name** of our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**.
[27]We have therefore **sent** Yahuḏah and Sila, who are also **confirming** this by **word** of **mouth.**
[28]For it seemed **good** to the **Set-apart Spirit** and to us, to lay upon you no greater *burden* than these necessities:
[29]that you abstain from what is offered to *idols* and **blood** and what is *strangled* and *whoring.* ***If*** you keep yourselves from these, you ***shall*** do well. Be strong!
[30]They, therefore, being **sent** off, went to Antioch. And having gathered the crowd together, they **delivered** the letter.
[31]And having **read** it, they rejoiced over its **encouragement**.
[32]And Yahuḏah and Sila, being themselves also **prophets, encouraged** the brothers with many **words** and strengthened them.
[33]And having spent some **time,** they were **sent** back in **peace** from the brothers to the emissaries.
[34]***But*** it seemed **good** to Sila to remain.
[35]And Sha'ul and Barnaḇah continued in Antioch, **teaching** and bringing, with many others also, the **Besorah**: the **Word** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄!
[36]And after some days Sha'ul said to Barnaḇah, "**Let** us **now** go back and

visit our brothers in **every** city where we **proclaimed** the **Word** of יהוה and **see** how they are."
[37]And Barnabah purposed to take with them Yohanan called Mark.
[38]***But*** Sha'ul thought it not fit to take with them the one who withdrew from them in Pamphulia and had not gone with them to the work.
[39]A sharp feeling therefore came to be, so that they parted from one another. And so Barnabah took Mark and sailed to Cyprus.
[40]And Sha'ul **chose** Sila and went off, being committed by the brothers to the **favour** of **Elohim**.
[41]And he went through Syria and Kilikia, strengthening the assemblies.

16 And he came to Derbe and Lustra. And **see,** a certain **taught one** was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Yahudi woman who **believed** – but his father was Greek –
[2]who was well **spoken** of by the brothers who were at Lustra and Ikonion.
[3]Sha'ul **wished** to have this one go with him. And he took him and circumcised him **because** of the Yahudim who were in those places, for they **all knew** that his father was Greek.
[4]And as they went through the cities, they **delivered** to them the regulations to keep, which were decided by the emissaries and elders at Yerushalayim.
[5]Then, indeed, the assemblies were strengthened in the **belief** and increased in number **every** day.
[6]And having passed through Phrygia and the Galatian country, they were ***forbidden*** by the **Set-apart Spirit** to **speak** the **word** in Asia.
[7]***When*** they came to Musia, they tried to go into Bithunia, but the **Spirit** *did not* allow them.
[8]And having passed by Musia, they came down to Troas.
[9]And in the night a **vision** appeared to Sha'ul: A man of Makedonia was standing, begging him and saying, **"Come** over to Makedonia and help us."
[10]And when he **saw** the **vision, immediately** we sought to go to Makedonia, concluding that the **Master** had called us to bring the **Besorah** to them.
[11]Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a **straight** course to Samothrake and the next day came to Neapolis,
[12]and from there to Philippi, which is the principal city of that part of Makedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days.
[13]And on the **Sabbath** day we went outside the city by a river, where there used to be prayer. And having sat down we were speaking to the women who met there.
[14]And a certain woman named Ludia, a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, worshipping **Elohim**, was **hearing**, whose **heart** the **Master** did **open** to pay attention to what Sha'ul said.
[15]And when she was **immersed** and her household, she ***begged*** us, saying, "***If*** you have judged me to be **believing** in the **Master, come to** my house and stay." And she urged us.
[16]And it came to be, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of Puthon, did meet us, who brought her masters much profit by foretelling.
[17]Having **followed** Sha'ul and us, she *cried out*, saying, "These men are the servants of the **Most High Elohim**, who **proclaim** to us the **way** of **deliverance**."
[18]And she was doing this for many days. ***But*** Sha'ul, greatly *annoyed,* turned and said to the spirit, "I **command** you in the **Name** of יהושע **Messiah** to **come out** of her." And it came out that **same hour.**
[19]***But*** when her masters **saw** that their anticipation of money-making was gone, they *seized* Sha'ul and Sila and *dragged* them into the market-place to the rulers.
[20]And having brought them to the captains, they said, "These men, being

Yahuḏim, greatly disturb our city,
[21]and they **proclaim** *practices* which are not **right** for us to receive nor to do, being Romans."
[22]And the crowd rose up **together** *against* them. And the captains tore off their garments and **commanded** them to be *beaten* with rods.
[23]And having laid many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, **commanding** the jailer to keep them safely,
[24]who, having received such a **command,** put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.
[25]And at midnight Sha'ul and Sila were praying and singing songs to **Elohim** and the prisoners were **listen**ing to them.
[26]And **suddenly** a **great** *earthquake* took place, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken and **immediately all** the **doors** were opened and **all** the chains came loose.
[27]And the jailer, awaking from sleep and **seeing** the prison **doors** open, thinking the prisoners had fled, drew his *sword* and was about to *kill* himself.
[28]***But*** Sha'ul called with a loud **voice**, saying, "***Do*** no harm to yourself, for we are **all** here."
[29]And **asking** for a **light**, he ran in and fell down *trembling* before Sha'ul and Sila.
[30]And having led them outside he said, "Masters, what do I have to do to be **saved**?"
[31]And they said,"**Believe** on the **Master** OWYƎZ **Messiah** and you ***shall*** **be saved,** you and your household."
[32]And they spoke the **Word** of ƎYƎZ to him and to **all** who were in his house.
[33]And taking them in that **hour** of the night, he washed their *wounds* and **immediately** he was **immersed,** he and **all** that were his.
[34]And having brought them into his house, he set food before them. And he rejoiced with **all** his household, having **believed** in **Elohim**.
[35]And when day came, the authorities **sent** the officers, saying,"**Let** these men go."
[36]And the jailer reported these **words** to Sha'ul, saying,"The captains have **sent** to let you go. **Now** then, **come out** and go in peace."
[37]***But*** Sha'ul said to them, "They have *beaten* us publicly, uncondemned, being Romans. They have *thrown* us into prison and **now**, do they *throw* us out **secretly?** No indeed! **Let** them **come** themselves and bring us out."
[38]And the officers reported these **words** to the authorities and they were *afraid* when they **heard** that they were Romans.
[39]And having come, they pleaded with them and brought them out and asked them to leave the city.
[40]So **coming** out of the prison they went to Ludia and **seeing** the brothers, they **encouraged** them and went forth.

17 And having passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonike, where there was a congregation of the Yahuḏim.
[2]And **according** to his *practice*, Sha'ul went in unto them and for three **Sabbaths** was reasoning with them from the **Scriptures**,
[3]explaining and pointing out that the **Messiah** had to *suffer* and rise again from the *dead,* and saying, "This is the **Messiah**, OWYƎZ, whom I **proclaim** to you."
[4]And some of them did **believe** and a large number of the worshipping Greeks and not a **few** of the leading women, joined Sha'ul and Sila.
[5]***But*** the Yahuḏim who *did not believe,* having become envious, took some of the *wicked* men from the market-place and gathering a mob, set **all** the city in an uproar and came upon the house of Jason and were **seeking** to bring them out to the people.
[6]***But*** not finding them, they *dragged* Jason and some of the brothers to the city rulers, crying out, "They who have turned the world upside down have **come** here too,

[7]whom Jason has received. And **all** of them are acting *contrary* to the dogmas of Caesar, saying there is another sovereign, יהושע."

[8]And they *troubled* the crowd and the city rulers when they **heard** this.

[9]And when they had received a **pledge** from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

[10]And the brothers **immediately sent** Sha'ul and Sila away by night to Beroia, who, having come, went into the congregation of the Yahudim.

[11]**Now** these were more noble than those in Thessalonike, who received the **word** with **great** eagerness and searched the **Scriptures** daily, if these **words** were so.

[12]***Then*** many of them **truly believed** and also not a **few** of the Greeks, decent women as well as men.

[13]And when the Yahudim from Thessalonike came **to know** that the **Word** of **Elohim** was **proclaimed** by Sha'ul at Beroia, they came there also and stirred up the crowds.

[14]And then **immediately** the brothers **sent** Sha'ul away, to go to the sea, but both Sila and Timothy stayed there.

[15]And those who arranged for Sha'ul brought him to Athens. And receiving a **command** for Sila and Timothy to join him as soon as **possible**, they departed.

[16]***But*** while Sha'ul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred up within him when he **saw** that the city was *utterly* idolatrous.

[17]Therefore, indeed, he was reasoning in the congregation with the Yahudim and with the gentile worshippers and in the market-place daily with those who met there.

[18]And some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some were saying, "***What*** does this babbler **wish** to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of *strange mighty ones*" – **<u>because</u>** to them he brought the **Besorah**: יהושע and the resurrection!

[19]So they laid hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "Are we able **to know** what this **fresh teaching** is of which you speak?

[20]"For you are bringing some *strange* matters to our **ears.** We **wish,** then, **to know** what these mean."

[21]For **all** the Athenians and the strangers **living** there spent their leisure **time** in doing naught but to **speak** or to **hear** what is **fresh.**

[22]And having stood in the **midst** of the Areopagus Sha'ul said, "Men of Athens, I **see** that you are **very** religious in **every** matter.

[23]"For passing through and observing the objects of your worship, I even **found** an altar with this inscription:TO THE UNKNOWN MIGHTY ONE. Not knowing then whom you worship, I make **Him known** to you:

[24]"יהוה, who made the world and **all** that is in it, this **One** being **Master** of **heaven** and earth, *does not* dwell in dwellings made with hands.

[25]"Nor **is He served** with men's hands – as if needing any – **Himself** giving to **all life** and breath and **all** else.

[26]"And **He** has made from one **blood** every nation of men to dwell on **all** the face of the earth, having ordained beforehand the times and the boundaries of their dwelling,

[27]to **seek** the **Master,** if at least they would reach out for **Him** and find **Him,** though **He** is not far from each one of us.

[28]"For in **Him** we **live** and move and are, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also **His** offspring.'

[29]"**Now** then, since we are the offspring of **Elohim**, we should not *think* that the **Elohim** is like gold or silver or stone, an *image* made by the **skill** and thought of man.

[30]"**Truly**, then, having overlooked these times of ignorance, **Elohim now commands** *all men* everywhere to **repent,**

[31]**<u>because</u>** **He** has set a day on which **He** is going to **judge** the world in **righteousness** by a Man whom **He** has appointed, having **given** proof of this to

all by raising **Him** from the *dead*."
[32]And **hearing** of the resurrection of the *dead,* some indeed *mocked*, while others said, "We ***shall*** **hear** you again concerning this."
[33]And so Sha'ul went out from among them.
[34]***But*** some men joined him and **believed**, among them Dionusios the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

18 And after this Sha'ul left Athens and went to Corinth.
[2]And he **found** a certain Yehudite named Aqulas, born in Pontos, who had recently **come** from Italy with his wife Priscilla – **because** Claudius had **commanded all** the Yahudim to leave Rome – and he came to them.
[3]And **because** he was of the **same** trade, he stayed with them and was working, for they were tentmakers by trade.
[4]And he was reasoning in the congregation **every Sabbath** and won over both Yahudim and Greeks.
[5]And when Sila and Timothy came down from Makedonia, Sha'ul was pressed by the **Spirit** and **earnestly witnessed** to the Yahudim that OWYƎZ is the **Messiah**.
[6]However, when they resisted and blasphemed, he *shook* his garments and said to them, "**Your blood** is upon your head, I am **clean.** From **now** on I ***shall*** go to the *gentiles*."
[7]And having left there he came to the house of a certain man named Justus, who worshipped **Elohim**, whose house was next to the congregation.
[8]And Crispus, the ruler of the congregation, did **believe** in the **Master** with **all** his household. And many of the Corinthians, **hearing**, **believed** and were **immersed.**
[9]And the **Master** spoke to Sha'ul in the night by a **vision,** "***Do*** *not* be *afraid*, but speak and *do not* be silent,
[10]**because I am with you** and no one ***shall*** attack you to do you *evil*, **because** I have much people in this city."
[11]And he remained a year and six months, **teaching** the **Word** of ƎYƎZ among them.
[12]And when Gallion was proconsul of Achaia, the Yahudim with one **mind** rose up *against* Sha'ul and brought him to the judgment seat,
[13]saying, "This one does seduce men to worship **Elohim** *contrary* to the **Torah**."
[14]And as Sha'ul was about to **open** his **mouth,** Gallion said to the Yahudim, "***If*** it were a matter of *wrongdoing* or *wicked recklessness*, O Yahudim, there would be **reason** why I should bear with you.
[15]"***But*** if it is a question of **words** and names and a **law** which is among you, **see** to it yourselves, for I *do not* **wish** to be a **judge** of these matters."
[16]And he drove them away from the judgment seat.
[17]And **all** the Greeks took Sosthenes, the ruler of the congregation and *beat him* before the judgment seat. ***But*** Gallion showed no concern **whatever**.
[18]And Sha'ul, having stayed several days more, having taken leave of the brothers, was sailing for Syria and Priscilla and Aqulas were with him, having shaved his hair at Kenhrea, for he had taken a vow.
[19]And he came to Ephesos and left them there, but he himself went into the congregation and reasoned with the Yahudim.
[20]And when they asked him to stay a longer **time** with them, he declined,
[21]but took leave of them, saying, "I have to keep this **coming festival** in Yerushalayim by **all** means, but I ***shall*** **come back** to you, **Elohim** desiring so." And he sailed from Ephesos.
[22]And having **come to** Caesarea, going up and greeting the **assembly,** he went down to Antioch.
[23]And having spent some **time** there, he went forth, passing through the country of Galatia and on through Phrygia, strengthening **all the taught ones.**
[24]And a certain Yehudite named Apollos, born at Alexandria,

a **learned** man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesos.
25This one had been **instructed** in the **way** of the **Master.** And being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and **teaching** the matters about the **Master** exactly, though he **knew** only the immersion of Yoḥanan.
26And he began to **speak boldly** in the congregation. And when Aqulas and Priscilla **heard** him, they took him aside and **explained** to him the **way** of **Elohim** more exactly.
27And when he **intended** to pass through to Achaia, the brothers, having **encouraged** him, **wrote** to **the taught ones** to receive him, who, having arrived, greatly helped those who **believed** through **favour,**
28for with **power** he **refuted** the Yahuḏim publicly, **showing** from the **Scriptures** that OWY3Z is the **Messiah**.

19 And it came to be, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Sha'ul, having passed through the upper parts, came to Ephesos. And having **found** some **taught ones,**
2he said to them, "Did you receive the **Set-apart Spirit** when you **believed**?" And they said to him, "No, we have not even **heard** that there is a **Set-apart Spirit.**"
3And he said to them, "Into what then were you immersed?" And they said, "Into Yoḥanan's immersion."
4And Sha'ul said, "Yoḥanan indeed immersed with an immersion of repen tance, saying to the people that they should **believe** in the **One** who is **coming** after him, that is, in **Messiah** OWY3Z."
5And when they **heard** this, they were **immersed** in the **Name** of the **Master** OWY3Z.
6And when Sha'ul had laid hands on them, the **Set-apart Spirit** came upon them and they were speaking in tongues and prophesying.
7And **all** the men were about twelve.
8And having gone into the congregation he spoke **boldly** for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the **reign** of **Elohim**.
9***But*** when some were *hardened* and *did not believe,* speaking *evil* of **the Way** before the crowd, he withdrew from them and separated **the taught ones,** reasoning daily in the school of Turannos.
10And this took place for two years, so that **all** who dwelt in Asia **heard** the **Word** of the **Master** OWY3Z, both Yahuḏim and Greeks.
11And **Elohim** worked unusual miracles through the hands of Sha'ul,
12so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the *sick* and the *diseases* left them and the *wicked spirits* went out of them.
13***But*** certain roving Yahudi exorcists took it upon themselves to **call** the **Name** of the **Master** OWY3Z over those who had *wicked spirits*, saying, "We exorcise you by OWY3Z whom Sha'ul proclaims."
14And there were seven sons of a certain Skeua, a Yahudi chief priest, who were doing this.
15And the *wicked spirit* answering, said, "OWY3Z I **know** and Sha'ul I **know,** but who are you?"
16And the man in whom the *wicked* spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them and prevailed *against* them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.
17And this became **known** to **all** both Yahuḏim and Greeks dwelling in Ephesos. And **fear** fell on them **all** and the **Name** of the **Master** OWY3Z was made great.
18And many who had **believed** came confessing and **declaring** their **deeds**.
19And many of those who had *practised magic* brought their **book**s together, *burning* them before **all.** And they reckoned up the value of them and **found** it to be fifty thousand pieces of silver.

[20]So the **Word** of the **Master** was growing **mightily** and **prevailing.**
[21]**Now** when these matters had been completed, Sha'ul purposed in the **Spirit,** when he had passed through Makedonia and Achaia, to go to Yerushalayim, saying, "After I have been there, I have to **see** Rome too."
[22]And having **sent** into Makedonia two of those assisting him, Timothy and Ěrastos, he himself remained in Asia for a **time.**
[23]And about that **time** there came to be a **great** commotion about the Way.
[24]For a certain man named Demetrios, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of ***Artemis,*** provided no *little* business to the craftsmen,
[25]who, having called them together, with the workers of similar trade, said, "Men, you **know** that our wealth is from this business.
[26]"And you **see** and **hear** that not only at Ephesos, but throughout almost **all** Asia, this Sha'ul has persuaded and turned away a large number, saying that they are not *mighty ones* which are made with hands.
[27]"And not only is this trade of ours in danger of **coming** to rejection, but also that the temple of the **great** female *mighty one* ***Artemis*** whom **all** Asia and the world worship, ***shall*** **be** regarded as *worthless* and her greatness diminished."
[28]And having **heard** this, they were filled with *rage* and *cried out*, saying, "Great is ***Artemis*** of the Ephesians!"
[29]And the entire city was filled with *confusion* and they rushed with one **mind** into the theatre, having *seized* Gaios and Aristarchos, Makedonians, Sha'ul's fellow travellers.
[30]And Sha'ul, intending to go in among the mob, **the taught ones** *did not* allow him.
[31]And some of the officials of Asia, being his friends, **sent** to him begging him not to risk himself into the theatre.
[32]***Then*** others indeed *shouted* this and others that, for the assembly was confused and most of them *did not* **know** why they had **come to**gether.
[33]And some of the crowd **instructed** Alexander – the Yahudim putting him forward. And Alexander motioned with his **hand** and **wished** to make his defence to the people.
[34]***But*** having recognised that he was a Yahudi, **all** with one **voice** *cried out* for about two hours, "Great is ***Artemis*** of the Ephesians!"
[35]And the city clerk, having calmed the crowd, said, "Men of Ephesos, what man is there who *does not* **know** that the city of the Ephesians is the guardian of the temple of the **great** female *mighty one* ***Artemis*** and of that which fell down from ***Zeus***?
[36]"Therefore, if these matters are undeniable, you need to be calm and *do not* act *rashly.*
[37]"For you have brought these men here who are neither temple-robbers nor speaking *evil* of your female *mighty one*.
[38]"***If*** **truly** then Demetrios and his fellow craftsmen have a case *against* anyone, the courts are **open** and there are proconsuls. **Let** them *accuse* one another.
[39]"And if you have any further complaint, it ***shall*** **be** settled in the regular assembly.
[40]"For we are in danger of being *accused* of riot concerning today, there being no **reason** which we could give to account for this *disorderly* gathering."
[41]And having said this, he dismissed the assembly.

20 After the uproar had ceased, Sha'ul called **the taught ones** to him and having embraced them, went away to go to Makedonia.
[2]And having gone through those parts and having **encouraged** them with many **words**, he came to Greece,
[3]where he spent three months. ***When*** he was about to sail to Syria, he decided to **return** through Makedonia, as a *plot* was made *against* him by the Yahudim.
[4]And he was accompanied by Sopater of Beroia and Aristarchos and Sekundos

of the Thessalonians and Gaios of Derbe and Timothy and Tuchikos and Trophimos of Asia.

[5]And these, going ahead, waited for us at Troas.

[6]And we sailed away from Philippi after the Days of Unleavened Bread and came to them at Troas in five days, where we stayed seven days.

[7]And on the **first day of** the week, **the taught ones** having gathered **together** to *break* bread, Sha'ul, intending to depart the next day, was reasoning with them and was extending the **word** til midnight.

[8]And there were many **lamps** in the upper room where they were **assembled**.

[9]And a certain young man, by **Name** Eutuchos, was sitting in a window, being overpowered by a deep sleep. As Sha'ul kept on reasoning, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third storey and was picked up *dead.*

[10]And Sha'ul, having gone down, fell on him and embracing him said, "***Do*** *not* be upset, for his **life** is in him."

[11]***Then*** going up again and having broken **bread** and eaten, he talked a long while, even til daybreak and so went forth.

[12]And they brought the young man in **alive** and were **encouraged**, not a little.

[13]And we, going ahead to the ship, sailed to Assos, intending to take Sha'ul on board there, for so he had arranged, intending himself to go on foot.

[14]And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and came to Mitulene.

[15]And from there we sailed and the next day came opposite Chios. And the next day we arrived at Samos and remained at Trogullion. And the **following** day we came to Miletos.

[16]For Sha'ul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might lose no **time** in Asia, for he was hurrying to be at Yerushalayim, if **possible**, on the Day of the **Festival of weeks**.

[17]And from Miletos he **sent** to Ephesos and called for the elders of the assembly.

[18]And when they had **come to** him, he said to them, "You **know,** from the **first** day that I came to Asia, how I was with you **all** the **time,**

[19]serving the **Master** with **all** humility, with many tears and trials which befell me by the plotting of the Yahudim,

[20]as I kept back no matter that was profitable, but **proclaimed** it to you and **taught** you publicly and from house to house,

[21]witnessing to Yahudim and also to Greeks: **repentance** toward **Elohim** and **belief** in our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**.

[22]"And **now see,** I go *bound* in the spirit to Yerushalayim, not knowing what is going to meet me there,

[23]except that the **Set-apart Spirit witnesses** in **every** city, saying that chains and *pressure*s await me.

[24]"***But*** I *do not* count my **life** of any value to me, so that I might **accomplish** my mission with joy and the service which I received from the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, to bear **witness** to the **Besorah** of the **favour** of **Elohim**.

[25]"And **now see,** I **know** that you **all,** among whom I went about **proclaiming** the **reign** of **Elohim**, ***shall*** **see** my face no more.

[26]"Therefore I **witness** to you this day that I am clear from the **blood** of **all.**

[27]"For I kept not back from **declaring** to you **all** the counsel of **Elohim**.

[28]"Therefore take **heed** to yourselves and to **all** the flock, among which the **Set-apart Spirit** has made you overseers, to shepherd the assembly of **Elohim** which **He** has purchased with **His** own blood.

[29]"For I **know** this, that after my departure savage *wolves* ***shall*** **come** in among you, not sparing the flock.

[30]"Also from among yourselves men shall arise, speaking distorted **teaching**s, to draw away **the taught ones** after them selves.

[31]"Therefore **watch**, remembering that for three years, night and day, I *did not* cease to **warn** each one with tears.

[32]"And **now**, brothers, I *commit* you to **Elohim** and to the **Word** of **His favour,**

which **is able** to build you up and give you an **inheritance** among **all** those having been set-apart.
[33]"I have coveted no one's silver or gold or garments.
[34]"And you yourselves **know** that these hands supplied my needs and for those who were with me.
[35]"All this I did **show** you, by labouring like this, that you ought to help the weak. And ***remember*** the **words** of the **Master** OWYAZ, that **He** said, 'It is more **blessed** to give than to receive.' "
[36]And having said this, he knelt down and prayed with them **all.**
[37]And there was much *weeping* among them **all** and falling on Sha'ul's neck, they kissed him,
[38]*distressed* most of **all** **because** of the **word** which he had said, that they would **see** his face no more. And they went with him to the ship.

21 And it came to be, when we had *torn* ourselves away from them and had set sail, we ran a **straight** course and came to Cos and the next day to Rhodes and from there to Patara.
[2]And having **found** a ship passing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail.
[3]And having sighted Cyprus and having passed it on the left, we sailed to Syria and landed at Tsor, for the ship was to unload her cargo there.
[4]And having **found taught ones,** we remained there seven days. And they told Sha'ul through the **Spirit** not to go up to Yerushalayim.
[5]And when it came to be that our days there were ended, we left and went on, **all** of them accompanying us, with wives and children, til we were out of the city. And kneeling down on the beach, we prayed.
[6]And having embraced one another, we boarded the ship and they returned to their homes.
[7]And when we had **completed** our voyage from Tsor, we came to Ptolemais. And having greeted the brothers we stayed with them **one day.**
[8]And on the next day we left and came to Caesarea and went into the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven and stayed with him.
[9]**Now** this one had four maiden daughters who prophesied.
[10]And as we were staying many days, a certain **prophet** named Ḥaḡaḇ came down from Yahuḏah,
[11]and having **come to** us, he took the girdle of Sha'ul, *bound* his own hands and feet and said, "Thus says the **Set-apart Spirit,** 'Thus ***shall*** the Yahuḏim at Yerushalayim bind the man who owns this girdle and **deliver** him into the hands of the *gentiles*.' "
[12]And when we **heard** this, both we and those from that place ***begged*** him not to go up to Yerushalayim.
[13]And Sha'ul answered, "***What*** do you mean by *weeping* and breaking my heart? For I am **ready** not only to be bound, but also to *die* at Yerushalayim for the **Name** of the **Master** OWYAZ."
[14]And as he *could not* be persuaded, we ceased, saying, "**Let** the **desire** of the **Master** be done."
[15]And after those days, having made ready, we went up to Yerushalayim.
[16]And also some of **the taught ones** from Caesarea went with us and brought with them one, Mnason of Cyprus, an early **taught one**, with whom we were to lodge.
[17]When we had arrived in Yerushalayim the brothers received us gladly.
[18]And on the **following** day Sha'ul went in with us to Ya'aqoḇ and **all** the elders came.
[19]And having greeted them, he was relating one by one what **Elohim** had done among the *gentiles* through his service.
[20]And when they **heard** it, they p**raised** the **Master.** And they said to him, "You **see,** brother, how many thousands of Yahuḏim there are who have **believed** and **all** are **ardent** for the **Torah**.
[21]"And they have been informed about you that you **teach all** the Yahuḏim

who are among the *gentiles* to *forsake* Mosheh, saying not to circumcise the children nor to **walk according** to the *practice*s.
[22]"***What*** then is it? They ***shall*** certainly **hear** that you have come.
[23]"So do this, what we say to you: We have four men who have taken a vow.
[24]"Take them and be **cleansed** with them and pay their expenses so that they shave their heads. And **all *shall* know** that what they have been informed about you is not so, but that you yourself also **walk** orderly, keeping the **Torah**.
[25]"***But*** concerning the *gentiles* who **believe,** we have **written** and decided that they should keep themselves from what is *offered* to *idols* and **blood** and what is *strangled* and *whoring.*"
[26]***Then*** Sha'ul took the men on the next day and having been **cleansed** with them, went into the **Set-apart Place** to **announce** the completion of the days of separation – until the offering should be presented for each one of them.
[27]And when the seven days were almost ended, the Yahudim from Asia, **seeing** him in the **Set-apart Place,** were stirring up **all** the crowd and they laid hands on him,
[28]crying out, "Men of Yisra'ĕl, help! This is the man who is **teaching** *all men* everywhere *against* the people and the **Torah** and this place. And besides, he also brought Greeks into the **Set-apart Place** and has *profaned* this **Set-apart Place.**"
[29]**Because** they had previously **seen** Trophimos the Ephesian with him in the city, whom they thought that Sha'ul had brought into the **Set-apart Place.**
[30]And the entire city was moved and the people rushed together, *seized* Sha'ul and *dragged* him out of the **Set-apart Place.** And **immediately** the **doors** were shut.
[31]And while they were **seeking** to *kill* him, a report came to the commander of the company of soldiers that **all** Yerushalayim was in *confusion.*
[32]At once he took soldiers and captains and ran down to them. And they, having **seen** the commander and the soldiers, *stopped beating* Sha'ul.
[33]***Then*** the commander came **near** and took him and **commanded** him to be *bound* with two chains and was **asking** who he was and what he had done.
[34]And in the crowd some were shouting this and others that. And not being able to ascertain the **truth because** of the uproar, he **commanded** him to be taken into the barracks.
[35]And when he came to the stairs, he had to be carried by the soldiers **because** of the *violence* of the crowd.
[36]For a large number of the people **followed** after, crying out, "Away with **Him!**"
[37]And as Sha'ul was about to be led into the barracks, he said to the commander, "Am I allowed to say somewhat to you?" And he said, "***Do*** you **know** Greek?
[38]"Are you not the Mitsrite who some **time** ago stirred up a revolt and led the four thousand assassins out into the wilderness?"
[39]***But*** Sha'ul replied,"I am a Yahudi from Tarsos, in Kilikia, a citizen of no mean city. I ***beg*** you, allow me to **speak** to the people."
[40]And having **given** him permission, Sha'ul, standing on the stairs motioned with his **hand** to the people. And when there was a **great** silence, he spoke in the Hebrew **language,** saying,

22 "Men, brothers and fathers, **hear** my defense before you *now.*"
[2]And when they **heard** that he spoke to them in the Hebrew **language,** they kept greater silence. And he said:
[3]"I am indeed a Yahudi, having been born in Tarsos of Kilikia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamli'ĕl, having been **instructed according** to the exactness of the **Torah** of our fathers, being **ardent** for **Elohim**, as you **all** are today,
[4]who persecuted this **Way** to the *death,* binding and delivering up into prisons both men and women,

[5]as also the high priest bears me **witness** and **all** the eldership, from whom I also received letters to the brothers and went to Damascus to bring in chains even those who were there to Yerushalayim to be punished.

[6]"'And it came to be, as I was journeying and **coming near** Damascus, about noon, **suddenly** a **great light** shone around me out of the heaven,

[7]and I fell to the ground and **heard** a **voice** saying to me, 'Sha'ul, Sha'ul, why do you *persecute* **Me?**'

[8]"'And I answered, '***Who*** are **You, Master?**' And **He** said to me, **'I am** OWYƎZ of Natsareth, whom you persecute.'

[9]"'And those who were with me indeed **saw** the **light** and were *afraid*, but they *did not hear* **His voice** speaking to me.

[10]"'And I said, '***What shall*** I do, **Master?**' And the **Master** said to me, 'Rise up, go into Damascus and there you ***shall*** **be** told **all** that you have been **appointed** to do.'

[11]"'And as I *could not* **see** **<u>because</u>** of the **esteem** of that **light**, being led by the **hand** of those who were with me, I came into Damascus.

[12]"'And a certain Ḥananyah, a **dedicated** man **according** to the **Torah**, being well **spoken** of by **all** the Yahuḏim dwelling there,

[13]**came to me** and stood by and said to me, 'Brother Sha'ul, look up.' And at that **same hour** I **looked** up at him.

[14]"'And he said, 'The **Elohim** of our fathers has **appointed** you **to know His desire** and to **see** the **righteous One** and to **hear** the **voice** from **His mouth.**

[15]'**<u>Because</u>** you ***shall*** **be His witness** to *all men* of what you have **seen** and **heard**.

[16]'And **now**, why do you delay? Rise up, be **immersed** and wash away your *sins*, calling on the **Name** of ƎYƎZ.'

[17]"'And it came to be, when I returned to Yerushalayim and while I was praying in the **Set-apart Place,** I came to be in a trance,

[18]and I **saw** **Him** saying to me, 'Hurry and get out of Yerushalayim, **speedily**, **<u>because</u>** they ***shall*** not **accept** your **witness** concerning **Me.**'

[19]"'And I said, '**Master,** they **know** that in **every** congregation I was imprisoning and *beating* those who **believe** on **You.**

[20]'And when the **blood** of **Your witness** Stephanos was shed, I also was standing by giving my approval to his *death* and keeping the garments of those who were killing him.'

[21]"'And **He** said to me, 'Go, **<u>because</u>** **I *shall* send** you far from here to the *gentiles*.' "

[22]And they were **listen**ing to him until this **word and** then they lifted up their **voice**, saying, "Away with such a one from the earth, for it is not fit that he should live!"

[23]As they were shouting and tearing their garments and throwing dust into the air,

[24]the commander ordered him to be brought into the barracks and said that he should be examined by flogging, **in order** to find out why they were shouting so *<u>against</u>* him.

[25]And as they were stretching him out with straps, Sha'ul said to the captain who was standing by, "Is it permitted for you to whip a man who is a Roman and uncondemned?"

[26]And when the captain **heard**, he went and reported to the commander, saying, "**Watch** what you are about to do, for this man is a Roman."

[27]And having come, the commander said to him, "Say to me, are you a Roman?" And he said, "Yes."

[28]And the commander answered, "With a large sum I obtained this citizenship." And Sha'ul said, "***But*** I was even born so."

[29]***Then*** at once those who were about to examine him withdrew from him. And the commander was also *afraid* after he **found** out that he was a Roman and **<u>because</u>** he had *bound* him.

[30]And on the next day, intending **to know** for certain why he was *accused* by the Yahuḏim, he released him and **commanded** the chief priests and **all**

their council to come and brought Sha'ul down and set him before them.

23 And Sha'ul, looking intently at the council, said, "Men, brothers, I have lived in **all good** conscience before **Elohim** until this day."
[2]And the high priest Ḥananyah **commanded** those who stood by him to *strike* him on the **mouth.**
[3]***Then*** Sha'ul said to him, "**Elohim** is going to *strike* you, whitewashed wall! And do you sit judging me **according** to the **Torah** and do you **command** me to be *struck contrary* to the **Torah**?"
[4]And those who stood by said, "***Do*** you *revile* the high priest of **Elohim**?"
[5]And Sha'ul said, "I *did not* **know,** brothers, that he was the high priest, for it has been **written**, 'You ***shall*** not **speak** *evil* of the ruler of your people.' "
[6]**Now** Sha'ul, perceiving that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, *cried out* in the council, "Men, brothers, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee, I am being judged concerning the expectation and resurrection of the dead!"
[7]And when he had said this, there came a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees. And the crowd was divided.
[8]For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor messenger nor spirit, but the Pharisees confess both.
[9]And there was a **great** uproar. And certain of the *scribes* of the party of Pharisees were **earnestly** contending, saying, "We find no *evil* in this man. And if a spirit or a messenger has **spoken** to him, let us not *fight against* **Elohim**."
[10]And a **great** dissension having come, the commander, **fearing** lest Sha'ul would be pulled to pieces by them, **commanded** the body of soldiers to go down and *seize* him from their **midst** and bring him into the barracks.
[11]And on the **following** night the **Master** stood by him and said, "Take courage, Sha'ul, for as you have **witnessed** for **Me** in Yerushalayim, so you have to bear **witness** at Rome too."
[12]And when it became day, some of the Yahuḏim made a ***conspiracy*** and *bound* themselves under an oath, saying that they would neither eat nor drink until they had *killed* Sha'ul.
[13]And those making this ***conspiracy*** were more than forty,
[14]who, having **come to** the chief priests and elders, said, "We have *bound* ourselves under a **great oath** not to eat at **all** until we have *killed* Sha'ul.
[15]"**Now,** then, you, with the council, inform the commander to have him brought down to you **tomorrow**, as intending to examine more exactly **all** about him. And we are **ready** to *kill* him before he **comes near.**"
[16]And when Sha'ul's sister's son **heard** of their ambush, he went and entered into the barracks and reported to Sha'ul.
[17]And Sha'ul, having called one of the captains to him, said, "Take this young man to the commander, for he has somewhat to report to him."
[18]**He** indeed then took him and led him to the commander and said, "The prisoner Sha'ul called me to him and asked me to bring this young man to you, having somewhat to say to you."
[19]And the commander, having taken him by the **hand,** went aside by themselves and asked, "***What*** is it that you have to report to me?"
[20]And he said, "The Yahuḏim have **agreed** to **ask** that you bring Sha'ul down to the council **tomorrow**, as intending to **inquire** more exactly about him.
[21]"Therefore, *do not* let them persuade you, for more than forty of them *lie* in wait for him, men who have *bound* themselves by an **oath** neither to eat nor to drink until they have *killed* him. And **now** they are ready, waiting for the **promise** from you."
[22]***Then*** the commander dismissed the young man, having **commanded** him, "Inform no one that you reported this to me."

[23]And having called **near** a certain two captains, he said, "Get two hundred soldiers **ready** to go to Caesarea and seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen, after the third **hour** of the night,
[24]and provide beasts, on which to place Sha'ul and bring him safely to Felix the governor,"
[25]having **written** a letter in this form:
[26]Claudius Lysias, to the most excellent governor Felix: Greetings.
[27]This man, having been *seized* by the Yahuḏim and being about to be *killed* by them, I rescued, having **come** with the body of soldiers, having **learned** that he was a Roman.
[28]And, desiring **to know** the **reason** they *accused* him, I brought him before their council.
[29]I **found** out that he was *accused* concerning questions of their **Torah**, but there was no charge <u>*against*</u> him deserving *death* or chains.
[30]And when I was informed that there was to be a *plot* <u>*against*</u> the man by the Yahuḏim, I **sent** him **immediately** to you, having also **commanded** his accusers to state before you the charges <u>*against*</u> him. Be strong!
[31]So the soldiers, as they were **commanded**, took Sha'ul and brought him by night to Antipatris.
[32]And on the next day they left the horsemen to go on with him and returned to the barracks,
[33]who, having **come to** Caesarea and **delivered** the letter to the governor, they also presented Sha'ul to him.
[34]And the governor, having **read** it and having asked of what province he was and being informed that he was from Kilikia,
[35]said, "I ***shall*** **hear** you when your accusers arrive also." And he **commanded** him to be kept in Herodes' palace.

24 And after five days the high priest Ḥananyah came down, with the elders and a certain speaker – Tertullus. And they brought charges <u>*against*</u> Sha'ul before the governor.
[2]And when he was called upon, Tertullus began to *accuse* him, saying, "Having obtained **great peace** through you and reforms being brought to this nation by your forethought,
[3]we **accept** it **always** and in **all** places, most excellent Felix, with **all** thanks.
[4]"***But*** **in order** not to hinder you any further, I ***beg*** you to **hear** us briefly in your gentleness.
[5]"For having **found** this man a *plague,* who stirs up dissension among **all** the Yahuḏim throughout the world and a ringleader of the *sect* of the Natsarim,
[6]who also tried to *profane* the **Set-apart Place** and whom we *seized* and **wished** to **judge** him **according** to our **law,**
[7]but the commander Lysias came along and with much *violence* took him out of our hands,
[8]commanding his accusers to **come to** you. And by examining him yourself you ***shall*** **be** able **to know all** these matters of which we *accuse* him."
[9]And the Yahuḏim also **agreed**, maintaining that these matters were so.
[10]And when the governor had motioned him to speak, Sha'ul answered, "Knowing that for many years you have been a **judge** of this nation, I gladly defend myself,
[11]seeing you are able **to know** that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to Yerushalayim to worship.
[12]"And they neither **found** me in the **Set-apart Place** *disputing* with anyone nor stirring up the crowd, either in the congregations or in the city.
[13]"Nor are they able to prove the charges of which they **now** *accuse* me.
[14]"And this I confess to you, that **according** to **the Way** which they **call** a sect, so I worship the **Elohim** of my fathers, **believing all** that has been **written** in the **Torah** and in the **Prophet**s,

[15]having an expectation in **Elohim**, which they themselves also wait for, that there is to be a resurrection of the *dead,* both of the **righteous** and the unrighteous.
[16]"And in this I exercise myself to have a clear conscience toward **Elohim** and men always.
[17]"And after many years I came to bring **kind deeds** to my nation and offerings,
[18]at which **time** certain Yahudim from Asia **found** me **cleansed** in the **Set-apart Place,** neither with a crowd nor with disturbance,
[19]who ought to be present before you to bring charges if they have any matter *against* me.
[20]"Or else let these themselves say if they **found** any wrongdoing in me while I stood before the council,
[21]other than for this one declaration which I *cried out*, standing among them, 'Concerning the resurrection of the *dead* I am being judged by you today.' "
[22]And having **heard** this, having **known** more exactly about the **Way,** Felix put them off, saying, "***When*** Lysias the commander **comes** down, I ***shall*** decide your case."
[23]And he ordered the captain to keep Sha'ul and to have ease and not to forbid any of his friends to attend to him.
[24]And after some days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was a female Yehudite, he **sent** for Sha'ul and **heard** him concerning the **belief** in **Messiah**.
[25]And as he reasoned about **righteousness** and self-control and the judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, "For the present, go. And when I find **time I *shall* send** for you."
[26]At the **same time** too he was anticipating that silver would be **given** him by Sha'ul, that he might release him. Therefore he **sent** for him more often and conversed with him.
[27]***But*** after two years had passed Porcius Festus succeeded Felix. And *wishing* to do the Yahudim a **favour,** Felix left Sha'ul bound.

25 Festus therefore, having **come to** the province, three days later went up from Caesarea to Yerushalayim.
[2]And the high priest and the chief men of the Yahudim informed him *against* Sha'ul and they ***begged*** him,
[3]asking a **favour** *against* him, that he would send him to Yerushalayim – making a *plot* along the **way** to *kill* him.
[4]Then, indeed, Festus answered that Sha'ul should be kept at Caesarea and that he himself was about to set out shortly.
[5]"Therefore," he said, "let those who have **authority** among you go down with me and *accuse* this man, to **see** if there is any fault in him."
[6]And having spent more than ten days among them, he went down to Caesarea. And on the next day, sitting on the judgment seat, he **commanded** Sha'ul to be brought.
[7]And when he had come, the Yahudim who had **come** down from Yerushalayim stood about, bringing many and *heavy* charges *against* Sha'ul, which they were *unable* to prove,
[8]while Sha'ul said in his own defence, "Neither *against* the **Torah** of the Yahudim, nor *against* the **Set-apart Place,** nor *against* Caesar did I *commit* any *sin.*"
[9]***But*** Festus, *wishing* to do the Yahudim a **favour,** answering Sha'ul, said, "***Do*** you **wish** to go up to Yerushalayim and be judged before me there concerning these matters?"
[10]And Sha'ul said, "I am standing at Caesar's judgment seat, where I should be judged. To the Yahudim I have done no ***wrong,*** as you **know** well enough.
[11]"For if indeed I do ***wrong,*** or have committed ***whatever*** deserving *death,* I *do not refuse* to *die.* ***But*** if there is none at **all** in these matters of which these men *accuse* me, no one **is able** to give me up to them. I appeal to Caesar."
[12]***Then*** Festus, having talked with the council, answered, "You have appealed to Caesar? To Caesar you ***shall*** go!"

[13]And certain days having passed, Sovereign Agrippa and Bernike came to Caesarea to greet Festus.
[14]And when they had spent many days there, Festus laid Sha'ul's case before the sovereign, saying, "There is a man here whom Felix left as a prisoner,
[15]about whom the chief priests and the elders of the Yahudim informed me, when I was in Yerushalayim, **asking** for a judgment *against* him.
[16]"To them I answered, 'It is not the Roman *practice* to give up any man to ***destruction*** before the *accused* meets the accusers face to face and has a chance to answer for himself concerning the charge *against* him.'
[17]"They, therefore, having **come to**gether, without any delay, I sat on the judgment seat the next day and **commanded** the man to be brought in.
[18]"***When*** the accusers stood up, they brought no charge *against* him such as I expected,
[19]but had some questions *against* him about their own worship and about a certain 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤏, who had died, whom Sha'ul was claiming to be **alive.**
[20]"And being uncertain how to investigate these matters, I asked whether he **wished** to go to Yerushalayim and there be judged concerning these matters.
[21]"***But*** when Sha'ul appealed to be kept for the decision of Augustus, I ordered him to be kept until I send him to Caesar."
[22]And Agrippa said to Festus, "I was *wishing* also to **hear** the man myself." And he said, "**Tomorrow**, you ***shall*** **hear** him."
[23]Therefore, on the next day, Agrippa and Bernike having **come** with **great** show and having entered the place of **hearing** with the commanders and the eminent men of the city, Sha'ul was brought in at the order of Festus.
[24]And Festus said, "Sovereign Agrippa and **all** the men present here with us, you **see** this one about whom **all** the community of the Yahudim pleaded with me, both at Yerushalayim and here, shouting that he ought not to be **living** any longer.
[25]"***But*** I, having **found** that he had committed none at **all** deserving *death* and that he himself had appealed to Augustus, I decided to send him.
[26]"I have no definite matter to **write** to my master concerning him. Therefore I have brought him out before you and most of **all** before you, Sovereign Agrippa, so that after the examination has taken place I might have somewhat to **write.**
[27]"For it seems to me unreasonable to send a prisoner and not to signify the charges *against* him."

26 And Agrippa said to Sha'ul, "You are allowed to **speak** for yourself." ***Then*** Sha'ul **stretched** out his **hand** and made his defence:
[2]"I *think* myself **blessed**, Sovereign Agrippa, **because** today I ***shall*** make my defence before you concerning **all** of which I am *accused* by the Yahudim,
[3]you being most of **all** an expert, knowing of **all** *practices* and questions which have to do with the Yahudim. So, please **hear** me patiently.
[4]"**Truly**, then, **all** the Yahudim **know** my **way** of **life** from youth, which I led from the beginning among my own nation at Yerushalayim,
[5]since they have **known** me from the **first,** if they **wish** to **witness,** that I lived as a Pharisee **according** to the strictest *sect* of our observance.
[6]"And **now** I **stand** and am judged for the expectation of the **promise** made by **Elohim** to our fathers,
[7]to which our twelve tribes, **earnestly** serving **Elohim** night and day, expect to attain. Concerning this expectation, O Sovereign Agrippa, I am *accused* by the Yahudim.
[8]"***Why*** is it considered 'unbelievable' among you if **Elohim** raises the dead?
[9]"Therefore, indeed, I thought within myself that I ought to do much *against* the **Name** of 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤏 of Natsareth,

[10]which also I did in Yerushalayim and I shut up many of the set-apart ones in prison, having received **authority** from the chief priests. And when they were put to *death,* I gave my vote *against* them.
[11]"And punishing them often in **all** the congregations, I compelled them to blaspheme. And being exceedingly **enraged** *against* them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities.
[12]"While thus engaged, as I was journeying to Damascus with **authority** and commission from the chief priests,
[13]at midday along the highway, O sovereign, I **saw** a **light** from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me.
[14]"And when we had **all** fallen to the ground, I **heard** a **voice** speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew **language,** 'Sha'ul, Sha'ul, why do you *persecute* **Me?** It is hard for you to kick *against* the prods.'
[15]"And I said, '***Who*** are **You, Master?**' And **He** said, **'I am** OWYHZ, whom you persecute.
[16]'***But*** rise up and **stand** on your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to **appoint** you a servant and a **witness** both of what you **saw** and of those which I ***shall*** **reveal** to you,
[17]delivering you from the people and the *gentiles,* to whom I **now** send you,
[18]to **open** their eyes, to turn them from *darkness* to **light** [a]nd the **authority** of Satan to **Elohim**, **in order** for them to receive **forgiven**ess of *sins* and an **inheritance** among those who are set-apart by **belief** in **Me.**'
[19]"Therefore, Sovereign Agrippa, I was not *disobedient* to the heavenly **vision,**
[20]but **declared first** to those in Damascus and in Yerushalayim and in **all** the country of Yahudah and to the *gentiles,* that they should **repent** and turn to **Elohim** and do **works worthy** of **repentance.**
[21]"That is why the Yahudim *seized* me in the **Set-apart Place** and tried to *kill* me.
[22]"Therefore, having obtained help from **Elohim**, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying nil else than what the prophets and Mosheh said would **come** –
[23]that the **Messiah** would suffer, would be the **first** to rise from the *dead,* **He** would **proclaim light** to the people and to the *gentiles*."
[24]And while saying this in his defence, Festus said with a loud **voice**, "Sha'ul, you are mad! Much **learning** is turning you to *madness*!"
[25]***But*** Sha'ul said, "I am not mad, most excellent Festus, but I **speak words** of **truth** and sense.
[26]"For the sovereign, before whom I also **speak boldly, knows** these matters. For I am persuaded that none of these are *hidden* from him, for this has not been done in a corner.
[27]"Sovereign Agrippa, do you **believe** the prophets? I **know** that you do **believe**."
[28]And Agrippa said to Sha'ul, "With a *little* you might persuade me to become a Messianite!"
[29]And Sha'ul said, "Much or little, I pray to **Elohim** that not only you, but also **all who hear** me today, might become such as I also am, ***except*** for these chains."
[30]And having said this, the sovereign stood up, as well as the governor and Bernike and those sitting with them,
[31]and having withdrawn, they spoke to each other, saying, "This man is doing none at **all** deserving *death* or chains."
[32]And Agrippa said to Festus, "This man could have been released if he had not appealed to Caesar."

27 And when it was decided that we should sail to Italy, they **delivered** Sha'ul and some other prisoners to one named Julius, a captain of the Augustan regiment.
[2]And having embarked in a ship from Adramyttium, about to sail along the

coasts of Asia, did set sail. Aristarchos, a Makedonian of Thessalonike, was with us.

3And on the next day we landed at Tsidon. And Julius treated Sha'ul kindly and allowed him to go to his friends to receive attention.

4And from there we put out to sea and sailed close to Cyprus, **because** the winds were *against* us.

5And having sailed over the sea along Kilikia and Pamphulia, we came to Mura, of Lukia.

6And there the captain, having **found** an Alexandrian ship sailing to Italy, did put us on board.

7And having sailed slowly many days and arriving with difficulty off Knidos, the *wind* not allowing us to proceed, we sailed close to Crete, off Salmone.

8And passing it with difficulty, we came to a place called Fair Havens, **near** the city of Lasea.

9And much **time** having passed and the sailing **now** being dangerous, **because** the Fast was already over, Sha'ul advised them,

10saying, "Men, I **see** that this voyage is going to end with damage and **great** loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but also our **lives.**"

11***But*** the captain was persuaded by the pilot and the owner of the ship, rather than what Sha'ul said.

12And **because** the harbour was unsuitable to winter in, the greater part advised to set sail from there too, if somehow they were able to reach Phoenix, a harbour of Crete facing southwest and northwest, to pass the winter.

13And a south *wind* blowing softly, thinking they had obtained their purpose, having lifted *anchor*, they sailed along Crete, close *inshore*.

14And not long after, a stormy head *wind* rushed down from it, called Northeaster.

15And when the ship was ***caught*** *in it* and *unable* to head *against* the wind, we let her go and were driven.

16And having run under a small island called Klauda, we were hardly able to control the small boat.

17And having hoisted it, they used helps to undergird the ship. And **fearing** lest they should run aground on Surtis, they lowered the tackle and so were driven.

18And **because** we were exceedingly storm-tossed, the next day they began to *throw* overboard.

19And on the third day we threw out the ship's tackle with our own hands.

20When, **now**, neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and no small *storm* beat on us, **all** expectancy that we would be **saved** was taken away.

21And when there had been a long abstinence from food, then Sha'ul, standing in the **midst** of them, said, "**Truly**, men, you should have **listened** to me not to have sailed from Crete and sustained this damage and loss.

22"And **now** I urge you to take courage, for there ***shall*** **be** no loss of **life** among you, but only of the ship.

23"For tonight a messenger of the **Elohim** to whom I belong and whom I serve, stood by me,

24saying, '***Do*** *not* be *afraid*, Sha'ul, you have to be brought before Caesar. And look, **Elohim** has favourably **given** you **all** those who sail with you.'

25"Therefore take courage, men, for I **believe Elohim** that it ***shall*** **be according** to the **way** it was **spoken** to me.

26"However, we need to run aground on some island."

27And when the fourteenth night came, as we were *driven* up and down in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were drawing **near** some land.

28So, taking soundings, they **found** it to be twenty fathoms. And a *little* farther on they took soundings again and **found** it to be fifteen fathoms.

29And, **fearing** lest we should run aground on the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and were praying for day to come.

30***But*** when the sailors were **seeking** to **escape** from the ship, when they had let down the boat into the sea, under pretence of going to *cast* out anchors from the prow,
31Sha'ul said to the captain and the soldiers, "***If*** these *do not* remain in the ship, it is *impossible* for you to be **saved**."
32***Then*** the soldiers did *cut* the ropes of the boat and let it *fall* off.
33And when day was about to come, Sha'ul urged them **all** to take food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day you have continued without food and eaten none at **all.**
34"So I urge you to take food, for this concerns your safety, since not a hair ***shall fall*** from the head of any of you."
35And having said this, he took **bread** and gave **thanks** to **Elohim** in the presence of them **all.** And when he had broken it he began to eat.
36And they were **all encouraged** and also took food themselves.
37And **all** of us were two hundred and seventy-six beings in the ship.
38And being **satisfied** with food, they were lightening the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea.
39And when day came, they *did not* recognise the land, but they noted a certain bay with a beach, onto which they planned to run the ship if **possible**.
40And having *cast* off the anchors, they left them in the sea, meanwhile untying the rudder ropes. And they hoisted the foresail to the *wind* and made for the beach.
41***But*** **coming** upon a place where two seas met, they grounded the ship and the prow stuck fast and remained immovable, but the stern was broken by the pounding of the surf.
42And the soldiers **intended** to *kill* the prisoners, lest any of them should swim away and **escape**.
43***But*** the captain, intending to **save** Sha'ul, kept them from their intention and **commanded** those able to swim to jump **first** and get to land,
44and the rest, some indeed on boards and some on items of the ship. And so it came to be that **all** reached the land in safety.

28 And having **come to** safety, they then **learned** that the island was called Melite.
2And the foreigners showed us extraordinary **kindness**, for they kindled a *fire* and received us **all, <u>because</u>** of the rain that was falling and **<u>because</u>** of the cold.
3***But*** Sha'ul, having gathered a bundle of sticks and having laid them on the *fire*, an adder came out **<u>because</u>** of the heat and fastened itself on his **hand.**
4And when the foreigners **saw** the creature *hanging* from his **hand,** they said to each other, "This man is certainly a murderer, whom, though **saved** from the sea, still **right-ruling** *does not* allow to **live.**"
5Then, indeed, he *shook* off the creature into the *fire* and suffered no *evil*.
6And expecting that he would swell up or **suddenly** *fall* down *dead,* they waited for a long **time** and **saw** no harm **come to** him, changing their minds they said that he was a *mighty one*.
7And in the neighbourhood of that place there were lands of the chief of the island, whose name was Poplius, who received us and housed us in a friendly **way** for three days.
8And it came to be that the father of Poplius lay *sick* with inflammation and dy**sent**ery. Sha'ul went in to him and having prayed he laid his hands on him and **healed** him.
9And when this took place, the rest of those on the island who had *diseases* also came and were **healed**,
10who also respected us in many ways. And when we were setting sail, they provided *us*with our needs.
11And after three months we set sail in an Alexandrian ship which had wintered at the island and whose figurehead was "Twin Brothers."

[12]And having landed at Syracuse,
we stayed three days,
[13]from which place we went round and
arrived at Rhegium. And after one day
the south *wind* blew and the second day
we came to Puteoli,
[14]where we **found** brothers and were
invited to stay with them seven days.
And so we went toward Rome.
[15]And when the brothers there **heard**
about us, they came to meet us as far
as Forum of Appius and Three Taverns.
When Sha'ul **saw** them, he thanked
Elohim and took courage.
[16]And when we came to Rome, the
captain **delivered** the prisoners to the
captain of the guard, but Sha'ul was
allowed to stay by himself with the
soldier **guarding** him.
[17]And it came to be after three days
that Sha'ul called the leaders of the
Yahudim together. And when they had
come together, he said to them, "Men,
brothers, though I have done none at **all**
against our people or the *practices* of
our fathers, I was **delivered** as a prisoner
from Yerushalayim into the hands of the
Romans,
[18]who, when they had examined me,
intended to let me go, **because** there
was no **cause** for putting me to *death.*
[19]"***But*** the Yahudim spoke *against* it
and I was compelled to appeal to Caesar,
not that I had any *accusation against* my
nation.
[20]"This therefore is the **reason** I called
for you, to **see** you and **speak** with
you. It is **because** of the expectation
of Yisra'ĕl that I am *bound* with this
chain."
[21]And they said to him, "We neither
received letters from Yahudah
concerning you, nor have any of the
brothers who came reported or **spoken**
whatever *wicked* about you.
[22]"And we *think* it **right** to **hear**
from you what you *think,* for indeed,
concerning this sect, we **know** that it is
spoken *against* everywhere."
[23]And having **appointed** him a day,
many came to him where he was
staying, to whom he was explaining,
earnestly witnessing about the **reign** of
Elohim and persuading them concerning
OWYƎZ from both the **Torah** of
Mosheh and the **Prophet**s, from
morning until **evening**.
[24]And some indeed were persuaded by
what was said, but some **believed** not.
[25]And disagreeing with one another,
they began to leave, after Sha'ul had
spoken one **word,** "**The Set-apart**
Spirit rightly spoke through Yeshayahu
the **prophet** to our fathers,
[26]saying, '**Go** to this people and say,
"Hearing you ***shall*** **hear** but by no
means *understand* and **seeing** you ***shall***
see but by no means perceive,
[27]for the **heart** of this people has
become *thickened* and with their **ears**
they *heard heavily* and they have *closed*
their eyes, lest they should **see** with
their eyes and **hear** with their **ears** and
understand with their **heart** and ***turn***
back and I should **heal** them." '
[28]"Therefore **let it be known** to you
that the **deliverance** of **Elohim** has been
sent to the *gentiles* and they ***shall*** **hear!**"
[29]And when he had said these **words**,
the Yahudim went away and had a **great**
dispute among themselves.
[30]And Sha'ul stayed two entire years in
his own rented house and was receiving
all who came to him,
[31]**proclaiming** the **reign** of **Elohim**and
teaching about the **Master** OWYƎZ
Messiah with **all boldness,** unhindered.

ROMANS

1 Sha'ul, a servant of OWY3Z **Messiah**, a called emissary, separated to the **Besorah** of **Elohim**,
[2]which **He promised** before through **His** prophets in the **Set-apart** Scriptures,
[3]concerning **His Son**, who came of the **seed** of Dawid̲ **according** to the *flesh,*
[4]who was designated **Son** of **Elohim** with **power**, **according** to the **Set-apart Spirit,** by the resurrection from the dead: OWY3Z **Messiah**, the **Master** of us,
[5]through whom we have received **favour** and office of the emissary for **belief-obedience** among **all** the nations on behalf of **His Name,**
[6]among whom you also are the called ones of OWY3Z **Messiah**.
[7]To **all** who are in Rome, beloved of **Elohim**, called, set-apart ones: **Favour** to you and **peace** from **Elohim** our **Father** and the **Master** OWY3Z **Messiah**.
[8]**First**, I **truly thank** my **Elohim** through OWY3Z **Messiah** for you **all,** that your **belief** is **spoken** of in **all** the world.
[9]For **Elohim** is my **witness,** whom I **serve** with my spirit in the **Besorah** of **His Son**, how unceasingly I make mention of you,
[10]always **asking** in my prayers, if at **all possible**, I ***shall*** **be blessed** by the desire of **Elohim**, to **come to** you.
[11]For I long to **see** you, so as to impart some spiritual gift to you, for you to be **established**,
[12]and that is, to be **encouraged together** among you, each by the other's **belief** – both yours and mine.
[13]And I *do not* **wish** you to be unaware, brothers, that I often purposed to **come to** you, but was hindered until **now**, **in order** to have some **fruit** among you, as also among the other *gentiles.*
[14]I am a debtor both to Greeks and to foreigners, both to **wise** and to *foolish*.
[15]That is why I am so eager to bring the **Besorah** also to you who are in Rome.
[16]For I am not *ashamed* of the **Besorah** of **Messiah**, for it is the **power** of **Elohim** for **deliverance** to everyone who **believe**s, to the Yehud̲ite **first** and also to the Greek.
[17]For in it the **righteousness** of **Elohim** is **revealed** from **belief** to **belief**, as it has been **written**, "***But*** the **righteous *shall* live** by **belief**."
[18]For the *wrath* of **Elohim** is **revealed** from **heaven** *against* **all** *wickedness* and *unrighteousness* of men, who suppress the **truth** in *unrighteousness,*
[19]**because** that which is **known** of **Elohim** is manifest among them, for **Elohim** has manifested it to them.
[20]For since the creation of the world **His** invisible qualities have been clearly **seen,** being understood from what has been made, both **His everlasting power** and Mightiness, for them to be without excuse,
[21]**because**, although they **knew Elohim**, they *did not* **esteem Him** as **Elohim**, nor gave thanks, but became vain in their *reasonings* and their *undiscerning* **heart** was darkened.
[22]Claiming to be **wise,** they became *fools*,
[23]and *changed* the **esteem** of the incorruptible **Elohim** into the likeness of an *image* of corruptible man and of birds and of four-footed beasts and of reptiles.
[24]Therefore **Elohim** gave them up to *uncleanness* in the lust of their **hearts**, to disrespect their bodies among themselves,
[25]who *changed* the **truth** of **Elohim** into the *falsehood* and worshipped and **served** what was created rather than the Creator, who is **blessed forever**. Amĕn.
[26]**Because** of this **Elohim** gave them over to degrading passions. For even their women exchanged natural relations for what is *against* nature,

[27]and likewise, the men also, having left natural relations with woman, *burned* in their lust for one another, men with men committing indecency and receiving back the reward which was due for their straying.

[28]And even as they *did not think* it worthwhile to **possess** the **knowledge** of **Elohim**, **Elohim** gave them over to a *worthless* mind, to do what is *improper*,

[29]having been filled with **all** *unrighteousness, whoring, wickedness*, *greed, evil*; filled with *envy,* murder, fighting, *deceit*, *evil* habits; whisperers,

[30]slanderers, haters of **Elohim**, insolent, *proud*, boasters, devisers of *evil*s, *disobedient* to parents,

[31]without discernment, **covenant** breakers, unloving, unforgiving, ruthless;

[32]who, though they **know** the **righteousness** of **Elohim**, that those who practise such de**serve** *death,* not only do the **same** but also approve of those who practise them.

2 Therefore, O man, you are without excuse, everyone who judges, for in which you **judge** another you *condemn* yourself, since you who **judge** practise the **same** *wrongs*.

[2]And we **know** that the judgment of **Elohim** is **according** to **truth** *against* those who practise such *wrongs*.

[3]And do you *think,* O man, you who **judge** those practising such *wrongs* and doing the **same,** that you ***shall*** **escape** the judgment of **Elohim**?

[4]Or do you *despise* the riches of **His kindness** and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the **kindness** of **Elohim** *leads you* to repentance?

