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Joseph Smith Jr was born on Dec 23, 1805 and was martyred on Jun 27, 1844 which was during a Sabbatical year, see <https://seekingyhwh.org/resources/jubilee/>. Joseph was one of the most influential leaders in American religious history. Founded a church, translated three books of scripture and received many revelations from YHWH Elohim, which most were published. His works have influenced millions around the world for good. Sadly, many used his name to justify evil.

I'm grateful for Glenn Wiskur and his work at <https://scripturetoolbox.com/>. I, Steven, wrote a C# program, located at <https://github.com/SeekingYHWH/ScriptureToolBoxComparison>, to take what Glenn Wiskur did and I combined the deletions and insertions together within verse boundaries and to put Joseph Smith's JST / Inspired Version / New Translation into various file formats.

Strikeouts are what Joseph Smith was inspired to remove. Bolds are what Joseph Smith was inspired to restore.

I have more on JST / Inspired Version / New Translation of the Bible at <https://seekingyhwh.org/resources/jst-inspired-version-bible/>.

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Joshua

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1 Now after the death of Moses the servant of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, it came to pass, that the ~~LORD~~ Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, 2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. 5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life;; as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee;; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. 6 Be strong and of a good courage;; for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them. 7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee;; turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein;; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. 9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed;; for the ~~LORD~~ Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. 10 Then

Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, 11 Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the ~~LORD~~ Lord your God giveth you to possess it. 12 And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying, 13 Remember the word which Moses the servant of the ~~LORD~~ Lord commanded you, saying, The ~~LORD~~ Lord your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land. 14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valor, and help them; 15 Until the ~~LORD~~ Lord have given your brethren rest, as he hath given you, and they also have possessed the land which the ~~LORD~~ Lord your God giveth them;; then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the ~~LORD's~~ Lord's servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sunrising. 16 And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go. 17 According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee;; only the ~~LORD~~ Lord thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses. 18 Whosoever he be that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death;; only be strong and of a good courage.

2

1 And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went; and came into ~~an~~ a harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there. 2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither ~~to night~~ **tonight** of the children of Israel to search out the country. 3 And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house; for they be come to search out all the country. 4 And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they were; 5 And it came to pass about the time of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out; whither the men went, I ~~wot~~ **know** not; pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them. 6 But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof. 7 And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords; and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate. 8 And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof; 9 And she said unto the men, I know that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you. 10 For we have heard how the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed. 11 And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any

more courage in any man, because of you; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath. 12 Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, since I have showed you kindness, that ye will also show kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token; 13 And that ~~ye~~ **you** will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death. 14 And the men answered her, Our life for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee. 15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window; for her house was upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall. 16 And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned; and afterward may ye go your way. 17 And the men said unto her, We will be blameless of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear. 18 Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by; and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee. 19 And it shall be, that whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless; and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him. 20 And if thou utter this our business, then we will be quit of thine oath which thou hast made us to swear. 21 And she said, According unto your words, so be it. And she sent them away, and they departed; and she bound the

scarlet line in the window. 22 And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned; and the pursuers sought them throughout all the way, but found them not. 23 So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all things that befell them; 24 And they said unto Joshua, Truly the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us.

3

1 And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. 2 And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host; 3 And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. 4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure; come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go; for ye have not passed this way heretofore. 5 And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves; for ~~to—morrow~~ **tomorrow** the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will do wonders among you. 6 And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people. 7 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as

I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. 8 And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan. 9 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God. 10 And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Gergashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites. 11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan. 12 Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man. 13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon ~~an~~ **a** heap. 14 And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over **the** Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people; 15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,) 16 That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon ~~an~~ **a** heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan; and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people passed over right against Jericho. 17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the ~~LORD~~

Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

4

1 And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jordan, that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** spake unto Joshua, saying, 2 Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man, 3 And command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night. 4 Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man; 5 And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God into the midst of Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel; 6 That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones? 7 Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off; and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 8 And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. 9 And Joshua set

up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood; and they are there unto this day. 10 For the priests which bare the ark stood in the midst of Jordan, until everything was finished that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua; and the people hastened and passed over. 11 And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over, that the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people. 12 And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spake unto them; 13 About forty thousand prepared for war passed over before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** unto battle, to the plains of Jericho. 14 On that day the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life. 15 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** spake unto Joshua, saying, 16 Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jordan. 17 Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of Jordan. 18 And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** were come up out of the midst of Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, as they did before. 19 And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho. 20 And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal. 21 And he spake unto the

children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones? 22 Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land. 23 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over; 24 That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that it is mighty; that ye might fear the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God ~~for ever~~ **forever**.

5

1 And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which were on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were by the sea, heard that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel. 2 At that time the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time. 3 And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. 4 And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise; All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt. 5 Now all the people that came out were circumcised; but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, them they had not circumcised. 6 For the children of Israel walked forty

years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; unto whom the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** swore that he would not show them the land, which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** swore unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey. 7 And their children, whom he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way. 8 And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole. 9 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day. 10 And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho. 11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day. 12 And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year. 13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand; and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? 14 And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my ~~Lord~~ **lord** unto his servant? 15 And the captain of the

~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

6

1 Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. 2 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valor. 3 And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days. 4 And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns; and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. 5 And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him. 6 And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 7 And he said unto the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let him that is armed pass on before the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 8 And it came to pass, when Joshua had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns passed on before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and blew with the trumpets; and the ark of the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** followed them. 9 And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, and the rearward came after the ark, the priests going on, and blowing with

the trumpets. 10 And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout. 11 So the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** compassed the city, going about it once; and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp. 12 And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 13 And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** went on continually, and blew with the trumpets; and the armed men went before them; but the ~~rearward~~ **reward** came after the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets. 14 And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp:—~~so~~. **So** they did six days. 15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times; only on that day they compassed the city seven times. 16 And it came to pass ~~at~~ the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath given you the city. 17 And the city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are therein, to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. 18 And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. 19 But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; they shall come into the treasury of

the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 20 So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets; and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. 21 And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword. 22 But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye sware unto her. 23 And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel. 24 And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein; only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 25 And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel even unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho. 26 And Joshua adjured them at that time, saying, Cursed be the man before the ~~LORD~~ Lord, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho; he shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it. 27 So the ~~LORD~~ Lord was with Joshua; and his fame was noised throughout all the country.

7

1 But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed

thing; for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing; and the anger of the ~~LORD~~ Lord was kindled against the children of Israel. 2 And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Bethaven, on the east **side** of ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ai. 3 And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai; and make not all the people to labor thither; for they are but few. 4 So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men; and they fled before the men of Ai. 5 And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men; for they chased them from before the gate even unto Shebarim, and smote them in the going down; wherefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as water. 6 And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the ~~LORD~~ Lord until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads. 7 And Joshua said, Alas, O ~~LORD~~ Lord God, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan! 8 O ~~LORD~~ Lord, what shall I say, when Israel turneth their backs before their enemies! 9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear of it, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth; and what wilt thou do unto thy great name? 10 And the ~~LORD~~ Lord said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? 11 Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I

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commanded them; for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff. 12 Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed; neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you. 13 Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against ~~to-morrow~~ **tomorrow**; for thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel; thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you. 14 In the morning therefore ye shall be brought according to your tribes; and it shall be, that the tribe which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** taketh shall come according to the families thereof; and the family which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall take shall come by households; and the household which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall take shall come man by man. 15 And it shall be, that he that is taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath; because he hath transgressed the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel. 16 So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken; 17 And he brought the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zarhites; and he brought the family of the Zarhites man by man; and Zabdi was taken; 18 And he brought his household man by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken. 19 And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, and make confession unto

him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me. 20 And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done. 21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it. 22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, it was hid in his tent, and the silver under it. 23 And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 24 And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had; and they brought them unto the valley of Achor. 25 And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones. 26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day.

8

1 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed; take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai; see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and

his land; 2 And thou shalt do to Ai and her king as thou didst unto Jericho and her king; only the spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prey unto yourselves; lay thee an ambush for the city behind it. 3 So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai; and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valor, and sent them away by night. 4 And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in wait against the city, even behind the city; go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready. 5 And I, and all the people that are with me, will approach unto the city; and it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them. 6 (For they will come out after us,) till we have drawn them from the city; for they will say, They flee before us, as at the first; therefore we will flee before them. 7 Then ye shall rise up from the ambush, and seize upon the city; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God will deliver it into your hand. 8 And it shall be, when ye have taken the city, that ye shall set the city on fire; according to the commandment of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall ye do. See, I have commanded you. 9 Joshua therefore sent them forth; and they went to lie in ambush; and abode between ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el** and Ai, on the west side of Ai; but Joshua lodged that night among the people. 10 And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and numbered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai. 11 And all the people, even the people of war that were with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and pitched on the north side of Ai; now there was a valley between them and Ai. 12 And he took about five thousand men, and set them to lie in ambush between ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el** and

Ai, on the west side of the city. 13 And when they had set the people, even all the host that was on the north of the city, and their liers in wait on the west of the city, Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley. 14 And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw it, that they hastened and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain; but he wist not that there were liers in ambush against him behind the city. 15 And Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness. 16 And all the people that were in Ai were called together to pursue after them; and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city. 17 And there was not a man left in Ai or ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**, that went not out after Israel; and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel. 18 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto Joshua, Stretch out the spear that is in thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it into thine hand. And Joshua stretched out the spear that he had in his hand toward the city. 19 And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand; and they entered into the city, and took it, and hastened and set the city on fire. 20 And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way; and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers. 21 And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and slew the men of Ai. 22 And the other issued out of the city against them; so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side;

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and they smote them, so that they let none of them remain or escape. 23 And the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joshua. 24 And it came to pass, when Israel had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness wherein they chased them, and when they were all fallen on the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all the Israelites returned unto Ai, and smote it with the edge of the sword. 25 And so it was, that all that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, even all the men of Ai. 26 For Joshua drew not his hand back, wherewith he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai. 27 Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Israel took for a prey unto themselves, according unto the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** which he commanded Joshua. 28 And Joshua burnt Ai, and made it ~~an a heap for ever~~ **forever**, even a desolation unto this day. 29 And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until eventide; and as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his carcass down from the tree, and cast it at the entering of the gate of the city, and raise thereon a great heap of stones, that remaineth unto this day. 30 Then Joshua built an altar unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel in mount Ebal, 31 As Moses the servant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath ~~lift~~ **lifted** up any iron; and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and sacrificed peace offerings. 32 And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel. 33 And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on

this side the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, as well the stranger, as he that was born among them; half of them over against mount Gerizim, and half of them over against mount Ebal; as Moses the servant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel. 34 And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law. 35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them.

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1 And it came to pass, when all the kings which were on this side Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea over against Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard thereof; 2 That they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord. 3 And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai, 4 They did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up; 5 And old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and ~~mouldy~~ **moldy**. 6 And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country; now therefore make ye a league with us. 7 And the men of Israel said unto the

Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a league with you? 8 And they said unto Joshua, We are thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who are ye? and from whence come ye? 9 And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come, because of the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God; for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt. 10 And all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, that were beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which was at Ashtaroth. 11 Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spake to us, saying, Take victuals with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We are your servants; therefore now make ye a league with us. 12 This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is ~~mouldy~~ **moldy**; 13 And these bottles of wine, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they be rent; and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey. 14 And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 15 And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live; and the princes of the congregation sware unto them. 16 And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they were their neighbors, and that they dwelt among them. 17 And the children of Israel journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and ~~Kirjathjearim~~ **Kirjath-jearim**. 18 And the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the

congregation had sworn unto them by the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes. 19 But all the princes said unto all the congregation, We have sworn unto them by the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel; now therefore we may not touch them. 20 This we will do to them; we will even let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we sware unto them. 21 And the princes said unto them, Let them live; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation; as the princes had promised them. 22 And Joshua called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We are very far from you; when ye dwell among us? 23 Now therefore ye are cursed, and there shall none of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God. 24 And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land; and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were sore afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing. 25 And now, behold, we are in thine hand; as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do. 26 And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not. 27 And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, even unto this day, in the place which he should choose.

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1 Now it came to pass, when ~~Adonizedee~~ **Adoni-zedek** king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them; 2 That they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all the men thereof were mighty. 3 Wherefore ~~Adonizedee~~ **Adoni-zedek** king of Jerusalem; sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir king of Eglon, saying, 4 Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon; for it hath made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel. 5 Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it. 6 And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us; for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us. 7 So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor. 8 And the **LORD Lord** said unto Joshua, Fear them not; for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee. 9 Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night. 10 And the **LORD Lord** discomfited them before Israel, and slew them

with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to ~~Bethoron~~ **Beth-horon**, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah. 11 And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to ~~Bethoron~~ **Beth-horon**, that the **LORD Lord** cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died; they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword. 12 Then spake Joshua to the **LORD Lord** in the day when the **LORD Lord** delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. 13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. 14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the **LORD Lord** hearkened unto the voice of a man; for the **LORD Lord** fought for Israel. 15 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal. 16 But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah. 17 And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found hid in a cave at Makkedah. 18 And Joshua said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and set men by it for to keep them; 19 And stay ye not, but pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them; suffer them not to enter into their cities; for the **LORD Lord** your God hath delivered them into your hand. 20 And it came to pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were

consumed, that the rest which remained of them entered into fenced cities. 21 And all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace; none moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel. 22 Then said Joshua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings unto me out of the cave. 23 And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon. 24 And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them. 25 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage; for thus shall the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** do to all your enemies against whom ye fight. 26 And afterward Joshua smote them, and slew them, and hanged them on five trees; and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening. 27 And it came to pass at the time of the going down of the sun, that Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave wherein they had been hid, and laid great stones in the cave's mouth, which remain until this very day. 28 And that day Joshua took Makkedah, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof he utterly destroyed, them, and all the souls that were therein; he let none remain; and he did to the king of Makkedah as he did unto the king of Jericho. 29 Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, unto Libnah, and fought against Libnah; 30 And the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** delivered it also, and the king

thereof, into the hand of Israel; and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein; he let none remain in it; but did unto the king thereof as he did unto the king of Jericho. 31 And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, unto Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it; 32 And the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, which took it on the second day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah. 33 Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua smote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining. 34 And from Lachish Joshua passed unto Eglon, and all Israel with him; and they encamped against it, and fought against it; 35 And they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish. 36 And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, unto Hebron; and they fought against it; 37 And they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but destroyed it utterly, and all the souls that were therein. 38 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir; and fought against it; 39 And he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining; as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to the king thereof; as he had done also to Libnah, and to her king. 40 So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and

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of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings; he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel commanded. 41 And Joshua smote them from ~~Kadeshbarnea~~ **Kadesh-barnea** even unto Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even unto Gibeon. 42 And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel fought for Israel. 43 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

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1 And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard those things, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph, 2 And to the kings that were on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of Chinneroth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west, 3 And to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and to the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the mountains, and to the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpeh. 4 And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that is upon the ~~sea-shore~~ **seashore** in multitude, with horses and chariots very many. 5 And when all these kings were met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel. 6 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto Joshua, Be not afraid because of them; for ~~to-morrow~~ **tomorrow** about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel; thou shalt hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire. 7 So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly; and they

fell upon them. 8 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** delivered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them unto great Zidon, and unto ~~Misrephothmaim~~ **Misrephoth-maim**, and unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining. 9 And Joshua did unto them as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** bade him; he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire. 10 And Joshua at that time turned back, and took Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword; for Hazor beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms. 11 And they smote all the souls that were therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them; there was not any left to breathe; and he burnt Hazor with fire. 12 And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and smote them with the edge of the sword, and he utterly destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** commanded. 13 But as for the cities that stood still in their strength, Israel burned none of them, save Hazor only; that did Joshua burn. 14 And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any to breathe. 15 As the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** commanded Moses. 16 So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the south country, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same; 17 Even from the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, even unto ~~Baalgad~~ **Baal-gad** in the valley of Lebanon under mount Hermon; and all their kings he took,

and smote them, and slew them. 18 Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. 19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon; all other they took in battle. 20 For it was of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** to ~~harden~~ **destroy them utterly, because they hardened** their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, ~~that he might destroy them utterly, and;~~ that they might have no favor, ~~but~~ that ~~he~~ **they** might destroy them **in battle**, as the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** commanded Moses. 21 And at that time came Joshua, and cut off the ~~Anakims~~ **Anakim** from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel; Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities. 22 There was none of the ~~Anakims~~ **Anakim** left in the land of the children of Israel; only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained. 23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

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1 Now these are the kings of the land, which the children of Israel smote, and possessed their land on the other side Jordan toward the rising of the sun, from the river Arnon unto mount Hermon, and all the plain on the east; 2 Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and ruled from Aroer, which is upon the bank of the river Arnon, and from the middle of the river, and from half Gilead, even unto the river Jabbok, which is the border of the children of Ammon; 3 And from the plain to the

sea of Chinneroth on the east, and unto the sea of the plain, even the salt sea on the east, the way to ~~Beth-jeshimoth~~ **Beth-jeshimoth**; and from the south, under ~~Ashdod-pisgah~~ **Ashdod-pisgah**; 4 And the coast of Og king of Bashan, which was of the remnant of the giants, that dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei, 5 And reigned in mount Hermon, and in Salcah, and in all Bashan, unto the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heshbon. 6 Them did Moses the servant of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** and the children of Israel smite; and Moses the servant of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** gave it for a possession unto the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh; 7 And these are the kings of the country which Joshua and the children of Israel smote on this side Jordan on the west, from ~~Baal-gad~~ **Baal-gad** in the valley of Lebanon even unto the mount ~~Halak~~ **Halek**, that goeth up to Seir; which Joshua gave unto the tribes of Israel for a possession according to their divisions; 8 In the mountains, and in the valleys, and in the plains, and in the springs, and in the wilderness, and in the south country; the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; 9 The king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside ~~Beth-el~~ **Beth-el**, one; 10 The king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one; 11 The king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one; 12 The king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one; 13 The king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one; 14 The king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one; 15 The king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one; 16 The king of Makkedah, one; the king of ~~Beth-el~~ **Beth-el**, one; 17 The king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hepher,

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one; 18 The king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one; 19 The king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one; 20 The king of ~~Shimron-meron~~ **Shimron-meron**, one; the king of Achshaph, one; 21 The king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one; 22 The king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam of Carmel, one; 23 The king of Dor in the coast of Dor, one; the king of the nations of Gilgal, one; 24 The king of Tirzah, one; all the kings thirty and one.

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1 Now Joshua was old and stricken in years; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto him, Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed. 2 This is the land that yet remaineth; all the borders of the Philistines, and all Geshuri, 3 From Sihor, which is before Egypt, even unto the borders of Ekron northward, which is counted to the ~~Canaanite~~ **Canaanites**; five lords of the Philistines; the Gazathites, and the Ashdothites, the Eshkalonites, the ~~Gittites~~ **Gittites**, and the Ekronites; also the Avites; 4 From the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that is beside the Sidonians, unto Aphek, to the borders of the Amorites; 5 And the land of the Giblites, and all Lebanon; toward the sunrising, from ~~Baal-gad~~ **Baal-gad** under mount Hermon unto the entering into Hamath. 6 All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon unto ~~Misrephoth-maim~~ **Misrephoth-maim**, and all the Sidonians, them will I drive out ~~from~~ before the children of Israel; only divide thou it by lot unto the Israelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee. 7 Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes, and the half tribe

of Manasseh, 8 With whom the Reubenites and the Gadites have received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond Jordan eastward, even as Moses the servant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** gave them; 9 From Aroer, that is upon the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that is in the midst of the river, and all the plain of Medeba unto Dibon; 10 And all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, unto the border of the children of Ammon; 11 And Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maachathites, and all mount Hermon, and all Bashan unto Salcah; 12 All the kingdom of Og in Bashan, which reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the giants; for these did Moses smite, and cast them out. 13 Nevertheless the children of Israel expelled not the Geshurites, nor the Maachathites; but the Geshurites and the Maachathites dwell among the Israelites until this day. 14 Only unto the ~~tribes~~ **tribe** of Levi he gave none inheritance; the sacrifices of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel made by fire are their inheritance, as he said unto them. 15 And Moses gave unto the tribe of the children of Reuben inheritance according to their families. 16 And their coast was from Aroer, that is on the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that is in the midst of the river, and all the plain by Medeba; 17 Heshbon, and all her cities that are in the plain; Dibon, and ~~Bamoth-baal~~ **Bamoth-baal**, and ~~Bethbaal-meon~~ **Beth-baal-meon**, 18 And Jahaza, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath, 19 And Kirjathaim, and Sibmah, and ~~Zarethshahar~~ **Zareth-shahar** in the mount of the valley, 20 And ~~Beth-peor~~ **Beth-peor**, and ~~Ashdoth-pisgah~~ **Ashdoth-pisgah**, and ~~Beth-jeshimoth~~ **Beth-jeshimoth**, 21 And all the cities of the plain, and all

the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses smote with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, which were dukes of Sihon, dwelling in the country. 22 Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain by them. 23 And the border of the children of Reuben was Jordan, and the border thereof. This was the inheritance of the children of Reuben after their families, the cities and the villages thereof. 24 And Moses gave inheritance unto the tribe of Gad, even unto the children of Gad, according to their families. 25 And their coast was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the children of Ammon, unto Aroer that is before Rabbah; 26 And from Heshbon unto ~~Ramathmizpeh~~ **Ramath-mispeh**, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim unto the border of Debir; 27 And in the valley, Betharam, and ~~Bethnimrah~~ **Beth-nimrah**, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, Jordan and his border, even unto the edge of the sea of Chinnereth on the other side Jordan eastward. 28 This is the inheritance of the children of Gad after their families, the cities, and their villages. 29 And Moses gave inheritance unto the half tribe of Manasseh; and this was the possession of the half tribe of the children of Manasseh by their families. 30 And their coast was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which are in Bashan, ~~threescore~~ **three-score** cities; 31 And half Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, were pertaining unto the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, even to

the one half of the children of Machir by their families. 32 These are the countries which Moses did distribute for inheritance in the plains of Moab, on the other side Jordan, by Jericho, eastward. 33 But unto the tribe of Levi Moses gave not any inheritance; the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** God of Israel was their inheritance, as he said unto them.

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1 And these are the countries which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed for inheritance to them. 2 By lot was their inheritance, as the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and for the half tribe. 3 For Moses had given the inheritance of two tribes and ~~an~~ **a** half tribe on the other side Jordan; but unto the Levites he gave none inheritance among them. 4 For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim; therefore they gave no part unto the Levites in the land, save cities to dwell in, with their suburbs for their cattle and for their substance. 5 As the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land. 6 Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal; and Caleb the son of ~~Jephunneh~~ **Jephunneh** the ~~Kenezite~~ **Kenezite** said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in ~~Kadeshbarnea~~ **Kadesh-barnea**. 7 Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** sent me from ~~Kadeshbarnea~~ **Kadesh-barnea** to spy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart. 8 Nevertheless my brethren that went

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up with me made the heart of the people melt; but I wholly followed the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** my God. 9 And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** my God. 10 And now, behold, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, lo, I am this day ~~four-score~~ **four-score** and five years old. 11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me; as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in. 12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the ~~Anakims~~ **Anakim** were there, and that the cities were great and fenced; if so be the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said. 13 And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance. 14 Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite unto this day; because that he wholly followed the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel. 15 And the name of Hebron before was ~~Kirjatharba~~ **Kirjath-arba**; which Arba was a great man among the ~~Anakims~~ **Anakim**. And the land had rest from war.

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1 This then was the lot of the tribe of the children of Judah by their families; even to the border of Edom the wilderness of Zin southward was the uttermost part of the south coast.

2 And their south border was from the shore of the salt sea, from the bay that looketh southward; 3 And it went out to the south side to ~~Maalehacrabbin~~ **Maaleh-acrabbin**, and passed along to Zin, and ascended up on the south side unto ~~Kadeshbarnea~~ **Kadesh-barnea**, and passed along to Hezron, and went up to Adar, and fetched a compass to Karkaa; 4 From thence it passed toward Azmon, and went out unto the river of Egypt; and the goings out of that coast were at the sea; this shall be your south coast. 5 And the east border was the salt sea, even unto the end of Jordan. And their border in the north quarter was from the bay of the sea at the uttermost part of Jordan; 6 And the border went up to Bethhogla, and passed along by the north of ~~Betharabah~~ **Beth-arabah**; and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben; 7 And the border went up toward Debir from the valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that is before the going up to Adummim, which is on the south side of the river; and the border passed toward the waters of ~~Enshemesh~~ **En-shemesh**, and the goings out thereof were at ~~Enrogel~~ **En-rogel**; 8 And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom unto the south side of the Jebusite; the same is Jerusalem; and the border went up to the top of the mountain that lieth before the valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the end of the valley of the giants northward; 9 And the border was drawn from the top of the hill unto the fountain of the water of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of mount Ephron; and the border was drawn to Baalah, which is ~~Kirjathjearim~~ **Kirjath-jearim**; 10 And the border compassed from Baalah westward unto mount Seir, and passed along unto the side of

mount Jearim, which is Chesalon, on the north side, and went down to Bethshemesh, and passed on to Timnah; 11 And the border went out unto the side of Ekron northward; and the border was drawn to Shicron, and passed along to mount Baalah, and went out unto Jabneel; and the goings out of the border were at the sea. 12 And the west border was to the great sea, and the coast thereof. This is the coast of the children of Judah round about according to their families. 13 And unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** to Joshua, even the city of Arba the father of Anak, which city is Hebron. 14 And Caleb drove thence the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmi, the children of Anak. 15 And he went up thence to the inhabitants of Debir; and the name of Debir before was ~~Kirjathsepher~~ **Kirjath-sepher**. 16 And Caleb said, He that smiteth ~~Kirjathsepher~~ **Kirjath-sepher**, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife. 17 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it; and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife. 18 And it came to pass, as she came unto him, that she moved him to ask of her father a field; and she lighted off her ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wouldest thou? 19 Who answered, Give me a blessing; for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs, and the nether springs. 20 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families. 21 And the uttermost cities of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the coast of Edom southward were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur, 22 And Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah, 23 And

Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan, 24 Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth, 25 And Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerioth, and Hezron, which is Hazor, 26 Amam, and Shema, and Moladah, 27 And ~~Hazargaddah~~ **Hazar-gaddah**, and Heshmon, and ~~Bethpalet~~ **Beth-palet**, 28 And ~~Hazarshual~~ **Hazar-shual**, and ~~Beersheba~~ **Beer-sheba**, and Bizjothjah, 29 Baalah, and Iim, and Azem, 30 And Eltolad, and Chesil, and Hormah, 31 And Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah, 32 And Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon; all the cities are twenty and nine, with their villages; 33 And in the valley, Eshtaol, and Zoreah, and Ashnah, 34 And Zanoah, and ~~Engannim~~ **En-gannim**, Tappuah, and Enam, 35 Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and ~~Azekah~~ **Azehkah**, 36 And Sharaim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, and Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages; 37 Zenan, and Hadashah, and ~~Migdalgad~~ **Migdal-gad**, 38 And Dilean, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel, 39 Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon, 40 And Cabbon, and Lahmam, and Kithlish, 41 And Gederoth, ~~Bethdagon~~ **Beth-dagon**, and Naamah, and Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages; 42 Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan, 43 And Jiphtah, and Ashnah, and Nezib, 44 And Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah; nine cities with their villages; 45 Ekron, with her towns and her villages; 46 From Ekron even unto the sea, all that lay near Ashdod, with their villages; 47 Ashdod, with her towns and her villages; Gaza, with her towns and her villages, unto the river of Egypt, and the great sea, and the border thereof; 48 And in the mountains, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh, 49 And Dannah, and ~~Kirjathsannah~~ **Kirjath-sannah**, which is Debir, 50 And Anab, and Eshtemoh, and Anim,

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51 And Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages;; 52 Arab, and Dumah, and Eshean, 53 And Janum, and ~~Beth-tappuah~~ **Beth-tappuah**, and Aphekah, 54 And Humtah, and Kirjatharba, which is Hebron, and Zior; nine cities with their villages;; 55 Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Juttah, 56 And Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah, 57 Cain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages;; 58 Halhul, ~~Beth-zur~~ **Beth-zur**, and Gedor, 59 And Maarath, and Bethanath, and Eltekon; six cities with their villages;; 60 ~~Kirjath-baal~~ **Kirjath-baal**, which is ~~Kirjath-jearim~~ **Kirjath-jearim**, and Rabbah; two cities with their villages;; 61 In the wilderness, ~~Beth-arabah~~ **Beth-arabah**, Middin, and Secacah, 62 And Nibshan, and the city of Salt, and ~~Engedi~~ **En-gedi**; six cities with their villages. 63 As for the Jebusites the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.

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1 And the lot of the children of Joseph fell from Jordan by Jericho, unto the water of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that goeth up from Jericho throughout mount ~~Beth-el~~ **Beth-el**, 2 And goeth out from ~~Beth-el~~ **Beth-el** to Luz, and passeth along unto the borders of Archi to Ataroth, 3 And goeth down westward to the coast of Japhleti, unto the coast of ~~Beth-horon~~ **Beth-horon**, the nether, and to Gezer; and the goings out thereof are at the sea. 4 So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance. 5 And the border of the children of Ephraim according to their families was thus;; even the border of their

inheritance on the east side was ~~Ataroth-addar~~ **Ataroth-addar**, unto ~~Beth-horon~~ **Beth-horon** the upper; 6 And the border went out toward the sea to Michmethah on the north side; and the border went about eastward unto ~~Taanath-shiloh~~ **Taanath-shiloh**, and passed by it on the east to Janohah; 7 And it went down from Janohah to Ataroth, and to Naarath, and came to Jericho, and went out at Jordan. 8 The border went out from Tappuah westward unto the river Kanah; and the goings out thereof were at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim by their families. 9 And the separate cities for the children of Ephraim were among the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages. 10 And they drave not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer;; but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites unto this day, and serve ~~under~~ **unto** tribute.

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1 There was also a lot for the tribe of Manasseh; for he was the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** of Joseph; to wit, for Machir the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** of Manasseh, the father of Gilead;; because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan. 2 There was also a lot for the rest of the children of Manasseh by their families; for the children of Abiezer, and for the children of Helek, and for the children of Asriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hephher, and for the children of Shemida;; these were the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph by their families. 3 But Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters;; and these are the names

of his daughters, Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. 4 And they came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brethren. Therefore, according to the commandment of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, he gave them an inheritance among the brethren of their father. 5 And there fell ten portions to Manasseh, ~~beside~~ **besides** the land of Gilead and Bashan, which were on the other side of Jordan; 6 Because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons; and the rest of Manasseh's sons had the land of Gilead. 7 And the coast of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethah, that lieth before Shechem; and the border went along on the right hand unto the inhabitants of ~~Entappuah~~ **Entappuah**. 8 Now Manasseh had the land of Tappuah; but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the children of Ephraim; 9 And the coast descended unto the river Kanah, southward of the river; these cities of Ephraim are among the cities of Manasseh; the coast of Manasseh also was on the north side of the river, and the outgoings of it were at the sea; 10 Southward it was Ephraim's, and northward it was Manasseh's, and the sea is his border; and they met together in Asher on the north, and in Issachar on the east. 11 And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher ~~Bethshean~~ **Beth-shean** and her towns, and Ibleam and her towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Endor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and her towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns, even three countries. 12 Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities; but the Canaanites would

dwell in that land. 13 Yet it came to pass, when the children of Israel were waxen strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute; but did not utterly drive them out. 14 And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me but one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I am a great people, forasmuch as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath blessed me hitherto? 15 And Joshua answered them, If thou be a great people, then get thee up to the wood country, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the giants, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee. 16 And the children of Joseph said, The hill is not enough for us; and all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both they who are of Bethshean and her towns, and they who are of the valley of Jezreel. 17 And Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph, even to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, Thou art a great people, and hast great power; thou shalt not have one lot only; 18 But the mountain shall be thine; for it is a wood, and thou shalt cut it down; and the outgoings of it shall be thine; for thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, and though they be strong.

18

1 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. ~~And;~~ **and** the land was subdued before them. 2 And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance. 3 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of your fathers hath given you? 4 Give out from among you

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three men for each tribe; and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the land, and describe it according to the inheritance of them; and they shall come again to me. 5 And they shall divide it into seven parts; Judah shall abide in their coast on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their coasts on the north. 6 Ye shall therefore describe the land into seven parts, and bring the description hither to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God. 7 But the Levites have no part among you; for the priesthood of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is their inheritance; and Gad, and Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** gave them. 8 And the men arose, and went away; and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, that I may here cast lots for you before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in Shiloh. 9 And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven parts in a book, and came again to Joshua to the host at Shiloh. 10 And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions. 11 And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families; and the coast of their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph. 12 And their border on the north side was from Jordan; and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north side, and went up through the mountains westward; and the goings out thereof were at the wilderness of ~~Bethaven~~ **Beth-aven**. 13 And the border went over from

thence toward Luz, to the side of Luz, which is ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**, southward; and the border descended to ~~Atarothadar~~ **Ataroth-adar**, near the hill that lieth on the south side of the nether ~~Bethhoron~~ **Beth-horon**. 14 And the border was drawn thence, and compassed the corner of the sea southward, from the hill that lieth before ~~Bethhoron~~ **Beth-horon** southward; and the goings out thereof were at ~~Kirjathbaal~~ **Kirjah-baal**, which is ~~Kirjathjearim~~ **Kirjath-jearim**, a city of the children of Judah; this was the west quarter. 15 And the south quarter was from the end of ~~Kirjathjearim~~ **Kirjath-jearim**, and the border went out on the west, and went out to the well of waters of Nephtoah. 16 And the border came down to the end of the mountain that lieth before the valley of the son of Hinnom, and which is ~~in~~ the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of Jebusi on the south, and descended to ~~Enrogel~~ **En-rogel**. 17 And was drawn from the north, and went forth to Enshemesh, and went forth toward Geliloth, which is over against the going up of Adummim, and descended to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben, 18 And passed along toward the side over against Arabah northward, and went down unto Arabah; 19 And the border passed along to the side of ~~Bethhoglah~~ **Beth-hoglah** northward; and the outgoings of the border were at the north bay of the salt sea at the south end of Jordan; this was the south coast. 20 And Jordan was the border of it on the east side. This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the coasts thereof round about, according to their families. 21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families were

Jericho, and ~~Bethhoglah~~ **Beth-hoglah**, and the valley of Keziz, 22 And ~~Betharabah~~ **Beth-arabah**, and Zemaraim, and ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**, 23 And Avim, and ~~Pharah~~ **Parah**, and Ophrah, 24 And ~~Chepharhaammonai~~ **Chephar-haammonai**, and Ophni, and Gaba; twelve cities with their villages; 25 Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth, 26 And Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Mozah, 27 And Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah, 28 And Zelah, Eleph, and Jebusi, which is Jerusalem, Gibeath, and Kirjath; fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

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1 And the second lot came forth to Simeon, even for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families; and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Judah. 2 And they had in their inheritance ~~Beersheba~~ **Beer-sheba**, and ~~or~~ Sheba, and Moladah, 3 And ~~Hazarshual~~ **Hazar-shual**, and Balah, and Azem, 4 And Eltolad, and ~~Bethul~~ **Beth-ul**, and Hormah, 5 And Ziklag, and ~~Bethmareboth~~ **Beth-marcaboth**, and ~~Hazarsusah~~ **Hazar-susah**, 6 And ~~Bethlebaath~~ **Beth-lebaath**, and Sharuhem; thirteen cities and their villages; 7 Ain, Remmon, and Ether, and Ashan; four cities and their villages; 8 And all the villages that were round about these cities to ~~Baalathbeer~~ **Baalath-beer**, Ramath of the south. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families. 9 Out of the portion of the children of Judah was the inheritance of the children of Simeon; for the part of the children of Judah was too much for them; therefore the children of Simeon had their

inheritance within the inheritance of them. 10 And the third lot came up for the children of Zebulun according to their families; and the border of their inheritance was unto Sarid; 11 And their border went up toward the sea, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbasheth, and reached to the river that is before Jokneam; 12 And turned from Sarid eastward toward the sunrising unto the border of ~~Chislothabor~~ **Chisloth-tabor**, and then goeth out to Daberath, and goeth up to Japhia, 13 And from thence passeth on along ~~on~~ the east to ~~Gittahhepher~~ **Gittah-hepher**, to ~~Ittahkazin~~ **Ittah-kazin**, and goeth out to ~~Remmonmethoar~~ **Remmon-methoar** to Neah; 14 And the border compasseth it on the north side to Hannathon; and the outgoings thereof are in the valley of ~~Jiphtahel~~ **Jiphtah-el**; 15 And Kattath, and Nahallal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Bethlehem; twelve cities with their villages. 16 This is the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages. 17 And the fourth lot came out to Issachar, for the children of Issachar according to their families. 18 And their border was toward Jezreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem, 19 And Haphraim, and Shihon, and Anaharath, 20 And Rabbith, and Kishion, and Abez, 21 And Remeth, and ~~Engannim~~ **En-gannim**, and ~~Enhaddah~~ **En-haddah**, and ~~Bethpazzez~~ **Beth-pazzez**; 22 And the coast reacheth to Tabor, and Shahazimah, and ~~Bethshemesh~~ **Beth-shemesh**; and the outgoings of their border were at Jordan; sixteen cities with their villages. 23 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar according to their families, the cities and their villages. 24 And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Asher

according to their families. 25 And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph, 26 And Alammelech, and Amad, and Misheal; and reacheth to Carmel westward, and to ~~Shihor-libnath~~ **Shihor-libnath**; 27 And turneth toward the sunrising to ~~Beth-dagon~~ **Beth-dagon**, and reacheth to Zebulun, and to the valley of ~~Jiphthah-el~~ **Jiphthah-el** toward the north side of Bethemek, and Neiel, and goeth out to Cabul on the left hand, 28 And Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, even unto great Zidon; 29 And then the coast turneth to Ramah, and to the strong city Tyre; and the coast turneth to ~~Hosah~~ **Hosha**; and the outgoings thereof are at the sea from the coast to Achzib; 30 Ummah also, and Aphek, and Rehob; twenty and two cities with their villages. 31 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages. 32 The sixth lot came out to the children of Naphtali, even for the children of Naphtali according to their families. 33 And their coast was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaanannim, and Adami, Nekeb, and Jabneel, unto Lakum; and the outgoings thereof were at Jordan; 34 And then the coast turneth westward to ~~Aznath-tabor~~ **Aznath-tabor**, and goeth out from thence to Hukkok, and reacheth to Zebulun on the south side, and reacheth to Asher on the west side, and to Judah upon Jordan toward the ~~sunrising~~ **sun-rising**. 35 And the fenced cities are Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and Chinnereth, 36 And Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor, 37 And Kedesh, and Edrei, and ~~En-hazor~~ **En-hazor**, 38 And Iron, and ~~Migdalel~~ **Migdal-el**, Horem, and ~~Bethanath~~ **Beth-anath**, and ~~Bethshemesh~~ **Beth-shemesh**; nineteen cities with their

villages. 39 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities and their villages. 40 And the seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan, according to their families. 41 And the coast of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and ~~Irshemesh~~ **Ir-shemesh**, 42 And Shaalabbin, and Ajalon, and Jethlah, 43 And Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron, 44 And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath, 45 And Jehud, and ~~Beneberak~~ **Bene-berak**, and ~~Gath-rimmon~~ **Gath-rimmon**, 46 And ~~Mejarkon~~ **Me-jarkon**, and Rakkon, with the border before Japho. 47 And the coast of the children of Dan went out too little for them; therefore the children of Dan went up to fight against Leshem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father. 48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages. 49 When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their coasts, the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them; 50 According to the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** they ~~gave~~ **give** him the city which he asked, even ~~Timnathserah~~ **Timnath-serah** in mount Ephraim; and he built the city, and dwelt therein. 51 These are the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, divided for an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they made an end of dividing the country.

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1 The ~~LORD~~ Lord also spake unto Joshua, saying, 2 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, Appoint out for you cities of refuge, whereof I spake unto you by the hand of Moses;; 3 That the slayer that killeth any person unawares and unwittingly may flee thither;; and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood. 4 And when he that doth flee unto one of those cities shall stand at the entering of the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the city unto them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them. 5 And if the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver the slayer up into his hand; because he smote his neighbor unwittingly, and hated him not beforetime. 6 And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, and until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days;; then shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled. 7 And they appointed Kedesh in Galilee in mount Naphtali, and Shechem in mount Ephraim, and ~~Kirjath-arba~~ **Kirjath-arba**, which is Hebron, in the mountain of Judah. 8 And on the other side Jordan by Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness upon the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh. 9 These were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth any person at unawares might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of

blood, until he stood before the congregation.

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1 Then came near the heads of the fathers of the Levites unto Eleazar the priest, and unto Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel; 2 And they spake unto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, The ~~LORD~~ Lord commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattle. 3 And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites out of their inheritance, at the commandment of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, these cities and their suburbs. 4 And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites;; and the children of Aaron the priest, which were of the Levites, had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities. 5 And the rest of the children of Kohath had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh, ten cities. 6 And the children of Gershon had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities. 7 The children of Merari by their families had out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities. 8 And the children of Israel gave by lot unto the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as the ~~LORD~~ Lord commanded by the hand of Moses. 9 And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are here mentioned by name-, 10 Which the

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children of Aaron, being of the families of the Kohathites, who were of the children of Levi, had; for theirs was the first lot. 11 And they gave them the city of Arba the father of Anak, which city is Hebron, in the hill country of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it. 12 But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession. 13 Thus they gave to the children of Aaron the priest Hebron with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Libnah with her suburbs, 14 And Jattir with her suburbs, and Eshtemoa with her suburbs, 15 And Holon with her suburbs, and Debir with her suburbs, 16 And Ain with her suburbs, and Juttah with her suburbs, and Bethshemesh with her suburbs; nine cities out of those two tribes. 17 And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with her suburbs, Geba with her suburbs, 18 Anathoth with her suburbs, and Almon with her suburbs; four cities. 19 All the cities of the children of Aaron, the ~~priests~~ **priest**, were thirteen cities with their suburbs. 20 And the families of the children of Kohath, the Levites which remained of the children of Kohath, even they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim. 21 For they gave them Shechem with her suburbs in mount Ephraim, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Gezer with her suburbs, 22 And Kibzaim with her suburbs, and ~~Beth-horon~~ **Beth-horon** with her suburbs; four cities. 23 And out of the tribe of Dan, ~~Eltekeh~~ **Eltekeh** with her suburbs, ~~Gibbethon~~ **Gibbethon** with her suburbs, 24 ~~Aijalon~~ **Aizalon** with her suburbs, ~~Gath-rimmon~~ **Gath-rimmon** with her suburbs; four cities. 25 And out of the half tribe of Manasseh, Tanach with her suburbs, and ~~Gath-rimmon~~ **Gath-rimmon**

with her suburbs; two cities. 26 All the cities were ten with their suburbs for the families of the children of Kohath that remained. 27 And unto the children of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, out of the other half tribe of Manasseh they gave Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Beeshterah with her suburbs; two cities. 28 And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with her suburbs, Dabareh with her suburbs, 29 Jarmuth with her suburbs, Engannim with her suburbs; four cities. 30 And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with her suburbs, Abdon with her suburbs, 31 Helkath with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs; four cities. 32 And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and ~~Hammoth-dor~~ **Hammoth-dor** with her suburbs, and Kartan with her suburbs; three cities. 33 All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families were thirteen cities with their suburbs. 34 And unto the families of the children of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with her suburbs, and Kartah with her suburbs, 35 Dimnah with her suburbs; Nahalal with her suburbs; four cities. 36 And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with her suburbs, and Jahazah with her suburbs, 37 Kedemoth with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs; four cities. 38 And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Mahanaim with her suburbs, 39 Heshbon with her suburbs, Jazer with her suburbs; four cities in all. 40 So all the cities for the children of Merari by their families, which were remaining of the families of the Levites, were by their lot twelve cities. 41 All the cities of the

Levites within the possession of the children of Israel were forty and eight cities with their suburbs. 42 These cities were every one with their suburbs round about them; thus were all these cities. 43 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** gave unto Israel all the land which he sware to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein. 44 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** gave them rest round about, according to all that he sware unto their fathers; and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** delivered all their enemies into their hand. 45 There failed not ~~ought~~ **ought** of any good thing which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

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1 Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, 2 And said unto them, Ye have kept all that Moses the servant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you; 3 Ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day; but have kept the charge of the commandment of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God. 4 And now the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as he promised them; therefore now return ye, and get you unto your tents, and unto the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** gave you on the other side Jordan. 5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** charged you, to love the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul. 6 So

Joshua blessed them, and sent them away; and they went unto their tents. 7 Now to the one half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given possession in Bashan; but unto the other half thereof gave Joshua among their brethren on this side Jordan westward. And when Joshua sent them away also unto their tents, then he blessed them, 8 And he spake unto them, saying, Return with much riches unto your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much raiment; divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren. 9 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go unto the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** by the hand of Moses. 10 And when they came unto the borders of Jordan, that are in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by Jordan, a great altar to see to. 11 And the children of Israel heard say, Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar over against the land of Canaan, in the borders of Jordan, at the passage of the children of Israel. 12 And when the children of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up to war against them. 13 And the children of Israel sent unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, 14 And with him ten princes,

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of each chief house a prince throughout all the tribes of Israel; and each one was ~~an~~ a head of the house of their fathers among the thousands of Israel. 15 And they came unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, unto the land of Gilead, and they spake with them, saying, 16 Thus saith the whole congregation of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, What trespass is this that ye have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the ~~LORD~~ Lord, in that ye have builded you an altar, that ye might rebel this day against the ~~LORD~~ Lord ? 17 Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we are not cleansed until this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, 18 But that ye must turn away this day from following the ~~LORD~~ Lord ? and it will be, seeing ye rebel ~~to-day~~ today against the ~~LORD~~ Lord, that ~~to-morrow~~ tomorrow he will be wroth with the whole congregation of Israel. 19 Notwithstanding, if the land of your possession be unclean, then pass ye over unto the land of the possession of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, wherein the ~~LORD's~~ Lord's tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among us; but rebel not against the ~~LORD~~ Lord, nor rebel against us, in building you an altar ~~beside~~ besides the altar of the ~~LORD~~ Lord our God. 20 Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity. 21 Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh answered, and said unto the heads of the thousands of Israel, 22 The ~~LORD~~ Lord God of gods, the ~~LORD~~ Lord God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel he shall know; if it be in rebellion, or

if in transgression against the ~~LORD~~ Lord, (save us not this day,) 23 That we have built us ~~an~~ and altar to turn from following the ~~LORD~~ Lord, or if to offer thereon burnt offering or meat offering, or if to offer peace offerings thereon, let the ~~LORD~~ Lord himself require it; 24 And if we have not rather done it for fear of this thing, saying, In time to come your children might speak unto our children, saying, What have ye to do with the ~~LORD~~ Lord God of Israel? 25 For the ~~LORD~~ Lord hath made Jordan a border between us and you, ye children of Reuben and children of Gad; ye have no part in the ~~LORD~~ Lord; so shall your children make our children cease from fearing the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 26 Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt offering; nor for sacrifice; 27 But that it may be a witness between us, and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the service of the ~~LORD~~ Lord before him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye have no part in the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 28 Therefore said we, that it shall be, when they should so say to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say again, Behold the pattern of the altar of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifices; but it is a witness between us and you. 29 God forbid that we should rebel against the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and turn this day from following the ~~LORD~~ Lord, to build an altar for burnt offerings, for meat offerings, or for sacrifices, ~~beside~~ besides the altar of the ~~LORD~~ Lord our God that is before his tabernacle. 30 And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation and heads of the thousands of Israel which were with

him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spake, it pleased them. 31 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, This day we perceive that the ~~LORD~~ Lord is among us, because ~~ye~~ **we** have not committed this trespass against the ~~LORD~~: **Lord**; now ye have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 32 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again. 33 And the thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt. 34 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar Ed; for it shall be a witness between us that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is God.

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1 And it came to pass, a long time after that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old and stricken in age. 2 And Joshua called for all Israel, and for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old and stricken in age; 3 And ye have seen all that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God is he that hath fought for you. 4 Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes,

from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea westward. 5 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God hath promised unto you. 6 Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left; 7 That ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them; 8 But cleave unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God, as ye have done unto this day. 9 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath driven out from before you great nations and strong; but as for you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day. 10 One man of you shall chase a thousand; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you. 11 Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God. 12 Else, if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you; 13 Know for a certainty that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God hath given you. 14 And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth; and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your

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God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof. 15 Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all good things are come upon you, which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God promised you; so shall the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God hath given you. 16 When ye have transgressed the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.

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1 And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor; and they served other gods. 3 And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac. 4 And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau; and I gave unto Esau mount Seir, to possess it; but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt. 5 I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them; and afterward I brought you out. 6 And I brought your fathers out of Egypt; and ye came unto the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your

fathers with chariots and horsemen unto the Red sea. 7 And when they cried unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt; and ye dwelt in the wilderness a long season. 8 And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt on the other side Jordan; and they fought with you; and I gave them into your hand, that ye might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you. 9 Then Balak the son of ~~Zipor~~ **Zipor**, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you; 10 But I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he blessed you still; so I delivered you out of his hand. 11 And ~~you~~ **ye** went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho; and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I delivered them into your hand. 12 And I sent the hornet before you, which drave them out from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites; but not with thy sword, nor with thy bow. 13 And I have given you a land for which ye did not labor, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat. 14 Now therefore fear the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and serve him in sincerity and in truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the

Amorites, in whose land ye dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to serve other gods; 17 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God, he it is that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed; 18 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land; therefore will we also serve the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for he is our God. 19 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for he is ~~an~~ **a** holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. 20 If ye forsake the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good. 21 And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 22 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses. 23 Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel. 24 And the people said unto Joshua, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey. 25 So Joshua made a covenant with the

people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. 26 And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 27 And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** which he spake unto us; it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God. 28 So Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance. 29 And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, died, being ~~an~~ **a** hundred and ten years old. 30 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in ~~Timnathserah~~ **Timnath-serah**, which is in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash. 31 And Israel served the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that overlived Joshua, and which had known all the works of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that he had done for Israel. 32 And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for ~~an~~ **a** hundred pieces of silver; and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph. 33 And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him in a hill that pertained to Phinehas his son, which was given him in mount Ephraim.

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1 Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the children of Israel asked the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, Who shall go up for us against the

Canaanites first, to fight against them? 2 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said, Judah shall go up; behold, I have delivered the land into his hand. 3 And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my

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lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him. 4 And Judah went up; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand; and they slew of them in Bezek ten thousand men. 5 And they found ~~Adonibezek~~ **Adoni-bezek** in Bezek; and they fought against him, and they slew the Canaanites and the Perizzites. 6 But ~~Adonibezek~~ **Adoni-bezek** fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes. 7 And ~~Adonibezek~~ **Adoni-bezek** said, Threescore and ten kings, having **their** their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered their meat under my table; as I have done, so God hath requited me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died. 8 Now the children of Judah had fought against Jerusalem, and had taken it, and smitten it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire. 9 And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites, that dwelt in the mountain, and in the south, and in the valley. 10 And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwelt in Hebron; ~~for~~ now the name of Hebron before was ~~Kirjatharba~~ **Kirjath-arba**; and they slew Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmi. 11 And from thence he went against the inhabitants of Debir; and the name of Debir before was ~~Kirjathsepher~~ **Kirjath-sepher**; 12 And Caleb said, He that smiteth ~~Kirjathsepher~~ **Kirjath-sepher**, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife. 13 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it; and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife. 14 And it came to pass, when she came to him, that she moved him to ask of her father a field; and she lighted from off her ass; and Caleb said unto her,

What wilt thou? 15 And she said unto him, Give me a blessing; for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the nether springs. 16 And the children of the Kenite, Moses' father - in - law, went up out of the city of palm trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which lieth in the south of Arad; and they went and dwelt among the people. 17 And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. And the name of the city was called Hormah. 18 Also Judah took Gaza with the coast thereof, and Askelon with ~~the~~ coast thereof, and Ekron with the coast thereof. 19 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was with Judah; and he drave out the inhabitants of the mountain; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron. 20 And they gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses said; and he expelled thence the three sons of Anak. 21 And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day. 22 And the house of Joseph, they also went up against ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was with them. 23 And the house of Joseph sent to descry ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**. ~~for~~ Now the name of the city before was Luz. 24 And the spies saw a man come forth out of the city, and they said unto him, Show us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and we will show thee mercy. 25 And when he showed them the entrance into the city, they smote the city with the edge of the sword; but they let go the man and all his family. 26 And the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called the name thereof Luz; which

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is the name thereof unto this day. 27 Neither did Manasseh drive out the inhabitants of ~~Bethshean~~ **Beth-shean** and her towns, nor Taanach and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land. 28 And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out. 29 Neither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them. 30 Neither did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol; but the Canaanites dwelt among them, and became tributaries. 31 Neither did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Accho, nor the inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Ahlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Helbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehob; 32 But the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; for they did not drive them out. 33 Neither did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of ~~Bethshemesh~~ **Beth-shemesh**, nor the inhabitants of ~~Bethanath~~ **Beth-anath**; but he dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; nevertheless, the inhabitants of ~~Bethshemesh~~ **Beth-shemesh** and of ~~Bethanath~~ **Beth-anath** became tributaries unto them. 34 And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountain; for they would not suffer them to come down to the valley; 35 But the Amorites would dwell in mount Heres in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim; yet the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed, so that they became tributaries. 36 And the coast of the Amorites was from the going up to Akkrabbim, from the rock, and upward.

1 And an angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you. 2 And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars; but ye have not obeyed my voice; why have ye done this? 3 Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you. 4 And it came to pass, when the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. 5 And they called the name of that place Bochim; and they sacrificed there unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 6 And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land. 7 And the people served the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that he did for Israel. 8 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, died, being ~~an~~ a hundred and ten years old. 9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in ~~Timnathheres~~ **Timnath-heres**, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash. 10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers; and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel. 11 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and served Baalim; 12 And they forsook the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of their fathers,

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which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** to anger. 13 And they forsook the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and served Baal and Ashtaroth. 14 And the anger of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies. 15 Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was against them for evil, as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had said, and as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had sworn unto them; and they were greatly distressed. 16 Nevertheless the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. 17 And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them; they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; but they did not so. 18 And when the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** raised them up judges, then the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for ~~it repented~~ the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** ~~hearkened~~ because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them. 19 And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they returned, and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way. 20 And the anger of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my

covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice; 21 I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died; 22 That through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not. 23 Therefore the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua.

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1 Now these are the nations which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** left; to prove Israel by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan; 2 Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know; to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof; 3 Namely, five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount ~~Baalhermon~~ **Baal-hermon** unto the entering in of Hamath. 4 And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses. 5 And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites; 6 And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods. 7 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and forgat the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** their God; and served Baalim and the groves. 8 Therefore the anger of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of ~~Chushanrishathaim~~ **Chushan-**

rishathaim king of Mesopotamia; and the children of Israel served ~~Chushanrishathaim~~ **Chushan-rishathaim** eight years. 9 And when the children of Israel cried unto the ~~LORD Lord~~, the ~~LORD Lord~~ raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, even Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. 10 And the Spirit of the ~~LORD Lord~~ came upon him, and he judged Israel, and went out to war; and the ~~LORD Lord~~ delivered ~~Chushanrishathaim~~ **Chushan-rishathaim** king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed against ~~Chushanrishathaim~~ **Chushan-rishathaim**. 11 And the land had rest forty years.—~~And~~ **and** Othniel the son of Kenaz died. 12 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and the ~~LORD Lord~~ strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the ~~LORD Lord~~. 13 And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and possessed the city of palm trees. 14 So the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years. 15 But when the children of Israel cried unto the ~~LORD Lord~~, the ~~LORD Lord~~ raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a man ~~lefthanded~~ **left-handed**; and by him the children of Israel sent a present unto Eglon the king of Moab. 16 But Ehud made him a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length; and he did gird it under his raiment upon his right thigh. 17 And he brought the present unto Eglon king of Moab; and Eglon was a very fat man. 18 And when he ~~had~~ made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bare the present. 19 But he himself turned again from the quarries that were by Gilgal, and

said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king; who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him. 20 And Ehud came unto him; and he was sitting in a summer parlor, which he had for himself alone.—~~And~~ **and** Ehud said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of his seat. 21 And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly; 22 And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the dirt came out. 23 Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the parlor upon him, and locked them. 24 When he was gone out, his servants came; and when they saw that, behold, the doors of the parlor were locked, they said, ~~Surely~~ **surely** he covereth his feet in his summer chamber. 25 And they tarried till they were ashamed; and, behold, he opened not the doors of the parlor; therefore they took a key, and opened them; and, behold, their lord was fallen down dead on the earth. 26 And Ehud escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped unto Seirath. 27 And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mount, and he before them. 28 And he said unto them, Follow after me; for the ~~LORD Lord~~ hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over. 29 And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all lusty, and all men of valor; and there escaped not a man. 30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest

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fourscore years. 31 And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, which slew of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox - goad; and he also delivered ~~delevered~~ Israel.

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1 And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, when Ehud was dead. 2 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host was Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles. 3 And the children of Israel cried unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel. 4 And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time. 5 And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah, between Ramah and ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el** in mount Ephraim; and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment. 6 And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of ~~Kedeshnaphtali~~ **Kedesh-naphtali**, and said unto him, Hath not the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun? 7 And I will draw unto thee, to the river Kishon, Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand. 8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go; but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go. 9 And she said, I will surely go with thee; notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honor; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh. 10 And

Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and he went up with ten thousand men at his feet; and Deborah went up with him. 11 Now Heber the Kenite, which was of the children of Hobab the father - in - law of Moses, had severed himself from the Kenites, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zaanaim, which is by Kedesh. 12 And they showed Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to mount Tabor. 13 And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles unto the river of Kishon. 14 And Deborah said unto Barak, Up; for this is the day in which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath delivered Sisera into thine hand; is not the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** gone out before thee? So Barak, went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him. 15 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** discomfited Sisera, and all his chariots, and all his ~~host~~ **hosts**, with the edge of the sword before Barak; so that Sisera lighted down off his chariot, and fled away on his feet. 16 But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth of the Gentiles; and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword; and there was not a man left. 17 Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite; for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. 18 And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a mantle. 19 And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink; and covered him. 20 Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent,

and it shall be, when any man doth come and inquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No. 21 Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took ~~an~~ a hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground; for he was fast asleep, and weary. So he died. 22 And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will show thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail was in his temples. 23 So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel. 24 And the hand of the children of Israel prospered, and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

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1 Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying, 2 Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves. 3 Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, even I, will sing unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; I will sing praise to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel. 4 ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water. 5 The mountains melted from before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, even that Sinai from before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel. 6 In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied, and the ~~travellers~~ **travelers** walked through byways. 7 The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I Deborah arose, that I arose a

mother in Israel. 8 They chose new gods; then was war in the gates; was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel? 9 My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 10 Speak, ye that ride on white asses, ye that sit in judgment, and walk by the way. 11 They that are delivered from the noise of archers in the places of drawing water, there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, even the righteous acts toward the inhabitants of his villages in Israel; then shall the people of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** go down to the gates. 12 Awake, awake, Deborah; awake, awake, utter a song; arise, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam. 13 Then he made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles among the people; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** made me have dominion over the mighty. 14 Out of Ephraim was there a root of them against Amalek; after thee, Benjamin, among thy people; out of Machir came down governors, and out of Zebulun they that handle the pen of the writer. 15 And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah; even Issachar, and also Barak; he was sent on foot into the valley. For the divisions of ~~Reuben~~ **Ruben** there were great thoughts of heart. 16 Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds, to hear the bleatings of the flocks? For the divisions of ~~Reuben~~ **Ruben** there were great searchings of heart. 17 Gilead abode beyond Jordan; and why did Dan remain in ships? Asher continued on the ~~sea-shore~~ **seashore**, and abode in his breaches. 18 Zebulun and Naphtali were a people that jeopardized their lives unto the death in the high places of the field. 19 The kings came and fought; then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo;

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they took no gain of money. 20 They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera. 21 The river of Kishon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kishon. O my soul, thou hast trodden down strength. 22 Then were the horsehoofs broken by the means of the ~~pransings~~ **prancings**, the ~~pransings~~ **prancings** of their mighty ones. 23 Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to the help of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** against the mighty. 24 Blessed above women shall Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite be; blessed shall she be above women in the tent. 25 He asked water, and she gave him milk; she brought forth butter in a lordly dish. 26 She put her hand to the nail; and her right hand to the workmen's hammer; and with the hammer she smote Sisera, she smote off his head, when she had pierced and stricken through his temples. 27 At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down; at her feet he bowed, he fell; where he bowed, there he fell down dead. 28 The mother of Sisera looked out at a window, and cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot so long in coming? why tarry the wheels of his chariots? 29 Her wise ladies answered her, yea, she returned answer to herself, 30 Have they not sped? have they not divided the prey; to every man a damsel or two; to Sisera a prey of divers colors, a prey of divers colors of needlework, of divers colors of needlework on both sides, meet for the necks of them that take the spoil? 31 So let all thine enemies perish, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; but let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rest forty years.

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1 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years. 2 And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel; and because of the Midianites the children of Israel made them the dens which are in the mountains, and caves, and ~~strong~~ **holds** **strongholds**. 3 And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them; 4 And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou ~~come~~ **came** unto Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass. 5 For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude; for both they and their camels were without number; and they entered into the land to destroy it. 6 And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites; and the children of Israel cried unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 7 And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** because of the Midianites, 8 That the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** sent a prophet unto the children of Israel, which said unto them, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage; 9 And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land; 10 And I said unto you, I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God; fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell; but ye have not obeyed my voice. 11 And there came an angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah,

that pertained unto Joash the ~~Abiezrite~~: **Abi-ezrite**; and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. 12 And the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** appeared unto him, and said unto him, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is with thee, thou mighty man of valor. 13 And Gideon said unto him, ~~Oh~~ **O** my Lord, if the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** bring us up from Egypt? but now the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites. 14 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites; have not I sent thee? 15 And he said unto him, ~~Oh~~ **O** my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house. 16 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man. 17 And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then show me a sign that thou talkest with me. 18 Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set it before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again. 19 And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour; the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him under the oak, and presented it. 20 And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so. 21 Then the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened

cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** departed out of his sight. 22 And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Gideon said, Alas, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God! for because I have seen an angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** face to face. 23 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not; thou shalt not die. 24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and called it ~~Jehovahshalom~~: **Jehovah-shalom**; unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the ~~Abiezrites~~ **Abi-ezrites**. 25 And it came to pass the same night, that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that is by it; 26 And build an altar unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down. 27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had said unto him; and so it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night. 28 And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove was cut down that was by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar that was built. 29 And they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they inquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing. 30 Then the men of the city said unto Joash, Bring out thy son, that he may die; because he hath cast down the altar of Baal, and because he hath cut down

the grove that was by it. 31 And Joash said unto all that stood against him, Will ye plead for Baal? will ye save him? he that will plead for him, let him be put to death whilst it is yet morning; if he be a god, let him plead for himself, because one hath cast down his altar. 32 Therefore on that day he called him Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal plead against him, because he hath thrown down his altar. 33 Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel. 34 But the Spirit of the **LORD Lord** came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and ~~Abiezer~~ **Abiezer** was gathered after him. 35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh; who also was gathered after him; and he sent messengers unto Asher, and unto Zebulun, and unto Naphtali; and they came up to meet them. 36 And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said, 37 Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; and if the dew be on the fleece only, and it be dry upon all the earth ~~beside~~ **besides**, then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said. 38 And it was so; for he rose up early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water. 39 And Gideon said unto God, Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once; let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew. 40 And God did so that night; for it was dry upon the fleece only; and there was dew on all the ground.

1 Then Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, and all the people that were with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Harod; so that the host of the Midianites were on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley. 2 And the **LORD Lord** said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me. 3 Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand. 4 And the **LORD Lord** said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there; and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go. 5 So he brought down the people unto the water; and the **LORD Lord** said unto Gideon, Every one that lapped of the water with his tongue, as a dog lapped, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink. 6 And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men; but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water. 7 And the **LORD Lord** said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand; and let all the other people go every man unto his place. 8 So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets; and he sent all

the rest of Israel every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men; and the host of Midian was beneath him in the valley. 9 And it came to pass the same night, that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto the host; for I have delivered it into thine hand. 10 But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phurah thy servant down to the host; 11 And thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shall thine hands be strengthened to go down unto the host. Then went he down with Phurah his servant unto the outside of the armed men that were in the host. 12 And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the ~~sea-side~~ **seaside** for multitude. 13 And when Gideon was come, behold, there was a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along. 14 And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel; for into his hand hath God delivered Midian, and all the host. 15 And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he ~~worshipped~~ **worshiped**, and returned into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian. 16 And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers. 17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise; and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so

shall ye do. 18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, The sword of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and of Gideon. 19 So Gideon, and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch; and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands. 20 And the three companies blew the trumpets; and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal; and they cried, The sword of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and of Gideon. 21 And they stood every man in his place round about the camp; and all the host ran, and cried, and fled. 22 And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host; and the host fled to ~~Bethshittah~~ **Beth-shittah** in Zererath, and to the border of ~~Abelmeholah~~ **Abel-meholah**, unto Tabbath. 23 And the men of Israel gathered themselves together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, and pursued after the Midianites. 24 And Gideon sent messengers throughout all mount Ephraim, saying, ~~come~~ **Come** down against the Midianites, and take before them the waters unto ~~Bethbarah~~ **Beth-barah** and Jordan. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and took the waters unto ~~Bethbarah~~ **Beth-barah** and Jordan. 25 And they took two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb; and they slew Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the ~~winepress~~ **wine- press** of Zeeb; and pursued Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side Jordan.

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1 And the men of Ephraim said unto him, Why hast thou served us thus, that thou calledst us not, when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites? And they did chide with him sharply. 2 And he said unto them, What have I done now in comparison of you? Is not the gleanings of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of ~~Abiezer~~ **Abi-ezer**? 3 God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb; and what was I able to do in comparison of you? Then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said that. 4 And Gideon came to Jordan, and passed over, he, and the three hundred men that were with him, faint, yet pursuing them. 5 And he said unto the men of Succoth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me; for they be faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian. 6 And the princes of Succoth said, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thine army? 7 And Gideon said, Therefore when the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into mine hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers. 8 And he went up thence to Peniel, and spake unto them likewise; and the men of Peniel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered him. 9 And he spake also unto the men of Peniel, saying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower. 10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their hosts with them, about fifteen thousand men, all that were left of all the hosts of the children of the east; for there fell ~~an~~ **a** hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword. 11 And Gideon went up by the way of them that

dwelt in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah, and smote the host; for the host was secure. 12 And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued after them, and took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and discomfited all the host. 13 And Gideon the son of Joash returned from battle before the sun was up, 14 And caught a young man of the men of Succoth, and inquired of him; and he described unto him the princes of Succoth, and the elders thereof, even threescore and seventeen men. 15 And he came unto the men of Succoth, and said, Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, with whom ye did upbraid me, saying, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thy men that 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 Succoth. 17 And he beat down the tower of Peniel, and slew the men of the city. 18 Then said he unto Zebah and Zalmunna, What manner of men were they whom ye slew at Tabor? And they answered, As thou art, so were they; each one resembled the children of a king. 19 And he said, They were my brethren, even the sons of my mother; as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** liveth, if ye had saved them alive, I would not slay you. 20 And he said unto Jether his ~~firstborn~~ **first-born**, Up, and slay them. But the youth drew not his sword; for he feared, because he was yet a youth. 21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall upon us; for as the man is, so is his strength. And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah and Zalmunna, and took away the ornaments that were on their camels' necks. 22 Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, also; for thou hast delivered us from the hand of

Midian. 23 And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall rule over you. 24 And Gideon said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that ye would give me every man the earrings of his prey. (For they had golden earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.) 25 And they answered, We will willingly give them. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein every man the earrings of his prey. 26 And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred shekels of gold; ~~beside~~ **besides** ornaments, and collars, and purple raiment that was on the kings of Midian, and ~~beside~~ **besides** the chains that were about their camels' necks. 27 And Gideon made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, even in Ophrah; and all Israel went thither a whoring after it; which thing became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house. 28 Thus was Midian subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more. And the country was in quietness forty years in the days of Gideon. 29 And Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and dwelt in his own house. 30 And Gideon had threescore and ten sons of his body begotten; for he had many wives. 31 And his concubine that was in Shechem, she also bare him a son, whose name he called Abimelech. 32 And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the ~~sepulchre~~ **sepulcher** of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. 33 And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring after Baalim, and made ~~Baalberith~~ **Baal-berith** their god. 34 And the children of Israel remembered not the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** their God, who had

delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side; 35 Neither showed they kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, namely, Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had showed unto Israel.

9

1 And Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem unto his mother's brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying, 2 Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, Whether is better for you, either that all the sons of Jerubbaal, which are threescore and ten persons, reign over you, ? or that one reign over you? remember also that I am your bone and your flesh. 3 And his mother's brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words; and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech; for they said, He is our brother. 4 And they gave him threescore and ten pieces of silver out of the house of ~~Baalberith~~ **Baal-berith**, wherewith Abimelech hired vain and light persons, which followed him. 5 And he went unto his father's house at Ophrah, and slew his brethren the sons of Jerubbaal, being threescore and ten persons, upon one stone; notwithstanding, yet Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himself. 6 And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo, and went; and made Abimelech king, by the plain of the pillar that was in Shechem. 7 And when they told it to Jotham, he went and stood in the top of mount Gerizim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of Shechem, that God may hearken unto you. 8 The trees went forth on a time to anoint a

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king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, Reign thou over us. 9 But the olive tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they honor God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees? 10 And the trees said to the fig tree, Come thou, and reign over us. 11 But the fig tree said unto them, Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees? 12 Then said the trees unto the vine, Come thou, and reign over us. 13 And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees? 14 Then said all the trees unto the bramble, Come thou, and reign over us. 15 And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, then come and put your trust in my shadow; and if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon. 16 Now therefore, if ye have done truly and sincerely, in that ye have made Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done unto him according to the deserving of his hands; 17 (For my father fought for you, and adventured his life far, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian; 18 And ye are risen up against my father's house this day, and have slain his sons, threescore and ten persons, upon one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his maidservant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your brother;) 19 If ye then have dealt truly and sincerely with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, then rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you; 20 But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, and the house of Millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and devour

Abimelech. 21 And Jotham ran away, and fled, and went to Beer, and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his brother. 22 When Abimelech had reigned three years over Israel, 23 Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech; 24 That the cruelty done to the threescore and ten sons of Jerubbaal might come, and their blood be laid upon Abimelech their brother, which slew them; and upon the men of Shechem, which aided him in the killing of his brethren. 25 And the men of Shechem set liers in wait for him in the top of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them; and it was told Abimelech. 26 And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brethren, and went over to Shechem; and the men of Shechem put their confidence in him. 27 And they went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards, and trode the grapes, and made merry, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and cursed Abimelech. 28 And Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? is not he the son of Jerubbaal? and Zebul his officer? serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem; for why should we serve him? 29 And would to God ~~this~~ **these** people were under my hand! then would I remove Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, Increase thine army, and come out. 30 And when Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger was kindled. 31 And he sent messengers unto Abimelech privily, saying, Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brethren be come to Shechem; and, behold, they fortify the city against thee. 32 Now therefore up by night, thou and the

people that is with thee, and lie in wait in the field; 33 And it shall be, that in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, thou shalt rise early, and set upon the city; and, behold, when he and the people that is with him come out against thee, then mayest thou do to them as thou shalt find occasion. 34 And Abimelech rose up, and all the people that were with him, by night, and they laid wait against Shechem in four companies. 35 And Gaal the son of Ebed went out, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city; and Abimelech rose up, and the people that were with him, from lying in wait. 36 And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold, there come people down from the top of the mountains. And Zebul said unto him, Thou seest the shadow of the mountains as if they were men. 37 And Gaal ~~spake~~ **spoke** again, and said, See, there come people down by the middle of the land, and another company come along by the plain of Meonenim. 38 Then said Zebul unto him, Where is now thy mouth, wherewith thou saidst, Who is Abimelech, that we should serve him? is not this the people that thou hast despised? go out, I pray now, and fight with them. 39 And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech. 40 And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him, and many were overthrown and wounded, even unto the entering of the gate. 41 And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah; and Zebul thrust out Gaal and his brethren, that they should not dwell in Shechem. 42 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people went out into the field; and they told Abimelech. 43 And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and laid wait in the field, and looked, and, behold, the people were come forth out of the city; and

he rose up against them, and smote them. 44 And Abimelech, and the company that was with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city; and the two other companies ran upon all the people that were in the fields, and slew them. 45 And Abimelech fought against the city all that day; and he took the city, and slew the people that was therein, and beat down the city, and sowed it with salt. 46 And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard that, they entered into ~~an~~ **a** hold of the house of the god Berith. 47 And it was told Abimelech, that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together. 48 And Abimelech gat him up to mount Zalmon, he and all the people that were with him; and Abimelech took an axe in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it, and laid it on his shoulder, and said unto the people that were with him, What ye have seen me do, make haste, and do as I have done. 49 And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put them to the hold, and set the hold on fire upon them; so that all the men of the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women. 50 Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez, and took it. 51 But there was a strong tower within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut it to them, and gat them up to the top of the tower. 52 And Abimelech came unto the tower, and fought against it, and went hard unto the door of the tower to burn it with fire. 53 And a certain woman cast a piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's head, and all to brake his skull. 54 Then he called hastily unto the young man his ~~armourbearer~~ **armor-bearer**, and said unto him, Draw thy sword, and slay me, that

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~~the~~ men say not of me, A ~~women~~ **woman** slew him; And his young man thrust him through, and he died. 55 And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man unto his place. 56 Thus God rendered the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren; 57 And all the evil of the men of Shechem did God render upon their heads; and upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

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1 ~~And after~~ **After** Abimelech there arose to defend Israel Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in mount Ephraim. 2 And he judged Israel twenty and three years, and died, and was buried in Shamir. 3 And after him arose Jair, a Gileadite, and judged Israel twenty and two years. 4 And he had thirty sons that rode on thirty ass colts, and they had thirty cities, which are called ~~Havothjair~~ **Havoth-jair** unto this day, which are in the land of Gilead. 5 And Jair died, and was buried in Camon. 6 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the ~~LORD Lord~~, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsook the ~~LORD Lord~~, and served **him** not ~~him~~. 7 And the anger of the ~~LORD Lord~~ was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon. 8 And that year they vexed and oppressed the children of Israel; eighteen years, all the children of Israel that were on the other side Jordan in the land of the Amorites;

which is in Gilead. 9 Moreover the children of Ammon passed over Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was sore distressed. 10 And the children of Israel cried unto the ~~LORD Lord~~, saying, We have sinned against thee, both because we have forsaken our God, and also served Baalim. 11 And the ~~LORD Lord~~ said unto the children of Israel, Did not I deliver you from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines? 12 The Zidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites, did oppress you; and ye cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand. 13 Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other gods; wherefore I will deliver you no more. 14 Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation. 15 And the children of Israel said unto the ~~LORD Lord~~, We have sinned; do thou unto us whatsoever seemeth good unto thee; deliver us only, we pray thee, this day. 16 And they put away the strange gods from among them, and served the ~~LORD Lord~~; and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel. 17 Then the children of Ammon were gathered together, and encamped in Gilead. And the children of Israel assembled themselves together, and encamped in Mizpeh. 18 And the people and princes of Gilead said ~~to~~ one ~~to~~ another, What man is he that will begin to fight against the children of Ammon? he shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

11

1 Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valor, and he was the son of ~~an~~ a harlot; and Gilead begat

Jephthah. 2 And Gilead's wife bare him sons; and his wife's sons grew up, and they thrust out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou art the son of a strange woman. 3 Then Jephthah fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob; and there were gathered vain men to Jephthah, and went out with him. 4 And it came to pass in process of time, that the children of Ammon made war against Israel. 5 And it was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob; 6 And they said unto Jephthah, Come, and be our captain, that we may fight with the children of Ammon. 7 And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, Did not ye hate me, and expel me out of my father's house? and why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress? 8 And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Therefore we turn again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight against the children of Ammon, and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead. 9 And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, If ye bring me home again to fight against the children of Ammon, and the **LORD Lord** deliver them before me, shall I be your head? 10 And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, The **LORD Lord** be witness between us, if we do not so according to thy words. 11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and captain over them; and Jephthah uttered all his words before the **LORD Lord** in Mizpeh. 12 And Jephthah sent messengers unto the king of the children of Ammon, saying, What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come against me to fight in my land? 13 And the king of the children of Ammon answered unto

the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land, when they came up out of Egypt, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and unto Jordan; now therefore restore those lands again peaceably. 14 And Jephthah sent messengers again unto the king of the children of Ammon; 15 And said unto him, Thus saith Jephthah, Israel took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon; 16 But when Israel came up from Egypt, and walked through the wilderness unto the Red sea, and came to Kadesh; 17 Then Israel sent messengers unto the king of Edom, saying, Let me, I pray thee, pass through thy land; but the king of Edom would not hearken thereto. And in like manner they sent unto the king of Moab; but he would not consent; and Israel abode in Kadesh. 18 Then they went along through the wilderness, and compassed the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the land of Moab, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, but came not within the border of Moab; for Arnon was the border of Moab. 19 And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon; and Israel said unto him, Let us pass, we pray thee, through thy land into my place. 20 But Sihon trusted not Israel to pass through his coast; but Sihon gathered all his people together, and pitched in Jahaz, and fought against Israel. 21 And the **LORD Lord** God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they smote them; so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country. 22 And they possessed all the coasts of the Amorites, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and from the wilderness even unto Jordan. 23 So now the **LORD Lord** God of Israel hath dispossessed the Amorites from before his people

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Israel, and shouldest thou possess it? 24 Wilt not thou possess that which Chemosh thy god giveth thee to possess? So whomsoever the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God shall drive out from before us, them will we possess. 25 And now art thou any thing better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? did he ever strive against Israel, or did he ever fight against them, 26 While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and her towns, and in Aroer and her towns, and in all the cities that be along by the coasts of Arnon, three hundred years? why therefore did ye not recover them within that time? 27 Wherefore I have not sinned against thee, but thou doest me wrong to war against me; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** the Judge be judge this day between the children of Israel and the children of Ammon. 28 Howbeit the king of the children of Ammon hearkened not unto the words of Jephthah which he sent him. 29 Then the Spirit of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came upon Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over unto the children of Ammon. 30 And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into ~~mine~~ **my** hands, 31 Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's**, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering. 32 So Jephthah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** delivered them into his hands. 33 And he smote them from Aroer, even till thou come to Minnith, even twenty cities, and unto the plain of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were subdued before the

children of Israel. 34 And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and; behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances; and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter. 35 And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me; for I have opened my mouth unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and I cannot go back. 36 And she said unto him, My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, even of the children of Ammon. 37 And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me; let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my fellows. 38 And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months; and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains. 39 And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, ~~who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man.~~ And it was a custom in Israel, 40 That the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.

12

1 And the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and went northward, and said unto Jephthah, Wherefore passedst thou over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire. 2 And Jephthah said unto them, I and my people were at great strife

with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, ye delivered me not out of their hands. 3 And when I saw that ye delivered me not, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** delivered them into my hand; wherefore then are ye come up unto me this day, to fight against me? 4 Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim; and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim, because they said, Ye Gileadites are fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites, and among the Manassites. 5 And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites; and it was so, that when those Ephraimites which were escaped said, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead said unto him, Art thou an Ephraimite? If he said, Nay; 6 Then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth; and he said ~~Sibboleth~~: **Sibboleth**; for he could not frame to pronounce it right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jordan; and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand. 7 And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in one of the cities of Gilead. 8 And after him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel. 9 And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, whom he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years. 10 Then died Ibzan, and was buried at Bethlehem. 11 And after him Elon, a Zebulonite, judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten years. 12 And Elon the Zebulonite died, and was buried in Aijalon in the country of Zebulun. 13 And after him Abdon the son of Hillel, a Pirathonite, judged Israel. 14 And he had forty sons and thirty nephews, that rode on threescore and

ten ass colts; and he judged Israel eight years. 15 And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.

13

1 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** delivered them into the ~~hand~~ **hands** of the Philistines forty years. 2 And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not. 3 And the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not; but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. 4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing; 5 For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head; for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines. 6 Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible; but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name; 7 But he said unto me, ~~Behold~~ **behold**, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean thing; for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death. 8 Then Manoah ~~intreated~~ **entreated** the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born. 9 And God hearkened to the

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voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field; but Manoah her husband was not with her. 10 And the woman made ~~haste~~ **hast**, and ran, and showed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the other day. 11 And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am. 12 And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him? 13 And the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware. 14 She may not eat of any thing that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing; all that I commanded her let her observe. 15 And Manoah said unto the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, I pray thee, ~~let~~ **Let** us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee. 16 And the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread; and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. For Manoah knew not that he was an angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 17 And Manoah said unto the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honor? 18 And the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret? 19 So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and the angel did ~~wonderously~~ **wondrously**; and Manoah and his wife looked on. 20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** ascended in the flame of the

altar. ~~And~~; and Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground. 21 But the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was an angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 22 And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God. 23 But his wife said unto him, If the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would he have showed us all these things, nor would as at this time have told us such things as these. 24 And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson; and the child grew, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** blessed him. 25 And the Spirit of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

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1 And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines. 2 And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines; now therefore get her for me to wife. 3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well. 4 But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines; for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel. 5 Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of

Timnath; and, behold, a young lion roared against him. 6 And the Spirit of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand; but he told not his father or his mother what he had done. 7 And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well. 8 And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion; and, behold, there was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcass of the lion. 9 And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat; but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcass of the lion. 10 So his father went down unto the woman; and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do. 11 And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him. 12 And Samson said unto them, I will now put forth a riddle unto you; if ye can certainly declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty sheets and thirty change of garments; 13 But if ye cannot declare it me, then shall ye give me thirty sheets and thirty change of garments. And they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it. 14 And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they could not in three days expound the riddle. 15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson's wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire; have ye called us to take that we have? is it not so? 16 And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but

hate me, and lovest me not; thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told it me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told it my father nor my mother, and shall I tell it thee? 17 And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted; and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore upon him; and she told the riddle to the children of her people. 18 And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey? ~~And~~ **and** what is stronger than a lion? ~~and~~ **And** he said unto them, If ye had not ~~plowed~~ **ploughed** with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle. 19 And the Spirit of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house. 20 But Samson's wife was given to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.

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1 But it came to pass within a while after, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to go in. 2 And her father said, I verily thought that thou hadst utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to thy companion; is not her younger sister fairer than she? take her, I pray thee, instead of her. 3 And Samson said concerning them, Now shall I be more blameless than the Philistines, though I do them a displeasure. 4 And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between

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two tails. 5 And when he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn, with the vineyards and olives. 6 Then the Philistines said, Who hath done this? And they answered, Samson, the son - in - law of the Timnite, because he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And the Philistines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire. 7 And Samson said unto them, Though ye have done this, yet will I be avenged of you, and after that I will cease. 8 And he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter; and he went down and dwelt in the top of the rock Etam. 9 Then the ~~Philistines~~ **philistines** went up, and pitched in Judah, and spread themselves in Lehi. 10 And the men of Judah said, Why are ye come up against us? And they answered, To bind Samson are we come up, to do to him as he hath done to us. 11 Then three thousand men of Judah went to the top of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines are rulers over us? what is this that thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, As they did unto me, so have I done unto them. 12 And they said unto him, We are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said unto them, Swear unto me, that ye will not fall upon me yourselves. 13 And they spake unto him, saying, No; but we will bind thee fast, and deliver thee into their hand; but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock. 14 And when he came ~~unto~~ **into** Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him; and the Spirit of the **LORD Lord** came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt

with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands. 15 And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith. 16 And Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass have I slain a thousand men. 17 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking, that he cast away the jawbone out of his hand, and called that place Ramathlehi. 18 And he was sore athirst, and called on the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and said, Thou hast given this great deliverance into the hand of thy servant; and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised? 19 But God clave ~~an~~ **a** hollow place that was in the jaw, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived; wherefore he called the name thereof Enhakkore, which is in Lehi unto this day. 20 And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

16

1 Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there ~~an~~ **a** harlot, and went in unto her. 2 And it was told the Gazites, saying, Samson is come hither. And they compassed him in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying, In the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him. 3 And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of ~~an~~ **a** hill that is before Hebron. 4 And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. 5 And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see

wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver. 6 And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee. 7 And Samson said unto her, If they bind me with seven green ~~withes~~ **withs** that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man. 8 Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green ~~withes~~ **withs** which had not been dried, and she bound him with them. 9 Now there were men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And she said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he brake the ~~withes~~ **withs**, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire. So his strength was not known. 10 And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies;; now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound. 11 And he said unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that never were occupied, then shall I be weak, and be as another man. 12 Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And there were liers in wait abiding in the chamber. And he brake them from off his arms like a thread. 13 And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou ~~hast~~ **has** mocked me, and told me lies;; tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web. 14 And she fastened it with the pin, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web. 15 And she said unto him, How

canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? ~~thou hast~~ **Thou has** mocked me these three times;, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth. 16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death; 17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb;; if I be shaven;, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man. 18 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath showed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand. 19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him. 20 And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the **LORD Lord** was departed from him. 21 But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house. 22 Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven. 23 Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice;; for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand. 24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god;; for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy,

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and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us. 25 And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport; and they set him between the pillars. 26 And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them. 27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport. 28 And Samson called unto the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and said, O Lord God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes. 29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left. 30 And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life. 31 Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the ~~buryingplace~~ **burying-place** of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.

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1 And there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name was Micah. 2 And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred shekels of silver that

were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst, and spakest of also in mine ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed be thou of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, my son. 3 And when he had restored the eleven hundred shekels of silver to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the silver unto the ~~LORD~~ Lord from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image; now therefore I will restore it unto thee. 4 Yet he restored the money unto his mother; and his mother took two hundred shekels of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image; and they were in the house of Micah. 5 And the man Micah had ~~an~~ a house of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest. 6 In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes. 7 And there was a young man out of ~~Bethlehemjudah~~ **Beth-lehem-judah** of the family of Judah, who was a Levite, and he sojourned there. 8 And the man departed out of the city from ~~Bethlehemjudah~~ **Beth-lehem-judah** to sojourn where he could find a place; and he came to mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he journeyed. 9 And Micah said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I am a Levite of ~~Bethlehemjudah~~, **Beth-lehem-judah** and I go to sojourn where I may find a place. 10 And Micah said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten shekels of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Levite went in. 11 And the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was unto him as one of his sons. 12 And Micah consecrated the Levite; and the young man became his priest, and

was in the house of Micah. 13 Then said Micah, Now know I that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to my priest.

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1 In those days there was no king in Israel; and in those days the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day all their inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Israel. 2 And the children of Dan sent of their family five men from their ~~coasts~~ **coast**, men of valor, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said unto them, Go, search the land; who when they came to mount Ephraim, to the house of Micah, they lodged there. 3 When they were by the house of Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Levite; and they turned in thither, and said unto him, Who brought thee hither? and what makest thou in this place? and what hast thou here? 4 And he said unto them, Thus and thus dealeth Micah with me, and hath hired me, and I am his priest. 5 And they said unto him, Ask counsel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous. 6 And the priest said unto them, Go in peace; before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is your way wherein ye go. 7 Then the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people that were therein, how they dwelt careless, after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure; and there was no magistrate in the land, that might put them to shame in ~~any thing~~ **anything**; and they were far from the Zidonians, and had no business with any man. 8 And they came unto their brethren to Zorah and Eshtaol; and their brethren said unto them, What say ye? 9 And they said,

Arise, that we may go up against them; for we have seen the land, and, behold, it is very good; and are ye still? be not slothful to go, and to enter to possess the land. 10 When ye go, ye shall come unto a people secure, and to a large land; for God hath given it into your hands; a place where there is no want of ~~any thing~~ **anything** that is in the earth. 11 And there went from thence of the family of the Danites, out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men appointed with weapons of war. 12 And they went up, and pitched in ~~Kirjath-jearim~~ **Kirjath-jearim**, in Judah; wherefore they called that place ~~Mahanah-dan~~ **Mahanah-dan** unto this day; behold, it is behind ~~Kirjath-jearim~~ **Kirjath-jearim**. 13 And they passed thence unto mount Ephraim, and came unto the house of Micah. 14 Then answered the five men that went to spy out the country of Laish, and said unto their brethren, Do ye know that there is in these houses an ephod, and teraphim, and a graven image, and a molten image? now therefore consider what ye have to do. 15 And they turned thitherward, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, even unto the house of Micah, and saluted him. 16 And the six hundred men appointed with their weapons of war, which were of the children of Dan, stood by the entering of the gate. 17 And the five men that went to spy out the land went up, and came in thither, and took the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image; and the priest stood in the entering of the gate with the six hundred men that were appointed with weapons of war. 18 And these went into Micah's house, and fetched the carved image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image. Then said the priest unto them, What do ye? 19 And they said unto him,

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Hold thy peace, lay thine hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest; is it better for thee to be a priest unto the house of one man, or that thou be a priest unto a tribe and a family in Israel? 20 And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people. 21 So they turned and departed; and put the little ones and the cattle and the carriage before them. 22 And when they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men that were in the houses near to Micah's house were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan. 23 And they cried unto the children of Dan. And they turned their faces, and said unto Micah, What aileth thee, that thou comest with such a company? 24 And he said, Ye have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and ye are gone away; and what have I more? and what is this that ye say unto me, What aileth thee? 25 And the children of Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest angry fellows run upon thee, and thou lose thy life, with the lives of thy household. 26 And the children of Dan went their way; and when Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back unto his house. 27 And they took the things which Micah had made, and the priest which he had, and came unto Laish, unto a people that were at quiet and secure; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire. 28 And there was no deliverer, because it was far from Zidon, and they had no business with any man; and it was in the valley that lieth by ~~Beth-rehob~~ **Beth-rehob**. And they built a city, and dwelt therein. 29 And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto

Israel; howbeit the name of the city was Laish at the first. 30 And the children of Dan set up the graven image; and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land. 31 And they set them up Micah's graven image, which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

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1 And it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the side of mount Ephraim, who took to him a concubine out of ~~Bethlehem-judah~~ **Beth-lehem-judah**. 2 And his concubine played the whore against him, and went away from him unto her father's house to ~~Bethlehem-judah~~ **Beth-lehem-judah**, and was there four whole months. 3 And her husband arose, and went after her, to speak friendly unto her, and to bring her again, having his servant with him, and a couple of asses; and she brought him into her father's house; and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him. 4 And his father - in - law, the damsel's father, retained him; and he abode with him three days; so they did eat and drink, and lodged there. 5 And it came to pass on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose up to depart; and the damsel's father said unto his son - in - law, Comfort thine heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward go your way. 6 And they sat down; and did eat and drink both of them together; for the damsel's father had said unto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thine heart be merry. 7 And when the man rose up to depart, his father - in - law urged him;

therefore he lodged there again. 8 And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart; and the damsel's father said, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And they tarried until afternoon, and they did eat both of them. 9 And when the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father - in - law, the damsel's father, said unto him, Behold, now the day draweth toward evening, I pray you tarry all night; behold, the day groweth to an end, lodge here, that thine heart may be merry; and to - morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest go home. 10 But the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came over against Jebus, which is Jerusalem; and there were with him two asses saddled, his concubine also was with him. 11 And when they were by Jebus, the day was far spent; and the servant said unto his master, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn in into this city of the Jebusites, and lodge in it. 12 And his master said unto him, We will not turn aside hither into the city of a stranger, that is not of the children of Israel; we will pass over to Gibeah. 13 And he said unto his servant, Come, and let us draw near to one of these places to lodge all night, in Gibeah, or in Ramah. 14 And they passed on and went their way; and the sun went down upon them when they were by Gibeah, which belongeth to Benjamin. 15 And they turned aside thither, to go in and to lodge in Gibeah; and when he went in, he sat him down in a street of the city; for there was no man that took them into his house to lodging. 16 And, behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field at even, which was also of mount Ephraim; and he sojourned in Gibeah; but the men of the place were Benjamites. 17 And when he had lifted up his eyes, he

saw a wayfaring man in the street of the city; and the old man said, Whither goest thou? and whence comest thou? 18 And he said unto him, We are passing from ~~Bethlehem-judah~~ **Beth-lehem-judah** toward the side of mount Ephraim; from thence am I; and I went to ~~Bethlehem-judah~~ **Beth-lehem-judah**, but I am now going to the house of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**; and there is no man that receiveth me to house. 19 Yet there is both straw and provender for our asses; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for thy ~~handmaid~~ **hand-maid**, and for the young man which is with thy servants; there is no want of any thing. 20 And the old man said, Peace be with thee; howsoever, let all thy wants lie upon me; only lodge not in the street. 21 So he brought him into his house, and gave provender unto the asses; and they washed their feet, and did eat and drink. 22 Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Belial, beset the house round about, and beat at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him. 23 And the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, and said unto them, Nay, my brethren, nay, I pray you, do not so wickedly; seeing that this man is come into mine house; do not this folly. 24 Behold, here is my daughter a maiden, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth good unto you; but unto this man do not so vile a thing. 25 But the men would not hearken to him; so the man took his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abused her all the night until the morning; and when the day began to spring, they let her go. 26

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Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her lord was, till it was light. 27 And her lord rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go his way; and, behold, the woman, his concubine was fallen down at the door of the house, and her hands were upon the threshold. 28 And he said unto her, Up, and let us be going. But none answered. Then the man took her up upon an ass, and the man rose up; and gat him unto his place. 29 And when he was come into his house, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, together with her bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her into all the coasts of Israel. 30 And it was so, that all that saw it said, There was no such deed done nor seen from the day that the children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt unto this day; consider of it, take advice, and speak your minds.

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1 Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan even to ~~Beersheba~~ **Beer-sheba**, with the land of Gilead, unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in Mizpeh. 2 And the chief of all the people, even of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that drew sword. 3 (Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone up to Mizpeh.) Then said the children of Israel, Tell us, how was this wickedness? 4 And the Levite, the husband of the woman that was slain, answered, and said, I came into Gibeah that belongeth to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge. 5 And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round

about upon me by night, and thought to have slain me; and my concubine have they forced, that she is dead. 6 And I took my concubine; and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel; for they have committed lewdness and folly in Israel. 7 Behold, ye are all children of Israel; give here your advice and counsel. 8 And all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any of us go to his tent, neither will we any of us turn into his house. 9 But now this shall be the thing which we will do to Gibeah; we will go up by lot against it; 10 And we will take ten men of ~~an~~ **a** hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and ~~an~~ **a** hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch ~~victual~~ **victuals** for the people, that they may do, when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they have wrought in Israel. 11 So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together as one man. 12 And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness is this that is done among you? 13 Now therefore deliver us the men, the children of Belial, which are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel; 14 But the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities unto Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel. 15 And the children of Benjamin were numbered at that time out of the cities twenty and six thousand men that drew sword, ~~beside~~ **besides** the inhabitants of Gibeah, which were numbered seven hundred chosen men. 16 Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men

~~lefthanded~~ **left-handed**; every one could sling stones at ~~an~~ **a** hair - breadth, and not miss. 17 And the men of Israel, ~~beside~~ **besides** Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand men that drew sword; all these were men of war. 18 And the children of Israel arose, and went up to the house of God, and asked counsel of God, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the children of Benjamin? And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said, Judah shall go up first. 19 And the children of Israel rose up in the morning, and encamped against Gibeah. 20 And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin; and the men of Israel put themselves in array to fight against them at Gibeah. 21 And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and destroyed down to the ground of the Israelites that day twenty and two thousand men. 22 And the people, the men of Israel, encouraged themselves, and set their battle again in array in the place where they put themselves in array the first day. 23 (And the children of Israel went up and wept before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** until even, and asked counsel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, Shall I go up again to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother? And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said, Go up against him.) 24 And the children of Israel came near against the children of Benjamin the second day. 25 And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed down ~~to~~ the ground of the children of Israel again eighteen thousand men; all these drew the sword. 26 Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of God, and wept, and sat there before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt offerings and peace

offerings before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 27 And the children of Israel inquired of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, (for the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days, 28 And Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days,) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said, Go up; for to - morrow I will deliver them into thine hand. 29 And Israel set liers in wait round about Gibeah. 30 And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other times. 31 And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, and were drawn away from the city; and they began to smite of the people, and kill, as at other times, in the highways, of which one goeth up to the house of God, and the other to Gibeah in the field, about thirty men of Israel. 32 And the children of Benjamin said, They are smitten down before us, as at the first. But the children of Israel said, Let us flee, and draw them from the city unto the highways. 33 And all the men of Israel rose up out of their place, and put themselves in array at ~~Baal-tamar~~: **Baal-tamar**; and the liers in wait of Israel came forth out of their places, even out of the meadows of Gibeah. 34 And there came against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle was sore; but they knew not that evil was near them. 35 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** smote Benjamin before Israel; and the children of Israel destroyed of the Benjamites that day twenty and five thousand and ~~an~~ **a** hundred men; all these drew the sword. 36 So the children of Benjamin saw that they were smitten; for the men of Israel gave place to the Benjamites, because they trusted unto the liers in

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wait which they had set beside Gibeah. 37 And the liers in wait hasted, and rushed upon Gibeah; and the liers in wait drew themselves along, and smote all the city with the edge of the sword. 38 Now there was an appointed sign between the men of Israel and the liers in wait, that they should make a great flame with smoke rise up out of the city. 39 And when the men of Israel retired in the battle, Benjamin began to smite and kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons; for they said, Surely they are smitten down before us, as in the first battle. 40 But when the flame began to arise up out of the city with a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked behind them, and, behold, the flame of the city ascended up to heaven. 41 And when the men of Israel turned again, the men of Benjamin were amazed; for they saw that evil was come upon them. 42 Therefore they turned their backs before the men of Israel unto the way of the wilderness; but the battle overtook them; and them which came out of the cities they destroyed in the midst of them. 43 Thus they inclosed the Benjamites round about, and chased them, and trode them down with ease over against Gibeah, toward the ~~sunrising~~ **sun- rising**. 44 And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men; all these were men of valor. 45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon; and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men; and pursued hard after them unto Gidom, and slew two thousand men of them. 46 So that all which fell that day of Benjamin were twenty and five thousand men that drew the sword; all these were men of valor. 47 But six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon, and abode in the rock Rimmon four months. 48 And the

men of Israel turned again upon the children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword, as well the men of every city, as the beast, and all that came to hand; also they set on fire all the cities that they came to.

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1 Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpeh, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Benjamin to wife. 2 And the people came to the house of God, and abode there till even before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept sore; 3 And said, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel, that there should be ~~to-day~~ **today** one tribe lacking in Israel? 4 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. 5 And the children of Israel said, Who is there among all the tribes of Israel that came not up with the congregation unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** ? For they had made a great oath concerning him that came not up to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** to Mizpeh, saying, He shall surely be put to death. 6 And the children of Israel repented them for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day. 7 How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing we have sworn by the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that we will not give them of our daughters to wives? 8 And they said, What one is there of the tribes of Israel that came not up to Mizpeh to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** ? And, behold, there came none to the camp from ~~Jabesh-gilead~~ **Jabesh-gilead** to the assembly. 9 For the people were numbered, and, behold, there were none of the inhabitants of ~~Jabesh-gilead~~ **Jabesh-gilead** there. 10 And the congregation sent thither

twelve thousand men of the valiantest, and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of ~~Jabesh-gilead~~ **Jabesh-gilead** with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children. 11 And this is the thing that ye shall do, Ye shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman that hath lain by man. 12 And they found among the inhabitants of ~~Jabesh-gilead~~ **Jabesh-gilead** four hundred young virgins, that had known no man by lying with any male; and they brought them unto the camp to Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan. 13 And the whole congregation sent some to speak to the children of Benjamin that were in the rock Rimmon, and to call peaceably unto them. 14 And Benjamin came again at that time; and they gave them wives which they had saved alive of the women of ~~Jabesh-gilead~~ **Jabesh-gilead**; and yet so they sufficed them not. 15 And the people repented them for Benjamin, because that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had made a breach in the tribes of Israel. 16 Then the elders of the congregation said, How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin? 17 And they said, There must be an inheritance for them that be escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe be not destroyed out of Israel. 18 Howbeit we may not give them wives of our daughters; for the children of Israel have sworn, saying,

Cursed be he that giveth a wife to Benjamin. 19 Then they said, Behold, there is a feast of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in Shiloh yearly, in a place which is on the north side of ~~Beth-el~~ **Beth-el** on the east side of the highway that goeth up from ~~Beth-el~~ **Beth-el** to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah. 20 Therefore they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards; 21 And see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin. 22 And it shall be, when their fathers or their brethren come unto us to complain, that we will say unto them, Be favorable unto them for our sakes; because we reserved not to each man his wife in the war; for ye did not give unto them at this time, that ye should be guilty. 23 And the children of Benjamin did so, and took them wives, according to their number, of them that danced, whom they caught; and they went and returned unto their inheritance, and repaired the cities, and dwelt in them. 24 And the children of Israel departed thence at that time, every man to his tribe and to his family, and they went out from thence every man to his inheritance. 25 In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

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1 Now there was a certain man of ~~Ramathaimzophim~~ **Ramathaim-zophim**, of mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, ~~an~~ and

Ephrathite; 2 And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah; and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. 3 And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons

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of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, were there. 4 And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions; 5 But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah; but the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had shut up her womb. 6 And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had shut up her womb. 7 And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. 8 Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons? 9 So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and wept sore. 11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man - child, then I will give him unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head. 12 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that Eli marked her mouth. 13 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she had been drunken. 14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee. 15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the

~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial; for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto. 17 ~~Then~~ **And** Eli answered and said, Go in peace; and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him. 18 And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad. 19 And they rose up in the morning early, and ~~worshipped~~ **worshiped** before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah; and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** remembered her. 20 Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 21 And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. 22 But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and there abide ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 23 And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him. 24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in Shiloh; and the child was young. 25 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli. 26 And she said, ~~Oh~~ **O** my lord, as thy soul liveth, my ~~lord~~ **Lord**, I am the woman that stood by thee here,

praying unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 27 For this child I prayed; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath given me my petition which I asked of him;; 28 Therefore also I have lent him to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. And he ~~worshipped~~ **worshiped** the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** there.

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1 And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, mine horn is exalted in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I ~~rejoice~~ **rejoiced** in thy salvation. 2 There is none holy as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for there is none ~~beside~~ **besides** thee;; neither is there any rock like our God. 3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth;; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. 4 The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength. 5 They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased;; so that the barren hath ~~born~~ **borne** seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble. 6 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** killeth, and maketh alive;; he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. 7 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** maketh poor, and maketh rich;; he bringeth low, and lifteth up. 8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory;; for the pillars of the earth are the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's**, and he hath set the world upon them. 9 He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. 10 The adversaries of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**

shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them;; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed. 11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child did minister unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** before Eli the priest. 12 Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 13 And the priest's custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand; 14 And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither. 15 Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw. 16 And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, Nay; but thou shalt give it me now;; and if not, I will take it by force. 17 Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for men abhorred the offering of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 18 But Samuel ministered before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, being a child, girded with a linen ephod. 19 Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. 20 And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. And they went unto their own home. 21 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** visited Hannah, so that she

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conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 22 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people. 24 Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear; ye make the ~~LORD's~~ Lord's people to transgress. 25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him; but if a man sin against the ~~LORD~~ Lord, who shall entreat for him? Notwithstanding, they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the ~~LORD~~ Lord would slay them. 26 And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favor both with the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and also with men. 27 And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house? 28 And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel? 29 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honorest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people? 30 Wherefore the ~~LORD~~ Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me ~~for ever~~ forever; but now the ~~LORD~~ Lord saith, Be it far from me; for them that honor me I will honor, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed. 31 Behold, the days come,

that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house. 32 And thou shalt see an enemy in my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Israel; and there shall not be an old man in thine house ~~for ever~~ forever. 33 And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine altar, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart; and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age. 34 And this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them. 35 And I will ~~raise~~ rise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind; and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed ~~for ever~~ forever. 36 And it shall come to pass, that ~~every one~~ everyone that is left in thine house shall come and crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

3

1 And the child Samuel ministered unto the ~~LORD~~ Lord before Eli. And the word of the ~~LORD~~ Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision. 2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see; 3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep. 4 That the ~~LORD~~ Lord called Samuel; and he answered, Here am I. 5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay

down. 6 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again. 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, neither was the word of the ~~LORD~~ **yet Lord** ~~ye~~ revealed unto him. 8 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had called the child. 9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down; and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth. 11 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of ~~every one~~ **everyone** that heareth it shall tingle. 12 In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house; when I begin, I will also make an end. 13 For I have told him that I will judge his house ~~for ever~~ **forever** for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not. 14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 15 And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. And Samuel feared to show Eli the vision. 16 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I. 17 And he said, What is the thing that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me; God do so to thee, and

more also, if thou hide ~~any thing~~ **anything** from me of all the things that he said unto thee. 18 And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; let him do what seemeth him good. 19 And Samuel grew, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And all Israel from Dan even to ~~Beersheba~~ **Beer-sheba** knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 21 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** appeared again in Shiloh; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

4

1 And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside ~~Ebenezer~~ **Eben-ezer**; and the Philistines pitched in Aphek. 2 And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel; and when they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines; and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men. 3 And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** smitten us ~~to day~~ **today** before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies. 4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, which dwelleth between the cherubim; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God. 5 And when the ark of the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the

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earth rang again. 6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What meaneth the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was come into the camp. 7 And the Philistines were afraid; for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore. 8 Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness. 9 Be strong, and quit yourselves like men; O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you; quit yourselves like men, and fight. 10 And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent; and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen. 11 And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain. 12 And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head. 13 And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching; for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told it, all the city cried out. 14 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What meaneth the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli. 15 Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see. 16 And the man said unto Eli, I am he that came out of the army, and I fled ~~to-day~~ **today** out of the army. And he said, What is there done, my son? 17 And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath

been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken. 18 And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died; for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years. 19 And his daughter - in - law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, near to be delivered; and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father - in - law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her. 20 And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast ~~born~~ **borne** a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard it. 21 And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel; because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father - in - law and her husband. 22 And she said, The glory is departed from Israel; for the ark of God is taken.