[5]***But*** **according** to your *hardness* and your unrepentant **heart** you are treasuring up for yourself *wrath* in the **day of** *wrath* and revelation of the **righteous** judgment of **Elohim**,

[6]who "shall render to each one **according** to his works":

[7]**everlasting life** to those who by persistence in **good work seek** for esteem and respect and incorruptibility;

[8]but *wrath* and *displeasure* to those who are self-seeking and *do* ***not obey*** the **truth**, but **obey** *unrighteousness*;

[9]affliction and *distress* on **every** human being working what is *evil*, of the Yehudite **first** and also of the Greek;

[10]but esteem, respect and **peace** to everyone working what is **good**, to the Yehudite **first** and also to the Greek.

[11]For there is no partiality with **Elohim**.

[12]For as many as *sinned* without **Torah** ***shall*** also *perish* without **Torah** and as many as *sinned* in the **Torah** ***shall*** **be** judged by the **Torah**.

[13]For not the hearers of the **Torah** are **righteous** in the **sight** of **Elohim**, but the doers of the **law** ***shall*** **be declared** right.

[14]For when *gentiles,* who *do not* have the **Torah**, by nature do what is in the **Torah**, although not having the **Torah**, they are a **Torah** to themselves,

[15]who **show** the **work** of the **Torah** **written** in their **hearts**, their conscience also bearing **witness** and between themselves their *thoughts* accusing or even excusing,

[16]in the day when **Elohim** ***shall*** **judge** the **secrets** of men through OWYAZL **Messiah**, **according** to my **Besorah**.

[17]**See,** you are called a Yehudite and rest on the **Torah** and make your boast in **Elohim**,

[18]and **know** the desire of **Elohim** and approve what is superior, being **instructed** out of the **Torah**,

[19]and are **trusting** that you yourself are a guide to the *blind,* a **light** to those who are in *darkness*,

[20]an instructor of ***foolish*** ones, a **teacher** of babes, having the form of **knowledge** and of the **truth** in the **Torah**.

[21]You, then, who **teach** another, do you not **teach** yourself? You who **proclaim** that a man should not ***steal,*** do you steal?

[22]You who say, "***Do*** *not commit* adultery," do you *commit* adultery? You who ***abominate*** *idols,* do you rob temples?

[23]You who make your boast in the **Torah**, through the *transgression* of the **Torah** do you disrespect **Elohim**?
[24]For "The **Name** of **Elohim** is blasphemed among the *gentiles* **because** of you," as it has been **written**.
[25]For circumcision indeed profits if you practise the **Torah**, but if you are a *transgressor* of the **Torah**, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.
[26]So, if an *uncircumcised* one watches over the **righteousness**es of the **Torah**, ***shall*** not his uncircumcision be reckoned as circumcision?
[27]And the *uncircumcised* by nature, who perfects the **Torah**, ***shall*** **judge** you who notwithstanding letter and circumcision are a *transgressor* of the **Torah**!
[28]For he is not a Yahudi who is so outwardly, neither is circumcision that which is outward in the *flesh.*
[29]***But*** a Yahudi is he who is so inwardly and circumcision is that of the **heart,** in **Spirit,** not literally, whose **praise** is not from men but from **Elohim**.

3 ***What*** then is the advantage of the Yehudite, or what is the value of the circumcision?
[2]Much in **every way! Because** firstly indeed, that they were entrusted with the **Words** of **Elohim**.
[3]For what if some *did not* **believe**? ***shall*** their *unbelief* nullify the trustworthiness of **Elohim**?
[4]**Let** it not be! ***But*** let **Elohim** be **true** and **every** man a *liar*, as it has been **written**, "That You should be **declared right** in **Your words** and **prevail** in **Your** judging."
[5]***But*** if our *unrighteousness* establishes the **righteousness** of **Elohim**, what ***shall*** we say? Is **Elohim** *unrighteous* who is inflicting *wrath*? I **speak** as a man.
[6]**Let** it not be! Otherwise how ***shall*** **Elohim judge** the world?
[7]For if the **truth** of **Elohim** has increased through my lie, to **His** esteem, why am I also still judged as a sinner?
[8]And *why* not *say*, "**Let** us do *evil* so that the **good** might come"? – as we are wrongly *accused* and as some claim that we say.
Their judgment is in the right.
[9]***What*** then? Are we better than they? Not at **all,** for we have previously *accused* both Yahudim and Greeks that they are **all** under *sin.*
[10]As it has been **written**, "There is none **righteous,** no, not one!
[11]"There is no one who is **understanding**, there is none who is **seeking Elohim**.
[12]"They **all** have turned aside, they have **together** become *worthless*. There is none who does **good**, no, not one."
[13]"Their throat is an **open** tomb, with their tongues they have deceived," "The ***poison*** of adders is under their lips,"
[14]"***Whose*** **mouth** is filled with cursing and *bitterness*."
[15]"Their feet are *swift* to shed **blood,**
[16]ruin and wretchedness are in their ways,
[17]and the **way** of **peace** they have not **known**."
[18]"There is no **fear** of **Elohim** before their eyes."
[19]And we **know** that ***whatever*** the **Torah** says, it says to those who are in the **Torah**, so that **every mouth** might be *stopped* and **all** the world **come** under judgment before **Elohim**.
[20]Therefore by **works** of **Torah** no *flesh* ***shall*** **be declared right** before **Him,** for by the **Torah** is the **knowledge** of *sin.*
[21]***But*** **now**, apart from the **Torah**, a **righteousness** of **Elohim** has been **revealed**, being **witnessed** by the **Torah** and the **Prophet**s,
[22]and the **righteousness** of **Elohim** is through **belief** in 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** to **all** and on **all** who **believe**. For there is no difference,
[23]for **all** have *sinned* and *fall* short of the **esteem** of **Elohim**,
[24]being **declared** right, without paying, by **His favour** through the redemption which is in **Messiah** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏,

[25]whom **Elohim** set forth as an atonement, through **belief** in **His blood,** to demonstrate **His righteousness**, **because** in **His** tolerance **Elohim** had passed over the *sins* that had taken place before,
[26]to demonstrate at the present **time** **His righteousness**, that **He** is **righteous** and **declares righteous** the one who has **belief** in OWYƎZ.
[27]Where, then, is the boasting? It is shut out. By what **Torah**? Of works? No, but by the **Torah** of **belief**.
[28]For we reckon that a man is **declared right** by **belief** without **works** of **Torah**.
[29]Or **is He** the **Elohim** of the Yahudim only and not also of the *gentiles*? Yea, of the *gentiles* also,
[30]since it is one **Elohim** who ***shall*** **declare right** the circumcised by **belief** and the *uncircumcised* through **belief**.
[31]***Do*** we then nullify the **Torah** through the **belief**? **Let** it not be! On the *contrary*, we **establish** the **Torah**.

4 ***What***, then, ***shall*** we say Abrahim our father, to have found, **according** to the flesh?
[2]For if Abrahim was **declared right** by **works,** he has ground for boasting, but not before **Elohim**.
[3]For what does the **Scripture** say? "Abrahim **believed Elohim** and it was reckoned to him for **righteousness**."
[4]And to him who is working, the reward is not reckoned as a **favour** but as a debt.
[5]And to him who is not working but **believe**s on **Him** who is **declaring right** the *wicked*, his **belief** is reckoned for **righteousness**,
[6]even as Dawid also says of the **blessed**ness of the man to whom **Elohim** reckons **righteousness** without works:
[7]**"Blessed** are those whose *lawlessness*es are **forgiven** and whose *sins* are covered,
[8] **Blessed** is the man to whom ƎYƎZ ***shall*** by no means reckon *sin.*"
[9]Is this **blessing** then upon the circumcised only, or also upon the *uncircumcised?* For we affirm: **Belief** was reckoned unto Abrahim for **righteousness**.
[10]***How*** then was it reckoned? Being in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision.
[11]And he received the **sign** of circumcision, a **seal** of the **righteousness** of the **belief** while in uncircumcision, for him to be a father of **all** those **believing** through uncircumcision, for **righteousness** to be reckoned to them also,
[12]and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also **walk** in the steps of the **belief** which our father Abrahim had in uncircumcision.
[13]For the **promise** that he should be the **heir** of the world, was not to Abrahim or to his seed through the **Torah**, but through a **righteousness** of **belief**.
[14]For if those who are of the **Torah** are heirs, **belief** has been made useless and the **promise** has been nullified,
[15]for the **Torah works** out *wrath*, for where there is no **Torah** there is no *transgression.*
[16]On account of this it is of **belief**, that it be **according** to **favour,** for the **promise** to be made certain to **all** the seed, not only to those who are of the **Torah**, but also to those who are of the **belief** of Abrahim, who is father of us **all** –
[17]as it has been **written**, "I have made you a father of many nations" – in the presence of **Him** whom he **believed**, even **Elohim**, who gives **life** to the *dead* and calls that which *does not* exist as existing,
[18]who *against* **all** expectation did **believe,** in expectation, so that he should become father of many nations, **according** to what was said,
"So ***shall*** your seed be."
[19]And not having grown weak in **belief**, he *did not* consider his own body, already *dead,* being about a hundred years old and the deadness of Sarah's womb,

[20]he *did not* hesitate about the **promise** of **Elohim** through *unbelief,* but was strengthened in **belief**, giving **esteem** to **Elohim**,
[21]and being **completely** persuaded that what **He** had **promised He** was also able to do.
[22]Therefore also "it was reckoned to him for **righteousness**."
[23]And not **because** of him alone was it **written** that it was reckoned to him,
[24]but also **because** of us, to whom it ***shall* be** reckoned, to us who**believe** in **Him** who **raised** up 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 our **Master** from the *dead,*
[25]who was **delivered** up **because** of our trespasses and was **raised** for us to be **declared** right.

5 Therefore, having been **declared right** by **belief**, we have **peace** with **Elohim** through our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**,
[2]through whom also we have access by **belief** into this **favour** in which we stand and we exult in the expectation of the **esteem** of **Elohim**.
[3]And not only this, but we also exult in *pressure* s, knowing that *pressure* **works** endurance;
[4]and endurance, approvedness; and approvedness, expectation.
[5]And expectation *does not* disappoint, **because** the **love** of **Elohim** has been **poured out** in our **hearts** by the **Set-apart Spirit** which was **given** to us.
[6]For when we were still weak, **Messiah** in due **time** died for the *wicked*.
[7]For one ***shall*** hardly *die* for a **righteous** one, though possibly for a **good** one someone would even have the courage to *die.*
[8]***But* Elohim** proves **His** own **love** for us, in that while we were still *sinners,* **Messiah** died for us.
[9]Much more then, having **now** been **declared right** by **His blood,** we ***shall* be saved** from *wrath* through **Him.**
[10]For if, being enemies, we were restored to **favour** with **Elohim** through the *death* of **His Son**, much more, having been restored to **favour,** we ***shall* be saved** by **His life**.
[11]And not only this, but we also exult in **Elohim** through our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, through whom we have **now** received the restoration to **favour.**
[12]For this **reason,** even as through one man *sin* did enter into the world and *death* through *sin* and thus *death* spread to *all men*, **because all** *sinned* –
[13]for until the **Torah**, *sin* was in the world, but *sin* is not reckoned when there is no **Torah**.
[14]***But*** *death* reigned from Adam until Mosheh, even over those who had not *sinned* **according** to the likeness of the *transgression* of Adam, who is a type of **Him** who was to come.
[15]***But*** the favourable gift is not like the *trespass.* For if by the one man's *trespass* many died, much more the **favour** of **Elohim** and the gift in **favour** of the one Man, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, overflowed to many.
[16]And the favourable gift is not as by one having *sinned*. For indeed the judgment was of one to condemnation, but the favourable gift is of many *trespasses* unto **righteousness**.
[17]For if by the *trespass* of the one, *death* did **reign** through the one, much more those who receive the overflowing **favour** and the gift of **righteousness** ***shall* reign** in **life** through the **One,** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**.
[18]So then, as through one *trespass* there resulted condemnation to *all men*, so also through one **righteous** act there resulted righteous-**declaring** of **life** to *all men*.
[19]For as through the *disobedience* of one man many were made *sinners,* so also through the obedience of the **One** many ***shall* be** made righteous.
[20]And the **Torah** came in beside, so that the *trespass* would increase.
But where *sin* increased, **favour** increased still more,
[21]so that as *sin* did **reign** in *death,* even so **favour** might **reign** through **righteousness** to **everlasting life** through 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** our **Master.**

6 ***What***, then, ***shall*** we say? ***shall*** we continue in *sin,* to let **favour** increase?
[2]**Let** it not be! ***How shall*** we who died to *sin* still **live** in it?
[3]Or do you not **know** that as many of us as were **immersed** into **Messiah** OWYƎZ were **immersed** into **His** death?
[4]We were therefore buried with **Him** through immersion into *death,* that as **Messiah** was **raised** from the *dead* by the **esteem** of the **Father,** so also we should **walk** in newness of **life**.
[5]For if we have **come to** be grown **together** in the likeness of **His** *death,* we ***shall*** **be** also of the resurrection,
[6]knowing this, that our old man was impaled with **Him,** so that the body of *sin* might be rendered powerless, to **serve** *sin* no longer.
[7]For he who has died has been made **right** from *sin.*
[8]And if we died with **Messiah**, we **believe** that we ***shall*** also **live** with **Him,**
[9]knowing that **Messiah**, having been **raised** from the *dead,* dies no more – *death* no longer rules over **Him.**
[10]For in that **He** died, **He** died to *sin* once for all; but in that **He** lives, **He** lives to **Elohim**.
[11]So you also, reckon yourselves to be *dead* indeed to *sin,* but **alive** to **Elohim** in **Messiah** OWYƎZ our **Master.**
[12]Therefore *do not* let *sin* **reign** in your mortal body, to **obey** it in its desires,
[13]neither present your members as instruments of *unrighteousness* to *sin,* but present yourselves to **Elohim** as being **alive** from the *dead,* and your members as instruments of **righteousness** to **Elohim**.
[14]For *sin* ***shall*** not **rule** over you, for you are not under the **law** but under **favour.**
[15]***What*** then? ***shall*** we *sin* **because** we are not under **Torah** but under favour? **Let** it not be!
[16]***Do*** you not **know** that to whom you present yourselves servants for obedience, you are servants of the one whom you **obey**, whether of *sin* to *death,* or of obedience to **righteousness**?
[17]***But*** **thanks** to **Elohim** that you were servants of *sin,* yet you **obeyed** from the **heart** that form of **teaching** to which you were entrusted.
[18]And having been set **free** from *sin,* you became servants of **righteousness**.
[19]I **speak** as a man, **because** of the *weakness* of your *flesh.* For even as you did present your members as servants of uncleanness and of *lawlessness* resulting in *lawlessness*, so **now** present your members as servants of **righteousness** resulting in set-apartness.
[20]For when you were servants of *sin,* you were **free** from **righteousness**.
[21]***What*** **fruit,** therefore, were you having then, over which you are **now** ashamed?
For **the end** thereof is *death.*
[22]***But*** **now**, having been set **free** from *sin* and having become servants of **Elohim**, you have your **fruit** resulting in set-apartness and **the end, everlasting life**.
[23]For the wages of *sin* is *death,* but the favourable gift of **Elohim** is **everlasting life** in **Messiah** OWYƎZ our **Master.**

7 Or do you not **know,** brothers – for I **speak** to those knowing the **Torah** – that the **Torah** rules over a man as long as he lives?
[2]For the married woman has been *bound* by **Torah** to the **living** husband, but if the husband dies, she is released from the **Torah** concerning her husband.
[3]So then, while her husband lives, she ***shall*** **be** called an adulteress if she becomes another man's. ***But*** if her husband dies, she is **free** from that part of the **Torah**, so that she is not an adulteress, having become another man's.
[4]So my brothers, you also were put to *death* to the **Torah** through the body of **Messiah**, for you to become another's, the **One** who was **raised** from the *dead,* that we should bear **fruit** to **Elohim**.
[5]For when we were in the *flesh,* the

passions of *sins*, through the **Torah**, were working in our members to bear **fruit** to *death.*

[6]***But*** **now** we have been released from the **Torah**, having died to what we were held by, so that we should **serve** in newness of **Spirit** and not in oldness of letter.

[7]***What***, then, ***shall*** we say? Is the **Torah** *sin?* **Let** it not be! However, I *did not* **know** *sin* ***except*** through the **Torah**. For also the covetousness I **knew** not if the **Torah** had not said, "You ***shall*** not covet."

[8]***But*** *sin,* having taken the occasion through the **command,** did **work** in me **all** *sorts of* covetousness. For apart from **Torah** *sin* is *dead.*

[9]And I was **alive** apart from the **Torah** once, but when the **command** came, the *sin* revived and I *died.*

[10]And the **command** which was to result in **life**, this I **found** to result in *death.*

[11]For *sin,* having taken the occasion through the **command,** ***deceived*** me and through it *killed* me.

[12]So that the **Torah truly** is set-apart and the **command** set-apart and **righteous** and **good**.

[13]Therefore, has that which is **good** become *death* to me? **Let** it not be! ***But*** the *sin,* that *sin* might be manifest, was working *death* in me through what is **good**, so that *sin* through the **command** might become an exceedingly **great** *sinner.*

[14]For we **know** that the **Torah** is Spiritual, but I am fleshly, sold under *sin.*

[15]For what I **work,** I **know** not. For what I **wish,** that I *do not* practise, but what I *hate,* that I do.

[16]***But*** if I do what I *do not* **wish,** I **agree** with the **Torah** that it is **good**.

[17]And **now**, it is no longer I that **work** it, but the *sin* dwelling in me.

[18]For I **know** that in me, that is in my *flesh,* dwells no **good**. For to **wish** is present with me, but to **work** the **good** I *do not* find.

[19]For the **good** that I **wish** to do, I *do not* do; but the *evil* I *do not* **wish** to do, this I practise.

[20]And if I do that which I *do not* **wish,** it is no longer I who **work** it, but the *sin* dwelling in me.

[21]I find therefore this **law,** that when I **wish** to do the **good**, that the *evil* is present with me.

[22]For I **delight** in the **Torah** of **Elohim** **according** to the inward man,

[23]but I **see** another **law** in my members, battling *against* the **Torah** of my mind and bringing me into captivity to the **law** of *sin* which is in my members.

[24]Wretched man that I am! ***Who shall*** **deliver** me from this body of death?

[25]Thanks to **Elohim**, through OWYƎZ **Messiah** our **Master!** So then, with the **mind** I myself **truly serve** the **Torah** of **Elohim**, but with the *flesh* the **law** of *sin.*

8 There is, then, **now** no condemnation to those who are in **Messiah** OWYƎZ, who *do not* **walk** **according** to the *flesh,* but **according** to the **Spirit.**

[2]For the **Torah** of the **Spirit** of the **life** in **Messiah** OWYƎZ has set me **free** from the **law** of *sin* and of *death.*

[3]For the **Torah** being powerless, in that it was weak through the *flesh,* **Elohim**, having **His** own **Son** in the likeness of *flesh* of *sin* and concerning *sin, condemned sin* in the *flesh,*

[4]so that the **righteousness** of the **Torah** should be **completed** in us who *do not* **walk** **according** to the *flesh* but **according** to the **Spirit.**

[5]For those who **live** **according** to the *flesh* set their minds on the matters of the *flesh,* but those who **live** **according** to the **Spirit,** the matters of the **Spirit.**

[6]For the **mind** of the *flesh* is *death,* but the **mind** of the **Spirit** is **life** and peace.

[7]**Because** the **mind** of the *flesh* is enmity towards **Elohim**, for it *does not* subject itself to the **Torah** of **Elohim**, neither indeed is it able,

[8]and those who are in the *flesh* are *unable* to please **Elohim**.

9***But*** you are not in the *flesh* but in the **Spirit,** if indeed the **Spirit** of **Elohim** dwells in you. And if anyone *does not* have the **Spirit** of **Messiah**, this one is not **His**.

10And if **Messiah** is in you, the body is **truly** *dead* on account of *sin,* but the **Spirit** is **life** on account of **righteousness**.

11And if the **Spirit** of **Him** who **raised** OWYAZL from the *dead* dwells in you, **He** who **raised Messiah** from the *dead* ***shall*** also give **life** to your mortal bodies through **His Spirit** dwelling in you.

12So then, brothers, we are not debtors to the *flesh,* to **live according** to the *flesh.*

13For if you **live according** to the *flesh,* you are going to die; but if by the **Spirit** you put to *death* the **deeds** of the body, you ***shall*** **live.**

14For as many as are led by the **Spirit** of **Elohim**, these are sons of **Elohim**.

15For you ***did not receive*** the spirit of bondage again to **fear,** but you received the **Spirit** of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, **Father.**"

16The **Spirit Himself** bears **witness** with our spirit that we are children of **Elohim**,

17and if children, also heirs – **truly** heirs of **Elohim** and co-heirs with **Messiah**, if indeed we *suffer* with **Him, in order** that we also be exalted together.

18For I reckon that the sufferings of this present **time** are not worth comparing with the **esteem** that is to be **revealed** in us.

19For the intense longing of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of **Elohim**.

20For the creation was subjected to futility, not from choice, but **because** of **Him** who subjected it, in anticipation,

21that the creation itself also ***shall*** **be delivered** from the bondage to *corruption* into the esteemed **freedom** of the children of **Elohim**.

22For we **know** that **all** the creation groans together and *suffers* the *pains* of childbirth **together** until *now.*

23And not only so, but even we ourselves who have the **first-fruits** of the **Spirit,** we ourselves also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

24For in this expectation we were **saved,** but expectation that is **seen** is not expectation, for when anyone sees, does he expect it?

25And if we expect what we *do not* **see,** we eagerly wait for it with endurance.

26And in the **same way** the **Spirit** does help in our *weakness* es. For we *do not* **know** what we should pray, but the **Spirit Himself** pleads our case for us with groanings unutterable.

27And **He** who searches the **hearts** **knows** what the **mind** of the **Spirit** is, **because** **He** makes intercession for the set-apart ones **according** to **Elohim**.

28And we **know** that **all** matters **work together** for **good** to those who **love Elohim**, to those who are called **according** to **His** purpose.

29**Because** those whom **He knew** beforehand, **He** also ordained beforehand to be conformed to the likeness of **His Son**, for **Him** to be the first-born among many brothers.

30And whom **He** ordained beforehand, these **He** also called and whom **He** called, these **He** also **declared** right. And whom **He declared** right, these **He** also esteemed.

31***What*** then ***shall*** we say to this? ***If*** **Elohim** is for us, who is *against* us?

32**Truly**, **He** who *did not spare* **His** own **Son**, but **delivered Him** up on behalf of us **all** – how ***shall*** **He** not, along with **Him,** freely give us **all** else?

33***Who shall*** bring any charge *against* **Elohim**'s **chosen** ones? It is **Elohim** who is **declaring** right.

34***Who*** is he who is condemning? It is **Messiah** who died and furthermore is also **raised** up, who is also at the **right hand** of **Elohim**, who also makes intercession for us.

35***Who shall*** separate us from the **love** of the **Messiah**? ***shall*** *pressure ,* or *distress,* or persecution, or *scarcity of food*, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

[36]As it has been **written**, "For **Your** sake we are *killed* **all** day long, we are reckoned as sheep of slaughter."
[37]***But*** in **all** this we are more than overcomers through **Him** who **loved** us.
[38]For I am persuaded that neither *death* nor **life**, nor messengers nor principalities nor powers, neither the present nor the future,
[39]nor height nor depth, nor any other creature, ***shall*** **be** able to separate us from the **love** of **Elohim** which is in **Messiah** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 our **Master.**

9 I **speak** the **truth** in **Messiah**, I *do not* lie, my conscience also bearing me witness in the **Set-apart Spirit,**
[2]that I have **great** sadness and continual grief in my **heart.**
[3]For I myself could have **wished** to be banished from **Messiah** for the sake of my brothers, my relatives **according** to the *flesh,*
[4]who are Yisra'ĕlites, whose is the adoption and the esteem and the covenants and the giving of the **Torah** and the worship and the promises,
[5]whose are the fathers and from whom is the **Messiah according** to the *flesh,* who is over **all, Elohim-blessed forever**. Amĕn.
[6]However, it is not as though the **Word** of **Elohim** has failed. For they are not **all** Yisra'ĕl who are of Yisra'ĕl,
[7]neither are they **all** children **<u>because</u>** they are the seed of Aḇrahim, but, "In Yitsḥaq your seed ***shall*** **be** called."
[8]That is, those who are the children of the *flesh,* these are not the children of **Elohim**, but the children of the **promise** are reckoned as the seed.
[9]For this is the **Word** of **promise,** "At this **time** I ***shall*** **come** and Sarah ***shall*** have a son."
[10]And not only so, but Riḇqah having conceived by one, our father Yitsḥaq.
[11]Yet, before they were born or had done any **good** or *evil* – **in order** that the purpose of **Elohim**, **according** to choice, might stand, not of **works** but of **Him** who calls –
[12]it was said to her, "The greater ***shall*** **serve** the lesser,"
[13]as it has been **written**, "Ya'aqoḇ I have **loved**, but Ĕsaw I have *hated*."
[14]***What***, then, ***shall*** we say? Is there *unrighteousness* with **Elohim**? **Let** it not be!
[15]For **He** says to Mosheh, "I ***shall*** **favour** ***whomever*** I **favour** and I ***shall*** have **compassion** on ***whomever*** I have **compassion**."
[16]So, then, it is not of him who is wishing, nor of him who is running, but of **Elohim** who shows **favour.**
[17]For the **Scripture** says to Pharaoh, "For this **same** purpose I have **raised** you up, to **show My power** in you and that **My Name** be **declared** in **all** the earth."
[18]So, then, **He** favours whom **He wishes** and **He** hardens whom **He wishes**.
[19]***Then*** you ***shall*** say to me, "***Why*** does **He** still find fault? For who has resisted **His** counsel?"
[20]***But*** who are you, O man, to talk back to **Elohim**? ***shall*** that which is formed say to him who formed it, "***Why*** have you made me like this?"
[21]Does not the potter have **authority** over the clay, from the **same** lump to make one vessel for value and another not for value?
[22]And if **Elohim**, desiring to **show** *wrath* and to make **His power known**, with much patience tolerated the vessels of *wrath* prepared for ***destruction,***
[23]and that **He** might make **known** the riches of **His esteem** on vessels of **compassion**, which **He** had prepared beforehand for esteem,
[24]even whom **He** called, not only us of the Yahuḏim, but also of the *gentiles*?
[25]As **He** says in Hoshĕa too, "I ***shall*** **call** them **My people**, who were not **My** people, and her beloved, who was not beloved ."
[26]"And it ***shall*** **be** in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not **My people**,' there they ***shall*** **be** called sons

of the **living Elohim**."
[27]And Yeshayahu cries out on behalf of Yisra'ĕl, "Though the number of the children of Yisra'ĕl be as the sand of the sea, the **remnant** ***shall*** **be saved**.
[28]For **He** is bringing a matter to an end and is cutting it short in **righteousness**, **because** ***shall cut*** short a matter on the earth."
[29]And as Yeshayahu said before, "***If*** of hosts had not left us a seed, we would have become like Sedom and we would have been made like Amorah."
[30]***What shall*** we say then? That *gentiles* not **following** after **righteousness**, have obtained **righteousness**, even the **righteousness** of **belief**,
[31]but Yisra'ĕl **following** after the **Torah** of **righteousness**, has not arrived at the **Torah** of **righteousness**.
[32]Why? **Because** it was not of **belief**, but as by **works** of **Torah**. For they *stumbled* at the Stone of stumbling.
[33]As it has been **written**, "**See,** I lay in Tsiyon a Stone of *stumbling* and a Rock that makes for *falling* and everyone who is **believing** on **Him** ***shall*** not be put to *shame.*"

10 **Truly** brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to **Elohim** for Yisra'ĕl is for **deliverance**.
[2]For I bear them **witness** that they have an **ardour** for **Elohim**, but not **according to knowledge**.
[3]For not knowing the **righteousness** of **Elohim** and **seeking** to **establish** their own **righteousness**, they *did not* subject themselves to the **righteousness** of **Elohim**.
[4]For **Messiah** is the goal of the '**Torah** unto **righteousness**' to everyone who **believe**s.
[5]For Mosheh **write**s about the **righteousness** which is of the **Torah**, "The man who does these ***shall*** **live** by them."
[6]***But*** the **righteousness** of **belief** speaks in this **way,** "***Do*** *not* say in your **heart,** '***Who shall*** ascend into the heavens?' " – that is, to bring **Messiah** down; or,
[7]"'***Who shall*** descend into the abyss?' that is, to bring **Messiah** up from the *dead.*
[8]***But*** what does it say? "The **word** is **near** you, in your **mouth** and in your heart" – that is, the **Word** of **belief** which we are **proclaiming**:
[9]That if you confess with your **mouth** the **Master** and **believe** in your **heart** that **Elohim** has **raised Him** from the *dead,* you ***shall*** **be saved**.
[10]For with the **heart** one **believe**s unto **righteousness** and one confesses with the **mouth** and so is **saved**.
[11]**Because** the **Scripture** says, "***Whoever*** puts **his trust** in **Him** ***shall*** not be put to *shame.*"
[12]**Because** there is no **distinction** between Yahudi and Greek, for the **same Master** of **all** is rich to **all** those calling upon **Him.**
[13]For "everyone who calls on the **Name** of ***shall*** **be saved**."
[14]***How*** then ***shall*** they **call on Him** in whom they have not **believed**? And how ***shall*** they **believe** in **Him** of whom they have not **heard**? And how ***shall*** they **hear** without one **proclaiming**?
[15]And how ***shall*** they **proclaim** if they are not **sent?** As it has been **written**, "***How*** pleasant are the feet of those who bring the **Besorah** of peace, who bring the **Besorah** of the **good**!"
[16]However, not **all obeyed** the **Besorah**. For Yeshayahu says,", who has **believed** our report?"
[17]So then **belief comes** by **hearing** and **hearing** by the **Word** of **Elohim**.
[18]***But*** I ask, Did they not hear? Yea indeed,"Their **voice** went out to **all** the earth and their **words** to the ends of the world."
[19]***But*** I ask, Did Yisra'ĕl not **know? First** Mosheh says, "I ***shall provoke*** you to *jealousy* by those who are not a nation, I ***shall*** enrage you by an unwise nation."

[20]And Yeshayahu **boldly** says, "I was **found** by those not **seeking Me,**
I was made manifest to those not **asking** for **Me.**"
[21]And to Yisra'ĕl **He** says, "All day long I have **stretched** out **My** hands to a *disobedient* and back-talking people."

11 I say then, has **Elohim** *rejected* **His** people? **Let** it not be! For I also am a Yisra'ĕlite, of the seed of Aḇrahim, of the tribe of Binyamin.
[2]**Elohim** has not *rejected* **His** people whom **He knew** beforehand. Or do you not **know** what the **Scripture** says of Ĕliyahu, how he pleads with **Elohim** *against* Yisra'ĕl, saying,
[3]"יהוה, they have *killed* **Your** prophets and *overthrown* **Your** altars and I alone am left and they **seek** my **life**"?
[4]***But*** what does the answer of **Elohim** say to him? "I have left for **Myself** seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Ba'al."
[5]So therefore also, at this present **time** a **remnant according** to the choice of **favour** has **come to** be.
[6]And if by **favour,** it is no longer of **works,** otherwise **favour** is no longer **favour.** And if it is of **works,** it is no longer **favour,** otherwise **work** is no longer work.
[7]***What*** then? Yisra'ĕl has not obtained what it seeks, but the **chosen** did obtain it and the rest were hardened.
[8]As it has been **written**, "יהוה has **given** them a spirit of deep sleep, eyes not to **see** and **ears** not to **hear,** unto this day."
[9]Dawiḏ also says, "**Let** their table become for a *snare* and for a *trap* and for a *stumbling-block* and a **recompense** to them,
[10]let their eyes be darkened, not to **see** and bow down their back always."
[11]I say then, have they *stumbled* that they should fall? **Let** it not be! ***But*** by their *fall* **deliverance** has **come to** the *gentiles,* to ***provoke*** them to *jealousy*.
[12]And if their *fall* is riches for the world and their failure riches for the *gentiles,* how much more their completeness!
[13]For I **speak** to you, the *gentiles,* inasmuch as I am an emissary to the *gentiles,* I **esteem** my service,
[14]if somehow I might ***provoke*** to *jealousy* those who are my *flesh* and **save** some of them.
[15]For if their casting away is the restoration to **favour** of the world, what is their acceptance but **life** from the dead?
[16]**Now** if the first-fruit is set-apart, the lump is also. And if the root is set-apart, so are the branches.
[17]And if some of the branches were broken off and you, being a wild olive *tree,* have been grafted in among them and came to share the root and fatness of the olive *tree,*
[18]*do not* boast *against* the branches. And if you boast, *remember*: *you do not* bear the root, but the root bears you!
[19]You ***shall*** say then, "The branches were broken off that I might be grafted in."
[20]**Good**! By *unbelief* they were broken off and you **stand** by **belief**. ***Do*** *not* be arrogant, but **fear.**
[21]For if **Elohim** *did not spare* the natural branches, **He** might *not spare* you either.
[22]See then the **kindness** and sharpness of **Elohim**: on those who fell sharpness, but toward you **kindness**, if you continue in **His kindness**, otherwise you also ***shall*** **be** *cut* off.
[23]And they also, if they *do not* continue in *unbelief*, ***shall*** **be** grafted in, for **Elohim is able** to graft them in again.
[24]For if you were *cut* out of the olive *tree* which is wild by nature and were grafted *contrary* to nature into a **good** olive *tree,* how much more ***shall*** these who are the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive *tree?*
[25]For I *do not* **wish** you to be ignorant of this secret, brothers, lest you should be **wise** in your own estimation, that hardening in part has **come** over

Yisra'ĕl, until the completeness of the *gentiles* has **come** in.
[26]And so **all** Yisra'ĕl ***shall* be saved,** as it has been **written**, "The Deliverer ***shall* come out** of Tsiyon and **He *shall turn*** away *wickedness* from Ya'aqob̄,
[27]and this is **My covenant** with them, when I take away *their sins.* "
[28]**Truly**, as regards the **Besorah** they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers.
[29]For the gifts and the calling of **Elohim** are not to be repented of.
[30]For as you also at one **time *disobeyed*** **Elohim**, but **now** have obtained **compassion** through their *disobedience*,
[31]so also these have **now *disobeyed***, that through the **compassion** shown you they also might obtain **compassion**.
[32]For **Elohim** has shut them **all** up to *disobedience*, **in order** to have **compassion** on **all.**
[33]Oh, the depth of riches and **wisdom** and **knowledge** of **Elohim**! ***How*** unsearchable **His** judgments and untraceable **His** ways!
[34]"For who has **known** the **mind** of יהוה? Or who has become **His** counsellor?"
[35]"Or who **first** gave to **Him** and it ***shall* be given** back to him?"
[36]**<u>Because</u>** of **Him** and through **Him,** and to **Him,** are **all,** to whom be **esteem forever**. Amĕn.

12 I **call** upon you, therefore, brothers, through the **compassion** of **Elohim**, to present your bodies a **living** offering – set-apart, well-pleasing to **Elohim** – your reasonable worship.
[2]And *do not* be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you prove what is that **good** and well-pleasing and **perfect** desire of **Elohim**.
[3]For I say, through the **favour** which has been **given** to me, to everyone who is among you, not to *think* of himself more highly than he should *think,* but to *think* soberly, as **Elohim** has **given** to each a measure of **belief**.
[4]For as we have many members in one body, but **all** members *do not* have the **same** function,
[5]so we, the many, are one body in **Messiah** and members each one of one another.
[6]**Now** having different gifts, **according** to the **favour** which was **given** to us, let us use them accordingly: if prophecy, **according** to the proportion of **belief**;
[7]if serving, in the serving; or he who is **teaching**, in the **teaching**;
[8]or he who **encourages**, in the **encouragement**; or he who is sharing, in sincerity; he who is leading, in diligence; he who shows **compassion**, joyously.
[9]**Let love** be without *hypocrisy*. Shrink from what is *wicked*, **cling** to what is **good**.
[10]In brotherly **love,** tenderly **loving** towards one another, in appreciation, giving preference to each other;
[11]not *idle* in duty, **ardent** in spirit, serving the Master;
[12]rejoicing in the expectancy, enduring under *pressure ,* continuing steadfastly in prayer;
[13]imparting to the needs of the set-apart ones, pursuing **kindness** towards strangers.
[14]Bless those who *persecute* you – **bless** and *do not curse.*
[15]Rejoice with those who **rejoice** and *weep* with those who weep.
[16]Be of the **same mind** toward one another. ***Do* not** be *proud* in mind, but go along with the lowly. ***Do* not** be **wise** in your own estimation.
[17]Repay no one *evil* for *evil*. Respect what is **right** in the **sight** of *all men*.
[18]***If* possible**, on your part, be at **peace** with *all men*.
[19]Beloved , *do not* revenge yourselves, but give place to the *wrath*, for it has been **written**, "Vengeance is **Mine,**
I ***shall*** repay," says יהוה.
[20]"Instead, if your enemy hungers,
feed him; if he thirsts, give him a drink,

for in so doing you ***shall*** heap coals of *fire* on his head."
[21]***Do*** *not* be overcome by *evil*, but over come *evil* with **good**.

13 **Let every** being be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no **authority *except*** from **Elohim** and the authorities that exist are **appointed** by **Elohim**.
[2]So he who opposes the **authority** withstands the institution of **Elohim** and those who withstand ***shall*** bring judgment on themselves.
[3]For those ruling are an object of **fear,** not to **good works,** but to *evil*. ***Do*** you **wish** to be not *afraid* of the authority? ***Do*** the **good** and you ***shall*** have **praise** from it,
[4]for it is a servant of **Elohim** to you for **good**. ***But*** if you do *evil*, be *afraid*, for it *does not* bear the *sword* in vain. For it is a servant of **Elohim**, a *revenger* to *execute wrath* on him who *practises evil*.
[5]Therefore, it is necessary to be subject, not only **because** of *wrath* but also **because** of the conscience.
[6]For **because** of this you also pay taxes, for they are servants of **Elohim** attending continually to these duties.
[7]Render therefore to **all** what is due to them: tax to whom tax is due, toll to whom toll, **fear** to whom **fear,** respect to whom respect.
[8]Owe no one any matter ***except*** to **love** one another, for he who loves another has filled the **Torah**.
[9]For this, "You ***shall*** not *commit* adultery," "You ***shall*** not murder," "You ***shall*** not steal," "You ***shall*** not bear *false* **witness,**" "You ***shall*** not covet," and if there is any other **command,** is summed up in this **word,** "You ***shall*** **love** your neighbour as yourself."
[10]**Love** does no *evil* to a neighbour. Therefore, **love** is completion of the **Torah**.
[11]And do this, knowing the **time,** that it is already the **hour** for us to wake up from sleep, for **now** our **deliverance** is nearer than when we did **believe**.
[12]The night is far advanced, the day has **come near.** So let us put off the **works** of *darkness* and let us put on the armour of **light**.
[13]**Let** us **walk** becomingly, as in the day, not in wild parties and *drunkenness,* not in **living together** and indecencies, not in *fighting* and *envy,*
[14]but put on the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** and make no pro**vision** for the *lusts* of the *flesh.*

14 And receive him who is weak in the **belief**, not criticising *his* thoughts.
[2]One indeed **believe**s to eat **all** *food*, but he who is weak eats only vegetables.
[3]**He** that eats, let him not *despise* him who *does not* eat and he that *does not* eat, let him not **judge** him who eats, for **Elohim** received him.
[4]***Who*** are you that judges another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. ***But*** he ***shall*** **be** made to stand, for **Elohim is able** to make him stand.
[5]One indeed judges one day above another, another judges **every** day alike. **Let** each one be **completely** persuaded in his own mind.
[6]**He** who minds the day, minds it to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏. And he who *does not* **mind** the day, to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 he *does not* **mind** it. **He** who eats, eats to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, for he gives **Elohim** thanks. And he who *does not* eat, to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 he *does not* eat and gives **Elohim** thanks.
[7]For not one of us lives to himself and not one dies to himself.
[8]For both, if we **live,** we **live** unto the **Master** and if we *die,* we *die* unto the **Master.** Therefore, whether we **live** or *die,* we are the Master's.
[9]For unto this **Messiah** died and rose and lived again, to **rule** over both the *dead* and the **living**.
[10]***But*** why do you **judge** your brother? Or why do you *despise* your brother? For we ***shall*** **all stand** before the judgment seat of **Messiah**.

[11]For it has been **written**, "**As** I **live,** says יהוה, **every** knee ***shall*** bow to **Me** and **every** tongue ***shall*** confess to **Elohim**."
[12]Each one of us, therefore, ***shall*** give account of himself to **Elohim**.
[13]Therefore let us not **judge** one another any longer, but rather **judge** this, not to put an obstacle or a *stumbling-block* in our brother's **way.**
[14]I **know** and am persuaded in the **Master** יהושע that none at **all** is *common* of itself. ***But*** to him who regards ***whatever*** to be *common,* to him it is *common.*
[15]And if your brother is *grieved* **because** of your food, you are no longer walking in **love.** ***Do*** *not* by your food *ruin* the one for whom **Messiah** *died.*
[16]***Do*** *not* then allow your **good** to be **spoken** of as *evil*.
[17]For the **reign** of **Elohim** is not eating and drinking, but **righteousness** and **peace** and **joy** in the **Set-apart Spirit.**
[18]For he who is serving **Messiah** in these matters is well-pleasing to **Elohim** and approved by men.
[19]So, then, let us pursue the matters of **peace** and the matters for building up one another.
[20]***Do*** *not destroy* the **work** of **Elohim** for the sake of food. All indeed are **clean,** but *evil* to that man who eats so as to **cause** stumbling.
[21]It is **good** not to eat meat or drink **wine**, nor to do ***whatever*** by which your brother stumbles.
[22]***Do*** you have **belief**? Have it to yourself before **Elohim**. **Blessed** is he who *does not condemn* himself in what he approves.
[23]***But*** he who ***doubt***s, if he eats, is condemned, **because** it is not of **belief** and **all** that is not of **belief** is *sin.*

15 ***But*** we who are **strong** ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves.
[2]**Let** each one of us please his neighbour for his **good**, to build him up.
[3]For even the **Messiah** *did not* please **Himself**, but, as it has been **written**, "The *reproaches* of those who reproached You fell upon **Me.**"
[4]For ***whatever*** was **written** before was **written** for our instruction, that through endurance and **encouragement** of the **Scriptures** we might have the expectation.
[5]And the **Elohim** of endurance and **encouragement** give you to be of the **same mind** toward one another, **according** to **Messiah** יהושע,
[6]that with one **mind** and one **mouth,** you might **praise** the **Elohim** and **Father** of our **Master** יהושע **Messiah**.
[7]So **accept** one another, as **Messiah** also did **accept** us, to the **esteem** of **Elohim**.
[8]And I say that יהושע **Messiah** has become a servant of the circumcised for the **truth** of **Elohim**, to **confirm** the promises made to the fathers,
[9]and for the *gentiles* to **praise Elohim** for **His compassion**, as it has been **written**, "**Because** of this I ***shall*** confess to You among the *gentiles* and I ***shall*** sing to **Your** Name."
[10]And again it says, "Rejoice, O *gentiles,* with **His** people!"
[11]And again, "Praise יהוה, **all** you *gentiles*! Praise **Him, all** you peoples!"
[12]And again, Yeshayahu says, "There ***shall*** **be** a root of Yishai and **He** who ***shall*** rise to **reign** over the *gentiles,* on **Him** the *gentiles* ***shall*** set their expectation."
[13]And the **Elohim** of expectation fill you with **all joy** and **peace** in **believing,** that you overflow with expectation by the **power** of the **Set-apart Spirit.**
[14]**Now** I myself am persuaded concerning you, my brothers, that you too are filled with **goodness**, **complete** in **all knowledge**, able also to admonish one another.
[15]***But*** I have **written** more **boldly** to you, in part, as reminding you, **because** of the **favour given** to me by **Elohim**,
[16]to be a servant of יהושע **Messiah** to the *gentiles,* with the priestly duty

of bringing the **Besorah** of **Elohim**, so that the offering of the *gentiles* becomes acceptable, set-apart by the **Set-apart Spirit.**

17Therefore I have **cause** for boasting in **Messiah** OWYAZ in the matters pertaining to **Elohim**.

18For I ***shall*** not presume to **speak** of any matter ***except*** what **Messiah** has worked out through me, in **word** and **deed**, to make the *gentiles* obedient,

19in **power** of **signs** and **wonders**, in power of the **Spirit** of **Elohim**, so that from Yerushalayim and round about to Illurikon I have **completed** the preaching of the **Besorah** of **Messiah**.

20And so I was ambitious to bring the **Besorah** where **Messiah** had not been named, lest I should build on another man's foundation,

21but as it has been **written**, "To whom it was not **announced** concerning **Him,** they ***shall*** **see** and those that have not **heard** ***shall*** **understand.**"

22This is why I was often hindered from **coming** to you.

23***But*** **now**, no longer having a place in these parts and having a longing to **come to** you for many years,

24I ***shall*** **come to** you when I go to Spain. For I expect to **see** you on my journey and to be helped on my **way** there by you, if **first** I be somewhat filled with your company.

25***But*** **now** I am going to Yerushalayim to **serve** the set-apart ones.

26For it pleased those from Makedonia and Achaia to make some contribution for the *poor* among the set-apart ones who are in Yerushalayim.

27For they were pleased and they are their debtors. For if the *gentiles* have shared in their spiritual matters, their duty is also to **serve** them in material matters.

28Having **completed** this, then and having put my **seal** on this **fruit** of theirs, I ***shall*** **return** through you to Spain.

29And I **know** that when I **come to** you, I ***shall*** **come** in the completeness of the **blessing** of the **Besorah** of **Messiah**.

30***But*** I urge you, brothers, through our **Master** OWYAZ **Messiah** and through the **love** of the **Spirit,** to *strive* **together** with me in prayers for me, unto **Elohim**,

31that I might be **delivered** from those in Yahuḏah who *do not* **believe** and that my service for Yerushalayim be well received by the set-apart ones,

32that I might **come to** you with joy, through the desire of **Elohim** and be refreshed **together** with you.

33And the **Elohim** of **peace** be with you **all.** Amĕn.

16 And I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the assembly in Kenḥrea,

2that you receive her in AYAZ, **worthy** of the set-apart ones and assist her in ***whatever*** matter she has need of you. For she has been a **great** help to many, including me.

3Greet Priscilla and Aqulas, my fellow workers in **Messiah** OWYAZ,

4who risked their own necks for my **life**, to whom not only I give thanks, but also **all** the assemblies of the *gentiles,*

5and the assembly that is in their house. Greet my beloved Epainetos, who is the **first-fruits** of Achaia to **Messiah**.

6Greet Miryam, who worked **very** hard for us.

7Greet Andronikos and Junias, my relatives and my fellow prisoners, who are eminent among the emissaries, who also were in **Messiah** before me.

8Greet Amplias, my beloved in AYAZ.

9Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in **Messiah** and Stachus, my beloved .

10Greet Apelles, the approved in **Messiah**. Greet those who are of Aristobulos.

11Greet Herodion, my relative. Greet those who are of Narcissus who are in AYAZ.

[12]Greet Truphaina and Truphosa, who **work** in 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄. Greet the beloved Persis, who worked **very** hard in 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
[13]Greet Rufus, **chosen** in 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and his mother and mine.
[14]Greet Asugritos, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes and the brothers who are with them.
[15]Greet Philologos and Julia, Nereus and his sister and Olumpas and **all** the set-apart ones who are with them.
[16]Greet one another with a set-apart kiss. The assemblies of **Messiah** greet you.
[17]**Now** I **call** upon you, brothers, **watch** out for those who **cause** division**s** and *stumbling, contrary* to the **teaching** which you **learned** and turn away from them.
[18]For such ones *do not* **serve** our **Master** 𐤀𐤅𐤔𐤉𐤄 **Messiah**,but their own stomach and by **smooth words** and flattering speech they ***deceive*** the **hearts** of the innocent.
[19]**Your** obedience, indeed, is reported to **all.** Therefore I **rejoice** concerning you, but I **wish** you to be **wise** indeed as to the **good** and simple toward the *evil*.
[20]And the **Elohim** of **peace** ***shall*** *crush* Satan under your feet shortly. The **favour** of our **Master** 𐤀𐤅𐤔𐤉𐤄 **Messiah** be with you. Amĕn.
[21]Timothy, my fellow worker and Lucius and Jason and Sosipater,my relatives, greet you.
[22]I, Tertius, who **wrote** this letter, greet you in 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
[23]Gaios, the host of **all** the assembly and me, greets you. Ĕrastos, the treasurer of the city, greets you and Quartus, a brother.
[24]The **favour** of our **Master** 𐤀𐤅𐤔𐤉𐤄 **Messiah** be with you **all.** Amĕn.
[25]And to **Him** who **is able** to **establish** you **according** to my **Besorah** and the preaching of 𐤀𐤅𐤔𐤉𐤄 **Messiah**, **according** to the revelation of the **secret** which was kept *silent* since times of old,
[26]but **now** has been made manifest and by the prophetic **Scriptures** has been made **known** to **all** nations, **according** to the **command** of the **everlasting Elohim**, for **belief**-obedience.
[27]To **Elohim**, **wise** alone, be the esteem, through 𐤀𐤅𐤔𐤉𐤄 **Messiah forever**. Amĕn.

1 CORINTHIANS

1 Sha'ul, a called emissary of
𐤉𐤄�future **Messiah** by the desire of
Elohim and brother Sosthenes,
[2]to the assembly of **Elohim** which is at
Corinth, to those who are set-apart in
Messiah 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤅, called set-apart
ones, with **all** those calling on the **Name**
of 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤅 **Messiah** our **Master** in
every place, theirs and ours:
[3]Favour to you and **peace** from
Elohim our **Father** and the **Master**
𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤅 **Messiah**.
[4]I **thank** my **Elohim always**
concerning you for the **favour** of
Elohim which was **given** to you by
Messiah 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤅,
[5]that in **Him** you were enriched in **all**
– in **every word** and **all knowledge** –
[6]as the **witness** of **Messiah** was
confirmed in you,
[7]so that you are not lacking in any gift,
eagerly waiting for the revelation of our
Master 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤅 **Messiah**,
[8]who ***shall*** also **confirm** you to **the**
end, unreprovable in the **day of** our
Master 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤅 **Messiah**.
[9]**Elohim** is **trustworthy**, by whom
you were called into the fellowship
of **His Son**, 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤅 **Messiah** our
Master.
[10]And I appeal to you, brothers, by
the **Name** of our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤅
Messiah, that you **all agree** and that
there be no division**s** among you, but
that you be knit **together** in the **same**
mind and in the **same** opinion.
[11]For I have been informed concerning
you, my brothers, by those of the house
of Chloe, that there are strifes among
you.
[12]***What*** I mean is this, that each one of
you says, "I am of Sha'ul," or "I am of
Apollos," or "I am of Kĕpha," or "I am
of **Messiah**."
[13]Has the **Messiah** been divided? Was
Sha'ul impaled for you? Or were you
immersed in the **Name** of Sha'ul?
[14]I **thank Elohim** that I **immersed** not
one of you ***except*** Crispus and Gaios,
[15]that no one should say that I
immersed into my own name.
[16]**Now** I did also **immerse** the
household of Stephanas. For the rest,
I *do not* **know** whether I **immersed**
anyone else.
[17]For **Messiah** *did not* send me to
immerse, but to bring the **Besorah**, not
with **wisdom** of **words**, that the stake of
Messiah should not be nullified.
[18]For the **word** of the stake is indeed
foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being **saved** it is the
power of **Elohim**.
[19]For it has been **written**, "I ***shall***
destroy the **wisdom** of the **wise** and set
aside the **learning** of the **learned** ones."
[20]Where is the wise? Where is the
scholar? Where is the debater of this
age? Has not **Elohim** made ***foolish*** the
wisdom of this world?
[21]For since, in the **wisdom** of **Elohim**,
the world through **wisdom** *did not* **know**
Elohim, it pleased **Elohim** through the
foolishness of preaching to **save** those
who **believe**.
[22]And since Yahuḏim **ask** a **sign** and
Greeks **seek wisdom,**
[23]yet we **proclaim Messiah** impaled,
to the Yahuḏim a *stumbling-block* and to
the Greeks foolishness,
[24]but to those who are called – both
Yahuḏim and Greeks – **Messiah** the
power of **Elohim** and the **wisdom** of
Elohim.
[25]For the foolishness of **Elohim** is wiser
than men and the *weakness* of **Elohim**
is stronger than men.
[26]For look at your calling, brothers, that
there were not many **wise according** to
the *flesh,* not many mighty, not many
noble.

[27]***But*** **Elohim** has **chosen** the ***foolish*** matters of the world to put to *shame* the **wise** and **Elohim** has **chosen** the weak of the world to put to *shame* the strong.
[28]And **Elohim** has **chosen** the low-born of the world and the *despised* and the ones that are not, that **He** might bring to naught the ones that are,
[29]so that no *flesh* should boast in **His** presence.
[30]And of **Him** you are in **Messiah** OWYƎZ, who became for us **wisdom** from **Elohim**, **righteousness** also and set-apartness and redemption,
[31]that, as it has been **written**, "He who boasts, let him boast in ƎYƎZ."

2 And, when I came to you, brothers, I *did not* **come** with excellence of speech or **wisdom, proclaiming** to you the **witness** of **Elohim**.
[2]For I **resolved** not **to know** any matter among you ***except*** OWYƎZ **Messiah** and **Him** impaled.
[3]And I was with you in *weakness* and in **fear** and in much *trembling*.
[4]And my **word** and my preaching were not with persuasive **words** of man's **wisdom,** but in demonstration of the **Spirit** and of power,
[5]**in order** that your **belief** should not be in the **wisdom** of men but in the **power** of **Elohim**.
[6]Yet we **speak wisdom** among those who are **perfect** and not the **wisdom** of this age, nor of the rulers of this age that are being brought to naught.
[7]***But*** we **speak** the **wisdom** of **Elohim**, which was *hidden* in a secret and which **Elohim** ordained before the ages for our esteem,
[8]which no one of the rulers of this age knew, for if they had **known**, they *would not* have impaled the **Master** of esteem.
[9]***But*** as it has been **written**, "Eye has not **seen** and ear has not **heard**, nor have entered into the **heart** of man what **Elohim** has prepared for those who **love Him.**"
[10]***But*** **Elohim** has **revealed** them to us through **His Spirit.** For the **Spirit** searches **all** matters, even the depths of **Elohim**.
[11]For who among men **knows** the thoughts of a man ***except*** the spirit of the man that is in him? So also, the *thoughts* of **Elohim** no one has **known**, ***except*** the **Spirit** of **Elohim**.
[12]And we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the **Spirit** that is from **Elohim**, **in order to know** what **Elohim** has favourably **given** us,
[13]which we also speak, not in **words** which man's **wisdom teaches** but which the **Set-apart Spirit** teaches, comparing spiritual matters with spiritual matters.
[14]***But*** the natural man ***does not receive*** the matters of the **Spirit** of **Elohim**, for they are foolishness to him and he is *unable* **to know** them, **because** they are spiritually discerned.
[15]***But*** he who is spiritual ***discerns*** indeed **all** matters, but he himself is discerned by no one.
[16]For "***Who*** has **known** the **mind** of ƎYƎZ? ***Who shall*** **instruct** Him?" ***But*** we have the **mind** of **Messiah**.

3 And I, brothers, was not able to **speak** to you as to spiritual ones but as to fleshly, as to babes in **Messiah**.
[2]I fed you with milk and not with solid food, for until **now** you were not able to receive it and even **now** you are still not able,
[3]for you are still fleshly. For since there is *envy* and *strife* and division**s** among you, are you not fleshly and walking **according** to man?
[4]For when one says, "I am of Sha'ul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not fleshly?
[5]***What*** then is Apollos and what is Sha'ul, but servants through whom you **believed**, as the **Master** assigned to each?
[6]I planted, Apollos watered, but **Elohim** was giving growth.
[7]So neither he who plants nor he who waters is any at **all,** but **Elohim** who gives the increase.
[8]And he who plants and he who waters

are one and each one ***shall*** receive his own reward **according** to his own labour.
[9]For we are fellow workers of **Elohim**, you are the field of **Elohim**, the building of **Elohim**.
[10]According to the **favour** of **Elohim** which was **given** to me, as a **wise** master builder I have laid the foundation and another builds on it. ***But*** each one should look how he builds on it.
[11]For no one **is able** to lay any other foundation ***except*** that which is laid, which is **OWYHZ Messiah**.
[12]And if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, **precious** stones, wood, hay, straw,
[13]each one's **work** ***shall*** **be revealed**, for the day ***shall*** **show** it up, **because** it is **revealed** by *fire*. And the *fire* ***shall*** prove the **work** of each one, what sort it is.
[14]***If*** anyone's **work** remains, which he has built on, he ***shall*** receive a reward.
[15]***If*** anyone's **work** is *burned*, he ***shall*** *suffer* loss, but he himself ***shall*** **be saved,** but so as through *fire*.
[16]***Do*** you not **know** that you are a **Dwelling Place** of **Elohim** and that the **Spirit** of **Elohim** dwells in you?
[17]***If*** anyone destroys the **Dwelling Place** of **Elohim**, **Elohim** ***shall*** *destroy* him. For the **Dwelling Place** of **Elohim** is set-apart, which you are.
[18]**Let** no one ***deceive*** himself. ***If*** anyone among you seems to be **wise** in this age, let him become ***foolish,*** so that he might become **wise.**
[19]For the **wisdom** of this world is foolishness with **Elohim**. For it has been **written**, "He catches the **wise** in their *craftiness,*"
[20]and again, "**HYHZ knows** the *thoughts* of the **wise,** that they are *worthless*."
[21]So then, let no one boast in men, for **all** belongs to you,
[22]whether Sha'ul or Apollos or Kĕpha, or the world, or **life**, or *death,* or the present or the future – **all** belongs to you.
[23]And you belong to **Messiah** and **Messiah** belongs to **Elohim**.

4 **Let** a man regard us as servants of **Messiah** and trustees of the **secrets** of **Elohim**.
[2]For the rest, it is sought in trustees, that those should be **found trustworthy**.
[3]***But*** with me it is a small matter that I should be judged by you or by a man's court. ***But*** not even myself I judge.
[4]For I am not conscious of any matter *against* myself, yet I am not **declared right** by this, but **He** who judges me is **HYHZ**.
[5]So *do not* **judge** any at **all** before the **time,** until the **Master** comes, who ***shall*** bring to **light** what is *hidden* in *darkness* and **reveal** the *thoughts* of the **hearts**. And then each one's **praise** ***shall*** **come** from **Elohim**.
[6]And these matters, brothers, I have applied in a figure to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us you might **learn** not to *think* beyond what is **written**, so that none of you be puffed up on behalf of one *against* the other.
[7]For who makes you to differ? And what do you have that you *did not* receive? And if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?
[8]You are already satisfied! You are already enriched! You have reigned as sovereigns, apart from us! And I **wish,** indeed, you did reign, that we also might **reign** with you!
[9]For I *think* that **Elohim** has exhibited us, the emissaries, **last,** as **appointed** to *death,* **because** we became a spectacle to the world, both to messengers and to men.
[10]We are fools for the sake of **Messiah**, but you are **wise** in **Messiah!** We are weak, but you are strong! You are in esteem, but we are not appreciated!
[11]Until the present **hour** we both hunger and thirst and we are scantily clad and beaten and homeless,
[12]and labour, working with our own hands. Being *cursed*, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer;

13being insulted, we help. We have been made as the filth of the world – dirt wiped off by **all** until *now.*
14I *do not* **write** this to *shame* you, but to **warn** you as my beloved children.
15For if you should have ten thousand instructors in **Messiah**, yet not many fathers, for in **Messiah** OWYAZ I have brought you forth through the **Besorah**.
16Therefore I appeal to you, to become **imitators** of me.
17For this **reason** I have **sent** Timothy to you, who is my beloved and **trustworthy** son in the **Master,** who ***shall*** remind you of my **ways** in **Messiah**, as I **teach** everywhere in **every** assembly.
18**Now** some are puffed up, as though I were not **coming** to you.
19***But*** I ***shall*** **come to** you shortly, if the **Master** desires and I ***shall*** **know,** not the **word** of those who are puffed up, but the power.
20For the **reign** of **Elohim** is not in speech, but in power.
21***What*** do you **wish?** ***shall*** I **come to** you with a rod, or in **love** and a spirit of meekness?

5 It is commonly reported that there is *whoring* among you and such whoring as is not even named among the *gentiles,* so as one to have his father's wife!
2And you have been puffed up and *did not* rather mourn, so that he who has done this **deed**, be removed from among you!
3For I indeed, as ab**sent** in body but present in spirit, have already judged the one who did this, as though I were present.
4In the **Name** of our **Master** OWYAZ **Messiah**, when you are gathered together and my spirit, with the **power** of our **Master** OWYAZ **Messiah**,
5**deliver** such a one to Satan for ***destruction*** of the *flesh,* **in order** that his spirit be **saved** in the **day of** the **Master** OWYAZ.
6**Your** boasting is not **good**. ***Do*** you not **know** that a *little leaven* leavens the entire lump?
7Therefore **cleanse** out the old leaven, so that you are a new lump, as you are unleavened. For also **Messiah** our **Passover** was offered for us.
8So then let us **observe** the **festival,** not with old leaven, nor with the *leaven* of *evil* and *wickedness*, but with the unleavened **bread** of sincerity and **truth**.
9I **wrote** to you in my letter not to keep company with those who *whore.*
10And I certainly *did not* mean with those of this world who *whore,* or with the *greedy* of *gain,* or swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.
11***But*** **now** I have **written** to you not to keep company with anyone called 'a brother,' if he is one who *whores*, or *greedy* of *gain,* or an *idolater,* or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler – not even to eat with such a one.
12For what have I to do with judging outsiders? ***Do*** you not **judge** those who are inside?
13***But*** **Elohim** judges those who are outside. And put away the *wicked* one from among you!

6 ***Should*** any of you, holding a matter *against* another, go to be judged before the unrighteous and not before the set-apart ones?
2***Do*** you not **know** that the set-apart ones ***shall*** **judge** the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you *unworthy* to **judge** the smallest matters?
3***Do*** you not **know** that we ***shall*** **judge** messengers? ***How*** much more, matters of this **life**?
4***If*** then you **truly** have judgments of this **life**, do you **appoint** them as judges who are least esteemed by the assembly?
5I say this to your *shame.* Is it so, that there is not a **wise** one among you, not even one, who ***shall*** **be** able to **judge** between his brothers?
6***But*** brother *against* brother goes to be judged and that before unbelievers!
7Already, then, there is a failure with you, that you have **laws**uits among you.

Why not rather be *wronged*? ***Why*** not rather be cheated?
[8]***But*** you yourselves do ***wrong*** and cheat and that to your brothers!
[9]***Do*** you not **know** that the *unrighteous* ***shall*** not inherit the **reign** of **Elohim**? ***Do*** *not* be deceived. Neither those who *whore,* nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,
[10]nor thieves, nor *greedy* of *gain,* nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers ***shall*** inherit the **reign** of **Elohim**.
[11]And such were some of you. ***But*** you were washed, but you were set-apart, but you were **declared right** in the **Name** of the **Master** OWY3Z and by the **Spirit** of our **Elohim**.
[12]All is permitted me, but not **all** do profit. All is permitted me, but I ***shall*** not be under **authority** of any.
[13]Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods – but **Elohim** ***shall*** *destroy* both it and them. And the body is not for *whoring* but for the **Master** and the **Master** for the body.
[14]And **Elohim**, who **raised** up the **Master,** ***shall*** also **raise** us up through **His** power.
[15]***Do*** you not **know** that your bodies are members of **Messiah**? ***shall*** I then take the members of **Messiah** and make them members of a *whore?* **Let** it not be!
[16]Or do you not **know** that he who is joined to a *whore* is one body? For **He** says, "The two ***shall*** become one *flesh.*"
[17]And he who is joined to the **Master** is one spirit.
[18]Flee *whoring.* Every *sin* that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits *whoring sins* <u>*against*</u> his own body.
[19]Or do you not **know** that your body is the **Dwelling Place** of the **Set-apart Spirit** who is in you, which you have from **Elohim** and you are not your own?
[20]For you were bought with a price, therefore **esteem Elohim** in your body and in your spirit, which are of **Elohim**.

7 And concerning the matters you **wrote** to me: It is **good** for a man not to touch a woman.
[2]***But*** <u>**because**</u> of *whoring,* let each one have his own wife and let each woman have her own husband.
[3]**Let** the husband render to his wife what is her due and likewise also the wife to her husband.
[4]The wife *does not* have **authority** over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband *does not* have **authority** over his own body, but the wife does.
[5]***Do*** *not* deprive one another ***except*** with agreement for a **time,** to give yourselves to fasting and prayer. And **come together** again so that Satan *does not* try you <u>**because**</u> of your lack of self-control.
[6]And I say this as a concession, not as a **command.**
[7]For I **wish** that *all men* were even as I myself. ***But*** each one has his own gift from **Elohim**, one in this **way** and another in that.
[8]And I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is **good** for them if they remain even as I am,
[9]but if they *do not* have self-control, let them marry, for it is better to marry than to burn.
[10]And to the married I **command,** not I, but the Master: A wife should not separate from a husband.
[11]***But*** if she is indeed separated, let her remain unmarried or be restored to **favour** with her husband and let a husband not send away a wife.
[12]And to the rest I say, not the Master: ***If*** any brother has an *unbelieving* wife and she thinks well to **live** with him, let him not send her away.
[13]And a woman who has an *unbelieving* husband and he thinks well to **live** with her, let her not send him away.
[14]For the *unbelieving* husband has been set-apart in the wife and the *unbelieving* wife has been set-apart in the husband. Otherwise your children would be *unclean,* but **now** they are set-apart.
[15]And, if the *unbelieving* one separates, let him separate himself. A brother or a sister has not been *enslaved* in such

matters. ***But*** **Elohim** has called us to peace.
[16]For how do you **know,** O wife, whether you ***shall*** **save** your husband? Or how do you **know,** O husband, whether you ***shall*** **save** your wife?
[17]Only, as **Elohim** has distributed to each one, as the **Master** has called each one, so let him **walk.** And so I order in **all** the assemblies.
[18]Was anyone called while circumcised? **Let** him not become *uncircumcised*. Was anyone called while *uncircumcised?* **Let** him not be circumcised.
[19]The circumcision is *naught* and the uncircumcision is *naught,* but the **guarding** of the **commands** of **Elohim** *does* matter!
[20]**Let** each one remain in the **same** calling in which he was called.
[21]Were you called while a slave? It matters not to you, but if you are able to become **free** too, rather use it.
[22]For he who is called in the **Master** while a slave is the Master's freed man. Likewise he who is called while **free** is a slave of **Messiah**.
[23]You were bought with a price, *do not* become slaves of men.
[24]Brothers, let each one remain with **Elohim** in that calling in which he was called.
[25]And concerning maidens: I have no **command** from the **Master,** but I give judgment as one whom the **Master** in **His compassion** has made **trustworthy**.
[26]I *think* then that this is **good** **because** of the present necessity, that it is **good** for a man to remain as he is.
[27]Are you *bound* to a wife? ***Do*** *not* **seek** to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife? ***Do*** *not* **seek** a wife.
[28]***But*** even if you should marry, you have not *sinned*. And if a maiden should marry, she has not *sinned*. ***But*** such ***shall*** have *pressure* in the *flesh,* but I would spare you.
[29]And this I say, brothers, the **time** is short, so that from **now** on even those who have wives should be as though they had none,
[30]and those who *weep* as though they *did not* weep and those who **rejoice** as though they *did not* **rejoice** and those who buy as though they *did not* possess,
[31]and those who use this world as not misusing it. For the scene of this world is passing away.
[32]And I **wish** you to be without concern. **He** who is unmarried is concerned about the matters of the **Master** – how to please the **Master.**
[33]***But*** he who is married is concerned about the matters of the world – how to please his wife.
[34]There is a difference between a wife and a maiden. The unmarried woman is concerned about the matters of the **Master,** that she might be set-apart both in body and in spirit. ***But*** she who is married is concerned about the matters of the world – how to please her husband.
[35]And this I say for your own **good**, not to put a restraint on you, but for what is proper and to attend to the **Master** without distraction.
[36]And if anyone thinks he is behaving improperly toward his maiden, if she is past the flower of her youth and so it should be, let him do what he desires, he *does not sin* – let them marry.
[37]***But*** he who stands steadfast in his **heart,** having no necessity and has **authority** over his own desire and has so decided in his **heart** to **guard** his own maiden, does well.
[38]So then he who gives her in marriage does well, but he who *does not* give her in marriage does better.
[39]A wife is *bound* by **Torah** as long as her husband lives and if her husband dies, she is **free** to be married to whom she desires, only in the **Master.**
[40]***But*** she is better off if she remains as she is, **according** to my opinion. And I *think* I also have the **Spirit** of **Elohim**.

8 And concerning *food* offered to idols: We **know** that we **all** have **knowledge**. **Knowledge** puffs up, but **love** builds up.

[2]***If*** anyone thinks that he **knows** somewhat, he *does not* yet **know** as he should **know.**
[3]***But*** if anyone loves **Elohim**, this one is **known** by **Him.**
[4]So then, concerning the eating of *food* offered to *idols,* we **know** that an *idol* is no matter at **all** in the world and that there is no other **Elohim** but one.
[5]For even if there are so-called *mighty ones*, whether in **heaven** or on earth – as there are many *mighty ones* and many masters –
[6]for us there is one Elohim, the **Father,** from whom **all** came and for whom we **live** and one **Master** OWYAZ **Messiah**, through whom **all** came and through whom we **live.**
[7]However, not **all** have this **knowledge**. ***But*** some, being aware of the idol, until **now** eat it as having been offered to an idol, so their conscience, being weak, is *defiled*.
[8]***But*** food *does not* commend us to **Elohim**, for we are none the better if we eat, nor any worse for not eating.
[9]***But*** look to it, lest somehow this **right** of yours become a *stumbling-block* to those who are weak.
[10]For if anyone sees you who have **knowledge** eating in an idol's place, ***shall*** not his conscience, if he is weak, be built up to eat *food* offered to *idols?*
[11]So this weak brother, for whom **Messiah** died, ***shall*** *perish* through your **knowledge**!
[12]**Now** *sinning* in this **way** *against* the brothers and wounding their weak conscience, you *sin against* **Messiah**.
[13]Therefore, if food makes my brother *stumble,* I am never again going to eat meat, lest I make my brother *stumble.*

9 Am I not an emissary? Am I not free? Have I not **seen** OWYAZ **Messiah** our **Master?** Are you not my **work** in the **Master**?
[2]***If*** to others I am not an emissary, I certainly am to you. For you are the **seal** of my office of the emissary in the **Master.**
[3]My defence to those who examine me is this:
[4]***Do*** we not have a **right** to eat and drink?
[5]***Do*** we not have a **right** to take along a sister – a wife – as do also the other emissaries and the brothers of the **Master** and Kĕpha?
[6]Or do only Barnabah and I have no **right** to refrain from working?
[7]***Who*** serves as a soldier at his own expense? ***Who*** plants a vineyard and *does not* eat of its fruit? Or who shepherds a flock and *does not* feed on the milk of the flock?
[8]***Do*** I say this as a man? Or *does not* the **Torah** say the **same** too?
[9]For it has been **written** in the **Torah** of Mosheh, "You ***shall*** not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it about oxen **Elohim** is concerned?
[10]Or does **He** say it **because** of us **all?** For this was **written because** of us, that he who ploughs should plough in expectation and the thresher in expectation of sharing.
[11]***If*** we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap material goods from you?
[12]***If*** others share **authority** over you, should not rather we? ***But*** we have not used this authority, but we put up with **all,** lest we hinder the **Besorah** of **Messiah**.
[13]***Do*** you not **know** that those serving the **Set-apart Place** eat from the **Set-apart Place** and those attending at the altar have their share of the offerings of the altar?
[14]So also the **Master** instituted that those **announcing** the **Besorah** should **live** from the **Besorah**.
[15]***But*** I have used none of these, nor have I **written** this that it should be done so to me. For it would be better for me to *die* than that anyone should make my boasting empty.
[16]For if I bring the **Besorah**, it is no boasting for me, for necessity is laid on me and it is **woe** to me if I *do not* bring the **Besorah**!
[17]For if I do this voluntarily I have

a reward, but if not voluntarily, I am entrusted with a management.
[18]***What*** then is my reward? That in bringing the **Besorah**, I should offer the **Besorah** of **Messiah** without cost, so as not to abuse my **authority** in the **Besorah**.
[19]For though I am **free** from **all,** I made myself a servant to **all, in order** to win more,
[20]and to the Yahudim I became as a Yahudi, that I might win Yahudim; to those who are under **Torah**, as under **Torah**, so as to win those who are under **Torah**;
[21]to those without **Torah**, as without **Torah** – not being without **Torah** toward **Elohim**, but under **Torah** of **Messiah** – so as to win those who are without **Torah**.
[22]To the weak I became as weak, so as to win the weak. To *all men* I have become **all,** so as to **save** some, by **all** means.
[23]I do this **because** of the **Besorah**, so as to become a fellow-partaker with it.
[24]***Do*** you not **know** that those who run in a race indeed **all** run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a **way** as to obtain it.
[25]And everyone who competes controls himself in **every way. Now** they do it to receive a corruptible crown, but we for an incorruptible crown.
[26]Therefore I run accordingly, not with uncertainty. Thus I fight, not as one who beats the air.
[27]***But*** I treat my body severely and make it my slave, so that when I have **proclaimed** to others, I myself might be *rejected*.

10 For I *do not* **wish** you to be *ignorant*, brothers, that **all** our fathers were under the cloud and **all** passed through the sea,
[2]and **all** were **immersed** into Mosheh in the cloud and in the sea,
[3]and **all** ate the **same** spiritual food,
[4]and **all** drank the **same** spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that **followed** and the Rock was **Messiah**.
[5]However, with most of them **Elohim** was not well pleased, for they were laid low in the wilderness.
[6]And these became examples for us, so that we should not lust after *evil*, as those indeed lusted.
[7]And *do not* become idolaters as some of them, as it has been **written**, "The people sat down to eat and to drink and stood up to play."
[8]Neither should we *commit whoring,* as some of them did and in one day twenty-three thousand fell,
[9]neither let us try **Messiah**, as some of them also tried and were ***destroyed*** by serpents,
[10]neither *grumble,* as some of them also *grumbled* and were ***destroyed*** by the destroyer.
[11]And **all** these came upon them as examples and they were **written** as a **warning** to us, on whom the ends of the ages have come,
[12]so that he who thinks he stands, let him take **heed** lest he fall.
[13]No trial has overtaken you ***except*** such as is *common* to man and **Elohim** is **trustworthy**, who ***shall*** not allow you to be tried beyond what you are able, but with the trial ***shall*** also make the **way** of **escape**, enabling you to bear it.
[14]Therefore, my beloved ones, ***flee*** from *idolatry*.
[15]I **speak** as to **wise** men, **judge** for yourselves what I say.
[16]The **cup** of **blessing** which we**bless,** is it not a sharing in the **blood** of **Messiah**? The **bread** that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of **Messiah**?
[17]**Because** there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body,
for we **all** partake of the one bread.
[18]Look at Yisra'ĕl after the flesh:
Are not those who eat of the offerings sharers in the altar?
[19]***What*** then do I say? That an *idol* is of any value? Or that which is offered to *idols* is of any value?
[20]No, but what the *gentiles* offer they offer to ***demons*** and not to **Elohim** and I

do not **wish** you to become sharers with ***demons.***
[21]You are not able to drink the **cup** of the **Master** and the **cup** of ***demons,*** you are not able to partake of the table of the **Master** and of the table of ***demons.***
[22]***Do*** we ***provoke*** the **Master** to *jealousy*? Are we stronger than **He?**
[23]All is permitted me, but not **all** do profit. All is permitted me, but not **all** build up.
[24]**Let** no one **seek** his own, but each one that of the other.
[25]You eat ***whatever*** is sold in the meat market, **asking** no questions **<u>because</u>** of conscience,
[26]for "The earth belongs to יהוה and **all** that fills it."
[27]And if any of the unbelievers invite you and you **wish** to go, you eat ***whatever*** is set before you, **asking** no question on account of the conscience.
[28]And if anyone says to you, "This was offered to *idols,*" *do not* eat it **<u>because</u>** of the one pointing it out to you and on account of the conscience, for "The earth belongs to יהוה and **all** that fills it."
[29]**Now** I say conscience, not your own, but that of the other. For why is my **freedom** judged by another's conscience?
[30]***But*** if I partake with thanks, why am I *evil* **spoken** of for what I give thanks?
[31]Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or ***whatever*** you do, do **all** to the **esteem** of **Elohim**.
[32]Cause no *stumbling,* either to the Yahudim or to the Greeks or to the assembly of **Elohim**,
[33]as I also please *all men* in **all** matters, not **seeking** my own advantage, but that of the many, that they might be **saved**.

11 Become **imitators** of me, as I also am of **Messiah**.
[2]And I **praise** you, brothers, that you ***remember*** me in **every way** and keep the *traditions* as I **delivered** them to you.
[3]And I **wish** you **to know** that the head of **every** man is the **Messiah** and the head of woman is the man and the head of **Messiah** is **Elohim**.
[4]Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, brings *shame* to his Head.
[5]And **every** woman praying or prophesying with her head uncovered brings *shame* to her head, for that is one and the **same** as if her head were shaved.
[6]For if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. ***But*** if it is a *shame* for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered.
[7]For a man indeed should not cover his head, since he is the likeness and **esteem** of **Elohim**, but woman is the **esteem** of man.
[8]For man is not from woman, but woman from man.
[9]For man also was not created for the woman, but woman for the man.
[10]**<u>Because</u>** of this the woman ought to have a symbol of **authority** on her head, **<u>because</u>** of the messengers.
[11]However, man is not independent of woman, nor woman independent of man, in the **Master.**
[12]For as the woman was from the man, even so the man also is through the woman. ***But*** **all** are from **Elohim**.
[13]Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a woman to pray to **Elohim** with her head uncovered?
[14]Does not nature itself **teach** you that if a man indeed has long hair, it is a disrespect to him?
[15]And if a woman has long hair, it is an **esteem** to her, **<u>because</u>** the long hair has been **given** to her over *<u>against</u>* a veil.
[16]If, however, anyone seems to be contentious, we *do not* have such a habit, nor do the assemblies of **Elohim**.
[17]And in **declaring** this I *do not* **praise** you, since you **come together**
not for the better but for the worse.
[18]For in the **first** place, I **hear** that when you **come together** as an **assembly,** there are division**s** among you and to some extent I **believe** it.
[19]For there have to be factions even among you, so that the approved ones might be **revealed** among you.

[20]So when you **come together** in one place, it is not to eat the Master's supper.
[21]For, when you eat, each one takes his own supper **first** and one is hungry and another is drunk.
[22]Have you not houses to eat and drink in? Or do you *despise* the assembly of **Elohim** and *shame* those who have not? ***What shall*** I say to you? ***shall*** I **praise** you in this? I *do not* praise!
[23]For I received from the **Master** that which I also **delivered** to you: that the **Master** OWYHZ in the night in which **He** was **delivered** up took bread,
[24]and having **given** thanks, **He** broke it and said, "Take, eat, this is **My** body which is broken for you; do this in **remembrance** of **Me.**"
[25]In the **same way** also the **cup,** after supper, saying, "This **cup** is the **renewed covenant** in **My** blood. As often as you drink it, do this in **remembrance** of **Me.**"
[26]For as often as you eat this **bread** and drink this **cup,** you **proclaim** the *death* of the **Master** until **He** comes.
[27]So that ***whoever*** should eat this **bread** or drink this **cup** of the **Master** *unworthily* ***shall*** **be** *guilty* of the body and **blood** of the **Master.**
[28]***But*** let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that **bread** and drink of that **cup.**
[29]For the one who is eating and drinking *unworthily,* eats and drinks judgment to himself, *not discerning* the body of the **Master.**
[30]**Because** of this many are weak and *sick* among you and many sleep.
[31]For if we were to examine ourselves, we *would not* be judged.
[32]***But*** when we are judged, we are disciplined by the **Master,** that we should not be *condemned* with the world.
[33]So then, my brothers, when you **come together** to eat, wait for one another.
[34]And if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you **come together** for judgment. And the rest I ***shall*** set **in order** when I come.

12 And concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I *do not* **wish** you to be ignorant.
[2]You **know** that you were *gentiles,* led away to the *dumb idols,* even as you might be led.
[3]Therefore I make **known** to you that no one speaking by the **Spirit** of **Elohim** says OWYHZ is a *curse* and no one **is able** to say that OWYHZ is **Master** ***except*** by the Set apart **Spirit.**
[4]And there are different kinds of gifts, but the **same Spirit.**
[5]There are different kinds of services, but the **same Master.**
[6]And there are different kinds of workings, but it is the **same Elohim** who is working **all** in **all.**
[7]And to each one is **given** the manifestation of the **Spirit** for profiting,
[8]for to one is **given** a **Word** of **wisdom** through the **Spirit** and to another a **Word** of **knowledge according** to the **same Spirit,**
[9]and to another **belief** by the **same Spirit** and to another gifts of **healing** by the **same Spirit,**
[10]and to another operations of powers and to another prophecy and to another **discerning** of spirits and to another kinds of tongues and to another interpretation of tongues.
[11]***But*** one and the **same Spirit works all** these, distributing to each one individually as **He** intends.
[12]For as the body is one and has many members, but **all** the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is the **Messiah**.
[13]For indeed by one **Spirit** we were **all immersed** into one body, whether Yahudim or Greeks, whether *slaves* or **free** and we were **all** made to drink into one **Spirit.**
[14]For indeed the body is not one member but many.
[15]***If*** the foot says, "**Because** I am not a **hand,** I *do not* belong to the body," does it therefore not belong to the body?

16And if the ear says, "**Because** I am not an eye, I *do not* belong to the body," does it therefore not belong to the body?
17***If*** **all** the body was an eye, where would be the **hearing**? ***If*** **all hearing**, where would be the smelling?
18***But*** **now Elohim** has set the members, each one of them, in the body, even as **He** pleased.
19And if they **all** had been one member, where would the body be?
20And **now**, there are indeed many members, but one body.
21And an eye is *unable* to say to the **hand,** "I have no need of you," or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."
22***But*** much rather, those members of the body which are thought to be weaker are necessary.
23And to those of the body which we *think* to be less respected, these we present greater respect. And our unseemly members have greater seemliness,
24whereas our seemly members have no need. ***But*** **Elohim** blended **together** the body, having **given** greater respect to that member which lacks it,
25that there should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the **same** concern one for another.
26And if one member *suffers*, **all** the members *suffer* with it; or if one member is esteemed, **all** the members **rejoice** with it.
27And you are a body of **Messiah** and members individually.
28And **Elohim** has **appointed** these in the assembly: firstly emissaries, secondly **prophets,** thirdly **teachers**, after that miracles, then gifts of **healings**, helps, ministrations, kinds of tongues.
29Are **all** emissaries? Are **all** prophets? Are **all teachers**? Are **all** workers of miracles?
30***Do*** **all** have gifts of **healings**? ***Do*** **all speak** with tongues? ***Do*** **all** interpret?
31***But*** **earnestly seek** the better gifts.
And yet I **show** you a more excellent **way.**

13 ***If*** I **speak** with the tongues of men and of messengers, but *do not* have **love,** I have become as sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.
2And if I have prophecy and **know all secrets** and **all knowledge** and if I have **all belief**, so as to remove mountains, but *do not* have **love,** I am none at **all.**
3And if I give out **all** my possessions to feed the *poor* and if I give my body to be *burned*, but *do not* have **love,** I am not profited at **all.**
4**Love** is patient, is kind, **love** *does not envy, does not* boast, is not puffed up,
5*does not* behave indecently, *does not* **seek** its own, is not *provoked*, reckons not the *evil*,
6*does not* **rejoice** over the *unrighteousness* but **rejoices** in the **truth**,
7it covers **all, believe**s **all,** expects **all,** endures **all.**
8**Love** never fails. And whether there be prophecies, they ***shall*** **be** inactive; or tongues, they ***shall*** cease; or **knowledge**, it ***shall*** **be** inactive.
9For we **know** in part and we prophesy in part.
10***But*** when that which is **perfect** has come, then that which is in part ***shall*** **be** inactive.
11***When*** I was a child, I spoke as a child, I thought as a child, I reasoned as a child. ***But*** when I became a man, I did away with childish matters.
12For **now** we **see** in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. **Now** I **know** in part, but then I ***shall*** **know,** as I also have been **known**.
13And **now belief**, expectation and **love** remain – these three. ***But*** the greatest of these is **love.**

14 Pursue **love** and **earnestly seek** the spiritual gifts, but rather that you prophesy.
2For he who is speaking in a tongue *does not* **speak** to men but to **Elohim**, for no one understands, but in the **Spirit**

he speaks secrets.
3***But*** he who is prophesying speaks upbuilding and **encouragement** and comfort to men.
4**He** who is speaking in a tongue builds up himself, but he who is prophesying builds up the assembly.
5**Now** I **wish** you **all** spoke with tongues, but rather that you might **prophesy,** for he who is prophesying is greater than he who is speaking with tongues, ***unless*** he interprets, so that the assembly might receive upbuilding.
6***But*** **now**, brothers, if I **come to** you speaking with tongues, what ***shall*** I profit you ***unless*** I **speak** to you, either by revelation, or by **knowledge**, or by prophesying, or by **teaching**?
7Nevertheless, **life**less instruments making a sound, whether flute or harp, if they *do not* make a **distinction** in the sound, how ***shall*** it be **known** what is played on the flute or on the harp?
8For indeed, if the trumpet makes an indistinct sound, who ***shall*** **prepare** himself for battle?
9So also you, if *you do not* give speech by the tongue that is clear, how ***shall*** it be **known** what is **spoken** ? For you ***shall*** **be** speaking into the air.
10There are, undoubtedly, so many kinds of sounds in the world and none of them is without distinct sound.
11***If*** then I *do not* **know** the **power** of the **voice**, I ***shall*** **be** a foreigner to him who speaks and he who speaks be a foreigner to me.
12So also you, since you are **ardent** for spiritual gifts, **seek** to excel in the upbuilding of the assembly.
13Therefore, he who is speaking in a tongue, let him pray that he might interpret.
14For if I am praying in a tongue, my spirit is praying, but my **understanding** is without **fruit.**
15***What*** then is it? I ***shall*** pray with the spirit and I ***shall*** also pray with the **understanding**. I ***shall*** sing with the spirit and I ***shall*** also sing with the **understanding**.
16Otherwise, if you **bless** with the spirit, how ***shall*** he who fills up the place of the unlearned say "Amĕn" at your giving of thanks, since he *does not* **know** what you say?
17For you **truly** give **thanks** well, but the other is not built up.
18I **thank** my **Elohim** I **speak** with tongues more than you **all,**
19but in an assembly I **wish** to **speak** five **words** with my **understanding** that I might **instruct** others also, than ten thousand **words** in a tongue.
20Brothers, *do not* be children in your thinking, but in *evil* be babes and in your thinking be **perfect.**
21In the **Torah** it has been **written**, "With men of other tongues and other lips I ***shall*** **speak** to this people. And even so, they ***shall*** not **hear Me,** says יהוה."
22So then tongues are for a **sign,** not to those who **believe** but to unbelievers and prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who **believe**.
23***If*** then **all** the assembly **comes together** in one place and **all speak** with tongues and there **come** in those who are unlearned or unbelievers, ***shall*** they not say that you are mad?
24***But*** if **all prophesy** and an un**believe**r or an unlearned one **comes** in, he is reproved by **all,** he is discerned by **all.**
25So the **secrets** of his **heart** are **revealed**. And so, falling down on his face, he ***shall*** worship **Elohim**, **declaring** that **Elohim** is **truly** among you.
26***What*** then is it, brothers? Whenever you **come to**gether, each one has a psalm, has a **teaching**, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. **Let all** be done for upbuilding.
27***If*** anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn and let one interpret.
28And if there is no interpreter, let him be *silent* in an **assembly** and let him **speak** to himself and to **Elohim**.
29And let two or three prophets speak and let the others discern.
30And if there should be a revelation

to another who sits by, let the **first** be silent.
[31]For you are **all** able to prophesy one by one, so that **all learn** and **all** be **encouraged**.
[32]And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the **prophets.**
[33]For **Elohim** is not **Elohim** of disorder but of peace, as in **all** the assemblies of the set-apart ones.
[34]**Let** your women be *silent* in the assemblies, for they are not allowed to speak, but let them subject themselves, as the **Torah** also says.
[35]And if they **wish** to **learn whatever**, let them **ask** their own husbands at home, for it is *improper* for women to **speak** in an assembly.
[36]Or did the **Word** of **Elohim** go out from you? Or did it reach only to you?
[37]***If*** anyone thinks himself to be a **prophet** or spiritual, let him a**cknowledge** what I **write** to you, that they are a **command** of the **Master.**
[38]And if anyone is ignorant, let him be ignorant.
[39]So, then, brothers, **earnestly seek** to **prophesy** and *do not* forbid speaking in tongues.
[40]**Let all** be done decently and in order.

15 ***But*** brothers, I make **known** to you the **Besorah**, which I brought as **Besorah** to you, which you also did receive and in which you stand,
[2]through which also you are being **saved,** if you hold fast that **word** I brought as **Besorah** to you. Otherwise, you have **believed** in vain.
[3]For I **delivered** to you at the **first** that which I also received: that **Messiah** died for our *sins* **according** to the Scriptures,
[4]and that **He** was buried and that **He** was **raised** the third day, **according** to the Scriptures,
[5]and that **He** was **seen** by Kĕpha, then by the twelve.
[6]After that **He** was **seen** by over five hundred brothers at one **time,** of whom the greater part remain til **now**, but some have fallen asleep.
[7]After that **He** was **seen** by Ya'aqob, then by **all** the emissaries.
[8]And **last** of **all He** was **seen** by me also, as if to one born prematurely.
[9]For I am the least of the emissaries, who am not **worthy** to be called an emissary, **because** I persecuted the assembly of **Elohim**.
[10]***But*** by the **favour** of **Elohim** I am what I am and **His favour** toward me was not in vain, but I laboured much more than they **all,** yet not I, but the **favour** of **Elohim** with me.
[11]Whether, then, it was I or they, so we **proclaimed** and so you **believed**.
[12]And if **Messiah** is **proclaimed** that **He** has been **raised** from the *dead,* how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?
[13]And if there is no resurrection of the *dead,* then **Messiah** has not been **raised.**
[14]And if **Messiah** has not been **raised,** then our **proclaiming** is empty and your **belief** also empty,
[15]and we are also **found** *false* **witnesses** of **Elohim**, **because** we have **witnessed** of **Elohim** that **He raised** up **Messiah**, whom **He** *did not* **raise** up, if then the *dead* are not **raised.**
[16]For if the *dead* are not **raised,** then neither **Messiah** has been **raised.**
[17]And if **Messiah** has not been **raised,** your **belief** is to no purpose, you are still in your *sins*!
[18]***Then*** also those who have fallen asleep in **Messiah** have perished.
[19]***If*** in this **life** only we have expectation in **Messiah**, we are of *all men* the most wretched.
[20]***But*** **now Messiah** has been **raised** from the *dead* and has become the first-fruit of those having fallen asleep.
[21]For since *death* is through a man, resurrection of the *dead* is also through a Man.
[22]For as **all** *die* in Adam, so also **all** ***shall*** **be** made **alive** in **Messiah** .
[23]And each in his own order: **Messiah** the **first-fruits**, then those who are of **Messiah** at **His coming**,

[24]then **the end,** when **He** delivers up the **reign** to **Elohim** the **Father,** when **He** has brought to naught **all rule** and **all authority** and power.
[25]For **He** has to **reign** until **He** has put **all** enemies under **His** feet.
[26]The **last** enemy to be brought to naught is *death.*
[27]For "He has put **all** under **His** feet." ***But*** when **He** says "all are put under **Him,**" it is clear that **He** who put **all** under **Him** is excepted.
[28]And when **all** are made subject to **Him,** then the **Son Himself *shall*** also be subject to **Him** who put **all** under **Him, in order** that **Elohim** be **all** in **all.**
[29]Otherwise, what ***shall*** they do who are **immersed** for the *dead,* if the *dead* are not **raised** at **all? *Why*** indeed are they **immersed** for the dead?
[30]And why do we **stand** in danger **every hour?**
[31]I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in **Messiah** OWYƎZ our **Master,** I *die* day by day.
[32]If, as men do, I have fought with beasts at Ephesos, of what **good** is it to me? ***If*** the *dead* are not **raised,** "**Let** us eat and drink, for **tomorrow** we *die.*"
[33]***Do*** *not* be led *astray*, "*Evil* company corrupts **good** habits."
[34]Wake up to soberness, **righteously** and *do not sin,* for some *do not* have the **knowledge** of **Elohim**. I **speak** this to your *shame.*
[35]***But*** someone might say, "***How*** are the *dead* **raised** up? And with what body do they **come?**"
[36]Senseless one! ***What*** you sow is not made **alive *unless*** it dies.
[37]As to what you sow: *you do not* sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, it might be wheat or some other grain.
[38]***But*** **Elohim** gives it a body as **He wishes** and to each seed a body of its own.
[39]All *flesh* is not the **same** *flesh,* but there is one *flesh* of men and another *flesh* of beasts and another of fish and another of birds.
[40]And there are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the **esteem** of the heavenly is **truly** one and the **esteem** of the earthly is another,
[41]one **esteem** of the sun and another **esteem** of the moon and another **esteem** of the stars – for star differs from star in esteem.
[42]So also is the resurrection of the dead: it is sown in *corruption*, it is **raised** in in*corruption*;
[43]it is sown in disrespect, it is **raised** in esteem; it is sown in *weakness* , it is **raised** in power;
[44]it is sown a natural body, it is **raised** a spiritual body; there is a natural body and there is a spiritual body.
[45]And so it has been **written**, "The **first** man Adam became a **living** being," the **last** Adam a **life**-giving **Spirit.**
[46]The spiritual, however, was not **first,** but the natural and afterward the spiritual.
[47]The **first** man was of the earth, earthy; the second Man is the **Master** from **heavens.**
[48]As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly.
[49]And as we have borne the likeness of the earthy, we ***shall*** also bear the likeness of the heavenly.
[50]And this I say, brothers, that *flesh* and **blood** is *unable* to inherit the **reign** of **Elohim**, neither does *corruption* inherit in*corruption*.
[51]**See,** I **speak** a **secret** to you: We ***shall*** not **all** sleep, but we ***shall*** **all** be *changed*,
[52]in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the **last** trumpet. For the trumpet ***shall*** sound and the *dead* ***shall*** **be raised** incorruptible and we ***shall*** **be** *changed*.
[53]For this corruptible has to put on in*corruption* and this mortal to put on immortality.
[54]And when this corruptible has put on in*corruption* and this mortal has put on immortality, then ***shall*** **come to** be the **word** that has been **written**, "*Death* is swallowed up in overcoming."
[55]"O Death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your overcoming?"

[56]And the sting of *death* is the *sin* and the **power** of the *sin* is the **Torah**.
[57]***But*** **thanks** to **Elohim** who gives us the overcoming through our **Master** **OWYƎZ** **Messiah**.
[58]Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, **always** excelling in the **work** of the **Master,** knowing that your labour is not in vain in the **Master.**

16 And concerning the collections for the set-apart ones, you are to do as I gave orders to the assemblies of Galatia:
[2]On the **first day of** the week let each one of you set aside, storing up ***whatever*** he is prospered, so that there are no collections when I come.
[3]And when I come, ***whomever*** you approve by your letters, **I *shall* send** to bear your gift to Yerushalayim.
[4]And if it is fitting for me to go, they ***shall*** go with me.
[5]And I ***shall*** **come to** you when I pass through Makedonia, for I am passing through Makedonia.
[6]And possibly I ***shall*** stay with you, or even spend the winter, so that you send me forward, wherever I go.
[7]For I *do not* **wish** to **see** you **now** on the **way,** but I expect to stay a while with you, if the **Master** permits.
[8]And I ***shall*** remain in Ephesos until the **Festival of weeks**.
[9]For a **great** and effective **door** has opened to me and many are opposing.
[10]And if Timothy comes, **see** that he is with you without **fear,** for he does the **work** of the **Master,** even as I.
[11]Therefore let no one *despise* him. And send him forward in peace, so that he **comes** to me, for I am waiting for him with the brothers.
[12]And concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to **come to** you with the brothers, but he had no desire at **all** to **come** at this time; however, he ***shall*** **come** when it is convenient.
[13]**Watch**, **stand** fast in the **belief**, be men, be strong.
[14]**Let all** that you do be done in **love.**
[15]And I urge you, brothers, you **know** the household of Stephanas, that it is the **first fruit** of Achaia and that they have assigned themselves for service to the set-apart ones, that you
[16]also be subject to such and to everyone who works and labours with us.
[17]And I **rejoice** about the **coming** of Stephanas and Fortunatos and Achaikos, for what was lacking on your part they supplied.
[18]They refreshed my spirit and yours, therefore give recognition to such ones.
[19]The assemblies of Asia greet you. Aqulas and Priscilla greet you heartily in the **Master,** with the assembly that is in their house.
[20]All the brothers greet you. Greet one another with a set-apart kiss.
[21]The greeting with my own **hand** – Sha'ul.
[22]***If*** anyone *does not* **love** the **Master** **OWYƎZ** **Messiah**, let him be a *curse.* Maranatha!
[23]The **favour** of our **Master** **OWYƎZ** **Messiah** be with you.
[24]My **love** be with you **all** in **Messiah** **OWYƎZ**. Amĕn.

[a]*MARANATHA: The short phrase, "anathema maranatha" was a negative pronouncement, almost a curse, upon anyone that did not* **love** *Yahusha. A newer meaning for "maranatha" crept into the "church" several hundred years ago. It essentially is Aramaic (Maran – atha), that is, "master comes". Taken together, the phrase actually means "****forbidden****;* **Master** *comes!" Here is the* **way** *it used to express the fact that* **all** *those who declare they do not* **love** *Yahusha are "off-limits" to us (KJV with concordance numbers used for illustration purposes):*
1Co 16:22 ***If*** *any man1536 love5368 not3756 the3588 Lord2962 Jesus (Yahusha)2424 Christ (haMashiach),5547 let him be2277 Anathema331 Maranatha.3134*
The **word** *"anathema" is equivalent to the Hebrew* **word** *"HEREM"* and *means off-limits, or* ***forbidden****. This* **word** *is used for the "harem" of a king, a group of concubines* **guarded** *by a cohort of eunuchs. Maranatha is the component of the phrase that means judgment is* **coming** *to execute vengeance. "Maranatha" in this case should not be isolated from the* **word** *used before it, "anathema", to be properly understood in context.*

2 CORINTHIANS

1 Sha'ul, an emissary of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, by the desire of **Elohim** and Timothy the brother, to the assembly of **Elohim** that is at Corinth, with **all** the set-apart ones who are in **all** Achaia:

2 Favour to you and **peace** from **Elohim** our **Father** and the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**.

3 **Blessed** be the **Elohim** and **Father** of our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, the **Father** of **compassion** and **Elohim** of **all** comfort,

4 who is comforting us in **all** our *pressure ,* enabling us to comfort those who are in **every** *pressure ,* through the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by **Elohim**.

5 **Because**, as the sufferings of **Messiah** overflow in us, so our comfort also overflows through **Messiah**.

6 And if we *suffer pressure ,* it is for your comfort and **deliverance,** being worked out in enduring the **same** sufferings which we also suffer. ***If*** we are comforted, it is for your comfort and **deliverance**.

7 And our expectation for you is steadfast, **because** we **know** that as you are sharing in the sufferings – so also in the comfort.

8 For we *do not* **wish** you to be ignorant, brothers, of our *pressure* which came to us in Asia, that we were weighed down, exceedingly, beyond ability, so that we despaired even of **life**.

9 Indeed, we had the sentence of *death* in ourselves, that we should not **trust** in ourselves but in **Elohim** who raises the *dead,*

10 who rescued us from so **great** a *death* and does rescue, in whom we **trust** that **He *shall*** still **rescue** us,

11 you also helping **together** in prayer for us, that **thanks *shall* be given** by many on our behalf for the **favour** bestowed upon us through many.

12 For our boasting is this: the **witness** of our conscience that we behaved ourselves in the world in simplicity and sincerity of **Elohim**, not in fleshly **wisdom** but in the **favour** of **Elohim** and much more toward you.

13 For we are not **writing** any other matters to you than what you **read** or **understand. Now** I **trust** you ***shall*** *understand,* even to **the end,**

14 as also you have understood us in part, that we are your boast as you also are ours, in the **day of** the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏.

15 And relying on this I **intended** to **come to** you before, that you might twice receive a **favour,**

16 and to pass *your way* into Makedonia and again from Makedonia **come to** you and to be **sent** by you on my **way** to Yahuḏah.

17 Since I **intended** this, did I do it lightly? Or what I plan, do I plan **according** to the *flesh,* that with me there should be Yea, Yea and No, No?

18 ***But* Elohim** is **trustworthy**, that our **word** to you was not Yea and No.

19 For the **Son** of **Elohim**, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, who was **proclaimed** among you by us – by me, Sila and Timothy – was not Yea and No, but in **Him** was Yea.

20 For as many promises as are of **Elohim**, in **Him** they are Yea and in **Him** Amĕn, to the **esteem** of **Elohim** through us.

21 ***But* He** who establishes us with you in **Messiah** and has **anointed** us is **Elohim**,

22 who also **sealed** us and gave the **Spirit** in our **hearts** as a pledge.

23 And I **call Elohim** as **witness** *against* my being, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth.

24 Not that we **rule** over your **belief**, but we are fellow workers for your joy, for you **stand** by **belief**.

2 And I decided this within myself,
not to **come to** you again in sadness.
[2]For if I make you sad, then who is he
who makes me **glad** but the one who is
made sad by me?
[3]And I **wrote** to you as I did, so that
having come, I might not have sadness
over those from whom I should have joy,
trusting in you **all** that my **joy** is that of
you **all.**
[4]For out of much *pressure* and *distress*
of **heart** I **wrote** to you, with many
tears, not that you should be sad, but
that you might **know** the **love** which I so
richly have for you.
[5]***But*** if anyone has **caused** sadness, he
has not made me sad, but in some degree
you **all** – not to be too harsh.
[6]For such a one this *punishment*, by
the many, is sufficient,
[7]so that, on the *contrary*, you should
rather **forgive** and comfort, lest
somehow such a one be swallowed up
with too much sadness.
[8]So I appeal to you to **confirm** your
love to him.
[9]Besides, I **wrote** for this purpose also,
that I might **know** the proof of you, if
you are obedient in **all** matters.
[10]And whom you **forgive** any matter, I
do also. For indeed, if I have **forgiven**
any matter, I have **forgiven** that one for
your sakes in the **sight** of **Messiah**,
[11]lest Satan should take advantage
of us, for we are not ignorant of his
thoughts.
[12]And when I came to Troas for the
Besorah of **Messiah** and a **door** was
opened to me by the **Master,**
[13]I had no rest in my spirit, **<u>because</u>**
I *did not* find Titus my brother. ***But***
taking my leave of them, I went on to
Makedonia.
[14]***But*** **thanks** be to **Elohim** who **always**
leads us on, to overcome in **Messiah** and
manifests through us the fragrance of
His knowledge in **every** place.
[15]**<u>Because</u>** we are to **Elohim** the
fragrance of **Messiah** among those who
are being **saved** and among those who
are perishing.
[16]To the one we are the *smell* of *death*
to *death* and to the other the fragrance
of **life** to **life**. And who is competent for
these?
[17]For we are not, as so many,
adulterating the **Word** of **Elohim** for
gain – but as of sincerity but as from
Elohim, in the **sight**

3 Are we to begin to recommend
ourselves again? Or do we need, as
some, letters of recommendation to you,
or from you?
[2]You are our letter, having been
written in our **hearts**, **known** and **read**
by *all men*,
[3]making it obvious that you are a letter
of **Messiah**, **served** by us, **written** not
with ink but by the **Spirit** of the **living**
Elohim, not on tablets of stone but on
fleshly tablets of the **heart.**
[4]And such **trust** we have toward
Elohim, through the **Messiah**.
[5]Not that we are competent in
ourselves to reckon any matter as from
ourselves, but our competence is from
Elohim,
[6]who also made us competent as
servants of a **renewed** covenant, not of
the letter but of the **Spirit,** for the letter
kills but the **Spirit** gives **life**.
[7]***But*** if the administering of *death*
in letters, engraved on stones, was
esteemed, so that the children of Yisra'ĕl
were *unable* to look steadily at the face
of Mosheh **<u>because</u>** of the **esteem** of his
face, which was passing away,
[8]how much more esteemed ***shall*** the
administering of the **Spirit** not be?
[9]For if the administering of
condemnation had esteem, the
administering of **righteousness** exceeds
much more in esteem.
[10]For indeed what was made esteemed
had no **esteem** in this respect, in view of
the **esteem** that excels.
[11]For if that which is passing away
was esteemed, much more that which
remains in esteem.

[12]Having then such expectation, we use much **boldness** of speech,
[13]and not like Mosheh, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Yisra'ĕl should not look steadily at **the end** of what was passing away.
[14]***But*** their minds were hardened, for to this day, when the old **covenant** is being read, that **same** veil remains, not lifted, **because** in **Messiah** it is taken away.
[15]***But*** to this day, when Mosheh is being read, a veil lies on their **heart.**
[16]And when one turns to the **Master,** the veil is taken away.
[17]**Now ΞΥΞΖ is the Spirit** and where **the Spirit** of ΞΥΞΖ is, there's **freedom.**
[18]And we **all,** as with unveiled face we **see** as in a mirror the **esteem** of ΞΥΞΖ, are being transformed into the **same** likeness from **esteem** to esteem, as from ΞΥΞΖ, the **Spirit.**

4 Therefore, having this service, even as we received **compassion**, we *do not* lose **heart,**
[2]but have renounced the **secret ways** of shame, not walking in *craftiness* nor falsifying the **Word** of **Elohim**, but by the manifestation of the **truth** recommending ourselves to **every** human conscience, in the **sight** of **Elohim**.
[3]And indeed, if our **Besorah** has been veiled, it has been veiled in those who are perishing,
[4]in whom the *mighty one* of this age has blinded the minds of the *unbelieving*, so that the enlightening of the **Besorah** of the **esteem** of **Messiah**, who is the likeness of **Elohim**, *does not* shine on them.
[5]For we *do not* **proclaim** ourselves, but **Messiah** OWYΞΖ the **Master** and ourselves your servants for the sake of OWYΞΖ.
[6]For **Elohim**, who said, "**Let light** shine out of *darkness*," is the **One** who has shone in our **hearts** for the enlightening of the **knowledge** of the **esteem** of **Elohim** in the face of OWYΞΖ **Messiah**.
[7]And we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the excellence of the **power** might be of **Elohim** and not of us –
[8]being hard pressed on **every** side, but not crushed; being perplexed, but not in despair;
[9]being persecuted, but not ***forsaken***; being *thrown* down, but not **destroyed**;
[10]always bearing about in the body the dying of the **Master** OWYΞΖ, that the **life** of OWYΞΖ might also be manifested in our body.
[11]For we, the **living**, are **always delivered** to *death* for the sake of OWYΞΖ, that the **life** of OWYΞΖ might also be manifested in our mortal *flesh,*
[12]so that *death* indeed is working in us, but the **life** in you.
[13]***But*** having the **same** spirit of **belief**, **according** to what has been **written**, "I **believed**, therefore I spoke," we also **believe,** therefore we also speak,
[14]knowing that **He** who **raised** up the **Master** OWYΞΖ ***shall*** also **raise** us up through OWYΞΖ and ***shall*** present *us* with you.
[15]For **all** this is for your sake, so that **favour,** having spread through the many, would **cause thanksgiving** to overflow, unto the **esteem** of **Elohim**.
[16]Therefore we *do not* lose **heart,** but even if our outward man is perishing, the inward man is being **renewed** day by day.
[17]For this s**light** momentary *pressure ,* is working for us a far more exceeding and **everlasting** weight of esteem.
[18]We are not looking on what is **seen,** but on what is not **seen.** For what is **seen** passes away, but what is not **seen** is **everlasting**.

5 For we **know** that if the tent of our earthly house, is **destroyed**, we have a building from **Elohim**, a house not made with hands, **everlasting** in the **heavens.**

[2]For indeed in this we groan, longing to put on our dwelling which is from heaven,
[3]so that, having put it on, we ***shall*** not be **found** naked.
[4]For indeed, we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not **because** we **wish** to put it off, but to put on *t*he other, so that what is to *die* might be swallowed up by **life**.
[5]**Now He** who has prepared us for this **same** purpose is **Elohim**, who has **given** us the **Spirit** as a **pledge** of what is to come.
[6]Therefore, being **always** of **good** courage and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are ab**sent** from the **Master** –
[7]for we **walk** by **belief**, not by **sight** –
[8]we are of **good** courage and are well pleased rather to be ab**sent** from the body and to be present with the **Master.**
[9]So we also make it our aim to be well pleasing to **Him,** whether being at home, or being away from home.
[10]For we **all** have to appear before the judgment seat of **Messiah**, **in order** for each one to receive **according** to what he has done in the body, whether **good** or *evil*.
[11]Knowing, therefore, the **fear** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, we persuade men, but we have been made manifest to **Elohim** and I also **trust** in your consciences to have been manifested.
[12]For we *do not* again commend ourselves to you, but give you an occasion to boast on our behalf, **in order** that you have an answer for those who take pride in appearance and not in **heart.**
[13]For whether we are beside ourselves, it was for **Elohim**, or whether we are of sound mind, it is for you.
[14]For the **love** of **Messiah** compels us, having judged this: that if **One** died for **all,** then **all** died;
[15]and **He** died for **all,** that those who **live** should no longer **live** for themselves, but for **Him** who died for them and was **raised.**
[16]So from **now** onwards we **know** no one **according** to the *flesh.* And if we have **known Messiah according** to the *flesh,* yet **now** we no longer **know Him** thus.
[17]Therefore, if anyone is in **Messiah**, *he is* a **renewed** creature – the old matters have passed away, **see, all** matters have become renewed!
[18]And **all** matters are from **Elohim**, who has restored us to **favour** with **Himself** through 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** and has **given** us the service of restoration to **favour,**
[19]that is, that **Elohim** was in **Messiah** restoring the world to **favour** unto **Himself**, not reckoning their *trespasses* to them and has committed to us the **Word** of restoration to **favour.**
[20]Therefore we are envoys on behalf of **Messiah**, as though **Elohim** were pleading through us. We beg, on behalf of **Messiah**: Be restored to **favour** with **Elohim**.
[21]For **He** made **Him** who **knew** no *sin* to be *sin* for us, so that in **Him** we might become the **righteousness** of **Elohim**.

6 And working together, we also **call** upon you not to receive the **favour** of **Elohim** in vain –
[2]For **He** says, "In an **acceptable time** I have **heard** you and in a **day of deliverance** I have helped you." **See, now** is the well-accepted **time, see, now** is a **day of deliverance** –
[3]giving no **cause** of *stumbling* in **whatever**, so that the service is not blamed.
[4]Rather, we commend ourselves as servants of **Elohim** in **every** way: in much endurance, in *pressure*s, in hardships, in *distresses*,
[5]in stripes, in imprisonments, in disturbances, in toils, in watchings, in fastings,
[6]in cleanness, in **knowledge**, in patience, in **kindness**, in the **Set-apart Spirit,** in **love** unfeigned,

[7]in the **Word** of **truth**, in the **power** of **Elohim**, through the weapons of **righteousness**, on the **right** and on the left,
[8]through **esteem** and disrespect, through *evil* report and **good** report; regarded as deceivers and yet true;
[9]as unknown and yet well-known; as dying and **see,** we live; as disciplined and yet not *killed*;
[10]as sad, yet **always** rejoicing; as *poor*, yet enriching many; as having none and yet possessing **all.**
[11]Our **mouth** has **spoken** openly to you, O Corinthians, our **heart** is wide open.
[12]You are not restrained by us, but you are restrained by your own affections.
[13]***But*** for the **same** reward – I **speak** as to children – **open** wide your **hearts** too.
[14]***Do*** *not* become unevenly yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership have **righteousness** and *lawlessness*? And what fellowship has **light** with *darkness*?
[15]And what agreement has **Messiah** with Beliya'al? Or what part does a **believe**r have with an un**believe**r?
[16]And what union has the **Dwelling Place** of **Elohim** with *idols?* For you are a **Dwelling Place** of the **living Elohim**, as **Elohim** has said, "I ***shall*** dwell in them and **walk** among them and I ***shall*** **be** their **Elohim** and they ***shall*** **be My people**."
[17]Therefore, **"Come out** from among them and be separate, says יהוה and *do not* touch what is *unclean* and I ***shall*** receive you.
[18]"And I ***shall*** **be** a **Father** to you and you ***shall*** **be** sons and daughters to **Me,** says יהוה the Almighty."

7 Having, then, these promises, beloved , let us **cleanse** ourselves from all defilement of the *flesh* and spirit, perfecting set-apartness in the **fear** of **Elohim**.
[2]Make room for us, we *wronged* no one, we *corrupted* no one, we *exploited* no one.
[3]I *do not* say this to *condemn,* for I previously said that you are in our **hearts**, to *die* **together** and to **live** together.
[4]Great is my **boldness** of speech toward you, **great** is my boasting on your behalf. I have been filled with **encouragement**,
I overflow with **joy** in **all** our *pressure* .
[5]For, indeed, when we came into Makedonia, our *flesh* had no rest, but we were hard pressed on **every** side – conflicts without, ***fears*** within.
[6]***But*** **Elohim**, who **encourages** the downcast, **encouraged** us by the **coming** of Titus,
[7]and not only by his **coming**, but also by the **encouragement** with which he was **encouraged** over you, when he reported to us your longing, your mourning, your **ardour** for me, so that I greatly rejoiced.
[8]For even if I made you sad with my letter, I *do not* regret it, though I did regret it. For I **perceive** that the **same** letter made you sad, even if for an **hour.**
[9]I **now rejoice,** not that you were made sad, but that you were saddened into repenting. For you were made sad **according** to **Elohim**, so that you suffered no loss from us.
[10]For sadness **according** to **Elohim works repentance** to **deliverance,** not to be regretted, but the sadness of the world **works** *death.*
[11]For **see** how you have been saddened **according** to **Elohim** – how much it worked out in you eagerness; indeed, clearing of yourselves; indeed, displeasure; indeed, **fear**; indeed, longing; indeed, ardour; indeed, **righting** of ***wrong!*** In **every way** you proved yourselves to be clear in the matter.
[12]So although I **wrote** to you, it was not for the sake of him who had done the ***wrong,*** nor for the sake of him who suffered ***wrong,*** but for the sake of revealing our diligence for you, before **Elohim**.
[13]For this **reason** we have been **encouraged** in your **encouragement**.

And we rejoiced exceedingly more for the **joy** of Titus, **because** his spirit has been refreshed by **all** of you.
[14]**Because** if I have boasted somewhat about you to him, I am not ashamed. ***But*** as we spoke to you in **all truth**, even so our boasting to Titus was **found true.**
[15]And his tender feelings are greater for you as he **remembers** the obedience of **all** of you, as you received him with **fear** and *trembling*.
[16]I **rejoice** that in **every way** I am of **good** courage by **reason** of you.

8 **Now** brothers, we make **known** to you the **favour** of **Elohim** which has been **given** in the assemblies of Makedonia:
[2]that in much trial of *pressure* the overflowing of their **joy** and their deep poverty overflowed into the riches of their generosity.
[3]**Because** I bear **witness** that **according** to their ability and beyond their ability, *t*hey gave voluntarily,
[4]begging us with much urgency for the **favour** of taking part in this service to the set-apart ones.
[5]And, not as we had expected, they gave themselves **first** to the **Master** and then to us by the desire of **Elohim**,
[6]that we should urge Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also **complete** this **kind** gift in you as well.
[7]***But*** as you excel in **every way** – in **belief** and speech and **knowledge** and **all** diligence and in your **love** for us- that you should excel in this **kind** gift as well.
[8]I **speak** not by **command,** but I am proving the genuineness of your **love**by the eagerness of others.
[9]For you **know** the **favour** of our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, that being rich, **He** became *poor* for your sake,so that you might become richthrough **His** poverty.
[10]And in this I give an opinion: It is to your advantage not only to be doing what you began and were desiring to do a year ago,
[11]and **now** also **complete** the **work,**that as there was a readiness in desiring it, so there also should be a completion out of what you have.
[12]For if the readiness is present, it is well received **according** to what one has, not **according** to what he*does not* have –
[13]not, however, that others shouldbe eased and you hard pressed,
[14]but by fair sharing, that **now** at this **time** your plenty for their need, so that their plenty might also be for your need – that there might be fair sharing.
[15]As it has been **written**, "He who gathered much *did not* have too much and he who gathered *little* had not less."
[16]***But*** **thanks** be to **Elohim** who puts the **same** eagerness for you into the **heart** of Titus.
[17]**Because** he received the appeal, indeed, but being more eager, he went to you of his own accord.
[18]And we **sent** with him the brother whose **praise** is in the **Besorah** through **all** the assemblies,
[19]and not only so, but who was also **chosen** by the assemblies to travel with us with this gift that is administered by us to the **esteem** of the **Master Himself** and your **ready** mind,
[20]avoiding this: that anyone should blame us in this generous gift which is administered by us.
[21]For we provide what is right, not only in the **sight** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, but also in the **sight** of men.
[22]And we **sent** with them our brother whom we have often proved eager in many ways, but **now** much more eager, **because** of the **great** reliance which we have in you.
[23]As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for you. As for our brothers, they are messengers of the assemblies, the **esteem** of **Messiah**.
[24]Therefore **show** to them the proof of your **love** and of our boasting on your behalf and in the presence of the assemblies.

9 Indeed, concerning the service to the set-apart ones, it is unnecessary for me to **write** to you;
[2]for I **know** your eagerness, about which I boast of you to the Makedonians, that Achaia was **ready** a year ago. And your **ardour** has stirred up most of them.
[3]***But*** I **sent** the brothers, lest our boasting on behalf of you should be made *empty* in this part, **in order** that, as I said, you were ready,
[4]lest if some Makedonians **come** with me and find you not ready, we – not to **speak** of you – should be put to *shame* **because** of our **belief**.
[5]So I thought it necessary to appeal to the brothers to **come to** you in advance and arrange your **promised blessing** beforehand – this to be **ready** as a **blessing** and not as greediness.
[6]And this: **He** who sows sparingly ***shall*** also reap sparingly and he who sows on **blessing *shall*** also reap on **blessing.**
[7]**Let** each one give as he purposes in his **heart,** not of grief or of necessity, for **Elohim** loves a joyous giver.
[8]And **Elohim is able** to make **all favour** overflow toward you, that you, **always** having **all** you need in **every way,** have plenty for **every good** work.
[9]As it has been **written**, "He *scattered* abroad, **He** gave to the *poor*, **His righteousness** remains **forever**."
[10]And **He** who supplies seed to the sower and **bread** for food, ***shall*** supply and increase the seed you have sown and increase the **fruit** of your **righteousness**,
[11]being enriched in **every way** for **all** simplicity, which **works** out **thanksgiving** to **Elohim** through us.
[12]**Because** the rendering of this service not only supplies the needs of the set-apart ones, but also is overflowing through many **thanksgiving**s to **Elohim**.
[13]Through the proof of this service, they **esteem Elohim** on the submission of your confession to the **Besorah** of **Messiah** and generosity in sharing with them and *all men*,
[14]and by their prayer for you, who long for you **because** of the exceeding **favour** of **Elohim** in you.
[15]Thanks also to **Elohim** for **His** unspeakable gift!

10 And I, Sha'ul, myself appeal to you, through the meekness and gentleness of **Messiah** – I who am indeed lowly when face to face with you, but bold toward you when ab**sent**!
[2]***But*** I pray, that when I am present, I might not be bold with that bravery by which I *think* to be bold *against* some who reckon us as if we walked **according** to the *flesh.*
[3]For though we **walk** in the *flesh,* we *do not fight* **according** to the *flesh.*
[4]For the weapons we *fight* with are not fleshly but mighty in **Elohim** for overthrowing *strongholds*,
[5]overthrowing *reasonings* and **every** high matter that exalts itself *against* the **knowledge** of **Elohim**, taking captive **every** thought to make it obedient to the **Messiah**,
[6]and being **ready** to *punish* **all** *disobedience*, when your obedience is **complete**.
[7]Take a look at what you are facing. ***If*** anyone seems to **trust** in himself that he is of **Messiah**, let him reckon again for himself, that as he is of **Messiah**, so also are we.
[8]For even if I should boast somewhat more about our authority, which the **Master** gave us for building up and not for overthrowing you, I ***shall*** not be put to shame,
[9]lest I seem to frighten you away by letters.
[10]**Because** they say, "**His** letters are **truly** weighty and **strong,** but his bodily presence is weak and his speech amounts to naught."
[11]**Let** such a one take this into account, that what we are in **word** by letters when ab**sent**, such we are also in **deed** when we are present.

[12]For we *do not* presume to count ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. ***But*** they, measuring themselves by themselves and comparing themselves among themselves, are not **wise.**
[13]***But*** we ***shall*** not boast beyond measure, but within the measure of the limits **Elohim** assigned unto us, to reach even to you.
[14]For we are not overextending ourselves, as if we *did not* reach to you, for we also came to you with the **Besorah** of the **Messiah**,
[15]not boasting beyond measure in the labours of others, but having an expectation, that as your **belief** grows, we ***shall*** **be** greatly enlarged by you, **according** to our limits,
[16]to bring the **Besorah** in the parts beyond you – not to boast in another's limits in what has been **accomplished**.
[17]***But*** "He who boasts, let him boast in יהוה."
[18]For not he who commends himself is approved, but he whom the **Master** commends.

11 I **wish** that you would bear with me in a *little* folly. ***But*** indeed, you are bearing with me.
[2]For I am *jealous* for you with a *jealousy* **according** to **Elohim**. For I gave you in marriage to one husband, to present you as an **innocent** maiden to **Messiah**.
[3]***But*** I am *afraid*, lest, as the *serpent* ***deceived*** Ḥawwah by his trickery,
so your minds should be *corrupted* from the simplicity that is in **Messiah**.
[4]For, indeed, if he who is **coming** proclaims another יהושע, whom we have not **proclaimed**, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different **Besorah** which you have not accepted, you put up with it well enough!
[5]For I reckon that I am not inferior to the most eminent emissaries.
[6]***But*** even if I am unskilled in **word,** yet not in **knowledge**. Indeed, in **every way** we have been manifested among you in **all** matters.
[7]Or did I *commit sin* in humbling myself **in order** to **exalt** you, **because** I brought good news, the **Besorah** of **Elohim** to you without being paid?
[8]Other assemblies I robbed, by receiving wages *from them*to **serve** you.
[9]And when I was present with you and in need, I was not a *burden* to anyone, for what was lacking to me the brothers who came from Makedonia supplied. And in **every way** I kept myself – and ***shall*** keep – from being a *burden* to you.
[10]It is a **truth** of **Messiah** in me, that this boasting in me ***shall*** not be *stopped* in the districts of Achaia.
[11]Why? Is it that I *do not* **love** you? **Elohim** knows!
[12]And I ***shall*** go on doing as I do, **in order** to *cut off* the occasion from those desiring an occasion, so that in that which they boast, they might be **found** also as we are.
[13]For such are *false* emissaries, deceptive workers, masquerading as emissaries of **Messiah**.
[14]And no wonder! For Satan himself masquerades as a messenger of **light**!
[15]It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of **righteousness**, whose end ***shall*** **be according** to their works!
[16]Again I say, let no one *think* me to be a fool. And if otherwise, at least receive me as a *fool,* for me to also boast a little.
[17]***What*** I speak, I **speak** not **according** to the **Master,** but as in foolishness,
in this **boldness** of boasting.
[18]Since many boast **according** to the *flesh,* I too ***shall*** boast.
[19]For you, being **wise,** put up with fools gladly!
[20]For you put up with it if anyone enslaves you, if anyone devours you, if anyone takes from you, if anyone exalts himself, if one hits you in the face.
[21]To *my* shame, I say that we were too weak for that! ***But*** in ***whatever*** anyone is

bold – I say it in foolishness –I am bold also.
[22]Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Yisra'ĕlites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I.
[23]Are they servants of **Messiah**? – I **speak** as beside myself – I am more, in labours much more, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths many times.
[24]Five times I received from the Yahudim forty stripes less one.
[25]*Three times* I was *beaten* with rods, once I was stoned, *three times* I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have been in the deep,
[26]in many travels, in dangers of waters, in dangers of ***robbers,*** in dangers from my own race, in dangers from the *gentiles,* in dangers in the city, in dangers in the desert, in dangers in the sea, in dangers among *false* brothers;
[27]in toil and hardship, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness,
[28]besides the matters from outside, what **comes** upon me daily: the anxiety for **all** the assemblies.
[29]***Who*** is weak and I am not weak? ***Who*** is made to *stumble* and I *do not* burn inwardly?
[30]***If*** I have to boast, I ***shall*** boast of matters that **show** up my *weakness.*
[31]The **Elohim** and **Father** of our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, who is **blessed forever**, **knows** that I am not *lying*.
[32]In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the sovereign, was **guarding** the city of the Damascenes, *wishing* to *seize* me,
[33]but through a window I was let down in a basket by the wall and **escaped** from his hands.