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1 And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from ~~Ebenezer~~ **Eben-ezer** unto Ashdod. 2 When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon. 3 And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again. 4 And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the

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threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him. 5 Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day. 6 But the hand of the **LORD Lord** was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, even Ashdod and the coasts thereof. 7 And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us; for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god. 8 They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel about thither. 9 And it was so, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of the **LORD Lord** was against the city with a very great destruction; and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts. 10 Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people. 11 So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to his own place, that it slay us not, and our people; for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there. 12 And the men that died not were smitten with the emerods; and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

1 And the ark of the **LORD Lord** was in the country of the Philistines seven months. 2 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the **LORD Lord**? tell us wherewith we shall send it to his place. 3 And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a trespass offering; then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you. 4 Then said they, What shall be the trespass offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines; for one plague was on you all, and on your lords. 5 Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel; peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land. 6 Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed? 7 Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them; 8 And take the ark of the **LORD Lord**, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him for a trespass offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go. 9 And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to ~~Bethshemesh~~ **Beth-shemesh**, then he hath done us this great evil; but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that smote us; it was a

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chance that happened to us. 10 And the men did so; and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home;. 11 And they laid the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their emerods. 12 And the kine took the straight way to the way of ~~Bethshemesh~~ **Beth-shemesh**, and went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them unto the border of ~~Bethshemesh~~ **Beth-shemesh**. 13 And they of ~~Bethshemesh~~ **Beth-shemesh** were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley;; and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it. 14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a ~~Bethshemite~~ **Beth-shemite**, and stood there, where there was a great stone;; and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt offering unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 15 And the Levites took down the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great stone;; and the men of ~~Bethshemesh~~ **Beth-shemesh** offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 16 And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen it, they returned to Ekron the same day. 17 And these are the golden emerods which the Philistines returned for a trespass offering unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one; 18 And the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both of fenced cities, and of country villages, even unto the great stone of Abel, whereon they set down the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; which stone remaineth unto this day

in the field of Joshua, the ~~Bethshemite~~ **Beth-shemite**. 19 And he smote the men of ~~Bethshemesh~~ **Beth-shemesh**, because they had looked into the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men;; and the people lamented, because the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter. 20 And the men of ~~Bethshemesh~~ **Beth-shemesh** said, Who is able to stand before this holy ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God? and to whom shall he go up from us? 21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of ~~Kirjathjearim~~ **Kirjath-jearim**, saying, The Philistines have brought again the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; come ye down, and fetch it up to you.

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1 And the men of ~~Kirjathjearim~~ **Kirjath-jearim** came, and fetched up the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 2 And it came to pass, while the ark abode in ~~Kirjathjearim~~ **Kirjath-jearim**, that the time was long; for it was twenty years;; and all the house of Israel lamented after the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 3 And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and serve him only;; and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines. 4 Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** only. 5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and

poured it out before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh. 7 And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines. 8 And the ~~children~~ **Children** of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines. 9 And Samuel took a ~~sucking~~ **suckling** lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and Samuel cried unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** for Israel; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** heard him. 10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel; but the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel. 11 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them; until they came under ~~Beth~~ **Beth-car**. 12 Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it ~~Ebenezer~~ **Eben-ezer**, saying, Hitherto hath the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** helped us. 13 So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Israel; and the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. 14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the coasts thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites. 15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. 16 And he went from

year to year in circuit to ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**, and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places. 17 And his return was to Ramah; for there was his house; and there he judged Israel; and there he built an altar unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1 And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. 2 Now the name of his ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah; they were judges in ~~Beersheba~~ **Beer-sheba**. 3 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment. 4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, 5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways; now make us a king to judge us like all the nations. 6 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 7 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee; for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them. 8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee. 9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice; howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and show them the manner of the king that shall reign over them. 10 And Samuel told all the words of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** unto the people that asked of him a king. 11 And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take

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your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots. 12 And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and will set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots. 13 And he will take your daughters to be ~~confectionaries~~ **confectioneries**, and to be cooks, and to be bakers. 14 And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your ~~oliveyards~~ **olive yards**, even the best of them, and give them to his servants. 15 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants. 16 And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work. 17 He will take the tenth of your sheep; and ye shall be his servants. 18 And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will not hear you in that day. 19 Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; 20 That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles. 21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 22 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said to Samuel, Harken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

9

1 Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of

Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power. 2 And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly; and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he; from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people. 3 And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses. 4 And he passed through mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha, but they found them not; then they passed through the land of Shalim, and there they were not; and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found them not. 5 And when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that was with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father leave caring for the asses, and take thought for us. 6 And he said unto him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honorable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass; now let us go thither; peradventure he can show us our way that we should go. 7 Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God; what have we? 8 And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver; that will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way. 9 (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer; for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.) 10 Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God was. 11 And as they went up the hill to the city, they found

young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here? 12 And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, he is before you; make haste now, for he came ~~to-day~~ **today** to the city; for there is a sacrifice of the people ~~to-day~~ **today** in the high place; 13 As soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat; for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; and afterwards they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get you up; for about this time ye shall find him. 14 And they went up into the city; and when they were come into the city, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to go up to the high place. 15 Now the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying, 16 ~~To-morrow~~ **Tomorrow** about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him to be a captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines; for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me. 17 And when Samuel saw Saul, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall reign over my people. 18 Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house is. 19 And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the seer; go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me ~~to-day~~ **today**, and ~~to-morrow~~ **tomorrow** I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that is in thine heart. 20 And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And on whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not on thee, and on all thy father's house? 21 And Saul answered and said, Am not I a

Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou so to me? 22 And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlor, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which were about thirty persons. 23 And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee. 24 And the cook took up the shoulder, and that which was upon it, and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, Behold that which is left! set it before thee, and eat; for unto this time hath it been kept for thee since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day. 25 And when they were come down from the high place into the city, Samuel communed with Saul upon the top of the house. 26 And they arose early; and it came to pass about the spring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad. 27 And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,); but stand thou still a while, that I may show thee the word of God.

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1 Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance? 2 When thou art departed from me ~~to-day~~ **today**, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's ~~sepulchre~~ **sepulcher** in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses

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which thou wentest to seek are found; and, lo, thy father hath left the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I do for my son? 3 Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine; 4 And they will salute thee, and give thee two loaves of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands. 5 After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines; and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy; 6 And the Spirit of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man. 7 And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee. 8 And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings; seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and show thee what thou shalt do. 9 And it was so, that, when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart; and all those signs came to pass that day. 10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. 11 And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come

unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets? 12 And one of the same place answered and said, But who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets? 13 And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place. 14 And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses; and when we saw that they were ~~no-where~~ **nowhere**, we came to Samuel. 15 And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you. 16 And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not. 17 And Samuel called the people together unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** to Mizpeh; 18 And said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed you; 19 And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, Nay, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** by your tribes, and by your thousands. 20 And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken. 21 When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken; and when they sought him, he could not be found. 22 Therefore they inquired of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** further, if the man should yet come thither. And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** answered, Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff. 23 And they ran and fetched him thence; and

when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward. 24 And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king. 25 Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house. 26 And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched. 27 But the children of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought **him** no presents. But he held his peace.

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1 Then Nahash the Ammonite came up, and encamped against ~~Jabeshgilead~~ **Jabesh-gilead**; and all the men of Jabesh said unto Nahash, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee. 2 And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this condition will I make a covenant with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it for a reproach ~~upon~~ **in** all Israel. 3 And the elders of Jabesh said unto him, Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers unto all the coasts of Israel; and then, if there be no man to save us, we will come out to thee. 4 Then came the messengers to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings in the ears of the people; and all the people lifted up their voices, and wept. 5 And, behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field; and Saul said, What aileth the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of the men of Jabesh. 6 And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he

heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly. 7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** fell on the people, and they came out with one consent. 8 And when he numbered them in Bezek, the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand. 9 And they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of ~~Jabeshgilead~~ **Jabesh-gilead**, ~~To-morrow~~ **Tomorrow**, by that time the sun be hot, ye shall have help. And the messengers came and showed it to the men of Jabesh; and they were glad. 10 Therefore the men of Jabesh said, ~~To-morrow~~ **Tomorrow** we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth good unto you. 11 And it was so on the morrow, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the host in the morning watch, and slew the Ammonites until the heat of the day; and it came to pass, that they which remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together. 12 And the people said unto Samuel, Who is he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death. 13 And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day; for ~~to-day~~ **today** the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath wrought salvation in Israel. 14 Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there. 15 And all the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**;

and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

12

1 And Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you. 2 And now, behold, the king walketh before you; and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons are with you; and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day. 3 Behold, here I am; witness against me before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and before his anointed; whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you. 4 And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ~~ought~~ **ought** of any man's hand. 5 And he said unto them, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that ye have not found ~~ought~~ **ought** in my hand. And they answered, He is witness. 6 And Samuel said unto the people, It is the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. 7 Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of all the righteous acts of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which he did to you and to your fathers. 8 When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, then the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place. 9 And when they forgot the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** their God, he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into

the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them. 10 And they cried unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and have served Baalim and Ashtaroth; but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee. 11 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye ~~dwelled~~ **dwelt** safe. 12 And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us; when the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God was your king. 13 Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have desired! and, behold, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath set a king over you. 14 If ye will fear the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God; 15 But if ye will not obey the voice of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, but rebel against the commandment of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; then shall the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** be against you, as it was against your fathers. 16 Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will do before your eyes. 17 Is it not wheat harvest ~~to-day~~ **today**? I will call unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, in asking you a king. 18 So Samuel called unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** sent thunder and rain that day; and all the people greatly feared the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** and Samuel. 19 And all the people said unto

Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God, that we die not;; for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king. 20 And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not;; ye have done all this wickedness;; yet turn not aside from following the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, but serve the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with all your heart; 21 And turn ye not aside;; for then should ye go after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain. 22 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will not forsake his people for his great name's sake;; because it hath pleased the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** to make you his people. 23 Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in ceasing to pray for you;; but I will teach you the good and the right way;; 24 Only fear the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and serve him in truth with all your heart;; for consider how great things he hath done for you. 25 But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

13

1 Saul reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over Israel, 2 Saul chose him three thousand men of Israel; whereof two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in mount ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin;; and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent. 3 And Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that was in Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear. 4 And all Israel heard say that Saul had smitten a garrison of the Philistines, and that Israel also was had in abomination with the Philistines. And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal. 5 And the

Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the ~~sea-shore~~ **seashore** in multitude;; and they came up, and pitched in Michmash, eastward from ~~Bethaven~~ **Beth-aven**. 6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits. 7 And some of the Hebrews went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling. 8 And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed;; but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. 9 And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering. 10 And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him. 11 And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash; 12 Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering. 13 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly;; thou hast not kept the commandment of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God, which he commanded thee;; for now would the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** have established thy kingdom upon Israel ~~for—ever~~ **forever**. 14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue;; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**

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hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** commanded thee. 15 And Samuel arose, and gat him up from Gilgal unto Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people that were present with him, about six hundred men. 16 And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people that were present with them, abode in Gibeah of Benjamin; but the Philistines encamped in Michmash. 17 And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies; one company turned unto the way that leadeth to Ophrah, unto the land of Shual; 18 And another company turned the way to ~~Bethoron~~ **Beth-horon**; and another company turned to the way of the border that looketh to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness. 19 Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel; for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears; 20 But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coultter, and his axe, and his mattock. 21 Yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goads. 22 So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jonathan; but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found. 23 And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.

14

1 Now it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his

armor, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that is on the other side. But he told not his father. 2 And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which is in Migron; and the people that were with him were about six hundred men; 3 And Ahiah, the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** priest in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone. 4 And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines' garrison, there was a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side; and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. 5 The forefront of the one was situate northward over against Michmash, and the other southward over against Gibeah. 6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armor, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will work for us; for there is no restraint to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** to save by many or by few. 7 And his ~~armourbearer~~ **armor-bearer** said unto him, Do all that is in ~~thine~~ **thy** heart; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart. 8 Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over unto these men, and we will discover ourselves unto them. 9 If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them. 10 But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath delivered them into our hand; and this shall be a sign unto us. 11 And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines; and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves. 12

And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his ~~armourbearer~~ **armor-bearer**, and said, Come up to us, and we will show you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his ~~armourbearer~~ **armor-bearer**, Come up after me; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath delivered them into the hand of Israel. 13 And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his ~~armourbearer~~ **armor-bearer** after him; and they fell before Jonathan; and his ~~armourbearer~~ **armor-bearer** slew after him. 14 And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his ~~armourbearer~~ **armor-bearer** made, was about twenty men, within as it were ~~an~~ **a** half acre of land, which a yoke of oxen might ~~plow~~ **plough**. 15 And there was trembling in the host, in the field, and among all the people; the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled, and the earth quaked; so it was a very great trembling. 16 And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down one another. 17 Then said Saul unto the people that were with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his ~~armourbearer~~ **armor-bearer** were not there. 18 And Saul said unto Ahiah, Bring hither the ark of God. For the ark of God was at that time with the children of Israel. 19 And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the noise that was in the host of the Philistines went on and increased; and Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand. 20 And Saul and all the people that were with him assembled themselves, and they came to the battle; and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, and there was a very great discomfiture. 21 Moreover, the

Hebrews that were with the Philistines before that time, which went up with them into the camp from the country round about, even they also turned to be with the Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan. 22 Likewise all the men of Israel which had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle. 23 So the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** saved Israel that day; and the battle passed over unto ~~Bethaven~~ **Beth-aven**. 24 And the men of Israel were distressed that day; for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the people tasted any food. 25 And all they of the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground. 26 And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth; for the people feared the oath. 27 But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath; wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in ~~an~~ **a** honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened. 28 Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food this day. And the people were faint. 29 Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land; see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey. 30 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely ~~to day~~ **today** of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for had ~~there~~ **their** not been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines? 31 And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash

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to Aijalon; and the people were very faint. 32 And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the ground; and the people did eat them with the blood. 33 Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, Ye have transgressed; roll a great stone unto me this day. 34 And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people, and say unto them, Bring me hither every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay them here, and eat; and sin not against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and slew them there. 35 And Saul built an altar unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; the same was the first altar that he built unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 36 And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee. Then said the priest, Let us draw near hither unto God. 37 And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Israel? But he answered him not that day. 38 And Saul said, Draw ye near hither, all the chief of the people; and know and see wherein this sin hath been this day. 39 For, as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** liveth, which saveth Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But there was not a man among all the people that answered him. 40 Then said he unto all Israel, Be ye on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side. And the people said unto Saul, Do what seemeth good unto thee. 41 Therefore Saul said unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, Give a perfect lot. And Saul and Jonathan were

taken; but the people escaped. 42 And Saul said, Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken. 43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in mine hand, and, lo, I must die. 44 And Saul answered, God do so and more also; for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan. 45 And the people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? God forbid; as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not. 46 Then Saul went up from following the Philistines; and the Philistines went to their own place. 47 So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines; and whithersoever he turned himself, he vexed them. 48 And he gathered ~~an~~ **a** host, and smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them. 49 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchishua; and the names of his two daughters were these; the name of the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** Merab, and the name of the younger Michal; 50 And the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz; and the name of the captain of his host was Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle. 51 And Kish was the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel. 52 And there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul; and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him.

1 Samuel also said unto Saul, The ~~LORD~~ Lord sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel;; now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 2 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. 3 Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass. 4 And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah. 5 And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley. 6 And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them;; for ye showed kindness to all the children of Israel; when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites. 7 And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt. 8 And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. 9 But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them;; but ~~every thing~~ **everything** that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly. 10 Then came the word of the ~~LORD~~ Lord unto Samuel, saying, 11 ~~It repenteth me that~~ I have set up Saul to be a king;, **and he repenteth not that he hath sinned**, for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And

it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the ~~LORD~~ Lord all night. 12 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal. 13 And Samuel came to Saul;; and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the ~~LORD~~ Lord; I have performed the commandment of the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 14 And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? 15 And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites;; for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the ~~LORD~~ Lord thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed. 16 Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the ~~LORD~~ Lord hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on. 17 And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the ~~LORD~~ Lord anointed thee king over Israel? 18 And the ~~LORD~~ Lord sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed. 19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ Lord ? 20 And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and have gone the way which the ~~LORD~~ Lord sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. 21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the ~~LORD~~ Lord thy God in Gilgal. 22 And Samuel said, Hath the ~~LORD~~

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Lord as great delight in burnt offerings ~~offerings~~ **offering** and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** ? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, he hath also rejected thee from being king. 24 And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned; for I have transgressed the commandment of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and thy words; because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. 25 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 26 And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee; for thou hast rejected the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. 27 And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent. 28 And Samuel said unto him, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbor of thine, that is better than thou. 29 And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent; for he is not a man; that he should repent. 30 Then he said, I have sinned; yet honor me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God. 31 So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul ~~worshipped~~ **worshipped** the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 32 Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past. 33 And Samuel said, As ~~the~~ **thy** sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And

Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in Gilgal. 34 Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul. 35 And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death; nevertheless, Samuel mourned for Saul; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** ~~repented that~~ **rent the kingdom from Saul whom** he had made ~~Saul~~ king over Israel.

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1 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite; for I have provided me a king among his sons. 2 And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said, Take ~~an~~ **a** heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show thee what thou shalt do; and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee. 4 And Samuel did that which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably? 5 And he said, Peaceably; I am come to sacrifice unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. 6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** anointed is before him. 7 But the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance,

but the ~~LORD~~ Lord looketh on the heart. 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the ~~LORD~~ Lord chosen this. 9 Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the ~~LORD~~ Lord chosen this. 10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The ~~LORD~~ Lord hath not chosen these. 11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him; for we will not sit down till he come hither. 12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the ~~LORD~~ Lord said, Arise, anoint him; for this is he. 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren; and the Spirit of the ~~LORD~~ Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. 14 But the Spirit of the ~~LORD~~ Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit ~~from~~ **which was not of the LORD Lord** troubled him. 15 And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit ~~from~~ **which is not of** God troubleth thee. 16 Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on ~~an~~ a harp; and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit ~~from~~, **which is not of** God, is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well. 17 And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me. 18 Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man,

and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the ~~LORD~~ Lord is with him. 19 Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, which is with the sheep. 20 And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent them by David his son unto Saul. 21 And David came to Saul, and stood before him; and he loved him greatly; and he became his ~~armourbearer~~ **armor-bearer**. 22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favor in my sight. 23 And it came to pass, when the evil spirit ~~from~~, **which was not of** God, was upon Saul, that David took ~~an~~ a harp, and played with his hand; so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

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1 Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and ~~Azekah~~ **Azehkah**, in ~~Ephesdammim~~ **Ephes-dammim**. 2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines. 3 And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side; and there was a valley between them. 4 And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. 5 And he had ~~an~~ a helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass. 6 And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders.

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7 And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and one bearing a shield went before him. 8 And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. 9 If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants; but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us. 10 And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. 11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid. 12 Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of ~~Bethlehem-judah~~ **Bethlehem-Judah**, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons; and the man went among men for an old man in the days of Saul. 13 And the three eldest sons of Jesse went and followed Saul to the battle; and the names of his three sons that went to the battle were Eliab the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born**, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. 14 And David was the youngest; and the three eldest followed Saul. 15 But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem. 16 And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days. 17 And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp ~~of~~ **to** thy brethren; 18 And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge. 19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the

Philistines. 20 And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle. 21 For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, army against army. 22 And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren. 23 And as he talked with them; behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words; and David heard them. 24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid. 25 And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up; and it shall be; that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel. 26 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God? 27 And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him. 28 And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride; and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle. 29 And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause? 30 And he

turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner; and the people answered him again after the former manner. 31 And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul; and he sent for him. 32 And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. 33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. 34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock; 35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth; and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. 36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. 37 David said moreover, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** be with thee. 38 And Saul armed David with his armor, and he put ~~an~~ **a** helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail. 39 And David girded his sword upon his armor, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him. 40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand; and he drew near to the Philistine. 41 And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David;

and the man that bare the shield went before him. 42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him; for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. 43 And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field. 45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield; but I come to thee in the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. 46 This day will the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. 47 And all this assembly shall know that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** saveth not with sword and spear; for the battle is the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's**, and he will give you into our hands. 48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came; and drew nigh to meet David, that David ~~hastened~~ **hasted**, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. 49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth. 50 So David prevailed over the ~~Philistine~~ **Philistines** with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. 51 Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and

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slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled. 52 And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron. 53 And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents. 54 And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armor in his tent. 55 And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son is this youth? And Abner said, As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell. 56 And the king said, Inquire thou whose son the stripling is. 57 And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. 58 And Saul said to him, Whose son art thou, thou young man? And David answered, I am the son of thy servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.

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1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house. 3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. 4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle. 5 And David went out whithersoever Saul

sent him, and behaved himself wisely; and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants. 6 And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of music. 7 And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands. 8 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands; and what can he have more but the kingdom? 9 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward. 10 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit ~~from~~ **which was not of** God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house; and David played with his hand, as at other times; and there was a javelin in Saul's hand. 11 And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice. 12 And Saul was afraid of David, because the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was with him, and was departed from Saul. 13 Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people. 14 And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was with him. 15 Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him. 16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them. 17 And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife; only be thou valiant for

me, and fight the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him. 18 And David said unto Saul, Who am I? and what is my life, or my father's family in Israel, that I should be son - in - law to the king? 19 But it came to pass at the time when Merab Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto Adriel the Meholathite to wife. 20 And Michal Saul's daughter loved David; and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him. 21 And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son - in - law in the one of the twain. 22 And Saul commanded his servants, saying, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee; now therefore be the king's son - in - law. 23 And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you a light thing to be a king's son - in - law, seeing that I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed? 24 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spake David. 25 And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but ~~an~~ a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines. 26 And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son - in - law; and the days were not expired. 27 Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son - in -

law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife. 28 And Saul saw and knew that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was with David, and that Michal Saul's daughter loved him. 29 And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually. 30 Then the princes of the Philistines went forth; and it came to pass, after they went forth, that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by.

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1 And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David. 2 But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David; and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee; now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself; 3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee. 4 And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good; 5 For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** wrought a great salvation for all Israel; thou sawest it, and didst rejoice; wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause? 6 And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan; and Saul sware, As the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** liveth, he shall not be slain. 7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan showed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence,

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as in times past. 8 And there was war again; and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him. 9 And the evil spirit ~~from which was not of the LORD~~ **Lord** was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand; and David played with his hand. 10 And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall; and David fled, and escaped that night. 11 Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning; and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life ~~to-night tonight, to-morrow~~ **tomorrow** thou shalt be slain. 12 So Michal let David down through a window; and he went, and fled, and escaped. 13 And Michal took an image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster, and covered it with a cloth. 14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick. 15 And Saul sent the messengers again to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him. 16 And when the messengers were come in, behold, there was an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster. 17 And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee? 18 So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth. 19 And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah. 20 And Saul sent messengers to take David; and when they saw the company of the prophets

prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. 21 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also. 22 Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu; and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah. 23 And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah; and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. 24 And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?

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1 And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life? 2 And he said unto him, God forbid; thou shalt not die; behold, my father will do nothing either great or small, but that he will show it me; and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is not so. 3 And David sware moreover, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved; but truly, as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death. 4 Then said Jonathan unto David, Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee. 5 And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, ~~to-morrow~~ **tomorrow** is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the

king at meat; but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even. 6 If thy father at all miss me, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Bethlehem his city; for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family. 7 If he say thus, It is well; thy servant shall have peace; but if he be very wroth, then be sure that evil is determined by him. 8 Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the **LORD Lord** with thee; notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldest thou bring me to thy father? 9 And Jonathan said, Far be it from thee; for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee? 10 Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what if thy father answer thee roughly? 11 And Jonathan said unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field. 12 And Jonathan said unto David, O **LORD Lord** God of Israel, when I have sounded my father about ~~to-morrow~~ **tomorrow** any time, or the third day, and, behold, if there be good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and show it thee; 13 The **LORD Lord** do so and much more to Jonathan; but if it please my father to do thee evil, then I will show it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace; and the **LORD Lord** be with thee, as he hath been with my father. 14 And thou shalt not only while yet I live show me the kindness of the **LORD Lord**, that I die not; 15 But also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house ~~for ever~~ **forever**; no, not when the **LORD Lord** hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth. 16 So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David,

saying, Let the **LORD Lord** even require it at the hand of David's enemies. 17 And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul. 18 Then Jonathan said to David, ~~To-morrow~~ **Tomorrow** is the new moon; and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty. 19 And when thou hast stayed three days, then thou shalt go down quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself when the business was in hand, and shalt remain by the stone Ezel. 20 And I will shoot three arrows on the side thereof, as though I shot at a mark. 21 And, behold, I will send a lad, saying, Go, find out the arrows. If I expressly say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows are on this side of thee, take them; then come thou; for there is peace to thee, and no hurt; as the **LORD Lord** liveth. 22 But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows are beyond thee; go thy way; for the **LORD Lord** hath sent thee away. 23 And as touching the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the **LORD Lord** be between thee and me ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 24 So David hid himself in the field; and when the new moon was come, the king sat him down to eat meat. 25 And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, even upon a seat by the wall; and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place was empty. 26 Nevertheless Saul spake not ~~any thing~~ **anything** that day; for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he is not clean; surely he is not clean. 27 And it came to pass on the morrow, which was the second day of the month, that David's place was empty; and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday, nor ~~to-day~~ **today**? 28 And

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Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Bethlehem; 29 And he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me to be there; and now, if I have found favor in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he cometh not unto the king's table. 30 Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness? 31 For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die. 32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done? 33 And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him; whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David. 34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month; for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame. 35 And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him. 36 And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him. 37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee? 38 And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master. 39 But the lad knew not ~~any thing~~ **anything**; only Jonathan and

David knew the matter. 40 And Jonathan gave his artillery unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry them to the city. 41 And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times; and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded. 42 And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed ~~for ever~~ **forever**. And he arose and departed; and Jonathan went into the city.

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1 Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest; and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why art thou alone, and no man with thee? 2 And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know ~~any thing~~ **anything** of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee; and I have appointed my servants to such and such a place. 3 Now therefore what is under thine hand? give me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or what there is present. 4 And the priest answered David, and said, There is no common bread under mine hand, but there is hallowed bread; if the young men have kept themselves at least from women. 5 And David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women have been kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in a manner common, yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel. 6 So

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the priest gave him hallowed bread; for there was no bread there but the showbread, that was taken from before the ~~LORD~~ Lord, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away. 7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the ~~LORD~~ Lord; and his name was Doeg, an Edomite, the chiefest of the herdmen that belonged to Saul. 8 And David said unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste. 9 And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod; if thou wilt take that, take it; for there is no other save that here. And David said, There is none like that; give it me. 10 And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath. 11 And the servants of Achish said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands? 12 And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath. 13 And he changed his behavior before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands; and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard. 14 Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man is mad; wherefore then have ye brought him to me? 15 Have I need of ~~mad-men~~ madmen, that ye have brought this fellow to play the ~~mad-man~~ madman in my presence? shall this fellow come into my house?

1 David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam; and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him. 2 And ~~every-one~~ everyone that was in distress, and ~~every-one~~ everyone that was in debt, and ~~every-one~~ everyone that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them; and there were with him about four hundred men. 3 And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab; and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, till I know what God will do for me. 4 And he brought them before the king of Moab; and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the hold. 5 And the prophet Gad said unto David, Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hareth. 6 When Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men that were with him, (now Saul abode in Gibeah under a tree in Ramah, having his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing about him;) 7 Then Saul said unto his servants that stood about him, Hear now, ye Benjamites; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, and make you all captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds; 8 That all of you have conspired against me, and there is none that sheweth me that my son hath made a league with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day? 9 Then answered Doeg the Edomite, which was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to

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Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. 10 And he inquired of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine. 11 Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests that were in Nob; and they came all of them to the king. 12 And Saul said, Hear now, thou son of Ahitub. And he answered, Here I am, my lord. 13 And Saul said unto him, Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast inquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day? 14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who is so faithful among all thy servants as David, which is the king's son - in - law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honorable in thine house? 15 Did I then begin to inquire of God for him? be it far from me; let not the king impute ~~any thing~~ **anything** unto his servant, nor to all the house of my father; for thy servant knew nothing of all this, less or more. 16 And the king said, Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy father's house. 17 And the king said unto the footmen that stood about him, Turn, and slay the priests of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not show it to me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 18 And the king said to Doeg, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod. 19 And Nob, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the

edge of the sword. 20 And one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David. 21 And Abiathar showed David that Saul had slain the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** priests. 22 And David said unto Abiathar, I knew it that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul; I have occasioned the death of all the persons of thy father's house. 23 Abide thou with me, fear not; for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life; but with me thou shalt be in safeguard.

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1 Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the ~~threshingfloors~~ **threshing floors**. 2 Therefore David inquired of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah. 3 And David's men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah; how much more then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines? 4 Then David inquired of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** yet again. And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand. 5 So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah. 6 And it came to pass, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, that he came down with an ephod in his hand. 7 And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And Saul said, God hath delivered him into mine hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath

gates and bars. 8 And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men. 9 And David knew that Saul secretly practiced mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod. 10 Then said David, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, thy servant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake. 11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said, He will come down. 12 Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said, They will deliver thee up. 13 Then David and his men, which were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and ~~went~~ **sent** whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he ~~forbare~~ **forbear** to go forth. 14 And David abode in the wilderness in ~~strong holds~~ **strongholds**, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand. 15 And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life; and David was in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood. 16 And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God. 17 And he said unto him, Fear not; for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth. 18 And they two made a covenant before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house. 19 Then came up the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide

himself with us in ~~strong holds~~ **strongholds** in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the south of Jeshimon? 20 Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire of thy soul to come down; and our part shall be to deliver him into the king's hand. 21 And Saul said, Blessed be ye of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for ye have compassion on me. 22 Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and see his place where his haunt is, and who hath seen him there; for it is told me that he dealeth very ~~subtily~~ **subtilely**. 23 See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you; and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Judah. 24 And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul; but David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the plain on the south of Jeshimon. 25 Saul also and his men went to seek him. And they told David; wherefore he came down into a rock, and abode in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard that, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon. 26 And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain; and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them. 27 But there came a messenger unto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come; for the Philistines have invaded the land. 28 Wherefore Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines; therefore they called that place ~~Selahammahlekoth~~ **Sela-hammahlekoth**. 29 And David went up from thence, and dwelt in ~~strong holds~~ **strongholds** at ~~Engedi~~ **Engedi**.

1 And it came to pass, when Saul was ~~returned~~ **returning** from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of ~~Engedi~~ **En-gedi**. 2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats. 3 And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet; and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave. 4 And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily. 5 And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt. 6 And he said unto his men, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 7 So David stayed his servants with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. But Saul rose up out of ~~the~~ **his** cave, and went on his way. 8 David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My ~~lord~~ **Lord** the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himself. 9 And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt? 10 Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had delivered thee ~~to~~ **day today** into mine hand in the cave; and some bade me kill thee; but mine eye spared thee; and I said,

I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** anointed. 11 Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand; for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee; yet thou huntest my soul to take it. 12 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** judge between me and thee, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** avenge me of thee; but mine hand shall not be upon thee. 13 As saith the proverb of the ancients, Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked; but mine hand shall not be upon thee. 14 After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea. 15 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** therefore be judge, and judge between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of thine hand. 16 And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept. 17 And he said to David, Thou art more righteous than I; for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil. 18 And thou hast showed this day how that thou hast dealt well with me; forasmuch as when the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had delivered me into ~~thine~~ **thy** hand, thou killedst me not. 19 For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** reward thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day. 20 And now, behold, I know well that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand. 21 Swear now therefore unto me by the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's house. 22 And David sware unto

Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the hold.

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1 And Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran. 2 And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats; and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. 3 Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail; and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance; but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the ~~house~~ **hose** of Caleb. 4 And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did shear his sheep. 5 And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name; 6 And thus shall ye say to him that liveth in prosperity, Peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast. 7 And now I have heard that thou hast shearers; now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there ~~ought~~ **ought** missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel. 8 Ask thy young men, and they will show thee. Wherefore let the young men find favor in thine eyes; for we come in a good day; give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David. 9 And when David's young men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and ceased. 10 And Nabal answered David's servants,

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and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants ~~now-a-days~~ **nowadays** that break away every man from his master. 11 Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men, whom I know not whence they be? 12 So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings. 13 And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword; and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff. 14 But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he railed on them. 15 But the men were very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we ~~any thing~~ **anything** as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields. 16 They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep. 17 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household; for he is such a son of Belial, that a man cannot speak to him. 18 Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and ~~an~~ **a** hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses. 19 And she said unto her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nabal. 20 And it was so, as she rode on the ass, that she came down by the covert ~~on~~ **of** the hill, and, behold, David and his men came down

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against her; and she met them. 21 Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained unto him; and he hath requited me evil for good. 22 So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that pertain to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall. 23 And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground;. 24 And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be; and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid. 25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal; for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him; but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send. 26 Now therefore, my lord, as the **LORD Lord** liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing the **LORD Lord** hath withholden thee from coming to shed blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal. 27 And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord. 28 I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid; for the **LORD Lord** will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the **LORD Lord**, and evil hath not been found in thee all thy days. 29 Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul; but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the **LORD Lord** thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as out of the middle of a sling. 30 And it shall come to

pass, when the **LORD Lord** shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel; 31 That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offense of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself; but when the **LORD Lord** shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid. 32 And David said to Abigail, Blessed be the **LORD Lord** God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me; 33 And blessed be thy advice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand. 34 For in very deed, as the **LORD Lord** God of Israel liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hasted and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall. 35 So David received of her hand that which she had brought him, and said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person. 36 And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunken; wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light. 37 But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became as a stone; 38 And it came to pass about ten days after, that the **LORD Lord** smote Nabal, that he died. 39 And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be the **LORD Lord**, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the

hand of Nabal, and hath kept his servant from evil; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head. And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife. 40 And when the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto her, saying, David sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife. 41 And she arose, and bowed herself on her face to the earth, and said, Behold, let thine handmaid be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord. 42 And Abigail hasted, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that went after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife. 43 David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they were also both of them his wives. 44 But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti, the son of Laish, which was of Gallim.

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1 And the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon? 2 Then Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. 3 And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon, by the way. But David abode in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness. 4 David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul was come in very deed. 5 And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched; and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host; and Saul lay in the trench, and the people pitched round about him.

6 Then answered David and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with thee. 7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night; and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster; but Abner and the people lay round about him. 8 Then said Abishai to David, God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day; now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not smite him the second time. 9 And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not; for who can stretch forth his hand against the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** anointed, and be guiltless? 10 David said furthermore, As the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** liveth, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish. 11 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** anointed; but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go. 12 So David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's bolster; and they gat them away, and no man saw it, nor knew it, neither awaked; for they were all asleep; because a deep sleep from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was fallen upon them. 13 Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of ~~an~~ a hill afar off; a great space being between them; 14 And David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, Abner? Then Abner answered and said, Who art thou that criest to the ~~king?~~ 15 And David said to Abner, Art not thou a valiant man? and who is like to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king? for there

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came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord. 16 This thing is not good that thou hast done. As the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** liveth, ye are worthy to die, because ye have not kept your master, the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** anointed. And now see where the king's spear is, and the cruse of water that was at his bolster. 17 And Saul knew David's voice, and said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And David said, It is my voice, my lord, O king. 18 And he said, Wherefore doth my lord thus pursue after his servant? for what have I done? or what evil is in mine hand? 19 Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** have stirred thee up against me, let him accept an offering; but if they be the children of men, cursed be they before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for they have driven me out this day from abiding in the inheritance of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, Go, serve other gods. 20 Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for the king of Israel is come out to seek a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the mountains. 21 Then said Saul, I have sinned; return, my son David; for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was precious in thine eyes this day; behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly. 22 And David answered and said, Behold the king's spear! and let one of the young men come over and fetch it. 23 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** delivered thee into my hand ~~to day~~ **today**, but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** anointed. 24 And, behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes, so let my life be much set by in the eyes of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and let him deliver me out of all

tribulation. 25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed be thou, my son David; thou shalt both do great things, and also shalt still prevail. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

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1 And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul; there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me ~~any more~~ **anymore** in any coast of Israel; so shall I escape out of his hand. 2 And David arose, and he passed over with the six hundred men that were with him unto Achish, the son of Maach, king of Gath. 3 And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, even David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's wife. 4 And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath; and he sought no more again for him. 5 And David said unto Achish, If I have now found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there; for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee? 6 Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day; wherefore Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day. 7 And the time that David dwelt in the country of the Philistines was a full year and four months. 8 And David and his men went up, and invaded the Geshurites, and the Gezrites, and the Amalekites; for those nations were of old the inhabitants of the land, as thou goest to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt. 9 And David smote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the

camels, and the apparel, and returned, and came to Achish. 10 And Achish said, Whither have ye made a road ~~to-day~~ **today** ? And David said, Against the south of Judah, and against the south of the Jerahmeelites, and against the south of the Kenites. 11 And David saved neither man nor woman alive; to bring tidings to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did David, and so will be his manner all the while he dwelleth in the country of the Philistines. 12 And Achish believed David, saying, He hath made his people Israel utterly to abhor him; therefore he shall be my servant ~~for ever~~ **forever**.

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1 And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men. 2 And David said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land. 4 And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem; and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa. 5 And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled. 6 And when Saul inquired of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. 7 Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that

hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at ~~Endor~~ **En-dor**. 8 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went; and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night; and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee. 9 And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land; wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die **also, who hath not a familiar spirit** ? 10 And Saul swore to her by the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, saying, As the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing. 11 Then said the woman, ~~Whom~~ **The word of whom** shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up **the word of Samuel**. 12 And when the woman saw **the words of Samuel**, she cried with a loud voice; and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul. 13 And the king said unto her, Be not afraid; for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw ~~gods~~ **the words of Samuel** ascending out of the earth. **And she said, I saw Samuel also**. 14 And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, ~~An~~ **I saw an** old man ~~cometh~~ **coming** up; ~~and he is,~~ covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped ~~with~~, his face to the ground, and bowed himself. 15 And **these are the words of Samuel said to** unto Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by

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prophets, nor by dreams; therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do. 16 Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy? 17 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath done to him, as he spake by me; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbor, even to David; 18 Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** done this thing unto thee this day. 19 Moreover the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines; and ~~to-morrow~~ **tomorrow** shalt thou and thy sons be with me; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines. 20 Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel; and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night. 21 And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me. 22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy way. 23 But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, compelled him; and he hearkened unto their voice. So he ~~arose~~ **rose** from the earth, and sat upon the bed. 24 And the woman had a fat calf in the house; and she hasted, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded it, and did bake unleavened

bread thereof; 25 And she brought it before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.

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1 Now the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek; and the Israelites pitched by a fountain which is in Jezreel. 2 And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands; but David and his men passed on in the rearward with Achish. 3 Then said the princes of the Philistines, What do these Hebrews here? And Achish said unto the princes of the Philistines, Is not this David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, which hath been with me these days, or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell unto me unto this day? 4 And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou hast appointed him; and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he be an adversary to us; for wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his master? should it not be with the heads of these men? 5 Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands? 6 Then Achish called David, and said unto him, Surely, as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** liveth, thou hast been upright, and thy going out and thy coming in with me in the host is good in my sight; for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day; nevertheless the lords favor thee not. 7 Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou displease not the lords of the Philistines. 8 And David

said unto Achish, But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant so long as I have been with thee unto this day, that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king? 9 And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou art good in my sight, as an angel of God; notwithstanding, the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle. 10 Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with thy master's servants that are come with thee; and as soon as ye be up early in the morning, and have light, depart. 11 So David and his men rose up early to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

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1 And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; 2 And had taken the women captives, that were therein; they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way. 3 So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives. 4 Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their ~~voice~~ **voices** and wept, until they had ~~no~~ **not** more power to weep. 5 And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. 6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters; but David encouraged himself in the **LORD Lord** his God. 7 And David

said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David. 8 And David inquired at the **LORD Lord**, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue; for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all. 9 So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed. 10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor. 11 And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water; 12 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins; and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor ~~drunk~~ **drank** any water, three days and three nights. 13 And David said unto him, To whom belondest thou? and whence art thou? And he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick. 14 We made an invasion upon the south of the Cherethites, and upon the coast which belongeth to Judah, and upon the south of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire. 15 And David said to him, Canst thou bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company. 16 And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the

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Philistines, and out of the land of Judah. 17 And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day; and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled. 18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away; and David rescued his two wives. 19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor ~~any thing~~ **anything** that they had taken to them; David recovered all. 20 And David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drave before those other cattle, and said, This is David's spoil. 21 And David came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor; and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him; and when David came near to the people, he saluted them. 22 Then answered all the wicked men, and men of Belial, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them ~~ought~~ **ought** of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away, and depart. 23 Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand. 24 For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff; they shall part alike. 25 And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day. 26 And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying,

Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**; 27 To them which were in ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**, and to them which were in south Ramoth, and to them which were in Jattir, 28 And to them which were in Aroer, and to them which were in Siphmoth, and to them which were in Eshtemoa, 29 And to them which were in Rachal, and to them which were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to them which were in the cities of the Kenites, 30 And to them which were in Hormah, and to them which were in ~~Chorashan~~ **Chor-ashan**, and to them which were in Athach, 31 And to them which were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.

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1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa. 2 And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and ~~Melchishua~~ **Melchishua**, Saul's sons. 3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers. 4 Then said Saul unto his ~~armourbearer~~ **armor-bearer**, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his ~~armourbearer~~ **armor-bearer** would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it. 5 And when his ~~armourbearer~~ **armor-bearer** saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him. 6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his ~~armourbearer~~ **armor-bearer**, and all his men, that same day together. 7 And when the

men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them. 8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa. 9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armor, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish it in the house of their idols,

and among the people. 10 And they put his armor in the house of Ashtaroth; and they fastened his body to the wall of ~~Bethshan~~ **Bethshan**. 11 And when the inhabitants of ~~Jabesh-gilead~~ **Jabesh-gilead** heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul; 12 All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of ~~Bethshan~~ **Bethshan**, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there. 13 And they took their bones, and buried them under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

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1 Now it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in Ziklag; 2 It came even to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head; and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance. 3 And David said unto him, From whence comest thou? And he said unto him, Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped. 4 And David said unto him, How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battle, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also. 5 And David said unto the young man that told him, How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his son be dead? 6 And the young man that told him said, As I happened by chance upon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him. 7 And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto me. And I

answered, Here am I. 8 And he said unto me, Who art thou? And I answered him, I am an Amalekite. 9 He said unto me again, Stand, I pray thee, upon me, and slay me; for anguish is come upon me, because my life is yet whole in me. 10 So I stood upon him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen; and I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord. 11 Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that were with him: 12 And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword. 13 And David said unto the young man that told him, Whence art thou? And he answered, I am the son of a stranger, an Amalekite. 14 And David said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** anointed? 15 And David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, and fall upon him. And he smote him

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that he died. 16 And David said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** anointed. 17 And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son; 18 (Also he bade them teach the children of Judah the use of the bow; behold, it is written in the book of Jasher;) 19 The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places; how are the mighty fallen! 20 Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon; lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph. 21 Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings; for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, as though he had not been anointed with oil. 22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not empty. 23 Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. 24 Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with other delights; who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel. 25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, thou wast slain in thine high places. 26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan; very pleasant hast thou been unto me; thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. 27 How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

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1 And it came to pass after this, that David inquired of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**,

saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron. 2 So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail Nabal's wife the Carmelite. 3 And his men that were with him did David bring up, every man with his household; and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron. 4 And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, That the men of ~~Jabesh-gilead~~ **Jabesh-gilead** were they that buried Saul. 5 And David sent messengers unto the men of ~~Jabesh-gilead~~ **Jabesh-gilead**, and said unto them, Blessed be ye of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that ye have showed this kindness unto your lord, even unto Saul, and have buried him. 6 And now the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** show kindness and truth unto you; and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing. 7 Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant; for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them. 8 But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, took Ishbosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim; 9 And made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel. 10 Ishbosheth Saul's son was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David. 11 And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months. 12 And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ishbosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon. 13 And Joab the son of

Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out, and met together by the pool of Gibeon; and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool. 14 And Abner said to Joab, Let the young men now arise, and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise. 15 Then there arose and went over by number twelve of Benjamin, which pertained to Ishbosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David. 16 And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and thrust his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together; wherefore that place was called ~~Helkathhazzurim~~ **Helkath-hazzurim**, which is in Gibeon. 17 And there was a very sore battle that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David. 18 And there were three sons of Zeruiah there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel; and Asahel was as light of foot as a wild roe. 19 And Asahel pursued after Abner; and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner. 20 Then Abner looked behind him, and said, Art thou Asahel? And he answered, I am. 21 And Abner said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his armor. But Asahel would not turn aside from following of him. 22 And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn thee aside from following me; wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother? 23 Howbeit he refused to turn aside; wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him under the fifth rib, that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place; and it came to pass, that as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still.

24 Joab also and Abishai pursued after Abner; and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that lieth before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon. 25 And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, and became one troop, and stood on the top of ~~an~~ a hill. 26 Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall the sword devour ~~for ever~~ **forever**? knowest thou not that it will be a bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren? 27 And Joab said, As God liveth, unless thou hadst spoken, surely then in the morning the people had gone up every one from following his brother. 28 So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they ~~any more~~ **anymore**. 29 And Abner and his men walked all that night through the plain, and passed over Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and they came to Mahanaim. 30 And Joab returned from following Abner; and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of David's servants nineteen men and Asahel. 31 But the servants of David had smitten of Benjamin, and of Abner's men, so that three hundred and threescore men died. 32 And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the ~~sepulchre~~ **sepulcher** of his father, which was in Bethlehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at break of day.

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1 Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David; but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker. 2 And unto David were sons born in

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Hebron; and his ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; 3 And his second, Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; 4 And the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital; 5 And the sixth, Ithream; by Eglah David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron. 6 And it came to pass, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner made himself strong for the house of Saul. 7 And Saul had a concubine, whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah; and Ishbosheth said to Abner, Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my father's concubine? 8 Then was Abner very wroth for the words of Ishbosheth, and said, Am I a dog's head, which against Judah do show kindness this day unto the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of David, that thou chargest me ~~to-day~~ **today** with a fault concerning this woman? 9 So do God to Abner, and more also, except, as the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** hath sworn to David, even so I do to him;. 10 To translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to ~~Beersheba~~ **Beer-sheba**. 11 And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him. 12 And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, Whose is the land? saying also, Make thy league with me, and, behold, my hand shall be with thee, to bring about all Israel unto thee. 13 And he said, Well; I will make a league with thee; but one thing I require of thee, that is, Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal Saul's daughter, when thou

comest to see my face. 14 And David sent messengers to Ishbosheth Saul's son, saying, Deliver me my wife Michal, which I espoused to me for ~~an~~ **a** hundred foreskins of the Philistines. 15 And Ishbosheth sent, and took her from her husband, even from Phaltiel the son of Laish. 16 And her husband went with her along weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then said Abner unto him, Go, return. And he returned. 17 And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, Ye sought for David in times past to be king over you; 18 Now then do it; for the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** hath spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies. 19 And Abner also spake in the ears of Benjamin; and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel, and that seemed good to the whole house of Benjamin. 20 So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him. And David made Abner and ~~the~~ **his** men that were with him a feast. 21 And Abner said unto David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel unto my lord the king, that they may make a league with thee, and that thou mayest reign over all that thine heart desireth. And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace. 22 And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from pursuing a troop, and brought in a great spoil with them; but Abner was not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace. 23 When Joab and all the host that was with him were come, they told Joab, saying, Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace. 24 Then Joab came to the king, and said, What hast thou done? behold, Abner came unto

thee; why is it that thou hast sent him away, and he is quite gone? 25 Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in, and to know all that thou doest. 26 And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, which brought him again from the well of Sirah; but David knew it not. 27 And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there under the fifth rib, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother. 28 And afterward when David heard it, he said, I and my kingdom are guiltless before the ~~LORD for ever~~ **Lord forever** from the blood of Abner the son of Ner; 29 Let it rest on the head of Joab, and on all his father's house; and let there not fail from the house of Joab one that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staff, or that falleth on the sword, or that lacketh bread. 30 So Joab, and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had slain their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle. 31 And David said to Joab, and to all the people that were with him, Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David himself followed the bier. 32 And they buried Abner in Hebron; and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept. 33 And the king lamented over Abner, and said, Died Abner as a fool dieth? 34 Thy hands were not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters; as a man falleth before wicked men, so fellest thou. And all the people wept again over him. 35 And when all the people came to cause David to eat meat while it was yet day, David sware, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or ~~ought~~ **ought** else, till the sun be down. 36 And all

the people took notice of it, and it pleased them; as whatsoever the king did pleased all the people. 37 For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner. 38 And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel? 39 And I am this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruiah be too hard for me; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.

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1 And when Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled. 2 And Saul's son had two men that were captains of bands; the name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon a Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin; (for Beeroth also was reckoned to Benjamin; 3 And the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and were sojourners there until this day.) 4 And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son that was lame of his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled; and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth. 5 And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ishbosheth, who lay on a bed at noon. 6 And they came thither into the midst of the house, as though they would have fetched wheat; and they smote him under the fifth rib; and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped. 7 For when they came into the house, he

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lay on his bed in his bedchamber, and they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and gat them away through the plain all night. 8 And they brought the head of Ishbosheth unto David to Hebron, and said to the king, Behold the head of Ishbosheth the son of Saul thine enemy, which sought thy life; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed. 9 And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them, As the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity, 10 When one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, who thought that I would have given him a reward for his tidings; 11 How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed? shall I not therefore now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth? 12 And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ishbosheth, and buried it in the ~~sepulchre~~ **sepulcher** of Abner in Hebron.

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1 Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. 2 Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel. 3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with

them in Hebron before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and they anointed David king over Israel. 4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. 5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah. 6 And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land; which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither; thinking, David cannot come in hither. 7 Nevertheless, David took the ~~strong hold~~ **stronghold** of Zion; the same is the city of David. 8 And David said on that day, Whosoever getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind, that are hated of David's soul, he shall be chief and captain. Wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house. 9 So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward. 10 And David went on, and grew great, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of hosts was with him. 11 And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons; and they built David ~~an~~ **a** house. 12 And David perceived that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake. 13 And David took him more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron; and there were yet sons and daughters born to David. 14 And these be the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shammuah, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, 15 Ibhar also, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia, 16 And Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphalet. 17 But when the Philistines

heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the hold. 18 The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. 19 And David inquired of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto David, Go up; for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand. 20 And David came to ~~Baalperazim~~ **Baal-perazim**, and David smote them there, and said, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place ~~Baalperazim~~ **Baal-perazim**. 21 And there they left their images, and David and his men burned them. 22 And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. 23 And when David inquired of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, he said, Thou shalt not go up; but fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees. 24 And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself; for then shall the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines. 25 And David did so, as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer.

6

1 Again, David gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. 2 And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts that

dwelleth between the cherubim. 3 And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart. 4 And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God; and Ahio went before the ark. 5 And David and all the house of Israel played before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals. 6 And when they came to Nachon's ~~threshing floor~~ **threshing floor**, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. 7 And the anger of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God. 8 And David was displeased, because the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had made a breach upon Uzzah; and he called the name of the place ~~Perezuzzah~~ **Perez-uzzah** to this day. 9 And David was afraid of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that day, and said, How shall the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** come to me? 10 So David would not remove the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** unto him into the city of David; but David carried it aside into the house of ~~Obededom~~ **Obed-edom** the Gittite. 11 And the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** continued in the house of ~~Obededom~~ **Obed-edom** the Gittite three months; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** blessed ~~Obededom~~ **Obed-edom**, and all his household. 12 And it was told king David, saying, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath blessed the house of ~~Obededom~~ **Obed-edom**, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of ~~Obededom~~ **Obed-edom** into the city of David with gladness. 13 And it was so, that

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when they that bare the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings. 14 And David danced before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod. 15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. 16 And as the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and she despised him in her heart. 17 And they brought in the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 18 And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt ~~offerings~~ **offering** and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 19 And he dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to ~~every one~~ **everyone** a cake of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine. So all the people departed ~~every one~~ **everyone** to his house. 20 Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel ~~to-day~~ **today**, who uncovered himself ~~to-day~~ **today** in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself! 21 And David said unto Michal, It was before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, over Israel; therefore will I play before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; 22 And I will yet be

more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight; and of the maidservants which thou ~~hast~~ **has** spoken of, of them shall I be had in honor. 23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.