12 To boast, indeed, is useless for me, for I ***shall*** go on to **visions** and **revelations** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
[2]I **know** a man in **Messiah** who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I *do not* **know,** or whether out of the body I *do not* **know, Elohim knows** – such a one was ***caught*** up to the third **heavens.**
[3]And I **know** such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I *do not* **know, Elohim knows** –
[4]that he was ***caught*** up into Paradise and **heard unspeakable words**, which it is not **right** for a man to speak.
[5]Of such a one I ***shall*** boast, but of myself I ***shall*** not boast, ***except*** in my weaknesses.
[6]For if I ***shall*** **wish** to boast, I ***shall*** not be a *fool,* for I ***shall*** **speak** the **truth**. ***But*** I refrain, lest anyone should *think* more of me than what he sees in me, or **hears** of me.
[7]And to keep me from exalting myself **because** of the exceeding greatness of the **revelations**, a thorn in the *flesh* was **given** to me, a messenger of Satan to hit me, to keep me from exalting myself.
[8]Concerning this I pleaded with the **Master** *three times* to take it away from me.
[9]And **He** said to me, "**My favour** is sufficient for you, for **My power** is **perfected** in *weakness.*" Most gladly, then, I ***shall*** rather boast in my *weaknesses*, so that the **power** of **Messiah** rests on me.
[10]Therefore I take pleasure in *weaknesses*, in *insults*, in needs, in *persecutions*, in *distresses*, for the sake of **Messiah**. For when I am weak, then I am strong.
[11]I have become a *fool* – you have compelled me. For I should have been commended by you, for in no respect was I behind the most eminent emissaries, though I am a nobody.
[12]Indeed, the **signs** of an emissary were wrought among you with **all** endurance, in **signs** and **wonders** and powers.
[13]For what is there in which you were inferior to other assemblies, ***except*** that I myself was not a *burden* to you? **Forgive** me this ***wrong!***
[14]**See,** I am **ready** to **come to** you for the third **time.** And I ***shall*** not be a

burden to you, for I *do not* **seek** yours, but you. For the children should not lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

15And I ***shall*** most gladly spend and be spent for your **lives.** ***If*** I **love** you more and more, am I to be **loved** less?

16***But*** be it so, I *did not burden* you. ***But*** being *crafty*, did I ***catch*** you with guile?

17Did I take advantage of you by any of those whom I **sent** to you?

18I urged Titus and **sent** our brother with him. Did Titus take advantage of you? Did we not **walk** in the **same** spirit – not in the **same** steps?

19Again, do you *think* that we defend ourselves to you? We **speak** before **Elohim** in **Messiah**. ***But*** **all** this, beloved, is for your upbuilding.

20For I **fear** lest, when I come, I *do not* find you such as I **wish,** and I be **found** by you such as *you do not* **wish**– lest there be *strife, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, slander, gossip, puffings up, unrests,*

21and lest, when I **come** again, my **Elohim** should humble me among you and I ***shall*** *mourn* for many who have *sinned* before and have *not repented* of the *uncleanness* and *whoring* and *indecency* which they have practised.

13 This is the third **time** I am **coming** to you. "By the **mouth** of two or three **witnesses every word** ***shall*** **be established**."

2I have previously said and I say beforehand, as being present the second **time,** and **now** being ab**sent** I **write** to those who have *sinned* before and to **all** the rest, that if I **come** again I ***shall*** *not spare*,

3since you are **seeking** for proof of **Messiah** speaking in me, who is not weak toward you, but mighty in you.

4For though **He** was impaled in *weakness*, yet **He** lives by the **power** of **Elohim**. For we also are weak in **Him,** but we ***shall*** **live** with **Him** by the **power** of **Elohim** toward you.

5Examine yourselves whether you are in the **belief** – prove yourselves. Or do you not **know** yourselves, that **OWYƎZ Messiah** is in you, ***unless*** you are disapproved.

6And I **trust** that **you** ***shall*** **know** that we are not *disapproved*.

7And we pray to **Elohim** that you do no *evil* at **all** – not that we should appear approved, but that you should do what is right, even though we should appear unapproved.

8For we have no **power** at **all** *against* the **truth**, but for the **truth**.

9For we **rejoice** when we are weak and you are strong. And this also we pray for: your perfection.

10For this **reason** I **write** this in my absence, so that, being present I should not use sharpness, **according** to the **authority** which the **Master** has **given** me for upbuilding and not for overthrowing.

11For the rest, brothers, rejoice. Be made **perfect,** be **encouraged**, be of one mind, **live** in peace. And the **Elohim** of **love** and **peace** ***shall*** **be** with you.

12Greet one another with a set-apart kiss.

13All the set-apart ones greet you.

14The **favour** of the **Master OWYƎZ Messiah** and the **love** of **Elohim** and the fellowship of the **Set-apart Spirit** be with **all** of you. Amĕn.

GALATIANS

1 Sha'ul, an emissary – not from men,
nor by a man, but by 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**
and **Elohim** the **Father** who **raised Him**
from the *dead* –
[2]and **all** the brothers who are with me,
to the assemblies of Galatia:
[3]Favour to you and **peace** from
Elohim the **Father** and our **Master**
𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**,
[4]who gave **Himself** for our *sins*, to
deliver us out of this present *wicked* age,
according to the desire of our **Elohim**
and **Father,**
[5]to whom be the **praise forever** and
ever. Amĕn.
[6]I marvel that you are so readily
turning away from **Him** who called you
in the **favour** of **Messiah**, to a different
'**Besorah**,'
[7]which is not another, only there are
some who are troubling you and *wishing*
to ***pervert*** the **Besorah** of **Messiah**.
[8]However, even if we, or a messenger
out of heaven, bring a '**Besorah**' to you
beside what we **announced** to you, let
him be *accursed*.
[9]As we have said before and **now** I say
again, if anyone brings a '**Besorah**' to
you beside what you have received, let
him be *accursed*.
[10]For do I **now** persuade men, or
Elohim? Or do I **seek** to please men?
For if I still pleased men, I should not be
a servant of **Messiah**.
[11]And I make **known** to you, brothers,
that the **Besorah announced** by me is
not **according** to man.
[12]For I ***did not receive*** it from man, nor
was I **taught** it, but through a revelation
of 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**.
[13]For you have **heard** of my former
way of **life** in Yehuḏaism, how
intensely I persecuted the assembly of
Elohim and ravaged it.
[14]And I progressed in Yahuḏaism
beyond many of my age in my race,
being more exceedingly **ardent** for the
traditions of my fathers.
[15]***But*** when it pleased **Elohim**, who
separated me from my mother's womb
and called me by **His favour,**
[16]to **reveal His Son** in me, that I might
bring **Him,** the **Besorah**, to the *gentiles,*
I *did not* **immediately** consult with *flesh*
and **blood,**
[17]neither did I go up to Yerushalayim,
to those who were emissaries before me.
But I went to Araḇia and returned again
to Damascus.
[18]***Then*** after three years I went up to
Yerushalayim to **learn** from Kĕpha and
remained with him for fifteen days.
[19]And I **saw** no other of the emissaries
except Ya'aqoḇ, the brother of the
Master.
[20]And what I **write** to you, **see,** before
Elohim, I *do not lie.*
[21]***Then*** I went into the districts of Syria
and of Kilikia.
[22]And I was still not **known** by **sight** to
the assemblies of Yahuḏah which were
in **Messiah**,
[23]but they were **hearing** only that, "The
one who once persecuted us **now** brings
as **Besorah** the **belief** which he once
ravaged."
[24]So they were esteeming **Elohim** in
me.

2 ***Then*** after fourteen years I
again went up to Yerushalayim, with
Barnaḇah, taking Titus along too.
[2]And I went up by revelation and
laid before them that **Besorah** which
I **proclaim** among the *gentiles,* but
separately to those who were esteemed,
lest somehow I run, or had run, in vain.

3***But*** not even Titus who was with me, though a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised.

4***But*** as for the *false* brothers, sneakingly brought in, who sneaked in to spy out our **freedom** which we have in **Messiah** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **in order** to enslave us,

5to these we *did not* yield in subjection, not even for an **hour,** so that the **truth** of the **Besorah** remains with you.

6***But*** from those who were esteemed to be ***whatever*** – what they were, it makes no difference to me, **Elohim** shows no partiality – for those who were esteemed contributed naught to me.

7***But*** on the *contrary*, when they **saw** that the **Besorah** to the *uncircumcised* had been entrusted to me, even as Kĕpha to the circumcised –

8for **He** who worked in Kĕpha to make him an emissary to the circumcised also worked in me for the *gentiles.*

9So when Ya'aqoḇ, Kĕpha and Yoḥanan, who seemed to be supports, came **to know** the **favour** that had been **given** to me, they gave me and Barnaḇah the **right hand** of fellowship, **in order** that we go to the *gentiles* and they to the circumcised,

10only that we might ***remember*** the *poor*, which I myself was eager to do.

11And when Kĕpha had **come to** Antioch, I withstood him to his face, **because** he was at fault.

12For before some came from Ya'aqoḇ, he was eating with the *gentiles,* but when they came, he began to withdraw and separate himself, in **fear** of those of the circumcision.

13And the rest of the Yahuḏim joined him in *hypocrisy*, so that even Barnaḇah was led away by their *hypocrisy*.

14***But*** when I **saw** that they are not walking **straight according** to the **truth** of the **Besorah**, I said to Kĕpha before them **all,** "***If*** you, being a Yehuḏite, **live** as a gentile and not as the Yahuḏim, why do you compel *gentiles* to **live** as Yahuḏim?

15"We, Yahuḏim by nature and not of the *gentiles, sinners,*

16knowing that a man is not **declared** right by **works** of **Torah**, but through **belief** in 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, even we have **believed** in **Messiah** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, **in order** to be **declared right** by **belief** in **Messiah** and not by **works** of **Torah**, **because** by **works** of **Torah** no *flesh* ***shall*** **be declared** right.

17"And if, while **seeking** to be **declared right** by **Messiah**, we ourselves also are **found** *sinners,* is **Messiah** then a servant of *sin?* **Let** it not be!

18"For if I rebuild what I once overthrew, I **establish** myself a *transgressor*.

19"For through **Torah** I died to **Torah**, **in order** to **live** to **Elohim**.

20"I have been impaled with **Messiah** and I no longer **live,** but **Messiah** lives in me. And that which I **now live** in the *flesh* I **live** by **belief** in the **Son** of **Elohim**, who **loved** me and gave **Himself** for me.

21"I *do not* set aside the **favour** of **Elohim**, for if **righteousness** is through **Torah**, then **Messiah** died for naught."

3 O senseless Galatians! ***Who*** has put you under a spell, not to **obey** the **truth** – before whose eyes 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** was clearly portrayed among you as impaled?

2This only I **wish** to **learn** from you: Did you receive the **Spirit** by **works** of **Torah**, or by the **hearing** of **belief**?

3Are you so senseless? Having begun in the **Spirit,** do you **now** end in the flesh?

4Have you suffered so much in vain – if indeed in vain?

5Is **He,** then, who is supplying the **Spirit** to you and working miracles among you, doing it by **works** of **Torah**, or by **hearing** of **belief**?

6Even so Aḇrahim "did **believe** **Elohim** and it was reckoned unto him as **righteousness**."

[7]Know, then, that those who are of **belief** are sons of Abrahim.
[8]And the **Scripture**, having foreseen that **Elohim** would **declare right** the nations by **belief**, **announced** the **Besorah** to Abrahim beforehand, saying, "All the nations ***shall*** **be blessed** in you,"
[9]so that those who are of **belief** are **blessed** with Abrahim, the **believe**r.
[10]For as many as are of **works** of **Torah** are under the *curse,* for it has been **written**, ***"Cursed*** is everyone who *does not* continue in **all** that has been **written** in the **book** of the **Torah**, to do them."
[11]And that no one is **declared right** by **Torah** before **Elohim** is clear, for "The **righteous** ***shall*** **live** by **belief**."
[12]And the **Torah** is not of **belief**, but "The man who does them ***shall*** **live** by them."
[13]**Messiah** redeemed us from the *curse* of the **Torah**, having become a *curse* for us – for it has been **written**, ***"Cursed*** is everyone who hangs upon a *tree.*" –
[14]**in order** that the **blessing** of Abrahim might **come** upon the nations in **Messiah** OWYHZ, to receive the **promise** of the **Spirit** through **belief**.
[15]Brothers, as a man I say it: a covenant, even though it is man's, yet if it is confirmed, no one sets it aside, or adds to it.
[16]***But*** the promises were **spoken** to Abrahim and to his **Seed**. **He** *does not* say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your **Seed**," who is **Messiah**.
[17]**Now** this I say, **Torah**, that came four hundred and thirty years later, *does not* annul a **covenant** previously **confirmed** by **Elohim** in **Messiah**, so as to do away with the **promise.**
[18]For if the **inheritance** is by **Torah**, it is no longer by **promise,** but **Elohim** gave it to Abrahim through a **promise.**
[19]Why, then, the **Torah**? It was **added** **because** of *transgressions*, until the **Seed** should **come to** whom the **promise** was made. And it was ordained through messengers in the **hand** of a mediator.
[20]The Mediator, however, is not of one, but **Elohim** is one.
[21]Is the **Torah** then *against* the promises of **Elohim**? **Let** it not be! For if a **law** had been **given** that was able to make **alive, truly righteousness** would have been by **Torah**.
[22]***But*** the **Scripture** has shut up **all** mankind under *sin,* that the **promise** by **belief** in OWYHZ **Messiah** might be **given** to those who **believe**.
[23]***But*** before **belief** came, we were being **guarded** under **Torah**, having been shut up for the **belief** being about to be **revealed**.
[24]Therefore the **Torah** became our trainer unto **Messiah**, **in order** to be **declared right** by **belief**.
[25]And after **belief** has come, we are no longer under a trainer.
[26]For you are **all** sons of **Elohim** through **belief** in **Messiah** OWYHZ.
[27]For as many of you as were **immersed** into **Messiah** have put on **Messiah**.
[28]There is not Yahudi nor Greek, there is not slave nor **free,** there is not male and female, for you are **all** one in **Messiah** OWYHZ.
[29]And if you are of **Messiah**, then you are **seed** of Abrahim and heirs **according** to **promise.**

4 And I say, for as long as the **heir** is a child, he is no different from a slave, though he is master of **all,**
[2]but is under guardians and trustees til the **time** prearranged by the father.
[3]So we also, when we were children, were under the elementary matters of the world, being enslaved.
[4]***But*** when the completion of the **time** came, **Elohim sent** forth **His Son**, born of a woman, born under **Torah**,
[5]to **redeem** those who were under **Torah**, **in order** to receive the adoption as sons.
[6]And **because** you are sons, **Elohim** has **sent** forth the **Spirit** of **His Son** into your **hearts**, crying, "Abba, Father!"

[7]So you are no longer a slave but a son and if a son, also an **heir** of **Elohim** through **Messiah**.
[8]***But*** then, indeed, not knowing **Elohim**, you **served** those which by nature are not *mighty ones*.
[9]***But*** **now** after you have **known Elohim**, or rather are **known** by **Elohim**, how do you turn again to the weak and *poor* elementary matters, to which you **wish** to be *enslaved* again?
[10]You **observe** days and months and sea sons and years.
[11]I **fear** for you, lest by any means I have laboured for you in vain.
[12]Brothers, I ***beg*** you to become as I am, **because** I am as you are. You *did not* ***wrong*** me at **all.**
[13]***But*** you **know** that through *weakness* of the *flesh* I brought the **Besorah** to you before.
[14]And my trial which was in my *flesh* you *did not despise* or reject, but you received me as a messenger of **Elohim**, as **Messiah** OWYƎZL.
[15]***What*** then was your **blessed**ness? For I bear you **witness,** that if **possible**, you would have *plucked* out your own eyes and **given** them to me.
[16]So then, have I become your enemy, speaking **truth** to you?
[17]They are **ardent** towards you, for no **good**, but they **wish** to shut you out, that you might be **ardent** towards them.
[18]And it is **good always** to be **ardent** in what is **good** and not only when I am present with you.
[19]My *little* children, for whom I am again in birth *pains* until **Messiah** is formed in you,
[20]even **now** I **wish** to be present with you **now** and to *change* my **voice**, for I have ***doubts*** about you.
[21]Say to me, you who **wish** to be under **Torah**, do you not **hear** the **Torah**?
[22]For it has been **written** that Aḇrahim had two sons, one by a female servant, the other by a **free** woman.
[23]***But*** he who was of the female servant was born **according** to the *flesh* and he of the **free** woman through **promise.**
[24]This is allegorical, for these are the two covenants: one indeed from Mount Sinai which brings forth slavery, which is Haḡar,
[25]for this Haḡar is Mount Sinai in Araḇia and corresponds to Yerushalayim which **now** is and is in slavery with her children.
[26]***But*** the Yerushalayim above is **free,** which is the mother of us **all.**
[27]For it has been **written**, "Rejoice, O *barren*, you who *do not* bear! Break forth and shout, you who *do not* have birth *pains*! For the deserted one has many more children than she who has a husband."
[28]And we, brothers, as Yitsḥaq was, are children of **promise.**
[29]But, as he who was born **according** to the *flesh* then persecuted him born **according** to the **Spirit,** so also *now.*
[30]***But*** what does the **Scripture** say? "Cast out the female servant and her son, for the son of the female servant ***shall*** by no means be **heir** with the son of the **free** woman."
[31]Therefore, brothers, we are not children of the female servant but of the **free** woman.

5 In the **freedom** with which **Messiah** has made us **free, stand** firm, then and *do not* again be held with a yoke of slavery.
[2]**See,** I, Sha'ul, say to you that if you become circumcised, **Messiah** ***shall*** **be** of no use to you.
[3]And I **witness** again to **every** man being circumcised that he is a debtor to do the entire **Torah**.
[4]You who are **declared right** by **Torah** have severed yourselves from **Messiah**, you have fallen from **favour.**
[5]For we, in **Spirit,** by **belief**, eagerly wait for the expectation of **righteousness**.
[6]For in **Messiah** OWYƎZL neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any strength, but **belief** working through **love.**

[7]You were running well, who held you back from **obey**ing the **truth?**
[8]That persuasion *does not* **come** from **Him** who calls you.
[9]A *little leaven* leavens **all** the lump.
[10]I **trust** in you, in the **Master,** that you ***shall*** have no other mind. And he who is troubling you ***shall*** bear his judgment, ***whoever*** he is.
[11]And I, brothers, if I still **proclaim** circumcision, why am I still persecuted? ***Then*** the *stumbling-block* of the stake has been set aside.
[12]O that those who disturb you would even *cut* themselves off!
[13]For you, brothers, have been called to **freedom**, only *do not* use **freedom** as an occasion for the *flesh,* but through **love serve** one another.
[14]For the entire **Torah** is **completed** in one **word,** in this, **"You shall love your neighbour as yourself."**
[15]And if you *bite* and *devour* one another, beware lest you be *consumed* by one another!
[16]And I say: **walk** in the **Spirit** and you ***shall*** not **accomplish** the *lust* of the *flesh.*
[17]For the *flesh lusts <u>against</u>* the **Spirit** and the **Spirit** *<u>against</u>* the *flesh.* And these are *opposed* to each other, so that *you do not* do what you desire to do.
[18]***But*** if you are led by the **Spirit,** you are not under **Torah**.
[19]And the **works** of the *flesh* are wellknown, which are these: *adultery, whoring, uncleanness, indecency,*
[20]*idolatry, drug sorcery, hatred, quarrels, jealousies, fits of rage, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions,*
[21]*envy, murders, drunkenness, wild parties and the like* – of which I **forewarn** you, even as I also said before, that those who *practise* such as these ***shall*** not inherit the **reign** of **Elohim**.
[22]***But*** the **fruit** of the **Spirit** is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustworthiness,**
[23]**gentleness, self-control.** Against such there is no **Torah**.
[24]And those who are of **Messiah** have impaled the *flesh* with its passions and the desires.
[25]***If*** we **live** in the **Spirit,** let us also **walk** in the **Spirit.**
[26]**Let** us not become *conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.*

6 Brothers, if a man is overtaken in some *trespass,* you the spiritual ones, set such a one **straight** in a spirit of meekness, looking at yourself lest you be tried too.
[2]Bear one another's burdens and so **complete** the **Torah** of **Messiah**.
[3]For if anyone thinks himself to be somebody, when he is not, he *deceives* himself.
[4]***But*** let each one examine his own **work** and then he ***shall*** have boasting in himself alone and not in another.
[5]For each one ***shall*** bear his own *burden.*
[6]And let him who is **instructed** in the **Word** share in **all** that is **good**, with him who is instructing.
[7]***Do*** *not* be led *astray*: **Elohim** is not *mocked*, for ***whatever*** a man sows, that he ***shall*** also reap.
[8]**<u>Because</u>** he who sows to his own *flesh* ***shall*** reap *corruption* from the *flesh,* but he who sows to the **Spirit** ***shall*** reap **everlasting life** from the **Spirit.**
[9]And let us not lose **heart** in doing **good**, for in due season we ***shall*** reap if we *do not* grow *weary*.
[10]So then, as we have occasion, let us do **good** to **all,** especially to those who are of the household of the **belief**.
[11]See with what big letters I have **written** to you with my own **hand!**
[12]As many as **wish** to make a **good show** in the *flesh,* these compel you to be circumcised, only so that they should not be persecuted for the stake of **Messiah**.
[13]For those who are circumcised *do not* even **watch** over the **Torah**, but they **wish** to have you circumcised so that they might boast in your *flesh.*

[14]And for me, let it not be that I should boast ***except*** in the stake of our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, through whom the world has been impaled to me and I to the world.
[15]For in **Messiah** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any strength, but a **renewed** creature.
[16]And as many as **walk according** to this **rule, peace** and **compassion** be upon them and upon the Yisra'ĕl of **Elohim**.
[17]From **now** on let no one *trouble* me, for I bear in my body the scars of the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏.
[18]The **favour** of our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** be with your spirit, brothers. Amĕn.

EPHESIANS

1 Sha'ul, an emissary of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** by the desire of **Elohim**, to the set-apart ones who are in Ephesos and **true** to **Messiah** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏:
[2]Favour to you and **peace** from **Elohim** our **Father** and the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**.
[3] **Blessed** be the **Elohim** and **Father** of our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, who has **blessed** us with **every** spiritual **blessing** in the heavenlies in **Messiah**,
[4]even as **He chose** us in **Him** before the foundation of the world, that we should be set-apart and **blameless** before **Him** in **love,**
[5]having previously ordained us to adoption as sons through 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** to **Himself**, **according** to the **good** pleasure of **His desire,**
[6]to the **praise** of the **esteem** of **His favour** with which **He** favoured us in the **Beloved**,
[7]in whom we have redemption through **His blood,** the **forgiveness** of trespasses, **according** to the riches of **His favour,**
[8]which **He** has lavished on us in **all wisdom** and insight,
[9]having made **known** to us the **secret** of **His desire, according** to **His good** pleasure which **He** purposed in **Him,**
[10]to administer at the completion of **time,** to **gather together** in one **all** in **Messiah**, both which are in the heavens and which are on earth, in **Him,**
[11]in whom also we did obtain an inheritance, being previously ordained **according** to the purpose of **Him** working **all** matters **according** to the counsel of **His desire,**
[12]for us to be the **praise** of **His esteem** – those having **first trusted** in **Messiah**,
[13]in whom you also, having **heard** the **word** of the **truth**, the **Besorah** of your **deliverance,** in whom also, having **believed**, you were **sealed** with the **Set-apart Spirit** of **promise,**
[14]who is the **pledge** of our inheritance, until the **redemption** of the purchased possession, to the **praise** of **His** esteem.
[15]For this **reason** I too, having **heard** of your **belief** in the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 and your **love** for **all** the set-apart ones,
[16]*do not* cease giving **thanks** for you, making mention of you in my prayers,
[17]that the **Elohim** of our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, the **Father** of esteem, would give you a spirit of **wisdom** and **revelation** in the **knowledge** of **Him,**
[18]the eyes of your **understanding** being **enlightened,** so that you **know** what is the expectation of **His** calling and what are the riches of the **esteem** of **His inheritance** in the set-apart ones,
[19]and what is the exceeding greatness of **His power** toward us who are **believing, according** to the working of **His** mighty strength,
[20]which **He** wrought in the **Messiah** when **He raised Him** from the *dead* and seated **Him** at **His right hand** in the heavenlies,
[21]far above **all rule** and **authority** and **power** and **mastery** and **every** name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to **come**.
[22]And **He** put **all** under **His** feet and gave **Him** to be head over **all,** to the **assembly,**
[23]which is **His** body, the completeness of **Him** who fills **all** in **all.**

2 And you were *dead* in *trespasses* and *sins*,
[2]in which you once walked **according** to the course of this world, **according** to the ruler of the **authority** of the air, of the spirit that is **now** working in the sons of *disobedience*,

3among whom also we **all** once lived in the *lusts* of our *flesh,* doing the desires of the *flesh* and of the mind and were by nature children of *wrath*, as also the rest.
4***But*** **Elohim**, who is rich in **compassion**, **because** of **His great love** with which **He loved** us,
5even when we were *dead* in *trespasses*, made us **alive together** with **Messiah** – by **favour** you have been **saved** –
6and **raised** us up together and made us sit **together** in the heavenlies in **Messiah** OWYƎZ,
7**in order** to **show** in the **coming** ages the exceeding riches of **His favour** in **kindness** toward us in **Messiah** OWYƎZ.
8For by **favour** you have been **saved,** through **belief** and that not of yourselves, **it is the gift of Elohim**,
9it is not by **works,** so that no one should boast.
10For we are **His** workmanship, created in **Messiah** OWYƎZ unto **good works,** which **Elohim** prepared beforehand that we should **walk** in them.
11Therefore ***remember*** that you, once *gentiles* in the *flesh,* who are called 'the uncircumcision' by what is called 'the circumcision' made in the *flesh* by hands,
12that at that **time** you were without **Messiah**, excluded from the citizenship of Yisra'ël and strangers from the covenants of **promise,** having no expectation and without **Elohim** in the world.
13***But*** **now** in **Messiah** OWYƎZ you who once were far off have been brought **near** by the **blood** of the **Messiah**.
14For **He** is our peace, who has made both one and having broken down the partition of the barrier,
15having abolished in **His** *flesh* the enmity – the **Torah** of the **commands** in dogma – so as to create in **Himself** one **renewed** man from the two, thus making peace,
16and to **completely** restore to **favour** both of them unto **Elohim** in one body through the stake,
having ***destroyed*** the enmity by it.
17And having come, **He** brought as **Besorah peace** to you who were far off and **peace** to those **near.**
18**Because** through **Him** we both have access to the **Father** by one **Spirit.**
19So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the set-apart ones and members of the household of **Elohim**,
20having been built upon the foundation of the emissaries and **prophets,** OWYƎZ **Messiah Himself** being chief corner-stone,
21in whom **all** the building, being joined together, grows into a set-apart **Dwelling Place** in ƎYƎZ,
22in whom you also are being built **together** into a dwelling of **Elohim** in the **Spirit.**

3 **Because** of this I, Sha'ul, am the prisoner of OWYƎZ **Messiah** on behalf of you *gentiles* –
2if indeed you have **heard** of the administration of the **favour** of **Elohim** that was **given** to me for you,
3that by revelation was made **known** to me the secret, as I **wrote** before briefly.
4In reading this, then, you are able to **understand** my **insight** into the **secret** of **Messiah**,
5which was not made **known** to the sons of men in other generations, as it has **now** been **revealed** by the **Spirit** to **His** set-apart emissaries and prophets:
6The *gentiles* to be co-heirs, united in the **same** body and partakers **together** in the **promise** in **Messiah** through the **Besorah**,
7of which I became a servant **according** to the gift of the **favour** of **Elohim given** to me, **according** to the working of **His** power.
8To me, the **very** least of **all** the set-apart ones, this **favour** was **given**, to bring the **Besorah** of the unsearchable riches of **Messiah** among the *gentiles,*

[9]and to make **all see** how this **secret** is administered, which for ages past has been *hidden* in **Elohim** who created **all** through **OWYHZ Messiah**,
[10]so that **now**, through the **assembly,** the many-sided **wisdom** of **Elohim** might be **known** to the principalities and authorities in the heavenlies,
[11]according to the **everlasting** purpose which **He** made in **Messiah OWYHZ** our **Master,**
[12]in whom we have **boldness** and access, with reliance, through **belief** in **Him.**
[13]I pray therefore, that *you do not* lose **heart** at my *pressure* s on your behalf, which is your esteem.
[14]For this **reason** I bow my knees to the **Father** of our **Master OWYHZ Messiah**,
[15]from whom **all** fatherhood *i*n the heavens and earth is named,
[16]**in order** that **He** might give you, **according** to the riches of **His esteem** by power, to be strengthened in the inner man, through **His Spirit,**
[17]that the **Messiah** might dwell in your **hearts** through **belief** – having become rooted and grounded in **love,**
[18]**in order** that you might be strengthened to firmly grasp, with **all** the set-apart ones, what is the width and length and depth and height,
[19]to **know** the **love** of **Messiah** which surpasses **knowledge**, **in order** that you might be filled to **all** the completeness of **Elohim**.
[20]And to **Him** who **is able** to do exceedingly above what we **ask** or *think,* **according** to the **power** that is working in us,
[21]to **Him** be **esteem** in the assembly by **Messiah OWYHZ** unto **all** generations, for ever and **ever.** Amĕn.

4 I **call** upon you therefore, I the prisoner of the **Master,** to **walk** worthily of the calling with which you were **called**,
[2]with **all humility** and **meekness**, with **patience**, bearing with one another in **love,**
[3]being **eager** to **guard** the **unity** of the **Spirit** in the bond of **peace** –
[4]one body and one **Spirit,** as you also were called in one expectation of your calling,
[5]one **Master,** one **belief**, one immersion,
[6]one **Elohim** and **Father** of **all,** who is above **all** and through **all** and in you **all.**
[7]***But*** to each one of us **favour** was **given according** to the measure of the **gift of Messiah**.
[8]That is why it says, "***When*** **He** went up on high, **He** led captivity captive and gave **gifts** to men."
[9]***But*** what does "**He** went up" mean, ***except*** that **He** also **first** went down into the lower parts of the earth?
[10]**He** who went down is also the **One** who went up far above **all** the heavens, to fill **all.**
[11]And **He Himself** gave some as **emissaries** and some as **prophets** and some as **evangelists** and some as **shepherd**s and **teachers**
[12]for the perfecting of the set-apart ones, to the **work** of service to a building up of the body of the **Messiah**,
[13]until we **all come to** the **unity** of the **belief** and of the **knowledge** of the **Son** of **Elohim**, to a **perfect** man, to the measure of the stature of the completeness of **Messiah**,
[14]so that we should no longer be children, tossed and borne about by **every** *wind* of **teaching**, by the *trickery* of men, in *cleverness*, unto the *craftiness* of leading *astray*,
[15]but, maintaining the **truth** in **love,** we grow up in **all** respects into **Him** who is the head, **Messiah**,
[16]from whom the entire body, joined and knit **together** by what **every** joint supplies, **according** to the working by which each part does its share **causes** growth of the body for the building up of itself in **love.**
[17]So this I say and **witness** in the **Master,** that you should no longer **walk**

as the *gentiles* **walk,** in the futility of their mind,
[18]having been darkened in their **understanding**, having been estranged from the **life** of **Elohim**, **because** of the *ignorance* that is in them, **because** of the *hardness* of their **heart,**
[19]who, having become *callous*, have **given** themselves up to *indecency*, to **work all** *uncleanness* with *greediness.*
[20]***But*** you have not so **learned Messiah**,
[21]if indeed you have **heard Him** and were **taught** by **Him,** as **truth** is in OWYHZ:
[22]that you put off – with regard to your former **way** of **life** – the old man, being *corrupted* **according** to the desires of the *deceit*,
[23]and to be **renewed** in the spirit of your mind,
[24]and that you put on the **renewed** man which was created **according** to **Elohim**, in **righteousness** and set-apartness of the **truth**.
[25]Therefore, having put off the *false,* **speak truth**, each one with his neighbour, for we are members of one another.
[26]"Be **wroth**, but *do not sin.*"***Do*** *not* let the sun go down on your *rage,*
[27]nor give place to the *devil*.
[28]**Let** him who stole steal no more, but rather let him labour, working with his hands what is **good**, so that he has somewhat to share with those in need.
[29]**Let** no *corrupt* **word come out** of your **mouth,** but only such as is **good** for the use of building up, so as to impart what is pleasant to the hearers.
[30]And *do not* grieve the **Set-apart Spirit** of **Elohim**, by whom you were **sealed** for the **day of redemption**.
[31]**Let all** *bitterness* and *wrath* and *displeasure* and *uproar* and *slander* be put away from you, along with **all** *evil*.
[32]And be **kind** towards one another, **tenderhearted, forgiving** one another, as **Elohim** also **forgave** you in **Messiah**.

5 Become, then, **imitators** of **Elohim** as beloved children.
[2]And **walk** in **love,** as **Messiah** also has **loved** us and gave **Himself** for us, a **gift** and an offering to **Elohim** for a sweet smelling fragrance.
[3]***But*** *whoring* and **all** *uncleanness*, or *greed* of *gain,* let it not even be named among you, as is proper among set-apart ones –
[4]neither *filthiness*, nor ***foolish*** *talking*, nor *coarse jesting*, which are not fitting, but rather **thanksgiving**.
[5]For this you **know,** that no one who *whores*, nor *unclean* one, nor one *greedy* of *gain,* who is an *idolater,* has any **inheritance** in the **reign** of **Messiah** and **Elohim**.
[6]**Let** no one ***deceive*** you with *empty* **words**, for **because** of these the *wrath* of **Elohim comes** upon the sons of *disobedience*.
[7]Therefore *do not* become partakers with them.
[8]For you were once *darkness*,but **now** you are **light** in the **Master. Walk** as children of **light** –
[9]for the **fruit** of the **Spirit** is in **all goodness** and **righteousness** and **truth** –
[10]proving what is well-pleasing to the Master.
[11]And have no fellowship with the fruitless **works** of *darkness*, but rather **reprove** them.
[12]For it is a *shame* even to **speak** of what is done by them in **secret.**
[13]***But*** **all** matters being reproved are manifested by the **light**, for ***whatever*** is manifested is **light**.
[14]That is why **He** says, "Wake up, you who sleep and arise from the *dead,* and **Messiah** ***shall*** shine on you."
[15]**See** then that you **walk** exactly, not as *unwise*, but as **wise,**
[16]redeeming the **time, because** the days are *wicked*.
[17]So then *do not* be ***foolish,*** but **understand** what the desire of YHWH is.

[18]And *do not* be drunk with **wine**, in which is loose behaviour, but be filled with the **Spirit,**
[19]speaking to each other in psalms and songs of **praise** and spiritual songs, singing and striking the strings in your **heart** to the **Master,**
[20]giving **thanks always** for **all** to **Elohim** the **Father,** in the **Name** of our **Master** OWYAZL **Messiah**,
[21]subjecting yourselves to each other in the **fear** of **Elohim**.
[22]Wives, subject yourselves to your own husbands, as to the **Master.**
[23]**Because** the husband is head of the wife, as also the **Messiah** is head of the **assembly** and **He** is **Saviour** of the body.
[24]***But*** as the assembly is subject to **Messiah**, so also let the wives be to their own husbands in **every** respect.
[25]Husbands, **love** your wives, as **Messiah** also did **love** the assembly and gave **Himself** for it,
[26]**in order** to set it apart and **cleanse** it with the washing of water by the **word,**
[27]**in order** to present it to **Himself** a splendid **assembly,** not having spot or wrinkle or any of this sort, but that it might be set-apart and **blameless.**
[28]In this **way** husbands ought to **love** their own wives as their own bodies. **He** who loves his wife loves himself.
[29]For no one ever *hated* his own *flesh,* but feeds and cherishes it, as also the **Master** does the assembly.
[30]**Because** we are members of **His** body, of **His** *flesh* and of **His** bones.
[31]"For this **cause** a man ***shall*** leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and the two ***shall*** become one *flesh*."
[32]This **secret** is great, but I **speak** concerning **Messiah** and the assembly.
[33]However, you too, everyone, let each one **love** his own wife as himself and let the wife **see** that she ***fears*** her husband.

6 Children, **obey** your parents in the **Master,** for this is **right**.
[2]"Respect your father and mother," which is the **first command** with **promise,**
[3]**in order** that it might be well with you and you might **live** long on the earth."
[4]And you, fathers, *do not* ***provoke*** your children, but bring them up in the **instruction** and **admonition** of the **Master.**
[5]Servants, **obey** your masters **according** to the *flesh,* with **fear** and *trembling*, in sincerity of **heart,** as to **Messiah**;
[6]not with eye-service as men-pleasers, but as servants of **Messiah**, doing the desire of **Elohim** from the inner self,
[7]rendering service with pleasure, as to the **Master** and not to men,
[8]knowing that ***whatever*** **good** anyone does, he ***shall*** receive the **same** from the **Master,** whether he is slave or **free.**
[9]And, masters, do the **same** to them, refrain from threatening, knowing that your own **Master** also is in the heavens and there is no partiality with **Him.**
[10]For the rest, my brothers, be **strong** in the **Master** and in the mightiness of **His** strength.
[11]Put on the **complete** armour of **Elohim**, for you to have **power** to **stand** *against* the schemes of the *devil*.
[12]**Because** we *do not* wrestle *against flesh* and **blood,** but *against* ***principalities***, *against* ***authorities***, *against* the ***world-rulers of the darkness of this age***, *against* ***spiritual matters of wickedness in the heavenlies***.
[13]**Because** of this, take up the **complete** armour of **Elohim**, so that you have **power** to **withstand** in the *wicked* day and having done **all,** to **stand**.
[14]**Stand**, then, having girded your waist with **truth** and having put on the **breastplate** of **righteousness**,
[15]and having fitted your feet with the **preparation** of the **Besorah of peace**;
[16]above **all,** having taken up the **shield** of **belief** with which you ***shall*** have **power** to quench **all** the *burning* arrows of the *wicked one.*

[17]Take also the helmet of **deliverance** and the *sword* of the **Spirit,** which is the **Word** of **Elohim**,
[18]praying at **all** times, with **all** prayer and supplication in the **Spirit,** watching in **all** perseverance and supplication for **all** the set-apart ones;
[19]also for me, that a **word** might be **given** to me in the opening of my **mouth,** to be bold in making **known** the **secret** of the **Besorah**,
[20]for which I am an envoy in chains, that in it I might **speak boldly,** as I should speak.
[21]**Now**, **in order** that you also might **know** about me, how I am doing, Tuchikos, a beloved brother and **trustworthy** servant in the **Master,** ***shall*** make **all** matters **known** to you,
[22]whom I did send to you for this **same** purpose, so that you **know** about us and might **encourage** your **hearts**.

[23]**Peace** to the brothers and **love,** with **belief**, from **Elohim** the **Father** and the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**.

[24]**Favour** be with **all** those who **love** our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, undecayingly! Amĕn.

PHILIPPIANS

1 Sha'ul and Timothy, servants of
𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, to **all** the set-apart
ones in **Messiah** 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤏 who are
in Philippi, with the overseers and
attendants:
[2]Favour to you and **peace** from
Elohim our **Father** and the **Master**
𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**.
[3]I **thank** my **Elohim** in **all** my
remembrance of you.
[4]In **all** my prayers for **all** of you, I
always pray with joy,
[5]for your fellowship in the **Besorah**
from the **first** day until **now**,
[6]being persuaded of this, that **He** who
has begun a **good work** in you ***shall***
perfect it until the **day of** 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤏
Messiah.
[7]It is **right** for me to *think* this of you
all, <u>**because**</u> I have you in my **heart, all**
of you being sharers of the **favour** with
me, both in my chains and in the defence
and confirmation of the **Besorah**.
[8]For **Elohim** is my **witness,** how I
long for you **all** with the affection of
𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**.
[9]And this I pray, that your **love** might
extend more and more in **knowledge**
and **all** discernment,
[10]for you to examine the matters that
differ, **in order** to be sincere and not
stumbling, until the **day of Messiah**,
[11]being filled with the **fruit** of
righteousness, through 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤏
Messiah, to the **esteem** and **praise** of
Elohim.
[12]And I **wish** you **to know,** brothers,
that what has befallen me has turned out
for the advancement of the **Besorah**,
[13]so that it has become **known** to **all** the
palace guard and to **all** the rest, that my
chains are in **Messiah**;
[14]and most of the brothers, **trusting** in
the **Master** <u>**because**</u> of my chains, are
much more bold to **fear**lessly **speak** the
word.
[15]Some indeed **proclaim Messiah** even
from *envy* and *strife,* but some also out
of pleasure –
[16]the former **announce Messiah** from
selfish ambition, not sincerely, thinking
to add *distress* to my chains,
[17]but the **latter** out of **love,** knowing
that I am **appointed** for the defence of
the **Besorah**.
[18]***What*** then? Only that in **every way,**
whether in pretence or in **truth**, **Messiah**
is **announced**. And in this I **rejoice,** in
fact, I ***shall*** rejoice.
[19]For I **know** that this ***shall turn*** out
for my **deliverance** through your prayer
and the supply of the **Spirit** of 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤏
Messiah,
[20]according to my intense longing and
anticipation that I ***shall*** not be *ashamed*
at **all,** but that with **all boldness,** as
always, so **now** also **Messiah** ***shall*** **be**
made **great** in my body, whether by **life**
or by *death.*
[21]For to me, to **live** is **Messiah** and to
die is *gain.*
[22]And if to **live** in the *flesh* is to me a
fruit of **work,** then what ***shall*** I choose?
I *do not* **know.**
[23]For I am pressed down by the two,
having a desire to depart and be with
Messiah, which is much better,
[24]but to remain in the *flesh* is more
necessary for your sake.
[25]And being persuaded of this, I **know**
that I ***shall*** stay and continue with you
all, for your progress and **joy** of **belief**,
[26]so that your boasting might overflow
in 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** on account of me,
through my **coming** to you again.
[27]Only, behave yourselves worthily
of the **Besorah** of **Messiah**, **in order**
that whether I **come** and **see** you or am
ab**sent**, I **hear** about you, that you **stand**
fast in one spirit, with one being, striving
together for the **belief** of the **Besorah**,

[28]without being frightened in any **way** by those who oppose, which to them **truly** is a proof of ***destruction,*** but to you of **deliverance** and that from **Elohim**.
[29]**Because** to you it has been **given** as a **favour,** on behalf of **Messiah**, not only to **believe** in **Him,** but also to *suffer* for **His** sake,
[30]having the **same** struggle which you **saw** in me and **now hear** to be in me.

2 If, then, there is any **encouragement** in **Messiah**, if any comfort of **love,** if any fellowship of **Spirit,** if any affection and **compassion**,
[2]make my **joy complete** by being of the **same** mind, having the **same love,** one in being and of purpose,
[3]doing none at **all** through selfishness or self-conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.
[4]Each one should look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.
[5]For, let this **mind** be in you which was also in **Messiah** OWYƎZ,
[6]who, being in the form of **Elohim**, *did not* regard equality with **Elohim** a matter to be grasped,
[7]but emptied **Himself**, taking the form of a servant and came to be in the likeness of men.
[8]And having been **found** in fashion as a man, **He** humbled **Himself** and became obedient unto *death, death* even of a stake.
[9]**Elohim**, therefore, has highly exalted **Him** and **given Him** the Name which is above **every** name,
[10]that at the **Name** of OWYƎZ **every** knee should bow, of those in heaven and of those on earth and of those under the earth,
[11]and **every** tongue should confess that OWYƎZ **Messiah** is **Master,** to the **esteem** of **Elohim** the **Father.**
[12]So that, my beloved , as you **always obeyed** – not only in my presence, but **now** much rather in my absence – **work** out your own **deliverance** with **fear** and *trembling*,
[13]for it is **Elohim** who is working in you both to desire and to **work** for **His good** pleasure.
[14]***Do*** **all** matters without *grumblings* and disputings,
[15]**in order** that you be **blameless** and faultless, children of **Elohim** without blemish in the **midst** of a *crooked* and *perverse* generation, among whom you shine as **light**s in the world,
[16]holding on to the **Word** of **life**, for a boast to me in the **day of Messiah**, that I have not run in vain or laboured in vain.
[17]In fact, even if I am being **poured out** as a drink offering on the offering and service of your **belief**, I am **glad** and **rejoice** with you **all.**
[18]So you too should be **glad** and **rejoice** with me.
[19]***But*** I **trust** in the **Master** OWYƎZ to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I too am **encouraged** by news from you.
[20]For I have no one else of the **same** mind, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare.
[21]For **all seek** their own interests, not those of **Messiah** OWYƎZ.
[22]***But*** you **know** he has proven himself, that as a son with his father he **served** with me for the **Besorah**.
[23]So I expect to send him as soon as I **see** how it goes with me,
[24]and I **trust** in the **Master** that I myself ***shall*** also **come** shortly.
[25]***But*** I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditos, my brother, fellow worker and fellow soldier and your emissary and servant to my need,
[26]since he was longing for you **all** and being *troubled* **because** you had **heard** that he was *sick,*
[27]For indeed he was *sick,* **near** to *death,* but **Elohim** had **compassion** on him and not only on him but on me as well, lest I should have sadness upon sadness.
[28]Therefore I **sent** him more eagerly, so that on **seeing** him again you might **rejoice** and I be less sad.

[29]Receive him therefore in the **Master**

with **all** joy and hold such as he in esteem,
30**because** for the **work** of **Messiah** he was **near** *death,* risking his **life**, to fill up what was lacking in your service toward me.

3 For the rest, my brothers, **rejoice** in יהוה. To **write** the **same** matters to you is **truly** no *trouble* to me and for you it is safe.
2Look out for dogs, look out for the *evil* workers, look out for the mutilation!
3For we are the circumcision, who are serving **Elohim** in the **Spirit** and boasting in **Messiah** יהושע and *do not* **trust** in the *flesh,*
4though I too might have **trust** in the *flesh.* ***If*** anyone else thinks to **trust** in the *flesh,* I more –
5circumcised the eighth day, of the race of Yisra'ĕl, of the tribe of Binyamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews, **according** to **Torah** a Pharisee,
6according to **ardour,** persecuting the assembly; **according** to **righteousness** that is in the **law,** having become **blameless.**
7***But*** what might have been a *gain* to me, I have counted as loss, **because** of **Messiah**.
8***What*** is more, I even count **all** to be loss **because** of the excellence of the **knowledge** of **Messiah** יהושע my **Master,** for whom I have suffered the loss of **all** and count them as refuse, **in order** to *gain* **Messiah**,
9and be **found** in **Him,** not having my own **righteousness**, which is of the **law,** but that which is through **belief** in **Messiah**, the **righteousness** which is from **Elohim** on the basis of **belief**,
10to **know Him** and the **power** of **His** resurrection and the fellowship of **His** sufferings, being conformed to **His** *death,*
11if somehow I might attain to the resurrection from the *dead.*
12Not that I have already received, or already been perfected, but I press on, to lay hold of that for which **Messiah** יהושע has also laid hold of me.
13Brothers, I *do not* count myself to have laid hold of it yet, but only this: *forgetting* what is behind and **reaching** out for what lies ahead,
14I press on toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of **Elohim** in **Messiah** יהושע.
15As many, then, as are **perfect,** should have this mind. And if you *think* differently in any respect, **Elohim** ***shall*** also **reveal** this to you.
16***But*** to what we have already attained – **walk** by the **same rule,** be of the **same** mind.
17Become joint **imitators** of me, brothers and **observe** those who so **walk,** as you have us for a pattern.
18For many – of whom I have often told you and **now** say to you even *weeping* – **walk** *as*enemies of the stake of **Messiah**.
19Their end is ***destruction,*** their *mighty one* is their stomach and their **esteem** is in their *shame* – they **mind** the earthly.
20For our citizenship is in the heavens, from which we also eagerly wait for the **Saviour**, the **Master** יהושע **Messiah**,
21who ***shall*** *change* our lowly body, to be conformed to **His** esteemed body, **according** to the working by which **He is able** even to bring **all** under **His** control.

4 So then, my brothers, beloved and longed-for, my **joy** and crown, **stand** firm in the **Master,** beloved .
2I appeal to Euodia and I appeal to Suntuche to be of the **same mind** in the **Master.**
3And I also **ask** you, **true** companion, help these women who laboured with me in the **Besorah**, with Qlemes also and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the **Book** of **life**.
4Rejoice in יהוה always, again I say, rejoice!
5**Let** your gentleness be **known** to *all men*. The **Master** is **near.**
6***Do*** *not worry* at **all,** but in **every** matter, by prayer and petition, with **thanksgiving**, let your requests be made

known to **Elohim**.
[7]And the **peace** of **Elohim**, which surpasses **all understanding**, ***shall*** **guard** your **hearts** and minds through **Messiah** OWYƎZ.
[8]For the rest, brothers, ***whatever*** is **true,** ***whatever*** is noble, ***whatever*** is **righteous,** ***whatever*** is **clean,** ***whatever*** is lovely, ***whatever*** is of **good** report, if there is any **uprightness** and if there is any **praise** – *think* on these.
[9]And what you have **learned** and received and **heard** and **saw** in me, practise these and the **Elohim** of **peace** ***shall*** **be** with you.
[10]And I rejoiced in ƎYƎZ greatly that **now** at **last** your concern for me has revived again – though you were concerned, but had no chance.
[11]Not that I **speak** concerning need, for I have **learned** to be content in ***whatever*** state I am.
[12]I **know** what it is to be humbled and I **know** what it is to have in excess. In any and **every** situation I have **learned** both to be filled and to be hungry, both to have in excess and to be in need.
[13]I have strength to do **all,** through **Messiah** who empowers me.
[14]Yet you did well in sharing in my *pressure* .
[15]And you **know** too, Philippians, that in the beginning of the **Besorah**, when I went out from Makedonia, no assembly shared with me concerning giving and receiving, ***except*** you only,
[16]**because**, even in Thessalonike you **sent** to my need, once and twice.
[17]Not that I **seek** the gift, but I **seek** the **fruit** that is multiplying to your account.
[18]Indeed I have **all** and more than enough. I have been filled, having received from Epaphroditos what you **sent,** a sweetsmelling fragrance, an **acceptable** offering, well-pleasing to **Elohim**.
[19]And my **Elohim** ***shall*** fill **all** your need **according** to **His** riches in **esteem** by **Messiah** OWYƎZ.

[20]And to our **Elohim** and **Father** be **esteem forever** and **ever.** Aměn.
[21]Greet **every** set-apart one in **Messiah** OWYƎZ. The brothers with me greet you.
[22]All the set-apart ones greet you, but most of **all** those of Caesar's household.
[23]The **favour** of our **Master** OWYƎZ **Messiah** be with you **all.** Aměn.

COLOSSIANS

1 Sha'ul, an emissary of
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** by the desire of
Elohim and Timothy our brother,
[2]to the set-apart ones in Colosse and
true brothers in **Messiah**: Favour to you
and **peace** from **Elohim** our **Father** and
the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**.
[3]We give **thanks** to the **Elohim**
and **Father** of our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏
Messiah, praying **always** for you,
[4]having **heard** of your **belief** in
Messiah 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 and of your **love** for
all the set-apart ones,
[5]**because** of the expectation that is laid
up for you in the heavens, of which you
heard before in the **Word** of the **truth**
of the **Besorah**,
[6]which has **come to** you, as also in
all the world it is bearing **fruit** and
growing, as also among you, since the
day you **heard** and **knew** the **favour** of
Elohim in **truth**,
[7]as you also **learned** from Epaphras,
our beloved fellow servant, who is a
true servant of **Messiah** on your behalf,
[8]who also **declared** to us your **love** in
the **Spirit.**
[9]That is also why we, from the day we
heard, have not ceased praying for you
and **asking** that you be filled with the
knowledge of **His** desire in **all wisdom**
and spiritual **understanding**,
[10]to **walk** worthily of the **Master,**
pleasing **all,** bearing **fruit** in **every good**
work and increasing in the **knowledge**
of **Elohim**,
[11]being empowered with **all** power,
according to the might of **His** esteem,
for **all** endurance and patience with joy,
[12]giving **thanks** to the **Father** who has
made us fit to share in the **inheritance** of
the set-apart ones in the **light**,
[13]who has **delivered** us from the
authority of *darkness* and transferred
us into the **reign** of the **Son** of **His love,**
[14]in whom we have redemption through
His blood, the **forgiveness** of *sins*,
[15]who is the likeness of the invisible
Elohim, the first-born of **all** creation.
[16]**Because** in **Him** were created **all** that
are in the heavens and that are on earth,
visible and invisible, whether thrones or
rulerships or principalities or authorities
– **all** have been created through **Him** and
for **Him.**
[17]And **He** is before **all** and in **Him all**
hold together.
[18]And **He** is the Head of the body, the
assembly, who is the beginning, the
first-born from the *dead,* that **He** might
become the **One** who is **first** in **all.**
[19]**Because** in **Him all** the completeness
was well pleased to dwell,
[20]and through **Him** to **completely**
restore to **favour all** unto **Himself**,
whether on earth or in the heavens,
having made **peace** through the **blood** of
His stake.
[21]And you, who once were estranged
and enemies in the **mind** by *wicked*
works, but **now He** has **completely**
restored to **favour**
[22]in the body of **His** *flesh* through
death, to present you set-apart and
blameless and unreprovable before
Him,
[23]if indeed you continue in the **belief**,
founded and steadfast and are not
moved away from the expectation of the
Besorah which you **heard**, which was
proclaimed to **every** creature under the
heaven, of which I, Sha'ul, became a
servant,
[24]who **now rejoice** in my sufferings
for you and fill up in my *flesh* what is
lacking in **Messiah**'s *afflictions*, for
the sake of **His** Body, which is the
assembly,
[25]of which I became a servant
according to the administration of
Elohim which was **given** to me for you,

to fill the **Word** of **Elohim**,
[26]the **secret** which has been *hidden* from ages and from generations, but **now** has been **revealed** to **His** set-apart ones,
[27]to whom **Elohim** desired to make **known** what are the riches of the **esteem** of this **secret** among the *gentiles*: which is **Messiah** in you, the expectancy of esteem,
[28]whom we announce, **warning every** man and **teaching every** man in **all wisdom, in order** to present **every** man **perfect** in **Messiah** OWYƎZ,
[29]for which I also labour, striving **according** to the working of **Him** who **works** in me in power.

2 For I **wish** you **to know** what a **great** struggle I have for you and those in Laodikeia and for as many as have not **seen** my face in the *flesh,*
[2]**in order** that their **hearts** might be **encouraged**, being knit **together** in **love** and to **all** riches of the entire confirmation of **understanding**, to a **true knowledge** of the **secret** of **Elohim** and of the **Father** and of the **Messiah**,
[3]in whom are *hidden* **all** the treasures of **wisdom** and **knowledge**.
[4]And this I say, so that no one deceives you with enticing **words**.
[5]For though I am ab**sent** in the *flesh,* yet **I am with you** in spirit, rejoicing to **see** your **good** order and the steadfastness of your **belief** in **Messiah**.
[6]Therefore, as you accepted **Messiah** OWYƎZ the **Master, walk** in **Him,**
[7]having been rooted and built up in **Him** and **established** in the **belief**, as you were **taught,** overflowing in it with **thanksgiving**.
[8]See to it that no one makes a prey of you through philosophy and *empty deceit*, **according** to the *tradition* of men, **according** to the elementary matters of the world, and not **according** to **Messiah**.
[9]**Because** in **Him** dwells **all** the completeness of the **Mightiness** bodily,
[10]and you have been made **complete** in **Him,** who is the Head of **all** principality and authority.
[11]In **Him** you were also circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of the *sins* of the *flesh,* by the circumcision of **Messiah**,
[12]having been buried with **Him** in immersion, in which you also were **raised** with **Him** through the **belief** in the working of **Elohim**, who **raised Him** from the *dead.*
[13]And you, being *dead* in your *trespasses* and the uncircumcision of your *flesh,* **He** has made **alive together** with **Him,** having **forgiven** you **all** *trespasses*,
[14]having blotted out the certificate of debt *against* us – by the dogmas – which stood *against* us. And **He** has taken it out of the **way,** having nailed it to the stake.
[15]Having stripped the principalities and the authorities, **He** made a public display of them, having prevailed over them in it.
[16]**Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a festival, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days –**
[17]**which are a shadow of things to come – for the Body of the Mashiach.**
[18]**Let** no one deprive you of the prize, one who takes **delight** in *false* humility and worship of messengers, taking his **stand** on what he has not **seen,** puffed up by his fleshly mind,
[19]and not holding fast to the Head, from whom **all** the Body – nourished and knit **together** by joints and ligaments – grows with the growth of **Elohim**.
[20]If, then, you died with **Messiah** from the elementary matters of the world, why, as though **living** in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations:
[21]"***Do*** *not* touch, *do not* taste, *do not* handle" –
[22]which are **all** to *perish* with use – **according** to the *commands and teachings of men*?

[23]These indeed have an appearance of **wisdom** in self-imposed worship, humiliation and harsh treatment of the body – of no value at **all,** only for satisfaction of the *flesh*.

3 If, then, you were **raised** with **Messiah**, **seek** the matters which are above, where **Messiah** is, seated at the **right hand** of **Elohim**.

[2]Mind the matters above, not those on the earth.

[3]For you have died, and your **life** has been *hidden* with **Messiah** in **Elohim**.

[4]***When*** the **Messiah**, who is our **life**, is manifested, then you also ***shall*** **be** manifested with **Him** in esteem.

[5]Therefore put to *death* your members which are on the earth: *whoring,* uncleanness, passion, *evil* desire and *greed* of *gain,* which is *idolatry*.

[6]**Because** of these the *wrath* of **Elohim** is **coming** upon the sons of *disobedience*,

[7]in which you also once walked when you lived in them.

[8]***But*** **now**, also put off **all** these: *displeasure, wrath*, *evil*, *blasphemy*, *filthy* talk from your **mouth.**

[9]***Do*** *not lie* to each other, since you have put off the old man with his *practice*s,

[10]and have put on the new one who is **renewed** in **knowledge according** to the likeness of **Him** who created him,

[11]where there is not Greek and Yahudite, circumcised and *uncircumcised*, foreigner, Scythian, slave, **free,** but **Messiah** is **all** and in **all.**

[12]Therefore, as **chosen** ones of **Elohim**, set-apart and beloved , put on **compassion, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, patience,**

[13]bearing with one another and **forgiving** each other if anyone has a complaint *against* another, indeed, as **Messiah** forgave you so also should you.

[14]***But*** above **all** these put on **love,** which is a bond of the **perfection.**

[15]And let the **peace** of **Elohim rule** in your **hearts**, to which indeed you were called in one Body and be filled with thanks.

[16]**Let** the **Word** of **Messiah** dwell in you richly, **teaching** and admonishing one another in **all wisdom,** singing with pleasure in your **hearts** to the **Master** in psalms and songs of **praise** and spiritual songs.

[17]And ***whatever*** you do in **word** or **deed**, do **all** in the **Name** of the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, giving **thanks** to **Elohim** the **Father** through **Him.**

[18]Wives, subject yourselves to your own husbands, as is proper in the **Master.**

[19]Husbands, **love** your wives and *do not* be *bitter* toward them.

[20]Children, **obey** your parents in **all,** for this is well-pleasing to the **Master.**

[21]Fathers, *do not* ***provoke*** your children, lest they become discouraged.

[22]Servants, **obey** your masters **according** to the *flesh* in **all** respects, not with eye service, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of **heart, fearing Elohim**.

[23]And ***whatever*** you do, do it heartily, as to the **Master** and not to men,

[24]knowing that from the **Master** you ***shall*** receive the **reward** of the inheritance. It is the **Master, Messiah**, you serve.

[25]***But*** he who does ***wrong shall*** **be** repaid for the ***wrong*** which he has done and there is no partiality.

4 Masters, give your servants what is **righteous** and **fair**, knowing that you also have a **Master** in the **heavens.**

[2]Continue in prayer, watching therein, with **thanksgiving**,

[3]praying at the **same time** also for us, that **Elohim** would **open** to us a **door** for the **word,** to **speak** the **secret** of **Messiah**, for which I am also in chains,

[4]so that I make it clear, as I should speak.

[5]Walk in **wisdom** toward those who are outside, redeeming the **time.**

[6]**Let** your **word always** be with **favour,** seasoned with salt, so that you **know** how you ought to answer each one.

[7]Tuchikos, who is a beloved brother, a **true** servant and a fellow servant in the **Master,** ***shall*** give you **all** the news about me.

[8]I am sending him to you for this purpose, **to know** your circumstances and to **encourage** your **hearts**,

[9]with Onesimos, a **true** and beloved brother, who is one of you. They ***shall*** let you **know all** the news here.

[10]Aristarchos my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the relative of Barnaḇah about whom you received instructions: if he **comes** to you, welcome him,

[11]also Yeshua who is called Justus. These are my only fellow workers for the **reign** of **Elohim** who are of the circumcision,who were to me a comfort.

[12]Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of **Messiah**, greets you, **always** wrestling for you in prayers, so that you **stand perfect** and **complete** in **all** the desire of **Elohim**.

[13]For I bear him **witness** that he has a deep concern for you and for those who are in Laodikeia and those in Hierapolis.

[14]Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you.

[15]Greet the brothers in Laodikeia and Numpha and the assembly that is in his house.

[16]And when this letter is **read** among you, **see** that it is **read** also in the assembly of the Laodikeians and that you likewise **read** the letter from Laodikeia.

[17]And say to Archippos, “See to the service which you have received in the **Master,** so that you **complete** it.”

[18]This greeting is in my own **hand** – Sha’ul. ***remember*** my chains. Favour be with you. Amĕn.

1 THESSALONIANS

1 Sha'ul and Sila and Timothy, to the assembly of the Thessalonians in **Elohim** the **Father** and the **Master** OWYƎZ **Messiah**: Favour to you and **peace** from **Elohim** our **Father** and the **Master** OWYƎZ **Messiah**.

[2]We give **thanks** to **Elohim always** for you **all,** making mention of you in our prayers,

[3]remembering without ceasing your **work** of the **belief** and the labour of **love** and the endurance of the expectation in our **Master** OWYƎZ **Messiah** in the presence of our **Elohim** and **Father,**

[4]knowing, brothers beloved by **Elohim**, that you were **chosen**.

[5]**Because** our **Besorah** *did not* **come to** you in **word** only, but also in power and in the **Set-apart Spirit** and in entire confirmation, as you **know** what **kind** of men we were among you for your sake.

[6]And you became **imitators** of us and of the **Master,** having received the **word** in much *pressure ,* with **joy** of the **Set-apart Spirit,**

[7]so that you became an example to **all** who **believe** in Makedonia and Achaia.

[8]For from you the **Word** of the **Master** has sounded forth, not only in Makedonia and Achaia, but also in **every** place your **belief** toward **Elohim** has gone out, so that it is unnecessary for us to say **whatever**.

[9]For they themselves report what **kind** of reception we had with you and how you turned to **Elohim** from *idols,* to **serve** the **living** and **true Elohim**,

[10]and to wait for **His Son** from the heavens, whom **He raised** from the *dead,* OWYƎZ, who is delivering us from the *wrath* to come.

2 For you yourselves **know,** brothers, that our **coming** to you was not in vain.

[2]***But*** having suffered before and having been *mistreated* at Philippi, as you **know,** we were bold in our **Elohim** to **speak** to you the **Besorah** of **Elohim** in much struggle.

[3]For the appeal we make *does not* **come** from *delusion*, nor from uncleanness, nor from *deceit*.

[4]***But*** as we have been approved by **Elohim** to be entrusted with the **Besorah**, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but **Elohim** who proves our **hearts**.

[5]For we never came with a **word** of flattery, as you **know,** nor with a *cloak* for *greed* – **Elohim** is **witness** –

[6]nor were we looking for **praise** from men, not from you nor from others, though we could have been a *burden* to you, as emissaries of **Messiah**.

[7]***But*** we were gentle in your **midst**, like a nursing mother warmly **loving** her own children.

[8]So, having a tender affection for you, we were well pleased to share with you not only the **Besorah** of **Elohim**, but also our own lives, **because** you have become beloved to us.

[9]For you **remember,** brothers, our toil and hardship, for labouring night and day, **in order** not to *burden* any of you, we **proclaimed** to you the **Besorah** of **Elohim**.

[10]You are **witnesses, Elohim** also, how set-apart and **righteously** and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who **believe,**

[11]even as you **know** how each one of you, as a father to his children, encouraging and comforting and bearing **witness** to you,

[12]that you would **walk** worthily of **Elohim** who is calling you into **His** own **reign** and esteem.

[13]And **because** of this we **thank Elohim** without ceasing, that when you received the **Word** of **Elohim** which you **heard** from us,

you welcomed it not as the **word** of men, but as it is **truly**, the **Word** of **Elohim**, which also **works** in you who **believe**.

[14]For you, brothers, became **imitators** of the assemblies of **Elohim** which are in Yahuḏah in **Messiah** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, **<u>because</u>** you also suffered the **same** treatment from your own countrymen as they also from the Yahuḏim,

[15]who *killed* both the **Māster** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 and their own **prophets** and have persecuted us and who displease **Elohim** and are hostile to *all men*,

[16]forbidding us to **speak** to the *gentiles* that they might be **saved,** so as to fill up *their sins* always. ***But*** the *wrath* has **come** upon them to the utmost.

[17]***But*** we, brothers, having been taken away from you for a short while – in presence, not in **heart** – were much more eagerly trying to **see** your face, with much longing.

[18]We would therefore have **come to** you, I indeed, Sha'ul, more than once, but Satan hindered us.

[19]For what is our expectation, or joy, or crown of boasting? Is it not even you, before our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** at **His coming**?

[20]For you are our **esteem** and **joy**.

3 So, when we could no longer **stand** it, we thought it **good** to be left in Athens alone,

[2]and **sent** Timothy, our brother and servant of **Elohim** and our fellow worker in the **Besorah** of **Messiah**, to **establish** you and **encourage** you concerning your **belief**,

[3]that no one should be unsettled by these *pressures*, for you yourselves **know** that we are **appointed** to this.

[4]For indeed, we did inform you beforehand, when we were with, you that we would *suffer pressure* and so it came to be, as you **know.**

[5]**<u>Because</u>** of this, when I could no longer **stand** it, I **sent** to find out about your **belief**, lest the trying one might have tried you and our labour should be in vain.

[6]***But*** **now** that Timothy has **come to** us from you and having brought us good news, the **Besorah** of your **belief** and **love** and that you **always** have **good remembrance** of us, longing to **see** us, as we also to **see** you,

[7]therefore, brothers, in **all** our *pressure* and *distress* we were **encouraged** concerning you by your **belief**.

[8]**<u>Because</u>** we **now live,** if you **stand** fast in the **Master.**

[9]For what **thanks** are we able to **return** to **Elohim** for you, for **all** the **joy** with which we **rejoice** for your sake in the presence of our **Elohim**,

[10]night and day praying exceedingly, to **see** your face and make **complete** what is lacking in your **belief**?

[11]And our **Elohim** and **Father Himself** and our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, direct our **way** to you!

[12]And the **Master** make you increase and overflow in **love** to each other and to **all,** as we also do to you,

[13]to **establish** your **hearts blameless** in **set-apartness** before our **Elohim** and **Father** at the **coming** of our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** with **all His** set-apart ones!

4 For the rest then, brothers, we ***beg*** you and **call** upon you in the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, that as you received from us how you should **walk** and to **please Elohim**, you should excel still more,

[2]for you **know** what **commands** we gave you through the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏.

[3]**For this is the desire of Elohim**: **your set-apartness!** – that you should abstain from *whoring,*

[4]that each one of you should **know** how to **possess** his own vessel in **set-apartness and respect,**

[5]not in passion of lust, like the *gentiles* who *do not* **know Elohim**,

[6]not to overstep and take advantage of his brother in this matter, **<u>because</u>** the **Master** is the *revenger* of **all** such, as we indeed said to you before and **earnestly** warned.

[7]For **Elohim** *did not* **call** us to uncleanness, but in set-apartness.
[8]Therefore he who *rejects* this *does not reject* man, but **Elohim**, who also gives us **His Set-apart Spirit.**
[9]And it is not necessary to **write** to you about brotherly **love,** for you yourselves are **taught** by **Elohim** to **love** one another,
[10]for, in fact, you do so toward **all** the brothers who are in **all** Makedonia. ***But*** we **call** upon you, brothers, that you do so more and more,
[11]and to make it your ambition to **live** peaceably and to attend to your own and to **work** with your own hands, as we **commanded** you,
[12]so that you behave decently toward those who are outside and not be in any need.
[13]**Now**, brothers, we *do not* **wish** you to be ignorant concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you be sad as others who have no expectation.
[14]For if we **believe** that OWYAZ died and rose again, so also **Elohim** ***shall*** bring with **Him** those who sleep in OWYAZ.
[15]For this we say to you by the **Word** of the **Master,** that we, the **living** who are left over at the **coming** of the **Master** ***shall*** in *no way* go before those who are asleep.
[16]**Because** the **Master Himself** ***shall*** **come** down from **heaven** with a shout, with the **voice** of a chief messenger and with the trumpet of **Elohim** and the *dead* in **Messiah** ***shall*** rise **first.**
[17]***Then*** we, the **living** who are left over, ***shall*** **be** ***caught*** away **together** with them in the clouds to meet the **Master** in the air – and so we ***shall*** **always** be with the **Master.**
[18]So, then, **encourage** one another with these **words**.

5 **Now**, brothers, as to the times and the seasons, *you do not* need to be **written** to.
[2]For you yourselves **know very** well that the **day of** YAZ **comes** as a *thief* in the night.
[3]For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then **suddenly** ***destruction*** **comes** upon them, as labour *pains* upon a pregnant woman and they ***shall*** not **escape**.
[4]***But*** you, brothers, are not in *darkness*, so that this Day should overtake you as a *thief*.
[5]For you are **all** sons of **light** and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of *darkness*.
[6]So, then, we should not sleep, as others do, but we should **watch** and be sober.
[7]For those who sleep, sleep at night and those who get drunk are drunk at night.
[8]***But*** we who are of the day should be sober, putting on the breastplate of **belief** and **love** and as a helmet the **expectation** of **deliverance**.
[9]**Because** **Elohim** *did not* **appoint** us to *wrath*, but to obtain **deliverance** through our **Master** OWYAZ **Messiah**,
[10]who died for us, so that we, whether awake or asleep, should **live together** with **Him.**
[11]Therefore **encourage** one another and build up one another, as indeed you do.
[12]***But*** brothers, we ***beg*** you **to know** those who labour among you and are over you in the **Master** and admonish you,
[13]and to hold them in the highest regard in **love** **because** of their work. Be at **peace** among yourselves.
[14]And we appeal to you, brothers, **warn** those who are *disorderly,* **encourage** the faint-hearted, uphold the weak, be patient with **all.**
[15]See that no one renders *evil* for *evil* to anyone, but **always pursue** what is **good** both for yourselves and for **all.**
[16]**Rejoice** always,
[17]**pray** without ceasing,
[18]in **all** circumstances give **thanks**, for this is the desire of **Elohim** in **Messiah** OWYAZ for you.
[19]***Do*** *not* quench the **Spirit.**
[20]***Do*** *not despise* prophecies,

[21]Prove them **all.** Hold fast what is **good**.
[22]Keep back from **every** form of *wickedness*.
[23]**And the Elohim of peace Himself set you completely apart and your entire spirit and being and body - be preserved blameless at the coming of our Master 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 Messiah!**
[24]**He** who calls you is **trustworthy**, who also ***shall*** do it.
[25]Brothers, pray for us.
[26]Greet **all** the brothers with a set-apart kiss.
[27]I charge you by the **Master** that this letter be **read** to **all** the set-apart brothers.
[28]The **favour** of our **Master 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 Messiah** be with you. Aměn.

2 THESSALONIANS

1 Sha'ul and Sila and Timothy, to the assembly of the Thessalonians in **Elohim** our **Father** and the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**:

[2]Favour to you and **peace** from **Elohim** our **Father** and the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**.

[3]We ought to give **thanks** to **Elohim always** for you, brothers, as it is proper, **because** your **belief** grows exceedingly and the **love every** one of you has for each other is increasing,

[4]so that we ourselves boast of you among the assemblies of **Elohim** for your endurance and **belief** in **all** your persecutions and *afflictions* which you are bearing,

[5]clear evidence of the **righteous** judgment of **Elohim**, **in order** for you to be counted **worthy** of the **reign** of **Elohim**, for which you also suffer,

[6]since **Elohim *shall* rightly repay** with *affliction* those who *afflict* you,

[7]and to give you who are *afflicted* rest with us when the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 is **revealed** from **heaven** with **His** mighty messengers,

[8]in flaming *fire* taking **vengeance** on those who *do not* **know Elohim** and on those who *do* ***not obey*** the **Besorah** of our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**,

[9]who ***shall* be** punished with **everlasting *destruction*** from the presence of the **Master** and from the **esteem** of **His** strength,

[10]when **He comes** to be esteemed in **His** set-apart ones and to be admired among **all** those who **believe** in that Day, **because** our **witness** to you was **believed**.

[11]To this end we **always** pray for you that our **Elohim** would count you **worthy** of this calling and **complete all** the **good** pleasure of **goodness** and the **work** of **belief** with power,

[12]so that the **Name** of our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** is esteemed in you and you in **Him, according** to the **favour** of our **Elohim** and the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**.

2 As to the **coming** of our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** and our gathering **together** to **Him,** we **ask** you, brothers,

[2]not to become easily unsettled in **mind** or *troubled,* either by spirit or by **word** or by letter, as if from us, as if the **day of** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤃 has come.

[3]**Let** no one ***deceive*** you in any **way, because** the falling away is to **come first** and the man of *lawlessness* is to be **revealed**, the son of ***destruction,***

[4]who opposes and exalts himself above **all** that is called **Elohim** or that is worshipped, so that he sits as **Elohim** in the **Dwelling Place** of **Elohim**, showing himself that he is **Elohim**.

[5]***Do*** you not ***remember*** that I told you this while I was still with you?

[6]And **now** you **know** what restrains, for him to be **revealed** in his **time.**

[7]For the **secret** of *lawlessness* is already at **work** – only until he who **now** restrains **comes** out of the **midst**.

[8]And then the *lawless* one ***shall* be revealed**, whom the **Master *shall consume*** with the **Spirit** of **His mouth** and bring to naught with the manifestation of **His coming**.

[9]The **coming** of the *lawless* one is **according** to the working of Satan, with **all power** and **signs** and **wonders** of *falsehood,*

[10]and with **all** *deceit* of *unrighteousness* in those perishing, **because** they ***did not receive*** the **love** of the **truth**, **in order** for them to be **saved**.

[11]And for this **reason Elohim sends** them a working of *delusion*, for them to **believe** the *falsehood,*

[12]**in order** that **all** should be judged who *did not believe* the **truth**, but have **delighted** in the *unrighteousness.*
[13]***But*** we ought to give **thanks** to **Elohim always** for you, brothers, beloved by the **Master, <u>because</u> Elohim** from the beginning **chose** you to be **saved** – in set-apartness of **Spirit** and **belief** in the **truth** –
[14]unto which **He** called you by our **Besorah**, for the obtaining of the **esteem** of our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**.
[15]So, then, brothers, **stand** fast and hold the *traditions* which you were **taught,** whether by **word** or by our letter.
[16]And our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah Himself** and our **Elohim** and **Father,** who has **loved** us and **given** us **everlasting encouragement** and **good expectation**, through **favour,**
[17]**encourage** your **hearts** and **establish** you in **every good word** and **work**.

3 For the rest, brothers, pray for us, so that the **Word** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 spreads rapidly and be p**raised**, as also with you,
[2]and that we might be **delivered** from *unreasonable* and *wicked* men, for not **all** have **belief**.
[3]***But*** the **Master** is **trustworthy**, who ***shall*** **establish** you and **guard** you from the *wicked one.*
[4]And we **trust** in the **Master** as to you, both that you do and ***shall*** do what we **command** you.
[5]And the **Master** direct your **hearts** into the **love** of **Elohim** and into the **endurance** for **Messiah**.
[6]***But*** we **command** you, brothers, in the **Name** of our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, that you withdraw from **every** brother who walks *disorderly* and not **according** to the *tradition* which you received from us.
[7]For you yourselves **know** how you ought to **imitate** us, for we were not *disorderly* among you,
[8]nor did we eat anyone's **bread** without paying for it, but worked with labour and toil night and day, **in order** not to *burden* any of you,
[9]not **<u>because</u>** we *do not* have authority, but to make ourselves an example, for you to **imitate** us.
[10]For even when we were with you, we **commanded** you this: ***If*** anyone *does not* **wish** to **work,** neither let him eat.
[11]For we **hear** of some among you walking *disorderly, not working at* **all,** but are *busybodies*.
[12]***But*** we **command** and urge such, through our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, to settle down, **work** and eat their own bread.
[13]And you, brothers, *do not* grow *weary* in doing **good**.
[14]And if anyone *does* ***not obey*** our **word** in this letter, note that one and *do not* keep company with him, so that he is put to *shame.*
[15]However, *do not* regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.
[16]And the **Master** of **peace Himself** give you **peace always** in **every way. The Master be with you all.**
[17]The greeting of Sha'ul with my own **hand,** which is a **sign** in **every** letter, thus I **write.**
[18]The **favour** of our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** be with you **all.** Amĕn.

1 TIMOTHY

1 Sha'ul, an emissary of OWYƎZ **Messiah**, **according** to a **command** of **Elohim** our **Saviour** and of the **Master** OWYƎZ **Messiah**, our expectation,
2 to Timothy, a genuine child in the **belief**: Favour, **compassion**, **peace** from **Elohim** our **Father** and OWYƎZ **Messiah** our **Master.**
3 As I appealed to you when I went into Makedonia, to remain in Ephesos, **in order** to **command** some not to **teach** differently,
4 nor to pay attention to fables and endless genealogies, which **cause** disputes rather than an administration of **Elohim** which is in **belief**.
5 **Now** the goal of this **command** is **love** from a **clean heart,** from a **good** conscience and a sincere **belief**,
6 which some, having missed the goal, turned aside to senseless talk,
7 wishing to be **teachers** of **Torah**, understanding neither what they say nor concerning what they strongly affirm.
8 And we **know** that the **Torah** is **good** *if* one uses it **legitimately,**
9 knowing this: that **Torah** is not laid down for a **righteous** being, but for the *lawless* and *unruly,* for the *wicked* and for *sinners,* for the *wrong-doers* and *profane*, for those who *kill* their fathers or mothers, for *murderers,*
10 for those who *whore,* for *sodomites*, for *kidnappers,* for *liars*, for *perjurers* and for ***whatever*** else that is *contrary* to sound **teaching**,
11 according to the esteemed **Besorah** of the **blessed Elohim** which was entrusted to me.
12 And I **thank Messiah** OWYƎZ our **Master** who empowered me, **<u>because</u> He** counted me **trustworthy**, putting me into service,
13 me, although I was formerly a *blasphemer* and a *persecutor* and an *insulter*. ***But*** **compassion** was shown me **<u>because</u>** being *ignorant* I did it in *unbelief*.
14 And the **favour** of our **Master** was exceedingly increased, with **belief** and **love** which are in **Messiah** OWYƎZ.
15 **Trustworthy** is the **word** and **worthy** of **all** acceptance, that **Messiah** OWYƎZ came into the world to **save** *sinners,* of whom I am foremost.
16 ***But*** **<u>because</u>** of this I received **compassion**, so that in me **first,** OWYƎZ **Messiah** might display **all patience**, as an example to those who are going to **believe** on **Him** for **everlasting life**.
17 **Now** to the Sovereign of the ages, **incorruptible**, **invisible**, to **Elohim** who alone is **wise,** be **respect** and **esteem forever** and **ever.** Amĕn.
18 This charge I entrust to you, son Timothy, **according** to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you might wage the **good** campaign,
19 having **belief** and a **good conscience**, which some have ***thrust*** aside and suffered shipwreck concerning their **belief**.
20 Among these are Humenaios and Alexander, whom I **delivered** to Satan, **in order** to be **taught** not to *blaspheme*.

2 **First** of **all,** then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions and **thanksgiving** be made for *all men*,
2 for sovereigns and **all** those who are in authority, **in order** that we lead a calm and **peaceable life** in **all** reverence and seriousness.
3 For this is **good** and **acceptable** before **Elohim** our **Saviour**,
4 who desires *all men* to be **saved** and to **come to** the **knowledge** of the **truth**.
5 For there is one **Elohim**, and one **Mediator** between **Elohim** and men, the **Man Messiah** OWYƎZ,
6 who gave **Himself** a ransom for **all,** to

be **witnessed** in its own seasons,
[7]for which I was **appointed** a proclaimer and an emissary – I am speaking the **truth** in **Messiah** and not *lying* – a **teacher** of the *gentiles* in **belief** and **truth**.
[8]So I **resolve** that the men pray everywhere, lifting up hands that are set-apart, without *wrath* and disputing.
[9]Likewise, that the women dress themselves becomingly, with decency and sensibleness, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly garments,
[10]but with **good works,** which is becoming for women undertaking worship of **Elohim**.
[11]**Let** a woman **learn** in silence, in **all** subjection.
[12]***But*** I *do not* permit a woman to **teach** or to have **authority** over a man, rather, to be in silence.
[13]**Because** Adam was formed **first,** then Hawwah.
[14]And Adam was not *deceived*, but the woman, having been *deceived*, fell into *transgression.*
[15]***But*** she ***shall*** **be saved** in child bearing if they continue in **belief**, **love** and **set-apartness**, with **sensibleness**.

3 **Trustworthy** is the word: ***If*** a man longs for the position of an overseer, he desires a **good** work.
[2]An overseer, then, should be **blameless, the husband of one wife, sober, sensible, orderly, kind to strangers, able to teach,**
[3]**not given to wine, no brawler, but gentle, not quarrelsome, no lover of money,**
[4]**one who rules his own house well, having his children in subjection with all reverence,**
[5]for if a man *does not* **know** how to **rule** his own house, how ***shall*** he look after the assembly of **Elohim**?
[6]Not a new convert, lest he become *puffed up with pride* and *fall* into the judgment of the *devil*.
[7]And he should even have a **good witness** from those who are outside, lest he *fall* into *reproach* and the *snare* of the *devil*.
[8]Likewise attendants are to be **reverent**, not *double-tongued*, not **given** to much **wine**, not *greedy for filthy gain,*
[9]holding to the **secret** of the **belief** with a **clean conscience**.
[10]And let these also be proved **first,** then let them serve, if they are unreprovable.
[11]Wives in the **same** way: **reverent**, not *false* accusers, **sober**, **trustworthy** in **every way.**
[12]**Let** attendants be the husbands of only one wife, ruling children and their own houses well.
[13]For those who have **served** well as attendants *gain* **good** standing for themselves and much **boldness** in the **belief** that is in **Messiah** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏.
[14]I am **writing** you this, expecting to **come to** you shortly,
[15]but if I delay, that you might **know** how you should behave in the **House of Elohim**, which is the assembly of the **living Elohim – a strong support and foundation of the truth**.
[16]And, beyond **all** question, the **secret** of **reverence** is **great** – who was **revealed** in the *flesh,* **declared right** in **Spirit,** was **seen** by messengers, was **proclaimed** among nations, was **believed** on in the world, was **taken up in esteem.**

4 ***But*** the **Spirit distinctly** says that in **latter times** some ***shall fall*** away from the **belief**, paying attention to *misleading spirits and teachings of demons,*
[2]*speaking lies in hypocrisy, having been branded on their own conscience,*
[3]*forbidding to marry, saying to abstain from foods* which **Elohim** created to be received with **thanksgiving** by those who **believe** and **know** the **truth**.
[4]**Because** **every** creature of **Elohim** is **good** and none is to be *rejected* if it is received with **thanksgiving**,
[5]for it is set-apart by the **Word** of **Elohim** and **prayer**.

[6]***If*** you present these matters to the brothers, you ***shall*** **be** a **good** servant of OWYAZ **Messiah**, being nourished in the **words** of **belief** and of the **good teaching** which you have **followed** closely.

[7]***But*** *refuse profane and old wives' fables* and exercise yourself rather to reverence.

[8]For bodily exercise is profitable for a little, but **reverence** is profitable for **all,** having **promise** of the present **life** and of that which is to come.

[9]**Trustworthy** is the **word and worthy** of **all** acceptance.

[10]It is for this that we labour and struggle, **because** we **trust** in the **living Elohim**, who is the **Saviour** of *all men*, particularly of those who **believe**.

[11]**Command** and **teach** these matters.

[12]**Let** no one look down on your youth, but be an example to the **believe**rs in **word,** in **behaviour**, in **love,** in **spirit**, in **belief**, in **cleanliness**.

[13]Until I come, give attention to **reading** of **Scripture,** to **encouragement**, to **teaching**.

[14]***Do*** *not* neglect the **gift** that is in you, which was **given** to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the elderhood.

[15]Practise these matters, be in them, so that your progress might be plain to **all.**

[16]Pay attention to yourself and to the **teaching**. Continue in them, for in doing this you ***shall*** **save** both yourself and those **who hear** you.

5 ***Do*** *not* ***rebuke*** an older man, but appeal to him as a father, younger ones as brothers,

[2]elderly women as mothers, younger ones as sisters, in **all** cleanliness.

[3]Respect widows who are **truly** widows.

[4]***But*** if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them **first learn** to treat their own house reverently and to **repay** their parents. For this is **good** and **acceptable** before **Elohim**.

[5]And she who is **truly** a widow and left alone, **trusts** in **Elohim** and continues in petitions and prayers night and day.

[6]***But*** she who is **living** in luxury is *dead* while she **lives.**

[7]And **command** these matters, **in order** for them to be **blameless.**

[8]And if anyone *does not* provide for his own and especially for those of his household, he has *denied* the **belief** and is worse than an un**believe**r.

[9]***Do*** *not* enrol a widow ***unless*** she is over sixty years of age, having been the wife of one man,

[10]well reported for **good works,** if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the feet of the set-apart ones, if she has assisted the *afflicted*, if she has closely **followed every good** work.

[11]***But*** *refuse* the younger widows, for when they become headstrong *against* the **Messiah**, they desire to marry,

[12]having *guilt* **because** they set aside their **first belief**.

[13]Moreover, they **learn** to be idle, going about from house to house and not only *idle* but also gossips and busybodies, speaking what is *improper.*

[14]So I **resolve** that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, giving no occasion to the adversary for reviling.

[15]For already some have turned aside after Satan.

[16]***If*** any **believing** man or woman has widows, let such assist them and *do not* let the assembly be burdened, **in order** to assist those who are **truly** widows.

[17]**Let** the elders who **rule** well be counted **worthy** of double respect, especially those who labour in the **word** and **teaching**.

[18]For the **Scripture** says, "You ***shall*** not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The labourer is **worthy** of his wages."

[19]***Do*** *not* receive an *accusation against* an elder ***except*** from two or three **witnesses.**

[20]Reprove those who are *sinning*, in the presence of **all,** so that the rest also

might **fear.**
[21]I **earnestly witness** before **Elohim** and the **Master** OWYƎZ **Messiah** and the **chosen** messengers, that you **watch** over these matters without prejudice, doing none at **all** with partiality.
[22]***Do*** *not* lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in *sins* of others. Keep yourself **clean.**
[23]No longer drink only water, but use a *little* **wine** for your stomach's sake and your frequent ailments.
[24]The *sins* of some men are obvious, leading on to judgment, but those of some men **follow** later.
[25]In the **same way,** the **good works** are obvious, while it is *impossible* to *conceal* those that are otherwise.

6 **Let** those who are servants under a yoke regard their own masters **worthy** of **all** respect, lest the **Name** of **Elohim** and **His teaching** be blasphemed.
[2]And those who have **believing** masters, let them not disregard them **because** they are brothers, but rather **serve** them **because** they are **believing** and beloved ones, those receiving of the **good** service in return. **teach** and urge these matters.
[3]***If*** anyone **teaches** differently and *does not* **agree** to the sound **words**, those of our **Master** OWYƎZ **Messiah**, and to the **teaching** which is **according** to reverence,
[4]he is puffed up, **understanding** none at **all,** but is *sick* about questionings and *verbal battles from which come envy, strife, slander, wicked suspicions,*
[5]*worthless disputes of men of corrupt minds and deprived of the truth, who think that reverence is a means of gain* – withdraw from such.
[6]***But*** reverence with contentment is **great** *gain.*
[7]For we brought naught into the world and it is *impossible* to take any out.
[8]***When*** we have food and covering, we ***shall*** **be satisfied** with these.
[9]***But*** those *wishing* to be rich *fall* into trial and a *snare* and into many ***foolish*** and injurious *lusts* which plunge men in *ruin* and ***destruction.***
[10]For the **love** of money is a root of **all** kinds of *evil*, for which some, by longing for it, have *strayed* from the **belief** and *pierced* themselves through with many *pains*.
[11]***But*** you, O man of **Elohim**, ***flee*** from **all** this and pursue **righteousness**, **reverence**, **belief**, **love, endurance**, **meekness**.
[12]Fight the **good** *fight* of the **belief**, lay hold on **everlasting life**, to which you were also called and have confessed the **good** confession before many **witnesses.**
[13]In the **sight** of **Elohim** who gives **life** to **all** and of **Messiah** OWYƎZ who **witnessed** the **good** confession before Pontius Pilate, I charge you:
[14]that you **guard** the **command spotlessly, blamelessly**, until the appearing of our **Master** OWYƎZ **Messiah**,
[15]which in **His** own seasons **He** ***shall*** **reveal** – the **blessed** and only **Ruler**, the **Sovereign** of sovereigns and **Master** of masters,
[16]who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable **light**, whom no one has **seen** or **is able** to **see,** to whom be **respect** and **everlasting might**. Amĕn.
[17]Charge those who are rich in this present age not to be high-minded, nor to **trust** in the uncertainty of riches, but in the **living Elohim**, who gives us richly **all** for **enjoyment**,
[18]to do **good**, to be **rich** in **good works,** to be **generous**, **ready** to share,
[19]storing up for themselves a **good** foundation for the **time** to come, so that they lay hold on **everlasting life**.
[20]O Timothy! **Watch** over that which has been entrusted to you, turning aside from the *profane* and *empty babblings* and *contradictions* of the *falsely* called '***knowledge***,'
[21]which some, having professed it, have missed the goal concerning the **belief**. Favour be with you. Amĕn.

2 TIMOTHY

1 Sha'ul, an emissary of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** by the desire of **Elohim**, **according** to the **promise** of **life** which is in **Messiah** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏,
[2]to Timothy, my beloved son: Favour, **compassion**, **peace** from **Elohim** the **Father** and **Messiah** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 our **Master.**
[3]I **thank Elohim**, whom I **serve** with a **clear conscience**, as my forefathers did, as I unceasingly ***remember*** you in my prayers night and day,
[4]longing to **see** you, as I ***remember*** your tears, so that I might be filled with **joy**.
[5]For I recollect the sincere **belief** which is in you, which dwelt **first** in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunike and I am persuaded is in you too.
[6]For this **reason** I remind you to stir up the **gift** of **Elohim** which is in you through the laying on of my hands.
[7]For **Elohim** has not **given** us a spirit of cowardice, but of **power** and of **love** and of self-control.
[8]So *do not* be *ashamed* of the **witness** of our **Master,** nor of me **His** prisoner, but *suffer* hardship with me for the **Besorah according** to the **power** of **Elohim**,
[9]who has **saved** us and called us with a set-apart calling, not **according** to our **works,** but **according** to **His** own **purpose** and **favour** which was **given** to us in **Messiah** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 before times of old,
[10]but **now revealed** by the appearing of our **Saviour** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, who indeed abolished *death* and brought **life** and incorruptibility to **light** through the **Besorah**,
[11]for which I was **appointed** a **proclaimer** and an emissary and a **teacher** of the *gentiles*.
[12]For this **reason** I also *suffer* these matters, but I am not ashamed, for I **know** whom I have **believed** and am persuaded that **He is able** to **watch** over that which I have entrusted to **Him** until that Day.
[13]Hold the pattern of sound **words** which you have **heard** from me, in **belief** and **love** which are in **Messiah** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏.
[14]**Watch** over the **good** deposit that was entrusted to you, by the **Set-apart Spirit** dwelling in us.
[15]You **know** this, that **all** those in Asia have turned away from me, among whom are Phugellos and Hermogenes.
[16]The **Master** grant **compassion** unto the household of Onesiphoros, for he often refreshed me and was not *ashamed* of my chain,
[17]but when he was in Rome, he eagerly searched for me and **found** me.
[18]The **Master** grant to him to find **compassion** from the **Master** in that Day. And you **know very** well how many **ways** he attended to me at Ephesos.

2 You then, my son, be **strong** in the **favour** that is in **Messiah** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏.
[2]And what you have **heard** from me among many **witnesses,** entrust these to **trustworthy** men who ***shall*** **be** competent to **teach** others as well.
[3]Suffer hardship with us as a **good** soldier of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**.
[4]No one serving as a soldier gets involved in the affairs of this **life**, **in order** to please only him who enlisted him as a soldier.
[5]And if anyone competes in a game, he is not crowned ***unless*** he competes **according** to the rules.
[6]The hard-working farmer ought to be **first** to receive his share of the crops.
[7]Think over what I say, for the **Master** ***shall*** give you **understanding** into **all** this.

[8]**Remember** that 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, of the seed of Dawiḏ, was **raised** from the *dead* **according** to my **Besorah**,
[9]for which I *suffer* hardship, as a criminal, unto chains, but the **Word** of **Elohim** is not chained.
[10]So I endure through it **all** for the sake of the **chosen**, so that they too obtain **deliverance** which is in **Messiah** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 with **everlasting** esteem.
[11]**Trustworthy** is the word: For if we died with **Him,** we ***shall*** also **live** with **Him.**
[12]***If*** we endure, we ***shall*** also **reign** with **Him.** ***If*** we *deny* **Him, He** also ***shall*** *deny* us.
[13]***If*** we are not **trustworthy**, **He** remains **trustworthy**, it is *impossible* for **Him** to *deny* **Himself**.
[14]Remind them of this, **earnestly** witnessing before the **Master,** not to wage *verbal battles* – which is useless – to the overthrowing of the hearers.
[15]***Do*** your utmost to present yourself approved to **Elohim**, a worker who *does not* need to be ashamed, **rightly** handling the **Word** of **Truth**.
[16]***But*** keep away from ***profane***, *empty babblings*, for they go on to more *wickedness*,
[17]and their **word** ***shall*** eat its **way** like gangrene. Humenaios and Philetos are of this sort,
[18]who have missed the goal concerning the **truth**, saying that the resurrection has already taken place and *overthrow* the **belief** of some.
[19]However, the solid foundation of **Elohim** stands firm, having this **seal,** "𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤃𐤏 **knows** those who are **His**," and, "**Let** everyone who names the **Name** of **Messiah** turn away from *unrighteousness*."
[20]***But*** in a large house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of ***wood*** and clay, some unto value and some unto no value.
[21]If, then, anyone cleanses himself from these matters, he ***shall*** **be** a vessel unto value, having been set-apart, of **good** use to the **Master,** having been prepared for **every good** work.
[22]And ***flee*** from the *lusts* of youth, but pursue **righteousness**, **belief**, **love, peace** with those calling on the **Master** out of a **clean heart.**
[23]***But*** *refuse* ***foolish*** and *stupid* questions knowing that they breed *quarrels*.
[24]And a servant of the **Master** should not *quarrel* but be **gentle** towards **all,** able to **teach, patient** when *wronged*,
[25]in **meekness instructing** those who are in opposition, lest somehow **Elohim** gives them **repentance** unto a thorough **knowledge** of the **truth**,
[26]and they **come to** their senses, out of the *snare* of the *devil, having been taken captive by him to do his desire*.

3 ***But*** **know** this, that in the **last** days hard times ***shall*** come.
[2]For men ***shall*** **be** *lovers of self, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, thankless, wrongdoers,*
[3]*unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, haters of* **good**,
[4]*betrayers, reckless, puffed up, lovers* of *pleasure* rather than lovers of **Elohim**,
[5]having a form of reverence but *denying* its power.Turn away from these!
[6]For among them are those who creep into households and captivate silly women loaded down with *sins*, led away by *various lusts,*
[7]always **learning** and never able to **come to** the **knowledge** of the **truth**.
[8]And as Yoḥane and Mamrĕ *opposed* Mosheh, so do these also *oppose* the **truth** – men of *corrupt* minds, **found** *worthless* concerning the **belief**;
[9]but they ***shall*** not go on further, for their folly ***shall*** **be** obvious to **all,** as also that of those men became.
[10]***But*** you did closely **follow** my **teaching**, the **way** of **life**, the **purpose**, the **belief**, the **patience**, the **love,** the **endurance**,
[11]the *persecutions*, the *sufferings*, which

came to me at Antioch, at Ikonion and at Lustra – what *persecutions* I bore. Yet out of them **all** the **Master delivered** me.

[12]And indeed, **all** those *wishing* to **live** reverently in **Messiah** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, ***shall* be** *persecuted*.

[13]***But*** *evil men and impostors* ***shall*** go on to the worse, leading *astray* and being led *astray*.

[14]***But*** you, stay in what you have **learned** and **trusted**, having **known** from whom you have **learned,**

[15]and that from a babe you have **known** the **Set-apart Scriptures**, which are able to make you **wise** for **deliverance** through **belief** in **Messiah** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏.

[16]**All Scripture is breathed by Elohim and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for setting straight, for instruction in righteousness,**

[17]**that the man of Elohim might be fitted, equipped for every good work**.

4 In the **sight** of **Elohim** and the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**,who ***shall*** **judge** the **living** and the *dead* at **His** appearing and **His reign**, I **earnestly** charge you:

[2]**Proclaim the Word!** Be urgent in season, out of season. **Reprove, warn, appeal, with all patience and teaching**.

[3]For there ***shall* be** a **time** when they ***shall*** *not bear sound* **teaching**, but **according** to their own desires, they ***shall*** heap up for themselves **teachers** tickling the ear,

[4]and they ***shall*** indeed turn their **ears** away from the **truth** and be turned aside to *myths*.

[5]***But*** you be sober in **all** matters, *suffer* hardships, do the **work** of an **evangelist**, **accomplish** your service **completely.**

[6]For I am already being poured out and the **time** of my departure has arrived.

[7]I have fought the **good** fight, I have **finished** the race, I have **guarded** the **belief**.

[8]For the rest, there is laid up for me the crown of **righteousness**, which the **Master,** the **righteous Judge,** ***shall*** give to me on that Day and not to me only but also to **all** those **loving His appearing**.

[9]***Do*** your best to come to me soon,

[10]for Demas, having **loved** this present world, has deserted me and went to Thessalonike, Crescens to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

[11]Luke alone is with me. Take Mark and bring him with you, for he is of **good** use to me for service.

[12]And Tuchikos I have **sent** to Ephesos.

[13]Bring the *cloak* that I left with Karpos at Troas when you come and the **book**s, especially the parchments.

[14]Alexander the coppersmith did many *evils* to me. The **Master *shall* repay** him **according** to his works.

[15]You, too, beware of him, for he *strongly opposed* our **words**.

[16]At my **first** defence no one stood with me, but **all *forsook*** me. **Let** it not be held *against* them.

[17]***But*** the **Master** stood with me and did strengthen me, so that through me the preaching might be **completely accomplished** and that **all** the *gentiles* should **hear.** And I was rescued out of the lion's **mouth.**

[18]And the **Master *shall* rescue** me from **every** *wicked* **work** and **save** me for **His heavenly reign**. To **Him** be **esteem forever** and **ever.** Amĕn!

[19]Greet Prisca and Aqulas and the house of Onesiphoros.

[20]Ĕrastos stayed in Corinth, but I left Trophimos *sick* in Miletos.

[21]***Do*** your best to **come** before winter. Eubulos greets you and Pudes and Linos and Klaudia and **all** the brothers.

[22]The **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** be with your spirit. Favour be with you. Amĕn.

TITUS

1 Sha'ul, a servant of **Elohim** and an emissary of **OWYƎZ Messiah**, **according** to the **belief** of **Elohim**'s **chosen** ones and **knowledge** of the **truth according** to reverence,
[2]in expectation of **everlasting life** which **Elohim**, who *does not* lie, **promised** before times of old,
[3]but in its own times has manifested **His word** through preaching, with which I was entrusted **according** to the **command** of **Elohim** our **Saviour**,
[4]to Titus, a genuine child **according** to our *common* **belief**: Favour, **compassion**, **peace** from **Elohim** the **Father** and the **Master OWYƎZ Messiah** our **Saviour**.
[5]The **reason** I left you in Crete was that you should straighten out what was left undone and **appoint** elders in **every** city as I **commanded** you:
[6]if anyone is unreprovable, the husband of one wife, having **believing** children not *accused* of loose behaviour, or unruly.
[7]For an overseer has to be unreprovable, as a managing one of **Elohim**, not selfpleasing, not *wroth*, not **given** to **wine**, no brawler, not *greedy* for *filthy gain,*
[8]but **kind** to strangers, a lover of what is **good**, sensible, **righteous,** set-apart, self controlled,
[9]clinging to the **trustworthy word, according** to the **teaching**, **in order** to be able both to **encourage** by sound **teaching** and to **reprove** those who *oppose* it.
[10]For there are many unruly men, senseless talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision,
[11]whose mouths have to be *stopped*, who upset entire households, **teaching** what they should not **teach,** for the sake of *filthy gain.*
[12]One of them, a **prophet** of their own, said, "Cretans are **always** liars, *evil* beasts, lazy gluttons."
[13]This **witness** is **true.** Therefore ***rebuke*** them sharply, **in order** for them to be sound in the **belief**,
[14]not paying attention to Yehudite fables and **commands** of men who turn from the **truth**.
[15]Indeed, **all** matters are **clean** to the **clean,** but to those who are *defiled* and *unbelieving* no matter is **clean,** but both their **mind** and conscience are *defiled*.
[16]They profess **to know Elohim**, but in **works** they *deny* **Him,** being **abominable** and *disobedient and unfit for any good work.*

2 ***But*** you, **speak** what is fitting for sound **teaching**:
[2]the older men are to be **sober, serious, sensible, sound in belief, in love, in endurance,**
[3]the older women likewise are to be set-apart in behaviour, not *slander*ers, not **given** to much **wine**, **teachers** of what is **good**,
[4]**in order** for them to train the young women to **love** their husbands, to **love** their children,
[5]to be **sensible, blameless, workers at home, good, subject to their own husbands, in order that the Word of Elohim** is not *evil* **spoken** of.
[6]Likewise urge the young men to be sensible.
[7]Show yourself to them an example of **good works** in **all** matters. In **teaching show uncorruptness, seriousness,**
[8]**soundness of speech beyond reproach**, **in order** that the opponent is put to shame, having no *evil* **word** to say about you.
[9]Servants should be subject to their own masters, to be well-pleasing in **every way,** not back-talking,

[10]not stealing, but showing **all good** trustworthiness, so that they adorn the **teaching** of **Elohim** our **Saviour** in **every way.**
[11]For the saving **Gift** of **Elohim** has appeared to *all men*,
[12]instructing us to renounce *wickedness* and worldly *lusts* and to **live** sensibly, **righteously** and reverently in the present age,
[13]looking for the **blessed** expectation and esteemed appearance of the **great Elohim** and our **Saviour** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**,
[14]who gave **Himself** for us, to **redeem** us from **all** *lawlessness* and to **cleanse** for **Himself** a people, **His** own possession, **ardent** for **good** works.
[15]Speak these matters, urge and **reprove** with **all** authority. **Let** no one *despise* you.

3 Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to **obey**, to be **ready** for **every good work,**
[2]not to *slander* anyone, not to be quarrelsome, to be gentle, showing **all** meekness to *all men*.
[3]For we ourselves were also once ***foolish,*** *disobedient*, led *astray*, serving various *lusts* and pleasures, **living** in *evil* and *envy,* being *hated* and hating one another.
[4]***But*** when the **kindness** and the **love** of **Elohim** our **Saviour** toward man appeared,
[5]**He saved** us, not by **works** of **righteousness** which we have done but **according** to **His compassion**, through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the **Set-apart Spirit,**
[6]which **He poured out** on us richly through 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** our **Saviour**,
[7]that having been **declared right** by **His favour** we should become heirs **according** to the expectation of **everlasting life**.
[8]**Trustworthy** is the **word and** in this regard I **wish** you to strongly affirm, that those who have **believed** in **Elohim** should keep their minds on maintaining **good** works. This is **good** and **profitable** to men.
[9]***But*** keep away from ***foolish*** *questions* and *genealogies* and *strife* and *quarrels* about the **Torah**, for they are *unprofitable* and *useless*.
[10]Reject a *divisive* man after the **first** and second warning,
[11]knowing that such a one has been *perverted* and *sins*, being *self-condemned*.
[12]***When*** **I *shall* send** Artemas to you, or Tuchikos, do your best to **come to** me at Nikopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.
[13]***Do*** your best to send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey, so that they lack none at **all.**
[14]And our brothers should also **learn** to maintain **good works,** to meet urgent needs, so that they ***shall*** not be without **fruit.**
[15]All those with me greet you. Greet those who **love** us in the **belief**. Favour be with you **all.** Amĕn.

PHILEMON

1 Sha'ul, a prisoner of **Messiah** 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤏 and Timothy the brother, to Philemon our beloved one and fellow worker,

[2]and Apphia our sister and Archippos our fellow soldier and the assembly at your house:

[3]Favour to you and **peace** from **Elohim** our **Father** and the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**.

[4]I **always thank** my **Elohim** when I mention you in my prayers,

[5]hearing of your **love** and the **belief** which you have toward the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤏 and toward **all** the set-apart ones,

[6]so that the sharing of your **belief** might become working in the **knowledge** of **all** the **good** which is in you toward **Messiah** 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤏.

[7]For we have much **joy** and **encouragement** in your **love,** <u>**because**</u> the tender affections of the set-apart ones have been refreshed by you, brother.

[8]Therefore, although I have much **boldness** in **Messiah** to **command** you what is fitting,

[9]<u>**because**</u> of **love,** I rather appeal – being such a one as Sha'ul, the aged and **now** also a prisoner of 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**

[10]I appeal to you for my child Onesimos, whom I brought forth while in my chains,

[11]who formerly was of no use to you, but **now** is of **good** use to you and to me,

[12]whom I **sent** back to you and receive him, that is, my own tender affections,

[13]whom I **wished** to keep with me, that on your behalf he might **serve** me in my chains for the **Besorah**.

[14]***But*** without your opinion I **wished** to do none at **all,** so that your **good deed** should not be by **way** of necessity, but voluntary.

[15]For he parted from you for a while, possibly <u>**because**</u> of this, so that you might have him back **forever**,

[16]no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother, especially to me and how much more to you, both in the *flesh* and in the **Master.**

[17]So, if you regard me as your partner, receive him as you would me.

[18]***But*** if he has *wronged* you or owes you **whatever**, put that on my account.

[19]I, Sha'ul, **wrote** with my own **hand.** I ***shall*** **repay** – not to mention to you that you indeed owe yourself to me also.

[20]Yea, brother, let me derive pleasure from you in the **Master,** refresh my tender affections in the **Master.**

[21]Trusting in your **obedience**, I **wrote** to you, knowing that you ***shall*** do even more than I say.

[22]And at the **same time** also **prepare** a place for me to stay, for I **trust** that through your prayers I ***shall*** **be given** to you.

[23]Epaphras, fellow prisoner of me in **Messiah** 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤏, greets you,

[24]and Mark, Aristarchos, Demas, Luke, my fellow workers.

[25]The **favour** of our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** be with your spirit. Aměn.

IBRIM

HEBREWS

1 **Elohim**, having of old **spoken** in many portions and many **ways** to the fathers by the **prophets,**
[2]has in these **last** days **spoken** to us by the **Son**, whom **He** has **appointed heir** of **all,** through whom also **He** made the ages,
[3]who being the brightness of the **esteem** and the exact representation of **His** substance and sustaining **all** by the **Word** of **His** power, having made a **cleansing** of our *sins* through **Himself**, sat down at the **right hand** of the Greatness on high,
[4]having become so much better than the messengers, as **He** has inherited a more excellent **Name** than them.
[5]For to which of the messengers did **He** ever say, "You are **My Son**, today I have brought You forth"? And again, "I ***shall*** **be** to **Him** a **Father** and **He** ***shall*** **be** to **Me** a **Son**"?
[6]And when **He** again brings the first-born into the world, **He** says, "**Let all** the messengers of **Elohim** do reverence to **Him.**"
[7]And of the messengers indeed **He** says, "who is making **His** messengers spirits and **His** servants a *flame* of *fire*."
[8]***But*** to the **Son He** *says*, "**Your** throne, O **Elohim**, is **forever** and **ever,** a sceptre of straightness is the sceptre of **Your** reign.
[9]"**You** have **loved righteousness** and *hated lawlessness*. **Because** of this, **Elohim**, **Your Elohim**, has **anointed You** with the oil of **gladness** more than **Your** companions."
[10]And, "**You**, **Master,** did **found** the earth in the beginning and the heavens are the **work** of **Your** hands.
[11]"They ***shall*** *perish,* but **You** remain and they ***shall*** **all** grow old like a garment,
[12]and like a mantle **You** ***shall*** fold them up and they ***shall*** **be** *changed*. ***But*** **You** are the **same** and **Your** years ***shall*** not fail."
[13]And to which of the messengers did **He** ever say, "Sit at **My right hand,** until I make **Your** enemies a footstool for **Your** feet"?
[14]Are they not **all** serving spirits **sent** out to attend those who are about to inherit **deliverance**?

2 **Because** of this we have to pay more attention to what we have **heard**, lest we drift away.
[2]For if the **word spoken** through messengers proved to be firm and **every** *transgression* and *disobedience* received a **right** reward,
[3]how ***shall*** we **escape** if we neglect so **great** a **deliverance,** which **first** began to be **spoken** by the **Master** and was **confirmed** to us by those that **heard**,
[4]**Elohim** also bearing **witness** both with **signs** and **wonders**, with various miracles and gifts of the **Set-apart Spirit,** distributed **according** to **His** own desire?
[5]For it is not to messengers that **He** has subjected the world to come, concerning which we speak.
[6]***But*** somewhere one has **witnessed,** saying, "***What*** is man that **You** ***remember*** him, or the son of man that **You** look after him?
[7]"**You** have made him a *little* lower than the messengers. **You have** crowned him with **esteem** and respect and set him over the **works** of **Your** hands.
[8]"**You** have put **all** in subjection under his feet." For in that **He** put **all** in subjection under him, **He** left none that is not subjected to him. ***But*** **now** we *do not* yet **see all** subjected to him.

9***But*** we do **see Him** who was made for **a** *little* **while** lower than the messengers, OWYƎZ, **<u>because</u>** of the suffering of *death* crowned with **esteem** and respect, that by the **favour** of **Elohim He** should taste *death* for everyone.
10For it was fitting for **Him, <u>because</u>** of whom **all** are and through whom **all** are, in bringing many sons to esteem, to make the **Princely Leader** of their **deliverance perfect** through sufferings.
11For both **He** who sets apart and those who are being set-apart are **all** of **One,** for which **reason He** is not *ashamed* to **call** them brothers,
12saying, "**I shall announce Your Name to My brothers, in the midst of the congregation I shall sing praise to You."**
13And again, "I ***shall*** put **My trust** in **Him.**" And again, "**See,** I and the children whom **Elohim** gave **Me.**"
14Therefore, since the children share in *flesh* and **blood, He Himself** similarly shared in the **same,** so that by means of **His** *death* **He** might *destroy* him having the **power** of *death,* that is, the *devil*,
15and **deliver** those who throughout **life** were held in slavery by **fear** of *death.*
16For, *doubtless*, **He** *does not* take hold of messengers, but **He** does take hold of the seed of AḄrahim.
17So in **every way He** had to be made like **His** brothers, **in order** to become a **compassionate** and **trustworthy** High Priest in matters related to **Elohim**, to make **atonement** for the *sins* of the people.
18For in what **He** had suffered, **Himself** being tried, **He is able** to help those who are tried.

3 Therefore, set-apart brothers, partakers of the heavenly calling, closely consider the **Emissary** and **High Priest** of our confession, **Messiah** OWYƎZ,
2who was **trustworthy** to **Him** who **appointed Him,** as also Mosheh in **all His** house.
3For this **One** has been deemed **worthy** of more **esteem** than Mosheh, as much as **He** who built the house enjoys more respect than the house.
4For **every** house is built by someone, but **He** who built **all** is **Elohim**.
5And Mosheh indeed was **trustworthy** in **all His** house as a servant, for a **witness** of what would be **spoken** later,
6but **Messiah** as a **Son** over **His** own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the boldness and the boasting of the expectation firm to **the end.**
7Therefore, as the **Set-apart Spirit** says, "Today, if you **hear His voice**,
8*do not harden* your **hearts** as in the *rebellion,* in the **day of** trial in the wilderness,
9where your fathers *tried* **Me,** *proved* **Me** and **saw My works** forty years.
10"Therefore I was *grieved* with that generation and said, 'They **always** go *astray* in their **heart** and they *have not known* **My** *ways*.'
11"As I **swore** in **My** *wrath*, '***If*** they ***shall*** enter into **My rest.**..' "
12Look out, brothers, lest there be in any of you a *wicked* **heart** of *unbelief* in falling away from the **living Elohim**,
13but **encourage** one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be *hardened* by the *deceivableness* of *sin.*
14For we have become partakers of **Messiah** if we hold fast the beginning of our **trust** firm to **the end,**
15while it is said, "Today, if you **hear His voice**, *do not harden* your **hearts** as in the *rebellion.*"
16For who, having **heard**, *rebelled*? Was it not **all** who came out of Mitsrayim, led by Mosheh?
17And with whom was **He** *grieved* forty years? Was it not with those who *sinned*, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?
18And to whom did **He** swear that they *would not* enter into **His** rest, but to those who *did not* ***obey***?
19So we **see** that they were *unable* to enter in **<u>because</u>** of *unbelief.*

4 Therefore, since a **promise** remains of *entering* into **His** rest, let us **fear** lest any of you seem to have come short of it.
[2]For indeed the **Besorah** was brought to us as well as to them, but the **word** which they **heard** *did not* profit them, not having been mixed with **belief** in those **who heard** it.
[3]For we who have **believed** do enter into that rest, as **He** has said, "As I **swore** in **My** *wrath*, if they ***shall*** enter into **My rest....**" And yet **His works** have **come** into being from the foundation of the world.
[4]For somewhere **He** has said thus about the **seventh day**, "And **Elohim** rested on the **seventh day** from **all His works,**"
[5]and in this again, "***If*** they ***shall*** enter into **My rest.**.."
[6]Since then it remains for some to enter into it and those who formerly received the **besorah** *did not enter in* **because** of *disobedience*,
[7]**He** again defines a certain day, "Today," saying through Dawiḏ so much later, as it has been said, "Today, if you **hear His voice**, *do not harden* your **hearts**."
[8]For if Yahusha had **given** them rest, **He** *would not* have **spoken** of another day after that. So...
[9]There remains a Sabbath-keeping for the people of Elohim.
[10]For the one, having entered into **His** rest, has himself also rested from his **works,** as **Elohim** rested from **His** own.
[11]**Let** us therefore do our utmost to enter into that rest, lest anyone *fall* after the **same** example of *disobedience*.
[12]For the **Word** of **Elohim** is **living** and working and sharper than any two-edged *sword,* cutting through even to the dividing of being and spirit and of joints and marrow and able to **judge** the *thoughts* and *intentions* of the **heart.**
[13]And there is no creature *hidden* from **His** sight, but **all** are naked and laid bare before the eyes of **Him** with whom is our account.
[14]Therefore, since we have a **great** High Priest who has passed through the heavens, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 the **Son** of **Elohim**, let us hold fast our confession.
[15]For we *do not* have a High Priest *unable* to sympathize with our *weakness* es, but **One** who was tried in **all** respects as we are, apart from *sin.*
[16]Therefore, let us **come boldly** to the throne of **favour, in order** to receive **compassion** and find **favour** for timely help.

5 For **every** priest taken from among men is **appointed** on behalf of men in matters relating to **Elohim**, to offer both gifts and offerings for *sins*,
[2]being able to have a measure of feeling for those not knowing and being led *astray*, since he himself is also surrounded by *weakness.*
[3]And on account of this he has to offer for *sins* – as for the people, so also for himself.
[4]And no one obtains this **esteem** for himself, but he who is called by **Elohim**, even as Aharon also was.
[5]So also the **Messiah** *did not* extol **Himself** to become High Priest, but it was **He** who said to **Him,** "**You are My Son, today I have brought You forth**."
[6]As **He** also says in another place, "**You** are a priest **forever according** to the order of Malkitsedeq,"
[7]who, in the days of **His** *flesh,* when **He** had offered up prayers and petitions with **strong** crying and tears to **Him** who was able to **save Him** from *death* and was **heard because** of **His** reverent **fear,**
[8]though being a **Son**, **He learned obedience** by what **He** *suffered*.
[9]And having been **perfected**, **He became the Causer of everlasting deliverance to all those obeying Him,**
[10]having been designated by **Elohim** a High Priest "according to the order of Malkitsedeq,"
[11]concerning whom we have much to

say and hard to explain, since you have become dull of **hearing**.
[12]For indeed, although by this **time** you ought to be **teachers**, you need someone to **teach** you again the **first** elements of the **Words** of **Elohim**. And you have become such as need milk and not solid food.
[13]For everyone partaking of milk is inexperienced in the **Word** of **righteousness**, for he is a babe.
[14]***But*** solid food is for the mature whose senses have been trained by *practice* to *discern* both **good** and *evil*.

6 Therefore, having left the **word** of the beginning of the **Messiah**, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of **repentance** from *dead* **works** and of **belief** toward **Elohim**,
[2]of the **teaching** of immersions and of laying on of hands and of resurrection of the *dead,* and of **everlasting** judgment.
[3]And this we ***shall*** do, if **Elohim** indeed permits.
[4]For it is *impossible* for those who were once **enlightened** and have tasted the heavenly gift and have become partakers of the **Set-apart Spirit,**
[5]and have tasted the **good Word** of **Elohim** and the powers of the age to come,
[6]and *fall* away, to renew them again to **repentance** – having impaled for themselves the **Son** of **Elohim** again and put **Him** to **open** *shame.*
[7]For ground that is drinking the rain often falling on it and is bearing plants fit for those by whom it is tiled, receives **blessing** from **Elohim**,
[8]but if it brings forth thorns and thistles, it is *rejected* and **near** to being *cursed* and ends up by being *burned*.
[9]***But*** although we **speak** in this **way,** beloved , we are persuaded, concerning you, of better matters which **possess deliverance**.
[10]For **Elohim** is not *unrighteous* to *forget* your **work** and labour of **love** which you have shown toward **His Name,** in that you have attended to the set-apart ones and still attend.
[11]And we desire that each one of you **show** the **same eagerness**, to the entire confirmation of **expectation** until **the end,**
[12]**in order** that *you do not* become *sluggish*, but **imitate** those who through **belief** and **patience** inherit the promises.
[13]For **Elohim**, having **promised** Aḇrahim, since **He** could swear by no one greater, **swore** by **Himself**,
[14]saying, "**Truly, blessing I shall bless you and increasing I shall increase you**."
[15]And so, after being patient, he obtained the **promise.**
[16]For men do indeed swear by the one greater and an **oath** for confirmation is for them an end of **all** dispute.
[17]In this **way Elohim**, resolving to **show** even more clearly to the heirs of **promise** the unchangeableness of **His** purpose, **confirmed** it by an oath,
[18]so that by two unchangeable matters in which it is *impossible* for **Elohim** to lie, we might have **strong encouragement**, we who have fled for **refuge** to lay hold of the **expectation** set before us,
[19]which we have as an anchor of the **life**, both safe and firm and entering into that within the veil,
[20]where 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 has entered as a forerunner for us, having become **High Priest forever according** to the order of Malkitseḏeq.

7 For this Malkitseḏeq, sovereign of Shalĕm, priest of the **Most High Elohim**, who met Aḇrahim returning from the slaughter of the sovereigns and **blessed** him,
[2]to whom also Aḇrahim gave a tenth part of **all,** his name being translated, indeed, **first,** 'sovereign of **righteousness**,' and then also sovereign of Shalĕm, that is, 'sovereign of peace,'
[3]without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither

beginning of days nor end of **life**, but having been made like the **Son** of **Elohim**, remains a priest for all **time.**

[4]**Now see** how **great** this one was, to whom even the ancestor Aḇrahim gave a tenth of the choicest booty.

[5]And **truly**, those who are of the sons of Lĕwi, who receive the priesthood, have a **command** to receive tithes from the people **according** to the **Torah**, that is, from their brothers, though they have **come** from the loins of Aḇrahim,

[6]however, the one whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Aḇrahim and **blessed** the one who held the promises.

[7]And it is beyond **all** *dispute* that the lesser is **blessed** by the better.

[8]And here it is men who *die* that receive tithes, but there it is someone of whom it is **witnessed** that he **lives.**

[9]And one might say that through Aḇrahim even Lĕwi, who received tithes, gave tithes,

[10]for he was still in the loins of his father when Malkitsedeq met him.

[11]**Truly**, then, if perfection were through the Lĕwitical priesthood – for under it the people were **given** the **Torah** – why was there still need for another priest to arise **according** to the order of Malkitsedeq and not be called **according** to the order of Aharon?

[12]For the priesthood being *changed*, of necessity there takes place a *change* of **law** also.

[13]For **He** of whom this is said belongs to another tribe, from which no one had attended at the altar.

[14]For it is perfectly clear that our **Master** arose from Yahuḏah, a tribe about which Mosheh never spoke of concerning priesthood,

[15]and this is clearer still, if another priest arises in the likeness of Malkitsedeq,

[16]who has become, not **according** to the **Torah** of fleshly **command,** but **according** to the **power** of an endless **life**,

[17]for **He** does **witness,** "You are a priest **forever according** to the order of Malkitsedeq."

[18]For there is indeed a setting aside of the former **command** **<u>because</u>** of its *weakness* and unprofitableness,

[19]for the **Torah perfected** *naught,* but the bringing in of a better expectation, through which we draw **near** to **Elohim**.

[20]And it was not without an oath!

[21]For they indeed became priests without an oath, but **He** became Priest with an **oath** by **Him** who said to **Him,** "𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 has sworn and ***shall*** not regret, 'You are a priest **forever according** to the order of Malkitsedeq.' "

[22]By as much as this 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 has become a guarantor of a better **covenant.**

[23]And indeed, those that became priests were many, **<u>because</u>** they were prevented by *death* from continuing,

[24]but **He, <u>because</u>** **He** remains **forever**, has an unchangeable priesthood.

[25]Therefore **He** is also able to **save completely** those who draw **near** to **Elohim** through **Him,** ever **living** to make intercession for them.

[26]For it was fitting that we should have such a High Priest – **kind, innocent, undefiled, having been separated from** *sinners* **and exalted above the heavens**,

[27]who *does not* need, as those high priests, to offer up slaughter offerings day by day, **first** for **His** own *sins* and then for those of the people, for this **He** did once for **all** when **He** offered up **Himself**.

[28]For the **Torah** appoints as high priests men who have *weakness*, but the **Word** of the **oath** which came after the **Torah**, appoints the **Son** having been **perfected forever**.