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1 And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had given him rest round about from all his enemies; 2 That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See, now, I dwell in ~~an~~ **a** house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. 3 And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is with thee. 4 And it came to pass that night, that the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto Nathan, saying, 5 Go and tell my servant David, Thus ~~saith~~ **said** the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Shalt thou build me ~~an~~ **a** house for me to dwell in? 6 Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. 7 In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me ~~an~~ **a** house of cedar? 8 Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel; 9 And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth. 10 Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a

place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them ~~any more~~ **anymore**, as ~~beforetime~~ **before time**,
 11 And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** telleth thee that he will make thee ~~an~~ **a** house. 12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build ~~an~~ **a** house for my name, and I will ~~stablish~~ **establish** the throne of his kingdom ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men. 15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. 16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established ~~for ever~~ **forever** before thee; thy throne shall be established ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David. 18 Then went king David in, and sat before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and he said, Who am I, O Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** ? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? 19 And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** ? 20 And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, knowest thy servant. 21 For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know them. 22 Wherefore thou art great, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God; for there is none like

thee, neither is there any God ~~beside~~ **besides** thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 23 And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods? 24 For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee ~~for ever~~ **forever**; and thou, ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, art become their God. 25 And now, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish it ~~for ever~~ **forever**, and do as thou hast said. 26 And let thy name be magnified ~~for ever~~ **forever**, saying, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts is the God over Israel; and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee. 27 For thou, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee ~~an~~ **a** house; therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee. 28 And now, O Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, thou art that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant; 29 Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue ~~for ever~~ **forever** before thee; for thou, O Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, hast spoken it; and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed ~~for ever~~ **forever**.

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1 And after this it came to pass that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them; and David took ~~Methegammah~~ **Metheg-ammah** out of the hand of the Philistines. 2 And he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the

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ground; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and ~~with~~ one full line to keep alive. And so the Moabites became David's servants, and brought gifts. 3 David smote also Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his border at the river Euphrates. 4 And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen; and David houghed all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for ~~an~~ a hundred chariots. 5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succor Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men. 6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought gifts. And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** preserved David whithersoever he went. 7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. 8 And from Betah, and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took exceeding much brass. 9 When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the ~~host~~ **hosts** of Hadadezer, 10 Then Toi sent Joram his son unto king David, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him; for Hadadezer had wars with Toi. And Joram brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass; 11 Which also king David did dedicate unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated of all nations which he subdued; 12 Of Syria, and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah. 13 And David gat him a name when he returned from smiting of the Syrians in the valley of salt, being

eighteen thousand men. 14 And he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and all they of Edom became David's servants. And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** preserved David whithersoever he went. 15 And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed judgment and justice unto all his people. 16 And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder; 17 And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and Seraiah was the scribe; 18 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over both the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief rulers.

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1 And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake? 2 And there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba. And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, Art thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant is he. 3 And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet. 4 And the king said unto him, Where is he? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in ~~Lodebar~~ **Lo-debar**. 5 Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from ~~Lodebar~~ **Lo-debar**. 6 Now when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant! 7 And David said unto him, Fear not; for I

will surely show thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually. 8 And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am? 9 Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house. 10 Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's son may have food to eat; but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. 11 Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons. 12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Micha. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants unto Mephibosheth. 13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem; for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.

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1 And it came to pass after this, that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead. 2 Then said David, I will show kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father showed kindness unto me. And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants for his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon. 3 And the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, Thinkest thou that David doth honor thy father,

that he hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David rather sent his servants unto thee, to search the city, and to spy it out; and to overthrow it? 4 Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away. 5 When they told it unto David, he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed; and the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return. 6 And when the children of Ammon saw that they stank before David, the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of ~~Bethrehab~~ **Beth-rehab**, and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand footmen, and of king Maacah a thousand men, and of ~~Ishtob~~ **Ish-tob** twelve thousand men. 7 And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men. 8 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the entering in of the gate; and the Syrians of Zoba, and of Rehab, and ~~Ishtob~~ **Ish-tob**, and Maacah, were by themselves in the field. 9 When Joab saw that the front of the battle was against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians; 10 And the rest of the people he delivered into the hand of Abishai his brother, that he might put them in array against the children of Ammon. 11 And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me; but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee. 12 Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God; and the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** do that which seemeth him good. 13 And Joab drew nigh, and the people that were with him, unto the battle against the Syrians; and they

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fled before him. 14 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, then fled they also before Abishai, and entered into the city. So Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem. 15 And when the Syrians saw that they were smitten before Israel, they gathered themselves together. 16 And Hadarezer sent, and brought out the Syrians that were beyond the river; and they came to Helam; and Shobach the captain of the host of Hadarezer went before them. 17 And when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together, and passed over Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Syrians set themselves in array against David, and fought with him. 18 And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew the men of seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen, and smote Shobach the captain of their host, who died there. 19 And when all the kings that were servants to Hadarezer saw that they were smitten before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and served them. So the Syrians feared to help the children of Ammon ~~any more~~ **anymore**.

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1 And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem. 2 And it came to pass in an ~~evening-tide~~ **evening-tide**, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house; and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. 3 And David sent and inquired

after the woman. And one said, Is not this ~~Bathsheba~~ **Bath-sheba**, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? 4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him; and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness; and she returned unto her house. 5 And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child. 6 And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David. 7 And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded of him how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered. 8 And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess of meat from the king. 9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house. 10 And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Camest thou not from thy journey? why then didst thou not go down unto thine house? 11 And Uriah said unto David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and ~~to~~ drink, and to lie with my wife? as thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing. 12 And David said to Uriah, Tarry here ~~to-day~~ **today** also, and ~~to-morrow~~ **tomorrow** I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow. 13 And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk; and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house. 14 And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote

a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. 15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him; that he may be smitten, and die. 16 And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men were. 17 And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab; and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also. 18 Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war; 19 And charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king, 20 And if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall? 21 Who smote Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? why went ye nigh the wall? then say thou, Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. 22 So the messenger went, and came and showed David all that Joab had sent him for. 23 And the messenger said unto David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate. 24 And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and some of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. 25 Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another; make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it; and encourage thou him. 26 And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her

husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. 27 And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the ~~LORD~~ Lord.

12

1 And the ~~LORD~~ Lord sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. 2 The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds; 3 But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up; and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. 4 And there came a traveler unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him. 5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the ~~LORD~~ Lord liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die; 6 And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity. 7 And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; 8 And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things. 9 Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the

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~~LORD Lord~~, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his ~~wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.~~ 10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. 11 Thus saith the ~~LORD Lord~~, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbor, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun. 12 For thou didst it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun. 13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the ~~LORD Lord~~. And Nathan said unto David, The ~~LORD Lord~~ also hath **not** put away thy sin; **that** thou shalt not die. 14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the ~~LORD Lord~~ to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die. 15 And Nathan departed unto his house. And the ~~LORD Lord~~ struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick. 16 David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth. 17 And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth; but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them. 18 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead; for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive; we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice; how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead? 19 But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead;

therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. 20 Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the ~~LORD Lord~~, and ~~worshipped;~~ **worshipped**; then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. 21 Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. 22 And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, Who can tell whether ~~GOD God~~ will be gracious to me, that the child may live? 23 But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me. 24 And David comforted ~~Bathsheba~~ **Bath-sheba** his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her; and she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon; and the ~~LORD Lord~~ loved him. 25 And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name Jedidiah, because of the ~~LORD Lord~~. 26 And Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city. 27 And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rabbah, and have taken the city of waters. 28 Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it; lest I take the city, and it be called after my name. 29 And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it. 30 And he took their king's crown from off his head, the weight whereof was a talent of gold with the precious stones; and it was set on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil of the city in great

abundance. 31 And he brought forth the people that were therein, and put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brick - kiln; and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.

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1 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. 2 And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do anything to her. 3 But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother; and Jonadab was a very ~~subtil~~ **subtile** man. 4 And he said unto him, Why art thou, being the king's son, lean from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister. 5 And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick; and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand. 6 So Amnon lay down; and made himself sick; and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand. 7 Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him meat. 8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid down. And she took flour, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes. 9 And

she took a pan, and poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him. 10 And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother. 11 And when she had brought them unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister. 12 And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel; do not thou this folly. 13 And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee. 14 Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice; but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her. 15 Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said ~~unto~~ **to** her, Arise, ~~be gone~~ **begone**. 16 And she said unto him, There is no cause; this evil in sending me away is greater than the other that thou didst unto me. But he would not hearken unto her. 17 Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this woman out from me, and bolt the door after her. 18 And she had a garment of divers colors upon her; for with such robes were the king's daughters that were virgins ~~apparelled~~ **appareled**. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her. 19 And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colors that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying. 20 And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath

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Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister; he is thy brother; regard not this thing. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house. 21 But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth. 22 And Absalom spake unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad; for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar. 23 And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom had ~~sheepshearers~~ **sheep shearers** in ~~Baalhazor~~ **Baal-hazor**, which is beside Ephraim; and Absalom invited all the king's sons. 24 And Absalom came to the king, and said, Behold now, thy servant hath ~~sheepshearers~~ **sheep shearers**; let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants go with thy servant. 25 And the king said to Absalom, Nay, my son, let us not all now go, lest we be chargeable unto thee. And he pressed him; howbeit he would not go, but blessed him. 26 Then said Absalom, If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said unto him, Why should he go with thee? 27 But Absalom pressed him, that he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him. 28 Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not; have **I** not **I** commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant. 29 And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule, and fled. 30 And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, saying, Absalom hath slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left. 31 Then the king arose, and tare his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by

with their clothes rent. 32 And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, Let not my lord suppose that they have slain all the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead; for by the appointment of Absalom this hath been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar. 33 Now therefore let not my ~~lord~~ **Lord** the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead; for Amnon only is dead. 34 But Absalom fled. And the young man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came much people by the way of the ~~hill-side~~ **hillside** behind him. 35 And Jonadab said unto the king, Behold, the king's sons come; as thy servant said, so it is. 36 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept; and the king also and all his servants wept very sore. 37 But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son every day. 38 So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years. 39 And the soul of king David longed to go forth unto Absalom; for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.

14

1 Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart was toward Absalom. 2 And Joab sent to Tekoah, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead; 3 And come to the king, and speak on this manner unto him. So Joab put the words in

her mouth. 4 And when the woman of Tekoah spake to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and did obeisance, and said, Help, O king. 5 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, I am indeed a widow woman, and mine husband is dead. 6 And thy handmaid had two sons, and they two strove together in the field, and there was none to part them, but the one smote the other, and slew him. 7 And, behold, the whole family is risen against thine handmaid, and they said, Deliver him that smote his brother, that we may kill him, for the life of his brother whom he slew; and we will destroy the heir also; and so they ~~shall~~ **will** quench my coal which is left, and ~~shall~~ **shalt** not leave to my husband neither name nor remainder upon the earth. 8 And the king said unto the woman, Go to thine house, and I will give charge concerning thee. 9 And the woman of Tekoah said unto the king, My lord, O king, the iniquity be on me, and on my father's house; and the king and his throne be guiltless. 10 And the king said, ~~Whoever~~ **Whosoever** saith ~~ought~~ **ought** unto thee, bring him to me, and he shall not touch thee ~~any more~~ **anymore**. 11 Then said she, I pray thee, let the king remember the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God, that thou wouldest not suffer the revengers of blood to destroy ~~any more~~ **anymore**, lest they destroy my son. And he said, As the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** liveth, there shall not one hair of thy son fall to the earth. 12 Then the woman said, Let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak one word unto my lord the king. And he said, Say on. 13 And the woman said, Wherefore then hast thou thought such a thing against the people of God? for the king doth speak this thing as one which is faulty, in that the king doth not fetch home again his banished. 14 For we

must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect any person; yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him. 15 Now therefore that I am come to speak of this thing unto my lord the king, it is because the people have made me afraid; and thy handmaid said, I will now speak unto the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his handmaid. 16 For the king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man that would destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God. 17 Then thine handmaid said, The word of my lord the king shall now be comfortable; for as an angel of God, so is my lord the king to discern good and bad; therefore the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God will be with thee. 18 Then the king answered and said unto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak. 19 And the king said, Is not the hand of Joab with thee in all this? And the woman answered and said, As thy soul liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from ~~ought~~ **ought** that my lord the king hath spoken; for thy servant Joab, he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thine handmaid; 20 To fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Joab done this thing; and my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth. 21 And the king said unto Joab, Behold now, I have done this thing; go therefore, bring the young man Absalom again. 22 And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, and thanked the king; and Joab said, ~~To-day~~ **Today** thy servant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in

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that the king hath fulfilled the request of his servant. 23 So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. 24 And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face. So Absalom returned to his own house, and saw not the king's face. 25 But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty; from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. 26 And when he polled his head, (for it was at every year's end that he polled it; because the hair was heavy on him, therefore he polled it;) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels after the king's weight. 27 And unto Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name was Tamar; she was a woman of a fair countenance. 28 So Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, and saw not the king's face. 29 Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to have sent him to the king; but he would not come to him; and when he sent again the second time, he would not come. 30 Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Joab's field is near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire. And Absalom's servants set the field on fire. 31 Then Joab arose, and came to Absalom unto his house; and said unto him, Wherefore have thy servants set my field on fire? 32 And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, Wherefore am I come from Geshur? it had been good for me to have been there still; now therefore let me see the king's face; and if there be any iniquity in me, let him kill me. 33 So Joab came to the king, and told him; and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground

before the king; and the king kissed Absalom.

15

1 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him. 2 And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate; and it was so, that when any man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou? And he said, Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel. 3 And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee. 4 Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice! 5 And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him. 6 And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment; so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel. 7 And it came to pass after forty years, that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, in Hebron. 8 For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 9 And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron. 10 But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron. 11 And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, that were called; and they went in their

simplicity, and they knew not ~~any thing~~ **anything**. 12 And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom. 13 And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom. 14 And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not else escape from Absalom; make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword. 15 And the king's servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my lord the king shall appoint. 16 And the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, which were concubines, to keep the house. 17 And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and tarried in a place that was far off. 18 And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men which came after him from Gath, passed on before the king. 19 Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite, Wherefore goest thou also with us? return to thy place, and abide with the king; for thou art a stranger, and also an exile. 20 Whereas thou camest but yesterday, should I this day make thee go up and down with us? seeing I go whither I may, return thou, and take back thy brethren; mercy and truth be with thee. 21 And Ittai answered the king, and said, As the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be. 22 And

David said to Ittai, Go and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that were with him. 23 And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over; the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness. 24 And lo, Zadok also, and all the Levites were with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God; and they set down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had done passing out of the city. 25 And the king said unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city; if I shall find favor in the eyes of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, he will bring me again, and show me both it, and his habitation; 26 But if he thus say, I have no delight in thee; behold, here am I, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him. 27 The king said also unto Zadok the priest, Art not thou a seer? return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz thy son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. 28 See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness, until there come word from you to certify me. 29 Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem; and they tarried there. 30 And David went up by the ascent of mount Olivet, and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot; and all the people that was with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up. 31 And one told David, saying, Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness. 32 And it came to pass, that when David was come to the top of the mount, where he ~~worshipped~~ **worshipped** God, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him

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with his coat rent, and earth upon his head; 33 Unto whom David said, If thou passest on with me, then thou shalt be a burden unto me; 34 But if thou return to the city, and say unto Absalom, I will be thy servant, O king; as I have been thy father's servant hitherto, so will I now also be thy servant; then mayest thou for me defeat the counsel of Ahithophel. 35 And hast thou not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be, that what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the king's house, thou shalt tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests. 36 Behold, they have there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok's son, and Jonathan Abiathar's son; and by them ye shall send unto me ~~every thing~~ **everything** that ye can hear. 37 So Hushai David's friend came into the city, and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

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1 And when David was a little past the top of the hill, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and ~~an~~ **a** hundred bunches of raisins, and ~~an~~ **a** hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine. 2 And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba said, The asses be for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink. 3 And the king said, And where is thy master's son? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem; for he said, ~~To-day~~ **Today** shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father. 4 Then said the king to Ziba, Behold, thine are all that pertained unto Mephibosheth. And Ziba said, I

humbly beseech thee that I may find grace in thy sight, my lord, O king. 5 And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera; he came forth, and cursed still as he came. 6 And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David; and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. 7 And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou man of Belial; 8 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son; and, behold, thou art taken in thy mischief, because thou art a bloody man. 9 Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head. 10 And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse, because the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath said unto him, Curse David. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so? 11 And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life; how much more now may this Benjamite do it? let him alone, and let him curse; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath bidden him. 12 It may be that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will look on mine affliction, and that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will requite me good for his cursing this day. 13 And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust. 14 And the king, and all the people that were with him, came weary, and

refreshed themselves there. 15 And Absalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him. 16 And it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, God save the king, God save the king. 17 And Absalom said to Hushai, Is this thy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend? 18 And Hushai said unto Absalom, Nay; but whom the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and this people, and all the men of Israel, choose, his will I be, and with him will I abide. 19 And again, whom should I serve? should I not serve in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence. 20 Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, Give counsel among you what we shall do. 21 And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father; then shall the hands of all that are with thee be strong. 22 So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel. 23 And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counseled in those days, was as if a man had inquired at the oracle of God; so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

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1 Moreover Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night; 2 And I will come upon him while he is weary and ~~weak-handed~~ **weakhanded**, and will make him afraid; and all the people that are with him shall flee; and I will smite

the king only; 3 And I will bring back all the people unto thee; the man whom thou seekest is as if all returned; so all the people shall be in peace. 4 And the saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel. 5 Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise what he saith. 6 And when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner; shall we do after his saying? if not, speak thou. 7 And Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel hath given is not good at this time. 8 For, said Hushai, thou knowest thy father and his men, that they be mighty men, and they be chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field; and thy father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people. 9 Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some other place; and it will come to pass, when some of them be overthrown at the first, that whosoever heareth it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom. 10 And he also that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt; for all Israel knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, and they which be with him are valiant men. 11 Therefore I counsel that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee, from Dan even to ~~Beersheba~~ **Beer-sheba**, as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and that thou go to battle in thine own person. 12 So shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground; and of him and of all the men that are with him there shall not be left so much as one. 13 Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one small

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stone found there. 14 And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel. For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** might bring evil upon Absalom. 15 Then said Hushai unto Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counseled. 16 Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge not this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people that are with him. 17 Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by ~~En-rogel~~ **En-rogel**; for they might not be seen to come into the city; and a wench went and told them; and they went and told king David. 18 Nevertheless, a lad saw them, and told Absalom; but they went both of them away quickly, and came to a man's house in Bahurim, which had a well in his court; whither they went down. 19 And the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground corn thereon; and the thing was not known. 20 And when Absalom's servants came to the woman to the house, they said, Where is Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said unto them, They be gone over the brook of water. And when they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem. 21 And it came to pass, after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David, and said unto David, Arise, and pass quickly over the water; for thus hath Ahithophel counseled against you. 22 Then David arose, and all the people that were with him, and they passed over Jordan; by the morning

light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over Jordan. 23 And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and gat him home to his house, to his city, and put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the ~~sepulchre~~ **sepulcher** of his father. 24 Then David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom passed over Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him. 25 And Absalom made Amasa captain of the ~~host~~ **hosts** instead of Joab; which Amasa was a man's son, whose name was Ithra an Israelite, that went in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah Joab's mother. 26 So Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead. 27 And it came to pass, when David was come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of ~~Lodebar~~ **Lo-debar**, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim, 28 Brought beds, and basins, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched corn, and beans, and ~~lentils~~ **lentiles**, and parched pulse, 29 And honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the people that were with him, to eat; for they said, The people is hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness.

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1 And David numbered the people that were with him, and set captains of thousands; and captains of hundreds over them. 2 And David sent forth a third part of the people under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and ~~a~~ **the** third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said unto the people, I will surely go forth with you

myself also. 3 But the people answered, Thou shalt not go forth; for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us; but now thou art worth ten thousand of us; therefore now it is better that thou succor us out of the city. 4 And the king said unto them, What seemeth you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate side, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands. 5 And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom. 6 So the people went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was in the wood of Ephraim; 7 Where the people of Israel were slain before the servants of David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand men. 8 For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country; and the wood devoured more people that day than the sword devoured. 9 And Absalom met the servants of David. And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went away. 10 And a certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak. 11 And Joab said unto the man that told him, And, behold, thou sawest him, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten shekels of silver, and a girdle. 12 And the man said unto Joab, Though I should receive a thousand shekels of silver in mine hand, yet would I not put forth mine hand against the king's son; for in our hearing the king charged thee and

Abishai and Ittai, saying, Beware that none touch the young man Absalom. 13 Otherwise I should have wrought falsehood against mine own life; for there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thyself wouldest have set thyself against me. 14 Then said Joab, I may not tarry thus with thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak. 15 And ten young men that bare Joab's armor compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him. 16 And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel; for Joab held back the people. 17 And they took Absalom, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of stones upon him; and all Israel fled ~~every one~~ **everyone** to his tent. 18 Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which is in the king's dale; for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance; and he called the pillar after his own name; and it is called unto this day, Absalom's place. 19 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** hath avenged him of his enemies. 20 And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not bear tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day; but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead. 21 Then said Joab to ~~Cushy~~ **Cushi**, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And ~~Cushy~~ **Cushi** bowed himself unto Joab, and ran. 22 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after ~~Cushy~~ **Cushi**. And Joab said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast no tidings ready? 23 But howsoever, said he, let me run. And

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he said unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and overran ~~Cushy~~ **Cushi**. 24 And David sat between the two gates; and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone. 25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he be alone, there is tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near. 26 And the watchman saw another man running; and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold another man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings. 27 And the watchman said, Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He is a good man, and cometh with good tidings. 28 And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed be the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king. 29 And the king said, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, and me thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was. 30 And the king said unto him, Turn aside, and stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still. 31 And, behold, ~~Cushy~~ **Cushi** came; and ~~Cushy~~ **Cushi** said, Tidings, my lord the king; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee. 32 And the king said unto ~~Cushy~~ **Cushi**, Is the young man Absalom safe? And ~~Cushy~~ **Cushi** answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do thee hurt, be as that young man is. 33 And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he

went, thus he said, O my son ~~Absalom~~, **Absalom!** my son, my son Absalom! ~~would~~ **Would** God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

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1 And it was told Joab, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Absalom. 2 And the victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the people; for the people heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son. 3 And the people gat them by stealth that day into the city, as people being ashamed steal away when they flee in battle. 4 But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son ~~Absalom~~, **Absalom!** O Absalom, my son, my son! 5 And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines; 6 In that thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends. For thou hast declared this day, that thou regardest neither princes nor servants; for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well. 7 Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak comfortably unto thy servants; for I swear by the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee this night; and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that befell thee from thy youth until now. 8 Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king doth sit in the gate. And all the people came before the king; for Israel had fled every man to his tent. 9 And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of

Israel, saying, The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is fled out of the land for Absalom. 10 And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why speak ye not a word of bringing the king back? 11 And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak unto the elders of Judah, saying, Why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing the speech of all Israel is come to the king, even to his house. 12 Ye are my brethren, ye are my bones and my flesh; wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the king? 13 And say ye to Amasa, Art thou not of my bone, and of my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me continually in the room of Joab. 14 And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as the heart of one man; so that they sent this word unto the king, Return thou, and all thy servants. 15 So the king returned, and came to Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over Jordan. 16 And Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, which was of Bahurim, hasted and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David. 17 And there were a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went over Jordan before the king. 18 And there went over a ferry boat to carry over the king's household, and to do what he thought good. And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, as he was come over Jordan. 19 And said unto the king, Let not my lord impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember that which thy servant did perversely the day that my lord the

king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart. 20 For thy servant doth know that I have sinned; therefore, behold, I am come the first this day of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king. 21 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the ~~LORD's~~ **LORD's** anointed? 22 And David said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah, that ye should this day be adversaries unto me? shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel? for do not I know that I am this day king over Israel? 23 Therefore the ~~king~~ **kind** said unto Shimei, Thou shalt not die. And the king swore unto him. 24 And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came again in peace. 25 And it came to pass, when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said unto him, Wherefore wentest not thou with me, Mephibosheth? 26 And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me; for thy servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go to the king; because thy servant is lame. 27 And he hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king; but my lord the king is as an angel of God; do therefore what is good in thine eyes. 28 For all of my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king; yet didst thou set thy servant among them that did eat at thine own table. What right therefore have I yet to cry ~~any more~~ **anymore** unto the king? 29 And the king said unto him, ~~Why~~ **why** speakest thou any more of thy matters? I have said, Thou and Ziba divide the land. 30 And Mephibosheth said unto the king,

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Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as my lord the king is come again in peace unto his own house. 31 And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, and went over Jordan with the king, to conduct him over Jordan. 32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, even fourscore years old; and he had provided the king of sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim; for he was a very great man. 33 And the king said unto Barzillai, Come thou over with me, and I will feed thee with me in Jerusalem. 34 And Barzillai said unto the king, How long have I to live; that I should go up with the king unto Jerusalem? 35 I am this day fourscore years old; and can I discern between good and evil? can thy servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear ~~any more~~ **anymore** the voice of singing men and singing women?; wherefore then should thy servant be yet a burden unto my lord the king? 36 Thy servant will go a little way over Jordan with the king; and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward? 37 Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, and be buried by the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold thy servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good unto thee. 38 And the king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good unto thee; and whatsoever thou shalt require of me, that will I do for thee. 39 And all the people went over Jordan. And when the king was come over, the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned unto his own place. 40 Then the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him; and all the people of Judah conducted the king, and also half the people of Israel. 41 And, behold, all

the men of Israel came to the king, and said unto the king, Why have our brethren the men of Judah stolen thee away, and have brought the king; and his household, and all David's men with him, over Jordan? 42 And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because the king is near of kin to us; wherefore then be ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all of the king's cost? or hath he given us any gift? 43 And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more right in David than ye; why then did ye despise us, that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king? And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

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1 And there happened to be there a man of Belial, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite; and he blew a trumpet, and said, We have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse; every man to his tents, O Israel. 2 So every man of Israel went up from after David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri; but the men of Judah ~~have~~ **came** unto their king, from Jordan even to Jerusalem. 3 And David came to his house at Jerusalem; and the king took the ten women his concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in ward, and fed them, but went not in unto them. So they were shut up unto the day of their death, living in widowhood. 4 Then said the king to Amasa, Assemble me the men of Judah within three days, and be thou here present. 5 So Amasa went to assemble the men of Judah; but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed him. 6 And David

said to Abishai, Now shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm than did Absalom; take thou thy lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and escape us. 7 And there went out after him Joab's men, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men; and they went out of Jerusalem, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri. 8 When they were at the great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa went before them. And Joab's garment that he had put on was girded unto him, and upon it a girdle with a sword fastened upon his loins in the sheath thereof; and as he went forth it fell out. 9 And Joab said to Amasa, Art thou in health, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kiss him. 10 But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joab's hand; so he smote him therewith in the fifth rib, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and struck him not again; and he died. So Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri. 11 And one of Joab's men stood by him, and said, He that favoreth Joab, and he that is for David, let him go after Joab. 12 And Amasa wallowed in blood in the midst of the highway. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he removed Amasa out of the highway into the field, and cast a cloth upon him, when he saw that ~~every one~~ **everyone** that came by him stood still. 13 When he was removed out of the highway, all the people went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri. 14 And he went through all the tribes of Israel unto Abel, and to ~~Bethmaachah~~ **Beth-maachah**, and all the Berites; and they were gathered together, and went also after him. 15 And they came and besieged him in Abel of ~~Bethmaachah~~ **Beth-maachah**, and they cast up a bank against the city,

and it stood in the trench; and all the people that were with Joab battered the wall, to throw it down. 16 Then cried a wise woman out of the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Joab, Come near hither, that I may speak with thee. 17 And when he was come near unto her, the woman said, Art thou Joab? And he answered, I am he. Then she said unto him, Hear the words of thine handmaid. And he answered, I do hear. 18 Then she spake, saying, They ~~were~~ **are** wont to speak in old time, saying, They shall surely ask counsel at Abel; and so they ended the matter. 19 I am one of them that are peaceable and faithful in Israel; thou seekest to destroy a city and a mother in Israel; why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** ? 20 And Joab answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy. 21 The matter is not so; but a man of mount Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, hath lifted up his hand against the king, even against David; deliver him only, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said unto Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over the wall. 22 Then the woman went unto all the people in her wisdom. ~~And;~~ **and** they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and cast it out to Joab. And he blew a trumpet, and they retired from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem unto the king. 23 Now Joab was over all the host of Israel; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites; 24 And Adoram was over the tribute; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder; 25 And Sheva was scribe; and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests; 26 And Ira also the Jairite was a chief ruler about David.

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1 Then there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David inquired of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** answered, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites. 2 And the king called the Gibeonites, and said unto them; (now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn unto them; and Saul sought to slay them in his zeal to the children of Israel and Judah;) 3 Wherefore David said unto the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? and wherewith shall I make the atonement, that ye may bless the inheritance of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** ? 4 And the Gibeonites said unto him, We will have no silver nor gold of Saul, nor of his house; neither for us shalt thou kill any man in Israel. And he said, What ye shall say, that will I do for you. 5 And they answered the king, The man that consumed us, and that devised against us that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the coasts of Israel, 6 Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in Gibeah of Saul, whom the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** did choose. And the king said, I will give them. 7 But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. 8 But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bare unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she brought up for Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite; 9 And he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in

the hill before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and they fell all seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, in the beginning of barley harvest. 10 And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night. 11 And it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done. 12 And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of ~~Jabesh-gilead~~ **Jabesh-gilead**, which had stolen them from the street of ~~Bethshan~~ **Beth-shan**, where the Philistines had hanged them, when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gilboa; 13 And he brought up from thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged. 14 And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son buried they in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the ~~sepulchre~~ **sepulcher** of Kish his father; and they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God was ~~intreated~~ **entreated** for the land. 15 Moreover the Philistines had yet war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines; and David waxed faint. 16 And ~~Ishbi-benob~~ **Ishbi-benob**, which was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of brass in weight, he being girded with a new sword, thought to have slain David. 17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succored him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David sware unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not

the light of Israel. 18 And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob; then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which was of the sons of the giant. 19 And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of ~~Jaareoregim~~ **Jaare-oregim**, a Bethlehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. 20 And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant. 21 And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimeah the brother of David slew him. 22 These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

22

1 And David spake unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** the words of this song, in the day that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul; 2 And he said, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; 3 The God of my rock; in him will I trust; he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my ~~saviour~~ **savior**; thou savest me from violence. 4 I will call on the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from mine enemies. 5 When the waves of death compassed me, the floods of ungodly men made me afraid; 6 The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me; 7 In my distress I called upon the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and cried to my God; and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry did enter into his ears. 8

Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of heaven moved and shook, because he was wroth. 9 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured; coals were kindled by it. 10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness was under his feet. 11 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly; and he was seen upon the wings of the wind. 12 And he made darkness pavilions round about him, dark waters, and thick clouds of the skies. 13 Through the brightness before him were coals of fire kindled. 14 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thundered from heaven, and the ~~most~~ **Most** High uttered his voice. 15 And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and discomfited them. 16 And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, 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, and from them that hated me; for they were too strong for me. 19 They prevented me in the day of my calamity; but the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was my stay. 20 He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me. 21 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me. 22 For I have kept the ways of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and have not wickedly departed from my God. 23 For all his judgments were before me; and as for his statutes, I did not depart from them. 24 I was also upright before him, and have kept myself from mine iniquity. 25 Therefore the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath recompensed me according to my righteousness; according to my cleanness in his ~~eye-sight~~ **eyesight**.

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26 With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful, and with the upright man thou wilt show thyself upright. 27 With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt show thyself unsavory. 28 And the afflicted people thou wilt save; but thine eyes are upon the haughty, that thou mayest bring them down. 29 For thou art my lamp, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will lighten my darkness. 30 For by thee I have run through a troop; by my God have I leaped over a wall. 31 As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is tried; he is a buckler to all them that trust in him. 32 For who is God, save the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** ? and who is a rock, save our God? 33 God is my strength and power; and he maketh my way perfect. 34 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet; and setteth me upon my high places. 35 He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms. 36 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation; and thy gentleness hath made me great. 37 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; so that my feet did not slip. 38 I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them. 39 And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise; yea, they are fallen under my feet. 40 For thou hast girded me with strength to battle; them that rose up against me hast thou subdued under me. 41 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me. 42 They looked, but there was none to save; even unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, but he answered them not. 43 Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth; I did stamp them as the mire of the street, and did spread them abroad. 44 Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings

of my people, thou hast kept me to be head of the heathen; a people which I knew not shall serve me. 45 Strangers shall submit themselves unto me; as soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me. 46 Strangers shall fade away, and they shall be afraid out of their close places. 47 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** liveth; and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation. 48 It is God that avengeth me, and that bringeth down the people ~~under~~ **unto** me, 49 And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies; thou also hast lifted me up on high above them that rose up against me; thou hast delivered me from the violent man. 50 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name. 51 He is the tower of salvation for his king; and ~~sheweth~~ **showeth** mercy to his anointed, unto David, and to his seed ~~for evermore~~ **forevermore**.

23

1 Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said, 2 The Spirit of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** spake by me, and his word was in my tongue. 3 The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. 4 And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. 5 Although my house be not so with God; yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure; for this is all my salvation, and all my desire, although he make it not

to grow. 6 But the sons of Belial shall be all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands; 7 But the man that shall touch them must be fenced with iron and the staff of a spear; and they shall be utterly burned with fire in the same place. 8 These be the names of the mighty men whom David had: The Tachmonite that sat in the seat, chief among the captains; the same was Adino the Eznite; he ~~lift~~ **lifted** up his spear against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time. 9 And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away. 10 He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword; and the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to spoil. 11 And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of ~~lentils~~; **lentils**; and the people fled from the Philistines. 12 But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines; and the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** wrought a great victory. 13 And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest - time unto the cave of Adullam; and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim. 14 And David was then in ~~an~~ a hold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem. 15 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate! 16 And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that was by the

gate, and took it, and brought it to David; nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 17 And he said, Be it far from me, O ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, that I should do this; is not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men. 18 And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief among three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred, and slew them, and had the name among three. 19 Was he not most honorable of three? therefore he was their captain; howbeit he attained not unto the first three. 20 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, who had done many acts, he slew two ~~lionlike~~ **lion-like** men of Moab; he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow. 21 And he slew an Egyptian, a goodly man; and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear. 22 These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among three mighty men. 23 He was more honorable than the thirty, but he attained not to the first three. And David set him over his guard. 24 Asahel the brother of Joab was one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, 25 Shammah the Harodite, Elikah the Harodite, 26 Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikesh the Tekoite, 27 Abiezer the Anethothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite, 28 Zalmon the Ahohite, ~~Maharai~~ **Maharal** the Netophathite, 29 Heleb the son of ~~Baanah~~ **Maanah**, a Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai out of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin, 30 Benaiah the Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash, 31 ~~Abialbon~~ **Abi-albon** the

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Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite, 32 Eliahba the Shaalbonite, of the sons of Jashen, Jonathan, 33 Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Hararite, 34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maachathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite, 35 Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite, 36 Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite, 37 Zelek the Ammonite, Nahari the Beerothite, ~~armourbearer~~ **armor-bearer** to Joab the son of Zeruiah, 38 Ira an Ithrite, ~~Gareb~~ **Bareb** an Ithrite, 39 Uriah the Hittite; thirty and seven in all.

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1 And again the anger of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah. 2 For the king said to Joab the captain of the host, which was with him, Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to ~~Beersheba~~ **Beer-sheba**, and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people. 3 And Joab said unto the king, Now the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, ~~an~~ **a** hundredfold, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see it; but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing? 4 Notwithstanding the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host. And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel. 5 And they passed over Jordan, and pitched in Aroer, on the right side of the city that lieth in the midst of the river of Gad, and toward Jazer; 6 Then they came to Gilead, and to the land of ~~Tahtimhodshi~~ **Tahtim-hodshi**; and they came to ~~Danjaan~~ **Dan-jaan**, and about to Zidon, 7 And came to the

~~strong hold~~ **stronghold** of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites; and they went out to the south of Judah, even to ~~Beersheba~~ **Beer-sheba**. 8 So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. 9 And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people unto the king; and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men. 10 And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, I have sinned greatly in that I have done; and now, I beseech thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly. 11 For when David was up in the morning, the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, 12 Go and say unto David, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, I offer thee three things; choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee. 13 So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days' pestilence in thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me. 14 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait; let us fall now into the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for his mercies are great; and let me not fall into the hand of man. 15 So the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed; and there died of the people from Dan even to ~~Beersheba~~ **Beer-sheba** seventy thousand men. 16 And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** repented him of the evil, and **Lord**

said to the angel that destroyed the people unto him, It is enough: stay **Stay** now thine hand, **it is enough;** for the people repented, and the **Lord stayed the hand of the angel, that he destroyed not the people.** And the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was by the ~~threshingplace~~ **threshing floor** of Araunah, the Jebusite. 17 ~~And For~~ David spake unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly;; but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house. 18 And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in the ~~threshingfloor~~ **threshing floor** of Araunah the Jebusite. 19 And David, according to the saying of Gad, went up as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** commanded. 20 And ~~Araunah~~ **Arunah** looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him;; and ~~Araunah~~ **Arunah** went out, and bowed himself before the king on his face upon the ground. 21 And ~~Araunah~~ **Arunah** said, Wherefore is

my lord ~~Lord~~ the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the ~~threshingfloor~~ **threshing floor** of thee, to build an altar unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that the plague may be stayed from the people. 22 And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him;; behold, here be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood. 23 All these things did ~~Araunah~~ **Arunah**, as a king, give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God accept thee. 24 And the king said unto ~~Araunah~~ **Arunah**, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price;; neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the ~~threshingfloor~~ **threshing floor** and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. 25 And David built there an altar unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was ~~intreated~~ **entreated** for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

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1 Now king David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat. 2 Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin;; and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat. 3 So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king. 4 And the damsel was very fair, and cherished the king, and

ministered to him;; but the king knew her not. 5 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king;; and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. 6 And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and his mother bare him after Absalom. 7 And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest;; and they following Adonijah helped him. 8 But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men which

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belonged to David, were not with Adonijah. 9 And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zohemoth, which is by ~~En-rogel~~ **En-rogel**, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants; 10 But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not. 11 Wherefore Nathan spake unto ~~Bathsheba~~ **Bath-sheba** the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not? 12 Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon. 13 Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign? 14 Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and confirm thy words. 15 And ~~Bathsheba~~ **Bath-sheba** went in unto the king into the chamber; and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king. 16 And ~~Bathsheba~~ **Bath-sheba** bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, What wouldest thou? 17 And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne. 18 And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest it not; 19 And he hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host; but Solomon thy servant hath

he not called. 20 And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. 21 Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his ~~fathers~~ **father**, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders. 22 And, lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in. 23 And they told the king, saying, Behold Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. 24 And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? 25 For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, God save king Adonijah. 26 But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called. 27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not showed it unto thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him? 28 Then king David answered and said, Call me ~~Bathsheba~~ **Bath-sheba**. And she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king. 29 And the king sware, and said, As the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress, 30 Even as I sware unto thee by the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day. 31 Then ~~Bathsheba~~ **Bath-sheba** bowed with her face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let

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

Adonijah said unto him, Come in; for thou art a valiant man, and bringest good tidings. 43 And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king. 44 And the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule; 45 And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon; and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that ye have heard. 46 And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom. 47 And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed. 48 And also thus said the king, Blessed be the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, which hath given one to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing it. 49 And all the guests that were with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way. 50 And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. 51 And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon; for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me today that he will not slay his servant with the sword. 52 And Solomon said, If he will show himself a worthy man, there shall not ~~an~~ **a** hair of him fall to the earth; but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die. 53 So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to

king Solomon; and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house.

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1 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, 2 I go the way of all the earth; be thou strong therefore, and show thyself a man; 3 And keep the charge of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself; 4 That the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel. 5 Moreover thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and in his shoes that were on his feet. 6 Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace. 7 But show kindness unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table; for so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom thy brother. 8 And, behold, thou hast with thee Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, which cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim; but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I swore to him by the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, I will not

put thee to death with the sword. 9 Now therefore hold him not guiltless; for thou art a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him; but his hoar head bring thou down to the grave with blood. 10 So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. 11 And the days that David reigned over Israel were forty years; seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem. 12 Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly. 13 And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to ~~Bathsheba~~ **Bath-sheba** the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably. 14 He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said, Say on. 15 And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign; howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's; for it was his from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 16 And now I ask one petition of thee, deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on. 17 And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will not say thee nay,) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife. 18 And ~~Bathsheba~~ **Bath-sheba** said, Well; I will speak for thee unto the king. 19 ~~Bathsheba~~ **Bath-sheba** therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand. 20 Then she said, I desire one small petition of thee; I pray thee, say me not nay. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother; for I will not say thee nay. 21 And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be

given to Adonijah thy brother to wife. 22 And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he is mine elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah. 23 Then king Solomon swore by the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life. 24 Now therefore, as the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** liveth, which hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me ~~an~~ a house, as he promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day. 25 And king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him that he died. 26 And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Get thee to Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for thou art worthy of death; but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** God before David my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted. 27 So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**; that he might ~~fulfil~~ **fulfill** the word of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, which he spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh. 28 Then tidings came to Joab; for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. 29 And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled unto the tabernacle of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**; and, behold, he is by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall upon him. 30 And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, and said unto him, Thus saith the king,

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

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

3

1 And **the Lord was not pleased with Solomon, for he** made affinity with Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter **to wife**, and brought her into the ~~city~~ **house** of David; until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and the wall of Jerusalem round about. **And the Lord blessed Solomon for the people's sake only.** 2 ~~Only~~ **And** the people sacrificed in high places,

because there was no house built unto the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, until those days. 3 And ~~Solomon loved~~ **because the LORD, Lord blessed Solomon as he was** walking in the statutes of David, his father; ~~only, he~~ **began to love the Lord, and** he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places, **and he called on the name of the Lord.** 4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for ~~that~~ **Gibeon** was ~~the~~ **in a** great high place; **and Solomon offered upon that altar, in Gibeon,** a thousand burnt offerings ~~did Solomon offer upon that altar.~~ 5 ~~In Gibeon~~ **And the LORD Lord God hearkened unto Solomon, and appeared to Solomon unto him** in a dream by night; and ~~God~~ said, Ask what I shall give thee. 6 And Solomon said, Thou hast showed unto thy servant David, my father, great ~~mercy,~~ **things** according **as to thy mercy when** he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in ~~uprightness~~ **uprighteousness** of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, ~~as it is~~ **this** day. 7 And now, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** my God, thou hast made thy servant king, instead of David, my father; ~~and I am but a little child;~~ **over thy people.** 8 **And I know not how to lead them, to go out, or come in;—** ~~And~~ **before them, and I,** thy servant **is, am as a little child,** in the midst of thy people ~~which~~ **whom** thou hast chosen, a great people; that cannot be numbered, nor counted for multitude. 9 Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad; for who is able to judge this thy **people**, so great a people? 10 And the speech pleased the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that Solomon had asked this thing. 11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked

this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; 12 Behold, I have done according to thy ~~words~~: **word**; lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none **made king over Israel** like **unto** thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. 13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honor; so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. 14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways; to keep my statutes, and my commandments, ~~as thy father David did walk~~, then I will lengthen thy days, **and thou shalt not walk in unrighteousness, as did thy father David**. 15 And Solomon awoke; and, behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants. 16 Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him. 17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house. 18 And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also; and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house. 19 And this woman's child died in the night, because she overlaid it. 20 And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. 21 And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead; but when I had

considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear. 22 And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king. 23 Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead; and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living. 24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. 25 And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other. 26 Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it. 27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it; she is the mother thereof. 28 And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king; for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him; to do judgment.

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1 So king Solomon was king over all Israel. 2 And these were the princes which he had; Azariah the son of Zadok the priest, 3 Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder. 4 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the host; and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests; 5 And Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers; and Zabud the son of Nathan was principal officer, and the king's friend; 6 And Ahishar was over the household; and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the tribute. 7 And Solomon had twelve officers

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over all Israel, which provided victuals for the king and his household; each man his month in a year made provision. 8 And these are their names; The son of Hur, in mount Ephraim; 9 The son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and ~~Bethshemesh~~ **Beth-shemesh**, and ~~Elonbethhanan~~ **Elon-beth-hanan**; 10 The son of Hese, in Aruboth; to him pertained Sochoh, and all the land of Hephher; 11 The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife; 12 Baana the son of Ahilud; to him pertained Taanach and Megiddo, and all ~~Bethshean~~ **Beth-shean**, which is by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from ~~Bethshean~~ **Beth-shean** to ~~Abelmeholah~~ **Abel-meholah**, even unto the place that is beyond Jokneam; 13 The son of Geber, in Ramothgilead; to him pertained the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead; to him also pertained the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, threescore great cities with walls and brazen bars; 14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo had Mahanaim; 15 Ahimaaz was in Naphtali; he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife; 16 Baanah the son of Hushai was in Asher and in Aloth; 17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar; 18 Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin; 19 Geber the son of Uri was in the country of Gilead, in the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan; and he was the only officer which was in the land. 20 Judah and Israel were many, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry. 21 And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the river unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt; they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his

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

all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

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1 And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father; for Hiram was ever a lover of David. 2 And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, 3 Thou knowest how that David my father could not build ~~an~~ a house unto the name of the ~~LORD~~ Lord his God, for the wars which were about him on every side, until the ~~LORD~~ Lord put them under the soles of his feet. 4 But now the ~~LORD~~ Lord my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent. 5 And, behold, I purpose to build ~~an~~ a house unto the name of the ~~LORD~~ Lord my God, as the ~~LORD~~ Lord spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build ~~an~~ a house unto my name. 6 Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with thy servants; and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt appoint; for thou knowest that there is not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians. 7 And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the ~~LORD~~ Lord this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people. 8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for; and I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir. 9 My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon unto the sea; and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the

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place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive them; and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household. 10 So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees according to all his desire. 11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil; thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year. 12 And the ~~LORD~~ Lord gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together. 13 And king Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men. 14 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses; a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home; and Adoniram was over the levy. 15 And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains; 16 ~~Beside~~ **Besides** the chief of Solomon's officers which were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work. 17 And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house. 18 And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew them, and the ~~stonesquarers~~ **stone-squarers**; so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

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1 And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Zif, which is the second

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month, that he began to build the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 2 And the house which king Solomon built for the ~~LORD~~ Lord, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, ~~and~~ the height thereof thirty cubits. 3 And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house. 4 And for the house he made windows of narrow lights. 5 And against the wall of the house he built chambers round about, against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of the oracle; and he made chambers round about. 6 The nethermost chamber was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad; for without in the wall of the house he made narrowed rests round about, that the beams should not be fastened in the walls of the house. 7 And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither; so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building. 8 The door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house; and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third. 9 So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar. 10 And then he built chambers against all the house, five cubits high; and they rested on the house with timber of cedar. 11 And the word of the ~~LORD~~ Lord came to Solomon, saying, 12 Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee; which I spake unto David thy

father; 13 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel. 14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it. 15 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the ceiling; and he covered them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir. 16 And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar; he even built them for it within, even for the oracle, even for the most holy place. 17 And the house, that is, the temple before it, was forty cubits long. 18 And the cedar of the house within was carved with knops and open flowers; all was cedar; there was no stone seen. 19 And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 20 And the oracle in the forepart was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof; and he overlaid it with pure gold; and so covered the altar which was of cedar. 21 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold; and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the oracle; and he overlaid it with gold. 22 And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house; also the whole altar that was by the oracle he overlaid with gold. 23 And within the oracle he made two cherubim of olive tree, each ten cubits high. 24 And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub; from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits. 25 And the other cherub was ten cubits; both the cherubim were of one measure and one size. 26 The height of ~~the~~ one cherub was ten

cubits, and so was it of the other cherub. 27 And he set the cherubim within the inner house; and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubim, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house. 28 And he overlaid the cherubim with gold. 29 And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, within and without. 30 And the ~~floors~~ **floor** of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without. 31 And for the entering of the oracle he made doors of olive tree; the lintel and side posts were a fifth part of the wall. 32 The two doors also were of olive tree; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold, and spread gold upon the cherubim, and upon the palm trees. 33 So also made he for the door of the temple posts of olive tree, a fourth part of the wall. 34 And the two doors were of fir tree; the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding. 35 And he carved thereon cherubim and palm trees and open flowers; and covered them with gold fitted upon the carved work. 36 And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar beams. 37 In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** laid, in the month Zif; 38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

1 But Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house. 2 He built also the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof was ~~an~~ **a** hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars. 3 And it was covered with cedar above upon the beams, that lay on forty - five pillars, fifteen in a row. 4 And there were windows in three rows, and light was against light in three ranks. 5 And all the doors and posts were square, with the windows; and light was against light in three ranks. 6 And he made a porch of pillars; the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits; and the porch was before them; and the other pillars and the thick beam were before them. 7 Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge, even the porch of judgment; and it was covered with cedar from one side of the floor to the other. 8 And his house where he dwelt had another court within the porch, which was of the like work. Solomon made also ~~an~~ **a** house for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken to wife, like unto ~~this~~ **his** porch. 9 All these were of costly stones, according to the ~~measures~~ **measure** of hewed stones, sawed with saws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and so on the outside toward the great court. 10 And the foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits. 11 And above were costly stones, after the measures of hewed stones, and cedars. 12 And the great court round about was with three rows of hewed stones, and a row of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the

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house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and for the porch of the house. 13 And king Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre. 14 He was a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass; and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work. 15 For he cast two pillars of brass; of eighteen cubits high apiece; and a line of twelve cubits did compass either of them about. 16 And he made two chapters of molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars; the height of the one chapter was five cubits, and the height of the other chapter was five cubits; 17 And nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the chapters which were upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one chapter, and seven for the other chapter. 18 And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the chapters that were upon the top, with pomegranates; and so did he for the other chapter. 19 And the chapters that were upon the top of the pillars were of lily work in the porch, four cubits. 20 And the chapters upon the two pillars had pomegranates also above, over against the belly which was by the network; and the pomegranates were two hundred in rows round about upon the other chapter. 21 And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple; and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof Jachin; and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof Boaz. 22 And upon the top of the pillars was lily work; so was the work of the pillars finished. 23 And he made a molten sea, ten cubits from the one brim to the other; it was round all about, and his height was five cubits; and a line of thirty cubits

did compass it round about. 24 And under the brim of it round about there were knops compassing it, ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about; the knops were cast in two rows, when it was cast. 25 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east; and the sea was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward. 26 And it was ~~an~~ **hand-breadth a handbreadth** thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies; it contained two thousand baths. 27 And he made ten bases of brass; four cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it. 28 And the work of the bases was on this manner; they had borders, and the borders were between the ledges; 29 And on the borders that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubim; and upon the ledges there was a base above; and beneath the lions and oxen were certain additions made of thin work. 30 And every base had four brazen wheels, and plates of brass; and the four corners thereof had undersetters; under the laver were undersetters molten, at the side of every addition. 31 And the mouth of it within the chapter and above was a cubit; but the mouth thereof was round after the work of the base, a cubit and ~~an~~ **a half**; and also upon the mouth of it were gravings with their borders, foursquare, not round. 32 And under the borders were four wheels; and the axletrees of the wheels were joined to the base; and the height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit. 33 And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel; their axletrees, and their naves, and their felloes, and their

spokes, were all molten. 34 And there were four undersetters to the four corners of one base; and the undersetters were of the very base itself. 35 And in the top of the base was there a round compass of half a cubit high; and on the top of the base the ledges thereof and the ~~borders~~ **border** thereof were of the same. 36 For on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubim, lions, and palm trees, according to the proportion of every one, and additions round about. 37 After this manner he made the ten bases; all of them had one casting, one measure, and one size. 38 Then made he ten lavers of brass; one laver contained forty baths; and every laver was four cubits; and upon every one of the ten bases one laver. 39 And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house; and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward, over against the south. 40 And Hiram made the lavers, and the shovels, and the basins. So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 41 The two pillars, and the two bowls of the chapters that were on the top of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the chapters which were upon the top of the pillars; 42 And four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, even two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the chapters that were upon the pillars; 43 And the ten bases, and ten lavers on the bases; 44 And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea; 45 And the pots, and the shovels, and the basins; and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, were of bright brass. 46 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay

ground between Succoth and Zarthan. 47 And Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, because they were exceeding many; neither was the weight of the brass found out. 48 And Solomon made all the vessels that pertained unto the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the ~~shewbread~~ **showbread** was. 49 And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold;. 50 And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the censers of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, to wit, of the temple. 51 So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated; even the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

8

1 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** out of the city of David, which is Zion. 2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. 3 And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. 4 And they brought up the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, even those did the

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

house, that my name might be therein; but I chose David to be over my people Israel. 17 And it was in the heart of David my father to build ~~an~~ **a** house for the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel. 18 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build ~~an~~ **a** house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart. 19 Nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house unto my name. 20 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath performed his word that he spake, and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** promised, and have built ~~an~~ **a** house for the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel. 21 And I have set there a place for the ark, wherein is the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt. 22 And Solomon stood before the altar of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven; 23 And he said, ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart; 24 Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him; thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day. 25 Therefore now, ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me. 26 And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray

thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father. 27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded? 28 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee ~~to-day~~: **today**; 29 That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there; that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place. 30 And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place; and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place; and when thou hearest, forgive. 31 If any man trespass against his neighbor, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house; 32 Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness. 33 When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house; 34 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers. 35 When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them; 36 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of

thy servants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance. 37 If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be; 38 What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house; 39 Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;) 40 That they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers. 41 Moreover concerning a stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake; 42 (For they shall hear of thy great name; and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched - out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house; 43 Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as do thy people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is called by thy name. 44 If thy people go out to battle against their enemy, whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house that I have built for thy name; 45 Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause. 46 If they

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sin against thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near; 47 Yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness; 48 And so return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name; 49 Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their cause, 50 And forgive thy people that have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them; 51 For they be thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron; 52 That thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them in all that they call for unto thee. 53 For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God. 54 And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the ~~LORD~~

Lord, he arose from before the altar of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. 55 And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying, 56 Blessed be the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised; there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant. 57 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God be with us, as he was with our fathers; let him not leave us, nor forsake us; 58 That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers. 59 And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, be nigh unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require; 60 That all the people of the earth may know that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is God, and that there is none else. 61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day. 62 And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, two and twenty thousand oxen, and ~~an~~ **a** hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 64 The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for there he offered burnt offerings, and meat ~~offerings~~ **offering**, and the fat of the peace offerings; because the brazen altar that was before the

LORD Lord was too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings. 65 And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before the **LORD Lord** our God, seven days and seven days, even fourteen days. 66 On the eighth day he sent the people away; and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the **LORD Lord** had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people.