8 **Now** the summary of what we are saying is: We have such a **High Priest**, who is seated at the **right hand** of the throne of the **Greatness in the heavens**,

[2]and who serves in the set-apart place and of the **true Tent**, which 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 set

up and not man.
[3]For **every** high priest is **appointed** to offer both gifts and slaughters.
So it was also necessary for this **One** to have somewhat to offer.
[4]For if indeed **He** were on earth, **He** *would not* be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts **according** to the **Torah**,
[5]who **serve** a copy and shadow of the heavenly, as Mosheh was **warned** when he was about to make the **Tent**. For **He** said, "See that you make **all according** to the pattern shown you on the mountain."
[6]***But*** **now He** has obtained a more excellent service, in as much as **He** is also **Mediator** of a better covenant, which was constituted on better promises.
[7]For if that **first** *covenant* had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.
[8]For finding fault with them, **He** says, "**See,** the days are **coming**," says ה׳, "when I ***shall*** conclude with the house of Yisra'ĕl and with the house of Yahuḏah a **renewed covenant**,
[9]not **according** to the **covenant** that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the **hand** to lead them out of the land of Mitsrayim, **<u>because</u>** they *did not* continue in **My covenant** and I disregarded them," says ה׳.
[10]"**<u>Because</u>** this is the **covenant** that I ***shall*** make with the house of Yisra'ĕl after those days, says ה׳, giving **My laws** in their mind and I **shall write them on their hearts and I shall be their Elohim and they shall be My people.**
[11]**"And they shall by no means teach each one his neighbour and each one his brother, saying, 'Know ה׳,' <u>because</u> they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them**.
[12]"**<u>Because</u>** I ***shall*** **forgive** their *unrighteousness* and *their sins* and their *lawlessness*es I ***shall*** no longer ***remember.*** "
[13]By saying, 'renewed,' **He** has made the **first** old. **Now** what becomes old and growing aged is **near** disappearing.

9 **Now** the **first covenant** indeed had regulations of worship and the earthly set-apart place.
[2]For a **Tent** was prepared: the **first** part, in which was the lampstand and the table and the showbread, which is called the **Set-apart Place.**
[3]And after the second veil, the part of the **Tent** which is called Most Set-apart,
[4]to which belonged the golden censer and the ark of the **covenant** overlaid on **all** sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that held the manna and the **rod** of Aharon that budded and the tablets of the covenant,
[5]and above it the kerubim of **esteem** were overshadowing the place of atonement – about which we *do not* **now speak** in detail.
[6]And these having been prepared like this, the priests **always** went into the **first** part of the **Tent**, accomplishing the services.
[7]***But*** into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without **blood,** which he offered for himself and for *sins* of *ignorance* of the people,
[8]the **Set-apart Spirit** signifying this, that the **way** into the **Most Set-apart Place** was not yet made manifest while the **first Tent** has a standing,
[9]which was a parable for the present **time** in which both gifts and slaughters are offered which are *unable* to **perfect** the one serving, as to his conscience,
[10]only as to foods and drinks and different washings and fleshly regulations imposed until a **time** of setting matters **straight.**
[11]***But*** **Messiah**, having become a **High Priest** of the **coming good** matters, through the greater and more **perfect Tent** not made with hands, that is, not of this creation,
[12]entered into the Most **Set-apart Place** once for **all,** not with the **blood** of goats and calves, but with **His** own **blood,**

having obtained **everlasting** redemption.
[13]For if the **blood** of bulls and goats
and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the
defiled, sets apart for the **cleansing** of
the *flesh,*
[14]how much more ***shall*** the **blood**
of the **Messiah**, who through the
everlasting
Spirit offered **Himself** unblemished to
Elohim, **cleanse** your conscience from
dead **works** to **serve** the **living Elohim**?
[15]And **<u>because</u>** of this **He** is the
Mediator of a **renewed** covenant,
so that, *death* having taken place for
redemption of the *transgressions* under
the **first** covenant, those who are called
might receive the **promise** of the
everlasting inheritance.
[16]For where a **covenant** is, it
is necessary for the *death* of the
covenanted one to be **established**.
[17]For a **covenant** over those *dead* is
firm, since it is never valid while the
covenanted one is **living**.
[18]Therefore not even the **first covenant**
was instituted without blood.
[19]For when, **according** to **Torah**, **every**
command had been **spoken** by Mosheh
to **all** the people, he took the **blood** of
calves and goats, with water and **scarlet**
wool and hyssop and sprinkled both the
book itself and **all** the people,
[20]saying, "This is the **blood** of the
covenant which **Elohim commanded**
you."
[21]And in the **same way** he sprinkled
with **blood** both the **Tent** and **all** the
vessels of the service.
[22]And, **according** to the **Torah**,
almost **all** is **cleansed** with **blood** and
without shedding of **blood** there is no
forgiveness.
[23]It was necessary, then, that the
copies of the heavenly ones should be
cleansed with these, but the heavenly
ones themselves with better slaughter
offerings than these.
[24]For **Messiah** has not entered into a
set-apart Place made by **hand** – figures
of the **true** – but into **the heavens** itself,
now to appear in the presence of **Elohim**
on our behalf,
[25]not that **He** should offer **Himself**
often, as the high priest enters into the
Set-apart Place year by year with **blood**
not his own.
[26]For if so, **He** would have had to *suffer*
often, since the foundation of the world.
But **now He** has appeared once for **all** at
the end of the ages to put away *sin* by
the offering of **Himself**.
[27]And as it awaits men to *die* once and
after this the judgment,
[28]so also the **Messiah**, having been
offered once to bear the *sins* of many,
shall appear a second **time,** apart from
sin, to those waiting for **Him,** unto
deliverance.

10 For the **Torah**, having a shadow
of the **good** matters to come and not the
image itself of the matters, was never
able to make **perfect** those who draw
near with the **same** slaughter offerings
which they offer continually year by
year.
[2]Otherwise, would they not have
ceased to be offered? **<u>Because</u>** those who
served, once cleansed, would have had
no more consciousness of *sins*.
[3]***But*** in those offerings is a reminder of
sins year by year.
[4]For it is *impossible* for **blood** of bulls
and goats to take away *sins*.
[5]Therefore, **coming** into the world, **He**
says, "Slaughtering and meal offering
You *did not* desire, but a body **You have**
prepared for **Me.**
[6]"In burnt offerings and offerings for
sin **You** *did not* delight.
[7]"***Then*** I said, '**See,** I **come** – in the
roll of the **book** it has been **written**
concerning **Me** – to do **Your** desire, O
Elohim.' "
[8]Saying above, "Slaughter and
meal offering and burnt offerings and
offerings for *sin* **You** *did not* desire,
nor **delighted** in," which are offered
according to the **Torah**,
[9]then **He** said, "**See,** I **come to do**
Your desire, O Elohim." **He** takes away
the **first** to **establish** the second.
[10]By that desire we have been set-apart

through the offering of the body of
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** once for **all.**
[11]And indeed **every** priest stands day by
day doing service and repeatedly
offering the **same** slaughter offerings
which are never able to take away *sins*.
[12]***But*** **He,** having offered one slaughter
offering for *sins* for **all time,** sat down at
the **right hand** of **Elohim**,
[13]waiting from that **time** onward until
His enemies are made a footstool for **His**
feet.
[14]For by one offering **He** has **perfected**
for **all time** those who are being set-
apart.
[15]And the **Set-apart Spirit** also
witnesses to us, for after having said
before,
[16]"This is the **covenant** that I ***shall***
make with them after those days, says
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, giving **My laws** into their
hearts and in their minds I ***shall*** **write**
them,"
[17]and, "Their *sins* and their
*lawlessness*es I ***shall remember*** no
more."
[18]**Now** where there is **forgiveness** of
these, there is no longer a slaughter
offering for *sin*.
[19]So, brothers, having **boldness** to enter
into the **Set-apart Place** by the **blood** of
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏,
[20]by a **new** and **living way** which **He**
instituted for us, through the veil, that is,
His *flesh,*
[21]and having a High Priest over the
House of **Elohim**,
[22]let us draw **near** with a **true heart**
in **completeness** of **belief**, having
our **hearts** sprinkled from a *wicked*
conscience and our bodies washed with
clean water.
[23]**Let** us hold fast the confession of our
expectation without yielding, for **He**
who **promised** is **trustworthy**.
[24]And let us be concerned for one
another **in order** to stir up **love** and **good**
works,
[25]not *forsaking* the assembling of
ourselves together, as is the habit of
some, but encouraging and so much
more as you **see** the Day **coming near.**
[26]For if we *sin* purposely after we have
received the **knowledge** of the **truth**,
there no longer remains a slaughter
offering for *sins*,
[27]but some **fearsome** anticipation of
judgment and a **fierce** *fire* which is about
to *consume* ***the opponents***.
[28]Anyone who has *disregarded*
the **Torah** of Mosheh *dies without*
compassion on the **witness** of two or
three **witnesses.**
[29]***How*** much worse *punishment* do you
think ***shall*** he de**serve** who has *trampled*
the **Son** of **Elohim** underfoot, counted
the **blood** of the **covenant** by which he
was set-apart as *common* and *insulted*
the **Spirit** of favour?
[30]For we **know Him** who has said,
"**Vengeance is Mine,** I ***shall*** repay, says
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄." And again, "𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 ***shall*** **judge**
His people."
[31]It is **fearsome** to *fall* into the hands of
the **living Elohim**.
[32]***But remember*** the former days,
when, after you were **enlightened,**
you **endured** a **great** *struggle* with
sufferings.
[33]On the one **hand** you were exposed
to *reproaches* and *pressure* s and on the
other **hand** you became sharers with
those who were so treated,
[34]for you sympathised with me in
my chains and you accepted with
joy the seizure of your possessions,
knowing that you have a better and a
lasting possession for yourselves in the
heavens.
[35]***Do*** not, then, lose your **boldness,**
which has **great** reward.
[36]For you have need of endurance, so
that when you have done the desire of
Elohim, you receive the promise:
[37]"For yet **a** *little* **while** – **He** who is
coming ***shall*** **come** and ***shall*** not delay."
[38]"***But*** the **righteous** ***shall*** **live** by
belief, but if anyone **draws** back, my
being has no pleasure in him."
[39]***But*** we are not of those who draw
back to ***destruction,*** but of **belief** to the
preservation of **life**.

11 And **belief** is the substance of what is expected, the proof of what is not **seen.**

[2]For by this the elders obtained **witness.**

[3]By **belief**, we **understand** that the ages were prepared by the **Word** of **Elohim**, so that what is **seen** was not made of what is visible.

[4]By **belief**, Heḇel offered to **Elohim** a greater slaughter offering than Qayin, through which he obtained **witness** that he was **righteous, Elohim** witnessing of his gifts. And through it, having died, he still speaks.

[5]By **belief**, Ḥanoḵ was translated so as not to **see** *death,* "and was not **found** **because** **Elohim** had translated him." For before his translation he obtained **witness,** that he pleased **Elohim**.

[6]***But*** without **belief** it is *impossible* to please **Him,** for he who **comes** to **Elohim** has to **believe** that **He** is and that **He** is a rewarder of those who **earnestly seek Him.**

[7]By **belief**, Noaḥ, having been **warned** of what was yet unseen, having **feared**, prepared an ark to **save** his house, through which he *condemned* the world and became **heir** of the **righteousness** which is **according** to **belief**.

[8]By **belief**, Aḇrahim **obeyed** when he was called to go out to the place which he was about to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

[9]By **belief**, he sojourned in the land of **promise** as a stranger, dwelling in tents with Yitsḥaq and Ya'aqoḇ, the heirs with him of the **same promise,**

[10]for he was looking for the city having foundations, whose builder and maker is **Elohim**.

[11]By **belief** also, Sarah herself was enabled to conceive seed and she bore a child when she was past the normal age, **because** she deemed **Him trustworthy** who had **promised**.

[12]And so from one and him as **good** as *dead,* were born as numerous as the stars of the heaven, as countless as the sand which is by the seashore.

[13]In **belief all** these died, not having received the promises, but **seeing** them from a distance, welcomed and embraced them and confessed that they were aliens and strangers on the earth.

[14]For those who **speak** this **way** make it clear that they **seek** a fatherland.

[15]And yet, if they had indeed kept remembering that place from which they had **come** out, they would have had the chance to return.

[16]***But*** **now** they long for a better place, that is, a heavenly. Therefore **Elohim** is not *ashamed* to be called their **Elohim**, for **He** has prepared a city for them.

[17]By **belief**, Aḇrahim, when he was tried, offered up Yitsḥaq and he who had received the promises offered up his only brought-forth son,

[18]of whom it was said, "In Yitsḥaq your seed ***shall*** **be** called,"

[19]reckoning that **Elohim** was able to **raise,** even from the *dead,* from which he received him back, as a type.

[20]By **belief**, Yitsḥaq **blessed** Ya'aqoḇ and Ěsaw concerning that which was to come.

[21]By **belief**, Ya'aqoḇ, when he was dying, **blessed** each of the sons of Yosĕph and did reverence on the top of his staff.

[22]By **belief**, Yosĕph, when he was dying, made mention of the outgoing of the children of Yisra'ĕl and gave orders concerning his bones.

[23]By **belief**, Mosheh, having been born, was *hidden* three months by his parents, **because** they **saw** he was a comely child and were not *afraid* of the sovereign's **command.**

[24]By **belief**, Mosheh, having become great, *refused* to be called the son of the daughter of Pharaoh,

[25]choosing rather to be *afflicted* with the people of **Elohim** than to enjoy the pleasures of *sin* for a **time,**

[26]deeming the *reproach* of **Messiah** greater riches than the treasures in Mitsrayim, for he was looking

to the reward.
[27]By **belief**, he left Mitsrayim, not **fearing** the *wrath* of the sovereign, for he was steadfast, as **seeing Him** who is invisible.
[28]By **belief**, he performed the **Passover** and the sprinkling of **blood,** lest he who ***destroyed*** the first-born should touch them.
[29]By **belief**, they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land and when the Mitsrites tried it, they were drowned.
[30]By **belief**, the walls of Yeriḥo fell, having been surrounded for seven days.
[31]By **belief**, Raḥaḇ the *whore did not perish* with those who *did not believe,* having received the spies with peace.
[32]And what more ***shall*** I say? For the **time** would fail me to relate of Gid'on and Baraq and Shimshon and Yiphtaḥ, also of Dawiḏ and Shemu'ĕl and the **prophets,**
[33]who through **belief**, overcame reigns, worked **righteousness**, obtained promises, *stopped* the mouths of lions,
[34]*quenched* the **power** of *fire*, **escaped** the edge of the *sword,* out of *weakness* were made **strong,** became mighty in battle, put foreign armies to f**light**.
[35]Women received back their *dead* by resurrection. And others were ***tortured***, not accepting release, to obtain a better resurrection.
[36]And others had trial of mockings and floggings and more, of chains and imprisonment.
[37]They were stoned, they were tried, they were sawn in two, they were *slain* with the *sword.* They went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being in need, *afflicted*, mistreated,
[38]of whom the world was not **worthy** – wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes of the earth.
[39]And having obtained **witness** through the **belief**, **all** these ***did not receive*** the **promise,**
[40]**Elohim** having provided what is better for us, that they should not be made **perfect** apart from us.

12 We too, then, having so **great** a cloud of **witnesses all** around us, let us lay aside **every** weight and the *sin* which so easily entangles us and let us run with endurance the race set before us,
[2]looking to the Princely Leader and Perfecter of our **belief**, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, who for the **joy** that was set before **Him** endured the stake, having *despised* the shame and sat down at the **right hand** of the throne of **Elohim**.
[3]For consider **Him** who endured such opposition from *sinners* <u>*against*</u> **Himself**, lest you become *weary* and faint in your **lives.**
[4]You have not yet resisted unto **blood,** striving <u>*against*</u> *sin.*
[5]And you have *forgotten* the appeal which speaks to you as to sons, "My son, *do not despise* the **discipline** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, nor faint when you are reproved by **Him,**
[6]for whom 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 loves, **He** disciplines and flogs **every** son whom **He** receives."
[7]***If*** you endure discipline, **Elohim** is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom a father *does not* discipline?
[8]***But*** if you are without discipline, of which **all** have become sharers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.
[9]Moreover, we indeed had fathers of our *flesh* disciplining us and we paid them respect. ***shall*** we not much rather be subject to the **Father** of spirits and live?
[10]For they indeed disciplined us for a **few** days as seemed best to them, but **He** does it for our profit, so that we might share **His** apartness.
[11]And indeed, no **discipline** seems pleasant at the **time,** but grievous, but afterward it yields the **peaceable fruit** of **righteousness** to those who have been trained by it.
[12]So, strengthen the hands which hang down and the weak knees,
[13]and **make straight** paths for your feet, lest the *lame* be turned aside, but instead, to be **healed**.

[14]Pursue **peace** with **all** and pursue apartness without which no one ***shall* see** the **Master.**
[15]See to it that no one falls short of the favour of **Elohim**, that no root of *bitterness* springing up **causes** *trouble,* by which many become *defiled*,
[16]lest there be anyone who *whores*, or *profane* one, like Ěsaw, who for a single meal sold his birthright.
[17]For you **know** that afterward, when he **wished** to inherit the blessing**,** he was *rejected*, for he **found** no place for repentance, though he sought it with tears.
[18]For you have not drawn **near** to a mountain touched and scorched with *fire* and to blackness and *darkness* and *storm,*
[19]and a sound of a trumpet and a **voice** of **words**, so that those **who heard** it ***begged*** that no further **Word** should be **spoken** to them,
[20]for they *could not* bear what was **commanded**, "***If*** even a beast *touches* the mountain, it ***shall* be** stoned or shot through with an arrow."
[21]And so **fear**some was the **sight** that Mosheh said, "I exceedingly **fear** and *tremble.*"
[22]***But*** you have drawn **near** to Mount Tsiyon and to the city of the **living Elohim**, to the heavenly Yerushalayim, to myriads of messengers,
[23]to the entire gathering and assembly of the first-born having been enrolled in heaven and to **Elohim** the Judge of **all** and to the spirits of **righteous** men made **perfect,**
[24]and to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 the Mediator of a new covenant and to the **blood** of sprinkling which speaks better than *the* **blood** of Heḇel.
[25]Take **heed** not to *refuse* the **One** speaking. For if those *did not* **escape** who *refused* the **warning** on earth, much less we who turn away from **Him** from heaven,
[26]whose **voice** *shook* the earth then, but **now He** has **promised**, saying, "Yet once more I *shake* not only the earth, but also the **heavens.**"
[27]And this, "Yet once more," makes clear the removal of what is *shaken* – as having been made – so that the unshaken matters might remain.
[28]Therefore, receiving an unshakeable reign, let us hold the **favour,** through which we **serve Elohim** pleasingly with reverence and awe,
[29]for indeed, our **Elohim** is a *consuming fire*.

13 **Let** the brotherly **love** continue.
[2]***Do*** *not forget* to receive strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained messengers.
[3]**Remember** the prisoners as if chained with them and those being mistreated, since you yourselves also are in the body.
[4]**Let** marriage be respected by **all** and the bed be undefiled. ***But* Elohim *shall* judge** those who *whore* and adulterers.
[5]**Let** *your way* of **life** be without the **love** of money and be **satisfied** with what you have. For **He Himself** has said, "I ***shall*** never leave you nor *forsake* you,"
[6]so that we **boldly** say, "𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is my helper, I ***shall*** not **fear** what man ***shall*** do to me."
[7]**Remember** those leading you, who spoke the **Word** of **Elohim** to you. **Consider** the outcome of their **way** of **life** and **imitate** their **belief**.
[8]𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** is the **same** yesterday and today and **forever**.
[9]***Do*** *not* be borne about by various and *strange* **teaching**s. For it is **good** for the **heart** to be **established** by **favour,** not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.
[10]We have an altar from which those serving the **Tent** have no **authority** to eat.
[11]For the bodies of those beasts whose **blood** is brought into the **Set-apart Place** by the high priest for *sin,* are *burned* outside the camp.
[12]And so 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 also suffered outside

the gate, to set-apart the people with **His** own blood.

[13]**Let** us, then, go to **Him** outside the camp, bearing **His** *reproach.*

[14]For we have no lasting city here, but we **seek** the one **coming**.

[15]Through **Him** then, let us continually offer up a slaughter offering of **praise** to **Elohim**, that is, the **fruit** of our lips, giving **thanks** to **His Name.**

[16]And *do not forget* to do **good** and to share, for with such slaughter offerings **Elohim** is well pleased.

[17]**Obey** those leading you and be subject to them, for they **watch** for your lives, as having to give account. **Let** them do so with **joy** and not groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

[18]Pray for us, for we **trust** that we have a **good** conscience, desiring to behave well in **every way.**

[19]***But*** I particularly **encourage** you to do this, that I might be restored to you the sooner.

[20]And the **Elohim** of **peace** who brought up our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 from the *dead,* that **great** Shepherd of the sheep, through the **blood** of the **everlasting covenant**,

[21]make you **perfect** in **every good work** to do **His desire,** working in you what is pleasing in **His** sight, through 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, to whom be **esteem forever** and **ever.** Amĕn.

[22]And I **call** upon you, brothers, bear with the **Word** of **encouragement** for I have **written** to you in **few words**.

[23]Know that brother Timothy has been released, with whom **I *shall* see** you if he **comes** shortly.

[24]Greet **all** those leading you and **all** the set-apart ones. Those from Italy greet you.

[25]Favour be with you **all.** Amĕn.

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JAMES

1 Ya'aqob, a servant of **Elohim** and of the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, to the twelve tribes who are in the dispersion: Greetings.

2 My brothers, count it **all joy** when you *fall* into various trials,

3 knowing that the proving of your **belief works** endurance.

4 And let endurance have a **perfect work,** so that you be **perfect** and **complete**, lacking in naught.

5 ***If*** any of you lacks **wisdom,** let him **ask** of **Elohim**, who gives to **all** generously and without reproach and it ***shall*** **be given** to him.

6 ***But*** he should **ask** in **belief**, not ***doubting,*** for he who ***doubts*** is like a wave of the sea *driven* and tossed by the wind.

7 That man should not *think* that he ***shall*** receive *whatever* from the **Master.**

8 He is a double-minded man and unstable in **all** his ways.

9 And let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation,

10 but the rich in his humiliation, **because** as a flower of the field he ***shall*** pass away.

11 For the sun rose with *burning* heat and withered the grass and its flower fell and its pretty appearance perished. So also the rich man ***shall*** fade away in his ways.

12 **Blessed** is the man who does endure trial, for when he has been proved, he ***shall*** receive the crown of **life** which the **Master** has **promised** to those who **love Him.**

13 **Let** no one say when he is enticed, "I am enticed by **Elohim**," for **Elohim** is not enticed by *evil* matters and **He** entices no one.

14 ***But*** each one is enticed when he is drawn away by his own desires and trapped.

15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to *sin.* And *sin,* when it has been **accomplished**, brings forth *death.*

16 ***Do*** *not* go *astray*, my beloved brothers.

17 Every **good** gift and **every perfect** gift is from above, **coming** down from the **Father** of **light**s, with whom there is no *change*, nor shadow of turning.

18 Having purposed it, **He** brought us forth by the **Word** of **truth**, for us to be a **kind** of **first-fruits** of **His** creatures.

19 So then, my beloved brothers, let **every** man be *swift* to **hear,** slow to speak, slow to *wrath*,

20 for the *wrath* of man *does not* **work** the **righteousness** of **Elohim**.

21 Therefore put away **all** *filthiness* and overflow of *evil* and receive with meekness the implanted **Word,** which **is able** to **save** your **lives.**

22 And become **doers** of the **word and** not hearers only, *deceiving* yourselves.

23 **Because** if anyone is a hearer of the **Word** and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror,

24 for he looks at himself and goes away and **immediately** *forget*s what he was like.

25 ***But*** he that **looked** into the **perfect Torah**, that of freedom, and continues in it, not becoming a hearer that *forget*s, but a doer of **work,** this one ***shall*** **be blessed** in his doing *of the* **Torah**.

26 ***If*** anyone among you thinks he is observant and *does not* bridle his tongue but *deceives* his own **heart,** this one's observance is *worthless*.

27 **Clean and undefiled observance** before the **Elohim** and **Father** is this: to **visit orphans** and **widows** in their

affliction and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

2 **My** brothers, *do not* hold the **belief** of our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, the Master of esteem, with partiality.
[2]For if there should **come** into your meeting a man with gold rings, in a splendid robe and there should also **come** in a *poor* one dressed in rags,
[3]and you pay attention to the one wearing the splendid **robe** and say to him, "You sit here in a **good** place," and say to the *poor* one, "You **stand** there," or, "Sit here by my feet,"
[4]have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with *wicked* thoughts?
[5]**Listen**, my beloved brothers: Has **Elohim** not **chosen** the *poor* of this world, rich in **belief** and heirs of the **reign** which **He promised** to those who **love** Him?
[6]***But*** you have shown disrespect towards the *poor* man. ***Do*** *not* the rich *oppress* you and drag you into the courts?
[7]***Do*** they not blaspheme that **good Name** by which you are called?
[8]***If*** you **truly accomplish** the sovereign **law according** to the Scripture, "You ***shall*** **love** your neighbour as yourself," you do well,
[9]but if you **show** partiality, you *commit sin,* being **found** *guilty* by the **Torah** as transgressors.
[10]For ***whoever shall*** **guard all** the **Torah** [a]nd yet *stumble* in one point, he is *guilty* of **all.**
[11]For **He** who said, "***Do*** *not commit* ***adultery***," also said, "***Do*** *not* ***murder***." **Now** if *you do not commit* adultery, but you do murder, you have become a *transgressor* of **Torah**.
[12]So **speak** and so do as those who are to be judged by a **Torah** of **freedom.**
[13]For the judgment is without **compassion** to the one who has shown no **compassion**. And **compassion** boasts over judgment.
[14]My brothers, what use is it for anyone to say he has **belief** but *does not* have works? This **belief** is *unable* to **save** him.
[15]And if a brother or sister is naked and in need of daily food,
[16]but one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," but *you do not* give them the bodily needs, what use is it?
[17]So also **belief**, if it *does not* have **works,** is in itself *dead.*
[18]***But*** someone might say, "You have **belief** and I have works." **Show** me your **belief** without your **works** and I ***shall*** **show** you my **belief** by my works.
[19]You **believe** that **Elohim** is one. You do well. The ***demons*** also **believe** – and shudder!
[20]***But*** do you **wish to know,** O ***foolish*** man, that the **belief** without the **works** is dead?
[21]Was not Aḇrahim our father **declared right** by **works** when he offered Yitsḥaq his son on the altar?
[22]***Do*** you **see** that the **belief** was working with his **works** and by the **works** the **belief** was perfected?
[23]And the **Scripture was filled** which says, "Aḇrahim **believed Elohim** and it was reckoned to him for **righteousness**." And he was called, "**Elohim**'s friend."
[24]You **see,** then, that a man is **declared right** by **works** and not by **belief** alone.
[25]In the **same way,** was not Raḥaḇ the *whore* also **declared right** by **works** when she received the messengers and **sent** them out another **way?**
[26]For as the body without the spirit is *dead,* so also the **belief** is *dead* without the works.

3 Not many of you should become **teachers**, my brothers, knowing that we ***shall*** receive greater judgment.
[2]For we **all** *stumble* in many matters. ***If*** anyone *does not stumble* in **word,** he is a **perfect** man, able also to bridle the entire body.
[3]Look, we put bits in the mouths of horses, for them to **obey** us and

we turn their body.
[4]Look at the ships too: although they are so big and are *driven* by **strong** winds, they are turned by a **very** small rudder wherever the pilot intends.
[5]So too the tongue is a *little* member, yet boasts greatly. **see** how a *little fire* kindles a **great** forest!
[6]And the tongue is a *fire*, the world of *unrighteousness*. Among our members the tongue is set, the one defiling the entire body and setting on *fire* the wheel of **life** and it is set on *fire* by Gehenna.
[7]For **every kind** of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind.
[8]***But*** no man **is able** to tame the tongue. It is unruly, *evil*, filled with deadly poison.
[9]With it we **bless** our **Elohim** and **Father** and with it we *curse* men, who have been made in the likeness of **Elohim**.
[10]Out of the **same mouth** proceed **blessing** and cursing. **My** brothers, this should not be so.
[11]Does the fountain send forth the **sweet** and the *bitter* from the **same** opening?
[12]My brothers, is a fig *tree* able to bear olives, or a grapevine figs? So neither is a fountain able to make **salt** and **sweet** water.
[13]***Who*** is **wise** and **understanding** among you? **Let** him **show** by his **good** behaviour his **works** in meekness of **wisdom**.
[14]***But*** if you have *bitter jealousy* and selfseeking in your **hearts**, *do not* boast *against* and *lie against* the **truth**.
[15]This is not the **wisdom coming** down from above, but it is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.
[16]For where *jealousy* and self-seeking are, there is *confusion* and **every** foul **deed**.
[17]***But*** the **wisdom** from above is **first clean,** then **peaceable**, gentle, **ready** to **obey**, filled with **compassion** and **good** fruits, without partiality and without *hypocrisy*.
[18]And the **fruit** of **righteousness** is sown in **peace** by those who make peace.

4 Where do fightings and strivings **come** from among you? ***Do*** they not come from your pleasures that battle in your members?
[2]You desire and *do not* have. You murder and are ***jealous*** and are *unable* to obtain. You *strive* and fight and you *do not* possess, **because** *you do not* ask.
[3]You **ask** and *do not* receive, **because** you **ask** *evilly*, **in order** to spend it on your pleasures.
[4]Adulterers and adulteresses! ***Do*** you not **know** that friendship with the world is enmity with **Elohim**? ***Whoever*** therefore intends to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of **Elohim**.
[5]Or do you *think* that the **Scripture** speaks to no purpose? Does the **Spirit** which dwells in us intensely crave unto envy?
[6]***But*** **He** gives greater **favour. Because** of this **He** says, "**Elohim** resists the *proud*, but gives **favour** to the humble."
[7]So then subject yourselves to **Elohim**. Resist the *devil* and he ***shall flee*** from you.
[8]Draw **near** to **Elohim** and **He** ***shall*** draw **near** to you. **cleanse** hands, *sinners*. And **cleanse** the **hearts**, you double-minded!
[9]Lament and *mourn* and weep! **Let** your laughter be turned to *mourning* and your **joy** to dejection.
[10]Humble yourselves in the **sight** of the **Master** and **He** ***shall*** lift you up.
[11]Brothers, *do not* **speak** *against* one another. **He** that speaks *against* a brother and judges his brother, speaks *against* **Torah** and judges **Torah**. And if you **judge Torah**, you are not a doer of **Torah** but a judge.
[12]There is one Lawgiver and **Judge,** who **is able** to **save** and to *destroy.*
Who are you to **judge** another?

[13]Come **now**, you who say, "Today or **tomorrow**, let us go to such and such a city, spend a year there and trade and make a profit,"

[14]when *you do not* **know** of **tomorrow**. For what is your **life**? For it is a vapour that appears for a little and then disappears –

[15]instead of your saying, "***If*** the **Master** desires, we ***shall*** **live** and do this or that."

[16]***But*** **now** you boast in your *proud* speeches. All such boasting is *wicked*.

[17]To him, then, who **knows** to do **good** and *does not* do it, to him it is *sin.*

5 **Come now**, rich ones, weep, crying aloud over the hardships **coming** upon you!

[2]Your riches have rotted and your garments have become moth-eaten.

[3]Your gold and silver have become rusty and their rust ***shall*** **be** a **witness** *against* you and ***shall*** eat your *flesh* like *fire*. You **have** laid up treasure in the **last** days.

[4]**See,** the wages of the workmen who mowed your fields, which you kept back, cry out. And the cries of the reapers have reached the **ears** of ֵיהוָה of hosts.

[5]You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury, you have fattened your **hearts**, as in a **day of** slaughter.

[6]You have condemned, you have murdered the **righteous** – he *does not resist* you.

[7]So, brothers, be patient until the **coming** of the **Master. See,** the farmer waits for the **precious fruit** of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and **latter** rain.

[8]You too, be patient. Establish your **hearts**, for the **coming** of the **Master** has drawn **near.**

[9]***Do*** *not grumble against* each other, brothers, lest you be judged. **See,** the Judge is standing at the **door**!

[10]My brothers, as an example of suffering and patience, take the **prophets,** who spoke in the **Name** of ֵיהוָה.

[11]**See,** we **call** those **blessed** who endure. You **have heard** of the endurance of Iyoḇ and **saw** the purpose of ֵיהוָה, that **He** is **very** sympathetic and **compassionate**.

[12]***But*** above **all,** my brothers, *do not* swear, either by **the heavens** or by the earth or with any other oath. ***But*** let your Yea be Yea and your No, No, lest you *fall* into judgment.

[13]Is any of you suffering *evil*? **Let** him pray. Is anyone in **good** spirits? **Let** him sing psalms.

[14]Is anyone among you sick? **Let** him **call** for the elders of the **assembly** and let them pray over him, having **anointed** him with oil in the **Name** of the **Master.**

[15]And the prayer of the **belief** ***shall*** **save** the *sick* and the **Master** ***shall*** **raise** him up. And if he has committed *sins*, he ***shall*** **be forgiven**.

[16]Confess your *trespasses* to one another and pray for one another, so that you are **healed**. The earnest prayer of a **righteous** one accomplishes much.

[17]Ěliyahu was a man with feelings like us and he prayed **earnestly** that it *would not* rain. And it *did not* rain on the land for three years and six months.

[18]And he prayed again and **the heavens** gave rain and the land brought forth its **fruit.**

[19]Brothers, if anyone among you goes *astray* from the **truth** and someone turns him back,

[20]let him **know** that he who turns a *sinner* from the *straying* of his **way** ***shall*** **save** a **life** from *death* and cover a **great** number of *sins*.

1 KĚPHA

1 PETER

1 Kĕpha, an emissary of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, to the **chosen**, strangers of the dispersion in Pontos, Galatia, Kappadokia, Asia and Bithunia,
2 **chosen according** to the fore**knowledge** of **Elohim** the **Father,** set-apart by the **Spirit** unto obedience and sprinkling of the **blood** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**: Favour and **peace** be increased to you.
3 **Blessed** be the **Elohim** and **Father** of our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, who **according** to **His great compassion** has **caused** us to be born again to a **living** expectation through the resurrection of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** from the *dead,*
4 to an **inheritance** incorruptible and undefiled and unfading, having been kept in the heavens for you,
5 who are **protected** by the **power** of **Elohim** through **belief**, for a **deliverance ready** to be **revealed** in the **last time,**
6 in which you exult, even though for **a** *little* **while**, if need be, you have been *grieved* by manifold trials,
7 **in order** that the proving of your **belief** – much more **precious** than gold that perishes and proven by *fire* – might be **found** to result in **praise** and respect and **esteem** at the revelation of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**,
8 whom having not **seen,** you love; in whom you exult with unspeakable and esteemed joy, yet not seeing, but **believing,**
9 obtaining the goal of your **belief**: a **deliverance** of **lives.**
10 Concerning this **deliverance** theprophets have sought out and searched out, prophesying concerning the **favour** for you,
11 searching **to know** what, or what sort of **time,** the **Spirit** which was in them was pointing out concerning **Messiah**, when it was bearing **witness** beforehand the sufferings of **Messiah** and the esteems that would **follow,**
12 to whom it was **revealed** that they were serving, not themselves, but you, in these matters which **now** have been **announced** to you through those who brought the **Besorah** to you by the **Set-apart Spirit sent** from **heaven** – into which messengers long to look into.
13 Therefore, having girded up the loins of your mind, being sober, set your expectation perfectly upon the **favour** that is to be brought to you at the revelation of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**,
14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former *lusts* in your ignorance,
15 instead, as the **One** who called you is set-apart, so you also should become set-apart in **all** behaviour,
16 **because** it has been **written**, "Be set-apart, for I am set-apart."
17 And if you **call on** the **Father,** who without partiality judges **according** to each one's **work,** pass the **time** of your sojourning in **fear,**
18 knowing that you were redeemed from your futile **way** of **life** inherited from your fathers, not with what is corruptible, silver or gold,
19 but with the **precious blood** of **Messiah**, as of a **lamb** unblemished and **spotless,**
20 foreknown, indeed, before the foundation of the world, but manifested in these **last** times for your sakes,
21 who through **Him believe** in **Elohim** who **raised Him** from the *dead* and gave **Him** esteem, so that your **belief** and expectation are in **Elohim**.

[22]**Now** that you have **cleansed** your lives in **obey**ing the **truth** through the **Spirit** to unfeigned brotherly **love, love** one another fervently with a **clean heart,**
[23]having been born again – not of cor ruptible seed, but incorruptible – through the **living Word** of **Elohim**, which remains **forever**,
[24]**because** "All *flesh* is as grass and **all** the **esteem** of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers and its flower falls away,
[25]but the **Word** of **Elohim** remains **forever**." And this is the **Word, announced** as **Besorah** to you.

2 Having put aside, then, **all** *evil* and **all** *deceit* and hypocrisies and envyings, and **all** *evil* **words**,
[2]as newborn babes, desire the unadulterated milk of the **Word, in order** that you grow by it,
[3]if indeed you have tasted that the Master is **good**.
[4]Drawing **near** to **Him,** a **living** Stone – *rejected* indeed by men, but **chosen** by **Elohim** and **precious** –
[5]you also, as **living** stones, are being built up, a spiritual house, a set-apart priesthood, to offer up spiritual slaughter offerings **acceptable** to **Elohim** through OWYAZ **Messiah**.
[6]**Because** it is contained in the **Scripture**, "**See,** I lay in Tsiyon a chief corner-stone, **chosen**, precious and he who **believe**s on **Him *shall*** by no means be put to *shame*."
[7]This preciousness, then, is for you who **believe**; but to those who are *disobedient*, "The stone which the builders *rejected* has become the chief corner-stone,"
[8]and "A stone of *stumbling* and a rock that makes for *falling,*" who *stumble* **because** they are *disobedient* to the **Word,** to which they also were appointed.
[9]***But*** you are a **chosen** race, a royal priesthood, a set-apart nation, a people for a possession, that you should **proclaim** the praises of **Him** who called you out of *darkness* into **His** marvellous **light**,
[10]who once were not a people, but **now** the people of **Elohim**; who had not obtained **compassion**, but **now** obtained **compassion**.
[11]Beloved ones, I appeal to you as sojourners and pilgrims, to abstain from fleshly *lusts* which battle *against* the **life**,
[12]having your behaviour among the *gentiles* **good** so that when they **speak** *against* you as *evil-doers*, let them, by observing your **good works, esteem Elohim** in a **day of** visitation.
[13]Be subject to **every** institution of man **because** of the **Master,** whether to the sovereign as supreme,
[14]or to governors, as to those who are **sent** by him for the *punishment* of *doers* of *evil* and a **praise** for those who do **good**.
[15]**Because** such is the desire of **Elohim**, that by doing **good** you should put to silence the *ignorance* of ***foolish*** men,
[16]as **free,** yet not using your **freedom** as a *cloak* for *evil*, but as servants of **Elohim**.
[17]Respect **all, love** the brotherhood, **fear Elohim**, respect the sovereign.
[18]Servants, be subject to your masters with **all fear,** not only to the **good** and gentle, but also to the *crooked* ones.
[19]For this is **favour,** if **because** of conscience toward **Elohim** anyone bears up under grief, suffering un**righteously**.
[20]For what credit is there in enduring a *beating* when you *sin? **But*** if you *suffer* for doing **good** and you endure, this finds **favour** with **Elohim**.
[21]For to this you were called, **because Messiah** also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should **follow His** steps,
[22]"who committed no *sin,* nor was *deceit* **found** in **His mouth,**"

[23]who, being *reviled*, *did not revile* in return; suffering, *did not* threaten, but committed **Himself** to **Him** who judges **righteously**;
[24]who **Himself** bore our *sins* in **His** body on the timber, so that we, having died to *sins*, might **live** unto **righteousness** – by whose stripes you were **healed**.
[25]For you were like sheep going *astray*, but have **now** returned to the **Shepherd** and **Overseer** of your **lives.**

3 In the **same way,** wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that if any are *disobedient* to the **Word,** they, without a **word,** might be won by the behaviour of their wives,
[2]having **seen** your **blameless** behaviour in **fear.**
[3]**Your** adornment should not be outward – arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on dresses –
[4]but the *hidden* Man of the **heart,** with the incorruptible ornament of a meek and **peaceable** spirit, which is of **great** value before **Elohim**.
[5]For in this **way,** in former times, the set-apart women who **trusted** in **Elohim** also adorned themselves, being subject to their own husbands,
[6]as Sarah **obeyed** Aḇrahim, calling him master, of whom you became children, doing **good** and not frightened by any **fear.**
[7]In the **same way,** husbands, **live understanding**ly together, giving respect to the wife, as to the weaker vessel and as being heirs **together** of the **favour** of **life**, so that your prayers are not hindered.
[8]To sum up, let **all** of you be likeminded, sympathetic, **loving** as brothers, tenderhearted, humble-minded,
[9]not returning *evil* for *evil* or reviling for reviling, but on the *contrary* blessing**,** knowing that you were called to this, **in order** to inherit a **blessing.**
[10]For "He who **wishes** to **love life** and **see good** days, let him keep his tongue from *evil* and his lips from speaking *deceit*,
[11]let him turn away from *evil* and do **good**, let him **seek peace** and pursue it.
[12]"**Because** the eyes of יהוה are on the **righteous** and his **ears** are **open** to their prayers, but the face of יהוה is *against* those who do *evil*."
[13]And who is the one doing *evil* to you, if you become **imitators** of the **good**?
[14]***But*** even if you *suffer* for **righteousness**' sake, you are **blessed**. "And *do not* **fear** their *threats,* neither be troubled."
[15]***But*** set-apart יהוה **Elohim** in your **hearts** and **always** be **ready** to give an answer to everyone **asking** you a **reason** concerning the expectation that is in you, with meekness and **fear,**
[16]having a **good** conscience, so that when they **speak** *against* you as doers of *evil*, those who *falsely accuse* your **good** behaviour in **Messiah**, ***shall* be** ashamed.
[17]For it is better, if it is the desire of **Elohim**, to *suffer* for doing **good** than for doing *evil*.
[18]**Because** even **Messiah** once suffered for *sins*, the **righteous** for the un**righteous,** to bring you to **Elohim**, having been put to *death* indeed in *flesh* but made **alive** in the **Spirit,**
[19]in which also **He** went and **proclaimed** unto the spirits in prison,
[20]who were *disobedient* at one **time** when the patience of **Elohim** waited in the days of Noaḥ, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight beings, were **saved** through water,
[21]which figure **now** also **saves** us: immersion – not a putting away of the filth of the *flesh,* but the answer of a **good** conscience toward **Elohim** – through the resurrection of יהושע **Messiah**,
[22]who, having gone into heaven, is at the **right hand** of **Elohim**, messengers and authorities and powers having been subjected to **Him.**

4 Therefore, since **Messiah** suffered in the *flesh,* arm yourselves also with the **same** mind, **because** he who has suffered in the *flesh* has ceased from *sin,*
[2]so that he no longer lives the rest of his **time** in the *flesh* for the *lusts* of men, but **according** to the desire of **Elohim**.
[3]For we have spent enough of our past **life**time in doing the desire of the *gentiles,* having walked in indecencies, *lusts, drunkenness,* orgies, wild parties and **abominable** ***idolatries***,
[4]in which they are surprised that *you do not* run with them in the **same** *flood* of ***loose behaviour***, ***blaspheming***,
[5]who ***shall*** give an account to **Him** who is **ready** to **judge** the **living** and the *dead.*
[6]For this **reason** the **Besorah** was also brought to those who are *dead,* so that, whereas they are judged **according** to men in the *flesh,* they might **live according** to **Elohim** in the spirit.
[7]***But*** **the end** of **all** has drawn **near.** Therefore be sober-minded and be attentive in the prayers.
[8]And above **all** have fervent **love** for one another, **because love** covers a **great** number of *sins*.
[9]Welcome one another without *grumbling*.
[10]As each one has received a gift, **serve** one another, as **good** trustees of the manifold **favour** of **Elohim**.
[11]***If*** anyone speaks, **let it be** as the **Words** of **Elohim**. ***If*** anyone serves, **let it be** as with the strength which **Elohim** provides, so that **Elohim** might be p**raised** in it **all** through **OWYƎZ Messiah**, to whom belong the **esteem** and the **rule forever** and **ever.** Amĕn.
[12]Beloved ones, *do not* be surprised at the fiery trial that is **coming** upon you, to try you, as though some unusual matter has befallen you,
[13]but as you share **Messiah**'s sufferings, **rejoice, in order** that you might **rejoice** exultingly at the revelation of **His** esteem.
[14]***If*** you are reproached for the **Name** of **Messiah**, you are **blessed**, **because** the **Spirit** of **esteem** and of **Elohim** rests upon you. On their part **He** is blasphemed, but on your part **He** is p**raised**.
[15]For *do not* let any of you *suffer* as a murderer, or thief, or doer of *evil*, or as a meddler.
[16]***But*** if one *suffers* being Natsarim, let him not be ashamed, but let him **esteem Elohim** in this matter.
[17]**Because** it is **time** for judgment to begin from the House of **Elohim**. And if firstly from us, what is **the end** of those who *do* ***not obey*** the **Besorah** of **Elohim**?
[18]And if the **righteous** one is ***scarcely*** **saved,** where ***shall*** the *wicked* and the *sinner appear*?
[19]So then, those who *suffer* **according** to the desire of **Elohim** should *commit* their lives to a **trustworthy** Creator, in **doing good**.

5 Therefore, as a fellow elder and a **witness** of the sufferings of **Messiah** and also a sharer of the **esteem** that is to be **revealed**, I appeal to the elders among you:
[2]Shepherd the flock of **Elohim** which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but voluntarily, not out of *greed* for *filthy gain,* but eagerly,
[3]neither as being masters over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.
[4]And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you ***shall*** receive the never-fading crown of esteem.
[5]In the **same way,** you younger ones, be subject to elders. And gird yourselves with humility toward one another, for "**Elohim** resists the *proud*, but gives **favour** to the humble."
[6]Humble yourselves, then, under the mighty **hand** of **Elohim**, so that **He** exalts you in due **time,**
[7]casting **all** your *worry* upon **Him,** for **He** is concerned about you.
[8]Be sober, **watch**, **because** your adversary the *devil* walks about like a

roaring lion, **seeking** someone to devour.
[9]Resist him, firm in the **belief**,
knowing that the **same** hardships are
experienced by your brotherhood in the
world.
[10]And the **Elohim** of **all favour,** who
called you to **His everlasting esteem**
by **Messiah** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏, after you have
suffered a while, **Himself perfect,**
establish, strengthen and settle you.
[11]To **Him** be the **esteem** and the might
forever and **ever.** Aměn.
[12]Through Sila the **trustworthy**
brother, as I reckon, I have **written** to
you briefly, encouraging and witnessing
that this is the **true favour** of **Elohim**. In
this **stand** fast.
[13]She who is in Baḇel, **chosen together**
with you, greets you, also my son, Mark.
[14]Greet one another with a kiss of **love.**
Peace to **all** of you who are in **Messiah**
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏. Aměn.

2 KĚPHA

2 PETER

1 Shim'on Kěpha, a servant and
emissary of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, to
those who have obtained a **belief** as
precious as ours by the **righteousness**
of our **Elohim** and **Saviour** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏
Messiah:
2 Favour and **peace** be increased to
you in the **knowledge** of **Elohim** and of
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 our **Master,**
3 as **His** Mighty-like **power** has **given**
to us **all** we need for **life** and reverence,
through the **knowledge** of **Him** who
called us to **esteem** and **uprightness** .
4 Through these there have been **given**
to us exceedingly **great** and **precious**
promises, so that through these you
might be partakers of the Mighty-
like nature, having **escaped** from the
corruption in the world, **caused** by lust.
5 And for this **reason** do your utmost
to add to your **belief uprightness**, to
uprightness knowledge,
6 **to knowledge self-control, to**
selfcontrol endurance, to endurance
reverence,
7 **to reverence brotherly affection** and
to brotherly affection love.
8 For if these are in you and increase,
they **cause** you to be neither inactive nor
without **fruit** in the **knowledge** of our
Master 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**.
9 For he in whom these are not present
is *blind,* being shortsighted and has
forgotten that he has been **cleansed** from
his old *sins*.
10 For this **reason,** brothers, **all** the more
do your utmost to make firm your calling
and choosing , for if you are doing these
matters you ***shall*** never *stumble* at **all,**
11 for in this **way** an entrance into the
everlasting reign of our **Master** and
Saviour 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** ***shall*** **be**
richly supplied to you.
12 And so I intend to remind you
of these matters again and again,
though you **know** them and have been
established in the present **truth**.
13 ***But*** I *think* it is right, as long as I am
in this tent, to stir you up by a reminder,
14 knowing that the putting off of
my tent is soon, even as our **Master**
𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** made clear to me.
15 And I ***shall*** do my utmost also, to **see**
to it that you **always** have a reminder of
these matters after my departure.
16 For we *did not* **follow** cleverly
devised stories when we made **known**
to you the **power** and **coming** of our
Master 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, but were
eye-witnesses of **His** superbness.
17 For when **He** received respect and
esteem from **Elohim** the **Father,** such a
voice came to **Him** from the Excellent
Esteem, "This is **My Son**, the **Beloved**
in whom I did delight."
18 And we **heard** this **voice** which came
from **heaven** when we were with **Him**
on the set-apart mountain.
19 And we have the prophetic **word**
made more certain, which you do well
to **heed** as a **light** that shines in a dark
place, until the day dawns and the
morning star rises in your **hearts**,
20 knowing this **first,** that no prophecy
of **Scripture** came to be of one's own
interpretation,
21 for prophecy never came by the desire
of man, but men of **Elohim** spoke, being
moved by the **Set-apart Spirit.**

2 ***But*** there also came to be *false*
prophets among the people, as also
among you there ***shall*** **be** *false* **teachers**,
who ***shall*** **secretly** bring in *destructive*
heresies and *deny* the **Master** who
bought them, bringing *swift* ***destruction***
on themselves.

[2]And many ***shall*** **follow** their *destructive* ways, **because** of whom the **way** of **truth** ***shall*** **be** *evil* **spoken** of,
[3]and in *greed,* with *fabricated words*, they ***shall*** use you for *gain.* From of old their judgment *does not* linger and their ***destruction*** *does not* slumber.
[4]For if **Elohim** *did not spare* the messengers who *sinned*, but **sent** them to Tartaros and **delivered** them into chains of *darkness*, to be kept for judgment,
[5]and *did not spare* the world of old, but **preserved** Noah, a proclaimer of **righteousness** and seven others, bringing in the *flood* on the world of the *wicked*,
[6]and having reduced to ashes the cities of Sedom and Amorah *condemned* them to ***destruction*** – having made them an example to those who afterward would **live** *wicked*ly,
[7]and rescued **righteous** Lot, who was *oppressed* with the indecent behaviour of the *lawless*
[8]for day after day that **righteous** man, dwelling among them, ***tortured*** his **righteous** being by **seeing** and **hearing** their *lawless* works),
[9]then 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤆 **knows** how to **rescue** the reverent ones from trial and to keep the *unrighteous* unto the **day of** judgment, to be punished,
[10]and most of **all** those walking after the *flesh* in *filthy* lust and despising **authority** – bold, headstrong, speaking *evil* of esteemed ones,
[11]whereas messengers who are greater in strength and **power** *do not* bring a *slander*ous *accusation* <u>*against*</u> them before the **Master.**
[12]***But*** these, like natural unreasoning beasts, having been born to be ***caught*** and **destroyed**, blaspheme that which they *do not* **know,** ***shall*** **be** ***destroyed*** in their ***destruction,***
[13]being about to receive the wages of unrighteousness, deeming indulgence in the day a pleasure, spots and blemishes, revelling in their own ***deception***s while they feast with you,
[14]having eyes filled with an adulteress and *unable* to cease from *sin,* enticing unstable beings, having a **heart** trained in *greed,* children of a *curse,*
[15]having left the **right way** they went *astray*, having **followed** the **way** of Bil'am the son of Be'or, who **loved** the wages of *unrighteousness,*
[16]but he was ***rebuked*** for his transgression: a *dumb* donkey speaking with the **voice** of a man restrained the *madness* of the **prophet.**
[17]These are fountains without water, clouds *driven* by a *storm,* to whom the blackest *darkness* is kept **forever**.
[18]For speaking arrogant nonsense, they entice – through the *lusts* of the *flesh,* through indecencies – the ones who have indeed **escaped** from those **living** in *delusion*,
[19]promising them freedom, though themselves being slaves of *corruption* – for one is a slave to ***whatever*** overcomes him.
[20]For if, after they have **escaped** the *defilements* of the world through the **knowledge** of the **Master** and **Saviour** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the **latter** end is worse for them than the **first.**
[21]For it would have been better for them not to have **known** the **way** of **righteousness**, than having **known** it, to turn from the set-apart **command delivered** unto them.
[22]For them the proverb has proved **true,** "A dog returns to his own *vomit,*" and, "A washed sow returns to her rolling in the mud."

3 This is **now**, beloved ones, the second letter I **write** to you, in which I stir up your sincere mind, to ***remember***
[2]the **words** previously **spoken** by the set-apart **prophets** and of the **command** of the **Master** and **Saviour**, **spoken** by your emissaries,

[3]knowing this first: that *mockers* ***shall*** **come** in the **last** days with *mocking,* walking **according** to their own *lusts,*

[4]and saying, "Where is the **promise** of **His coming**? For since the fathers fell asleep, **all** continues as from the beginning of creation."

[5]For they choose to have this *hidden* from them: that the heavens were of old and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by the **Word** of **Elohim**,

[6]through which the world at that **time** was **destroyed**, being flooded with water.

[7]And the present heavens and the earth are treasured up by the **same Word,** being kept for *fire*, to a **day of** judgment and ***destruction*** of *wicked* men.

[8]But, beloved ones, let not this one matter be *hidden* from you: that with 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as **one day.**

[9]𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 is not slow in regard to the **promise,** as some count slowness, but is patient toward us, not *wishing* that any should *perish* but that **all** should **come to repentance.**

[10]***But*** the **day of** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 ***shall*** **come** as a *thief* in the night, in which the heavens ***shall*** pass away with a **great** noise and the elements ***shall*** melt with intense heat and the earth and the **works** that are in it ***shall*** **be** *burned* up.

[11]Seeing **all** these are to be ***destroyed*** in this **way,** what **kind** of people ought you to be in set-apart behaviour and reverence,

[12]looking for and hastening the **coming** of the **day of Elohim**, through which the heavens ***shall*** **be destroyed**, being set on *fire* and the elements melt with intense heat!

[13]***But*** **according** to **His promise** we wait for a **renewed** heavens and a **renewed** earth in which **righteousness** dwells.

[14]So then, beloved ones, looking forward to this, do your utmost to be **found** by **Him** in peace, **spotless** and **blameless,**

[15]and reckon the patience of our **Master** as **deliverance,** as also our beloved brother Sha'ul **wrote** to you, **according** to the **wisdom given** to him,

[16]as also in **all** *his* letters, speaking in them concerning these matters, in which some are hard to *understand,* which those who are untaught and unstable *twist* to their own ***destruction,*** as they do also the other Scriptures.

[17]You, then, beloved ones, being forewarned, **watch**, lest you also *fall* from your own steadfastness, being led away with the *delusion* of the lawless,

[18]but grow in the **favour** and **knowledge** of our **Master** and **Saviour** 𐤉𐤔𐤅𐤏 **Messiah**. To **Him** be the **esteem** both **now** and to a day that abides. Amĕn.

1 YOḤANAN

1 JOHN

1 ***What*** was from the beginning, what we have **heard**, what we have **seen** with our eyes, what we have **looked** upon and our hands have handled, concerning the **Word** of **life**:
[2]And the **life** was manifested and we have **seen** and bear **witness** and **announce** to you that **everlasting life** which was with the **Father** and was manifested to us.
[3]We **announce** to you what we have **seen** and **heard**, so that you too might have fellowship with us. And **truly** our fellowship is with the **Father** and with **His Son** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**.
[4]And we **write** this to you **in order** that your **joy** might be **complete**.
[5]And this is the **message** which we have **heard** from **Him** and **announce** to you, that **Elohim** is **light** and in **Him** is no *darkness* at **all.**
[6]***If*** we say that we have fellowship with **Him** and **walk** in *darkness*, we *lie* and are *not doing* the **truth**.
[7]***But*** if we **walk** in the **light** as **He** is in the **light**, we have fellowship with one another and the **blood** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah His Son** cleanses us from **all** *sin.*
[8]***If*** we say that we have not *sin,* we are misleading ourselves and the **truth** is not in us.
[9]***If*** we confess our *sins*, **He** is **trustworthy** and **righteous** to **forgive** us the *sins* and **cleanse** us from **all** *unrighteousness*.
[10]***If*** we say that we have not *sinned*, we make **Him** a liar and **His Word** is not in us.

2 **My** *little* children, I **write** this to you, so that *you do not sin.* And if anyone *sins*, we have an Intercessor with the **Father,** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, a **righteous** One.
[2]And **He Himself** is an atoning offering for our *sins* and not for ours only but also for **all** the world.
[3]And by this we **know** that we **know Him,** if we **guard His commands**.
[4]The one who says, "I **know Him,**" and *does not* **guard His commands**, is a liar and the **truth** is not in him.
[5]***but whoever*** guards **His Word, truly** the **love** of **Elohim** has been **perfected** in him. By this we **know** that we are in **Him.**
[6]The one who says he stays in **Him** ought himself also to **walk,** even as **He** walked.
[7]Beloved , I **write** no **fresh command** to you, but an old **command** which you have had from the beginning. The old **command** is the **Word** which you **heard** from the beginning.
[8]Again I **write** you a **fresh command,** which is **true** in **Him** and in you, **<u>because</u>** the *darkness* is passing away and the **true light now** shines.
[9]The one who says he is in the **light** and *hates* his brother, is in the *darkness* until *now.*
[10]The one who loves his brother stays in the **light** and there is no *stumbling-block* in him.
[11]***But*** the one who *hates* his brother is in the *darkness* and walks in the *darkness* and *does not* **know** where he is going, **<u>because</u>** the *darkness* has blinded his eyes.
[12]I **write** to you, *little* children, **<u>because</u>** your *sins* have been **forgiven** on account of **His Name.**
[13]I **write** to you, fathers, **<u>because</u>** you have **known Him** from the beginning. I **write** to you, young men, **<u>because</u>** you have overcome the *wicked one.* I **write** to you, *little* children, **<u>because</u>** you have **known** the **Father.**
[14]I **wrote** to you, fathers, **<u>because</u>** you have **known Him** from the beginning. I

wrote to you, young men, **because** you are **strong** and the **Word** of **Elohim** stays in you and you have overcome the *wicked one.*

[15]***Do*** *not* **love** the world nor that which is in the world. ***If*** anyone loves the world, the **love** of the **Father** is not in him.

[16]**Because all** that is in the world – the lust of the *flesh,* the lust of the eyes and the pride of **life** – is not of the **Father** but is of the world.

[17]And the world passes away and the lust of it, but the one doing the desire of **Elohim** remains **forever**.

[18]Little children, it is the **last hour.** And as you have **heard** that the anti-messiah is **coming**, even **now** many anti-messiahs have come. This is how we **know** that it is the **last hour.**

[19]They went out from us, but they were not of us, for if they had been of us, they would have stayed with us – but **in order** that it might be made manifest that none of them were of us.

[20]And you have an anointing from the **Set-apart One** and you **know all.**

[21]I *did not* **write** to you **because** *you do not* **know** the **truth**, but **because** you **know** it and **because** no *falsehood* is of the **truth**.

[22]***Who*** is the liar, ***except*** the one *denying* that OWYƎZ is the **Messiah**? This is the antimessiah, the one *denying* the **Father** and the **Son**.

[23]No one *denying* the **Son** has the **Father.** The one confessing the **Son** has the **Father** as well.

[24]As for you, let that stay in you which you **heard** from the beginning. ***If*** what you **heard** from the beginning stays in you, you also ***shall*** stay in the **Son** and in the **Father.**

[25]And this is the **promise** that **He** has **promised** us: **everlasting life**.

[26]I have **written** this to you concerning those who lead you *astray*.

[27]***But*** the anointing which you have received from **Him** stays in you and you have no need that anyone should **teach** you. ***But*** as the **same** anointing does **teach** you concerning **all** and is **true** and is no *falsehood* and even as it has **taught** you, you stay in **Him.**

[28]And **now**, *little* children, stay in **Him,** so that when **He** appears, we might have **boldness** and not be *ashamed* before **Him** at **His coming**.

[29]***If*** you **know** that **He** is **righteous,** you **know** that everyone doing **righteousness** has been born of **Him.**

3 **See** what **love** the **Father** has **given** us, that we should be called children of **Elohim**! For this **reason** the world *does not* **know** us **because** it *did not* **know Him.**

[2]Beloved ones, **now** we are children of **Elohim**. And it has not yet been **revealed** what we ***shall*** **be,** but we **know** that when **He** is **revealed**, we ***shall*** **be** like **Him,** for we ***shall*** **see Him** as **He** is.

[3]And everyone having this expectation in **Him** cleanses himself, as **He** is **clean.**

[4]Everyone doing *sin* also does *lawlessness* and *sin* is *lawlessness*.

[5]And you **know** that **He** was manifested to take away our *sins* and in **Him** there is no *sin.*

[6]Everyone staying in **Him** *does not sin.* Everyone *sinning* has neither **seen Him** nor **known Him.**

[7]Little children, let no one lead you *astray*. The one doing **righteousness** is **righteous,** even as **He** is **righteous**.

[8]The one doing *sin* is of the *devil*, **because** the *devil* has *sinned* from the beginning. For this purpose the **Son** of **Elohim** was manifested: to *destroy* the **works** of the *devil*.

[9]Everyone having been born of **Elohim** *does not sin,* **because His** seed stays in him and he is powerless to *sin,* **because** he has been born of **Elohim**.

[10]In this the children of **Elohim** and the children of the *devil* are manifest: Everyone *not doing* **righteousness** is not of **Elohim**, neither the one not **loving** his brother.

[11]**Because** this is the **message** that you **heard** from the beginning, that we should **love** one another,

[12]not as Qayin who was of the *wicked* one and *killed* his brother.

And why did he *kill* him? **Because** his **works** were *wicked* but those of his brother were righteous.
[13]***Do*** *not* marvel, my brothers, if the world *hates* you.
[14]We **know** that we have passed out of *death* into **life**, **because** we **love** the brothers. The one not **loving** his brother stays in *death.*
[15]Everyone hating his brother is a murderer and you **know** that no murderer has **everlasting life** staying in him.
[16]By this we have **known love, because He** laid down **His life** for us. And we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brothers.
[17]***But whoever*** has this world's goods and sees his brother in need and shuts up his tender affections from him, how does the **love** of **Elohim** stay in him?
[18]My *little* children, let us not **love** in **word** or in tongue, but in **deed** and in **truth**.
[19]And by this we **know** that we are of the **truth** and ***shall*** set our **hearts** at rest before **Him,**
[20]that if our **heart** condemns us, **Elohim** is greater than our **heart** and **knows all.**
[21]Beloved ones, if our **heart** *does not condemn* us, we have **boldness** toward **Elohim**.
[22]And ***whatever*** we **ask** we receive from **Him, because** we **guard His commands** and do what is pleasing in **His** sight.
[23]And this is **His command,** that we should **believe** in the **Name** of **His Son** OWYƎZ **Messiah** and **love** one another, as **He** gave us **command.**
[24]And the one **guarding His commands** stays in **Him** and **He** in him. And by this we **know** that **He** stays in us, by the **Spirit** which **He** gave us.

4 Beloved ones, *do not* **believe every** spirit, but prove the spirits, whether they are of **Elohim**, **because** many *false* prophets have gone out into the world.
[2]By this you **know** the **Spirit** of **Elohim**: Every spirit that confesses that OWYƎZ **Messiah** has **come** in the *flesh* is of **Elohim**,
[3]and **every** spirit that *does not* confess that OWYƎZ **Messiah** has **come** in the *flesh* is not of **Elohim**. And this is the *spirit* of the anti-messiah which you **heard** is **coming** and **now** is already in the world.
[4]You are of **Elohim**, *little* children and have overcome them, **because He** who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.
[5]They are of the world, therefore they **speak** as of the world and the world **hears** them.
[6]We are of **Elohim** – the one knowing **Elohim hears** us. **He** who is not of **Elohim** *does not* **hear** us. By this we **know** the **Spirit** of the **Truth** and the spirit of the *delusion*.
[7]Beloved ones, let us **love** one another, **because love** is of **Elohim** and everyone who loves has been born of **Elohim** and **knows Elohim**.
[8]The one who *does not* **love** *does not* **know Elohim**, for **Elohim** is **love.**
[9]By this the **love** of **Elohim** was manifested in us, that **Elohim** has **sent His** only brought-forth **Son** into the world, **in order** that we might **live** through **Him.**
[10]In this is **love,** not that we **loved Elohim**, but that **He loved** us and **sent His Son** to be an atoning offering for our *sins*.
[11]Beloved ones, if **Elohim** so **loved** us, we also ought to **love** one another.
[12]No one has **seen Elohim** at any **time.** ***If*** we **love** one another, **Elohim** does stay in us and **His love** has been **perfected** in us.
[13]By this we **know** that we stay in **Him** and **He** in us, **because He** has **given** us of **His Spirit.**
[14]And we have **seen** and bear **witness** that the **Father** has **sent** the **Son**, **Saviour** of the world.
[15]***Whoever*** confesses that OWYƎZ is the **Son** of **Elohim**, **Elohim** stays in him and he in **Elohim**.

16And we have **known** and **believed** the **love** that **Elohim** has for us. **Elohim** is **love** and he who stays in **love** stays in **Elohim** and **Elohim** in him.
17By this **love** has been **perfected** with us, **in order** that we might have **boldness** in the **day of** judgment, **because** as **He** is so are we in this world.
18There is no **fear** in **love,** but **perfect love** casts out **fear, because fear** holds *punishment* and he who ***fears*** has not been made **perfect** in **love.**
19We **love Him because He first loved** us.
20***If*** someone says, "I **love Elohim**," and *hates* his brother, he is a *liar.* For the one not **loving** his brother whom he has **seen,** how is he able to **love Elohim** whom he has not seen?
21And we have this **command** from **Him,** that the one **loving Elohim** should **love** his brother too.

5 Everyone who **believe**s that OWYƎZ is the **Messiah** has been born of **Elohim** and everyone who loves the **One** bringing forth also loves the one having been born of **Him.**
2By this we **know** that we **love** the children of **Elohim**, when we **love Elohim** and **guard His commands**.
3For this is the **love** for **Elohim**, that we **guard His commands** and **His commands** are not heavy,
4**because** everyone having been born of **Elohim** overcomes the world. And this is the overcoming that has overcome the world: our **belief**.
5***Who*** is the one who overcomes the world but he who **believe**s that OWYƎZ is the **Son** of **Elohim**?
6This is the **One** that came by water and blood: OWYƎZ **Messiah**, not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the **Spirit** who bears **witness, because** the **Spirit** is the **Truth**.
7**Because** there are three who bear witness:
8the **Spirit** and the water and the blood. And the three are in agreement.
9***If*** we receive the **witness** of men, the witness of **Elohim** is greater, **because** this is the **witness** of **Elohim** which **He** has **witnessed** concerning **His Son**.
10The one who **believe**s in the **Son** of **Elohim** has the **witness** in himself, the one who *does not* **believe Elohim** has made **Him** a liar, **because** he has not **believed** the **witness** that **Elohim** has **given** concerning **His Son**.
11And this is the witness: that **Elohim** has **given** us **everlasting life** and this **life** is in **His Son**.
12**He** who **possesses** the **Son possesses life**, he who *does not* **possess** the **Son** of **Elohim** *does not* **possess life**.
13I have **written** this to you who **believe** in the **Name** of the **Son** of **Elohim**, so that you **know** that you **possess everlasting life** and so that you **believe** in the **Name** of the **Son** of **Elohim**.
14And this is the **boldness** that we have in **Him,** that if we **ask *whatever* according** to **His desire, He hears** us.
15And if we **know** that **He hears** us, ***whatever*** we ask, we **know** that we have the petitions that we have asked of **Him.**
16***If*** anyone sees his brother *sinning* a *sin,* not unto *death,* he ***shall*** ask and **He *shall*** give him **life** for those not *sinning* unto *death.* There is a *sin* unto *death.* I *do not* say that he should pray about that.
17All *unrighteousness* is *sin* and there is a *sin* not unto *death.*
18We **know** that everyone having been born of **Elohim** *does not sin,* but the one having been born of **Elohim** guards himself and the *wicked* one *does not* touch him.
19We **know** that we are of **Elohim** and **all** the world lies in the *wicked one.*
20And we **know** that the **Son** of **Elohim** has **come** and has **given** us an **understanding**, so that we might **know** the **true** One. And we are in the **true One,** in **His Son** OWYƎZ **Messiah**. This is the **true Elohim** and **everlasting life**.
21Little children, keep yourselves from *idols*. Amĕn.

2 YOḤANAN

2 JOHN

1 The elder, to a **chosen** Kuria and
her children, whom I **love** in **truth** and
not only I, but also **all** those who have
known the **truth**,
2**because** of the **truth** which stays in us
and ***shall*** **be** with us **forever**:
3Favour, **compassion**, **peace** be with
you from **Elohim** the **Father** and from
the **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, the **Son**
of the **Father,** in **truth** and **love.**
4I rejoiced greatly **because** I **found**
some of your children walking in **truth**,
as we received a **command** from the
Father.
5And **now** I **ask** you, Kuria, not as
though I **wrote** a **fresh command** to
you, but that which we have had from
the beginning: that we **love** one another.
6And this is the **love,** that we **walk**
according to **His commands**. This is
the **command,** that as you have **heard**
from the beginning, you should **walk**
in it.
7**Because** many who are leading *astray*
went out into the world who *do not*
confess 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** as **coming** in
the *flesh.* This one is he who is leading
astray and the anti-messiah.
8See to yourselves, that we *do not* lose
what we worked for, but that we might
receive a **complete** reward.
9Everyone who is *transgressing* and
not staying in the **teaching** of **Messiah**
does not **possess Elohim**. The one
who stays in the **teaching** of **Messiah**
possesses both the **Father** and the **Son**.
10***If*** anyone **comes** to you and *does not*
bring this **teaching**, *do not* receive him
into your house nor greet him,
11for he who greets him sharesin his
wicked works.
12Having much to **write** to you, I *did*
not **wish** to do so with paper and ink,
but I expect to **come to** you and **speak**
face to face, so that our **joy** might be
complete.
13The children of your **chosen** sister
greet you. Amĕn.

3 YOḤANAN

3 JOHN

1 The elder, to the beloved Gaios,
whom I **love** in **truth**:
[2]Beloved ones, I pray for you to do
well in **every way** andbe in health, as
your **life** is doing well.
[3]For I rejoiced greatly when brothers
came and **witnessed** of the **truth** in you,
as you **walk** in the **truth**.
[4]I have no greater **joy** than to **hear** of
my children walking in **truth**.
[5]Beloved ones, you are acting
trustworthily in ***whatever*** you do for the
brothers and for strangers,
[6]who have borne **witness** of your **love**
before the assembly. ***If*** you send them
forward worthily of **Elohim**, you ***shall***
do well,
[7]**because** they went out for the sake
of the **Name**, receiving nought from the
gentiles.
[8]Therefore we ought to receive such,
so that we become fellow workers for
the **truth**.
[9]I **wrote** to the **assembly,** but
Diotrephes, who loves to be the **first**
among them, ***does not receive*** us.
[10]So if I come, I ***shall*** **call** to **mind** his
works which he does, babbling *against*
us with *wicked* **words**. And not **satisfied**
with that, he himself ***does not receive***
the brothers and forbids those who **wish**
to, putting them out of the assembly.
[11]Beloved ones, *do not* imitate the
evil, but the **good**. The one who is doing
good is of **Elohim**, but he who is doing
evil has not **seen Elohim**.
[12]Demetrios has a **good witness** from
all and from the **truth** itself. And we
also bear **witness** and you **know** that our
witness is **true.**
[13]I had much to **write,** but I *do not* **wish**
to **write** to you with pen and ink,
[14]but I expect to **see** you shortly and we
shall **speak** face to face. Peace to you.
The friends greet you. Greet the friends
by name.

Yahuḏah

JUDE

1 Yahuḏah, a servant of OWYƎZ **Messiah** and brother of Ya'aqoḇ, to those who are called, set-apart by **Elohim** the **Father** and **preserved** in OWYƎZ **Messiah**:

[2]**Compassion** and peace and **love** be increased to you.

[3]Beloved ones, making **all** haste to **write** to you concerning our *common* **deliverance,** I felt the necessity to **write** to you urging you to **earnestly** contend for the **belief** which was once for **all delivered** to the set-apart ones.

[4]For certain men have slipped in, whose judgment was **written** about long ago, *wicked* ones *perverting* the **favour** of our **Elohim** for *indecency* and *denying* the only **Master** ƎYƎZ and our **Master** OWYƎZ **Messiah**.

[5]***But*** I intend to remind you, though you once **knew** this, that ƎYƎZ, having **saved** a people out of the land of Mitsrayim, afterward ***destroyed*** those who *did not* **believe**.

[6]And the messengers who *did not* keep their own principality, but left their own dwelling, **He** has kept in **everlasting** *shackles* under *darkness* for the judgment of the **great** day.

[7]Even as Seḏom and Amorah and the cities around them in a similar **way** to these, having **given** themselves over to *whoring* and gone after *strange flesh,* are set forth as an ***example***, undergoing judicial *punishment* of **everlasting** *fire*.

[8]In the **same way,** indeed, these **dreamers** *defile* the *flesh* and *reject* authority and **speak** *evil* of esteemed ones.

[9]***But*** Miḵa'ĕl the chief messenger, in contending with the *devil*, when he *disputed* about the body of Mosheh, presumed not to bring *against* him a blasphemous *accusation,* but said, "ƎYƎZ ***rebuke*** you!"

[10]***But*** these ***blaspheme*** that which they *do not* **know.** And that which they **know** naturally, like unreasoning beasts, in these they *corrupt* themselves.

[11]**Woe** to them! **Because** they have gone in the ***way*** of Qayin and gave themselves to the *delusion* of Bil'am for a reward and *perished* in the *rebellion* of Qorah.

[12]These are rocky reefs in your **love** feasts, feasting with you, feeding themselves without **fear,** waterless clouds borne about by the winds, late autumn trees without **fruit,** twice *dead,* pulled up by the roots,

[13]wild waves of the sea foaming up their own shame, *straying* stars for whom blackness of *darkness* is kept **forever**.

[14]And Ḥanoḵ, the seventh from Adam, also prophesied of these, saying, "**See,** ƎYƎZ **comes** with **His** myriads of set-apart ones,

[15]to *execute* judgment on **all,** to *punish* **all** who are *wicked* among them concerning **all** their *wicked* **works** which they have committed in a *wicked* **way** and concerning **all** the *harsh* **words** which *wicked sinners* have **spoken** *against* **Him.**"

[16]These are *grumblers, complainers*, who **walk according** to their own *lusts* and their **mouth** speaks *proudly*, admiring faces of others for the sake of *gain.*

[17]***But*** you, beloved ones, ***remember*** the **words spoken** before by the emissaries of our **Master** OWYƎZ **Messiah**,

[18]**because** they told you that there would be *mockers* in the **last time** who would **walk according** to their own *wicked* lusts.

[19]These are the ones who **cause** *divisions*, not having the **Spirit.**

[20]***But*** you, beloved ones, building yourselves up on your most set-apart **belief**, praying in the **Set-apart Spirit,**
[21]keep yourselves in the **love** of **Elohim**, looking for the **compassion** of our **Master** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah** unto **everlasting life**.
[22]And **show compassion** toward some who are ***doubting,***
[23]but others **save** with **fear,** snatching them out of the *fire*, hating, even the garment *defiled* by the *flesh.*
[24]And to **Him** who **is able** to keep you from *stumbling* and to **present** you **blameless** before the presence of **His esteem** with exceeding **joy**,
[25]to the only **wise Elohim**, our **Saviour**, be **esteem** and greatness and might and authority, both **now** and **forever**. Aměn.

REVELATION

1 Revelation of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**,
which **Elohim** gave **Him** to **show His**
servants what has to take place with
speed. And **He** signified it by sending
His messenger to **His** servant Yoḥanan,
[2]who bore **witness** to the **Word** of
Elohim and the **witness** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏
Messiah – to **all** he saw.
[3] **Blessed** is he who **reads** and those
who hear the **words** of this prophecy
and **guard** what is **written** in it, for the
time is **near.**
[4]Yoḥanan, to the seven assemblies that
are in Asia: Favour to you and **peace**
from **Him** who is and who was and who
is **coming** and from the seven Spirits
that are before **His** throne,
[5]and from 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, the
trustworthy witness, the first-born from
the *dead,* and the ruler of the sovereigns
of the earth. To **Him** who **loved** us and
washed us from our *sins* in **His** own
blood,
[6]and has made us sovereigns and
priests to **His Elohim** and **Father,** to
Him be **esteem** and **rule forever** and
ever. Amĕn.
[7]**See, He** is **coming** with the clouds
and **every** eye ***shall*** **see Him,** even they
who *pierced* **Him.** And **all** the tribes of
the earth ***shall*** *mourn* **<u>because</u>** of **Him.**
Yea, Amĕn.
[8]"I am the 'Aleph' and the 'Taw',
Beginning and End," says 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 "who
is and who was and who is to come, the
Almighty."
[9]I, Yoḥanan, both your brother and co-
sharer in *pressure* and in the **reign** and
endurance of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**, came to
be on the island that is called Patmos for
the **Word** of **Elohim** and for the **witness**
of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤔𐤏 **Messiah**.
[10]I came to be in the **Spirit** on the Day
of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, and I **heard** behind me a loud
voice, as of a trumpet,
[11]saying,"I am the 'Aleph' and the
'Taw', the **First** and the **Last,**" and,
"**Write** in a **book** what you **see** and send
it to the seven assemblies of Asia – to
Ephesos and to Smurna and to Pergamos
and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to
Philadelphia and to Laodikeia."
[12]And I turned to **see** the **voice** which
spoke with me. And having turned, I **saw**
seven golden lampstands,
[13]and in the **midst** of the seven
lampstands **One** like the **Son** of Aḏam,
dressed in a **robe** down to the feet and
girded about the chest with a golden
band.
[14]And **His** head and hair were white as
white wool, as snow and **His** eyes as a
flame of *fire*,
[15]and **His** feet like burnished brass, as if
refined in a furnace and **His voice** as the
sound of many waters.
[16]And in **His right hand He** held seven
stars and out of **His mouth** went a sharp
two-edged *sword* and **His** face was as
the sun shining in its strength.
[17]And when I **saw Him,** I fell at **His**
feet as *dead* and **He** placed **His right**
hand on me, saying,"***Do*** *not* be *afraid*, I
am the **First** and the **Last,**
[18]and the **living One**. And I became
dead, and **see,** I am **living forever** and
ever. Amĕn. And I **possess** the **keys** of
the *grave* and of *death.*
[19]"**Write** therefore what you have **seen,**
both what is **now** and what ***shall*** take
place after these:
[20]"The **secret** of the seven stars which
you **saw** in **My right hand** and the
seven golden lampstands: The seven
stars are messengers of the seven
assemblies and the seven lampstands
which you **saw** are seven assemblies.

2 "To the messenger of the assembly
of Ephesos **write,** '**He** who is holding
the seven stars in **His right hand,** who is
walking in the **midst** of the seven golden
lampstands, says this:

2"I **know** your **works** and your labour and your endurance and that you are not able to bear *evil* ones and have tried those who say they are emissaries and are not and have **found** them false;
3and you have been bearing up and have endurance and have laboured for **My Name's sake** and have not become *weary*.
4"***But*** I hold this *against* you, that you have left your **first love.**
5"So ***remember*** from where you have fallen and **repent** and do the **first works,** or else I ***shall*** **come to** you **speedily** and remove your **lampstand** from its place, ***unless*** you **repent.**
6"Yet this you have, that you *hate* the **works** of the Nikolaites, which I also *hate.*
7"He who has an ear, let him **hear** what the **Spirit** says to the assemblies. To him who overcomes I ***shall*** give to eat from the *tree* of **life**, which is in the **midst** of the Paradise of **Elohim**." '
8"And to the messenger of the assembly in Smurna **write,** 'This says the **First** and the **Last,** who became *dead,* and came to **life**:
9"I **know** your **works** and *pressure* and poverty – yet you are rich – and the *blasphemy* of those who say they are Yahudim and are not, but are a congregation of Satan.
10"***Do*** *not* be *afraid* of what you are about to suffer. **See,** the *devil* is about to *throw* some of you into prison, **in order** to try you and you ***shall*** have *pressure* ten days. Be **trustworthy** until *death* and I ***shall*** give you the crown of **life**.
11"He who has an ear, let him **hear** what the **Spirit** says to the assemblies. **He** who overcomes ***shall*** by no means be harmed by the second *death.*" '
12"And to the messenger of the assembly in Pergamos **write,** '**He** who has the sharp two-edged *sword,* says this:
13"I **know** your **works** and where you dwell, where the throne of Satan is. And you hold fast to **My Name** and *did not deny* the **belief** in **Me,** even in the days in which Antipas was **My trustworthy witness,** who was *killed* **near** you, where Satan dwells.
14"***But*** I hold a **few** matters *against* you, **because** you have there those who adhere to the **teaching** of Bil'am, who **taught** Balaq to put a *stumbling-block* before the children of Yisra'ĕl, to eat *food* offered to *idols* and to *commit whoring.*
15"So you also have those who adhere to the **teaching** of the Nikolaites, which **teaching** I *hate.*
16"**Repent**, or else I ***shall*** **come to** you **speedily** and *fight against* them with the *sword* of **My mouth.**
17"He who has an ear, let him **hear** what the **Spirit** says to the assemblies. To him who overcomes I ***shall*** give some of the *hidden* manna to eat. And I ***shall*** give him a white stone and on the stone a **renewed Name written** which no one **knows** ***except*** him who receives it." '
18"And to the messenger of the assembly in Thyatira **write,**'This says the **Son** of **Elohim**, who has eyes like a *flame* of *fire* and **His** feet like burnished brass:
19"I **know** your **works** and **love** and service and **belief** and your endurance. And as for your **works,** the **last** are more than the **first.**
20"***But*** I hold *against* you that you allow that woman Izebel, who calls herself a **prophetess,** to **teach** and lead **My servants** *astray* to *commit whoring* and to eat *food* offered to *idols.*
21"And I gave her **time** to **repent** of her *whoring* and she *did not* **repent.**
22"**See,** I am throwing her into a sickbed and those who *commit* adultery with her into **great** *affliction*, ***unless*** they **repent** of their works.
23"And I ***shall*** *slay* her children with *death.* And **all** the assemblies ***shall*** **know** that I am the **One** ***searching*** the kidneys and **hearts**. And I ***shall*** give to each one of you **according** to your works.
24"And to you I say and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as *do not* **possess** this **teaching** and who have not **known** the

depths of Satan, as they **call** them, I am not putting on you another *burden.*
25"***But*** hold fast what you have until I come.
26"And he who overcomes and guards **My works** until **the end,** to him I ***shall*** give **authority** over the nations,
27and he ***shall*** shepherd them with a **rod** of iron, as the potter's vessels ***shall*** **be** broken to pieces, as I also have received from **My Father.**
28"And I ***shall*** give him the morning star.
29"He who has an ear, let him **hear** what the **Spirit** says to the assemblies."

3 "And to the messenger of the assembly in Sardis **write,** '**He** who has the seven Spirits of **Elohim** and the seven stars, says this, "I **know** your **works,** that you have a **name** that you are **alive,** but you are *dead.*
2"Wake up and strengthen what remains and is about to *die,* for I have not **found** your **works complete** before **Elohim**.
3"**Remember,** then, how you have received and **heard**. And **watch** and **repent.** If, then, *you do not* wake up, I ***shall*** **come** upon you as a *thief and* you ***shall*** not **know** at **all** what **hour** I **come** upon you.
4"Nevertheless, you have a **few** names in Sardis who have not *defiled* their garments. And they ***shall*** **walk** with **Me** in white, **<u>because</u>** they are worthy.
5"He who overcomes ***shall*** **be** dressed in white robes and I ***shall*** by no means *blot* out his **name** from the **Book** of **life**, but I ***shall*** confess his **name** before **My Father** and before **His** messengers.
6"He who has an ear, let him **hear** what the **Spirit** says to the assemblies."
7"And to the messenger of the assembly in Philadelphia **write,** '**He** who is set-apart, **He** who is **true, He** who has the **key** of Dawiḏ, **He** who opens and no one shuts and shuts and no one opens, says this:
8"I **know** your **works** – **see,** I have set before you an **open door,** and no one **is able** to shut it – that you have *little* power, yet have **guarded My word and** have ***not*** *denied* **My Name.**
9"**See,** I am giving up those of the congregation of Satan, who say they are Yahuḏim and are not, but *lie.* **See,** I am making them **come** and worship before your feet and **to know** that I have **loved** you.
10"**<u>Because</u>** you have **guarded My Word** of endurance, I also ***shall*** **guard** you from the **hour** of trial which ***shall*** **come** upon **all** the world, to try those who dwell on the earth.
11"**See,** I am **coming speedily**! Hold what you have that no one take your crown.
12"He who overcomes, I ***shall*** make him a supporting post in the **Dwelling Place** of **My Elohim** and he ***shall*** by no means go out. And I ***shall*** **write** on him the **Name** of **My Elohim** and the **Name** of the city of **My Elohim**, the **renewed** Yerushalayim, which **comes** down out of **the heavens** from **My Elohim** and **My renewed Name**.
13"He who has an ear, let him **hear** what the **Spirit** says to the assemblies."
14"And to the messenger of the assembly in Laodikeia **write,** 'The Amĕn, the **Trustworthy** and **True Witness**, the **Beginning** of the creation of **Elohim**, says this:
15"I **know** your **works,** that you are neither cold nor hot. I would that you were cold or hot.
16"So, **<u>because</u>** you are lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I am going to *vomit* you out of **My mouth.**
17"**<u>Because</u>** you say, 'Rich I am and I am made rich and need none at **all,**' and *do not* **know** that you are *wretched* and *pitiable* and *poor* and *blind* and *naked*.
18"I advise you to buy from **Me** gold refined in the *fire*, so that you become rich; and white garments, so that you become dressed, so that the *shame* of your nakedness might not be shown; and **anoint** your eyes with ointment, so that you **see.**
19"As many as I **love,** I **reprove** and **discipline.** So be **ardent** and **repent.**

20"**See,** I **stand** at the **door** and knock. ***If*** anyone **hears My voice** and opens the **door,** I ***shall*** **come** in to him and dine with him and he with **Me.**
21"To him who overcomes I ***shall*** give to sit with **Me** on **My** throne, as I also overcame and sat down with **My Father** on **His** throne.
22"He who has an ear let him **hear** what the **Spirit** says to the assemblies." '

4 After this I **looked** and **saw** a **door** having been opened in the **heavens.** And the **first voice** which I **heard** was like a trumpet speaking with me saying, **"Come** up here and I ***shall*** **show** you what has to take place after this."
2And **immediately** I came to be in the **Spirit** and **saw** a throne set in the heaven and **One** sat on the throne.
3And **He** who sat there was like a jasper and a ruby stone in appearance. And there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.
4And around the throne were twenty-four thrones and on the thrones I **saw** twenty-four elders sitting, dressed in white robes. And they had crowns of gold on their heads.
5And out of the throne came lightnings and thunders and **voice**s. And seven **lamps** of *fire* were *burning* before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of **Elohim**.
6And before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the **midst** of the throne and around the throne, were four **living** creatures, covered with eyes in front and in back.
7And the **first living** creature was like a lion and the second **living** creature like a calf and the third **living** creature had a face like a man and the fourth **living** creature was like a flying eagle.
8And the four **living** creatures, each having six wings, were covered with eyes around and within. And they *do not* cease, day or night, saying, "**Set-apart, set-apart, set-apart**, 𐤀𐤋 Ěl **Shaddai, who was and who is and who is coming**!"
9And when the **living** creatures give **esteem** and respect and **thanks** to **Him** who sits on the throne, **who lives forever** and **ever,**
10the twenty-four elders *fall* down before **Him** who sits on the throne and bow before **Him** who lives **forever** and **ever** and they *cast* their crowns before the throne, saying,
11"**You** are worthy, O 𐤀𐤋𐤄𐤌, to receive **esteem** and respect and power, for **You** have created **all** and **because** of **Your** desire they are and were created."

5 And I **saw** in the **right hand** of **Him** who sat on the throne a **scroll written** inside and on the back, having been **sealed** with seven seals.
2And I **saw** a **strong** messenger **proclaiming** with a loud **voice**, "***Who*** is **worthy** to **open** the **scroll** and to loosen its seals?"
3And no one in **the heavens** or on the earth or under the earth was able to **open** the scroll, or to look at it.
4And I wept much, **because** no one was **found worthy** to **open** and **read** the scroll, or to look at it.
5And one of the elders said to me, "***Do not*** weep. **See,** the Lion of the tribe of Yahuḏah, the Root of Dawiḏ, overcame to **open** the **scroll** and to loosen its seven seals."
6And I **looked** and **saw** in the **midst** of the throne and of the four **living** creatures and in the **midst** of the elders a **Lamb** standing, as having been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven **Spirits of Elohim sent** out into **all** the earth.
7And **He** came and took the **scroll** out of the **right hand** of **Him** sitting on the throne.
8And when **He** took the scroll, the four **living** creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the **Lamb**, each holding a harp and golden bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the set-apart ones.
9And they sang a **renewed** song, saying, "**You** are **worthy** to take the scroll and to **open** its seals **because You** were *slain* and have redeemed us to **Elohim** by **Your blood** out of **every** tribe and tongue and people and nation,
10and made us sovereigns and priests to

our **Elohim** and we ***shall*** **reign** upon the earth."
[11]And I looked and I **heard** the **voice** of many messengers around the throne and the **living** creatures and the elders. And the number of them was myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,
[12]saying with a loud **voice**, "**Worthy is the Lamb having been slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and respect and esteem and blessing!**"
[13]And **every** creature which is in **the heavens** and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea and **all** that are in them, I **heard** saying, "**To Him sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be the blessing and the respect and the esteem and the might, forever and ever!"**
[14]And the four **living** creatures said, "Amĕn!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and bowed before **Him who lives forever** and **ever.**

6 And I **saw** when the **Lamb** opened one of the seals and I **heard** one of thefour **living** creatures saying, like a sound of thunder, **"Come and see.**"
[2]And I **looked** and **saw** a white horse and he who sat on it holding a bow. And a crown was **given** to him and he went out overcoming and to overcome.
[3]And when **He** opened the second **seal,** I **heard** the second **living** creature saying, **"Come and see.**"
[4]And another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was **given** to the one who sat on it to take **peace** from the earth and that they should *slay* one another. And a **great** *sword* was **given** to him.
[5]And when **He** opened the third **seal,** I **heard** the third **living** creature say, **"Come and see.**" And I **looked** and **saw** a black horse and he who sat on it holding a pair of scales in his **hand.**
[6]And I **heard** a **voice** in the **midst** of the four **living** creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's wage and three quarts of barley for a day's wage. And *do not* harm the **oil** and the **wine**."
[7]And when **He** opened the fourth **seal,** I **heard** the **voice** of the fourth **living** creature saying, **"Come and see.**"
[8]And I **looked** and **saw** a pale horse. And he who sat on it had the **Name *Death*** and the *grave* **followed** with him. And **authority** was **given** to them over a fourth of the earth, to *kill* with *sword* and with *hunger* and with *death* and by the beasts of the earth.
[9]And when **He** opened the fifth **seal,** I **saw** under the altar the beings of those having been *slain* for the **Word of Elohim** and for the **witness** which they held,
[10]and they cried with a loud **voice**, saying,"***How long***, O **Master,** set-apart and **true,** until **You judge** and ***avenge*** our **blood** on those who dwell on the earth?"
[11]And there was **given** to each one a white robe and they were told that they should rest **a** *little* **while** longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brothers, who would be *killed* as they were, was completed.
[12]And I **looked** when **He** opened the sixth **seal** and **saw** a **great** *earthquake* came to be. And the sun became black as sackcloth of hair and the moon became as blood.
[13]And the **stars of the heavens** fell to the earth, as a fig *tree* drops its unripe figs, being *shaken* by a **strong** wind.
[14]And **heaven** departed like a **scroll** being rolled up and **every** mountain and island was moved out of its place.
[15]And the sovereigns of the earth and the great ones and the rich ones and the commanders and the mighty and **every** slave and **every free** one, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,
[16]and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of **Him** sitting on the throne and from the *wrath* of the **Lamb**,
[17]**<u>because</u>** the **great day of His** *wrath* has **come** and who **is able** to stand?"

7 And after this I **saw** four messengers standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the *wind* should not **blow** on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any *tree.*

[2]And I **saw** another messenger **coming** up from the rising of the sun, holding the **seal** of the **living Elohim**. And he cried with a loud **voice** to the four messengers to whom it was **given** to harm the earth and the sea,
[3]saying, "***Do** not* harm the earth, nor the sea, nor the trees until we have **sealed the servants of our Elohim** upon their **foreheads**."
[4]And I **heard** the number of those who were **sealed,** one hundred and forty-four thousand, **sealed** out of **all** the tribes of the children of Yisra'ĕl:
[5]of the tribe of Yahuḏah twelve thousand were **sealed,** of the tribe of Re'uḇĕn twelve thousand were **sealed,** of the tribe of Gaḏ twelve thousand were **sealed,**
[6]of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were **sealed,** of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were **sealed,** of the tribe of Menashsheh twelve thousand were **sealed,**
[7]of the tribe of Shim'on twelve thousand were **sealed,** of the tribe of Lĕwi twelve thousand were **sealed,** of the tribe of Yissasḵar twelve thousand were **sealed,**
[8]of the tribe of Zeḇulun twelve thousand were **sealed,** of the tribe of Yosĕph twelve thousand were **sealed,** of the tribe of Binyamin twelve thousand were **sealed.**
[9]After this I **looked** and **saw** a **great** crowd which no one was able to count, out of **all** nations and tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the **Lamb**, dressed in white robes and palm branches in their hands,
[10]and crying out with a loud **voice**, saying, "**Deliverance belongs to our Elohim who sits on the throne and to the Lamb**!"
[11]**All** the messengers stood around the throne and the elders and the four **living** creatures and fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped **Elohim**,
[12]saying, "Amĕn! **The blessing and the esteem and the wisdom and the thanksgiving and the respect and the power and the might, to our Elohim forever and ever.** Amĕn."
[13]And one of the elders responded, saying to me,"***Who*** are these dressed in white robes and where did they **come** from?"
[14]And I said to him, "**Master,** you **know.**" And he said to me, "These are those **coming** out of the **great** *distress,* having washed their robes and made them white in the **blood** of the **Lamb**.
[15]"**Because** of this they are before the throne of **Elohim** and **serve Him** day and night in **His Dwelling Place.** And **He** who sits on the throne ***shall*** spread **His Tent** over them.
[16]"They ***shall*** hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither ***shall*** the sun *strike* them, nor any heat,
[17]**because** the **Lamb** who is in the **midst** of the throne ***shall*** shepherd them and lead them to fountains of waters of **life**. And **Elohim** ***shall*** wipe away **every** *tear* from their eyes."

8 And when **He** opened the seventh **seal, there came to be silence in the heaven for about half an hour.**
[2]And I **saw** the seven messengers who **stand** before **Elohim** and to them were **given** seven trumpets.
[3]And another messenger came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer and much incense was **given** to him, that he should offer it with the prayers of **all** the set-apart ones upon the golden altar which was before the throne.
[4]And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the set-apart ones, went up before **Elohim** from the **hand** of the messenger.
[5]And the messenger took the censer and filled it with *fire* from the altar and threw it to the earth. And there were ***noises*** and ***thunders*** and l***ightnings*** and an ***earthquake***.
[6]And the seven messengers who held the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.
[7]And the **first** messenger sounded and there came to be ***hail*** and ***fire*** mixed with ***blood*** and they were *thrown* to the earth. And a third of the trees were *burned* up and **all** green grass was *burned* up.
[8]And the second messenger sounded and what **looked** like a **great** mountain

burning with *fire* was *thrown* into the sea and a third of the sea became ***blood*,**
[9]and a third of the **living** creatures in the sea died and a third of the ships were ***destroyed***.
[10]And the third messenger sounded and a **great** star fell from the heaven, *burning* like a torch and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the fountains of water,
[11]and the name of the star is called ***Wormwood***. And a third of the waters became wormwood and many men *died* from the waters, **because** they were made bitter.
[12]And the fourth messenger sounded and a third of the sun was struck and a third of the moon and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. And a third of the day *did not* shine and likewise the night.
[13]And I looked and I **heard** an eagle flying in mid-heaven, crying with a loud **voice**, "**Woe**, **woe**, **woe** to those dwelling upon the earth, **because** of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three messengers who are about to sound!"

9 And the fifth messenger sounded and I **saw** a star from **the heavens** which had fallen to the earth. And the **key** to the pit of the deep was **given** to it.
[2]And he opened the pit of the deep and smoke went up out of the pit like the smoke of a **great** furnace. And the sun was darkened, also the air, **because** of the smoke of the pit.
[3]And out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth and **authority** was **given** to them as the scorpions of the earth **possess** authority.
[4]And it was said to them that they ***shall not harm*** the grass of the earth, or any green matter, or any *tree,* ***but only those*** men who *DO NOT HAVE* **the seal of Elohim upon their foreheads**.
[5]And it was **given** to them that they should not *kill* them, but to ***torture*** them for five months. And their ***torture*** was like the ***torture*** of a scorpion when it stings a man.
[6]And in those days men ***shall* seek** *death* and ***shall*** not find it. And they ***shall*** long to *die,* but *death* ***shall flee*** from them.
[7]And the locusts looked like horses prepared for battle and on their heads were crowns like gold and their faces were like the faces of men.
[8]And they had hair like women's hair and their *teeth* were like lions' *teeth*.
[9]And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots of many horses running into battle.
[10]And they have tails like scorpions and stings. And in their tails is their **authority** *to harm men five months*.
[11]And they have over them a sovereign, the messenger of the pit of the deep, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apolluon.
[12]The **first woe** is past. **See,** two **woes** are still **coming** after this.
[13]And the sixth messenger sounded and I **heard** a **voice** from the four horns of the golden altar which is before **Elohim**,
[14]saying to the sixth messenger who had the trumpet, "Release the four messengers, those having been *bound* at the great river Euphrates."
[15]And the four messengers, those having been prepared for the **hour** and **day** and **month** and **year**, were released to ***kill a third of mankind***.
[16]And the number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million and I heard the number of them.
[17]And this is how I **saw** the horses in the **vision** and those who sat on them, having breastplates of fiery red and hyacinth blue and sulphur yellow. And the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions and out of their mouths came *fire* and *smoke* and *sulphur*.
[18]***A third of mankind*** was *killed* by these *three plagues*, by the *fire* and the *smoke* and the *sulphur* which came out of their mouths.
[19]For the **authority** of the horses is in their mouth and in their tails, for their tails are like serpents, having heads. And with them they do harm.
[20]And the rest of mankind, who were not *killed* by these *plagues*, *DID NOT REPENT* of the ***works of their hands***, that they should not worship the ***demons*** and ***idols*** of gold and of silver and of

brass and of stone and of wood, which are neither able to **see,** nor to **hear,** nor to **walk.**
[21]And they *DID NOT REPENT* of their *murders*, nor of their *drug sorceries,* nor of their *whoring,* nor of their *thefts*.

10 And I **saw** another **strong** messenger **coming** down from the heaven, robed in a cloud and a rainbow on his head and his face was like the sun and his feet like columns of fire,
[2]and having in his **hand** a *little* **book** opened. And he placed his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land,
[3]and cried with a **loud voice**, as when a lion roars. And when he *cried out*, seven thunders spoke their sounds.
[4]And when the seven thunders spoke their sounds, I was about to write**,** but I **heard** a **voice** from **the heavens** saying to me,"**Seal up what the seven thunders spoke and do not write them**."
[5]And the messenger whom I **saw** standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his **right hand** to the heaven,
[6]and **swore** by **Him who lives forever and ever,** who created **the heavens** and what is in **it, the earth and what is in it and the sea and what is in it, that there shall be no further delay**,
[7]**but in the days of the sounding of the seventh messenger, when he is about to sound, the SECRET of Elohim *shall* also be ended, as He declared to His servants the prophets.**
[8]And the **voice** which I **heard** out of **the heavens** spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the *little* **book** which is opened in the **hand** of the messenger standing on the sea and on the earth."
[9]And I went to the messenger and said to him, "Give me the *little* **book**." And he said to me, "**Take and eat it and it *shall* make your stomach bitter, but it *shall* be as sweet as honey in your mouth.**"
[10]And I took the *little* **book** out of the messenger's **hand** and ate it and it was as **sweet** as honey in my **mouth,** but when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.
[11]And he said to me,"**You have to prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and sovereigns.**"

11 And a reed like a measuring **rod** was **given** to me and the messenger stood, saying, "Rise and measure the **Dwelling Place of Elohim** and the altar and those worshipping in it.
[2]"***But*** *cast* out the court which is *outside the* **Dwelling Place** and *do not* measure it, for it has been **given** to *the gentiles and they **shall** trample* the set-apart city under foot for forty-two months.
[3]"And I ***shall*** give unto my two **witnesses** and they ***shall*** prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clad in sackcloth."
[4]These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that are standing before the **Elohim of the earth**.
[5]And if anyone **wishes** to harm them, *fire* **comes** out from **their mouth** and *consumes* their enemies. And if anyone **wishes** to harm them, he has to be *killed in that way***.**
[6]These **possess authority to shut** the heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy. And they **possess authority over waters to turn** them to ***blood*** and to *smite* the earth with **all** *plagues*, as often as they **wish.**
[7]And when they have ended their **witness,** the beast coming up out of the pit of the deep ***shall*** *fight against* them and *overcome* them and *kill* them,
[8]and their *dead* bodies *lie* in the street of the **great city** which spiritually is called Sedom and Mitsrayim, where also our **Master** was impaled,
[9]and some of the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations **see** their *dead bodies* for three and a half days and not allow their *dead bodies* to be placed into tombs,
[10]and those dwelling on the earth **rejoice** over them and exult. And they ***shall*** send gifts to each other, **because *these two prophets tortured those dwelling on the earth***.
[11]And after the three and a half days a **spirit of life from Elohim** entered into them and they stood upon their feet and

great fear fell on those who **saw** them.
[12]And they **heard** a loud **voice** from **the heavens** saying to them, **"Come up here**."And they went up into **the heavens** in a cloud and their enemies **saw** them.
[13]And in that **hour** there came to be a **great** *earthquake* and a tenth of the city fell. And in the *earthquake* seven thousand men were *killed* and the rest became *afraid* and gave **esteem to the Elohim of the heavens.**
[14]The second **woe** is past and **see,** the **third woe is coming speedily**.
[15]And the seventh messenger sounded and there came to be loud **voice**s in the heaven, saying, "**The reign of this world has become the reign of our Master and of His Messiah and He shall reign forever and ever!**"
[16]And the twenty-four elders sitting before **Elohim** on their thrones fell on their faces and worshipped **Elohim**,
[17]saying, "**We give You thanks, O אֵל שַׁדַּי Ēl Shaddai, the One who is and who was and who is coming, <u>because</u> You have taken Your great power and reigned.**
[18]"And the nations were ***enraged*** and **Your** *wrath* has come, the **time** of the *dead* to be judged and to give the reward to **Your servants the prophets** and to **the set-apart ones and to those who fear Your Name,** small and great and to *destroy* those who *destroy the earth*."
[19]And the **Dwelling Place of Elohim** was opened in the heaven and the **ark of His covenant** was **seen** in **His Dwelling Place.** And there came to be ***lightnings*** and ***voices*** and ***thunders*** and ***an earthquake*** and ***great hail***.

12 And a **great sign** was **seen in the heaven**: a woman clad with the sun, with the moon under her feet and on her head a crown of twelve stars.
[2]***And being pregnant***, she *cried out* in *labour* and in *pain* to give birth.
[3]And **another sign** was **seen in the heaven**: and **see,** a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads.
[4]And his tail draws a third of the stars of the heavens and throws them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, to *devour her child as soon as it was born*.
[5]And she bore a male child, who was to **shepherd all nations with a rod of iron**. And her child was ***caught away*** to **Elohim and to His throne**.
[6]And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place **prepared by Elohim**, to be nourished there <u>one thousand two hundred and sixty days.</u>
[7]And there came to be *fighting* in the heaven: Mika'ĕl and his messengers fought *<u>against</u>* the dragon. And the dragon and his messengers *fought*,
[8]but they were not **strong** enough, nor was a place **found** for them in **the heavens** any longer.
[9]And the **great** dragon was *thrown* out, that *serpent* of old, called the *Devil* and *Satan*, who leads **all** the world *astray*. **He** was *thrown* to the earth and his messengers were *thrown* out with him.
[10]And I **heard** a loud **voice** saying in the heaven, "**Now have come the deliverance and the power and the reign of our Elohim and the authority of His Messiah,** for the *accuser* of our brothers, who *accused* them before our **Elohim** day and night, has been *thrown* down.
[11]"And they overcame him **<u>because</u>** of the **Blood of the Lamb** and **<u>because</u>** of the **Word of their witness** and they *did not* **love their lives** to the *death.*
[12]"**<u>Because</u>** of this **rejoice,** O heavens and you who dwell in them! **Woe** to the earth and the sea, **<u>because</u>** the *devil* has **come** down to you, having **great** *wrath*, knowing that *he has little* **time.**"
[13]And when the dragon **saw** that he had been *thrown* to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child.
[14]And the woman was **given** two wings of a great eagle, to fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a **time and times and half** a **time,** from the presence of the *serpent*.
[15]And out of his **mouth** the *serpent* spewed water like a river after the woman, to **cause** her to be swept away by the river.
[16]And the earth helped the woman

and the earth opened its **mouth** and swallowed up the river which the dragon had spewed out of his **mouth.**
17And the dragon was *enraged* with the woman and he went to *fight* with the **remnant of her seed**, those **guarding** the **commands** of **Elohim** and **possessing the witness of** OWYƎZ **Messiah**.

13 And I stood on the sand of the sea. And I **saw** a beast **coming** up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns and on his horns ten crowns and on his heads ***names of blasphemy***.
2And the beast I **saw** was like a leopard and his feet were like the feet of a bear and his **mouth** like the **mouth** of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.
3And I **saw** one of his heads, as having been *slain* to *death* and his *deadly wound* was **healed**. And **all** the earth marvelled after the beast.
4And they worshipped the dragon who gave **authority** to the beast. And they worshipped the beast, saying, "***Who*** is like the beast? ***Who*** **is able** to *fight* with him?"
5And he was **given** a **mouth** speaking great matters and ***blasphemies*** and he was **given authority** to do so <u>forty-two months</u>.
6And he opened his **mouth** in ***blasphemies*** <u>*against*</u> **Elohim**, to ***blaspheme*** **His Name** and **His Tent** and those dwelling in the **heavens.**
7And it was **given** to him to *fight* with the set-apart ones and to *overcome* them. And **authority** was **given** to him over **every** tribe and tongue and nation.
8And **all** those dwelling on the earth, whose names have not been **written** in the **Book** of **life** of the *slain* **Lamb**, from the foundation of the world ***shall*** worship him.
9***If*** anyone has an ear, let him **hear.**
10**He** who brings into *captivity* ***shall*** go into *captivity*, he who *kills* with the *sword* has to be *killed* with the *sword.* Here is the **endurance** and the **belief** of the set-apart ones.
11And I **saw** another beast **coming** up out of the earth and he had two horns like a **lamb** and spoke like a *dragon*.
12And he exercises **all** the **authority** of the **first** beast in his presence and **causes** the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the **first** beast, whose *deadly wound* was **healed**.
13And he does **great signs,** so that he even makes *fire* **come** down from **the heavens** on the earth before men.
14And he leads *astray* those dwelling on the earth <u>**because**</u> of those **signs** which he was **given** to do before the beast, saying to those dwelling on the earth to make an *image* to the beast who was *wounded* by the *sword,* yet lived.
15And there was **given** to him to give spirit to the *image* of the beast, that the *image of the beast* should both **speak** and **cause** to be *killed* as many as would not worship the *image* of the beast.
16And he **causes all,** both small and great and rich and poor and free and slave, to be given a ***mark upon their*** **right hand** or upon their ***foreheads***,
17and that no one should be able to buy or sell ***except*** he that has the ***mark*** or the ***name*** of the beast, or the ***number*** of his name.
18**Here is** the **wisdom**! He who has **understanding**, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man and his number is 666.

14 And I **looked** and **saw** a **Lamb** standing on Mount T**siyon** and with **Him** one hundred and forty-four thousand, having **His Father's Name written upon their foreheads**.
2And I **heard** a **voice** out of the heaven, like the **voice** of many waters and like the **voice** of loud thunder and I **heard** the sound of harpists playing their harps.
3And they sang a **renewed song** before the throne and before the four **living** creatures and the elders. And no one was able to **learn that song** ***except*** the hundred and forty-four thousand who were **redeemed** from the earth.
4They are those who were not *defiled* with women, for they are maidens. They are those **following** the **Lamb** wherever **He** leads them on. They were **redeemed** from among men, being **first-fruits** to **Elohim and to the Lamb**.

5And in their **mouth** was **found** no *falsehood,* for they are **blameless** before the throne of **Elohim**.
6And I **saw** another messenger flying in mid-heaven, holding the **everlasting Besorah** to **announce** to those dwelling on the earth,even to **every** nation **and tribe and tongue and people,**
7saying with a loud **voice**, "**Fear Elohim** and give **esteem** to **Him, because the hour of His judgment has come. And worship Him who made the heavens and the earth and sea and fountains of water."**
8And another messenger **followed**, saying, "Babel is fallen, is fallen, that great city, **because** she has made **all nations** drink of the **wine** *of the wrath* of *her whoring.*"
9And a third messenger **followed** them, saying with a loud **voice**, "***If*** anyone worships the beast and his *image* and receives his *mark* upon his forehead or upon his **hand,**
10he also ***shall*** drink of the **wine** *of the wrath of* **Elohim**, which is **poured out** *undiluted* into the **cup** of **His** *wrath*. And he ***shall*** **be** ***tortured*** with *fire* and *sulphur* before the set-apart messengers and before the **Lamb**.
11"And the smoke of their ***torture*** goes up **forever** and **ever.** And they have no rest day or night, those worshipping the beast and his *image,* also if anyone receives the *mark of his name*."
12Here is the endurance of the set-apart ones, here are those **guarding the commands of Elohim and the belief of** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.
13And I **heard** a **voice** out of **the heavens** saying to me,"**Write**,'**Blessed** are the *dead* who *die* in the **Master** from **now** on.'" "Yea,"says the **Spirit,** "**in order** that they **rest** from their labours and their **works follow** with them."
14And I **looked** and **saw** a white cloud and sitting on the cloud was **One** like the **Son of Adam**, having on **His head** a golden crown and in **His hand** a sharp sickle.
15And another messenger came out of the **Dwelling Place,** crying with a loud **voice** to the **One** sitting on the cloud, "**Send Your sickle and reap, because the hour has come for You to reap**, **because the harvest of the earth is ripe**."
16And the **One** sitting on the cloud ***thrust*** in **His** sickle on the earth and the earth was reaped.
17And another messenger came out of the **Dwelling Place** which is in the heaven and he too held a sharp sickle.
18And another messenger came out from the altar, having **authority** over the *fire* and he cried with a loud cry to him having the sharp sickle, saying, "**Send your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe**."
19And the messenger ***thrust*** his sickle into the earth and gathered the **vine** of the earth and threw it into the **great** winepress of the *wrath of* **Elohim**.
20And the winepress was trodden outside the city and **blood** came out of the winepress, up to the bridles of the horses, for about three hundred kilometres.

15 And I **saw** another **sign** in the heaven, **great** and **marvellous**: seven messengers having the seven **last** *plagues*, for the *wrath of* **Elohim** was ended in them.
2And I **saw** like a sea of glass mixed with *fire* and those overcoming the beast and his *image* and his *mark* and the *number* of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of **Elohim**.
3And they **sing the song of Mosheh** the servant of **Elohim** and **the song of the Lamb**, saying, "**Great and marvellous** are **Your works,** 𐤀𐤋𐤄𐤉𐤌 **Ěl Shaddai! righteous and true are Your ways, O Sovereign of the set-apart ones!**
4"***Who shall*** not **fear You,** O 𐤀𐤋𐤄𐤉𐤌 and **esteem Your Name**? **Because You alone are kind**. **Because all nations *s*hall come and worship before You, for Your righteousnesses have been made manifest**."
5And after this I **looked** and **saw** the **Dwelling Place** of the **Tent** of **witness** in **the heavens** was opened.
6And out of the **Dwelling Place** came the seven messengers having the seven *plagues*, dressed in **clean bright linen** and having their chests girded with

golden bands.
[7]And one of the four **living** creatures gave to the seven messengers seven golden bowls filled with the *wrath of* **Elohim who lives forever and ever.**
[8]And the **Dwelling Place** was filled with smoke from the **esteem** of **Elohim** and from **His power** and no one was able to enter the **Dwelling Place** until the *seven plagues* of the seven messengers were ended.

16 And I **heard** a loud **voice** from the **Dwelling Place** saying to the seven messengers, "Go and **pour out** the bowls of the *wrath of* **Elohim** on the earth."
[2]And the **first** went and **poured out** his bowl upon the earth and an *evil* and *wicked* ***sore*** came upon the men, those having the *mark* of the beast and those *worshipping his image.*
[3]And the second messenger **poured out** his bowl on the sea and it became **blood,** as of a *dead one* and **every living** creature in the sea *died.*
[4]And the third messenger **poured out** his bowl on the rivers and fountains of water and they became **blood**.
[5]And I **heard** the messenger of the waters saying, "**You are righteous, O** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, the **One who is and who was and who shall be, <u>because</u> You have judged these.**
[6]"**<u>Because</u>** they have shed the **blood** of **set-apart ones** and **prophets** and **You** have **given** them **blood** to drink. For they de**serve** it."
[7]And I **heard** another out of the altar saying, "**Yea**, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 Ĕ**l Shaddai**, **true and righteous are Your judgments**."
[8]And the fourth messenger **poured out** his bowl on the sun and it was **given** to him to *burn* men with *fire*.
[9]And men were *burned* with great *heat* and they ***blasphemed*** the **Name** of **Elohim** who **possesses authority over these** *plagues*. And they *did not* **repent,** to give **Him esteem**.
[10]And the fifth messenger **poured out** his bowl on the throne of the beast and his reign became *darkened*. *And they gnawed their tongues from pain.*
[11]And they ***blasphemed*** the **Elohim** of **the heavens** for their *pains* and their *sores* and *did not* **repent** *of their works*.
[12]And the sixth messenger **poured out** his bowl on the great river Euphrates and its water was dried up, **in order** to **prepare** the **way** of the sovereigns from the east.
[13]And I **saw coming** out of the **mouth** of the *dragon* and out of the **mouth** of the *beast* and out of the **mouth** of the *false prophet***,** three *unclean* spirits, as frogs,
[14]for they are ***spirits of demons,*** doing **signs,** which go out to the sovereigns of the entire world, to **gather** them to the battle of that **great day of** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 the **Almighty**.
[15]"**See,** I am **coming** as a thief. **Blessed is he who is staying awake and guarding his garments**, lest he **walk** naked and they **see** his *shame.*"
[16]And they gathered them **together** to the place called in Hebrew, Har Meḡiddo.
[17]And the seventh messenger **poured out** his bowl into the air and a loud **voice** came out of the **Dwelling Place** of the heaven, from the throne, saying, "**It is done!"**
[18]And there came to be *noises* and *thunders* and *lightnings*. And there came to be a *great earthquake,* such a mighty and *great earthquake* as had not came to be since men were on the earth.
[19]And the great city became divided into three parts and the cities of the nations fell. And **great *Ba*b*el*** was **remembered** before **Elohim**, to give *her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of* **His** *wrath*.
[20]And **every** island fled away and the mountains were not found.
[21]And great *hail* from **the heavens** fell upon men, **every** *hailstone* about the weight of a talent. And men ***blasphemed*** **Elohim** for the *plague of the hail* **<u>because</u>** that *plague was exceedingly great.*

17 And one of the seven messengers who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying to me, **"Come, I *shall* show** you the judgment of the *great whore* sitting on many waters,
[2]with whom the sovereigns of the earth

committed *whoring and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the* ***wine*** *of her whoring."*

[3]And he carried me away in the **Spirit** into the wilderness. And I **saw** a woman sitting on a **scarlet** beast covered with ***names of blasphemy***, having seven heads and ten horns.

[4]And the woman was dressed in **purple** and **scarlet** and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, holding in her **hand** a *golden cup* filled with **abominations** and the *filthiness of her whoring,*

[5]and *upon her forehead* a **name written**, **a secret**: BABEL THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE WHORES AND OF THE **ABOMINATIONS** OF THE EARTH.

[6]And I **saw** the woman, drunk with the **blood** of the set-apart ones and with the **blood** of the **witnesses** of יהושע. And having **seen** her, I marvelled – greatly marvelled!

[7]And the messenger said to me, "***Why*** did you marvel? **Let** me explain to you the **secret** of the woman and of the beast she rides, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.

[8]"The beast that you **saw** was and is ***not*** and is about to **come** up out of the pit of the deep and goes to ***destruction.*** And those dwelling on the earth, *whose names are not* **written** in the **Book of life from the foundation of the world**, ***shall*** marvel when they **see** the beast that was and is not and yet is.

[9]"Here is the **mind** having **wisdom**: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.

[10]"And there are seven sovereigns: five have fallen and one is and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he has to remain **a** *little* **while**.

[11]"And the beast that was and is not, is himself also the eighth and is of the seven and goes to ***destruction.***

[12]"And the ten horns which you **saw** are ten sovereigns who have not yet received a reign, but receive **authority** as sovereigns with the beast for **one hour.**

[13]"They have one mind and they ***shall*** give their **power** and **authority** to the beast.

[14]"They ***shall*** *fight* with the **Lamb** and the **Lamb** ***shall*** **overcome them**, for **He** is **Master** of masters and **Sovereign** of sovereigns. And those with **Him** are **called** and **chosen** and **trustworthy**."

[15]And he said to me, "The **waters** which you **saw,** where the *whore* sits, are **peoples** and **crowds** and **nations** and **tongues**.

[16]"And the ten horns which you **saw** on the beast, these ***shall*** *hate* the *whore* and *lay her waste and naked and eat her flesh and burn her with fire*.

[17]"For **Elohim** did give it into their **hearts** to do **His mind**, to be of one mind and to give their **reign** to the beast, **until the words of Elohim *shall* be accomplished**.

[18]"And the woman whom you **saw** is that great city having sovereignty over the sovereigns of the earth."

18 And after this I **saw** another messenger **coming** down from the heaven, having great authority and the earth was lightened from his esteem.

[2]And he cried with a mighty **voice**, saying, "***Babel the great is fallen***, ***is fallen and has become a dwelling place of demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit and a haunt for every unclean and hated bird,***

[3]**because** ***all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her whoring and the sovereigns of the earth have committed whoring with her and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the power of her riotous living***."

[4]And I **heard** another **voice** from **the heavens** saying, **"Come out of her, my people, lest you share in** *her sins and lest you receive of her plagues.*

[5]"**Because** *her sins* have piled up to reach the heaven and **Elohim** has **remembered** *her unrighteousnesses*.

[6]"**Render** to her as she indeed did **render** and **repay** her **double according**

to *her works*. In *the cup* which she has mixed, mix for her ***double***.
7"As much as she esteemed herself and lived *riotously,* so much ***torture*** and *grief* give to her, **because** in her **heart** she says, 'I sit as sovereigness and I am not a widow and I *do not* **see** *mourning* at all.'
8"**Because** of this *her plagues* ***shall*** **come in one day**: *death* and *mourning* and *scarcity of food*. And *she* ***shall*** **be** *burned* up with *fire*, **because** **יהוה Elohim** who judges *her* is **mighty**.
9"And the sovereigns of the earth who *committed whoring* and *lived riotously* with her ***shall*** *weep* and *mourn over her*, when they **see** the smoke of *her burning*,
10standing at a distance for **fear** of her ***torture***, saying, '**Woe**! **Woe**, the great city Babel, the mighty city, **because** your judgment has **come** i**n one hour!**'
11"And the *merchants* of the earth *weep* and *mourn* over her, **because** no one buys their ***merchandise*** any more –
12***merchandise*** of gold and silver and precious stone and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet and all citron wood and every object of ivory and every object of most precious wood and bronze and ironand marble,
13and cinnamon and incense and fragrant oil and frankincense and wine and oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep and horses and carriages and bodies and lives of men.
14"And the **fruit** that your being longed for has gone from you. And **all** your riches and splendour are *lost* to you and you ***shall*** find them no more, not at **all.**
15"The *merchants* of these, those who became rich by her, ***shall*** **stand** at a distance for **fear** of her ***torture***, *weeping* and *mourning*,
16and saying, '**Woe**! **Woe**, the great city that was dressed in fine linen and purple and **scarlet** and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls!
17'For in **one hour** *such great riches was laid waste.*' And **every** shipmaster and **every** passenger and sailors and as many as **work** the sea for their **living**, stood at a distance,
18and *cried out* when they **saw** the smoke of her burning, saying, '***What*** is like this great city?'
19"And they threw dust on their heads and *cried out*, *weeping* and *mourning* and saying, '**Woe**! **Woe**, the great city, in which **all** who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in **one hour** *she was laid waste.*'
20"Rejoice over her, O heaven and you **set-apart emissaries** and **prophets,** for **Elohim** has **completely avenged** you on her!"
21And one mighty messenger picked up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "With such a rush the great city Babel ***shall*** **be** *thrown down and shall not be found any more at all*.
22"And the sound of harpists and musicians and flutists and trumpeters ***shall*** not be **heard** in you any more at all**.** And no craftsman of any trade ***shall*** **be found** in you any more at all**.** And the sound of a millstone ***shall*** not be **heard** in you any more at all**.**
23"And the **light** of a **lamp** ***shall*** not shine in you any more at all**.** And the **voice** of bridegroom and bride ***shall*** not be **heard** in you any more at all**.** For your *merchants* were the great ones of the earth, for by your ***drug sorcery*** all the nations were *led astray*.
24"And in her was **found** the **blood** of **prophets** and **set-apart ones** and of all who were *slain* on the earth."

19 And after this I **heard** a loud **voice** of a great crowd in the heaven, saying, "**Halleluyah! Deliverance and esteem and respect and power to יהוה our Elohim**!
2"**Because true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the** *great whore* who *corrupted* the earth with *her whoring.* And **He** has **avenged** on *her* the **blood** of **His servants** shed by *her*."
3And a second **time** they said, "**Halleluyah**! And *her* smoke rises up **forever and ever**!"

[4]And the twenty-four elders and the four **living** creatures fell down and worshipped **Elohim** who sat on the throne, saying, "**Amĕn! Halleluyah**!"

[5]And a **voice** came from the throne, saying, "**Praise our Elohim, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!**"

[6]And I **heard** as the **voice** of a **great** crowd, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunders, saying, "**Halleluyah, for** יהוה Ĕl **Shaddai reigns**!

[7]"**Let** us be **glad** and **rejoice** and give **Him praise**, for the **marriage** of the **Lamb has come and His wife prepared herself.**"

[8]And to her it was **given** to be dressed in fine linen, **clean** and bright, for the fine linen is the **righteousnesse**s **of the set-apart ones.**

[9]And he said to me, "**Write**,'**Blessed are those who have been called to the marriage supper of the Lamb**!'" And he said to me,"These are the **true words** of **Elohim**."

[10]And I fell at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "**See,** *do not* do it! I am your fellow servant and of your brothers who **possess** the **witness** of יהושע. Worship **Elohim**! **For the witness** of יהושע **is the spirit of prophecy."**

[11]And I **saw the heavens** opened and there was a white horse. And **He** who sat on him was called **Trustworthy** and **True** and in **righteousness He judges and fights.**

[12]And **His** eyes were as a *flame* of *fire* and on **His** head were many crowns, having **a Name that had been written, which no one had perceived** ***except*** **Himself**–

[13]and having been dressed in a **robe** dipped in **blood** – and **His Name** is called: **The Word of** יהוה.

[14]And the armies in the heaven, dressed in fine linen, **white** and **clean, followed Him** on white horses.

[15]And out of **His mouth** goes a sharp *sword,* that with it **He** should *smite* the nations. And **He** ***shall*** **shepherd** them with a **rod** of iron. And **He** treads the winepress of the **fierceness** and *wrath* of Ĕl **Shaddai.**

[16]And on **His robe** and on **His thigh He has a Name written**: SOVEREIGN OF SOVEREIGNS AND MASTER OF MASTERS.

[17]And I **saw** one messenger standing in the sun and he cried with a loud **voice**, saying to **all** the birds that fly in mid-heaven,**"Come** and **gather together** for **the supper of the great Elohim**,

[18]*to eat the flesh of sovereigns and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of strong ones and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."*

[19]I **saw** the beast and the sovereigns of the earth and their armies, gathered **together** to *fight* **Him** who sat on the horse and **His** army.