9

1 And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the **LORD Lord**, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do, 2 That the **LORD Lord** appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon. 3 And the **LORD Lord** said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me; I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there ~~for ever~~ **forever**; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. 4 And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments; 5 Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel ~~for ever~~ **forever**, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel. 6 But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and ~~my~~ statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other

gods, and worship them; 7 Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people; 8 And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the **LORD Lord** done thus unto this land, and to this house? 9 And they shall answer, Because they forsook the **LORD Lord** their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have ~~worshipped~~ **worshiped** them, and served them; therefore hath the **LORD Lord** brought upon them all this evil. 10 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the **LORD Lord**, and the king's house, 11 (Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. 12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not. 13 And he said, What cities are these which thou hast given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul unto this day. 14 And Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents of gold. 15 And this is the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised; for to build the house of the **LORD Lord**, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer. 16 For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it for a present unto his daughter, Solomon's wife. 17 And Solomon built Gezer,

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

1 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, she came to prove him with hard questions. 2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones; and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. 3 And Solomon told her all her questions; there was not ~~any thing~~ **anything** hid from the king, which he told her not. 4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built, 5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his ~~eupbearers~~ **cup-bearers**, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; there was no more spirit in her. 6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. 7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it; and, behold, the half was not told me; thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard. 8 Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom. 9 Blessed be the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel; because the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** loved Israel ~~for ever~~ **forever**, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice. 10 And she gave the king ~~an~~ **a** hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones; there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon. 11 And the navy also of

Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug trees, and precious stones. 12 And the king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers; there came no such almug trees, nor were seen unto this day. 13 And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, ~~beside~~ **besides** that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants. 14 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold;. 15 ~~Beside~~ **Besides** that he had of the merchantmen, and of the traffic of the spice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the country. 16 And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold; six hundred shekels of gold went to one target. 17 And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three ~~pound~~ **pounds** of gold went to one shield; and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon. 18 Moreover, the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold. 19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round behind; and there were stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays. 20 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps; there was not the like made in any kingdom. 21 And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; none were of silver; it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon. 22 For the king had at sea a navy of Tharshish with the navy of Hiram; once in three years came the navy of Tharshish, bringing gold, and

silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks. 23 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom. 24 And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. 25 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armor, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year. 26 And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen; and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem. 27 And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycamore trees that are in the vale, for abundance. 28 And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn; the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price. 29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and ~~an~~ **a** horse for ~~an~~ **a** hundred and fifty; and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their means.

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1 But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites; 2 Of the nations concerning which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you; for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods; Solomon clave unto these in love. 3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart. 4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, ~~that~~

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his wives turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not perfect with the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** his God, **and it became** as ~~was~~ the heart of David his father. 5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. 6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, **as David his father**, and went not fully after the ~~LORD~~, ~~as did David his father~~ **Lord**. 7 Then did Solomon build ~~an~~ **a** high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. 8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. 9 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, 10 And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he kept not that which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** commanded. 11 Wherefore the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. 12 Notwithstanding, in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake; but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son. 13 Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen. 14 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he was of the king's seed in Edom. 15 For it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain,

after he had smitten every male in Edom; 16 (For six months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom;) 17 That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad being yet a little child. 18 And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran; and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him ~~an~~ **a** house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land. 19 And Hadad found great favor in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife, the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen. 20 And the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house; and Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh. 21 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country. 22 Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, Nothing; howbeit let me go in any wise. 23 And God stirred him up another adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah; 24 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when David slew them of Zobah; and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus. 25 And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, ~~beside~~ **besides** the mischief that Hadad did; and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria. 26 And Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon's servant, whose mother's

name was Zeruah, a widow woman, even he lifted up his hand against the king. 27 And this was the cause that he lifted up his hand against the king; Solomon built Millo, and repaired the breaches of the city of David his father. 28 And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valor; and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph. 29 And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field; 30 And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces; 31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces; for thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee; 32 (But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel;) 33 Because that they have forsaken me, and have ~~worshipped~~ **worshiped** Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and ~~to keep~~ my statutes, and my judgments, **and his heart is become as David his father; and he repenteth not** as did David his father, **that I may forgive him.** 34 Howbeit, I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand; but I will make him prince all the days of his life, for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes: **in that day.** 35 But I will take the kingdom out of his ~~son's~~ **sons's** hand,

and will give it unto thee, ~~even~~ ten tribes. 36 And unto his son will I give one tribe, ~~that.~~ **36 That** David my servant may have a light ~~alway~~ **always** before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there. 37 And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and ~~shalt~~ **shall** be king over Israel. 38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do ~~that is~~ right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; **in the day that I blessed him;** I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house; as I built for David, and ~~will give~~ **gave** Israel unto thee. 39 And **for the transgression of David, and also for the people, I will have rent the kingdom, and for this I will afflict the seed of David, but not for ever forever.** 40 Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon. 41 And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon? 42 And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years. 43 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father; and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

12

1 And Rehoboam went to Shechem; for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king. 2 And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard of it, (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt;) 3 That they sent and called him. And

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Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying, 4 Thy father made our yoke grievous;; now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee. 5 And he said unto them, Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed. 6 And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people? 7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him;; 9 And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter? 10 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins. 11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke;; my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. 12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day. 13 And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him; 14 And

spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke;; my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. 15 Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that he might perform his saying, which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 16 So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse;; to your tents, O Israel;; now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed ~~unto~~ **into** their tents. 17 But as for the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. 18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. 19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day. 20 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel;; there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only. 21 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, ~~an~~ **a** hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon. 22 But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying, 23 Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all

ordained a feast unto the children of Israel; and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

13

1 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** unto ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**; and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense. 2 And he cried against the altar in the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee. 3 And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath spoken; Behold; the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out. 4 And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, ~~which~~ **when** he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him. 5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 6 And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Entreat now the face of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before. 7 And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward; 8 And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I

the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying, 24 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel; return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and returned to depart, according to the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Penuel. 26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David;. 27 If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah. 28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. 29 And he set the one in ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**, and the other put he in Dan. 30 And this thing became a sin; for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan. 31 And he made ~~an~~ **a** house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of ~~the~~ people, which were not of the sons of Levi. 32 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made; and he placed in ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el** the priests of the high places which he had made. 33 So he offered upon the altar which he had made in ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el** the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and

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will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:; 9 For so was it charged me by the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest. 10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**. 11 Now there dwelt an old prophet in ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**; the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father. 12 And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah. 13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass:; and he rode thereon, 14 And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak:; and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am. 15 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread. 16 And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee:; neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place:; 17 For it was said to me by the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest. 18 He said unto him, I am a prophet also, **even** as thou ~~art~~, and an angel spake unto me by the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water.—~~But,~~ **that I may prove him; and he lied not** unto him. 19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water. 20 And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto the prophet that brought him back:; 21 And he cried unto the man of God that came

from Judah, saying, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and hast not kept the commandment which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God commanded thee, 22 But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which the Lord did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcass shall not come unto the ~~sepulchre~~ **sepulcher** of thy fathers. 23 And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back. 24 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him:; and his carcass was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcass. 25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcass cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcass:; and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt. 26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard thereof, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; therefore the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which he spake unto ~~him~~ **me**. 27 And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled him. 28 And he went and found his carcass cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcass:; the lion had not eaten the carcass, nor torn the ass. 29 And the prophet took up the carcass of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back:; and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him. 30 And he laid his carcass in his own grave; and they mourned over him, saying, Alas, my brother! 31 And it came to pass, after he had buried him,

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

14

1 At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick. 2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and get thee to Shiloh; behold, there is Ahijah the prophet, which told me that I should be king over this people. 3 And take with thee ten loaves, and cracknels, and a cruse of honey, and go to him; he shall tell thee what shall become of the child. 4 And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see; for his eyes were set by reason of his age. 5 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to ask a thing of thee for her son; for he is sick; thus and thus shalt thou say unto her; for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feign herself to be another woman. 6 And it was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door,

that he said, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam; why feignest thou thyself to be another? for I am sent to thee with heavy tidings. 7 Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over my people Israel, 8 And rent the kingdom away from the house of David; and gave it thee; ~~and yet,~~ **because he kept not my commandments. But** thou hast not been as my servant David, ~~who kept my commandments, and who~~ **when he** followed me with all his heart; **only** to do ~~that only which was~~ right in mine eyes; 9 But hast done evil above all that were before thee; for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back; 10 Therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone. 11 Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath spoken it. 12 Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house; and when thy feet ~~enter~~ **inter** into the city, the child shall die. 13 And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him; for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because in him there is found some good thing toward the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam. 14 Moreover the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day; but what? even now. 15 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Israel out

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of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves, provoking the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** to anger. 16 And he shall ~~give~~ **gave** Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin. 17 And Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah; and when she came to the threshold of the door, the child died; 18 And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which he spake by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet. 19 And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the book of the ~~chronicles~~ **Chronicles** of the kings of Israel. 20 And the days which Jeroboam reigned were two and twenty years; and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead. 21 And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** did choose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess. 22 And Judah did evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done. 23 For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree. 24 And there were also sodomites in the land; and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** cast out before the children of Israel. 25 And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem;

26 And he took away the treasures of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all; and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made. 27 And king Rehoboam made in their stead brazen shields, and committed them unto the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the door of the king's house. 28 And it was so, when the king went into the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard chamber. 29 Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 30 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days. 31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead.

15

1 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigned Abijam over Judah. 2 Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. ~~and~~ **And** his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. 3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him; and his heart was not perfect with the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** his God, as the ~~heart of~~ **Lord commanded** David his father. 4 Nevertheless for David's sake did the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem; 5 Because David did ~~that which was~~ right in the eyes of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and turned not aside from ~~any—thing~~ **all** that he commanded him, **to sin against the Lord; but repented of the evil** all the days of his life, save only in the

matter of Uriah the Hittite, **wherein the Lord cursed him.** 6 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life. 7 Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the ~~chronicles~~ **Chronicles** of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam. 8 And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David; and Asa his son reigned in his stead. 9 And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah. 10 And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. 11 And Asa did ~~that~~ **which was** right in the eyes of the ~~LORD Lord~~, as ~~did~~ **he commanded** David his father. 12 And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made; **and it pleased the Lord.** 13 And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed her idol, and burnt it by the brook Kidron. 14 But the high places were not removed; nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the ~~LORD Lord~~ all his days. 15 And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated, into the house of the ~~LORD Lord~~, silver, and gold, and vessels. 16 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. 17 And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. 18 Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the ~~LORD Lord~~, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants; and king

Asa sent them to ~~Benhadad~~ **Ben-hadad**, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying, 19 There is a league between me and thee, and between my father and thy father; behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; come and break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me. 20 So ~~Benhadad~~ **Ben-hadad** hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of the hosts which he had against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and ~~Abelbethmaachah~~ **Abel-beth-maachah**, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali. 21 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard thereof, that he left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah. 22 Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; none was exempted; and they took away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had builded; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah. 23 The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet. 24 And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead. 25 And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years. 26 And he did evil in the sight of the ~~LORD Lord~~, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin. 27 And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel

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laid siege to Gibbethon. 28 Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead. 29 And it came to pass, when he reigned, that he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according unto the saying of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which he spake by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite; 30 Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel to anger. 31 Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the ~~chronicles~~ **Chronicles** of the kings of Israel? 32 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. 33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty and four years. 34 And he did evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

16

1 Then the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying, 2 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins; 3 Behold, I will take away the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 4 Him that dieth of Baasha in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the fields shall the fowls of the air eat. 5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his

might, are they not written in the book of the ~~chronicles~~ **Chronicles** of the kings of Israel? 6 So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah; and Elah his son reigned in his stead. 7 And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him. 8 In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years. 9 And his servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza steward of his house in Tirzah. 10 And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead. 11 And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew all the house of Baasha; he left him not one that pisseth against a wall, neither of his ~~kinsfolk~~ **kinsfolks**, nor of his friends. 12 Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which he spake against Baasha by Jehu the prophet. 13 For all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel to sin, in provoking the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel to anger with their vanities. 14 Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the ~~chronicles~~ **Chronicles** of the kings of Israel? 15 In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah. And the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the

Philistines. 16 And the people that were encamped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slain the king; wherefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp. 17 And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah. 18 And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died. 19 For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin. 20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, are they not written in the book of the ~~chronicles~~ **Chronicles** of the kings of Israel? 21 Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts; half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri. 22 But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath; so Tibni died, and Omri reigned. 23 In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years; six years reigned he in Tirzah. 24 And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, Samaria. 25 But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and did worse than all that were before him. 26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel to anger with their vanities. 27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he showed, are they not written in the

book of the ~~chronicles~~ **Chronicles** of the kings of Israel? 28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his son reigned in his stead. 29 And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel; and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years. 30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** above all that were before him. 31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and ~~worshipped~~ **worshipped** him. 32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the ~~house~~ **house** of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. 33 And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him. 34 In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho; he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his ~~firstborn~~ **first-born**, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun.

17

1 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. 2 And the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto him, saying, 3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. 4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to

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feed thee there. 5 So he went and did according unto the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. 6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook. 7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land. 8 And the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto him, saying, 9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there;; behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee. 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks;; and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. 11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. 12 And she said, As the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but ~~an~~ **a** handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse;; and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. 13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said;; but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. 14 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** sendeth rain upon the earth. 15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah;; and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. 16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which he spake by Elijah. 17 And it came to pass after

these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. 18 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son? 19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. 20 And he cried unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and said, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? 21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and said, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. 22 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. 23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother;; and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth. 24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in thy mouth is truth.

18

1 And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, show thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth. 2 And Elijah went to show himself unto Ahab. And there was a sore famine in Samaria. 3 And Ahab called Obadiah, which was the governor of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** greatly;; 4 For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that

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

And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel? 18 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, and thou hast followed Baalim. 19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table. 20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel. 21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. 22 Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men. 23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under; and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under; 24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**; and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken. 25 And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under. 26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made. 27 And it

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came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud; for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. 28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them. 29 And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded. 30 And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that was broken down. 31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came, saying, Israel shall be thy name; 32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed. 33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood. 34 And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time. 35 And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water. 36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. 37 Hear me, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, hear me, that this people may know

that thou art the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God, and ~~that~~ thou ~~hast turned~~ **mayest turn** their heart back again. 38 Then the fire of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. 39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, ~~The LORD~~ **the Lord**, he is the God; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, he is the God. 40 And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them; and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there. 41 And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain. 42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, 43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times. 44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. 45 And it came to pass in the ~~mean-while~~ **meanwhile**, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel. 46 And the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

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1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a

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

earthquake; but the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was not in the earthquake; 12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. 13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? 14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. 15 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus; and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria; 16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat of ~~Abelmeholah~~ **Abel-meholah** shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. 17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay; and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. 18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him. 19 So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was ~~plowing~~ **ploughing** with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth; and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him. 20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again; for what have I done to thee? 21 And he returned back from him; and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the

instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

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1 And ~~Benhadad~~ **Ben-hadad** the king of Syria gathered all his host together; and there were thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots; and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it. 2 And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith ~~Benhadad~~ **Ben-hadad**, 3 Thy silver and thy gold is mine; thy wives also and thy children, even the goodliest, are mine. 4 And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I am thine, and all that I have. 5 And the messengers came again, and said, ~~Thus thus~~ speaketh ~~Benhadad~~ **Ben-hadad**, saying, Although I have sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver; and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children; 6 Yet I will send my servants unto thee ~~to morrow~~ **tomorrow** about this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, that whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put it in their hand; and take it away. 7 Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this man seeketh mischief; for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied him not. 8 And all the elders and all the people said unto him, Hearken not unto him, nor consent. 9 Wherefore he said unto the messengers of ~~Benhadad~~ **Ben-hadad**, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first I will do; but this thing I

may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word again. 10 And ~~Benhadad~~ **Ben-hadad** sent unto him, and said, The gods do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that follow me. 11 And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell him, Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off. 12 And it came to pass, when Ben-hadad heard this message, as he was drinking, he and the kings in the pavilions, that he said unto his servants, Set yourselves in array. And they set themselves in array against the city. 13 And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 14 And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, Even by the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall order the battle? And he answered, Thou. 15 Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty - two; and after them he numbered all the people, even all the children of Israel, being seven thousand. 16 And they went out at noon. But ~~Benhadad~~ **Ben-hadad** was drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him. 17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and ~~Benhadad~~ **Ben-hadad** sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out of Samaria. 18 And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive. 19 So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them.

20 And they slew every one his man; and the Syrians fled; and Israel pursued them; and ~~Benhadad~~ **Ben-hadad** the king of Syria escaped on ~~an~~ a horse with the horsemen. 21 And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter. 22 And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, Go; strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest; for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee. 23 And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their gods are gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. 24 And do this thing, Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their rooms; 25 And number thee an army, like the army that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot; and we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so. 26 And it came to pass at the return of the year; that ~~Benhadad~~ **Ben-hadad** numbered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel. 27 And the children of Israel were numbered, and were all present, and went against them; and the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country. 28 And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, Because the Syrians have said, The ~~LORD~~ **LORD** is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 29 And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day

the battle was joined; and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians ~~an~~ a hundred thousand footmen in one day. 30 But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and there a wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the men that were left. And ~~Benhadad~~ **Ben-hadad** fled, and came into the city, into an inner chamber. 31 And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings; let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel; peradventure he will save thy life. 32 So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant ~~Benhadad~~ **Ben-hadad** saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, Is he yet alive? he is my brother. 33 Now the men did diligently observe whether ~~any thing~~ **anything** would come from him, and did hastily catch it; and they said, Thy brother ~~Benhadad~~ **Ben-hadad**. Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then ~~Benhadad~~ **Ben-hadad** came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot. 34 And ~~Ben Beh~~ **Ben-hadad** said unto him, The cities, which my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then said Ahab, I will send ~~thee~~ **three** away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away. 35 And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his neighbor in the ~~word of the~~ **LORD**, Smite me, I pray thee. ~~And the man refused to smite him.~~ 36 Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, ~~behold~~ **Behold**, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him,

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and slew him. 37 Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, so that in smiting he wounded him. 38 So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face. 39 And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king; and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man; if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver. 40 And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, So shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it. 41 And he hasted, and took the ashes away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that he was of the prophets. 42 And he said unto him, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, Because thou hast let go out of thy hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people. 43 And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.

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1 And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. 2 And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house; and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money. 3 And Naboth said to Ahab, The ~~LORD~~ **LORD** forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee. 4

And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread. 5 But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread? 6 And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it; and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard. 7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry; I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite. 8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth. 9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people; 10 And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die. 11 And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them. 12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people. 13 And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him; and the men of Belial witnessed against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him

with stones, that he died. 14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead. 15 And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead. 16 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it. 17 And the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab, king of Israel, which is in Samaria; behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it. 19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine. 20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee; because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel. 22 And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel to sin. 23 And of Jezebel also spake the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel. 24 Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.

25 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the ~~LORD~~, **Lord** whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. 26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** cast out before the children of Israel. 27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly. 28 And the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 29 Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days; but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

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1 And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel. 2 And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel. 3 And the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and we be still, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria? 4 And he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to ~~Ramoth-gilead~~ **Ramoth-gilead**? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses. 5 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, ~~Enquire~~ **Inquire**, I pray thee, at the word of the ~~LORD to day~~ **Lord today**. 6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against ~~Ramoth-gilead~~ **Ramoth-gilead** to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall deliver it into

the hand of the king. 7 And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** besides, that we might ~~enquire~~ **inquire** of him? 8 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may ~~enquire~~ **inquire** of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so. 9 Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Hasten hither Micaiah the son of Imlah. 10 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. 11 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron; and he said, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them. 12 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to ~~Ramothgilead~~ **Ramoth-gilead**, and prosper; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall deliver it into the king's hand. 13 And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good unto the king with one mouth; let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good. 14 And Micaiah said, As the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** liveth, what the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** saith unto me, that will I speak. 15 So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go against ~~Ramothgilead~~ **Ramoth-gilead** to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall deliver it into the hand of the king. 16 And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is

true in the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** ? 17 And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said, These have no master; let them return every man to his house in peace. 18 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil? 19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; I saw the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. 20 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at ~~Ramothgilead~~ **Ramoth-gilead** ? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. 21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and said, I will persuade him. 22 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also; go forth, and do so. 23 Now therefore, behold, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath spoken evil concerning thee. 24 But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek; and said, Which way went the Spirit of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** from me to speak unto thee? 25 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself. 26 And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son; 27 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace. 28 And Micaiah said,

If thou return at all in peace, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, O people, every one of you. 29 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to ~~Ramoth-gilead~~ **Ramoth-gilead**. 30 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle. 31 But the king of Syria commanded his thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel. 32 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it is the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him; and Jehoshaphat cried out. 33 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him. 34 And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness; wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am wounded. 35 And the battle increased that day; and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at even; and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot. 36 And there went a proclamation throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country. 37 So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria. 38 And one washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; and they washed his armor; according unto the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** which he spake. 39 Now the rest of the acts of

Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the ~~chronicles~~ **Chronicles** of the kings of Israel? 40 So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead. 41 And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel. 42 Jehoshaphat was thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. 43 And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; nevertheless the high places were not taken away; for the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places. 44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel. 45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he showed, and how he warred, are they not written in the book of the ~~chronicles~~ **Chronicles** of the kings of Judah? 46 And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land. 47 There was then no king in Edom; a deputy was king. 48 Jehoshaphat made ships of Tharshish to go to Ophir for gold; but they went not; for the ships were broken at ~~Eziongeber~~ **Ezion-geber**. 49 Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not. 50 And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead. 51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over

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Israel. 52 And he did evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who

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1 Then ~~Moab~~ **moab** rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab. 2 And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick; and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, ~~enquire~~ **inquire** of Baalzebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease. 3 But the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to ~~enquire~~ **inquire** of Baalzebub the god of Ekron? 4 Now therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah departed. 5 And when the messengers turned back unto him, he said unto them, Why are ye now turned back? 6 And they said unto him, There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that thou sendest to ~~enquire~~ **inquire** of Baalzebub the god of Ekron? therefore thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. 7 And he said unto them, What manner of man was he which came up to meet you, and told you these words? 8 And they answered him, He was ~~an~~ **a** hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite. 9 Then the

made Israel to sin; 53 For he served Baal, and ~~worshipped~~ **worshipped** him, and provoked to anger the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

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king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him; and, behold, he sat on the top of ~~an~~ **a** hill. And he spake unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down. 10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, then let fire come down ~~from~~ **out of** heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire ~~from~~ **out of** heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. 11 Again also he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly. 12 And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I be a man of God, let fire come down ~~from~~ **out of** heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down ~~from~~ **out of** heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. 13 And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight. 14 Behold, there came fire down ~~from~~ **out of** heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties; therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight. 15 And the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto Elijah, Go down with him; be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king. 16 And he said unto him, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Forasmuch as thou

hast sent messengers to ~~enquire~~ **inquire** of Baalzebub the god of Ekron, is it not because there is no God in Israel to ~~enquire~~ **inquire** of his word? therefore thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. 17 So he died according to the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram reigned in his stead, in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son. 18 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

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1 And it came to pass, when the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. 2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath sent me to ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**. And Elisha said unto him, As the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**. 3 And the sons of the prophets that were at ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el** came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will take away thy master from thy head ~~to-day~~ **today** ? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. 4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the ~~LORD~~ **lord** liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho. 5 And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will take away thy master from thy head ~~to-day~~ **today** ? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. 6 And

Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on. 7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off; and they two stood by Jordan. 8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground. 9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. 10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing; nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. 11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen ~~thereof~~. **thereof!** And he saw him no more; and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. 13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan. 14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Elijah? ~~and~~ **And** when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither; and Elisha went over. 15 And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him. 16 And they

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

3

1 Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria

in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years. 2 And he wrought evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; but not like his father, and like his mother; for he put away the image of Baal that his father had made. 3 Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom. 4 And Mesha king of Moab was a sheepmaster, and rendered unto the king of Israel ~~an~~ **a** hundred thousand lambs, and ~~an~~ **a** hundred thousand rams, with the wool. 5 But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. 6 And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the same time, and numbered all Israel. 7 And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab hath rebelled against me; wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up; I am as thou art, my people as thy people, and my horses as thy horses. 8 And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom. 9 So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom; and they fetched a compass of seven days' journey; and there was no water for the host, and for the cattle that followed them. 10 And the king of Israel said, Alas! that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab! 11 But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that we may ~~enquire~~ **inquire** of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah. 12 And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat

and the king of Edom went down to him. 13 And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab. 14 And Elisha said, As the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee. 15 But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came upon him. 16 And he said, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Make this valley full of ditches. 17 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts. 18 And this is but a light thing in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand. 19 And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones. 20 And it came to pass in the morning, when the meat offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water. 21 And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they gathered all that were able to put on armor, and upward, and stood in the border. 22 And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side as red as blood; 23 And they said, This is blood; the kings are surely slain, and they have smitten one another; now therefore, Moab,

to the spoil. 24 And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them; but they went forward smiting the Moabites, even in their country. 25 And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees; only in ~~Kir-haraseth~~ **Kir-haraseth** left they the stones thereof; howbeit the slingers went about it, and smote it. 26 And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through even unto the king of Edom; but they could not. 27 Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel; and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

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1 Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen. 2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not ~~any thing~~ **anything** in the house, save a pot of oil. 3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbors, even empty vessels; borrow not a few. 4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full. 5 So she went from him, and

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shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out. 6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed. 7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy ~~debt~~ **debt**, and live thou and thy children of the rest. 8 And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that, as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread. 9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is ~~an~~ **a** holy man of God, which passeth by us continually. 10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick; and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither. 11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there. 12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him. 13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee ?; wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or ~~to~~ the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people. 14 And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old. 15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door. 16 And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid. 17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son

at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life. 18 And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. 19 And he said unto his father, My head, my ~~head~~ **head!** And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother. 20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died. 21 And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out. 22 And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again. 23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him ~~to-day~~ **today** ? it is neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, It shall be well. 24 Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not thy riding for me, except I bid thee. 25 So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite; 26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? ~~And~~ **and** she answered, It is well;. 27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet; but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is vexed within her; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath hid it from me, and hath not told me. 28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me? 29 Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way; if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again; and lay my staff upon the face of the child. 30

And the mother of the child said, As the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her. 31 And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked. 32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed. 33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 34 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands; and **he** stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. 35 Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him; and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. 36 And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son. 37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out. 38 And Elisha came again to Gilgal; and there was a dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him; and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets. 39 And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage; for they knew them not. 40 So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, there is

death in the pot. And they could not eat thereof. 41 But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast it into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot. 42 And there came a man from ~~Baalshalisha~~ **Baalshalisha**, and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat. 43 And his servitor said, What, should I set this before ~~an~~ **a** hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat; for thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, They shall eat, and shall leave thereof. 44 So he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1 Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had given deliverance unto Syria; he was also a mighty man in valor, but he was a leper. 2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife. 3 And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy. 4 And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel. 5 And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment. 6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I

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have therewith sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy. 7 And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? ~~wherefore~~ **Wherefore** consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me. 8 And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel. 9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. 11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father; if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? 14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. 15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him; and he said,

Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel; now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant. 16 But he said, As the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused. 17 And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth? for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 18 In this thing the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** pardon thy servant, that when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon; when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** pardon thy servant in this thing. 19 And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way. 20 But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought; but, as the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him. 21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all well? 22 And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets; give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments. 23 And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bare them before ~~him~~ **them**. 24 And when he came to the tower, he took them from

their hand, and bestowed them in the house; and he let the men go, and they departed. 25 But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went no whither. 26 And he said unto him, Went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and ~~oliveyards~~ **olive yards**, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants? 27 The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed ~~for ever~~ **forever**. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.

6

1 And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us. 2 Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye. 3 And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go. 4 So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood. 5 But as one was felling a beam, the ~~axe-head~~ **axhead** fell into the water; and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed. 6 And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he showed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim. 7 Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it. 8 Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp. 9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass

not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down. 10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice. 11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not show me which of us is for the king of Israel? 12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber. 13 And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan. 14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host; and they came by night, and compassed the city about. 15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, ~~an~~ **a** host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? 16 And he answered, Fear not; for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw; and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. 18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. 19 And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city; follow me; and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria. 20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha

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said, ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, open the eyes of these men; that they may see. And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. 21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them? 22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them; wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master. 23 And he prepared great provision for them; and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel. 24 And it came to pass after this, that ~~Benhadad~~ **Ben-hadad** king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria. 25 And there was a great famine in Samaria; and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for fourscore pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five pieces of silver. 26 And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help, my lord, O king. 27 And he said, If the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the ~~barnfloor~~ **barn floor**, or out of the winepress? 28 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him ~~to day~~ **today**, and we will eat my son ~~to morrow~~ **tomorrow**. 29 So we boiled my son, and did eat him; and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him; and she hath hid her son. 30 And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and,

behold, he had sackcloth within upon his flesh. 31 Then he said, God do so and more also to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day. 32 But Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and the king sent a man from before him; but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head? look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door; is not the sound of his master's feet behind him? 33 And while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came down unto him; and he said, Behold, this evil is of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; what should I wait for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** any longer?

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1 Then Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, ~~To morrow~~ **Tomorrow** about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria. 2 Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, if the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but ~~shalt~~ **shall** not eat thereof. 3 And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate; and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die? 4 If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there; and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians; if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die. 5 And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians; and when they were come

to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, there was no man there. 6 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host; and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us. 7 Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life. 8 And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it. 9 Then they said one to another, We do not well; this day is a day of good tidings; and we hold our peace; if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us; now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household. 10 So they came and called unto the porter of the city; and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they were. 11 And he called the porters; and they told it to the king's house within. 12 And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now show you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we be hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city. 13 And one of his servants answered and said, Let some take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city, (behold, they are as all

the multitude of Israel that are left in it; behold, I say, they are even as all the multitude of the Israelites that are consumed;) and let us send and see. 14 They took therefore two chariot horses; and the king sent after the host of the Syrians, saying, Go and see. 15 And they went after them unto Jordan; and, lo, all the way was full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king. 16 And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 17 And the king appointed the lord on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate; and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came down to him. 18 And it came to pass as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be ~~to-morrow~~ **tomorrow** about this time in the gate of Samaria; 19 And that lord answered the man of God, and said, Now, behold, if the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof. 20 And so it fell out unto him; for the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.

8

1 Then spake Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven

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years. 2 And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God; and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years. 3 And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines; and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land. 4 And the king talked with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done. 5 And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O, king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life. 6 And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now. 7 And Elisha came to Damascus; and ~~Benhadad~~ **Ben-hadad** the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither. 8 And the king said unto Hazael, Take a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of God, and ~~enquire~~ **inquire** of the ~~LORD Lord~~ by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease? 9 So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son ~~Benhadad~~ **Ben-hadad** king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease? 10 And Elisha said unto him, ~~Go~~ **Thou wilt go, and** say unto him, Thou mayest certainly recover; howbeit, the ~~LORD Lord~~ hath showed me that he shall surely die. 11 And he settled his countenance ~~steadfastly~~

steadfastly, until he was ashamed; and the man of God wept. 12 And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel; their ~~strong-holds~~ **strongholds** wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash their children, and rip up their women with child. 13 And Hazael said, But what, is thy servant a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, The ~~LORD Lord~~ hath showed me that thou shalt be king over Syria. 14 So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said Elisha to thee? And he answered, He told me that thou shouldest surely recover. 15 And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took a thick cloth, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died; and Hazael reigned in his stead. 16 And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat being then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign. 17 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. 18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab; for the daughter of Ahab was his wife; and he did evil in the sight of the ~~LORD Lord~~. 19 Yet the ~~LORD Lord~~ would not destroy Judah for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give him ~~alway~~ **always** a light, and to his children. 20 In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves. 21 So Joram went over to Zair, and all the chariots with him; and he rose by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots; and the people fled into their tents. 22 Yet

Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time. 23 And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the ~~chronicles~~ **Chronicles** of the kings of Judah? 24 And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead. 25 In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel did Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign. 26 Two and twenty years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri king of Israel. 27 And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, as did the house of Ahab; for he was the son - in - law of the house of Ahab. 28 And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to the war against Hazael king of Syria in ~~Ramoth-gilead~~ **Ramoth-gilead**; and the Syrians wounded Joram. 29 And king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

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1 And Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go to ~~Ramoth-gilead~~ **Ramoth-gilead**; 2 And when thou comest thither, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him to an inner chamber; 3 Then take the

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

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son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram had kept ~~Ramoth-gilead~~ **Ramoth-gilead**, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria;) 15 But king Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu said, If it be your minds, then let none go forth nor escape out of the city to go to tell it in Jezreel. 16 So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to see Joram. 17 And there stood a watchman on the tower ~~in~~ **of** Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Joram said, Take ~~an~~ **a** horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, Is it peace? 18 So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu said, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he cometh not again. 19 Then he sent out a second on horseback, which came to them, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu answered, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. 20 And the watchman told, saying, He came even unto them, and cometh not again;; and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously. 21 And Joram said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite. 22 And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts

are so many? 23 And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, There is treachery, O Ahaziah. 24 And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot. 25 Then said Jehu to Bidkar his captain, Take up, and cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite;; for remember how that, when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** laid this burden upon him; 26 Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and I will requite thee in this plat, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. Now therefore take and cast him into the plat of ground, according to the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 27 But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu followed after him, and said, Smite him also in the chariot. And they did so at the going up to Gur, which is by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there. 28 And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his ~~sepulchre~~ **sepulcher** with his fathers in the city of David. 29 And in the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab began Ahaziah to reign over Judah. 30 And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window. 31 And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master? 32 And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs. 33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down;; and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses;; and he trode her ~~under~~ **underfoot**. 34 And when he was

come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her; for she is a king's daughter. 35 And they went to bury her; but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands. 36 Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This is the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which he spake by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel; 37 And the carcass of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.

10

1 And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to them that brought up Ahab's children, saying, 2 Now as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing your master's sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and armor; 3 Look even out the best and meetest of your master's sons, and set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house. 4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, two kings stood not before him; how then shall we stand? 5 And he that was over the house, and he that was over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up of the children, sent to Jehu, saying, We are thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king; do thou that which is good in thine eyes. 6 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye be mine, and if ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by ~~to-morrow~~ **tomorrow** this time. Now the king's

sons, being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, which brought them up. 7 And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him them to Jezreel. 8 And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning. 9 And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, Ye be righteous; behold, I conspired against my master, and slew him; but who slew all these? 10 Know now that there shall fall unto the earth nothing of the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** spake concerning the house of Ahab; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath done that which he spake by his servant Elijah. 11 So Jehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his ~~kinsfolk~~ **kinsfolks**, and his priests, until he left him none remaining. 12 And he arose and departed, and came to Samaria. And as he was at the shearing house in the way, 13 Jehu met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who are ye? And they answered, We are the brethren of Ahaziah; and we go down to salute the children of the king and the children of the queen. 14 And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the pit of the shearing house, even two and forty men; neither left he any of them. 15 And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him; and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give me thine hand. And he gave him his hand; and

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he took him up to him into the chariot. 16 And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. So they made him ride in his chariot. 17 And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which he spake to Elijah. 18 And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu shall serve him much. 19 Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting; for I have a great sacrifice to do to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did it in ~~subtily~~ **subtily**, to the intent that he might destroy the ~~worshippers~~ **worshippers** of Baal. 20 And Jehu said, Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed it. 21 And Jehu sent through all Israel; and all the ~~worshippers~~ **worshippers** of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that ~~came~~ **come** not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to another. 22 And he said unto him that was over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the ~~worshippers~~ **worshippers** of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments. 23 And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said unto the ~~worshippers~~ **worshippers** of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, but the ~~worshippers~~ **worshippers** of Baal only. 24 And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu appointed fourscore men without, and said, If any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, he that letteth him go, his life shall be for the life of him. 25 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made

an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, and slay them; let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to the city of the house of Baal. 26 And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal, and burned them. 27 And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught house unto this day. 28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel. 29 Howbeit, from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, to wit, the golden calves that were in ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**, and that were in Dan. 30 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto Jehu, Because thou hast done well in executing that which is right in mine eyes, and hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that was in mine heart, thy children of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel. 31 But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel with all his heart; for he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sin. 32 In those days the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** began to cut Israel short; and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel; 33 From Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan. 34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the book of the ~~chronicles~~ **Chronicles** of the kings of Israel? 35 And Jehu slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead. 36 And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty and eight years.

1 And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal. 2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain. 3 And he was with her hid in the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land. 4 And the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and showed them the king's son. 5 And he commanded them, saying, This is the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you that enter in on the sabbath shall even be keepers of the watch of the king's house; 6 And a third part shall be at the gate of Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the guard;; so shall ye keep the watch of the house, that it be not broken down. 7 And two parts of all you that go forth on the sabbath, even they shall keep the watch of the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord about the king. 8 And ye shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand;; and he that cometh within the ranges, let him be slain;; and be ye with the king as he goeth out and as he cometh in. 9 And the captains over the hundreds did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest commanded;; and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest. 10 And to the captains over hundreds did the

priest give king David's spears and shields, that were in the temple of the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 11 And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, along by the altar and the temple. 12 And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, God save the king. 13 And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people into the temple of the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 14 And when she looked, behold, the king stood by a pillar, as the manner was, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets;; and Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, Treason, ~~Treason~~ treason. 15 But Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the host, and said unto them, Have her forth without the ranges;; and him that followeth her kill with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her not be slain in the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 16 And they laid hands on her; and she went by the way by the which the horses came into the king's house;; and there was she slain. 17 And Jehoiada made a covenant between the ~~LORD~~ Lord and the king and the people, that they should be the ~~LORD's~~ Lord's people; between the king also and the people. 18 And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and brake it down; his altars and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 19 And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the

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guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings. 20 And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was in quiet; and they slew Athaliah with the sword beside the king's house. 21 Seven years old was Jehoash when he began to reign.

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1 In the seventh year of Jehu, Jehoash began to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zibiah of ~~Beersheba~~ Beer-sheba. 2 And Jehoash did that which was right in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ Lord all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him. 3 But the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places. 4 And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the dedicated things that is brought into the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, even the money of ~~every one~~ everyone that passeth the account, the money that every man is set at, and all the money that cometh into any man's heart to bring into the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, 5 Let the priests take it to them, every man of his acquaintance; and let them repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach shall be found. 6 But it was so, that in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house. 7 Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and the other priests, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore receive no more money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house. 8 And the priests consented to

receive no more money of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the house. 9 But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord; and the priests that kept the door put therein all the money that was brought into the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 10 And it was so, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put up in bags, and told the money that was found in the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 11 And they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord; and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders, that wrought upon the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 12 And to masons, and hewers of stone, and to buy timber and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair it. 13 Howbeit there were not made for the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord bowls of silver, snuffers, basins, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money that was brought into the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord; 14 But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired therewith the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 15 Moreover they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen; for they dealt faithfully. 16 The trespass money and sin money was not brought into the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord; it was the priests'. 17 Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, and took it; and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem. 18 And Jehoash king of Judah took all the hallowed things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and

Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own ~~hallowed things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and in the king's house, and sent it to Hazael king of Syria: and he went away from Jerusalem.~~ 19 And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 20 And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and slew Joash in the house of Millo, which goeth down to Silla. 21 For Jozachar the son of Shimeath; and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David; and Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

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1 In the three and twentieth year of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned seventeen years. 2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the ~~LORD Lord~~, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom. 3 And the anger of the ~~LORD Lord~~ was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of ~~Benhadad Benhadad~~ the son of Hazael, all their days. 4 And Jehoahaz besought the ~~LORD Lord~~, and the ~~LORD Lord~~ hearkened unto him; for he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them. 5 (And the ~~LORD Lord~~ gave Israel a ~~saviour savior~~, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians; and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents, as beforetime. 6 Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel

sin, but walked therein; and there remained the grove also in Samaria.) 7 Neither did he leave of the people to Jehoahaz but fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust by threshing. 8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 9 And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria; and Joash his son reigned in his stead. 10 In the thirty and seventh year of Joash king of Judah began Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned sixteen years. 11 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the ~~LORD Lord~~; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin; but he walked therein. 12 And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might wherewith he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the ~~chronicles~~ **Chronicles** of the kings of Israel? 13 And Joash slept with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat upon his throne; and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. 14 Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my ~~father~~, **father!** the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. 15 And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows. And he took unto him bow and arrows. 16 And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand upon the bow. And he put his hand upon it; and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands. 17 And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the

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

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1 In the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel reigned Amaziah the son of Joash king of

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

~~Bethshemesh~~ **Beth-shemesh**, which belongeth to Judah. 12 And Judah was put to the worse before Israel; and they fled every man to their tents. 13 And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah; at ~~Bethshemesh~~ **Beth-shemesh**, and came to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim unto the corner gate, four hundred cubits. 14 And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and in the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria. 15 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the ~~chronicles~~ **Chronicles** of the kings of Israel? 16 And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his stead. 17 And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years. 18 And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, are they not written in the book of the ~~chronicles~~ **Chronicles** of the kings of Judah? 19 Now they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there. 20 And they brought him on horses; and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David. 21 And all the people of Judah took Azariah, which was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah. 22 He built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers. 23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, and reigned forty

and one years. 24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. 25 He restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Hamath unto the sea of the plain, according to the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, which he spake by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, which was of ~~Gathhepher~~ **Gath-hepher**. 26 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter; for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel. 27 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven; but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash. 28 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which belonged to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the book of the ~~chronicles~~ **Chronicles** of the kings of Israel? 29 And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Israel; and Zachariah his son reigned in his stead.

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1 In the twenty and seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel began Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah to reign. 2 Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned two and fifty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem. 3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, according to all that his father Amaziah had done; 4 Save that the high places were not removed; the people sacrificed and burnt incense still on the high places. 5 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** smote the

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king, so that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house. And Jotham the king's son was over the house, judging the people of the land. 6 And the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the ~~chronicles~~ **Chronicles** of the kings of Judah? 7 So Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David; and Jotham his son reigned in his stead. 8 In the thirty and eighth year of Azariah king of Judah did Zachariah the son of Jeroboam reign over Israel in Samaria six months. 9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, as his fathers had done; he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. 10 And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and smote him before the people, and slew him, and reigned in his stead. 11 And the rest of the acts of Zachariah, behold, they are written in the book of the ~~chronicles~~ **Chronicles** of the kings of Israel. 12 This was the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** which he spake unto Jehu, saying, Thy sons shall sit on the throne of Israel unto the fourth generation. And so it came to pass. 13 Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the nine and thirtieth year of Uzziah king of Judah; and he reigned a full month in Samaria. 14 For Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and smote Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and slew him, and reigned in his stead. 15 And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they are written in the book of the ~~chronicles~~ **Chronicles** of the kings of Israel. 16 Then Menahem smote Tiphseh, and all that were therein, and the coasts thereof from Tirzah; because they opened not to him,

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

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

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

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to all the workmanship thereof. 11 And Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus; so Urijah the priest made it against king Ahaz came from Damascus. 12 And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar; and the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon. 13 And he burnt his burnt offering and his meat offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, upon the altar. 14 And he brought also the brazen altar, which was before the ~~LORD~~, **Lord** from the forefront of the house, from between the altar and the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and put it on the north side of the altar. 15 And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the evening meat offering, and the king's burnt sacrifice, and his meat offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice; and the brazen altar shall be for me to ~~enquire~~ **inquire** by. 16 Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded. 17 And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the laver from off them; and took down the sea from off the brazen oxen that were under it, and put it upon ~~the~~ a pavement of stones. 18 And the covert for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry without, turned he from the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** for the king of Assyria. 19 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not written in the book of ~~the chronicles~~ **Chronicles** of the kings of Judah? 20 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city

of David; and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

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1 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years. 2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him. 3 Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and gave him presents. 4 And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea; for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year; therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison. 5 Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. 6 In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. 7 For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, 8 And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made. 9 And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city. 10 And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree; 11 And there they burnt incense in all the high

places, as did the heathen whom the ~~LORD~~ Lord carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the ~~LORD~~ Lord to anger; 12 For they served idols, whereof the ~~LORD~~ Lord had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing. 13 Yet the ~~LORD~~ Lord testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets. 14 Notwithstanding, they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the ~~LORD~~ Lord their God. 15 And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the ~~LORD~~ Lord had charged them, that they should not do like them. 16 And they left all the commandments of the ~~LORD~~ Lord their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. 17 And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, to provoke him to anger. 18 Therefore the ~~LORD~~ Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight; there was none left but the tribe of Judah only. 19 Also Judah kept not the commandments of the ~~LORD~~ Lord their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made. 20 And the ~~LORD~~ Lord rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and

delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight. 21 For he rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king; and Jeroboam drave Israel from following the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and made them sin a great sin. 22 For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them; 23 Until the ~~LORD~~ Lord removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day. 24 And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel; and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof. 25 And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not the ~~LORD~~ Lord; therefore the ~~LORD~~ Lord sent lions among them, which slew some of them. 26 Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land; therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land. 27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land. 28 Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel Beth-el, and taught them how they should fear the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 29 Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high

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

not hearken, but they did after their former manner. 41 So these nations feared the ~~LORD Lord~~, and served their graven images, both their children, and their children's children; as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

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1 Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. 2 Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Abi, the daughter of Zachariah. 3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the ~~LORD Lord~~, according to all that David his father did. 4 He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made; for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it; and he called it Nehushtan. 5 He trusted in the ~~LORD Lord~~ God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him. 6 For he clave to the ~~LORD Lord~~, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** commanded Moses. 7 And the ~~LORD Lord~~ was with him; and he prospered whithersoever he went forth; and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not. 8 He smote the Philistines, even unto Gaza, and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city. 9 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and

besieged it. 10 And at the end of three years they took it; even in the sixth year of Hezekiah, that is ~~in~~ the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken. 11 And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes; 12 Because they obeyed not the voice of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** their God, but transgressed his covenant, and all that Moses the servant of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** commanded, and would not hear them, nor do them. 13 Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them. 14 And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended; return from me; that which thou puttest on me will I bear. And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. 15 And Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, and in the treasures of the king's house. 16 At that time did Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria. 17 And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabсарis and ~~Rabshakeh~~ **Rab-shakeh** from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great host against Jerusalem.—~~And;~~ **and** they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the fuller's field. 18 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the

recorder. 19 And ~~Rabshakeh~~ **Rab-shakeh** said unto them, Speak ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest? 20 Thou sayest, (but they are but vain words,) I have counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me? 21 Now, behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, even upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it; so is Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him. 22 But if ye say unto me, We trust in the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** our God; is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem? 23 Now therefore, I pray thee, give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them. 24 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? 25 Am I now come up without the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** against this place to destroy it? The ~~LORD~~ **LORD** said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it. 26 Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, unto ~~Rabshakeh~~ **Rab-shakeh**, Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it; and talk not with us in the Jews' language in the ears of the people that are on the wall. 27 But ~~Rabshakeh~~ **Rab-shakeh** said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? hath he not sent me to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you? 28 Then ~~Rabshakeh~~ **Rab-shakeh** stood and cried with a loud

voice in the Jews' language, and spake, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria; 29 Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you; for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand; 30 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. 31 Hearken not to Hezekiah; for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me, and then eat ye every man of his own vine, and ~~every one~~ **everyone** of his fig tree, and drink ye ~~every one~~ **everyone** the waters of his cistern; 32 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey, that ye may live, and not die; and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying, ~~The LORD~~ **the Lord** will deliver us. 33 Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all ~~his~~ **this** land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? 34 Where are the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of mine hand? 35 Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand? 36 But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not. 37 Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the ~~words~~ **word** of ~~Rabshakeh~~ **Rabshakeh**.

1 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 2 And he sent Eliakim, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. 3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. 4 It may be the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God will hear all the words of ~~Rabshakeh~~ **Rabshakeh**, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God hath heard; wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that are left. 5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. 6 And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. 7 Behold; I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumor, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land. 8 So ~~Rabshakeh~~ **Rabshakeh** returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah; for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish. 9 And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee; he sent messengers again unto Hezekiah, saying, 10 Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of

Assyria. 11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered? 12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which were in Thelasar? 13 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah? 14 And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up into the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and spread it before the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 15 And Hezekiah prayed before the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and said, O ~~LORD~~ Lord God of Israel, which dwellest between the cherubim, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth. 16 ~~LORD~~ Lord, bow down thine ear, and hear; open, ~~LORD~~ Lord, thine eyes, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God. 17 Of a truth, ~~LORD~~ Lord, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands;. 18 And have cast their gods into the fire; for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed them. 19 Now therefore, O ~~LORD~~ Lord our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the ~~LORD~~ Lord God, even thou only. 20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord God of Israel, That which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard. 21 This is the word that the ~~LORD~~ Lord hath spoken concerning him; The virgin the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken

her head at thee. 22 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel. 23 By thy messengers thou hast reproached the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down the tall cedar trees thereof, and the choice fir trees thereof; and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, and into the forest of his Carmel. 24 I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of besieged places. 25 Hast thou not heard long ago how I have done it, and of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps. 26 Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the ~~house~~ ~~tops~~ **housetops**, and as corn blasted before it be grown up. 27 But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me. 28 Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest. 29 And this shall be a sign unto thee;. Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof. 30 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. 31 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount

Zion; the zeal of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts shall do this. 32 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it. 33 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 34 For I will defend this city; to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. 35 And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians ~~an~~ a hundred fourscore and five thousand; and when they **who were left** arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses. 36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria, departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. 37 And it came to pass, as he was ~~worshipping~~ **worshiping** in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Armenia. And ~~Esarhaddon~~ **Essar-haddon** his son reigned in his stead.

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1 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. 2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, 3 I beseech thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. 4 And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came to him, saying, 5 Turn

again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears; behold, I will heal thee; on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. 7 And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered. 8 And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What shall be the sign that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** the third day? 9 And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will do the thing that he hath spoken; shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees? 10 And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees; nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees. 11 And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz. 12 At that time ~~Berodachbaladan~~ **Berodach-baladan**, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah; for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick. 13 And Hezekiah hearkened unto them, and showed them all the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures; there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah showed them not. 14 Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and

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

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1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hephzibah. 2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** cast out before the children of Israel. 3 For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as did Ahab king of Israel; and

~~worshipped~~ **worshiped** all the host of heaven, and served them. 4 And he built altars in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, of which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said, In Jerusalem will I put my name. 5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 6 And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards; he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to provoke him to anger. 7 And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all **the** tribes of Israel, will I put my name ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 8 Neither will I make the feet of Israel move ~~any more~~ **anymore** out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them. 9 But they hearkened not; and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** destroyed before the children of Israel. 10 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** spake by his servants the prophets, saying, 11 Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which were before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols; 12 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle. 13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab; and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man

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

And he was buried in his ~~sepulchre~~ **sepulcher** in the garden of Uzza; and Josiah his son reigned in his stead.

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1 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath. 2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left. 3 And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, that the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, 4 Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people; 5 And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and let them give it to the doers of the work, which is in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to repair the breaches of the house;. 6 Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house. 7 Howbeit, there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully. 8 And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. 9 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have

delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 10 And Shaphan the scribe showed the king, saying, Hilkiyah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. 11 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes. 12 And the king commanded Hilkiyah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying, 13 Go ye, ~~enquire~~ **inquire** of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found; for great is the wrath of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that ~~which~~ is written concerning us. 14 So Hilkiyah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah, the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her. 15 And she said unto them, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me, 16 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read; 17 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched. 18 But to the king of Judah which sent you to ~~enquire~~ **inquire** of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, thus shall ye say to him, Thus

saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, As touching the words which thou hast heard; 19 Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 20 Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

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1 And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. 2 And the king went up into the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great; and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 3 And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to walk after the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant. 4 And the king commanded Hilkiyah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven; and he burned them without

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Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**. 5 And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven. 6 And he brought out the grove from the house of the ~~LORD Lord~~, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people. 7 And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the ~~LORD Lord~~, where the women wove hangings for the grove. 8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to ~~Beersheba~~ **Beer-sheba**, and brake down the high places of the gates that were in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city. 9 Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the ~~LORD Lord~~ in Jerusalem, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren. 10 And he defiled ~~Topheth~~ **Tophet**, which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech. 11 And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the ~~LORD Lord~~, by the chamber of ~~Nathanmelech~~ **Nathan-melech** the chamberlain, which was in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire. 12 And the altars that were on the top of the upper

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

Israel had made to provoke the Lord to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**. 20 And he slew all the priests of the high places that were there upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem. 21 And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the passover unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God, as it is written in the book of this covenant. 22 Surely there was not holden such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah; 23 But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, wherein this passover was holden to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in Jerusalem. 24 Moreover the workers with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law, which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 25 And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him. 26 Notwithstanding, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked him withal. 27 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there. 28 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, are ~~they~~ **thy** not written in the

book of the ~~chronicles~~ **Chronicles** of the kings of Judah? 29 In his days ~~Pharaohnechoh~~ **Pharaoh-nechoh** king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates; and king Josiah went against him; and he slew him at Megiddo, when he had seen him. 30 And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own ~~sepulchre~~ **sepulcher**. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead. 31 Jehoahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 32 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, according to all that his fathers had done. 33 And ~~Pharaohnechoh~~ **Pharaoh-nechoh** put him in bands at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and put the land to a tribute of ~~an~~ **a** hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold. 34 And ~~Pharaohnechoh~~ **Pharaoh-nechoh** made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the room of Josiah his father, and turned his name to Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away; and he came to Egypt, and died there. 35 And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh; he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of ~~every one~~ **everyone** according to his taxation, to give it unto ~~Pharaohnechoh~~ **Pharaoh-nechoh**. 36 Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah. 37 And he did

that which was evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, according to all that his fathers had done.

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1 In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years;; then he turned and rebelled against him. 2 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which he spake by his servants the prophets. 3 Surely at the commandment of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came this upon Judah, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did; 4 And also for the innocent blood that he shed;; for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** would not pardon. 5 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the ~~chronicles~~ **Chronicles** of the kings of Judah? 6 So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers;; and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead. 7 And the king of Egypt came not again ~~any more~~ **anymore** out of his land;; for the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt unto the river Euphrates all that pertained to the king of Egypt. 8 Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name was Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. 9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, according to all that his father had done. 10 At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged. 11 And

Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it. 12 And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, ~~and an~~ **an** his officers;; and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign. 13 And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had said. 14 And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valor, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths;; none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land. 15 And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, those carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. 16 And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all that were strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon. 17 And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah. 18 Zedekiah was twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 19 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. 20 For through the anger of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

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

Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did ~~Nebuzaradan~~ **Nebuzar-adan** the captain of the guard carry away. 12 But the captain of the guard left ~~of the door~~ of the poor of the land to be vinedressers and husbandmen. 13 And the pillars of brass that were in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and the bases, and the brazen sea that was in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, did the Chaldees break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon. 14 And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away. 15 And the ~~firepans~~ **fire-pans**, and the bowls, and such things as were of gold, in gold, and of silver, in silver, the captain of the guard took away. 16 The two pillars, one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; the brass of all these vessels was without weight. 17 The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and the chapter upon it was brass;; and the height of the chapter three cubits; and the ~~wreathed~~ **wreathen** work; and pomegranates upon the chapter round about, all of brass;; and like unto these had the second pillar with ~~wreathed~~ **wreathen** work. 18 And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door;; 19 And out of the city he took an officer that was set over the men of war, and five men of them that were in the king's presence, which were found in the city, and the principal scribe of the host, which mustered the people of the land, and threescore men of the people of the land that were found in the city;; 20 And ~~Nebuzaradan~~ **Nebuzar-adan** captain of the guard took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah;; 21 And the king of

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Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land. 22 And as for the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler. 23 And when all the captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men. 24 And Gedaliah sware to them, and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not to be the servants of the Chaldees; dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it shall be well with you. 25 But it came to pass in the seventh month; that Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of

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

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1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. 2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath spoken; I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. 3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib; but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. 4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters; they have forsaken the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away

backward. 5 Why should ye be stricken ~~any more~~ **anymore**? ye will revolt more and more; the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. 6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores; they have not been closed; neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. 7 Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire; your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. 8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. 9 Except the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been

as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah. 10 Hear the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah. 11 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. 12 When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? 13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. 14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth; they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them. 15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you; yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear; your hands are full of blood. 16 Wash ~~you~~ **ye**, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; 17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. 18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. 19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land; 20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath spoken it. 21 How is the faithful city become ~~an~~ a harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers. 22 Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water; 23 Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves; ~~every one~~; **everyone** loveth

gifts, and followeth after rewards; they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them. 24 Therefore saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the ~~mighty~~ **Mighty** One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies. 25 And I will turn my hand upon thee; and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin; 26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy ~~counsellors~~ **counselors** as at the beginning; afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city. 27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness. 28 And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall be consumed. 29 For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen. 30 For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water. 31 And the strong shall be as tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them.

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1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, ~~that~~ **when** the mountain of the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it; 3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths;

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for out of Zion shall go forth the law,
and the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**
from Jerusalem; 4 And he shall
judge among the nations, and shall
rebuke many people; and they shall
beat their swords into ~~plowshares~~
ploughshares, and their spears into
~~pruninghooks~~: **pruning hooks**;
nation shall not lift up sword against
nation, neither shall they learn war
~~any more~~ **anymore**. 5 O house of
Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the
light of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; **yea, come,**
for ye have all gone astray,
everyone to his wicked ways. 6
Therefore, **O Lord**, thou hast
forsaken thy people the house of
Jacob, because they be replenished
from the east, and ~~are~~ **hearken unto**
the soothsayers like the Philistines,
and they please themselves in the
children of strangers. 7 Their land
also is full of silver and gold, neither
is there any end of their treasures;
their land is also full of horses,
neither is there any end of their
chariots; 8 Their land also is full of
idols; they worship the work of their
own hands, that which their own
fingers have made. 9 And the mean
man boweth **not** down, and the great
man humbleth himself: **not**;
therefore forgive them not. 10 ~~Enter~~
O ye wicked ones, enter into the
rock, and hide ~~thee~~ **ye** in the dust; for
the fear of the ~~LORD~~, **Lord** and ~~for~~
~~the glory of his majesty~~ **shall smite**
thee. 11 ~~The~~ **And it shall come to**
pass that the lofty looks of man shall
be humbled, and the haughtiness of
~~men~~ **man** shall be bowed down, and
the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** alone shall be
exalted in that day. 12 For the day of
the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts ~~shall be~~
soon cometh upon ~~every one that is~~
all nations; yea, upon everyone;
yea, upon the proud and lofty, and
upon ~~every one that~~ **everyone who** is
lifted up; and he shall be brought
low. 13 ~~And~~ **Yea, and the day of**

the Lord shall come upon all the
cedars of Lebanon, ~~that for they~~ are
high and lifted up; and upon all the
oaks of Bashan; 14 And upon all the
high mountains, and upon all the hills
~~that,~~ **and upon all the nations which**
are lifted up; 15 And **upon every**
people, and upon every high tower,
and upon every fenced wall, 16 And
upon all the ships of the sea, and
upon all the ships of Tarshish, and
upon all pleasant pictures. 17 And the
loftiness of man shall be bowed
down, and the haughtiness of men
shall be made low; and the ~~LORD~~
Lord alone shall be exalted in that
day. 18 And the idols he shall utterly
abolish. 19 And they shall go into the
holes of the rocks, and into the caves
of the earth, for **the** fear of the ~~LORD~~
Lord shall come upon them, and ~~for~~
the glory of his majesty **shall smite**
them, when he ariseth to shake
terribly the earth. 20 In that day a
man shall cast his idols of silver, and
his idols of gold, which ~~they~~ **he hath**
made ~~each one~~ for himself to
worship, to the moles and to the bats;
21 To go into the clefts of the rocks,
and into the tops of the ragged rocks,
for **the** fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord shall**
come upon them, and ~~for the~~
majesty of the ~~glory of his majesty~~
Lord shall smite them, when he
ariseth to shake terribly the earth. 22
Cease ye from man, whose breath is
in his nostrils; for wherein is he to be
accounted of ?

3

1 For, behold, the Lord, the ~~LORD~~
Lord of hosts, doth take away from
Jerusalem and from Judah the stay
and the staff, the whole ~~stay~~ **staff** of
bread, and the whole stay of water; 2
The mighty man, and the man of war,
the judge, and the prophet, and the
prudent, and the ancient, 3 The
captain of fifty, and the ~~honourable~~

honorable man, and the ~~counselor~~ **counselor**, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator. 4 And I will give children **unto them** to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them. 5 And the people shall be oppressed, ~~every one~~ **everyone** by another, and ~~every one~~ **everyone** by his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**; the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the ~~honourable~~ **honorable**. 6 When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, ~~saying and shall say~~, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and let **not** this ruin **be come** under thy hand; 7 In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be ~~an~~ **a** healer; for in my house **there** is neither bread nor clothing; make me not a ruler of the people. 8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen; because their ~~tongue~~ **tongues** and their doings ~~are~~ **have been** against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to provoke the eyes of his glory. 9 The ~~shew~~ **show** of their countenance doth witness against them; and ~~they~~ **doth** declare their sin **to be even** as Sodom, they **cannot** hide it ~~not~~. Woe unto their ~~soul~~ **souls**! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves. 10 Say ~~ye to~~ **unto** the righteous, that it ~~shall be~~ **is** well with ~~him~~ **them**; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. 11 Woe unto the wicked! ~~it~~ **for they** shall ~~be ill with him~~ **perish**; for the reward of ~~his~~ **their** hands shall be ~~given him~~ **upon them**. 12 ~~As~~ **And as** for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they ~~which~~ **who** lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths. 13 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people. 14 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof; for ye have eaten up the vineyard; **and**

the spoil of the poor is in your houses. 15 What mean ye ~~that~~ ? ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor ? saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** of hosts. 16 Moreover the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched - forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet; 17 Therefore the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will discover their secret parts. 18 In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of ~~their~~ tinkling ornaments ~~about their feet~~, and ~~their~~ cauls, and ~~their~~ round tires like the moon, 19 The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers, 20 The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings, 21 The rings, and nose jewels, 22 The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins, 23 The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the ~~vails~~ **veils**. 24 And it shall come to pass, ~~that~~ instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well - set hair, baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; ~~and~~, burning instead of beauty. 25 Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war. 26 And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she ~~being~~ **shall be** desolate, **and** shall sit upon the ground. 27 **And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.**

4

3 ~~2~~ And it shall come to pass, ~~that he~~ **they** that is **are** left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even ~~every one~~ **everyone** that is written among the living in Jerusalem; 4 ~~3~~ When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. 5 ~~4~~ And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the ~~shining~~ **shinning** of a flaming fire by night; for upon all the glory **of Zion** shall be a ~~defence~~ **defense**. 6 ~~5~~ And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the ~~day~~ **daytime** from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

5

1 ~~Now~~ **And then** will I sing to my ~~wellbeloved~~ **well-beloved** a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My ~~wellbeloved~~ **well-beloved** hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill; 2 And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein; and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes. 3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. 4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, **it** brought ~~it~~ forth wild grapes ~~2~~. 5 And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard; I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and

I will break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down; 6 And I will lay it waste; it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. 7 For the vineyard of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant; and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry. 8 Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there **can** be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth! 9 In mine ears said the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, ~~even~~ **and** great and fair, **cities** without inhabitant. 10 Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and the seed of ~~an~~ **a** homer shall yield an ephah. 11 Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; **and** that continue until night, ~~and~~ **and** wine inflame them! 12 And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts; but they regard not the work of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, neither consider the operation of his hands. 13 Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge; and their ~~honourable~~ **honorable** men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. 14 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure; and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it. 15 And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled; 16 But the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness. 17 Then shall the lambs feed after their

manner, and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat. 18 Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope; 19 That say, Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it; and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it! 20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! 21 Woe unto ~~them that are~~ **the** wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! 22 ~~Woe Who~~ **Who** unto ~~them that are~~ **the** mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink; 23 Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! 24 Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust; because they have cast away the law of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. 25 Therefore is the anger of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them; and the hills did tremble, and their ~~carcasses~~ **carcasses** were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. 26 And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth; and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly; 27 None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken; 28 Whose arrows ~~are~~ **shall be** sharp, and all their bows bent, **and** their horses' ~~hoofs~~ **hooves**

shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind: ~~29 Their;~~ **their** roaring shall be like a lion, ~~they.~~ **29 They** shall roar like young lions; yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry ~~it~~ away safe, and none shall deliver ~~it~~. 30 And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea; and if ~~one~~ **they** look unto the land, behold darkness and sorrow; and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof.

6

1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. 2 Above it stood the ~~seraphims~~ **seraphim**; each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. 4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** of hosts. 6 Then flew one of the ~~seraphims~~ **seraphim** unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar; 7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this ~~hath~~ **has** touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. 8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. 9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but ~~understand~~ **they understood** not; and see ye indeed, but ~~perceive~~ **they perceived** not. 10

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Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their ~~heart~~ **hearts**, and convert, and be healed. 11 Then said I, Lord, how long? And he ~~answered~~ **said**, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate;. 12 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** have removed men far away, ~~and~~ **for** there **shall** be a great forsaking in the midst of the land. 13 But yet in it **there** shall be a tenth, and ~~it~~ **they** shall return, and shall be eaten;; as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves;; so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.

7

1 And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it. 2 And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the ~~trees~~ **tress** of the wood are moved with the wind. 3 Then said the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and ~~Shearjashub~~ **Shear-jashub** thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, in the highway of the fuller's field; 4 And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be ~~fainthearted~~ **faint-hearted** for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah. 5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against thee, saying, 6 Let us go up

against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, **yea**, even the son of Tabeal;; 7 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass. 8 For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and within threescore and five years shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people. 9 And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established. 10 Moreover the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** spake again unto Ahaz, saying, 11 Ask thee a sign of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. 12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 13 And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and **shall** bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. 15 Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and **to** choose the good. 16 For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings. 17 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; even the king of Assyria. 18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall hiss for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria. 19 And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all bushes. 20 In the same day shall the Lord shave with a

razor that is hired, namely, by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet; and it shall also consume the beard. 21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall nourish a young cow; and two sheep;. 22 And it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk that they shall give, he shall eat butter; for butter and honey shall ~~every one~~ **everyone** eat that is left in the land. 23 And it shall come to pass in that day, that every place shall be, where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silverlings, ~~it~~ **which** shall even be for briers and thorns. 24 With arrows and with bows shall men come thither; because all the land shall become briers and thorns. 25 And on all hills that shall be digged with the mattock, there shall not come thither the fear of briers and thorns; but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of lesser cattle.

8

1 Moreover the ~~LORD~~ **word of the Lord** said unto me, Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen concerning ~~Mahershalhashbaz~~ **Maher-shalal-hash-baz**. 2 And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah. 3 And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** to me, Call his name ~~Mahershalhashbaz~~ **Maher-shalal-hash-baz**. 4 For ~~before~~ **behold**, the child shall **not** have knowledge to cry, My father, and my mother, **before** the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria. 5 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** spake also unto me again, saying, 6 Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly; and

rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son; 7 Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, even the king of Assyria, and all his glory; and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks; 8 And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel. 9 Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. 10 Take counsel together, and it shall come to ~~naught~~ **naught**; speak the word, and it shall not stand; for God is with us. 11 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, 12 Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. 13 Sanctify the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. 14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of ~~offence~~ **offense** to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15 And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken. 16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. 17 And I will wait upon the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. 18 Behold, I and the children whom the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion. 19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that

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have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter; should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to **hear from** the dead? 20 To the law and to the testimony; **and** if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. 21 And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry; and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and look upward. 22 And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness.

9

1 Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun, and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the **Red** sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations. 2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. 3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, and ~~not~~ increased the joy; **and** they joy before thee, according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. 4 For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. 5 For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. 6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, ~~Counselor~~ **Counselor**, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of

his government and peace there ~~shall be~~ **is** no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even ~~for ever~~ **forever**. The zeal of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts will perform this. 8 The Lord sent ~~a~~ **his** word ~~into~~ **unto** Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel. 9 And all the people shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart, 10 The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones; the ~~sycamores~~ **sycamores** are cut down, but we will change them into cedars. 11 Therefore the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall set up the adversaries of Rezin against him, and join his enemies together; 12 The Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. 13 For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, neither do they seek the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 14 Therefore the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, in one day. 15 The ancient and ~~honorable~~ **honorable**, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail. 16 For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed. 17 Therefore the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows; for every one **of them** is ~~an~~ **a** hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. 18 For wickedness burneth as the fire; it shall devour the briers and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up like the lifting up of smoke. 19 Through the wrath of the

~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts is the land darkened, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire;; no man shall spare his brother. 20 And he shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied;; they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm;; 21 Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh;; and they together shall be against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

10

1 Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write ~~grievousness~~ **greivousness** which they have prescribed; 2 To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless! 3 And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory? 4 Without me they shall bow down under the prisoners, and they shall fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. 5 O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation. 6 I will send him against ~~an~~ **a** hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. 7 Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but ~~it is~~ in his heart **it is** to destroy and cut off nations not a few. 8 For he saith, Are not my princes altogether kings? 9 Is not Calno as Carchemish? is not Hamath as Arpad? is not Samaria as Damascus?

10 As my hand hath ~~found~~ **founded** the kingdoms of the idols, and whose graven images did excel them of Jerusalem and of Samaria; 11 Shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and **to** her idols? 12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, that, when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon ~~mount~~ **Mount** Zion and ~~on~~ **upon** Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks. 13 For he saith, By the strength of my hand ~~I have done it~~, and by my wisdom **I have done these things**; for I am prudent;, and I have ~~removed~~ **moved** the ~~bounds~~ **borders** of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man;. 14 And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people;; and as one gathereth eggs that are left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped. 15 Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith? or shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? as if the rod should shake itself against them that lift it up, or as if the staff should lift up itself, as if it were no wood. 16 Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire. 17 And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame;; and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day; 18 And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body;; and they shall be as when a standard-bearer fainteth. 19 And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them. 20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as

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are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. 21 The remnant shall return, **yea** even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God. 22 For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return; the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness. 23 For the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in ~~the~~ **midst** of all the land. 24 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** of ~~hosts~~ **Hosts**, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian; he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt. 25 For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction. 26 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts shall stir up a scourge for him according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb; and as his rod was upon the sea, so shall he lift it up after the manner of Egypt. 27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing. 28 He is come to Aiath, he is passed to Migron; at Michmash he hath laid up his carriages; 29 They are gone over the passage; they have taken up their lodging at Geba; Ramah is afraid; Gibeah of Saul is fled. 30 Lift up thy voice, O daughter of Gallim; cause it to be heard unto Laish, O poor Anathoth. 31 Madmenah is removed; the inhabitants of Gebim gather themselves to flee. 32 As yet shall he remain at Nob that day; he shall shake his hand against the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem. 33 Behold, the

Lord, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, shall lop the bough with terror; and the high ones of stature shall be hewn down, and the haughty shall be humbled. 34 And he shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.

11

1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots; 2 And the ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** 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 the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; 3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears; 4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. 5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. 6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, as the waters cover the sea. 10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for

an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek; and his rest shall be glorious. 11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. 12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. 13 The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. 14 But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together; they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them. 15 And the ~~LORD~~ Lord shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over ~~dryshod~~ **dry-shod**. 16 And there shall be ~~an~~ a highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

12

1 And in that day thou shalt say, O ~~LORD~~ Lord, I will praise thee; though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. 2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid; for the ~~LORD~~ Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. 3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw

water out of the wells of salvation. 4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the ~~LORD~~ Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. 5 Sing unto the ~~LORD~~ Lord; for he hath done excellent things; this is known in all the earth. 6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion; for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

13

1 The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see. 2 Lift ye up a **my** banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles. 3 I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones, for mine anger, ~~even~~ **is not upon** them that rejoice in my highness. 4 The noise of a **the** multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together; the ~~LORD~~ Lord of hosts mustereth the ~~host~~ **hosts** of the battle. 5 They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, ~~even~~ **yea**, the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land. 6 Howl ye; for the day of the ~~LORD~~ Lord is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. 7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt; 8 And they shall be afraid; pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth; they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames. 9 Behold, the day of the ~~LORD~~ Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. 10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give

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their light; the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. 11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. 12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir. 13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. 14 And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up; they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee ~~every one~~ **everyone** into his own land. 15 ~~Every one~~ **Everyone** that is ~~found~~ **proud** shall be thrust through; and ~~every one~~ **everyone** that is joined ~~unto them~~ **to the wicked** shall fall by the sword. 16 Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished. 17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it. 18 Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their ~~eyes~~ **eye** shall not spare children. 19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. 20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation; neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there. 21 But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there. 22 And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate

houses, and dragons in their pleasant palaces; and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged; **for I will destroy her speedily; yea, for I will be merciful unto my people, but the wicked shall perish.**

14

1 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land; and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. 2 And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place; **yea, from far, unto the end of the earth, and they shall return to their land of promise**, and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** for servants and handmaids; and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors. 3 And it shall come to pass in ~~the~~ **that** day that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall give thee rest from thy sorrow; and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve. 4 ~~That~~ **And it shall come to pass in that day that** thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased! 5 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath broken the staff of the wicked; and the ~~sceptre~~ **scepters** of the rulers. 6 He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth. 7 The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet; they break forth into singing. 8 Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and **also** the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us. 9 Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming; it stirreth

up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. 10 All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? 11 Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols; the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. 12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the ~~most~~ **Most** High. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. 16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and **shall** consider thee, ~~saying~~ **and shall say**, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; 17 ~~That~~ **And** made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; ~~that~~ **and** opened not the house of his prisoners? 18 All the kings of the nations, ~~even~~ **yea** all of them, lie in glory, every one **of them** in his own house. 19 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and ~~as the raiment~~ **remnant** of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a ~~carcase~~ **carcass** trodden under feet. 20 Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people; the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned. 21 Prepare slaughter for his children for the ~~iniquity~~ **iniquities** of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities. 22 For I will rise up

against them, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 23 I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water; and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 24 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand; 25 That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him ~~under-foot~~ **underfoot**; then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders. 26 This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth; and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. 27 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts hath purposed, and who shall ~~disannul~~ **disannual** it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back? 28 In the year ~~that~~ **the** king Ahaz died was this burden. 29 Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken; for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent. 30 And the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety; and I will kill thy root with famine, and he shall slay thy remnant. 31 Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Palestina, art dissolved; for there shall come from the north a smoke, and none shall be alone in his appointed times. 32 What shall ~~one~~ then answer the messengers of the nation? That the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.

15

1 The burden of Moab. Because in the night Ar of Moab is laid waste, and brought to silence; because in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste, and brought to silence; 2 He is gone up to Bajith, and to Dibon, the high places, to weep; Moab shall howl over Nebo, and over Medeba; on all their heads shall be baldness, and every beard cut off. 3 In their streets they shall gird themselves with sackcloth; on the tops of their houses, and in their streets, ~~every one~~ **everyone** shall howl, weeping abundantly. 4 And Heshbon shall cry, and Elealeh; their voice shall be heard even unto Jahaz; therefore the armed soldiers of Moab shall cry out; his life shall be grievous unto him. 5 My heart shall cry out for Moab; his fugitives shall flee unto Zoar, ~~an~~ **a** heifer of three years old; for by the mounting up of Luhith with weeping shall they go it up; for in the way of Horonaim they shall raise up a cry of destruction. 6 For the waters of Nimrim shall be desolate; for the hay is withered away, the grass faileth, there is no green thing. 7 Therefore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, shall they carry away to the brook of the willows. 8 For the cry is gone round about the borders of Moab; the howling thereof unto Eglaim, and the howling thereof unto ~~Beerelim~~ **Beer-elim**. 9 For the waters of Dimon shall be full of blood; for I will bring more upon Dimon, lions upon him that escapeth of Moab, and upon the remnant of the land.

16

1 Send ye the lamb to the ruler of the land from Sela to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion. 2 For it shall be, that, as a wandering bird cast out of the nest, so the

daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of Arnon. 3 Take counsel, execute judgment; make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; bewray not him that wandereth. 4 Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler; for the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler ceaseth, the oppressors are consumed out of the land. 5 And in mercy shall the throne be established; and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness. 6 We have heard of the pride of Moab; ~~he is very proud: even~~ of his haughtiness; and his pride, **for he is very proud**; and his wrath; ~~but, his lies shall not be so,~~ **and all his evil works**. 7 Therefore shall Moab howl for Moab, ~~every one~~ **everyone** shall howl; for the foundations of ~~Kirhareth~~ **Kir-hareth** shall ye mourn; surely they are stricken. 8 For the fields of Heshbon languish, and the vine of Sibmah; the lords of the heathen have broken down the principal plants thereof, they are come even unto Jazer, they wandered through the wilderness; her branches are stretched out, they are gone over the sea. 9 Therefore I will bewail with the weeping of Jazer the vine of Sibmah; I will water thee with my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh; for the shouting for thy summer fruits and for thy harvest is fallen. 10 And gladness is taken away, and joy out of the plentiful field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither shall there be shouting; the treaders shall tread out no wine in their presses; I have made their vintage shouting to cease. 11 Wherefore my bowels shall sound like ~~an~~ **a** harp for Moab, and mine inward parts for ~~Kirhareth~~ **Kir-hareth**. 12 And it shall come to pass,

when it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place, that he shall come to his sanctuary to pray; but he shall not prevail. 13 This is the word that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath spoken concerning Moab since that time. 14 But now the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of ~~an~~ **a** hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be condemned, with all that great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and feeble.

17

1 The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap. 2 The cities of Aroer are forsaken; they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid. 3 The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria; they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 4 And in that day it shall come to pass, that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean. 5 And it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the corn, and reapeth the ears with his arm; and it shall be as he that gathereth ears in the valley of Rephaim. 6 Yet gleaning grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel. 7 At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel. 8 And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall respect that which his fingers have made, either the groves, or the images. 9 In that day shall his strong cities be as a forsaken bough, and an

uppermost branch, which they left because of the children of Israel; and there shall be desolation. 10 Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the ~~rock~~ **Rock** of thy strength, therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plants, and shalt set it with strange slips; 11 In the day shalt thou make thy plant to grow, and in the morning shalt thou make thy seed to flourish; but the harvest shall be a heap in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow. 12 Woe to the multitude of many people, which make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters! 13 The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters; but God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind. 14 And behold at eveningtide trouble; and before the morning he is not. This is the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.

18

1 Woe to the land shadowing with wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia; 2 That sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters, saying, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation scattered and peeled, to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden down, whose land the rivers have spoiled! 3 All ye inhabitants of the world; and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains; and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye. 4 For so the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto me, I will take my rest, and I will consider in my dwelling place like a clear heat upon herbs, and like a cloud of dew

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in the heat of harvest. 5 For afore the harvest, when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away and cut down the branches. 6 They shall be left together unto the fowls of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth; and the fowls shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them. 7 In that time shall the present be brought unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts of a people scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden ~~under feet~~ **underfoot**, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the mount Zion.

19

1 The burden of Egypt. Behold, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt; and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence; and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it. 2 And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians; and they shall fight ~~every one~~ **everyone** against his brother, and ~~every one~~ **everyone** against his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom. 3 And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof; and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards. 4 And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 5 And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up. 6 And they shall turn the rivers far away; and the brooks of

~~defence~~ **defense** shall be emptied and dried up; the reeds and flags shall wither. 7 The paper reeds by the brooks, by the mouth of the brooks, and ~~every thing~~ **everything** sown by the brooks, shall wither, be driven away, and be no more. 8 The fishers also shall mourn, and all they that cast angle into the brooks shall lament, and they that spread nets upon the waters shall languish. 9 Moreover they that work in fine flax, and they that weave networks, shall be confounded. 10 And they shall be broken in the purposes thereof, all that make sluices and ponds for fish. 11 Surely the princes of Zoan are fools, the counsel of the wise ~~counsellors~~ **counselors** of Pharaoh is become brutish; how say ye unto Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings? 12 Where are they? where are thy wise men? and let them tell thee now, and let them know what the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts hath purposed upon Egypt. 13 The princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of Noph are deceived; they have also seduced Egypt, even they that are the stay of the tribes thereof. 14 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath mingled a perverse spirit in the midst thereof; and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit. 15 Neither shall there be any work for Egypt, which the head or tail, branch or rush, may do. 16 In that day shall Egypt be like unto women; and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, which he shaketh over it. 17 And the land of Judah shall be a terror unto Egypt, ~~every one~~ **everyone** that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, which he hath determined against it. 18 In that day shall five cities in the land of Egypt

speak the language of Canaan, and swear to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; one shall be called, The city of destruction. 19 In that day shall there be an altar to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 20 And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they shall cry unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a ~~saviour~~ **savior**, and a great one, and he shall deliver them. 21 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in that day, and shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and perform it. 22 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall smite Egypt; he shall smite and heal it; and they shall return even to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and he shall be ~~intreated~~ **entreated** of them, and shall heal them. 23 In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians. 24 In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land; 25 Whom the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

20

1 In the year that Tartan came unto Ashdod, (when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him,) and fought against Ashdod, and took it; 2 At the same time spake the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put off thy shoe from thy foot. And he did so, walking naked and

barefoot. 3 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said, Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia; 4 So shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoners, and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt. 5 And they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory. 6 And the inhabitant of this isle shall say in that day, Behold, such is our expectation, whither we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria; and how shall we escape?

21

1 The burden of the desert of the sea. As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it cometh from the desert, from ~~a~~ **the** terrible land. 2 A grievous vision is declared unto me; ~~the~~ **The** treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam; besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease. 3 Therefore are my loins filled with pain; pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth; I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was dismayed at the seeing of it. 4 My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me; the night of my pleasure hath he turned into fear unto me. 5 Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink; arise, ye princes, and anoint the shield. 6 For thus hath the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth. 7 And he saw a chariot with a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, and a chariot of camels; and he hearkened diligently with much heed; 8 And he cried, A lion; My lord, I stand continually

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upon the watchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my ward whole nights; 9 And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground. 10 O my threshing, and the corn of my floor; that which I have heard of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared unto you. 11 The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? 12 The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night; if ye will ~~enquire~~ **inquire**, ~~enquire~~ **inquire** ye; return, come. 13 The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye ~~travelling~~ **traveling** companies of Dedanim. 14 The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled. 15 For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war. 16 For thus hath the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto me, Within a year, according to the years of ~~an~~ **a** hireling, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail; 17 And the residue of the number of archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be diminished; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel hath spoken it.

22

1 The burden of the valley of vision. What aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the housetops? 2 Thou that art full of stirs, a tumultuous city, **a** joyous city; thy slain men are not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle. 3 All thy rulers are fled together, they are bound by the archers; all that are found in thee are bound together,

which have fled from far. 4 Therefore said I, Look away from me; I will weep bitterly, ~~labour~~ **labor** not to comfort me, because of the spoiling of the daughter of my people. 5 For it is a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** of hosts in the valley of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains. 6 And Elam bare the quiver with chariots of men and horsemen, and Kir uncovered the shield. 7 And it shall come to pass, that thy choicest valleys shall be full of chariots, and the horsemen shall set themselves in array at the gate. 8 And he discovered the covering of Judah, and thou didst look in that day to the ~~armour~~ **armor** of the house of the forest. 9 Ye have seen also the breaches of the city of David, that they are many; and ye gathered together the waters of the lower pool. 10 And ye have numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses have ye broken down to fortify the wall. 11 Ye made also a ditch between the two walls for the water of the old pool; but ye have not looked unto the maker thereof, neither had respect unto him that fashioned it long ago. 12 And in that day did the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** of hosts call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth; 13 And behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine; let us eat and drink; for ~~to morrow~~ **tomorrow** we shall die. 14 And it was revealed in mine ears by the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till ye die, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** of hosts. 15 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** of hosts, Go, get thee unto this treasurer, even unto Shebna, which is over the house, and say, 16 What hast thou here?, and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a

~~sepulchre~~ **sepulcher** here, as he that heweth him out a ~~sepulchre~~ **sepulcher** on high, and that graveth ~~an~~ a habitation for himself in a rock? 17 Behold, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will carry thee away with a mighty captivity, and will surely cover thee. 18 He will surely violently turn and toss thee like a ball into a large country; there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy lord's house. 19 And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy state shall he pull thee down. 20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah; 21 And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. 22 And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. 23 And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house. 24 And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons. 25 In that day, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath spoken it.

23

1 The burden of Tyre. Howl, ye ships of Tarshish; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in; from the land of Chittim it is revealed to them. 2 Be still, ye inhabitants of the isle; thou whom the merchants of

Zidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished. 3 And by great waters the seed of Sihor, the harvest of the river, is her revenue; and she is a mart of nations. 4 Be thou ashamed, O Zidon; for the sea hath spoken, even the strength of the sea, saying, I travail not, nor bring forth children, neither do I nourish up young men, nor bring up virgins. 5 As at the report concerning Egypt, so shall they be sorely pained at the report of Tyre. 6 Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye inhabitants of the isle. 7 Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity is of ancient days? her own feet shall carry her afar off to sojourn. 8 Who hath taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning city, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the ~~honourable~~ **honorable** of the earth? 9 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts hath purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the ~~honourable~~ **honorable** of the earth. 10 Pass through thy land as a river, O daughter of Tarshish; there is no more strength **in thee**. 11 He stretched out his hand over the sea, he shook the kingdoms; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath given a commandment against the merchant city, to destroy the ~~strong-holds~~ **strongholds** thereof. 12 And he said, Thou shalt no more rejoice, O thou oppressed virgin, daughter of Zidon; arise, pass over to Chittim; there also shalt thou have no rest. 13 Behold the land of the Chaldeans; this people was not, till the Assyrian founded it for them that dwell in the wilderness; they set up the towers thereof, they raised up the palaces thereof; and he brought it to ruin. 14 Howl, ye ships of Tarshish; for your strength is laid waste. 15 And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king; after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as ~~an~~ a harlot. 16 Take

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~~an~~ a harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered. 17 And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire, and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth. 18 And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing.

24

1 Behold, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof. 2 And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him. 3 The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath spoken this word. 4 The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. 5 The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. 6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate; therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left. 7 The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all the merryhearted do sigh. 8 The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth,

the joy of the harp ceaseth. 9 They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it. 10 The city of confusion is broken down; every house is shut up, that no man may come in. 11 There is a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone. 12 In the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten with destruction. 13 When thus it shall be in the midst of the land among the people, there shall be as the shaking of an olive tree, and as the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done. 14 They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, they shall cry aloud from the sea. 15 Wherefore glorify ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in the fires, even the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel in the isles of the sea. 16 From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, even glory to the righteous. But I said, My leanness, my leanness, woe unto me! the treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously; yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously. 17 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth. 18 And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare; for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake. 19 The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. 20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again. 21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth

upon 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 after many days shall they be visited. 23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts shall reign in mount Zion; and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.

25

1 O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. 2 For thou hast made of a city ~~an~~ a heap; of a ~~defenced~~ **defensed** city a ruin; a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built. 3 Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee. 4 For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. 5 Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud; the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low. 6 And in this mountain shall the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. 7 And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the ~~vail~~ **veil** that is spread over all nations. 8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath spoken it. 9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have

waited for him, and he will save us; this is the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation. 10 For in this mountain shall the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill. 11 And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth his hands to swim; and he shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands. 12 And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall he bring down, lay low, and bring to the ground, even to the dust.

26

1 In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. 2 Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. 3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee. 4 Trust ye in the ~~LORD for ever~~; **Lord forever**; for in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** JEHOVAH is everlasting strength. 5 For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city; he layeth it low; he layeth it low, even to the ground; he bringeth it even to the dust. 6 The foot shall tread it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy. 7 The way of the just is uprightness; thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just. 8 Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee. 9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early; for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the

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world will learn righteousness. 10 Let ~~favour~~ **favor** be ~~shewed~~ **showed** to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 11 ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, when thy hand is lifted up, they will not see; but they shall see, and be ashamed for their envy at the people; yea, the fire of thine enemies shall devour them. 12 ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, thou wilt ordain peace for us; for thou also hast wrought all our works in us. 13 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God, other lords ~~beside~~ **besides** thee have had dominion over us; but by thee only will we make mention of thy name. 14 They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased, they shall not rise; therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish. 15 Thou hast increased the nation, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, thou hast increased the nation; thou art glorified; thou hadst removed it far unto all the ends of the earth. 16 ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, in trouble have they visited thee; they poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them. 17 Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 18 We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen. 19 Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust; for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. 20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee; hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. 21 For, behold, the

~~LORD~~ **Lord** cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

27

1 In that day the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea. 2 In that day sing ye unto her, A vineyard of red wine. 3 I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** do keep it; I will water it every moment; lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day. 4 Fury is not in me; who would set the briers and thorns against me in battle? I would go through them, I would burn them together. 5 Or let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me. 6 He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root; Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit. 7 Hath he smitten him, as he smote those that smote him? or is he slain according to the slaughter of them that are slain by him? 8 In measure, when it shooteth forth, thou wilt debate with it; he stayeth his rough wind in the day of the east wind. 9 By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this is all the fruit to take away his sin; when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder, the groves and images shall not stand up. 10 Yet the ~~defenced~~ **defensed** city shall be desolate, and the habitation forsaken, and left like a wilderness; there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down, and consume the branches thereof. 11 When the boughs thereof are withered, they shall be broken off; the women come, and set them on

fire; for it is a people of no understanding; therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them, and he that formed them will ~~shew~~ **show** them no ~~favour~~ **favor**. 12 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel. 13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

28

1 Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine! 2 Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand. 3 The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet; 4 And the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, and as the hasty fruit before the summer; which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up. 5 In that day shall the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty; unto the residue of his people, 6 And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate. 7 But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet

have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment. 8 For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean. 9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. 10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; 11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. 12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing; yet they would not hear. 13 But the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken. 14 Wherefore hear the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. 15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us; for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves; 16 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious ~~corner~~—**cornerstone**, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste. 17 Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet; and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the ~~waters~~ **water** shall overflow the hiding place. 18 And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not

stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it. 19 From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you; for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night; and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report. 20 For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it; and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it. 21 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act. 22 Now therefore be ye not mockers, lest your bands be made strong; for I have heard from the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth. 23 Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my speech. 24 Doth the ~~plowman plow~~ **ploughman plough** all day to sow? doth he open and break the clods of his ground? 25 When he hath made plain the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter the cummin, and cast in the principal wheat and the appointed barley and the ~~rie~~ **rye** in their place? 26 For his God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him. 27 For the fitches are not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a ~~cart-wheel~~ **cartwheel** turned about upon the cummin; but the fitches are beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod. 28 Bread corn is bruised; because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break it with the wheel of his cart, nor bruise it with his horsemen. 29 This also cometh forth from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working.

1 Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices. 2 Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow; ~~and it;~~ **for thus hath the Lord said unto me, It** shall be unto ~~me~~ **as** Ariel; 3 ~~And~~ **That I the Lord** will camp against ~~thee~~ **her** round about, and will lay siege against ~~thee~~ **her** with a mount, and I will raise forts against ~~thee~~ **her**. 4 And ~~thou shalt~~ **she shall** be brought down, and ~~shalt~~ **shall** speak out of the ground; and ~~thy~~ **her** speech shall be low out of the dust; and ~~thy~~ **her** voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit; out of the ground, and ~~thy~~ **her** speech shall whisper out of the dust. 5 Moreover the multitude of ~~thy~~ **her** strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones shall be as chaff that passeth away; yea, it shall be at an instant suddenly. 6 ~~Thou shalt~~ **For they shall** be visited of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire. 7 And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision. 8 ~~It~~ **Yea, it shall be unto them** even ~~be~~ **as when an** unto a hungry man **who** dreameth, and; behold, he eateth; but he awaketh; and his soul is empty; or ~~as when~~ **like unto** a thirsty man **who** dreameth, and; behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and; behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite. **Yea, even** so shall the multitude of all the nations be; that fight against mount Zion. 9 ~~Stay~~ **For, behold, all ye that do iniquity, stay** yourselves, and wonder; ~~ery~~ **for ye shall cry** out, and cry: ~~they are;~~ **yea, ye shall be**

drunken, but not with wine; ~~they ye~~ shall stagger, but not with strong drink. 10 For, **behold**, the ~~LORD~~ Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep. ~~For, and hath~~ **behold**, ye have closed your eyes; and ye have rejected the prophets, and your rulers; and the seers hath he covered because of your iniquities. 11 And it shall come to pass, that the vision of all is become Lord God shall bring forth unto you as the words of a book that is; and they shall be the words of them which have slumbered. 12 And behold, the book shall be sealed; and in the book shall be a revelation from God, from the beginning of the world to the ending thereof. 13 Wherefore because of the things which are sealed up, the things which are sealed shall not be delivered in the day of the wickedness and abominations of the people. Wherefore, the book shall be kept from them. 14 But the book shall be delivered unto a man, and he shall deliver the words of the book, which ~~men~~ are the words of those who have slumbered in the dust; and he shall deliver ~~to one~~ these words unto another, but the words that are sealed he shall not deliver, neither shall he deliver the book. 15 For the book shall be sealed by the power of God, and the revelation which was sealed shall be kept in the book until the own due time of the Lord, that they may come forth; for behold, they reveal all things from the foundation of the world unto the end thereof. 16 And the day cometh, that the words of the book which were sealed shall be read upon the housetops; and they shall be read by the power of Christ; and all things shall be revealed unto the children of men which ever have been among the

children of men, and which ever will be, even unto the end of the earth. 17 Wherefore, at that day when the book shall be delivered unto the man of whom I have spoken, the book shall be hid from the eyes of the world, that the eyes of none shall behold it, save it be that three witnesses shall behold it by the power of God, besides him to whom the book shall be delivered; and they shall testify to the truth of the book and the things therein. 18 And there is none other which shall view it, save it be a few according to the will of God, to bear testimony of his word unto the children of men; for the Lord God hath said, that the words of the faithful should speak as it were from the dead. 19 Wherefore, the Lord God will proceed to bring forth the words of the book; and in the mouth of as many witnesses as seemeth him good will he establish his word; and woe be unto him that rejecteth the word of God. 20 But, behold, it shall come to pass, that the Lord God shall say unto him to whom he shall deliver the book, Take these words which are not sealed and deliver them to another, that he may show them unto the learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee. 21 And the learned shall say, Bring hither the book and ~~he saith~~ I will read them; and now because of the glory of the world, and to get gain will they say this, and not for the glory of God. And the man shall say, I cannot; bring the book for it is sealed. Then shall the learned say, I cannot read it. ~~42~~ 22 And Wherefore it shall come to pass, that the Lord God will deliver again the book ~~is delivered~~ and the words thereof to him that is not learned, ~~saying, Read this, I pray thee;~~ and ~~he saith~~ the man that is not learned shall say, I am not

learned. ~~13~~ ~~Wherefore~~ **Then shall the Lord say unto him, The learned shall not read them, for they have rejected them, and I am able to do mine own work; wherefore thou shalt read the words which I shall give unto thee.** **23** Touch not the things which are sealed, for I will bring them forth in mine own due time; for I will show unto the children of men that I am able to do mine own work. **24** Wherefore, when thou hast read the words which I have commanded thee, and obtained the witnesses which I have promised unto thee, then shalt thou seal up the book again, and hide it up unto me, that I may preserve the words which thou hast not read until I shall see fit in mine own wisdom to reveal all things unto the children of men. **25** For behold, I am God; and I am a God of miracles; and I will show unto the world that I am the same yesterday, today, and forever; and I work not among the children of men, save it be according to their faith. **26** And again it shall come to pass, that the Lord shall say unto him that shall read the words that shall be delivered him, Forasmuch as this people draw near unto me with their mouth, and with their lips do ~~honour~~ **honor** me, but have removed their ~~heart~~ **hearts** far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the ~~precept~~ **precepts** of men:—**14** Therefore, behold, ~~therefore~~ I will proceed to do a ~~marvellous~~ **marvelous** work among this people; yea, even a ~~marvellous~~ **marvelous** work and a wonder; for the wisdom of their wise ~~men~~ **and learned** shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent ~~men~~ shall be hid. ~~15~~ **27** ~~Woe~~ **And woe** unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the ~~LORD,~~ **and Lord. And** their works are in the

dark; and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us? ~~16~~ **And they also say,** Surely, your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay. **28** ~~for~~ **But behold, I will show unto them, saith the Lord of hosts, that I know all their works. For,** shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding? ~~17~~ **29** ~~Is~~ **But behold, saith the Lord of hosts, I will show unto the children of men, that it is not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field; and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest.** ~~18~~ **30** And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book; and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity; and out of darkness. ~~19~~ **The; and the meek also shall increase, and their joy shall be in the LORD, Lord; and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.** ~~20~~ **31** For, assuredly as the Lord liveth, they shall see that the terrible one is brought to ~~naught~~ **naught**, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off:—~~21~~ **That, and they that** make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of ~~naught~~ **naught.** **22** **32** Therefore, thus saith the ~~LORD,~~ **Lord** who redeemed Abraham; concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale. ~~23~~ **But; but** when he seeth his children, the work of ~~mine~~ **my** hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel. **24** They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.

1 Woe to the rebellious children, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my ~~spirit~~ **Spirit**, that they may add sin to sin;; 2 That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! 3 Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion. 4 For his princes were at Zoan, and his ambassadors came to Hanes. 5 They were all ashamed of a people that could not profit them, nor be ~~an~~ **a** help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach. 6 The burden of the beasts of the south;; into the land of trouble and anguish, from whence come the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people that shall not profit them. 7 For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose;; therefore have I cried concerning this, Their strength is to sit still. 8 Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come ~~for ever~~ **forever** and ever;; 9 That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; 10 Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits;; 11 Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us. 12 Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon;; 13 Therefore this

iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant. 14 And he shall break it as the breaking of the potters' vessel that is broken in pieces; he shall not spare;; so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it a sherd to take fire from the hearth, or to take water withal out of the pit. 15 For thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength;; and ye would not. 16 But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee;; and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift. 17 One thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee;; till ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on ~~an~~ **a** hill. 18 And therefore will the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you;; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is a God of judgment;; blessed are all they that wait for him. 19 For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem;; thou shalt weep no more;; he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee. 20 And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner ~~any more~~ **anymore**, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers;; 21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left. 22 Ye shall defile also the covering of thy graven images of silver, and the ornament of thy molten images of gold;; thou shalt cast them away as a menstruous cloth; thou shalt say unto it, Get thee

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hence. 23 Then shall he give the rain of thy seed, that thou shalt sow the ground withal; and bread of the increase of the earth, and it shall be fat and plenteous; in that day shall thy cattle feed in large pastures. 24 The oxen likewise and the young asses that ear the ground shall eat clean provender, which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan. 25 And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill, rivers and streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. 26 Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound. 27 Behold, the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the burden thereof is heavy; his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire; 28 And his breath, as an overflowing stream, shall reach to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity; and there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing them to err. 29 Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come ~~into~~ **unto** the mountain of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to the ~~mighty~~ **Mighty** One of Israel. 30 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall ~~shew~~ **show** the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones. 31 For through the voice of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod. 32 And in every place where the grounded staff shall pass, which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**

shall lay upon him, it shall be with tabrets and harps; and in battles of shaking will he fight with it. 33 For ~~Tophet~~ **Topheth** is ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made it deep and large; the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.

31

1 Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 2 Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back his words; but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of them that work iniquity-, 3 Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together. 4 For thus hath the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them; so shall the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof. 5 As birds flying, so will the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it. 6 Turn ye unto him from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted. 7 For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you for a sin. 8 Then shall the Assyrian

fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him; but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited. 9 And he shall pass over to his ~~strong-hold~~ **stronghold** for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

32

1 Behold, a ~~king~~ **King** shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. 2 And a man shall be as ~~an~~ a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. 3 And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken. 4 The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly. 5 The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful. 6 For the vile person will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to ~~practise~~ **practice** hypocrisy, and to utter error against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to make empty the soul of the hungry; and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail. 7 The instruments also of the churl are evil; he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right. 8 But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand. 9 Rise up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech. 10 Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women; for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come. 11 Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones; strip you, and make

you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins. 12 They shall lament for the teats, for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine. 13 Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers; yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city. 14 Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the ~~multitude~~ **houses** of the city shall be left **desolate**; the forts and towers shall be for dens ~~for ever~~ **forever**, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks; 15 Until the ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest. 16 Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field. 17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places; 19 When it shall hail, coming down on the forest; and the city shall be low in a low place. 20 Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass.

33

1 Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou wast not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! when thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; and when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee. 2 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee; be thou their arm every morning, ~~our~~ **their** salvation also in the time of trouble. 3 At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of thyself the nations were scattered. 4 And your spoil shall be gathered like the gathering of the ~~caterpillar~~.

caterpillar; as the running to and fro of locusts shall he run upon them. 5 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is exalted; for he dwelleth on high; he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness. 6 And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation; the fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is his treasure. 7 Behold, their valiant ones shall cry without; the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly. 8 The highways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth; he hath broken the covenant, he hath despised the cities, he regardeth no man. 9 The earth mourneth and languisheth; Lebanon is ashamed and hewn down; Sharon is like a wilderness; and Bashan and Carmel shake off their fruits. 10 Now will I rise, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself. 11 Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble; your breath, as fire, shall devour you. 12 And the people shall be as the burnings of lime; as thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire. 13 Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done; and, ye that are near, acknowledge my might. 14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? 15 He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; 16 He shall dwell on high; his place of ~~defence~~ **defense** shall be the munitions of rocks; bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure. 17 Thine eyes shall see the ~~king~~ **King** in his beauty; they shall behold the land that is very far off. 18 Thine heart shall meditate **in** terror. Where

is the scribe? where is the receiver? where is he that counted the towers? 19 Thou shalt not see a fierce people, a people of a deeper speech than thou canst perceive; of a stammering tongue, that thou canst not understand. 20 Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities; thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken. 21 But there the glorious ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby. 22 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is our judge, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is our lawgiver, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is our ~~king~~ **King**; he will save us. 23 Thy tacklings are loosed; they could not well strengthen their mast; they could not spread the sail; then is the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame take the prey. 24 And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick; the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.

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1 Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people; let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it. 2 For the indignation of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies; he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter. 3 Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their ~~carcases~~ **carcasses**, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. 4 And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll; and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig

tree. 5 For my sword shall be bathed in heaven; behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment. 6 The sword of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea. 7 And the ~~unicorns~~ **reem** shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness. 8 For it is the day of the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** vengeance, and the year of ~~recompences~~ **recompenses** for the controversy of Zion. 9 And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch. 10 It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up ~~for ever~~; **forever**; from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it ~~for ever~~ **forever** and ever. 11 But the cormorant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it; and he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness. 12 They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none shall be there, and all her princes shall be nothing. 13 And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof; and it shall be ~~an~~ **a** habitation of dragons, and a court for owls. 14 The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest. 15 There shall the great owl make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow;

there shall the vultures also be gathered, ~~every one~~ **everyone** with her mate. 16 Seek ye out of the book of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and read: **the names written therein**; no one of these shall fail; none shall want ~~her~~ **their** mate; for my mouth it hath commanded, and ~~his spirit~~ **my Spirit** it hath gathered them. 17 And ~~he hath~~ **I have** cast the lot for them, and ~~his hand hath~~ **I have** divided it unto them by line; they shall possess it ~~for ever~~, **forever**; from generation to generation **they** shall ~~they~~ dwell therein.