[20]And the beast was *seized* and with him the *false prophet* who worked **signs** in his presence, by which he led *astray* those who received the *mark* of the beast and those who worshipped his *image.* The two were *thrown* **alive** into the lake of *fire burning with sulphur.*

[21]And the rest were *killed* with the *sword* which came from the **mouth** of **Him** who sat on the horse and **all** the birds were filled with *their flesh.*

20 And I **saw** a messenger **coming** down from the heaven, having the **key** to the pit of the deep and a great chain in his **hand.**

[2]And he *seized* the *dragon*, the *serpent* of old, who is the *Devil* and *Satan* and *bound* him for a thousand years,

[3]and he threw him into the pit of the deep and shut him up and set a **seal** on him, so that he should lead the nations no more *astray* until the thousand years were ended. And after that he has to be released for **a** *little* **while**.

[4]And I **saw** thrones – and they sat on them and judgment was **given** to them – and the lives of those who had been beheaded **because** of the **witness**

they bore to 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 and **because** of the **Word** of **Elohim** and who *did not* worship the beast, nor his *image* and ***did not receive*** his *mark* upon their *foreheads* or upon their *hands*.**And they lived and reigned with Messiah for a thousand years**

5(and the rest of the *dead did not* **come to life** until the thousand years were ended) – this is the **first resurrection**.

6 **Blessed and set-apart is the one having part in the first resurrection**. The second *death* **possesses** no **authority** over these, but they ***shall*** **be priests** of **Elohim** and of **Messiah** and ***shall*** **reign** with **Him** a thousand years.

7And when the thousand years have ended, *Satan* ***shall*** **be** released from his prison,

8and *he* ***shall*** go out to lead the nations *astray* which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog̃ and Mag̃og̃, to **gather** them **together** for battle,whose number is as the sand of the sea.

9And they came up over the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the **set-apart ones** and the **beloved city**. And *fire* came down from **Elohim** out of **the heavens** and *consumed* them.

10And the *devil*, who led them *astray*, was *thrown* into the lake of *fire* and *sulphur* where the *beast* and the *false* **prophet** are. And *they* ***shall*** **be** ***tortured*** **day & night forever and ever.**

11And I **saw** a **great** white throne and **Him** who was sitting on it, from whose face the earth and the heavens fled away and no place was found for them.

12And I **saw** the *dead,* small and great, standing before the throne and **book**s were opened. And another **book** was opened, which is *the* **Book** of **life**. And the *dead* were judged from what was **written** in the **book**s, **according to their works.**

13And the sea gave up the *dead* who were in it and *death* and the *grave* gave up the *dead* who were in them. And they were judged, each one **according to his works.**

14And the *death* and the *grave* were *thrown* into the lake of *fire*. This is the *second death.*

15And if anyone was ***not*** **found written** in the **Book** of **life**, *he was thrown into the lake of fire.*

21 And I **saw** a **renewed heaven** and a **renewed** earth, for the former **heaven** and the former earth had passed away and the sea is no more.

2And I, Yoḥanan, **saw** the set-apart city, **renewed Yerushalayim**, **coming** down out of **the heavens from Elohim**, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3And I **heard** a loud **voice** from **the heavens** saying, **"See, the Booth of Elohim is with men and He shall dwell with them and they shall be His people and Elohim Himself shall be with them and be their Elohim.**

4"And **Elohim** ***shall*** wipe away **every** *tear* from their eyes and there ***shall*** **be** no more *death,* nor *mourning*, nor *crying*. And there ***shall*** **be** no more *pain*, for the former matters have passed away."

5And **He** who was sitting on the throne said,"**See, I make all matters new.**" And **He** said to me,"**Write**, **for these words are true and trustworthy**."

6And **He** said to me, "**It is done!I am the 'Aleph' and the 'Taw',the Beginning and the End. To the one who thirsts I shall give of the fountain of the water of life without payment.**

7"**The one who overcomes shall inherit all this and I shall be his Elohim and he shall be My son.**

8"***But*** as for the *cowardly* and ***untrustworthy*** and **abominable** and *murderers* and those who *whore* and *drug sorcerers* and *idolaters* and **all** the *false, their part is in the lake which burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death.*"

9And one of the seven messengers who held the seven bowls filled with the seven *last plagues* came to me and spoke with me, saying, **"Come,** I ***shall*** **show you the bride, the Lamb's wife**."

10And he carried me away in the **Spirit** to a great and high mountain and showed me the great city, the set-apart

Yerushalayim, descending out of **the heavens from Elohim**,
[11]having the **esteem** of **Elohim** and her **light** was like a most **precious stone**, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal,
[12]and having a great and high wall, having twelve gates and at the gates twelve messengers and **names written** on them, which are those of the twelve tribes of the children of Yisra'ĕl:
[13]three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south and three gates on the west.
[14]And the wall of the city had twelve foundations and on them were the **names of the twelve emissaries of the Lamb**.
[15]And he who spoke with me had a golden measuring rod, to measure the city and its gates and its wall.
[16]And the city lies four-cornered and its length is as **great** as its breadth. And he measured the city with the rod: two thousand two hundred kilometres – the length and the breadth and height of it are equal.
[17]And he measured its wall: sixty-five metres, **according** to the measure of a man, that is, of a messenger.
[18]And the structure of its wall was jasper. And the city was **clean gold**, like clear glass.
[19]And the foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald,
[20]the fifth sardonyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth and the twelfth amethyst.
[21]And the twelve gates were twelve pearls – each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was **clean gold**, like transparent glass.
[22]And I **saw** no **Dwelling Place** in it, for 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 Ĕl **Shaddai is its Dwelling Place and the Lamb**.
[23]And the city had no need of the sun, nor of the moon, to shine in it, **for the esteem of Elohim lightened it and the Lamb is its lamp**.
[24]And the *gentiles,* of those who are **saved**, ***shall* walk** in its **light**, and the sovereigns of the earth bring their **esteem** into it.
[25]And its gates ***shall*** not be shut at all by day, for night ***shall*** not be there.
[26]And they ***shall*** bring the **esteem** and the appreciation of the *gentiles* into it.
[27]And there ***shall*** by no means enter into it ***whatever*** is *unclean,* neither anyone *doing* **abomination** and *falsehood,* **but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of life**.

22 And he showed me a river of **water of life**, clear as crystal,**coming from the throne of Elohim and of the Lamb**.
[2]In the middle of its street and on either side of the river, was **the tree of life**, which bore twelve fruits, each **tree** yielding its **fruit every month**. **And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.**
[3]And no longer ***shall*** there be any *curse* and the throne of **Elohim** and of the **Lamb *shall* be** in it and **His servants *shall* serve Him.**
[4]And they ***shall* see His face** and **His Name *shall* be upon their foreheads.**
[5]And night ***shall* be** no more and they ***shall*** have no need of a **lamp** or the **light** of the sun, **because** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **Elohim *shall* give them light**. And **they *shall* reign forever** and **ever.**
[6]And he said to me, "**These words** are **trustworthy** and **true.** And 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 **Elohim** of the **set-apart prophets** has **sent His** messenger to **show His servants** what has to take place with **speed**.
[7]"**See,** I am **coming speedily**! **Blessed is he who guards the words of the prophecy of this book**."
[8]And I, Yoḥanan, **saw** and **heard** these matters. And when I **heard** and **saw,** I fell down to worship before the feet of the messenger who showed me these matters.
[9]And he said to me, "**See,** *do not*! For

I am your fellow **servant** and of your **brothers** the **prophets** and of those who are **guarding** the **words** of this **book**. **Worship Elohim**."

[10]And he said to me, "***Do not*** **seal** the **words of the prophecy of this book**, **because** the **time** is **near.**

[11]"***He who does wrong,*** let him do more ***wrong***; ***he who is filthy,*** let him be more ***filthy***; **he who is righteous,** let him be more **righteous**; **he who is set-apart**, let him be more **set-apart**.

[12]"**And see, I am coming speedily and My reward is with Me, to give to each according to his work**.

[13]"**I am the 'Aleph' and the 'Taw', the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.**

[14]**"Blessed are those doing His commands, so that the authority *shall* be theirs unto the tree of life** and **to enter through the gates into the city.**

[15]***"But outside are the dogs and those who enchant with drugs*** and ***those who whore*** and ***the murderers*** and ***the idolaters*** and ***all who love and do falsehood.***

[16]"I, OWYHZ, have **sent My** messenger to **witness** to you these matters in the assemblies. **I am the Root and the Offspring of Dawid, the bright and Morning Star**."

[17]And the **Spirit** and the **bride** say, **"Come!**" And he **who hears** let him say,**"Come!**" And he **who thirsts**, **come!** And he **who desires** it, **take the water of life without paying!**

[18]For I **witness to everyone hearing** the **words of the prophecy of this book**: ***If*** anyone adds to them, **Elohim *shall*** add to him the *plagues that are written in this book,*

[19]and if anyone takes away from the **words of the book of this prophecy, Elohim *shall*** *take away his part from* the **Book** of **life** and out of the **set-apart city**, which are **written** in this **Book**.

[20]**He** that bears **witness** of these matters says, "**Yea, I am coming speedily**." Amĕn. **Yea, come, Master** OWYHZ!

[21]The **favour** of our **Master** OWYHZ **Messiah be with the set-apart ones**. Amĕn.

TEN WORDS TO LOVE AND LIVE BY

I. I AM 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, out of the house of slavery. You **have no** other mighty ones against **My face**.

II. You *do not* make for yourself a *carved image,* or any likeness of that which is in the heavens above, or which is in the earth beneath, or which is in the waters under the earth. You *do not* bow down to them nor **serve** them.

For I, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** am a ***jealous*** El, visiting the *lawlessness* of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who *hate* **Me,** but showing **kindness** to thousands to those who **love Me** and **regard My commands**.

III. You *do not* bring the **Name** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** to *ruin,* for 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 *does not* leave the one *unpunished* who brings **His Name** to *naught*.

IV. **Remember** the **Sabbath** day, to dedicate it. Six days you labor and ***shall*** do **all your work,** but the **seventh day** is a **Sabbath** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim**.

You do not do any ***work*** – you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your man servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.

For in six days 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 made the heavens and the earth, the sea and **all** that is in them and rested the **seventh day. Therefore 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart**.

V. **Respect** your father and your mother so that your days are prolonged upon the soil which 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 your **Elohim** is giving you.

VI. You *do not* ***murder***.
VII. You *do not commit* ***adultery***.
VIII. You *do not* ***steal***.
IX. You *do not* bear ***false*** **witness** against your neighbor.
X. You *do not* ***covet*** your neighbor's house, wife, male servant, female servant, ox, donkey or ***whatever*** belongs to your neighbor.

HEBREW

LATIN SYMBOL	HEBREW NAME	PALAEO	MODERN	GEMATRIA	MEANING	GREEK NAME	GREEK
A	**alef**	𐤀	א	1	ox	**alpha**	**A**
B	**beth**	𐤁	ב	2	house	**beta**	**B**
G	**gimel**	𐤂	ג	3	camel	**gamma**	Γ
D	**daleth**	𐤃	ד	4	door	**delta**	Δ
H	**hay**	𐤄	ה	5	window	**hoi**	H
W	**waw**	𐤅	ו	6	hook	**digamma**	**F**
Z	**zayin**	𐤆	ז	7	weapon	**zeta**	**Z**
CH	**heth**	𐤇	ח	8	fence	**(h)eta**	**H**
T	**teth**	𐤈	ט	9	winding	**theta**	Θ
Y	**yod**	𐤉	י	10	hand	**iota**	I
K	**kaph**	𐤊	כ	20	bent hand	**kappa**	K
L	**lamed**	𐤋	ל	30	goad	**lambda**	Λ
M	**mem**	𐤌	מ	40	water	**mu**	M
N	**nun**	𐤍	נ	50	fish	**nu**	N
S	**samek**	𐤎	ס	60	prop	**xei**	Ξ
-	**ayin**	𐤏	ע	70	eye	**omega**	Ω
P	**pe**	𐤐	פ	80	mouth	**pei**	Π
TZ	**tsadee**	𐤑	צ	90	hook	**zeta**	**Z**
Q	**koph**	𐤒	ק	100	needle eye	**chi**	**X**
R	**resh**	𐤓	ר	200	head	**rho**	P
SH	**shin**	𐤔	ש	300	tooth	**sigma**	Σ
T	**tau**	𐤕	ת	400	mark	**tau**	T

Rise and Shine!

Blueberry Pancakes and The Sabbath

Imagine **5** pancakes and **170** blueberries.

If over 35% of the 170 **blueberries** were in just ONE of these pancakes, do you *think* you'd notice the richer taste of **blueberrie**s in it?

The 5 **pancakes** represent **all of Scripture**.

The 170 **blueberrie**s represent how many times the **word** "**Sabbath**" is **found** in the whole of **Scripture** (170 times).

The **first 4 pancakes** are analogous to Genesis through Malachi.

The **5th pancake** is proportionate to the other 4 pancakes as the **renewed Covenant** Writings (Matthew through Revelation) are proportionate to Genesis through Malachi.

For Illustration purposes, let's suppose that one takes the position that the "**Sabbath**" day is no longer in force, as Christians will often explain, yet they still **believe** that **all Scripture** is inspired by **Yahuah**. **Now**, let's **see** if **Scripture** agrees with the Christian assumption that the **Sabbath** day is irrelevant from the inspired writings:

Taking the total number of times the **word** "**Sabbath**" is used in **ALL of Scripture**, we find **170** occurrences. In each of these occurrences, it's the **SAME Sabbath** day being referred to and none of them are the so-called "SUN-day" being **taught** by *tradition.* Next, we assess the total amount of **all** Scripture and find that the Brith Chadasha (**Renewed Covenant** "Messianic" writings, or "N.T.") is about **one-fifth** of the whole.

Then we consider an analogy where **all Scripture** represents **5 large pancakes** and the occurrences of the **word "Sabbath**" within the text are represented by **170 blueberries** (**Remember,** the **word "Sabbath**" is used 170 times in **all of Scripture**).

We find there are ***109*** **blueberries** (65% of them) in the **first 4 pancakes**.
(**Sabbath** is **found** 109 times in Gen.-Mal.).

(**Remember,** the **first** 4 pancakes are analogous to the "Old Testament", or the TaNaKh).

We find there are **61 blueberries** (35% of them) in the **last single pancake**.

This **last** pancake is going to be **VERY rich** with **blueberries**; in fact it is mathematically over twice as dense with **blueberries** than the **first** 4 pancakes (on average, the other 4 only have 27 **blueberries** each, compared with the 61 in the 5th one).

Come, let us reason together. ***How*** is it **possible** that with "**the Sabbath**" being over 2 times as densely used in the Brith Chadasha, that Christianity never embraced it? **Yahusha** guides us into **all Truth**. **He** told us that ***if*** we hold to **His teaching** (Torah), we are **truly His** disciples and the **Truth** (Torah, Word) will set us **free** (from the bondage of sin, which is **living** *against* and *without* **His teaching**. **His teaching** is **His Torah**, which **He commanded us to go teach all nations**.)

We **obey** ***<u>because</u>*** we **love** Him, not to be **saved** through our obedience. Our **obedience** is the ***evidence*** that we are being **saved** by **His life**. ***If*** we claim to **<u>know</u> Him**, but *do* ***not obey His*** **Commands**, we are *liars* and the **Truth** is not in us.

Can you taste the blueberries?

We are a group of individual scholars of Yahuah's Word, loosely associated to one another. Some of us have different opinions on details, but in general **we all share a love** for the **Covenant** (Torah of Yahuah) **<u>and</u> a love for the one true Name of the Creator**. Anyone who shares this **love** and has been **immersed** we would consider a brother or sister in the faith.

We perform individual research of the original **language** of **Scripture** and attempt to relay a clearer idea of it to the English-speaking world. Even though some of us may disagree with one another on fine points, **we all embrace a love for the Truth and love Yahuah** and we differ from Christians in that **we obey the 10 Commandments because we have been given a love for them by Yahusha.** Christians generally **observe** 8 of the 10 and Catholics **observe** 7 of the 10; **<u>but we love all 10.</u>** For example, since we **observe** the **original Sabbath** (as "Jewish" people do also), we are often misunderstood by Christians. And, because **we hold to the testimony of Yahusha** (as "Christian" people **do also***),* we are often misunderstood by those in Orthodox Judaism.

Some of the occurrences of the **word** "**SABBATH**" that are **written** in the texts by the closest students of **Yahusha** have been made bold to the eye. ***If*** you **believe** yourself to be a **follow**er of the Mashiach of Israel and don't **observe** the **Covenant** which includes the **Sabbath day of** rest, take heed to the "walk" that the inspired **word** shows you **now**; **the Word of Yahuah warmly embracing the Sabbath will never pass away**:

Matthew 12:1 At that time **Yahusha** went on the **Sabbath** day through the corn; and **His** disciples were hungry and began to pluck the **ears** of corn and to eat.

Matthew 12:8 For the **Son** of man is **<u>Master</u>** even of the **Sabbath** day.

Matthew 12:12 ***How*** much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the **Sabbath** days.

Matthew 24:20 ***But*** pray that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the **Sabbath** day.

Matthew 28:1 As **the end** of the **Sabbath approached**, as it began to dawn toward the **first day of** the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to **see** the tomb.

Mark 2:27 **Yahusha** said unto them, The **Sabbath** was made for man and not man for the **SABBATH**.

Luke 4:16 And **He** came to Natsarith, where **He** had been brought up: and, <u>as **His** custom was</u>, **He** went into the synagogue on the **Sabbath** day and stood up for to **read**.

Luke 4:31 And **He** came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee and **taught THEM** on the **Sabbath** days. ***<u>(THE TOPIC was the Sabbaths days!)</u>***

<u>The Sabbaths were of up most importance to His Father and to His people.</u>

Luke 6:6 And it came to pass also on another **Sabbath** that **He** entered into the synagogue and **taught**: and there was a man whose right **hand** was withered.

Luke 13:14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, ***because*** that **Yahusha HAD HEALED** on the **Sabbath** day and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore **come and be healed,** but not on the **Sabbath** day.

Luke 13:16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abrahim, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, **be loosed from this bond** on the **Sabbath** day?

Luke 14:1 And it came to pass, as **He** went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat **bread** on the **Sabbath** day, that they **watched Him.**

Luke 14:3 And **Yahusha** answering and questioned the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to **heal on the Sabbath day**?

John 5:9 And **immediately** the man was made whole and took up his bed and walked: and **on the same day was the SABBATH**.

John 9:14 And **it was the Sabbath day** when **Yahusha** made the clay and opened his eyes.

John 9:16 Therefore, said some of the Pharisees, this Man is not of **Elohim**, because **He** keeps not the **Sabbath** day. Others said, ***How*** can a man that is a *sinner* do such miracles? And there was a **division among them.**

Now, *remember* what was said in Shemoth/Exodus 8:23

"And I *shall* put a distinction between MY people

(MY family) and your people. Tomorrow this sign *shall* be."

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Glance back and look at the selection of verses in Luke and notice that they encompass the verses below. (Luke 12:49-53 Page 1104)

Yahusha is speaking about **His Fathers Sabbaths** (**His appointed times** for **His people**, **His family**.)

"I **came** to send *fire* on the earth and how I **wish** it were already kindled! BUT I have an **immersion to be immersed** with and how *distressed* I am until it is **accomplished**!

"***Do*** you *think* that I **came** to give peace on earth? I say to you, **NO**, ***BUT*** rather **division**." (Mat. 5:17 Page 1024 and Mat 10:34 Page 1031)

"For from **now** on five in one house ***shall* be divided**, three against two and two against three - father ***shall* be divided** against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in- law."

It gets clearer: (Luke 12:56 & 57 Page 1105) “Hypocrites! You **know** to *discern* the face of **the heavens** and of the earth but how is it that you can not *discern* **THIS TIME**?”

“Why, **can you not judge** for yourselves **what is right**?”

John 19:31 (Page 1150) The Yahudim therefore, because it was the **preparation**, that the bodies should not remain upon the stake/*tree* on the **Sabbath day,** (for that **Sabbath** day was a high day) besought Pilate that their legs might be *broken* and that they might be taken away.

Acts 18:4 (Page 1178) And he was reasoning in the congregation **every Sabbath** and **won over** both Yahudim and Greeks.

PS: With **The Sabbaths** being of **great importance**, did Sha’ul reason **every Sabbath** on **every Sabbath** Day? He was a scholar of **Scripture** and he was equipped to reason (**NOT DEBATE**) with the “Jews” and the Greeks in either **language,** showing them that **The Sabbaths** were scripturally sound and required/**commanded**. They were won over.

Is your house divided? Is your house opinionated? ***If*** so, then **Scripture** has been fulfilled once more. It is quite tasteful and **good** to indulge in blueberry pancakes. Try one, you might like it.

“Division” could be great, depending on which side you are on and who is doing the choosing. Our instructions were to take **HEED**! ***Do*** *not* let anyone ***FOOL*** us! We have been **forewarned**!

Divide: To make a di**vision** into parts, sections, or branches. To *break* up, part, partition, section, segment, separate. To **cause** to become apart one from another. Break, detach disjoin, disjoint, disunite, divorce, separate, split. Set at odds.

Division: The act or instance of separating one thing from another. **Yahusha** clarified the “issue” being preached to **His** sheep. Detachment, disunion, divorce, separation, split-up, divergence, disunion, split.

What is more delightful than blueberry pancakes? **Is the Sabbath your delight**? Can you not **see** that when **Yahusha** made **taught ones** concerning **love-obedience** to **The Sabbath** that they were healed?

The **Sabbath** is our **sign** for 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 to **know** that we are in **covenant** with **Him.** There will **come** a time when **His** sheep, **know His** voice and **call** upon **His Name** and are **taught** the direct relationship of **love-obedience** to **healing** and **wholeness**. Once more **He** will **esteem His** mighty **Name** and **His power** to **heal** ***shall*** **be** among us. **The Living Word** has said: **Come! Come out** of ***“her”***. **Come**, **come** as a *little* child and “permit **Me**” to give you REST! “Permit **Me**” to FEED **My people**!

Colossians 2:16 & 17(Page 1251) “**Let no man** therefore **judge** you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a **festival,** or of the **new moon**, or of the **Sabbaths days** – which are a shadow of things to **come - for** the Body of the Mashiach.”

Rise and Shine?
It Is Time To Let The Son Shine In!

Greetings, here's one of those 153 char-baked fish to replace *unclean* meat and go along with our cheesy garlic grits. Let's enjoy the savory taste of **truth** that our "pesca" has been enhanced with. Permit the **seasoned salt** to make us "free enough" to spit out the ole bones that can **cause** us to choke - smother - or suffocate.

Here is a big fish tale! The Living Word tells the Pharisees and the *scribes* that a *wicked* and *adulterous* generation **seeks after a sign** and no **sign *shall* be given** to it ***except* the sign of the** prophet Yonah. Yonah 1:17.(Page 690) For as Yonah was ***three days and three nights*** in the stomach of the **great fish**, so ***shall*** the **Son** of Adam be ***three days and three nights*** in the heart of the earth. ***What*** was Yonah **sent** to proclaim? ***What*** was the **Son** of Man **sent** to declare? ***Was*** it the **same?**

The one-two-three's about the ***3 days and 3 nights*** "**schedule"** the **Messiah knew** about and the topic that **He** expounded on to those close to **Him**, has **always** confused labored minds. It has been **written** that for **every *matter*** there is an **appointed time**, even a **time** for **every** pursuit under the heavens: Qoheleth 3.(Page 889) We sing about **TIME** but do we really **understand TIME**?

Right now is the **perfect moment** for us to examine the fish tales and the "catches" of others so to put into perspective their "rumors" that have **no measure** of **TRUTH**.

There **IS** a **time** to be born and "re-born", a **time** to plant, a **time** to **heal,** a **time** to build up, a **time** to laugh and a **time** to dance. There is no **secret** or **mystery** about ***3 days and 3 nights*** but there is a **lot** of *confusion* with the **time**-keeping of "the world" and its organized religions.

Let us **all** take a piece of **time** and enjoy this freshly baked crusty **heel** of buttered **bread** with our favorite **cup** of tea or java!

Now is the **time** to *throw* away stones and a **time** to pick up stones. Let's permit ourselves to **gather** as many as we need so to learn to count and comprehend light from dark. It is the **time** to **embrace** and a **time** to refrain from embracing **what** we *do not* **understand** or can not grasp. **Now** is the **time** to **seek** and a **time** to kick loose what is holding us back, a **time** to keep and a **time** to *throw* out those things that ***offend*** our **Father.**

Now is the **time** to *tear* away *falsehood* and the **time** to carefully sew on the patch of worthiness. **Now** is the **time for us** to think-live-love with **all** that we've got and have been freely **given**. Is it a **time** to continue to be silent? No. It is the **instant** to stand-forth and shine! **It is the time to speak up or there will never be peace!**

Is it the **time** to **love** or the **time** to *hate?* Both! We must learn **speedily** what we have been **commanded** to **love** *sew* to **live** and *sew* to discover what our **Father *hates***. Please let's not permit ourselves and our loved ones to be tricked and compromised physically-

mentally-spiritually AGAIN. It is a **time** for battle and there will be a **time** for peace. The halls are decked with **JOKERS** so *do not* be *fooled* by the **words** they say or the cards they show. Joker: one who ***FOOLS***?

Remember, we have been forewarned time and time again!

What do we *gain* by hard **work** toiling over **book**s and **facts** to clarify and support our **very** foundations of **belief**? Answer me that.

Time-Time-Time. Yep! In some cases we gain more time.

Now, what is the big deal about this moment? Answer me.

The conclusion of ALL: (Qoheleth 12:13 Page 896)
Fear Elohim and guard His command,
For this applies to <u>all mankind</u>!

The overview about the ***three days and three nights*** separates students of the **Word. <u>*Whose* words do you believe in?</u>** Has any ***doubt*** in what you thought true, leaked in? It's justifiable, so we are not sunk yet.**Ask** yourself: ***Whose*** time table am I observing and ***Who*** is observing me?

Question: Are "fishers of men" pulling the wool over our <u>eyes</u> and "telling us a big whopper" that ***3 nights <u>and</u> 3 days*** is only 1 and ½ days in reality? Are "shepherds" "celebrating" that "the **Lamb** of **Elohim**" was slaughtered to atone for our "*lawlessness*" and ***declaring***, by their religion, that **Yahusha** ***<u>deceived</u>*** <u>us</u> about the **72 hour** "hitch" that **He** <u>repeatedly spoke</u> of so we would **know?** So we would **know** that **His Word is TRUTH** and **His Father is true to His Word**.

This "***three nights and three days",*** "**specific limit**" or "**stretch**" would be **THE sign** to a *wicked generation*. Don't tell me that we have been DUPED once more? **Time separates love** ones. **Actions speak** much louder than **words**. Yahusha **taught** and **SHOWED His** students **all** about the importance of **that sign** and **this time**. ***What*** are we showing **Him**? The **knowledge** is there but are we understanding.

How are we handling ourselves as students or believers of the **Living Word**? ***Do*** we have the fun filled attitude of **enlightened taught ones** or are we still *floundering* at this **"instant".** Are we <u>observing</u> everything that we have **READ** thus far and <u>displaying</u> it with our actions so that **He knows** that we trust in **Him**? ***<u>DO WE READ for ourselves?</u>*** Are we possibly being **permitted** to float downstream as "a school" with *no direction* so to be smashed against the rocks in a **twinkling of an eye**?

We must **ask** ourselves if we **believe** the **words** that Yahusha **taught** and **SHOWED His taught ones. <u>Did His words come to be?</u>** Was a Hebrew man by the **Name of Yahusha**, **raised from the dead after spending *three days and three nights*** in the "belly of the big fish"? **<u>Is there life after death</u>**? **<u>Are the dead resurrected?</u>** Are *sins* for**<u>given</u>**?

You will comprehend **TIME** before understanding and appreciating endless **TIME**.

Do we **believe** the **words** of **Yahusha**, the **Lamb** of **Elohim**, the **bread** of **life**, the **light** of the world, the **door** of the sheep, the **good shepherd**, the **resurrection** and the **life**, the **Son** of **Elohim**, the **Son** of **Adam,** the **Messiah**, "the" **Yahusha** of **Natsarith** and T**HE SOVEREIGN OF THE YAHUDIM**? Just who do we believe and **BELIEVE IN**?

There is no harm done for us to try to **understand** what really happened and study the **time** frame so to **speedily** correct our "mistake" or "misconception" of what we have "received" or have been "force fed." It is of extreme importance to **understand** that **His Words** (**Living Words**) are **true** and **never pass away**. ***When*** your eyes are opened to this constant never changing **TRUTH** the entire urgency of matters can be grasped.

SIGNS? We have been forewarned about things that we will notice before "the end"? We must **first** "hear" and "see" to be able to re-learn and re-new our Creators timing keeping. **His** time keeping is explained and recorded in the **first** chapter of Bereshith. This is the Master's elementary technique of explaining **time.** ***When*** we are **commanded** to pray that our flight *does not* take place in winter or on the **Sabbath**, which **Sabbath** are you not planning to travel on?

It is always safe and practical to do things <u>His Way</u>.

As **LOVE obedient follow**ers, Who and what do we relish to **believe** in? **The Living Word** was **<u>sent</u>** to be a **living** example of "overcoming with El" and **He *pointed out*** many who "stove with El". **He** was permitted to educate us physically, spiritually and mentally. He showed the world that it is **possible** to be **saved** from "Sin" (transgression from a moral code or a moral law) that crouches at **all of** our **doors**. We should **<u>know</u>** that *sin's* desire is for us and we are **commanded** to master "it"

This piece was written to address TWO fundamental "strongholds" concerning the <u>mysterious</u> ***"3 days and 3 nights"*** and the problem that all are lead astray ***<u>because</u>***, NO ONE READS FOR THEMSELVES. How hard is it to READ from the 1st to the last page of The Scriputres?

ONLY TWO NIGHTS (referenced article, from Queries & Comments, Biblical Archaeological Review, Jan / Feb 2008) Most theologians miss the obvious, simple meaning to the text concerning how **Yahusha ha'Mashiach** was in the heart of the Earth for *"three days and three nights"* because they force the concept of "**preparation** day" to only refer to their Roman "Friday". ***When*** understood within the religion/halachah of Israel, instead of Christianity, this "**preparation day**" referred to at Mt. 27:62, Mk. 15:42, Lk. 23:54 and Yn. 19:31 applies to the day before the mo'ed (**appointed** time) of Matsah, the fifteenth **day of** the **first** moon, the day after Passover (Passover/Pesach occurs at the arrival of the 14 th of the moon).

This fifteenth day is an "annual" Shabbath (rest day), so the *14th of* **every <u>first</u>** *<u>moon</u> is* **always** *termed a "***preparation** *day".* The Greek text captures the idea of the approaching day as a "High Shabbath" in the **word** "MEGAS" (G3173), Yn. 19:31. It has nothing to do with the SHABUA (week) of 7 days, *only the moon.*

The "stronghold" opinion that the term "**preparation day**" is a "Friday" is simply a gross, long-lived error. The actual **day of** the week is irrelevant, but we **know** from researching it thoroughly that the **day of** Yahusha's impalement was on the 4th **day of** the week, several hours after sunrise (this would be the Roman/Celtic day called "Woden's Daeg").

Carefully counting the "days" and "nights" from the time **Yahusha** was entombed, we find the count went like this:

Nakdimon and Yosef took Yahusha's body from the *tree* at the close of the day, **just prior to sunset**, because the approaching sunset signaled the arrival of the **first day of** Matsah (Unleavened Bread), a "high" day:

Woden's Daeg at sunset began **night #1** (the next sunrise began the day #1)

Thor's Daeg at sunset began **night #2** (the next sunrise began the day #2)

Frigga Daeg at sunset began **night #3** (the next sunrise began the day #3)

Total: **3 days and 3 nights.**
At sunset as the weekly Shabbath drew to a close, **Yahusha** rose from the dead. The ***discovery*** of His resurrection was not until the **following** morning when Miryam of Migdal arrived on the **first day of** the week and **found** the stone had been removed and the body was missing.

This morning was **very** special, since **Yahusha** (as Kohen haGadol) would ascend before the **Father** (Yahuah) as the "wave sheaf offering". This is why He *would not* allow Miryam to touch Him, because He had not yet presented Himself as the wave sheaf offering. His resurrected body represented the "**First**-fruits" offering, another overlooked but vital part of what was being fulfilled.

The **perfect** timing of **all** means that **Yahusha** and the 12 were observing **Passover** at the beginning of the 14 **day of** the moon and it was a Tyr's Daeg **evening**/night. The *confusion* is not helped by the fact that the Roman days begin at midnight, instead of the proper time, at sunset. This misunderstanding by Christianity has been the reason that many of us have often said they can't count – but it's really only a *stronghold of false* **teaching** and being removed from the **true** faith of the Mashiach for so long.

They have a "form" of piousness, but *deny* its **authority** over them: they have no Passover, **festival** of Matsah, Shabouth, Yom Teruah, Yom Kaphar, or Sukkoth - the "shadows" of redemption-things to come. By referencing everything around "Sun-day", they miss the foundation because they *did not* build on it in the **first** place. They built their "matrix" patterned after ***sun*-worshippers** and *abandoned* the festivals of Israel, Yahusha's **true** bride/wife.

This is the **simple answer** that we **all** need. **Now** in your opinion, how huge was this whopper of a wail/whale?

M and M's
A True **Delight**!

This "goody" was **hand delivered** with **boldness** in Florida to the most influential women **known** as Daughters of the American Revolution. Their present and future national representatives also attended this award luncheon at their state convention the spring of 2007. I was instrumental to gift over $16,000 (wholesale) in cherished items with the enthusiastic challenge to **encourage** the DAR to help restore "god's" **Name** to our **Pledge of Allegiance** in return for a continuous monetary donation to their schools.

MISSION AND MESSAGE

We **all** are related by **blood** to victorious men and women so I have selected the theme of M and M to mean Mission and Message.

First of all: Is **every** one having a **good** time?

Alright! Over the **last** forty years my motto has been: ***If*** you were not having fun then you need not be doing it. Well fun was and still is my middle name and I am still having a **great** time.

I have been asked here to present something fun to six talented youths and their sponsor but before I do so I would like to share with you a *little* more of the story behind the scenes of obtaining this expensive donation.

My name is Pamela Winters Hardy Stanford and I am a brand new member of DAR. Knowing only this information what do you *think* is the possibility of being where I am today, in front of the most prestigious ladies organization that one can be born into and qualify for much less **speak** in front of.

If I were to tell you five months ago that "my mission" was to **speak** to you being a new member at the state conference you would have declared my *mission impossible*.

But it is this type of mission that helps win wars and I **agree** my *mission was impossible*.

The possibility of being right here in my **shoes** was *impossible* but that was the mission that I was **given**. Where do we **read** that **every thing** is **possible** if you **love** ***WHO? What is His Name?***

I have almost **completed** my advanced studies in **Messianic Scripture** and I spend from 4 to 6 hours, 7 days a week in the **textbook** that we **all know** as the bible. It was America's primary reader and still is the most sold "**book**" of **all** times. I can pretty well tell you what is on each page if I am **given** a page number. ***If*** I am **given** a theme, I can probably give you an idea of exactly how many times it is discussed and where. ***But*** my studies have **now** far surpassed

that of the average believer and student. I am walking the talk.
At this moment, I am applying the chapters that give **instruction** of being lead by **oour Father's Spirit** and having **Him** put **words** in my mouth when **He** places me in front of assemblies. **Now** this is new territory so that is why I am reading my script, the one **He has provided**.

Now, if *you do not* **believe** that the **One** we **serve** **under**, **Our Father,** the **King of Israel**, can lead me or tell me what **He** wants me to say to you, then just consider this entertainment.

Four months ago, my heavenly **Father** gave me a specific mission to be right here today and to bless you with something. My response was, oh yeah, I can **see** it *now.* Oh my goodness. ***What*** in the world do **You, Father,** have in mind?

So, I started to take private dance lessons so my physical body could learn to **follow His lead**. I desired to **follow His** lead more than anything in the world. I paid close attention to touch and to the quiet voice of my personal instructor and the steps I had to learn to get from one point to another. I even **learned** to **follow** my instructor with my eyes opened or closed and to **follow** with or without music.

Now, this is where the story gets good. A couple of months ago I arrived a *little* late to my chapter meeting and I was met at the **door** by my friend Barbara. She is the one who introduce me to DAR and I feel as if she has **always** taken me under her wings. The seat that was set aside for me was **given** to one of two ladies that showed up unexpectantly. I told Barbara that I would be **delighted** to pay for my meal and head home to **work** in the garden. That was not going to happen so I suggested that she could put me in the center back or in one of the corners and that it *would not* be the **first** time I have spent time in a corner, if you **know** what I mean.

Oh no, she *would not* have it. Within minutes my **ears** picked up on her distinguished voice, Pam, Pam, here you are, right here. This seat will be just **perfect.** So I headed to the front table and low and behold I am sitting next to a guest. *little* o me. That morning was shaping up to be like the example about the seating arrangements in the bible that I **knew** so well but had not experienced. ***What*** was the possibility of **living** it out in 2007?

I have **learned** and **believe** that The **One** I **serve** is above **all** things. **He** is in control and **He** puts each and everyone one of us exactly where **He** wants us to be and **He** puts us there to be used for **His** desire. ***If*** we *do not* like the seating arrangement or the assignment then **He** will choose someone else to do what needs to be done. **His** desire will absolutely get **accomplished** and **His message** will get **delivered**.

Here is how **He** works.

The story continues: Before I left for this one meeting, I picked up a bag of scrunches and put them in my pocketbook. **My** *intentions* were to give them to someone I met at the previous meeting. I was ushered to my seat by Barbara and introduced to this **distinguished** guest. I wonder who I had the pleasure of

sharing that meeting and meal with? You guessed it, Rebecca, our State regent. "The" State Regent.

What a **blessing.** Our limited conversation was unsurpassed and I was actively filling up her water glass and passing the butter so to be an attentive host. We both loved the dessert and I *did not* spill anything in my lap or on anyone else. That was good.

During our meeting the daughter on my right **hand** had need of some goodies for some *little* girls such as makeup, hair products, etc. and low and behold, when she sat down, I pulled the scrunches out of my pocketbook and asked if she could use them. The response was **very** positive.

So, **now** at this time, I have 120 fun-filled bags with a total of 6,823 scrunches "for free" on the table behind you for any chapter that can use them. Please pick up one or two before leaving. I am sure you can find a use for them. ***If*** you would like to use them as an accessory while having fun in the sun, use them as bracelets!

The story gets better. Rebecca eloquently speaks to our group and at **the end** of her talk she mentions her need for Sea World tickets for this talented Blue Grass group that will entertain at the State convention. She was willing to spend her **precious** time **in order** to get a discounted rate for the tickets by sitting through a lengthy time share presentation. I felt this warm **hand** and **cool tingle** that I **know** so well and **knew** beyond a shadow of a ***doubt*** what was to be done. I **knew** why the **One** I am **following** had arranged to have Barbara put me in the exact seat I was occupying.

He knows His plan and **<u>our needs</u> way** before we ask. So, **He** was going to provide **blessings** through me to those **He** had **chosen** to receive them. **His Word** of **blessing** was being clarified to me a *little* at a time.

Those dance lessons were paying off. I felt really **good** about **hearing** and **following His** lead. ***But*** my story *does not* end there.

There would be more **blessings**. Rebecca so enjoyed the good news of these tickets that she wanted me to present them at this **very** time and at this conference with the theme of "**fun in the sun**". **Now *remember,*** fun is my middle name and the good news is that our Heavenly **Father** also enjoys fun.

I happen to the **first** manufacturer of tropical garments for children in the world. So if you notice behind you on the **same** table there are a couple of hundred dozen shirts for anyone who would love to have one. XS ladies- 3X mens. "For free".

So, we have 6,823 scrunches, a couple of hundred dozen garments and **now** for the next **blessing.**

Would the only female member of the band, advance up here to receive the seven expensive tickets to Sea World along with matching tropical shirts for the jazz band members and their sponsor.

I have also included one for your school secretary. Thank you so much for the entertainment you provide and welcome to Florida.

I also have **hand** selected a half dozen shirts for you Rebecca, **thanks** so much for including me in this luncheon.

Now, there are no strings *hanging* from the shirts **but there are strings attached to the gifts** that **I have freely given** and that is for your **attention** so to **deliver** my message.

Now, for my **M and M** that was assigned to me over 4 months ago.

When Rebecca wanted me to present the tickets to these **precious** students I had no idea of what **My Heavenly Father** had in **mind** for me or for you. **You,** Daughters of the American Revolution are so blessed and talented and your **belief** in **Him**, the **One** who we **all serve** has been steadfast. Our **pledge** of allegiance was approved in the early fifties and has undergone two simple *change*s. At the moment there are some who are focused on removing "under god" from our pledge.

We **pledge** allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under god.

His question to us is which "mighty one"? Which "god" are we under?

God is a pronoun and it can be one of thousands.

Ladies, you **all** are patriotic and you **all** have been instrumental in our government and educational systems from day one. You are active in the community, in your state, in your nation and have international **good works**. Your hearts are so **kind** and **perfect.** I might be new but I almost shed tears as Rebecca and I listened to the summary of your **achievements** and **good works**. I am so *proud* to be a part of DAR.

So, I asked Him, ***How*** in the world am I supposed to bless these **precious** ladies for **You, Father?** I only have one minute. So, He responded. ***Give*** them things and **read** fast.

He further **revealed** my specific mission. Your mission is to share with them **My Name** because you **know** that wherever **I cause My Name** to be **remembered** I ***shall*** **come** and bless them. This **secret** you have **My permission** to share with **My daughters**.

The **knowledge** and **use** of **His Name** brings **blessings** home, home to America. It starts with you and then it is shared with your family and loved ones. **His blessing** then moves upon our cities, upon our state, onto our country and upon the land that we **love.** It brings **Him** here. **His** land is our land. The question is: ***Do*** we as women, wives, grandmothers and Americans want to be ***under*** **His reign** and **His Name** to receive the **blessings** that **He promises**. ***When*** we say this generic **pledge** it is implied that this is what we desire.

But **why must His Name and our pledge be generic?**

So at this time I would like to simply state that the god that you and I **serve** has a **Name** that **He** has named **Himself** and has **written** it with **His very** own finger eleven times in the **Ten Words**. It is pronounced as Yah-oo-ah and **He declares Himself** to be the **Elohim** of Israel and the Hebrews. **His Name** was not **intended** to be a **secret** but the *misuse* and the deployment of this powerful **Name** was a result of *rebellion* and *religious* **freedom.** The ones responsible for covering up **His Name** are dead and gone.

Even children can **pronounce** Yah-oo-ah. Some scholars suggest it is Yahweh, but the simple truth is **known** that you and I are **commanded *not*** *to substitute or erase* **His Name.** Sadly to say, this **precious Name**, the only one we must **pledge** to, has been *chiseled out* from our **book** and primary reader well over 6,823 times. This is **His urgent message** to all of us and we have **His** permission to use **His Name** in **good** times and *bad* times, during **peace** or when at *war*. He just wants us to **love** and **use it**. ***What*** is the slogan for some shoe company? Just do it!

I would like to end this **first** M and M with this **blessing** for my friends and sister patriots, **The Daughters of the American Revolution**.

Let's all *remember* and keep in mind Who we serve. Our **Command**er and **Chief**, Yah-OO-ah (Yahuah) has a mighty **Name** and has a plan of victory. This is **His message** and it is **His belief**, that **His** daughters will grasp the **knowledge** of this **blessing** and figure out what to do with it. **He desires our allegiance**.

If you as a national group decide to **accept** the mission of placing **His Name** to its rightful place in our **pledge** then I will **immediately pledge** my support with my **first** money order of $6,823.00 for this endeavor and as a donation to the Kate Duncan School.

The next three verses are specifically for you.

יְהוָה bless us and guard us in **Your Name**

יְהוָה **cause Your** face to shine upon us and **show** favor to us

יְהוָה lift up **Your** face upon us and give us peace.

I **ask** this and **come** to you in **His Awesome Name**.

When this **Mighty Name** is lifted up and restored in our hearts as well as in our **pledge** then **He** has declared that **He Himself *shall* come** and bless us. **He** is **true** to His **Word!**

I **thank** our **Father** for allowing me to share this with you. Yahuah is my **lot.**

HOT! HOT! HOT!

WHAT DOES THE DAY OF 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄

HAVE TO DO WITH BURSTING INTO FLAMES?

The very last thing people will do on this Earth is within their power to decide. It's a choice we all have to make; and making no choice is a choice.

We can choose to <u>enter into the Covenant with the Creator of the Universe</u>, 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄, or to BURST INTO FLAMES (the other choice).

This should be a no-brainer, if there ever was one, but, most people have decided to burst into flames.

There's a **very** important job before each of us. ***What*** we do with our time while in the *flesh* can have a profound affect on whether our "neighbor" will be redeemed, or **burst into flames**.

Over the years, we have **all** listened to the criticisms of other brothers and sisters that wanted **<u>to debate</u>** the proper manner of: 1. Dress 2. Foods 3. New moons.

4. Male circumcision of adult Gentile converts.

5. ***How*** certain things should not be used to publish/proclaim the **Name** of Yahuah (bumper stickers, shirts, etc., are too "profane" for them, as if there are other things that are not "profane").

6. Controversial topics such as "rapture"

7. Not **teaching** about "the Trinity", or the **true Name** as "JESUS", because people have been healed in that name and recognize it better, because "it's English and that's what WE speak".

8. ***When*** to assemble.

There's no end to the debates, but at the end of the day, or should we say the "times of the Gentiles", very few of these debates will matter.

What will matter most is whether people have been enabled to learn of Yahuah's **Covenant** during their time spent in this world, not whether they were wearing a kipa or **believed** something; what matters is how they **<u>WALKED</u>**. ***If*** **they walked in repentance** and turned back in **obedience to the Torah**, **believing in Yahusha 's atoning** *death* and being **immersed,** calling upon **His <u>Name</u> for the forgiveness of their** *sins***,** they will be **saved**.

If you have gotten this far and **<u>have endured to the end</u>** and are reading this article, <u>you have been enabled to learn of Yahuah's **Covenant** and His **coming** reign</u>. Those who endure to **the end** will be **saved**. Mark 13:13

A FEW THINGS THAT CAN'T HELP US:

The "sacraments", organizations, *traditions* and other people's **good** report on how we are fine human beings is of no value toward preventing us from **bursting into flames.**

1. **Not just "believing",** but **"obeying and believing" is the goal.** We must **know** Yahusha and be **known** by **Him.**

2. ***If*** **we claim to know Him** but *do* ***not obey*** **His Commandments we are liars**: **"We know that we have come to know Him if we obey His Commands. The man who says, 'I know him,' but** *does not* **do what He commands is a liar** and **the Truth is not in him.** ***But*** **if anyone obeys His Word, (Elohim)'s love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in Him:*whoever* claims to live in Him must walk as Yahusha did."**
1 John/Yahuchanan 2:3-6

So, the next time someone tells you that observing "the Sabbath" is not necessary for you, right away you **know** that Yahusha *would not* tell you that. The person that says that to you is not "walking" as **Yahusha** did and if they continue down that road, **they will burst into flames**. ***If*** by telling you to rest on the **Sabbath** I am **teaching** you one of Yahuah's **Command**ments, how much *trouble* will I get into, or you, for obeying? Would **Yahusha** be able to say,

"I never knew you: depart from Me, you that work *lawlessness*. Therefore whosoever hears these sayings of Mine and **does them, I will liken him to a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended** and **the floods came** and **the winds blew** and **beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that hears these sayings of Mine** and **does them not, *shall* be likened to a *foolish* man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended** and **the floods came** and **the winds blew** and **beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the** *fall* **of it."** Matt 7:23-27

"The Son of man *shall* send forth His angels and **they *shall* gather out of His kingdom all things that offend** and **them which do** *lawlessness*; **And *shall* *cast* them into a furnace of** *fire*: **there *shall* be** *wailing* **and** *gnashing* **of** *teeth*."
Matt 13:41-42

Those making the choice to *ignore* the warnings are heading down a broad road, galloping and exploding as they go and will ultimately meet their end by **bursting into flames**. ***What*** fun is there in that?

"Wail, for the day of (Yahuah) is near; it will come like *destruction* from the Almighty. Because of this, all hands will go limp, every man's heart will melt. Terror will *seize* **them, pain and anguish will grip them; they will writhe like a woman in labor. They will look aghast at each other, their faces aflame.**

See, the day of (Yahuah) is coming --a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger--to make the land desolate and destroy the *sinners* **within it. The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. The rising sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light. I will** *punish* **the world for its** *evil***, the wicked for** *their sins.***"** Isa 13:6-11

"*But* the day of (Yahuah) will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be *destroyed* by *fire* and **the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be *destroyed* in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live (set-apart) and (pious) lives as you look forward to the day of (Yahuah) and speed its coming. That day will bring about the *destruction* of the heavens by** *fire* and **the elements will melt in the heat."** 2 Peter 3:10-12

"For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine (teaching). Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the Truth (Torah, teaching) **and turn aside to myths."** 2 Tim 4:3-4

And, it will get them roasted alive.

For ISRAEL, those in **His Covenant**, protection will be provided:
"***When* you walk through the** *fire***, you will not be burned; the** *flames* **will not set you ablaze.**" Isa 43:2

THE DAY OF YAHUAH IS APPROACHING and ON THAT DAY:

"*When* you see this, your heart will rejoice and you will flourish like grass; the hand of YAHUAH will be made known to His servants, but His fury will be shown to His foes. See, YAHUAH is coming with *fire* and **His chariots are like a whirlwind; He will bring down His anger with fury** and **His *rebuke* with** *flames* **of** *fire***. For with** *fire* **and with His** *sword* **YAHUAH will** *execute* **judgment upon** *all men* and **many will be those** *slain* **by YAHUAH.**
'Those who consecrate and purify themselves to go into the gardens, following the one in the midst of those who eat the *flesh* **of *pigs* and rats and other <u>abominable</u> things--they will meet their end together,' declares YAHUAH.**
'And I, because of their actions and their imaginations, am about to come and gather all nations and tongues and **they will come** and **see My Chabod.'"** Isa 66:14-18

"*Then* the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty and **every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks,**

'Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

For the great day of His wrath has come and **who can stand?'"** Rev 6:15-17

"I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice He judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing *fire* and **on His head are many crowns. He has a Name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood** and **His Name is the Word of Elohim. The armies of heaven were following Him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of His mouth comes a sharp** *sword* **with which to** *strike* **down the nations. He will rule them with an iron scepter. He treads the** winepress **of the fury of the wrath of** El **Shaddai. On His robe and on His thigh He has this Name written:**
Melek of Melekim and Sovereign of sovereigns." Rev 19:11-16

Tickling the ears with the concept of "unconditional love" is part of the "lie", a strong *delusion* **sent because people have refused to receive a love for the Truth.**

The *false* **teacher will teach that Yahuah loves "unconditionally", right up to the point He tosses them into the lake of** *fire***.**

There <u>are</u> conditions and **Scripture is a long record of those conditions.**

***How* could they miss the point? Wrath and love are mutually exclusive.**

PREPARING FOR THE DAY OF Wrath

WHAT SHOULD WE BE DOING?

The times ahead appear to be like a gathering *storm* and many people are growing "fearful" and hoping to store food, water and various supplies - even weapons - so they can survive the *horrors* that may soon **come** upon the world.

A question in this regard was asked:

"Someone told me that in a **few** years we should **come** into a **very** *rough* time. That we have to **prepare** yourselves for that time and that we have to begin to *practice* a sort of survival **life**. Are you well informed of it? And if not, do you have another explanation? ***If*** you have time, please answer me."

Answer from Scripture: I **know** there are many people who are **very** concerned about being prepared and there is some advice in Yahuah's Word that warns us to **prepare** for approaching *evil*. The day that is rapidly approaching for the ***destruction*** of the *unrighteous* is **truly** going to be catastrophic, however we are not to be ***destroyed*** in this wrath, but rather "changed" in the twinkling of an eye. Our hope is not in our arm of *flesh,* or what we can **prepare** beforehand, but rather we look forward to the hope of being clothed with immortality and **all** the physical preparedness we try to store away for the day will be of no use to us whatsoever.

We must put our efforts in **teaching** others to get into the **Covenant** for their salvation, not store away water, blankets and food. This is simply my viewpoint

and I certainly mean no criticism of those who are preparing for the Day of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 in a different **way.**

Yahusha told us to be anxious for nothing, for each day has enough *trouble* of its own.

Tomorrow is going to have troubles and the next day, but we should focus on the day we are **living** in and leave worrying about tomorrow for that day. ***What*** if we had stored water, blankets, tools and food and then had to flee quite **suddenly**? Most likely we could only carry a small amount; and if the *trap* closes on the world **suddenly**, we have been told to **NOT** go back and get anything from our house. Our trust needs to be in **Yahusha** alone and He will feed and clothe us if we are in need of those things, especially in the **day of** wrath. His **wrath** is not for us and we must focus on working to bring others to the Light of His Word (Torah), so they will not be ***caught*** in the *fire* that is about to consume the Earth. That is the best **way** to **prepare** for the time ahead.

Psalm 27:5 "For in the **day of** *evil* He hides me in His booth; In the covering of His **Tent** He hides me; On a rock He raises me up."

Proverb 22:3 "A clever one foresees *evil* and hides himself, but the simple go on and are punished."

Some balance has to be **found** between these two verses. Our priority is to be fruitful. ***If*** we are killed, we are those **found** "under the altar" at Rev. 6:9-11:

"And when He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the beings of those having been *slain* **for the Word of Elohim and for the witness which they held,**

and they cried with a loud voice, saying, '*How* long, O Master, set-apart and true, until You judge and *avenge* our blood on those who dwell on the earth?'

And there was given to each one a white robe and **they were told that they should rest a** *little* **while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brothers, who would be killed as they were, was completed."** Rev. 6:9-11

One day 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 ***shall*** make **known** who is His and who is dedicated to **Him.** He has **warned** us and **given** us notice over and over again in many languages. ***When*** we **see** those around us start to burst into *flames* because 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 has created what is unheard of then we **all *shall* know** that these men and women have scorned 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.

~ Last Call ~ Yahuah's Cup of Wrath ~

YirmeYahu was not a "bull frog"!
Whose Cup Will You Be Sipping From?

Listen to **Me,** *you who pursue righteousness*, **seeking** 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄: **Look** to the rock you were hewn from and to the hole of the pit you were dug from. **Look** to Abrahim your father and to Sarah who bore you. For he was alone when I called him and I blessed him and increased him.

Listen to **Me, My people** and give ear to **Me,** *O* **My** *nation*, for the Torah goes forth from **Me** and **My right-ruling** I set as a light to peoples. **My righteousness** is near, **My deliverance *shall*** go forth and **My** arm judges peoples. Coastlines wait upon **Me** and for **My** arm they wait expectantly.

Listen to **Me,** *you who* **know** *righteousness*, *a people in whose heart is* **My** *Torah*: ***Do not*** **fear** the *reproach* of men nor be *afraid* of their r*evil*ing. **My righteousness** is **forever** and **My deliverance** to **all** generations"

Awake, **awake**, put on strength, O arm of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄! **Awake** as in days of old, **everlasting** generations. **Awake**, **awake** yourself! Rise up, O Yerushalayim; you who have drunk at the **hand** of 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 the **cup** of **His** wrath. You have drunk the dregs of the **cup** of reeling and drained it out.

Both *ruin* and ***destruction*** are **coming** upon you – who is sorry for you? ***How shall*** I comfort you? **See**, the days are **coming** when it is no longer said, '𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 lives who brought up the children of Yisra'el from the land of Mitsrayim but 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 lives who brought up the children of Yisra'el from the land of the north and from **all** the lands where I drove them.' For I ***shall*** bring them back into their land I gave to their fathers.

See, I am sending for many fishermen to fish for them. After that I ***shall*** send for many hunters to hunt for them from **every** mountain and hill and out of the holes of the rocks. **My** eyes are on **all** their ways; they have not been *hidden* from **My** face nor has their *crookedness* been *hidden* from **My** eyes. **First** I ***shall* repay** double for their *crookedness* and *their sin because* they have defiled **My** land with the dead bodies of their **disgusting matters** and have filled **My inheritance** with their **abominations**.

Remember, that I 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄 ***shall* be** your strength, your stronghold and your **refuge** in the **day of** distress. The *gentiles* ***shall* come to Me** from the ends of the earth and say, "Our Fathers have inherited only *falsehood* and futility and there is no value in them." ***Why*** did they make mighty ones that were not mighty ones? Therfore see, I ***shall* cause** them to **know** this time **My hand** and **My** might! They ***shall* know** that **My Name** is 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄.

There ***shall* be** a **wine cup** of **wrath** from **My hand** to the nations to whom I send it. They ***shall*** drink, *shake* and go mad because of the *sword* that I am sending among them. They can not refuse to take **My cup** to drink. "They will drink!" **Wait ~ Watch ~ Witness**!

I am beginning to bring *evil* upon the city which is called by **My Name.** ***Should*** they be entirely unpunished? They are not going *unpunished* because I am calling for a *sword* on **all the inhabitants of the earth**. I ***shall*** roar from on high and utter **My** voice from **My** set-apart dwelling place. I ***shall*** roar **mightily** over **My** fold,

a shout as those who tread the grapes against **<u>all the inhabitants of the earth</u>**. Tumult ***shall*** **come** to the ends of the earth because I have a controversy with the nations. **I *shall* enter into judgment with all** *flesh.* The "**wrong**", I ***shall*** give to the sword. In that day the *slain* ***shall*** **be** from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth. They ***shall*** not be lamented, gathered or buried for they are *dung* on the face of the ground. *Howl* **you shepherds**!

See, those whose judgment was **not** to drink of the **cup have certainly drunk**. Will you go unpunished? No, but certainly drink of it. Your land has been filled with *sin* against **Me,** the **Set-apart One of Yisra'el**. ***Flee*** from the midst of her and let each one **save** his **life**! ***Do*** no be *cut off* in her *crookedness* for this is the time of **My** vengeance and I ***shall*** counterbalance and neutralize her with repayment of **My** wrath.

"Babel" was a golden **cup** in **My hand,** making drunk **all** *the earth*. The nations drank her **wine** and that is why the nations went *mad*! "Babel" ***shall*** **suddenly** *fall* and be broken. *Howl* for her! Take balm for her pain – if so be that she might be healed/heeled.

It is **My plan** against "Babel" to destroy it because it is **My** vengeance for **My Hekal** and **My plan *shall* be established** to make the land a *ruin* without inhabitant. **<u>Please</u>**, **come out** of her midst, **My people**! **Let** everyone **deliver** his being from **My** *burning displeasure*.

This people respect **Me** with their ***<u>lips</u>*** but their heart is far from **Me.** In *nothing* do they worship **Me** but **teaching** as **teaching** the **commands** of men. Their leaders are guilty of *lawlessness* by *rejecting* **My reign** and *replacing* **My commands** by substituting the **commands** of men. O "foolish" man what have you grown? **Your fruit is no good**.

A nation who is not with **Me** is ***against*** **Me** and he who *does not* **gather** with **Me** scatters *abroad.* Because of this I say to you, **all** *sin* and *blasphemy* ***shall*** **be** for**given** men but the *blasphemy* against **Me,** יהוה, the **Spirit *shall*** not be for**given** man. ***Whoever*** speaks ***against*** **Me,** יהוה, the **Set-apart Spirit,** it ***shall*** not be for**given** him either in this age or in the age to come. 1 Corinthians 3:17-18

Either make the *tree* **good** and its fruit **good** or else make the *tree rotten* and its fruit *rotten*. For a *tree* is **known** by its fruit. By the fruit of **righteousness** I **know** who is with **Me** and *accepts* **My everlasting Reign** and who is ***against*** **Me** by rejecting **My Name, My Reign** and the **life blood** of it. **My people** have been *fooled* and **lead** *astray* and they have **chosen** to forget **My Name** and *profane* **My Sabbaths** and **Principles** by holding fast to their man made laws and *traditions.* **Now** is the time to ask: Was that smart?

Last call ~ Ready or **Not**!
The Fathers Cup
Wait ~ Watch ~ Witness
Matt. 26:37-45, Mark 14:33-41, Luke 22:37-46
Yahusha, "***Shall*** I not drink the **cup** which **My Father** has **given Me?**"

Which **cup** will you be **given** to drink from?

Here's To The Reign of Our Father!

I CHOOSE
TO:
To **walk** after 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄
My **Elohim**
And **fear Him**
And **guard His Command**s
And **obey His Voice**
And **serve Him**
And **cling** to **Him**
All the days of my life!

I shall
LOVE 𐤉𐤄𐤅𐤄
With **all** my heart
With **all** my being
With **all** my strength!
I ***shall***
Love my neighbor
As myself.

Name: _____

Date: _____

TRUST <u>ME!</u>

And it ***shall*** **be** in the **last** ***days*** that ***I shall*** **pour out** of **<u>My</u> Spirit**
On **all** *flesh.*
Your sons and your daughters ***shall*** **prophesy**
And your young men ***shall*** **see visions,**
And your old men ***shall*** **dream dreams**.
On **<u>My</u>** male servants and on **<u>My</u>** female servants
I shall **pour out <u>My</u> Spirit** in those day and they ***shall*** **prophesy**.
I shall **show wonders** in **the heavens** above
And **signs** in t**he earth** beneath;
There ***shall*** **be** *blood* and *fire* and *vapor of smoke*.
The *sun* ***shall*** **be** turned into *darkness*
And the *moon* into *blood*
Before <u>My</u> great and splendid day.

It ***shall*** **be** that everyone who calls on **<u>Me</u>, יהוה**, ***shall*** **be saved**.
Acts 2:21 (Page 1155) and Yo'el 2:28-32 (Page 680)

Last Word

Let's call on our Father,
Who without partiality **judges according to each one's work**
And pass the time we have left here in **fear**,
Knowing that we were **redeemed** from our *futile way of life*
Inherited from our fathers,
Not with corruptible silver or gold but
With the precious blood of Messiah,
As of a **lamb unblemished** and **spotless**,
Foreknown, in deed,
Before the foundations of the world,
But manifested in these last times for our sakes.
Be cleansed,
Obey the truth through the Spirit
To genuine brotherly love
With a clean heart and be born again.
This time not of corruptible seed
***But* incorruptible seed** - through the **Living Word of Elohim**
And
This seed remains forever.
Because "all flesh" is a **grass** and
The "esteem of man" is as a **flower of the grass**.
The **grass** *withers* and its **flower** *falls away*
BUT
The Word of Elohim Remains Forever!

And This Is The Word,
Announced As The Besorah To You.

"For יהוה has created what is new on earth ~
A woman encompasses a man!"
To encompass:
To embrace with tender and unfailing **LOVE**.
It has been accomplished!

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Love in All ways! PS