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1 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. 2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and the excellency of our God. 3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. 4 Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a ~~recompence~~ **recompense**; he will come and save you. 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then shall the lame man leap as ~~an~~ **a** hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. 7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water; in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. 8 And ~~an~~ **a** highway shall be there, ~~and~~; **for** a way **shall be cast up**, and it shall be called ~~The~~ **the** way of holiness; ~~the~~. **The** unclean shall

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not pass over **upon** it; but it shall be **cast up** for those: **who are clean, and** the wayfaring men, though **they are accounted** fools, shall not err therein. 9 No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there; 10 And the ransomed of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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1 Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, ~~that the~~ Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the ~~defenced~~ **defensed** cities of Judah, and took them. 2 And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem unto king Hezekiah with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field. 3 Then came forth unto him Eliakim, Hilkiah's son, which was over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, Asaph's son, the recorder. 4 And Rabshakeh said unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest? 5 I say, ~~sayest thou, (but~~ **thy words** are but vain ~~words~~ **when thou sayest**, I have counsel and strength for war: ~~now. Now~~, on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me? 6 Lo, thou trustest in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it; so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust in him. 7 But if thou say to me, We trust in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God; is it not he, whose high places and whose altars

Hezekiah hath taken away, and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar? 8 Now therefore give pledges, I pray thee, to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them. 9 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? 10 And am I now come up without the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** against this land to destroy it? the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it. 11 Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah unto Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee, unto thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it; and speak not to us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people that are on the wall. 12 But Rabshakeh said, Hath my master sent me to thy master and to thee to speak these words? hath he not sent me to the men that sit upon the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you? 13 Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and said, Hear ye the words of the great king, the king of Assyria. 14 Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you; for he shall not be able to deliver you. 15 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will surely deliver us; this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. 16 Harken not to Hezekiah; for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me; and eat ye ~~every one~~ **everyone** of his vine, and ~~every one~~ **everyone** of his fig tree, and drink ye ~~every one~~ **everyone** the waters of his own cistern; 17 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land

of bread and vineyards. 18 Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, ~~the LORD~~ **The Lord** will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? 19 Where are the gods of Hamath and ~~Arphad~~ **Arpad**? where are the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? 20 Who are they among all the gods of these lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand? 21 But they held their peace, and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not. 22 Then came Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, that was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

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1 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 2 And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. 3 And they said unto him, Thus ~~saith~~ **said** Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. 4 It may be the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God hath heard; wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that

is left. 5 So the servants of ~~king~~ **King** Hezekiah came to Isaiah. 6 And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say unto your master, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. 7 Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a ~~rumour~~ **rumor**, and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land. 8 So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah; for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish. 9 And he heard say concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He is come forth to make war with thee. And when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, 10 Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God, in whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. 11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered? 12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed, as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which were in Telassar? 13 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of ~~Arphad~~ **Arpad**? and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? 14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and spread it before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 15 And Hezekiah prayed unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, 16 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the ~~cherubims~~ **cherubim**, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and

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earth. 17 Incline thine ear, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and hear; open thine eyes, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and see; and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which **he** hath sent to reproach the living God. 18 Of a truth, ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations, and their countries, 19 And have cast their gods into the fire; for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed them. 20 Now therefore, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, even thou only. 21 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, ~~Whereas~~ **whereas** thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria; 22 This is the word which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath spoken concerning him; The virgin, the daughter of Zion, hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee. 23 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel. 24 By thy servants hast thou reproached the Lord, and hast said, By the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon; and I will cut down the tall cedars thereof, and the choice fir trees thereof; and I will enter into the height of his border, and the forest of his Carmel. 25 I have digged, and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of the besieged places. 26 Hast thou not heard long ago, how I have done it; and of ancient times, that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste ~~defeneed~~ **defensed** cities into

ruinous heaps. 27 Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up. 28 But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me. 29 Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult, is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest. 30 And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such as groweth of itself; and the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof. 31 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward; 32 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant; and they that escape out of **Jerusalem shall come up upon** mount Zion; the zeal of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts shall do this. 33 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast a bank against it. 34 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 35 For I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. 36 Then the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand; and when they **who were left** arose, early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses. 37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. 38 And it came to pass, as he was

~~worshipping~~ **worshipping** in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Armenia; and ~~Esarhaddon~~ **Esar-haddon** his son reigned in his stead.

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1 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. 2 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, 3 And said, Remember now, O ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. 4 Then came the word of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** to Isaiah, saying, 5 Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears; behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years. 6 And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city. 7 And this shall be a sign unto thee from the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, that the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** will do this thing that he hath spoken; 8 Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the ~~sun-dial~~ **sundial** of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down. 9 The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness; 10 I said in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave; I am deprived of the residue of my years. 11 I said, I shall not see the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, even the

~~LORD~~ **LORD**, in the land of the living; I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world. 12 Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent; I have cut off like a weaver my life; he will cut me off with pining sickness; from day even to night wilt thou make an end of me. 13 I reckoned till morning, that, as a lion, so will he break all my bones; from day even to night wilt thou make an end of me. 14 Like a crane or a swallow, so did I chatter; I did mourn as a dove; mine eyes fail with looking upward; O ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, I am oppressed; undertake for me. 15 What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath ~~done it~~: **healed me**. I shall go softly all my years, **that I may not walk** in the bitterness of my soul. 16 O ~~LORD~~ **Oh Lord**, ~~by these things men live, and in all these things is thou who art~~ the life of my spirit; **in whom I live**; so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live; **and in all these things I will praise thee**. 17 Behold, ~~for peace~~ I had great bitterness; **instead of peace**, but thou hast in love to my soul ~~delivered it~~, **saved me** from the pit of corruption; for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back. 18 For the grave cannot praise thee, death ~~can not~~ **cannot** celebrate thee; they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. 19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day; the father to the children shall make known thy truth. 20 The ~~LORD~~ **LORD** was ready to save me; therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 21 For Isaiah had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and lay it for a ~~plaster~~ **plaster** upon the boil, and he shall recover. 22 Hezekiah also had said, What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** ?

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1 At that time ~~Merodach-baladan~~ **Merodach-baladan**, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah; for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered. 2 And Hezekiah was glad of them, and ~~shewed~~ **showed** them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his ~~armour~~ **armor**, and all that was found in his treasures; there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah ~~shewed~~ **showed** them ~~him~~ not. 3 Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country unto me, even from Babylon. 4 Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in mine house have they seen; there is nothing among my treasures that I have not ~~shewed~~ **showed** them. 5 Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** of hosts; 6 Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 7 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. 8 Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good is the word of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

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1 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. 2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry

unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she hath received of the ~~LORD's~~ **LORD's** hand double for all her sins. 3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain; 5 And the glory of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** hath spoken it. 6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field; 7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; because the ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** bloweth upon it; surely the people is grass. 8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 9 O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! 10 Behold, the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. 11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young. 12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? 13 Who hath directed the Spirit of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, or being his ~~counsellor~~ **counselor** hath taught him? 14 With

whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and ~~shewed~~ **showed** to him the way of understanding? 15 Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance; behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. 16 And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering. 17 All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity. 18 To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him? 19 The workman melteth a graven image, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains. 20 He that is so impoverished that he hath no oblation chooseth a tree that will not rot; he seeketh unto him a cunning workman to prepare a graven image, that shall not be moved. 21 Have ye not known? have ye not heard? ~~hath~~ **Hath** it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22 It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; ~~?~~ that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in; 23 That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity. 24 Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown; yea, their stock shall not take root in the earth; and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble. 25 To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number; he calleth them all by names by the

greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth. 27 Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and my judgment is passed over from my God? 28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. 29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall; 31 But they that wait upon the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

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1 Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew their strength; let them come near; then let them speak; let us come near together to judgment. 2 Who raised up the righteous man from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? he gave them as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow. 3 He pursued them, and passed safely; even by the way that he had not gone with his feet. 4 Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the first, and with the last; I am he. 5 The isles saw it, and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, and came. 6 They helped ~~every one~~ **everyone** his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**; and ~~every one~~ **everyone** said to his brother, Be of good courage. 7 So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheth with the

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hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, It is ready for the ~~sodering~~**soldering**; and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved. 8 But, thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. 9 Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away. 10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. 11 Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded; they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. 12 Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee; they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of ~~noight~~**naught**. 13 For I the ~~LORD~~**LORD** thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. 14 Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the ~~LORD~~**LORD**, and thy ~~redeemer~~**Redeemer**, the Holy One of Israel. 15 Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth; thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff. 16 Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them; and thou shalt rejoice in the ~~LORD~~**LORD**, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel. 17 When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the ~~LORD~~**LORD** will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. 18 I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make

the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. 19 I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together; 20 That they may see; and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the ~~LORD~~**LORD** hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it. 21 Produce your cause, saith the ~~LORD~~**LORD**; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob. 22 Let them bring them forth, and ~~shew~~**show** us what shall happen; let them ~~shew~~**show** the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come. 23 ~~Shew~~**Show** the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods; yea, do good; or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together. 24 Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of ~~noight~~**naught**; an abomination is he that chooseth you. 25 I have raised up one from the north, and he shall come; from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name; and he shall come upon princes as upon ~~morter~~**mortar**, and as the potter treadeth clay. 26 Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know ?; and beforetime, that we may say, He is righteous? yea, there is none that ~~sheweth~~**showeth**, yea, there is none that declareth, yea, there is none that heareth your words. 27 The first shall say to Zion, Behold, behold them; and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings. 28 For I beheld, and there was no man; even among ~~them~~**men**, and there was no ~~counsellor~~**counselor**, that, when I asked of them, could answer a word. 29 Behold, they are all vanity; their works are nothing; their molten images are wind and confusion.

1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. 2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. 3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench; he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. 4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth; and the isles shall wait for his law. 5 Thus saith God the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein; 6 I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; 7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. 8 I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. 9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them. 10 Sing unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof. 11 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit; let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains. 12 Let them give glory unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and declare his praise in the islands. 13 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord**

shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war; he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies. 14 I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself; now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once. 15 I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools. 16 And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them. 17 They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye are our gods. 18 Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see. 19 ~~Who is~~ **For I will send my servant unto you who are blind; yea, a messenger to open the eyes of the blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as unstop the LORD's servant? ears of the deaf;** 20 ~~Seeing~~ **And they shall be made perfect notwithstanding their blindness, if they will hearken unto the messenger, the Lord's servant.** 21 **Thou art a people, seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears to hear, but he heareth thou hearest not.** 21 ~~22~~ **The LORD Lord is not well pleased with such a people, but for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law; and make it honourable** 22 ~~23~~ **But this is Thou art a people robbed and spoiled; they are thine enemies, all of them, have snared thee in holes, and they are have hid thee in prison houses; they are have taken thee for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none**

saith, Restore. ~~23~~ **24** Who among ~~you~~ **them** will give ear to ~~this? who will~~ **unto thee, or** hearken and hear **thee** for the time to come? ~~24~~ **Who and who** gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, he against whom ~~we~~ **they** have sinned? ~~for~~ **25** **For** they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law. ~~25~~ **Therefore;** **therefore** he hath poured upon ~~him~~ **them** the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle;; and ~~it hath~~ **they have** set ~~him~~ **them** on fire round about, yet ~~he knew~~ **they know** not;; and it burned ~~him~~ **them**, yet ~~he~~ **they** laid it not to heart.

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1 But now thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not;; for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. 2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee;; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. 3 For I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy ~~Saviour~~ **Savior**; I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. 4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been ~~honourable~~ **honorable**, and I have loved thee;; therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life. 5 Fear not;; for I am with thee;; I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; 6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back;; bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; 7 Even ~~every one~~ **everyone** that is called by my name;; for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made

him. 8 Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. 9 Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled;; who among them can declare this, and ~~shew~~ **show** us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified;; or let them hear, and say, It is truth. 10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and my servant whom I have chosen;; that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he;; before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. 11 I, even I, am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and beside me there is no ~~saviour~~ **savior**. 12 I have declared, and have saved, and I have ~~shewed~~ **showed**, when there was no strange god among you;; therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that I am God. 13 Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand;; I will work, and who shall let it? 14 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, your ~~redeemer~~ **Redeemer**, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships. 15 I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, your Holy One, the ~~creator~~ **Creator** of Israel, your King. 16 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters; 17 Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise;; they are extinct, they are quenched as tow. 18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. 20 The beast of the field shall ~~honour~~ **honor** me, the dragons and the owls;; because I give waters in

the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen. 21 This people have I formed for myself; they shall ~~shew~~ **show** forth my praise. 22 But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel. 23 Thou hast not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt offerings; neither hast thou ~~honoured~~ **honored** me with thy sacrifices. I have not caused thee to serve with an offering, nor wearied thee with incense. 24 Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices; but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities. 25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. 26 Put me in remembrance; let us plead together; declare thou, that thou mayest be justified. 27 Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against me. 28 Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary, and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches.

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1 Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen; 2 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, ~~Jesurun~~ **Jeshurun**, whom I have chosen. 3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground; I will pour my ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring; 4 And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the ~~water~~ **watercourses**. 5 One shall say, I am the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's**; and

another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and surname himself by the name of Israel. 6 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** the King of Israel, and his ~~redeemer~~ **Redeemer** the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and ~~beside~~ **besides** me there is no God. 7 And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them ~~shew~~ **show** unto them. 8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid; have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God ~~beside~~ **besides** me? yea, there is no God; I know not any. 9 They that make a graven image are all of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they are their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed. 10 Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing? 11 Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed; and the workmen, they are of men; let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together. 12 The smith with the tongs both worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms; yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth; he drinketh no water, and is faint. 13 The carpenter stretcheth out his rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass, and maketh it after the figure of a man; according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house. 14 He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest; he planteth an ash, and the

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rain doth nourish it. 15 Then shall it be for a man to burn; for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and ~~worshippeth~~ **worshipeth** it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto. 16 He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied; yea, he warmeth himself, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire; 17 And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image; he falleth down unto it, and ~~worshippeth~~ **worshipeth** it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god. 18 They have not known nor understood; for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand. 19 And none considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it; and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree? 20 He feedeth on ashes; a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand? 21 Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant; I have formed thee; thou art my servant; O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me. 22 I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins; return unto me; for I have redeemed thee. 23 Sing, O ye heavens; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath done it; shout, ye lower parts of the earth; break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel. 24 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, thy redeemer

Redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself. 25 That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish; 26 That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof; 27 That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers; 28 That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure; even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

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1 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two-leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut; 2 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron; 3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel. 4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name; I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me. 5 I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and there is none else, there is no God ~~beside~~ **besides** me; I girded thee, though thou hast not known me; 6 That they may know from the rising of the sun,

and from the west, that there is none ~~beside~~ **besides** me. I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and there is none else. 7 I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil; I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** do all these things. 8 Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness; let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** have created it. 9 Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands? 10 Woe unto him that saith unto his father, What begettest thou? or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth? 11 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me. 12 I have made the earth, and created man upon it; I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their ~~host~~ **hosts** have I commanded. 13 I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways; he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 14 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, The ~~labour~~ **labor** of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine; they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, Surely God is in thee; and there is none else, there is no God. 15 Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the ~~Saviour~~ **Savior**. 16 They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of

them; they shall go to confusion together, that are makers of idols. 17 But Israel shall be saved in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with an everlasting salvation; ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end. 18 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited; I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and there is none else. 19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth; I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain; I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. 20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations; they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save. 21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together; who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**? and there is no ~~God~~ **god** else beside me; a just God, and a ~~Saviour~~ **Savior**; there is none beside me. 22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else. 23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. 24 Surely, shall one say, ~~in~~ **In** the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** have I righteousness and strength; even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. 25 In the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

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1 Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth;; their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle;; your carriages were heavy ~~laden~~ **laden**; they are a burden to the weary beast. 2 They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves are gone into captivity. 3 Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne by me from the belly, which are carried from the womb;; 4 And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you;; I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you. 5 To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like? 6 They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, and hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god;; they fall down, yea, they worship. 7 They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove;; yea, one shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble. 8 Remember this, and ~~shew~~ **show** yourselves men;; bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors. 9 Remember the former things of old;; for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me;. 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure;; 11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country;; yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it. 12 Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted, that are far from righteousness;; 13 I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off,

and my salvation shall not tarry;; and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

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1 Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground;; there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans;; for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate. 2 Take the millstones, and grind meal;; uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers. 3 Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen;; I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man. 4 As for our ~~redeemer~~ **Redeemer**, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel. 5 Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans;; for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms. 6 I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand;; thou didst ~~shew~~ **show** them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke. 7 And thou saidst, I shall be a lady ~~for ever~~ **forever**; so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it. 8 Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else ~~beside~~ **besides** me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children;; 9 But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood;; they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments. 10 For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness;; thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy

knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else ~~beside~~ **besides** me. 11 Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt ~~not~~ **now** know from whence it riseth; and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off; and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know. 12 Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast ~~laboured~~ **labored** from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail. 13 Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee. 14 Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame; there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it. 15 Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast ~~laboured~~ **labored**, even thy merchants, from thy youth; they shall wander ~~every one~~ **everyone** to his quarter; none shall save thee.

48

1 Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness. 2 For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel; The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts is his name. 3 I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I ~~shewed~~ **showed** them; I did them suddenly, and they came to

pass. 4 Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass; 5 I have even from the beginning declared it to thee; before it came to pass I ~~shewed~~ **showed** it thee; lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them; and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them. 6 Thou hast heard, see all this; and will not ye declare it? I have ~~shewed~~ **showed** thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them. 7 They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them. 8 Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from that time that thine ear was not opened; for I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb. 9 For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off. 10 Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. 11 For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it; for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another. 12 Harken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last. 13 Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens; when I call unto them, they stand up together. 14 All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear; which among them hath declared these things? The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath loved him; he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans. 15 I, even I, have spoken; yea, I have called him; I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous. 16 Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I

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have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I; and now the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, and his Spirit, hath sent me. 17 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. 18 ~~Θ~~ **Oh** that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea; 19 Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me. 20 Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth; say ye, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath redeemed his servant Jacob. 21 And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts; he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them; he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out. 22 There is no peace, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, unto the wicked.

49

1 Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name. 2 And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me; 3 And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified. 4 Then I said, I have ~~laboured~~ **labored** in vain, I have spent my strength for ~~nought~~ **naught**, and in vain; yet surely my judgment is with the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and my work with my God. 5 And now, saith

the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and my God shall be my strength. 6 And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel; I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. 7 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee. 8 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee; and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages; 9 That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, ~~Shew~~ **Show** yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places. 10 They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them; for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them. 11 And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted. 12 Behold, these shall come from far; and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim. 13 Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted. 14 But Zion said, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath

forgotten me. 15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. 16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me. 17 Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee. 18 Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold; all these gather themselves together, and come to thee. As I live, saith the **LORD Lord**, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them on thee, as a bride doeth. 19 For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away. 20 The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place is too strait for me; give place to me that I may dwell. 21 Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where had they been? 22 Thus saith the Lord **GOD God**, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people; and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders. 23 And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers; they shall bow down to thee with their ~~faee~~ **faces** toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the **LORD Lord**; for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me. 24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered? 25 But thus saith

the ~~LORD, Even~~ **Lord**; even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered; for **the mighty God shall deliver his covenant people. For thus saith the Lord**, I will contend with ~~him~~ **them** that ~~contendeth~~ **contend** with thee, and I will save thy children. 26 And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine; and all flesh shall know that I the **LORD Lord** am thy **Saviour Savior** and thy Redeemer, the **mighty Mighty One** of Jacob.

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1 **Thus Yea, for thus** saith the **LORD Lord**, **Have I put thee away, or have I cast thee off forever? For thus saith the Lord**, Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement; ? **To** whom **have** I ~~have~~ put **thee** away ?, or **to** which of my creditors ~~is it~~ **have I sold you; yea**, to whom **have** I ~~have~~ sold you? 2 Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.—2—~~Wherefore;~~ **wherefore**, when I came, **there** was ~~there~~ no man ?; when I called; **there** was ~~there~~ none to answer ?—~~Is.~~ **O house of Israel**, is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem ?; or have I no power to deliver? ~~behold~~ 3 **Behold**, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make ~~the~~ **their** rivers a wilderness; **and** their fish ~~stinketh to stink~~, because ~~there is no water~~ **the waters are dried up**, and ~~dieth for~~ **they die because of thirst**. 3 I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering. 4 The Lord **GOD God** hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season ~~to him that is~~ **unto thee, O house of Israel, when ye are weary**—~~he~~

~~wakeneth~~. **He waketh** morning by morning, he ~~wakeneth~~ **waketh** mine ear to hear as the learned. 5 The Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** hath ~~opened~~ **appointed** mine ~~ear~~ **ears**, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. 6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair. I hid not my face from shame and spitting. 7 ~~For~~, **for** the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded; therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. 8 **He, and the Lord** is near ~~that~~ **and he** justifieth me; ~~who~~. 6 **Who** will contend with me? let us stand together; ~~who~~. **Who** is mine adversary? let him come near ~~to me~~. 9 **me, Behold, and I will smite him with the strength of my mouth; for** the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** will help me; ~~who is he that~~ **and all they which** shall condemn me? ~~to~~, **they behold** all **they** shall wax old as a garment, **and** the moth shall eat them up. 10 7 Who is among you that feareth the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? ~~let~~ **Let** him trust in the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and stay upon his God. 11 8 Behold, all ye that ~~kindle a~~ **kindleth** fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks; walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks ~~that~~ **which** ye have kindled. ~~This; this~~ shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

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1 Harken ~~to~~ **unto** me, ye that follow after righteousness; ye that seek the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, look unto the rock **from** whence ye ~~are~~ **were** hewn, and to the hole of the pit **from** whence ye are digged. 2 Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you; for I called him alone, and

blessed him, and increased him. 3 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody. 4 Harken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation; for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people. 5 My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust. 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath; for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner; but my salvation shall be ~~for ever~~ **forever**, and my righteousness shall not be abolished. 7 Harken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is **I have written** my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. 8 For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool; but my righteousness shall be ~~for ever~~ **forever**, and my salvation from generation to generation. 9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon? 10 Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over? 11 Therefore the redeemed of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy **and holiness** shall be upon their ~~head~~ **heads**; they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow

and mourning shall flee away. 12 I **am he, even yea**, I; am he that comforteth you; **behold**, who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass; 13 And forgettest the **LORD Lord** thy ~~maker~~ **Maker**, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor? 14 The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail. 15 But I am the **LORD Lord** thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared; The **LORD Lord** of hosts is his name. 16 And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, ~~Then~~ **Behold, thou** art my people. 17 Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the **LORD Lord** the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out. 18 ~~There~~ **And there** is none to guide her among all the sons whom she hath brought forth; neither is there any that taketh her by the hand of all the sons that she hath brought up. 19 These two ~~things~~ **sons** are come unto thee; ~~who~~ **they** shall be sorry for thee, **thy** desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword; **and** by whom shall I comfort thee? 20 Thy sons have fainted **save these two**, they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net; they are full of the fury of the **LORD Lord**, the rebuke of thy God. 21 Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine; 22 Thus saith thy Lord the

LORD Lord, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again; 23 But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over; and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over.

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1 Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. 2 Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem; loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion. 3 For thus saith the **LORD Lord**, Ye have sold yourselves for ~~nought~~ **naught**; and ye shall be redeemed without money. 4 For thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. 5 Now therefore, what have I here, saith the **LORD Lord**, that my people is taken away for ~~nought~~ **naught**? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the **LORD Lord**; and my name continually every day is blasphemed. 6 Therefore, my people shall know my name: ~~therefore~~ **yea, in that day** they shall know ~~in that day~~ that I am he that doth speak; behold, it is I. 7 **And then shall they say**, How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings **unto them**, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings **unto them** of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God

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reigneth! 8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall bring again Zion. 9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. 10 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. 11 Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 12 For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your ~~reward~~ **rearward**. 13 Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. 14 As many were ~~astoried~~ **astonished** at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men; 15 So shall he ~~sprinkle~~ **gather** many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him; for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

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1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** revealed? 2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground; he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he hath

borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment; and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of my people was he stricken. 9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it pleased the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** to bruise him; he hath put him to grief; when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall prosper in his hand. 11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied; by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death; and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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1 Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry

aloud, thou that didst not travail with child; for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; 3 For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. 4 Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed; neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame; for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood ~~any more~~ **anymore**. 5 For thy Maker is thine husband; ~~the LORD~~ **The Lord** of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. 6 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God. 7 For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. 8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy Redeemer. 9 For this is as the waters of Noah unto me; for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. 10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my ~~peace~~ **people** be removed, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that hath mercy on thee. 11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair ~~colours~~ **colors**, and lay thy foundations with

sapphires. 12 And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones. 13 And all thy children shall be taught of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and great shall be the peace of thy children. 14 In righteousness shalt thou be established; thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear; and from terror; for it shall not come near thee. 15 Behold, they shall surely gather together **against thee**, but not by me; whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake. 16 Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. 17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and their righteousness is of me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1 Ho, ~~every one~~ **everyone** that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your ~~labour~~ **labor** for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. 3 Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. 4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people. 5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run

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unto thee, because of the **LORD Lord** thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee. 6 Seek ye the **LORD Lord** while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near; 7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the **LORD Lord**, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the **LORD Lord**. 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 cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; 11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. 12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the **LORD Lord** for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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1 Thus saith the **LORD Lord**, Keep ye judgment, and do justice; for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. 2 Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand

from doing any evil. 3 Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the **LORD Lord**, speak, saying, The **LORD Lord** hath utterly separated me from his people; neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. 4 For thus saith the **LORD Lord** unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant; 5 Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters; I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. 6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the **LORD Lord**, to serve him, and to love the name of the **LORD Lord**, to be his servants, ~~every one~~ **everyone** that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; 7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called ~~an~~ **a** house of prayer for all people. 8 The Lord ~~GOD~~, **God** which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, ~~beside~~ **besides** those that are gathered unto him. 9 All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, yea, all ye beasts in the forest. 10 His watchmen are blind; they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. 11 Yea, they are greedy dogs, which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand; they all look to their own way, ~~every one~~ **everyone** for his gain, from his quarter. 12 Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and ~~to morrow~~ **tomorrow** shall be as this day, and much more abundant.

1 The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart; and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come. 2 He shall enter into peace; they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness. 3 But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore. 4 Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood. 5 ~~Enflaming~~ **Inflaming** yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the ~~cliffs~~ **clefts** of the rocks? 6 Among the smooth stones of the stream is thy portion; they, they are thy lot; even to them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast offered a meat offering. Should I receive comfort in these? 7 Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed; even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice. 8 Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance; for thou hast discovered thyself to another than me, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee a covenant with them; thou lovedst their bed where thou sawest it. 9 And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase thyself even unto hell. 10 Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; yet saidst thou not, There is no hope; thou hast found the life of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved. 11 And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart? have not I held

my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not? 12 I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee. 13 When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take them; but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain; 14 And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the ~~stumblingblock~~ **stumbling block** out of the way of my people. 15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. 16 For I will not contend ~~for ever~~ **forever**, neither will I be always wroth; for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made. 17 For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him; I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart. 18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him; I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners. 19 I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and I will heal him. 20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. 21 There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

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1 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and ~~shew~~ **show** my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. 2 Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the

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ordinance of their God; they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God. 3 Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your ~~labours~~ **labors**. 4 Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness; ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high. 5 Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the **LORD Lord**? 6 Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? 7 Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? 8 Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the **LORD Lord** shall be thy ~~reward~~ **rearward**. 9 Then shalt thou call, and the **LORD Lord** shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; 10 And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the ~~noon-day~~ **noonday**; 11 And the **LORD Lord** shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of

water, whose waters fail not. 12 And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. 13 If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the **LORD Lord**, ~~honourable~~ **honorable**; and shalt ~~honour~~ **honor** him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; 14 Then shalt thou delight thyself in the **LORD Lord**; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of the **LORD Lord** hath spoken it.

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1 Behold, the **LORD's Lord's** hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear; 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. 3 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. 4 None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth; they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. 5 They hatch ~~cockatrice~~ **cockatrice** eggs, and weave the spider's web; he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper. 6 Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works; their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. 7 Their feet run to evil, and they make

haste to shed innocent blood;; their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. 8 The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings;; they have made them crooked paths;; whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace. 9 Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us;; we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness. 10 We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes;; we stumble at ~~noon-day~~ **noonday** as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men. 11 We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves;; we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us. 12 For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us;; for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them; 13 In transgressing and lying against the **LORD Lord**, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. 14 And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off;; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. 15 Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey;; and the **LORD Lord** saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment. 16 And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor;; therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. 17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and ~~an~~ **a** helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak. 18 According to their deeds,

accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, ~~recompence~~ **recompense** to his enemies; to the islands he will repay ~~recompence~~ **recompense**. 19 So shall they fear the name of the **LORD Lord** from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the **LORD Lord** shall lift up a standard against him. 20 And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the **LORD Lord**. 21 As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the **LORD Lord**; ~~My spirit~~ **my Spirit** that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the **LORD Lord**, from henceforth and ~~for ever~~ **forever**.

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1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the **LORD Lord** is risen upon thee. 2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people;; but the **LORD Lord** shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. 3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. 4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see;; all they gather themselves together, they come to thee;; thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. 5 Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. 6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come;; they shall bring gold and

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incense; and they shall ~~shew~~ **show** forth the praises of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee; they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory. 8 Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? 9 Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee. 10 And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee; for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my ~~favour~~ **favor** have I had mercy on thee. 11 Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought. 12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. 13 The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. 14 The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee; The city of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. 15 Whereas thou ~~has~~ **hast** been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations. 16 Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings; and thou shalt know that I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** am thy ~~Saviour~~ **Savior** and thy

Redeemer, the ~~mighty~~ **Mighty** One of Jacob. 17 For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron; I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness. 18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise. 19 The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee; but the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. 20 Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended. 21 Thy people also shall be all righteous; they shall inherit the land ~~for ever~~ **forever**, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. 22 A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation; I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will hasten it in ~~his~~ **my** time.

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1 The Spirit of the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** is upon me; because the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; 3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion; to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that he might be

glorified. 4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. 5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your ~~plowmen~~ **ploughmen** and your vinedressers. 6 But ye shall be named the Priests of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; men shall call you the Ministers of our God; ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. 7 For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion; therefore in their land they shall possess the double; everlasting joy shall be unto them. 8 For I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. 9 And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people; all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath blessed. 10 I will greatly rejoice in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. 11 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

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1 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness

thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. 2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory; and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall name. 3 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. 4 Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate; but thou ~~shalt~~ **shall** be called ~~Hephzibah~~ **Delightful**, and thy land ~~Beulah~~ **Union**; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. 5 For as a young man marieth a virgin, so shall thy ~~sons~~ **God** marry thee; and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee. 6 I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night; ye that make mention of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, keep not silence, 7 And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. 8 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast ~~laboured~~ **labored**; 9 But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness. 10 Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. 11 Behold, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. 12 And they

shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

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1 Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, ~~travelling~~ **traveling** in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. 2 Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? 3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me; for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. 4 For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come. 5 And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold; therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me. 6 And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth. 7 I will mention the ~~lovingkindnesses~~ **loving-kindnesses** of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and the praises of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, according to all that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his ~~lovingkindnesses~~ **loving-kindnesses**. 8 For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie; so he was their ~~Saviour~~ **Savior**. 9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed

them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old. 10 But they rebelled, and vexed his ~~holy~~ **Holy** Spirit; therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them. 11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, and his people, saying, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where is he that put his ~~holy~~ **Holy** Spirit within him? 12 That led them by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name? 13 That led them through the deep, as ~~an~~ **a** horse in the wilderness, that they should not stumble? 14 As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** caused him to rest; so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name. 15 Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory; where is thy zeal and thy strength, the sounding of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me? are they restrained? 16 Doubtless thou art our ~~father~~ **Father**, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not; thou, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, art our ~~father~~ **Father**, our ~~redeemer~~ **Redeemer**; thy name is from everlasting. 17 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, why hast thou ~~made~~ **suffered** us to err from thy ways, and ~~hardened to harden~~ **hardened** our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance. 18 The people of thy holiness have possessed it but a little while; our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary. 19 We are thine; thou never barest rule over them; they were not called by thy name.

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1 Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come

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down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence, 2 As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence! 3 When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence. 4 For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, ~~beside~~ **besides** thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him. 5 Thou meetest him that ~~rejoiceth and~~ worketh righteousness, ~~those and~~ **rejoiceth him** that ~~remember~~ **remembereth** thee in thy ways: ~~behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned:~~ in ~~those~~ **righteousness there** is continuance, and ~~we~~ **such** shall be saved. 6 But **we have sinned**; we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. 7 And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee; for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. 8 But now, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, thou art our ~~father~~ **Father**; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand. 9 Be not wroth very sore, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, neither remember iniquity ~~for ever:~~ **forever**; behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people. 10 Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. 11 Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire; and all our pleasant things are laid waste. 12 Wilt thou refrain thyself for these things, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

1 I am ~~sought~~ **found** of them **who seek after me, I give unto all them** that ~~asked not for~~ **ask of** me; I am **not** found of them that sought me not; **or that inquireth not after me.** 2 I said **unto my servant**, Behold me, ~~behold~~ **look upon me**; **I will send you** unto a nation that ~~was~~ **is** not called ~~by~~ **after** my name. ~~2,~~ **for** I have spread out my hands all the day ~~unto~~ **to** a ~~rebellious people, which~~ **people who** walketh **not** in ~~a way that was~~ **my ways, and their works are evil and** not good, **and they walk** after their own thoughts. 3 A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick; 4 Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments; which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable ~~things is in~~ **beasts, and pollute** their vessels; 5 Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day. 6 Behold, it is written before me; I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom, 7 Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills; therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom. 8 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it; so will I do for my servants' ~~sakes~~ **sake**, that I may not destroy them all. 9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains; and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there. 10 And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a

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place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me. 11 But ye are they that forsake the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number. 12 Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter; because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not. 13 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry; behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty; behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed. 14 Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit. 15 And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen; for the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name; 16 That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes. 17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. 18 But be ye glad and rejoice ~~for ever~~ **forever** in that which I create; for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. 19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people; and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. 20 ~~There~~ **In those days there** shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days; for the child shall **not** die, **but shall live to be** an hundred years old; but the sinner ~~being~~, **living**

to be an hundred years old, shall be accursed. 21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. 22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat; for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. 23 They shall not ~~labour~~ **labor** in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and their offspring with them. 24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock; and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? 2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. 3 He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. 4 I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear; but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that

in which I delighted not. 5 Hear the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** be glorified; but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed. 6 A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that rendereth ~~recompence~~ **recompense** to his enemies. 7 Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man - child. 8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. 9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God. 10 Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her; rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her; 11 That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory. 12 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream; then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees. 13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. 14 And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb; and the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies. 15 For, behold, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames

of fire. 16 For by fire and by his sword will the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** plead with all flesh; and the slain of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall be many. 17 They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 18 For I know their works and their thoughts; it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory. 19 And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal; and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles. 20 And they shall bring all your brethren for ~~an~~ **a** offering unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 21 And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, so shall your seed and your name remain. 23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 24 And they shall go forth, and look upon the ~~carcases~~ **carcasses** of the men that have transgressed against me; for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

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1 The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin; 2 To whom the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. 3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month. 4 Then the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. 6 Then said I, Ah, Lord ~~GOD!~~ **God!** behold, I cannot speak; for I am a child. 7 But the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto me, Say not, I am a child; for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. 8 Be not afraid of their faces; for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 9 Then the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. 10 See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant. 11 Moreover the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree. 12 Then said the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** unto me, Thou hast well seen; for I will hasten my word to perform it. 13 And the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me the second time,

saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot; and the face thereof is toward the north. 14 Then the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto me, Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. 15 For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and they shall come, and they shall set ~~every one~~ **everyone** his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah. 16 And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands. 17 Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee; be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them. 18 For, behold, I have made thee this day a ~~defenced~~ **defensed** city, and an iron pillar, and ~~braser~~ **brazen** walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land. 19 And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to deliver thee.

2

1 Moreover the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came to me, saying, 2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown. 3 Israel was holiness unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and the firstfruits of his

increase; all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 4 Hear ye the word of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel; 5 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain? 6 Neither said they, Where is the ~~LORD~~ Lord that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt? 7 And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination. 8 The priests said not, Where is the ~~LORD~~ Lord? and they that handle the law knew me not; the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit. 9 Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and with your children's children will I plead. 10 For pass over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing. 11 Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit. 12 Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. 14 Is Israel a servant? is he a homeborn slave? why is he spoiled? 15 The young lions roared upon him,

and yelled, and they made his land waste; his cities are burned without inhabitant. 16 Also the children of Noph and Tahapanes have broken the crown of thy head. 17 Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the ~~LORD~~ Lord thy God, when he led thee by the way? 18 And now what hast thou to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river? 19 Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee; know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the ~~LORD~~ Lord thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ God of hosts. 20 For of old time I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot. 21 Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed; how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me? 22 For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ God. 23 How canst thou say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim? see See thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done; thou art a swift dromedary traversing her ways; 24 A wild ass used to the wilderness, that snuffeth up the wind at her pleasure; in her occasion who can turn her away? all they that seek her will ~~not~~ weary themselves; in her month they shall **not** find her. 25 Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst; but thou saidst, There is no hope; no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go. 26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the

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house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets, 27 Saying to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth; for they have turned their back unto me, and not their face; but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us. 28 But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble; for according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah. 29 Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye all have transgressed against me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 30 In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction; your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion. 31 O generation, see ye the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? a land of darkness? wherefore say my people, We are lords; we will come no more unto thee? 32 Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number. 33 Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love? therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways. 34 Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents; I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these. 35 Yet thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will plead with thee, because thou sayest, I have not sinned. 36 Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? thou also shalt be ashamed of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria. 37 Yea, thou shalt go forth from him, and thine hands upon thine head; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them.

3

1 They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 2 Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been ~~lie~~ **lain** with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and ~~with thy~~ wickedness. 3 Therefore ~~the~~ **thy** showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed. 4 Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou art the guide of my youth? 5 Will he reserve his anger ~~for ever~~ **forever**? will he keep it to the end? Behold, thou hast spoken and done evil things as thou couldest. 6 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot. 7 And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. 8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery, I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also. 9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks. 10 And yet, for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart,

but feignedly, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 11 And the ~~LORD~~ Lord said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah. 12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you; for I am merciful, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and I will not keep anger ~~for ever~~ forever. 13 Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the ~~LORD~~ Lord thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord; for I am married unto you; and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion; 15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. 16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ Lord; neither shall it come to mind; neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done ~~any more~~ anymore. 17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, to Jerusalem; neither shall they walk ~~any more~~ anymore after the imagination of their evil heart. 18 In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers. 19 But I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of

nations? and I said, Thou shalt call me, My father; and shalt not turn away from me. 20 Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 21 A voice was heard upon the high places, weeping and supplications of the children of Israel; for they have perverted their way, and they have forgotten the ~~LORD~~ Lord their God. 22 Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the ~~LORD~~ Lord our God. 23 Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains; truly in the ~~LORD~~ Lord our God is the salvation of Israel. 24 For shame hath devoured the ~~labour~~ labor of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. 25 We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us; for we have sinned against the ~~LORD~~ Lord our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the ~~LORD~~ Lord our God.

4

1 If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord, return unto me; and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove. 2 And thou shalt swear, The ~~LORD~~ Lord liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory. 3 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns. 4 Circumcise yourselves to the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and

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inhabitants of Jerusalem; lest my fury come forth like a fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings. 5 Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land; cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the ~~defenced~~ **defensed** cities. 6 Set up the standard toward Zion; retire, stay not; for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction. 7 The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant. 8 For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl; for the fierce anger of the **LORD Lord** is not turned back from us. 9 And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the **LORD Lord**, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder. 10 Then said I, Ah, Lord ~~GOD!~~ **God!** surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul. 11 At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A dry wind of the high places in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to fan, nor to cleanse, 12 Even a full wind from those places shall come unto me; now also will I give sentence against them. 13 Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots shall be as a whirlwind; his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled. 14 O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee? 15 For a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim. 16 Make ye mention to the

nations; behold, publish against Jerusalem, that watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah. 17 As keepers of a field, are they against her round about; because she hath been rebellious against me, saith the **LORD Lord**. 18 Thy way and thy doings have procured these things unto thee; this is thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart. 19 My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. 20 Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled; suddenly are my tents spoiled, and my curtains in a moment. 21 How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet? 22 For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding; they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge. 23 I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. 24 I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. 25 I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. 26 I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the **LORD Lord**, and by his fierce anger. 27 For thus hath the **LORD Lord** said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end. 28 For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black; because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it. 29 The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they

shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks; every city shall be forsaken, and not a man dwell therein. 30 And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life. 31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that bewaileth herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

5

1 Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it. 2 And though they say, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** liveth; surely they swear falsely. 3 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction; they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return. 4 Therefore I said, Surely these are poor; they are foolish; for they know not the way of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, nor the judgment of their God. 5 I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and the judgment of their God; but these have altogether broken the yoke, and burst the bonds. 6 Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, and a wolf of the evenings shall spoil them, a leopard

shall watch over their cities: ~~every one~~; **everyone** that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces; because their transgressions are many, and their backslidings are increased. 7 How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods; when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses. 8 They were as fed horses in the morning: ~~every one~~; **everyone** neighed after his ~~neighbour's~~ **neighbor's** wife. 9 Shall I not visit for these things? saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? 10 Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy; but make not a full end; take away her battlements; for they are not the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's**. 11 For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 12 They have belied the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and said, It is not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine; 13 And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them; thus shall it be done unto them. 14 Wherefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them. 15 Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say. 16 Their quiver is as an open ~~sepulchre~~ **sepulcher**, they are all mighty men. 17 And they shall eat up thine harvest, and thy bread, which thy sons and thy daughters should eat; they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds; they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees; they

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shall impoverish thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the sword. 18 Nevertheless in those days, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, I will not make a full end with you. 19 And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, Wherefore doeth the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God all these things unto us? then shalt thou answer them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in ~~a~~ **the** land that is not ~~your's~~ **yours**. 20 Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying, 21 Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not; 22 Fear ye not me? saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it; and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it? 23 But this people hath a revolting and ~~a~~ rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. 24 Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season; he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest. 25 Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you. 26 For among my people are found wicked men; they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men. 27 As a cage is ~~as~~ full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit; therefore they are become great, and waxen rich. 28 They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked; they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge. 29 Shall I not visit for

these things? saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? 30 A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; 31 The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so; and what will ye do in the end thereof?

6

1 O ye children of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and set up a sign of fire in ~~Bethhaccerem~~ **Beth-haccerem**; for evil appeareth out of the north, and great destruction. 2 I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate woman. 3 The shepherds with their flocks shall come unto her; they shall pitch their tents against her round about; they shall feed ~~every one~~ **everyone** in his place. 4 Prepare ye war against her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe unto us! for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out. 5 Arise, and let us go by night, and let us destroy her palaces. 6 For thus hath the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts said, Hew ye down trees, and cast a mount against Jerusalem; this is the city to be visited; she is wholly oppression in the midst of her. 7 As a fountain casteth out her waters, so she casteth out her wickedness; violence and spoil is heard in her; before me continually is grief and wounds. 8 Be thou instructed, O Jerusalem, lest my soul depart from thee; lest I make thee desolate, **and** a land not inhabited. 9 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, They shall ~~thoroughly~~ **thoroughly** glean the remnant of Israel as a vine; turn back thine hand as a grapegatherer into the baskets. 10 To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? ~~behold~~

Behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken; behold, the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it. 11 Therefore I am full of the fury of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; I am weary with holding in; I will pour it out upon the children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together; for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him that is full of days. 12 And their houses shall be turned unto others, with their fields and wives together; for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them ~~every one~~ **everyone** is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest ~~every one~~ **everyone** dealeth falsely. 14 They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. 15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush; therefore they shall fall among them that fall; at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 16 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. 17 Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken. 18 Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them. 19 Hear, O earth; behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it. 20 To what purpose cometh there to me incense

from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me. 21 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Behold, I will lay ~~stumbling blocks~~ **stumbling blocks** before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them; the ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor** and his friend shall perish. 22 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Behold, a people cometh from the north country, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth. 23 They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, set in array as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion. 24 We have heard the fame thereof; our hands wax feeble; anguish hath taken hold of us, and pain, as of a woman in travail. 25 Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy and fear is on every side. 26 O daughter of my people, gird thee with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes; make thee mourning, as for an only son; most bitter ~~lamentation~~ **lamentations**, for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us. 27 I have set thee for a tower and a fortress among my people, that thou mayest know and try their way. 28 They are all grievous revolvers, walking with slanders; they are brass and iron; they are all corrupters. 29 The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed of the fire; the founder melteth in vain; for the wicked are not plucked away. 30 Reprobate silver shall men call them, because the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath rejected them.

7

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, 2 Stand in the gate of the ~~LORD's~~

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Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 3 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. 4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, The temple of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, The temple of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, are these. 5 For if ye ~~thoroughly~~ **thoroughly** amend your ways and your doings; if ye ~~thoroughly~~ **thoroughly** execute judgment between a man and his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**; 6 If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt; 7 Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, ~~for ever~~ **forever** and ever. 8 Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. 9 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; 10 And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations? 11 Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 12 But go ye now unto my place which was in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel. 13 And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not; 14 Therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I

gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh. 15 And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim. 16 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me; for I will not hear thee. 17 Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? 18 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger. 19 Do they provoke me to anger? saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces? 20 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Behold, mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched. 21 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel; Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh. 22 For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices; 23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people; and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. 24 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels, and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward. 25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day, I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and

sending them: 26 Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck;; they did worse than their fathers. 27 Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee;; thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee. 28 But thou shalt say unto them, This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** their God, nor receiveth correction;; truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth. 29 Cut off thine hair, O Jerusalem, and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on high places; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath. 30 For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it. 31 And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart. 32 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter;; for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no place. 33 And the ~~carcases~~ **carcasses** of this people shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall fray them away. 34 Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride;; for the land shall be desolate.

8

1 At that time, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, they shall bring out the bones of the

kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, ~~out~~ **our** of their graves;; 2 And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have ~~worshipped~~ **worshipped**; they shall not be gathered, nor be buried;; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth. 3 And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places whither I have driven them, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 4 Moreover thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away, and not return? 5 Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. 6 I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright;; no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? ~~every one~~ **everyone** turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle. 7 Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 8 How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain. 9 The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken;; lo, they have rejected the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and what wisdom is in them ?; 10 Therefore will I give their wives unto others, and their fields to them that shall inherit them;; for ~~every one~~ **everyone** from the least even unto the greatest

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is given to covetousness, from the prophet, even unto the priest ~~every one~~ **everyone** dealeth falsely. 11 For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. 12 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush; therefore shall they fall among them that fall; in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 13 I will surely consume them, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; there shall be no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and the things that I have given them shall pass away from them. 14 Why do we sit still? assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the ~~defenced~~ **defensed** cities, and let us be silent there; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God hath put us to silence, and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 15 We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble! 16 The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan; the whole land trembled at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones; for they are come, and have devoured the land, and all that is in it; the city, and those that dwell therein. 17 For, behold, I will send serpents, cockatrices, among you, which will not be charmed, and they shall bite you, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 18 When I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart is faint in me. 19 Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people because of them that dwell in a far country; Is not the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in Zion? is not her king in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities? 20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not

saved. 21 For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am black; astonishment hath taken hold on me. 22 Is there no balm in Gilead; ? is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

9

1 Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people! 2 Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them! for they be all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men. 3 And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies; but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 4 Take ye heed ~~every one~~ **everyone** of his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**, and trust ye not in any brother; for every brother will utterly supplant, and every ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor** will walk with slanders. 5 And they will deceive ~~every one~~ **everyone** his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**, and will not speak the truth; they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity. 6 Thine habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 7 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, Behold, I will melt them, and try them; for how shall I do for the daughter of my people? 8 Their tongue is as an arrow shot out; it speaketh deceit; one speaketh peaceably to his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor** with his mouth, but in heart he layeth his wait. 9 Shall I not visit them for these things? saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? 10 For the mountains

will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the habitations of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none can pass through them; neither can men hear the voice of the cattle; both the fowl of the heavens and the beast are fled; they are gone. 11 And I will make Jerusalem heaps, and a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant. 12 Who is the wise man, that may understand this? and who is he to whom the mouth of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath spoken, that he may declare it, for what the land perisheth and is burned up like a wilderness, that none passeth through? 13 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein; 14 But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them; 15 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink. 16 I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have known; and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them. 17 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for cunning women, that they may come. 18 And let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters. 19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because our dwellings have cast us out. 20 Yet hear the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his

mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and ~~every one~~ **everyone** her ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor** lamentation. 21 For death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, and the young men from the streets. 22 Speak, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Even the ~~carcasses~~ **carcasses** of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvestman, and none shall gather them. 23 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; 24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** which exercise ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness**, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth; for in these things I delight, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 25 Behold, the days come, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that I will punish all them which are circumcised with the uncircumcised; 26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all that are in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness; for all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.

10

1 Hear ye the word which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** speaketh unto you, O house of Israel; 2 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. 3 For the customs of the people are vain; for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. 4 They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and

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with hammers, that it move not. 5 They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not;; they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good. 6 Forasmuch as there is none like unto thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; thou art great, and thy name is great in might. 7 Who would not fear thee, O King of nations? for to thee doth it appertain;; forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is none like unto thee. 8 But they are altogether brutish and foolish;; the stock is a doctrine of vanities. 9 Silver spread into plates is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the workman, and of the hands of the founder;; blue and purple is their clothing;; they are all the work of cunning men. 10 But the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting ~~king~~ **King**; at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation. 11 Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens. 12 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion. 13 When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the ~~vapours~~ **vapors** to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh ~~lightnings~~ **lightning's** with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures. 14 Every man is brutish in his knowledge;; every founder is confounded by the graven image;; for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them. 15 They are vanity, and the work of errors;; in the time of their visitation they shall perish. 16 The

portion of Jacob is not like them;; for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the rod of his inheritance;; The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts is his name. 17 Gather up thy wares out of the land, O inhabitant of the fortress. 18 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this once, and will distress them, that they may find it so. 19 Woe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous; but I said, Truly this is a grief, and I must bear it. 20 My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken;; my children are gone forth of me, and they are not;; there is none to stretch forth my tent ~~any more~~ **anymore**, and to set up my curtains. 21 For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered. 22 Behold, the noise of the bruit is come, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah desolate, and a den of dragons. 23 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, I know that the way of man is not in himself;; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. 24 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing. 25 Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name;; for they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and consumed him, and have made his habitation desolate.

11

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, 2 Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; 3 And say thou unto them, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel; Cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words

of this covenant, 4 Which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you; so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God; 5 That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. Then answered I, and said, So be it, O ~~LORD~~ Lord. 6 Then the ~~LORD~~ Lord said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them. 7 For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice. 8 Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked ~~every one~~ everyone in the imagination of their evil heart; therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do; but they did them not. 9 And the ~~LORD~~ Lord said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 10 They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them; the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers. 11 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them. 12 Then shall the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem go, and cry unto the gods unto whom they offer incense; but they shall not save them at all in the time of their trouble. 13 For

according to the number of thy cities were thy gods, O Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye set up altars to that shameful thing, even altars to burn incense unto Baal. 14 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them; for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble. 15 What hath my beloved to do in mine house, seeing she hath wrought lewdness with many, and the holy flesh is passed from thee? when thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest. 16 The ~~LORD~~ Lord called thy name, A green olive tree, fair, and of goodly fruit; with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken. 17 For the ~~LORD~~ Lord of hosts, that planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke me to anger in offering incense unto Baal. 18 And the ~~LORD~~ Lord hath given me knowledge of it, and I know it; then thou ~~showedst~~ showedst me their doings. 19 But I was like a lamb or an ox that is brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised devices against me, saying, Let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered. 20 But, O ~~LORD~~ Lord of hosts, that judgest righteously, that triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them; for unto thee have I revealed my cause. 21 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord of the men of Anathoth, that seek thy life, saying, Prophecy not in the name of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, that thou die not by our hand; 22 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord of hosts, Behold, I will punish them; the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and

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their daughters shall die by famine;;
23 And there shall be no remnant of
them;; for I will bring evil upon the
men of Anathoth, even the year of
their visitation.

12

1 Righteous art thou, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**,
when I plead with thee;; yet let me
talk with thee of thy judgments;;
Wherefore doth the way of the
wicked prosper? wherefore are all
they happy that deal very
treacherously ?; 2 Thou hast planted
them, yea, they have taken root;; they
grow, yea, they bring forth fruit;;
thou art near in their mouth, and far
from their reins. 3 But thou, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**,
knowest me;; thou hast seen
me, and tried mine heart toward
thee;; pull them out like sheep for the
slaughter, and prepare them for the
day of slaughter. 4 How long shall
the land mourn, and the herbs of
every field wither, for the wickedness
of them that dwell therein? the beasts
are consumed, and the birds; because
they said, He shall not see our last
end. 5 If thou hast run with ~~the~~ **our**
footmen, and they have wearied thee,
then how canst thou contend with
horses? and if in the land of peace,
wherein thou trustedst, they wearied
thee, then how wilt thou do in the
swelling of Jordan? 6 For even thy
brethren, and the house of thy father,
even they have dealt treacherously
with thee; yea, they have called a
multitude after thee;; believe them
not, though they speak fair words
unto thee. 7 I have forsaken mine
house, I have left mine heritage; I
have given the dearly beloved of my
soul into the hand of her enemies. 8
Mine heritage is unto me as a lion in
the forest; it crieth out against me;;
therefore have I hated it. 9 Mine
heritage is unto me as a speckled
bird, the birds round about are against

her; come ye, assemble all the beasts
of the field, come to devour. 10 Many
pastors have destroyed my vineyard,
they have trodden my portion under
foot, they have made my pleasant
portion a desolate wilderness. 11
They have made it desolate, and
being desolate it mourneth unto me;
the whole land is made desolate,
because no man layeth it to heart. 12
The spoilers are come upon all high
places through the wilderness;; for
the sword of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall
devour from the one end of the land
even to the other end of the land;; no
flesh shall have peace. 13 They have
sown wheat, but shall reap thorns;;
they have put themselves to pain, but
shall not profit;; and they shall be
ashamed of your revenues because of
the fierce anger of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.
14 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**
against all mine evil ~~neighbours~~
neighbors, that touch the inheritance
which I have caused my people Israel
to inherit; Behold, I will pluck them
out of their land, and pluck out the
house of Judah from among them. 15
And it shall come to pass, after that I
have plucked them out I will return,
and have compassion on them, and
will bring them again, every man to
his heritage, and every man to his
land. 16 And it shall come to pass, if
they will diligently learn the ways of
my people, to swear by my name,
The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** liveth; as they
taught my people to swear by Baal;
then shall they be built in the midst of
my people. 17 But if they will not
obey, I will utterly pluck up and
destroy that nation, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

13

1 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** unto
me, Go and get thee a linen girdle,
and put it upon thy loins, and put it
not in water. 2 So I got a girdle

according to the word of the **LORD Lord**, and put it on my ~~loins~~ lions. 3 And the word of the **LORD Lord** came unto me the second time, saying, 4 Take the girdle that thou hast got, which is upon thy loins, and arise, go to Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole of the rock. 5 So I went, and hid it by Euphrates, as the **LORD Lord** commanded me. 6 And it came to pass after many days, that the **LORD Lord** said unto me, Arise, go to Euphrates, and take the girdle from thence, which I commanded thee to hide there. 7 Then I went to Euphrates, and digged, and took the girdle from the place where I had ~~hid~~ hit it; and, behold, the girdle was marred, it was profitable for nothing. 8 Then the word of the **LORD Lord** came unto me, saying, 9 Thus saith the **LORD Lord**, After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem. 10 This evil people; which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing. 11 For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith the **LORD Lord**; that they might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory; but they would not hear. 12 Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word; Thus saith the **LORD Lord** God of Israel, Every bottle shall be filled with wine; and they shall say unto thee, Do we not certainly know that every bottle shall be filled with wine? 13 Then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the **LORD Lord**, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants

of Jerusalem, with drunkenness. 14 And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, saith the **LORD Lord**; I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy them. 15 Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud; for the **LORD Lord** hath spoken. 16 Give glory to the **LORD Lord** your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and; while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness. 17 But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the **LORD's Lord's** flock is carried away captive. 18 Say unto the king and to the queen, Humble yourselves, sit down; for your principalities shall come down, even the crown of your glory. 19 The cities of the south shall be shut up, and none shall open them; Judah shall be carried away captive all of it, it shall be wholly carried away captive. 20 Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north; where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock? 21 What wilt thou say when he shall punish thee? for thou hast taught them to be captains, and as chief over thee; shall not sorrows take thee, as a woman in travail? 22 And if thou say in thine heart, Wherefore come these things upon me? For the greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts discovered, and thy heels made bare. 23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil. 24 Therefore will I scatter them as the stubble that passeth away by the wind of the wilderness. 25 This is thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the **LORD Lord**; because thou hast forgotten me, and

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trusted in falsehood. 26 Therefore will I discover thy skirts upon thy face; that thy shame may appear. 27 I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, and thine abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! wilt thou not be made clean? when shall it once be?

14

1 The word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that came to Jeremiah concerning the dearth. 2 Judah mourneth, and the gates thereof languish; they are black unto the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up. 3 And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters; they came to the pits, and found no water; they returned with their vessels empty; they were ashamed and confounded, and covered their heads. 4 Because the ground is ~~chapt~~ **chapped**, for there was no rain in the earth, the ~~plowmen~~ **ploughmen** were ashamed, they covered their heads. 5 Yea, the hind also calved in the field, and forsook it, because there was no grass. 6 And the wild asses did stand in the high places, they snuffed up the wind like dragons; their eyes did fail, because there was no grass. 7 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou it for thy name's sake; for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee. 8 O the hope of Israel, the ~~saviour~~ **Savior** thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night? 9 Why shouldest thou be as a man ~~astoried~~ **astonished**, as a mighty man that cannot save? yet thou, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not. 10 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** unto this people, Thus have they loved to

wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** doth not accept them; he will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins. 11 Then said the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** unto me, Pray not for this people for their good. 12 When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them; but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence. 13 Then said I, Ah, Lord ~~GOD!~~ **God!** behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place. 14 Then the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name; I sent them not, neither have I commanded them; neither spake unto them; they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of ~~nought~~ **naught**, and the deceit of their heart. 15 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed. 16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem, because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters; for I will pour their wickedness upon them. 17 Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them; Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease; for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow. 18 If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold them that are sick with famine! yea, both the prophet and the priest go about into a

land that they know not. 19 Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul ~~loathed~~ **loathed** Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? we looked for peace, and there is no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble! 20 We acknowledge, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers;; for we have sinned against thee. 21 Do not abhor us, for thy name's sake;; do not disgrace the throne of thy glory;; remember, break not thy covenant with us. 22 Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? ~~art~~ **Art** not thou he, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God? therefore we will wait upon thee;; for thou hast made all these things.

15

1 Then said the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind could not be toward this people;; cast them out of my sight, and let them go forth. 2 And it shall come to pass, if they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for the captivity, to the captivity. 3 And I will appoint over them four kinds, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destroy. 4 And I will cause them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for that which he did in Jerusalem. 5 For who shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem? or who shall bemoan thee? or who shall go aside to ask

how thou doest? 6 Thou hast forsaken me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, thou art gone backward;; therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee; I am weary with repenting. 7 And I will fan them with a fan in the gates of the land; I will bereave them of children, I will destroy my people, since they return not from their ways. 8 Their widows are increased to me above the sand of the seas;; I have brought upon them against the mother of the young men a spoiler at noonday;; I have caused him to fall upon it suddenly, and terrors upon the city. 9 She that hath borne seven languisheth;; she hath given up the ghost; her sun is gone down while it was yet day;; she hath been ashamed and confounded;; and the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 10 Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury; yet ~~every one~~ **everyone** of them doth curse me. 11 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said, Verily it shall be well with thy remnant; verily I will cause the enemy to entreat thee well in the time of evil and in the time of affliction. 12 Shall iron break the northern iron and the steel? 13 Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the spoil without price, and that for all thy sins, even in all thy borders. 14 And I will make thee to pass with thine enemies into a land which thou knowest not;; for a fire is kindled in mine anger, which shall burn upon you. 15 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, thou knowest;; remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy ~~longsuffering~~ **long-suffering**; know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke. 16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and

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rejoicing of mine heart; for I am called by thy name, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of hosts. 17 I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand; for thou hast filled me with indignation. 18 Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed? wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar, and as waters that fail? 19 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before me; and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth; let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them. 20 And I will make thee unto this people a fenced ~~bracen~~ **brazen** wall; and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 21 And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

16

1 The word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came also unto me, saying, 2 Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons ~~or~~ **nor** daughters in this place. 3 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that begat them in this land; 4 They shall die of grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented; neither shall they be buried; but they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth; and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their ~~carcases~~ **carcasses** shall be meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth. 5 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Enter not

into the house of mourning, neither go to lament nor bemoan them; for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, even ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness** and mercies. 6 Both the great and the small shall die in this land; they shall not be buried, neither shall men lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them. 7 Neither shall men tear themselves for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother. 8 Thou shalt not also go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and to drink. 9 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride. 10 And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt ~~shew~~ **show** this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God? 11 Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law; 12 And ye have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk ~~every~~ **one everyone** after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me; 13 Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, neither ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; where I will not ~~shew~~ **show** you ~~favour~~ **favor**. 14 Therefore, behold, the days come,

saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord, that it shall no more be said, The ~~LORD~~ Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; 15 But, The ~~LORD~~ Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them; and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers. 16 Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. 17 For mine eyes are upon all their ways; they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes. 18 And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the ~~carcases~~ **carcasses** of their detestable and abominable things. 19 O ~~LORD~~ Lord, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit. 20 Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they are no gods? 21 Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is The ~~LORD~~ Lord.

17

1 The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond; it is graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars; 2 Whilst their children remember their altars and their groves by the green trees upon the high hills. 3 O my mountain in the

field, I will give thy substance and all thy treasures to the spoil, and thy high places for sin, throughout all thy borders. 4 And thou, even thyself, shalt discontinue from thine heritage that I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not; for ye have kindled a fire in mine anger, which shall burn ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 5 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm; and **the man** whose heart departeth from the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. 7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and whose hope the ~~LORD~~ Lord is. 8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. 9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? 10 I the ~~LORD~~ Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. 11 As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool. 12 A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary. 13 O ~~LORD~~ Lord, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the ~~LORD~~ Lord, the fountain of living waters. 14 Heal me, O ~~LORD~~ Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved; for thou art my

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praise. 15 Behold, they say unto me, Where is the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**? let it come now. 16 As for me, I have not hastened from being a pastor to follow thee; neither have I desired the woeful day; thou knowest; that which came out of my lips was right before thee. 17 Be not a terror unto me; thou art my hope in the day of evil. 18 Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded; let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed; bring upon them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction. 19 Thus said the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** unto me; Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem; 20 And say unto them, Hear ye the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates; 21 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem; 22 Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers. 23 But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction. 24 And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein; 25 Then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and this city shall remain

~~for ever~~ **forever**. 26 And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meat offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of praise, unto the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 27 But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

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1 The word which came to Jeremiah from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, 2 Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. 3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. 4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. 5 Then the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came to me, saying, 6 O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel. 7 At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it; 8 If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will ~~repent of~~ **withhold** the evil that I thought to do unto them. 9 And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; 10 If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice,

then I will ~~repent of~~ **withhold** the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them. 11 Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you; return ye now ~~every one~~ **everyone** from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good. 12 And they said, There is no hope; but we will walk after our own devices, and we will ~~every one~~ **everyone** do the imagination of his evil heart. 13 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**; Ask ye now among the heathen, who hath heard such things; the virgin of Israel hath done a very horrible thing. 14 Will ~~a man~~ **you not** leave the snow of ~~Lebanon~~ **which cometh from the rock fields of the field? or Lebanon**; shall **not** the cold flowing waters that come from another place **from the rock**, be forsaken? 15 Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up; 16 To make their land desolate, and a perpetual hissing; ~~every one~~ **everyone** that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and wag his head. 17 I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will ~~shew~~ **show** them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity. 18 Then said they, Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him with the tongue; and let us not give heed to any of his words. 19 Give heed to me, O ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me. 20 Shall evil be recompensed for good? for they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember

that I stood before thee to speak good for them, and to turn away thy wrath from them. 21 Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and pour out their blood by the force of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and be widows; and let their men be put to death; let their young men be slain by the sword in battle. 22 Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them; for they have digged a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet. 23 Yet, ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, thou knowest all their counsel against me to slay me; forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy sight, but let them be overthrown before thee; deal thus with them in the time of thine anger.

19

1 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, Go and get a potter's earthen bottle, and take of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests; 2 And go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of the east gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee; 3 And say, Hear ye the word of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle. 4 Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents; 5 They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither came it into my

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mind; 6 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that this place shall no more be called Tophet, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of slaughter. 7 And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hands of them that seek their lives; and their ~~carcases~~ **carcasses** will I give to be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth. 8 And I will make this city desolate, and ~~an~~ **a** hissing; ~~every one~~ **everyone** that passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss, because of all the plagues thereof. 9 And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat ~~every one~~ **everyone** the flesh of his friend in the siege and straitness, wherewith their enemies, and they that seek their lives, shall straiten them. 10 Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee, 11 And shalt say unto them, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again; and they shall bury them in Tophet, till there be no place to bury. 12 Thus will I do unto this place, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and to the inhabitants thereof, and even make this city as Tophet; 13 And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be defiled as the place of Tophet, because of all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink offerings unto other gods. 14 Then came Jeremiah from Tophet, whither the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** house; and said to all the people, 15 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the God of

Israel; Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because they have hardened their necks, that they might not hear my words.

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1 Now Pashur the son of Immer the priest, who was also chief governor in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things. 2 Then Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the high gate of Benjamin, which was by the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 3 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pashur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah unto him, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath not called thy name Pashur, but ~~Magor-missabib~~ **Magor-missabib**. 4 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends; and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold it; and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword. 5 Moreover I will deliver all the strength of this city, and all the ~~labours~~ **labors** thereof, and all the precious things thereof, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon. 6 And thou, Pashur, and all that dwell in thine house, shall go into captivity; and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and shalt be buried there, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied lies. 7 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, thou hast ~~deceived~~ **deceive** me, and I was deceived; thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed; I am in

sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?

21

1 The word which came unto Jeremiah from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, when king Zedekiah sent unto him Pashur the son of Melchiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, saying, 2 ~~Enquire~~ **Inquire**, I pray thee, of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** for us; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon maketh war against us; if so be that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us. 3 Then said Jeremiah unto them, Thus shall ye say to Zedekiah;; 4 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel; Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans, which besiege you without the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city. 5 And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath. 6 And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast;; they shall die of a great pestilence. 7 And afterward, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life;; and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy. 8 And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death. 9 He that abideth in this city shall die

derision daily, ~~every one~~ **everyone** mocketh me. 8 For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily. 9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak ~~any more~~ **anymore** in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay. 10 For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, say they, and we will report it. All my familiars watched for my halting, saying, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him. 11 But the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is with me as a mighty terrible one;; therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail;; they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper;; their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten. 12 But, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, that triest the righteous, and seest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them;; for unto thee have I opened my cause. 13 Sing unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evildoers. 14 Cursed be the day wherein I was born;; let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed. 15 Cursed be the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man - child is born unto thee; making him very glad. 16 And let that man be as the cities which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** overthrew, and repented not;; and let him hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noontide; 17 Because he slew me not from the womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb to be always great with me. 18 Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see ~~labour~~ **labor** and

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by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he that goeth out, and falleth to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prey. 10 For I have set my face against this city for evil, and not for good, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire. 11 And touching the house of the king of Judah, say, Hear ye the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; 12 O house of David, thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Execute judgment in the morning, and deliver him that is spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my fury go out like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings. 13 Behold, I am against thee, O inhabitant of the valley, and rock of the plain, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; which say, Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations? 14 But I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about it.

22

1 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, 2 And say, Hear the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, O ~~king~~ **King** of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people that enter in by these gates; 3 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor; and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place. 4 For if ye do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this

house kings sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people. 5 But if ye will not hear these words, I swear by myself, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that this house shall become a desolation. 6 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** unto the ~~king's~~ **King's** house of Judah; Thou art Gilead unto me, and the head of Lebanon; yet surely I will make thee a wilderness, and cities which are not inhabited. 7 And I will prepare destroyers against thee, ~~every one~~ **everyone** with his weapons; and they shall cut down thy choice cedars, and cast them into the fire. 8 And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**, Wherefore hath the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** done thus unto this great city? 9 Then they shall answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** their God, and ~~worshipped~~ **worshiped** other gods, and served them. 10 Weep ye not for the dead; neither bemoan him; but weep sore for him that goeth away; for he shall return no more, nor see his native country. 11 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** touching Shallum the son of Josiah king of Judah, which reigned instead of Josiah his father, which went forth out of this place; He shall not return thither ~~any more~~ **anymore**; 12 But he shall die in the place whither they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more. 13 Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; that useth his ~~neighbour's~~ **neighbor's** service without wages, and giveth him not for his work; 14 That saith, I will build me a wide house and large chambers, and cutteth him out windows; and it is ~~cieled~~ **ceiled** with cedar, and painted with vermilion. 15 Shalt thou reign, because thou closest thyself in cedar?

did not thy father eat and drink, and do judgment and justice, and then it was well with him? 16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well with him; was not this to know me? saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 17 But thine eyes and thine heart are not but for thy covetousness, and for to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it. 18 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah; They shall not lament for him, saying, Ah my brother! or, Ah sister! they shall not lament for him, saying, Ah lord! or, Ah his glory! 19 He shall be buried with the burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem. 20 Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up thy voice in Bashan, and cry from the passages; for all thy lovers are destroyed. 21 I spake unto thee in thy prosperity; but thou saidst, I will not hear. This hath been thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not my voice. 22 The wind shall eat up all thy pastors, and thy lovers shall go into captivity; surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness. 23 O inhabitant of Lebanon, that makest thy nest in the cedars, how gracious shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, the pain as of a woman in travail! 24 As I live, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence; 25 And I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, and into the hand of them whose face thou fearest, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans. 26 And I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and there shall ye die. 27 But to the land whereunto they desire

to return, thither shall they not return. 28 Is this man Coniah a despised broken idol? is he a vessel wherein is no pleasure? wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they know not? 29 O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 30 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days; for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling ~~any more~~ **anymore** in Judah.

23

1 Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 2 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them; behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. 4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 5 Behold, the days come, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. 6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name whereby he shall be called, **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS**. 7 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, that they shall no more say, The ~~LORD~~ **LORD** liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out

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of the land of Egypt; 8 But, The ~~LORD~~ Lord liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land. 9 Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and because of the words of his holiness. 10 For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right. 11 For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 12 Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness; they shall be driven on, and fall therein; for I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 13 And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. 14 I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem ~~an~~ a horrible thing; they commit adultery, and walk in lies; they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness; they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah. 15 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall; for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land. 16 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord of hosts, Harken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you; they make you vain; they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out

of the mouth of the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 17 They say still unto them that despise me, The ~~LORD~~ Lord hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto ~~every one~~ everyone that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you. 18 For who hath stood in the counsel of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it? 19 Behold, a whirlwind of the ~~LORD~~ Lord is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind; it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. 20 The anger of the ~~LORD~~ Lord shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart; in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly. 21 I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran; I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. 22 But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. 23 Am I a God at hand, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and not a God afar off? 24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 25 I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. 26 How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; 27 Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams, which they tell every man to his ~~neighbour~~ neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal. 28 The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 29

Is not my word like as a fire? saith the **LORD Lord**; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? 30 Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the **LORD Lord**, that steal my words ~~every one~~ **everyone** from his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**. 31 Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the **LORD Lord**, that use their tongues, and say, He saith. 32 Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the **LORD Lord**, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them; therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the **LORD Lord**. 33 And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What is the burden of the **LORD Lord**? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? I will even forsake you, saith the **LORD Lord**. 34 And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of the **LORD Lord**, I will even punish that man and his house. 35 Thus shall ye say ~~every one~~ **everyone** to his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**, and ~~every one~~ **everyone** to his brother, What hath the **LORD Lord** answered? and, What hath the **LORD Lord** spoken? 36 And the burden of the **LORD Lord** shall ye mention no more; for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the **LORD Lord** of hosts our God. 37 Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath the **LORD Lord** answered thee? and, What hath the **LORD Lord** spoken? 38 But since ye say, The burden of the **LORD Lord**; therefore thus saith the **LORD Lord**; Because ye say this word, The burden of the **LORD Lord**, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the **LORD Lord**; 39 Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget

you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and cast you out of my presence; 40 And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

24

1 The ~~LORD shewed~~ **Lord showed** me, and, behold, two baskets of figs were set before the temple of the **LORD Lord**, after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. 2 One basket had very good figs, even like the figs that are first ripe; and the other basket had very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad. 3 Then said the **LORD Lord** unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil. 4 Again the word of the **LORD Lord** came unto me, saying, 5 Thus saith the **LORD Lord**, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for their good. 6 For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land; and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. 7 And I will give them ~~an~~ **a** heart to know me, that I am the **LORD Lord**; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God; for they shall return unto me with their whole heart. 8 And as the evil figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so evil; surely thus saith the **LORD Lord**, So will I give Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes,

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and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and them that dwell in the land of Egypt; 9 And I will deliver them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for their hurt, to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them. 10 And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

25

1 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that was the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; 2 The which Jeremiah the prophet spake unto all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, 3 From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, even unto this day, that is the three and twentieth year, the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye have not hearkened. 4 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets, rising early and sending them; but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear. 5 They said, Turn ye again now ~~every one~~ **everyone** from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath given unto you and to your fathers ~~for ever~~ **forever** and ever; 6 And go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke me not to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no hurt. 7 Yet ye have not hearkened unto me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; that ye might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt. 8 Therefore

thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; Because ye have not heard my words, 9 Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and ~~an~~ **a** hissing, and perpetual desolations. 10 Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle. 11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. 12 And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations. 13 And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations. 14 For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also; and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands. 15 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it. 16 And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them. 17 Then took I the cup at the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had sent me; 18 To wit, Jerusalem, and the cities

of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, ~~an~~ **a** hissing, and a curse; as it is this day; 19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people; 20 And all the mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod, 21 Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon, 22 And all the kings of Tyrus, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the isles which are beyond the sea, 23 Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all that are in the utmost corners, 24 And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the desert, 25 And all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes, 26 And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth;; and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them. 27 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel; Drink ye, and be drunken, and ~~spue~~ **spew**, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you. 28 And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup at thine hand to drink, then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; Ye shall certainly drink. 29 For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished;; for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 30 Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall

mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth. 31 A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath a controversy with the nations;; he will plead with all flesh; he will give ~~them that are~~ **the** wicked to the sword, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 32 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. 33 And the slain of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth;; they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground. 34 Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock;; for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel. 35 And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape. 36 A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and ~~an~~ **a** howling of the principal of the flock, shall be heard;; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath spoiled their pasture. 37 And the peaceable habitations are cut down because of the fierce anger of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 38 He hath forsaken his covert, as the lion;; for their land is desolate because of the fierceness of the oppressor, and because of his fierce anger.

26

1 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, 2 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Stand in the court of the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which

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come to worship in the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word. 3 If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, ~~that~~ **and repent**, I ~~may repent me of~~ **will turn away** the evil; which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings. 4 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you, 5 To hearken to the words of my servants, the prophets, whom I sent unto you, ~~both rising~~ **commanding them to rise** up early, and sending them, ~~but ye have not hearkened~~; 6 Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth; **for ye have not hearkened unto my servants the prophets**. 7 So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 8 Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die. 9 Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 10 When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house unto the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** house. 11 Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy to die; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears. 12

Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard. 13 Therefore now, amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God; **and repent**, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will ~~repent him of~~ **turn away** the evil that he hath pronounced against you. 14 As for me, behold, I am in your hand; do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you. 15 But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof; for of a truth the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears. 16 Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets; This man is not worthy to die; for he hath spoken to us in the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God. 17 Then rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spake to all the assembly of the people, saying, 18 Micah the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spake to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; Zion shall be ~~plowed~~ **ploughed** like a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house **of the Lord** as the high places of a forest. 19 Did Hezekiah, king of Judah, and all Judah put him at all to death? ~~die~~ **Did** he not fear the ~~LORD~~; **Lord** and ~~besought~~ **beseech** the ~~LORD~~; **Lord** **and repent**? and the ~~LORD~~ **repented him of** **Lord turned away** the evil which he had pronounced against them ? Thus ~~might~~ **by putting Jeremiah to death** we **might** procure great evil against our souls. 20 ~~And~~ **But** there was ~~also~~ a man ~~that prophesied in among the name of the~~

LORD priests, rose up and said, **that**, Urijah the son of Shemaiah of ~~Kirjath-jearim~~ **Kirjath-jearim**, **prophesied in the name of the Lord**, who **also** prophesied against this city, and against this land, according to all the words of Jeremiah; 21 And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death; but when Urijah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt; 22 And Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, namely, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and certain men with him into Egypt. 23 And they fetched forth Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king; who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the common people. 24 Nevertheless, the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

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1 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word unto Jeremiah from the **LORD Lord**, saying, 2 Thus saith the **LORD Lord** to me;: Make thee bonds and yokes, and put them upon thy neck, 3 And send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the Ammonites, and to the king of Tyrus, and to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the messengers which come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah; 4 And command them to say unto their masters, Thus saith the **LORD Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say unto your masters; 5 I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power and by my ~~outstretched~~ **outstretched** arm,

and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me. 6 And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him. 7 And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the very time of ~~his land~~ **their end** come; and ~~then~~ **after that** many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of ~~him~~ **them**. 8 And it shall come to pass, that the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith the **LORD Lord**, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand. 9 Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon; 10 For they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land; and that I should drive you out, and ye should perish. 11 But the nations that bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, those will I let **still** remain ~~still~~ in their own land, saith the **LORD Lord**; and they shall till it, and dwell therein. 12 I spake also to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live. 13 Why will ye die, thou and thy people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as the **LORD Lord** hath spoken against the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon? 14 Therefore hearken not unto the words of the prophets that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of

Babylon; for they prophesy a lie unto you. 15 For I have not sent them, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, yet they prophesy a lie in my name; that I might drive you out, and that ye might perish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy unto you. 16 Also I spake to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Harken not to the words of your prophets that prophesy unto you, saying, Behold, the vessels of the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon; for they prophesy a lie unto you. 17 Harken not unto them; serve the king of Babylon, and live; wherefore should this city be laid waste? 18 But if they be prophets, and if the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** be with them, let them now make intercession to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon. 19 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that remain in this city. 20 Which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took not, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem; 21 Yea, thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and in the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem; 22 They shall be carried to Babylon, and there shall they be until the day that I visit them, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.

1 And it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, and in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, which was of Gibeon, spake unto me in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying, 2 Thus speaketh the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. 3 Within two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon; 4 And I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, that went into Babylon, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon. 5 Then the prophet Jeremiah said unto the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people that stood in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, 6 Even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** do so; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** perform thy words which thou hast prophesied, to bring again the vessels of the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** house, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place. 7 Nevertheless, hear thou now this word that I speak in thine ears, and in the ears of all the people; 8 The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied both against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence. 9 The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath

truly sent him. 10 Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and brake it. 11 And Hananiah spake in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**; Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the space of two full years. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way. 12 Then the word of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** came unto Jeremiah the prophet, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 13 Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**; Thou hast broken the yokes of wood; but thou shalt make for them yokes of iron. 14 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** of hosts, the God of Israel; I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him; and I have given him the beasts of the field also. 15 Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; The ~~LORD~~ **LORD** hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie. 16 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**; Behold, I will cast thee from off the face of the earth; this year thou shalt die, because thou hast taught rebellion against the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 17 So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

29

1 Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away

captive from Jerusalem to Babylon; 2 (After that Jeconiah the king, and the queen, and the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem;) 3 By the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,) saying, 4 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon; 5 Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them; 6 Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for ~~your~~ **you** sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished. 7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** for it; for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace. 8 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** of hosts, the God of Israel; ~~Let~~ **let** not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed. 9 For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name; I have not sent them, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 10 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. 12 Then shall ye call ~~upon~~ **unto** me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. 13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me

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with all your heart. 14 And I will be found of you, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive. 15 Because ye have said, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath raised us up prophets in Babylon; 16 Know that thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of the king that sitteth upon the throne of David, and of all the people that dwelleth in this city, and of your brethren that are not gone forth with you into captivity; 17 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil. 18 And I will persecute them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will deliver them to be removed to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse, and an astonishment, and ~~an~~ **a** hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I have driven them; 19 Because they have not hearkened to my words, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which I sent unto them by my servants the prophets, ~~rising up~~ **commanding them to rise** early, and sending them; but ye would not hear, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 20 Hear ye therefore the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon; 21 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel, of Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and of Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, which prophesy a lie unto you in my name; Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall slay them before your eyes; 22 And of them shall be taken up a curse by all the

captivity of Judah which are in Babylon, saying, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire; 23 Because they have committed villany in Israel, and have committed adultery with their ~~neighbours'~~ **neighbors'** wives, and have spoken lying words in my name, which I have not commanded them; even I know, and am a witness, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 24 Thus shalt thou also speak to Shemaiah the Nehelamite, saying, 25 Thus speaketh the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in thy name unto all the people that are at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying, 26 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath made thee priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that ye should be officers in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, for every man that is mad, and maketh himself a prophet, that thou shouldest put him in prison, and in the stocks. 27 Now therefore why hast thou not reprov'd Jeremiah of Anathoth, which maketh himself a prophet to you? 28 For therefore he sent unto us in Babylon, saying, This captivity is long; build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them. 29 And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet. 30 Then came the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** unto Jeremiah, saying, 31 Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite; Because that Shemaiah hath prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he caused you to trust in a lie; 32 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed; he shall not have a man to dwell among this people; neither

shall he behold the good that I will do for my people, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**; because he hath taught rebellion against the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**.

30

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, saying, 2 Thus speaketh the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book. 3 For, lo, the days come, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**; and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it. 4 And these are the words that the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah. 5 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. 6 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? 7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it; it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. 8 For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him; 9 But they shall serve the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them. 10 Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**; neither be dismayed, O Israel; for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid. 11 For I am with thee, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**,

to save thee; though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet **will** I ~~will~~ not make a full end of thee; but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished. 12 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, ~~Thy~~ **thy** bruise is **not** incurable, ~~and~~ **although** thy ~~wound~~ **wounds** are grievous. 13 ~~There is~~ **Is there** none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up? **Hast** thou ~~hast~~ no healing medicines? 14 ~~All~~ **Have all** thy lovers ~~have~~ forgotten thee, **do** they **not** seek thee ~~not~~ **for**? **For** I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine ~~iniquity~~ **iniquities**; because thy sins ~~were~~ **are** increased. 15 Why criest thou for thine affliction? **Is** thy sorrow ~~is~~ **incurable**? **It was** for the multitude of thine ~~iniquity~~ **iniquities**, and because thy sins ~~were~~ **are** increased; I have done these things unto thee. 16 ~~Therefore~~ **But** all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey. 17 For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after. 18 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his ~~dwellingplaces~~ **dwelling places**; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof. 19 And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry; and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small. 20 Their children also shall

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be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them. 21 And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me; for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the **LORD Lord**. 22 And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. 23 Behold, the whirlwind of the **LORD Lord** goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind; it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked. 24 The fierce anger of the **LORD Lord** shall not return, until he ~~hath~~ **have** done it, and until he have performed the intents of his heart; in the latter days ye shall consider it.

31

1 At the same time, saith the **LORD Lord**, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. 2 Thus saith the **LORD Lord**, The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest. 3 The **LORD Lord** hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness** have I drawn thee. 4 Again I will build thee, and thou ~~shalt~~ **shall** be built, O virgin of Israel; thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry. 5 Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall eat them as common things. 6 For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the **LORD Lord** our God. 7 For thus saith the **LORD Lord**;

Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations; publish ye, praise ye, and say, O **LORD Lord**, save thy people, the remnant of Israel. 8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together; a great company shall return thither. 9 They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them; I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my ~~firstborn~~ **first-born**. 10 Hear the word of the **LORD Lord**, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. 11 For the **LORD Lord** hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he. 12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the **LORD Lord**, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd; and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow ~~any more~~ **anymore** at all. 13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together; for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. 14 And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the **LORD Lord**. 15 Thus saith the **LORD Lord**; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; ~~Rachel~~, **Rachel** weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not. 16 Thus saith

the ~~LORD~~ Lord; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears; for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. 17 And there is hope in thine end, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord, that thy children shall come again to their own border. 18 I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke; turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the ~~LORD~~ Lord my God. 19 Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh; I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth. 20 Is Ephraim my dear son? is he a pleasant child? for since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still; therefore my bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 21 Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps; set thine heart toward the highway, even the way which thou wentest; turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities. 22 How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? for the ~~LORD~~ Lord hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man. 23 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity; The ~~LORD~~ Lord bless thee, O habitation of justice, and mountain of holiness. 24 And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all the cities thereof together, husbandmen, and they that go forth with flocks. 25 For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul. 26 Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep

was sweet unto me. 27 Behold, the days come, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast. 28 And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 29 In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge. 30 But ~~every-one~~ **everyone** shall die for his own iniquity; every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge. 31 Behold, the days come, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah; 32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers, in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was ~~an~~ **a** husband unto them, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord; 33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And they shall teach no more every man his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**, and every man his brother, saying, Know the ~~LORD~~ Lord; for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. 35 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The ~~LORD~~ Lord of hosts is his name; 36 If those

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ordinances depart from before me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 37 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 38 Behold, the days come, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that the city shall be built to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** from the tower of Hananeel unto the gate of the corner. 39 And the measuring line shall yet go forth over against it upon the hill Gareb, and shall compass about to Goath. 40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the brook of Kidron, unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east, shall be holy unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down ~~any more for ever~~ **anymore forever**.

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1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. 2 For then the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem; and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the prison, which was in the king of Judah's house. 3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Wherefore dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; 4 And Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall behold his eyes; 5 And he shall lead

Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall he be until I visit him, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; though ye fight with the Chaldeans, ye shall not prosper. 6 And Jeremiah said, The word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 7 Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum thine uncle shall come unto thee, saying, Buy thee my field that is in Anathoth; for the right of redemption is thine to buy it. 8 So Hanameel mine uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and said unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee, that is in Anathoth, which is in the country of Benjamin; for the right of inheritance is thine, and the redemption is thine; buy it for thyself. Then I knew that this was the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 9 And I bought the field of Hanameel my uncle's son, that was in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels of silver. 10 And I subscribed the evidence, and sealed it, and took witnesses, and weighed him the money in the balances. 11 So I took the evidence of the purchase, both that which was sealed according to the law and custom, and that which was open; 12 And I gave the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hanameel mine uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the prison. 13 And I charged Baruch before them; saying, 14 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel; Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days. 15 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall

be possessed again in this land. 16 Now when I had delivered the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, 17 Ah Lord ~~GOD!~~ **God!** behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched - out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee; 18 Thou ~~shewest~~ — ~~loving-kindness~~ **showest loving-kindness** unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them; ~~the~~; **The** Great, ~~the~~ **The** Mighty God, ~~the~~ **The** Lord of hosts, is his name; 19 Great in counsel, and mighty in work; for thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men; to give ~~every-one~~ **everyone** according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings; 20 Which hast set signs and ~~wonders~~ **wonder** in the land of Egypt, even unto this day, and in Israel, and among other men; and hast made thee a name, as at this day; 21 And hast brought forth thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched - out arm, and with great terror; 22 And hast given them this land, which thou didst swear to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey; 23 And they came in, and possessed it; but they obeyed not thy voice, neither walked in thy law; they have done nothing of all that thou ~~commandedst~~ **commandedest** them to do; therefore thou hast caused all this evil to come upon them. 24 Behold the mounts, they are come unto the city to take it; and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans; that fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence; and what thou hast spoken is come to pass; and, behold, thou seest it. 25 And thou hast said unto me, O Lord

~~GOD~~ **God**, Buy thee the field for money, and take witnesses; for the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans. 26 Then came the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** unto Jeremiah, saying, 27 Behold, I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the God of all flesh; is there ~~any-thing~~ **anything** too hard for me? 28 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it; 29 And the Chaldeans, that fight against this city, shall come and set fire on this city, and burn it with the houses, upon whose roofs they have offered incense unto Baal, and poured out drink offerings unto other gods, to provoke me to anger. 30 For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have only done evil before me from their youth; for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 31 For this city hath been to me as a provocation of mine anger and of my fury from the day that they built it even unto this day; that I should remove it from before my face; 32 Because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 33 And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face; though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction. 34 But they set their abominations in the house, which is called by my name, to defile it. 35 And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came

it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin. 36 And now therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the God of Israel, concerning this city, whereof ye say, It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence; 37 Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely; 38 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God; 39 And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me ~~for ever~~ **forever**, for the good of them, and of their children after them; 40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me. 41 Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul. 42 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them. 43 And fields shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, It is desolate without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans. 44 Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe evidences, and seal them, and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south; for I will cause their captivity to return, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

1 Moreover the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the prison, saying, 2 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** the maker thereof, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that formed it, to establish it; ~~the LORD~~ **The Lord** is his name; 3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and ~~show~~ **show** thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. 4 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are thrown down by the mounts, and by the sword; 5 They come to fight with the Chaldeans, but it is to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have slain in mine anger and in my fury, and for all whose wickedness I have hid my face from ~~this~~ **his** city. 6 Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth. 7 And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. 8 And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me. 9 And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an ~~honour~~ **honor** before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them; and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it. 10 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say shall be desolate without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without

inhabitant, and without beast, 11 The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is good; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever: and of~~ **forever unto** them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 12 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; Again in this place, which is desolate without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, shall be ~~an~~ **a** habitation of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down. 13 In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him that telleth them, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 14 Behold, the days come, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. 15 In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely; and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our ~~righteousness~~ **Righteousness**. 17 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel; 18 Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually. 19 And the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto Jeremiah, saying, 20 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~

Lord; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; 21 Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers. 22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured; so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me. 23 Moreover the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came to Jeremiah, saying, 24 Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath chosen, he hath even cast them off? thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them. 25 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; ~~If~~ **if** my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; 26 Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

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1 The word which came unto Jeremiah from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth of his dominion, and all the people, fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities thereof, saying, 2 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the God of Israel; Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire; 3 And

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thou shalt not escape out of his hand, but shalt surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon. 4 Yet hear the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, O Zedekiah king of Judah; Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of thee, Thou shalt not die by the sword; 5 But thou shalt die in peace; and with the burnings of thy fathers, the former kings which were before thee, so shall they burn ~~odours~~ **odors** for thee; and they will lament thee, saying, Ah lord! for I have pronounced the word, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spake all these words unto Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem, 7 When the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish, and against Azekah; for these ~~defenced~~ **defensed** cities remained of the cities of Judah. 8 This is the word that came unto Jeremiah from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people which were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty unto them; 9 That every man should let his manservant, and every man his maidservant, being ~~an~~ **a** Hebrew or ~~an~~ **a** Hebrewess, go free; that none should serve himself of them, to wit, of a Jew his brother. 10 Now when all the princes, and all the people, which had entered into the covenant, heard that ~~every one~~ **everyone** should let his manservant, and ~~every one~~ **everyone** his maidservant, go free, that none should serve themselves of them ~~any more~~, **anymore**; then they obeyed, and let them go. 11 But ~~afterward~~ **afterwards** they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for

handmaids. 12 Therefore the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came to Jeremiah from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, 13 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the God of Israel; I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondmen, saying, 14 At the end of seven years let ye go every man his brother ~~an~~ **a** Hebrew, which hath been sold unto thee; and when he hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee; but your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither inclined their ear. 15 ~~And~~ **But** ye were now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name. 16 But ye turned and polluted my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom he had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids. 17 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Ye have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, ~~every one~~ **everyone** to his brother, and every man to his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**; behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth. 18 And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, which have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before me, when they cut the calf in twain, and passed between the parts thereof, 19 The princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, which passed between the parts of the calf; 20 I will even give them into the hand of their

enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life; and their dead bodies shall be for meat unto the fowls of the heaven, and to the beasts of the earth. 21 And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which are gone up from you. 22 Behold, I will command, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire; and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without an inhabitant.

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1 The word which came unto Jeremiah from the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, in the days of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying, 2 Go unto the house of the Rechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink. 3 Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziniyah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of ~~the~~ Rechabites; 4 And I brought them into the house of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of ~~Shallum~~ **Challum**, the keeper of the door; 5 And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups; and I said unto them, Drink ye wine. 6 But they said, We will drink no wine; for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons ~~for ever~~ **forever**; 7 Neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed,

nor plant vineyard, nor have any; but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land where ye be strangers. 8 Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters; 9 Nor to build houses for us to dwell in; neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed; 10 But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. 11 But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians; so we dwell at Jerusalem. 12 Then came the word of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** unto Jeremiah, saying, 13 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** of hosts, the God of Israel; Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to my words? saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 14 The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment; notwithstanding I have spoken unto you, ~~rising~~ **commanding you to rise** early, and speaking; **to you**, but ye hearkened not unto me. 15 I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, ~~rising~~ **commanding them to rise** up early, and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers; but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me. 16 Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed

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the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but this people hath not hearkened unto me:: 17 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them:: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered. 18 And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel; Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you:: 19 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me ~~for ever~~ **forever**.

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1 And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saying, 2 Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day. 3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin. 4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah:: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book. 5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot

go into the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; 6 Therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in the ears of the people in the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** house upon the fasting day:: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities. 7 It may be they will present their supplication before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and will return ~~every one~~ **everyone** from his evil way:: for great is the anger and the fury that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath pronounced against this people. 8 And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** house. 9 And it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the ninth month, that they proclaimed a fast before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem. 10 Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the higher court, at the entry of the new gate of the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** house, in the ears of all the people. 11 When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the words of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, 12 Then he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber:: and, lo, all the princes sat there, even Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes. 13 Then Michaiah declared unto them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people. 14 Therefore all the

princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, unto Baruch, saying, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and came unto them. 15 And they said unto him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Baruch read it in their ears. 16 Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they were afraid both one and other, and said unto Baruch, We will surely tell the king of all these words. 17 And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at his mouth? 18 Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book. 19 Then said the princes unto Baruch, Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah; and let no man know where ye be. 20 And they went in to the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king. 21 So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll; and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king. 22 Now the king sat in the ~~winterhouse~~ **winter house** in the ninth month; and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him. 23 And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth. 24 Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words. 25 Nevertheless Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would

not burn the roll; but he would not hear them. 26 But the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet; but the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** hid them. 27 Then the word of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, 28 Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned. 29 And thou shalt say to Jehoiakim ~~king~~ **King** of Judah, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**; Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast? 30 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** unto Jehoiakim king of Judah; He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David; and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. 31 And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them; but they hearkened not. 32 Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire; and there were added besides unto them many like words.

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1 And king Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned instead of Coniah the

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son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah. 2 But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, did hearken unto the words of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which he spake by the prophet Jeremiah. 3 And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God for us. 4 Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people; for they had not put him ~~into~~ **in** prison. 5 Then Pharaoh's army was come forth out of Egypt; and when the Chaldeans that besieged Jerusalem heard tidings of them, they departed from Jerusalem. 6 Then came the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** unto the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 7 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say to the king of Judah, that sent you unto me to ~~enquire~~ **inquire** of me; Behold, Pharaoh's army, which is come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land. 8 And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city, and take it, and burn it with fire. 9 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Deceive not yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us; for they shall not depart. 10 For though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remained but wounded men among them, yet should they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire. 11 And it came to pass; that when the army of the Chaldeans was broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army, 12 Then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to separate himself thence in the midst of the people. 13 And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the ward was there, whose name was

Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he took Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Thou fallest away to the Chaldeans. 14 Then said Jeremiah, It is false; I fall not away to the Chaldeans. But he hearkened not to him; so Irijah took Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes. 15 Wherefore the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe; for they had made that the prison. 16 ~~When~~ **And** Jeremiah was entered into the dungeon, and into the cabins, and ~~Jeremiah had he~~ remained there many days. 17 Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took him out; and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there any word from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** ? And Jeremiah said, There is; for, said he, thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon. 18 Moreover Jeremiah said unto king Zedekiah, What have I offended against thee, or against thy servants, or against this people, that ye have put me in prison? 19 Where are now your prophets which prophesied unto you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land? 20 Therefore hear now, I pray thee, O my lord the king; let my supplication, I pray thee, be accepted before thee; that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there. 21 Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah into the court of the prison, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread out of the ~~bakers'~~ **bakers** street, until all the bread in the city were spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

1 Then Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah, the son of Pashur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashur the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken unto all the people, saying, 2 Thus saith the **LORD Lord**, He that remaineth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence;; but he that goeth forth to the Chaldeans shall live; for he shall have his life for a prey, and shall live. 3 Thus saith the **LORD Lord**, This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which shall take it. 4 Therefore the princes said unto the king, We beseech thee, let this man be put to death;; for thus he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them;; for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people, but the hurt. 5 Then Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he is in your hand;; for the king is not he that can do ~~any thing~~ **anything** against you. 6 Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah the son of Hammelech, that was in the court of the prison;; and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire;; so Jeremiah sunk in the mire. 7 Now when ~~Ebedmelech~~ **Ebed-melech** the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs which was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon; the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin; 8 ~~Ebedmelech~~ **Ebed-melech** went forth out of the king's house, and spake to the king, saying, 9 My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and he is like to die

for hunger in the place where he is;; for there is no more bread in the city. 10 Then the king commanded ~~Ebedmelech~~ **Ebed-melech** the Ethiopian, saying, Take from hence thirty men with thee, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he die. 11 So ~~Ebedmelech~~ **Ebed-melech** took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took thence old cast clouts and old rotten rags, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah. 12 And ~~Ebedmelech~~ **Ebed-melech** the Ethiopian said unto Jeremiah, Put now these old cast clouts and rotten rags under thine armholes under the cords. And Jeremiah did so. 13 So they drew up Jeremiah with cords, and took him up out of the dungeon;; and Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison. 14 Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the third entry that is in the house of the **LORD Lord**; and the king said unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a thing; hide nothing from me. 15 Then Jeremiah said unto Zedekiah, If I declare it unto thee, wilt thou not surely put me to death? and if I give thee counsel, wilt thou not hearken unto me? 16 So Zedekiah the king sware secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, As the **LORD Lord** liveth, that made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek thy life. 17 Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, Thus saith the **LORD Lord**, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; If thou wilt assuredly go forth unto the king of Babylon's princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and thou shalt live, and thine house;; 18 But if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and

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they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their hand. 19 And Zedekiah the king said unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that are fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me. 20 But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver thee. Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which I speak unto thee; so it shall be well unto thee, and thy soul shall live. 21 But if thou refuse to go forth, this is the word that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath ~~shewed~~ **showed** me; 22 And, behold, all the women that are left in the king of Judah's house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those women shall say, Thy friends have set thee on, and have prevailed against thee; thy feet are sunk in the mire, and they are turned away back. 23 So they shall bring out all thy wives and thy children to the Chaldeans; and thou shalt not escape out of their hand, but shalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon; and thou shalt cause this city to be burned with fire. 24 Then said Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and thou shalt not die. 25 But if the princes hear that I have talked with thee, and they come unto thee, and say unto thee, Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto the king, hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death; also what the king said unto thee; 26 Then thou shalt say unto them, I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there. 27 Then came all the princes unto Jeremiah, and asked him; and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with him; for the matter was not perceived. 28 So Jeremiah abode in the court of the prison until the day

that Jerusalem was taken; and he was there when Jerusalem was taken.

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1 In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came ~~Nebuchadrezzar~~ **Nebuchadnezzar** king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it. 2 And in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, the city was broken up. 3 And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, even ~~Nergalsharezer~~ **Nergal-sharezer**, ~~Samgar-nebo~~ **Samgar-nebo**, Sarsechim, ~~Rabsaris~~ **Rab-saris**, ~~Nergalsharezer~~ **Nergal-sharezer**, ~~Rabmag~~ **Rab-mag**, with all the residue of the princes of the king of Babylon. 4 And it came to pass, that when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls; and he went out the way of the plain. 5 But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment upon him. 6 Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes; also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah. 7 Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon. 8 And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem. 9 Then ~~Nebuzaradan~~ **Nebuzar-adan** the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people

that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to him, with the rest of the people that remained. 10 But ~~Nebuzaradan~~ **Nebuzar-adan** the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in the land of Judah; and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time. 11 Now Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to ~~Nebuzaradan~~ **Nebuzar-adan** the captain of the guard, saying, 12 Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do unto him even as he shall say unto thee. 13 So ~~Nebuzaradan~~ **Nebuzar-adan** the captain of the guard sent, and ~~Nebushasban~~ **Nebushas-ban**, ~~Rabsaris~~ **Rab-saris**, and ~~Nergalsharezer~~ **Nergal-sharezer**, Rabmag, and all the king of Babylon's princes; 14 Even they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison, and committed him unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home; so he dwelt among the people. 15 Now the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying, 16 Go and speak to ~~Ebedmelech~~ **Ebed-melech** the Ethiopian, saying, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be accomplished in that day before thee. 17 But I will deliver thee in that day, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou art afraid. 18 For I will surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy life shall be for a prey unto thee; because thou hast put thy trust in me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

1 The word ~~that~~ **which** came to Jeremiah from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, after that ~~Nebuzaradan~~ **Nebuzar-adan** the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all that were carried away captive of Jerusalem and Judah, which were carried away captive unto Babylon. 2 And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said unto him, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God hath pronounced this evil upon this place. 3 Now the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath brought it, and done according as he hath said; because ye have sinned against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come upon you. 4 And now, behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which were upon thine hand. If it seem good unto thee to come with me into Babylon, come; and I will look well unto thee; but if it seem ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon, forbear; behold, all the land is before thee; whither it seemeth good and convenient for thee to go, thither go. 5 Now while he was not yet gone back, he said, Go back also to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon hath made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people; or go wheresoever it seemeth convenient unto thee to go. So the captain of the guard gave him victuals and a reward, and let him go. 6 Then went Jeremiah unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land. 7 Now when all the captains of the forces which were in the fields, even they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had

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committed unto him men, and women, and children, and of the poor of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Babylon; 8 Then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men. 9 And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan sware unto them and to their men, saying, Fear not to serve the Chaldeans; dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you. 10 As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, to serve the Chaldeans, which will come unto us; but ye, gather ye wine, and summer fruits, and oil, and put them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that ye have taken. 11 Likewise when all the Jews that were in Moab, and among the Ammonites, and in Edom, and that were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan; 12 Even all the Jews returned out of all places whither they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, unto Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits very much. 13 Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah;. 14 And said unto him, Dost thou certainly know that Baalis the king of the Ammonites hath sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to slay thee? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam believed them not. 15 Then Johanan the son of Kareah spake to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Let me go, I pray thee, and I will slay Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no

man shall know it; wherefore should he slay thee, that all the Jews which are gathered unto thee should be scattered, and the remnant in Judah perish? 16 But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said unto Johanan the son of Kareah, Thou shalt not do this thing; for thou speakest falsely of Ishmael.

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1 Now it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, and the princes of the king, even ten men with him, came unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they did eat bread together in Mizpah. 2 Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men that were with him, and smote Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and slew him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land. 3 Ishmael also slew all the Jews that were with him, even with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that were found there, and the men of war. 4 And it came to pass the second day after he had slain Gedaliah, and no man knew it, 5 That there came certain from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, even fourscore men, having their beards shaven, and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring them to the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 6 And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went; and it came to pass, as he met them, he said unto them, Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam. 7 And it was so, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah slew them, and cast them into the midst of the pit, he, and the men that were with him. 8 But ten

men were found among them that said unto Ishmael, Slay us not; for we have treasures in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he forbore, and slew them not among their brethren. 9 Now the pit wherein Ishmael had cast all the dead bodies of the men, whom he had slain because of Gedaliah, was it which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel; and Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with them that were slain. 10 Then Ishmael carried away captive all the residue of the people that were in Mizpah, even the king's daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom ~~Nebuzaradan~~ **Nebuzar-adan** the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam; and Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the Ammonites. 11 But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done, 12 Then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great waters that are in Gibeon. 13 Now it came to pass, that when all the people which were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, then they were glad. 14 So all the people that Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah cast about and returned, and went unto Johanan the son of Kareah. 15 But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the Ammonites. 16 Then took Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after that he had slain

Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, even mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought again from Gibeon; 17 And they departed, and dwelt in the habitation of Chimham, which is by Bethlehem, to go to enter into Egypt, 18 Because of the Chaldeans; for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor in the land.

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1 Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even unto the greatest, came near, 2 And said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and pray for us unto the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** thy God, even for all this remnant; (for we are left but a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us;) 3 That the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** thy God may ~~shew~~ **show** us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do. 4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, I have heard you; behold, I will pray unto the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass, that whatsoever thing the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** shall answer you, I will declare it unto you; I will keep nothing back from you. 5 Then they said to Jeremiah, The ~~LORD~~ **LORD** be a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for the which the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** thy God shall send thee to us. 6 Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** our God, to whom we send thee; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** our God. 7 And it came to pass after ten

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days, that the word of the **LORD Lord** came unto Jeremiah. 8 Then called he Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces which were with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, 9 And said unto them, Thus saith the **LORD Lord**, the God of Israel, unto whom ye sent me to present your supplication before him; 10 If ~~ye~~ **you** will still abide in this land, then will I build you, and not pull ~~you~~ down, ~~and~~; I will plant you, and not pluck ~~you up~~ **for up**; and I ~~repent me of~~ **will turn away** the evil that I have done unto you. 11 Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith the **LORD Lord**; for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand. 12 And I will ~~shew~~ **show** mercies unto you, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land. 13 But if ye say, We will not dwell in this land, neither obey the voice of the **LORD Lord** your God, 14 Saying, No; but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger **for want** of bread; and there will we dwell; 15 And now therefore hear the word of the **LORD Lord**, ye remnant of Judah; Thus saith the **LORD Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel; If ye wholly set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there; 16 Then it shall come to pass, that the sword, which ye feared, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt; and the famine, whereof ye were afraid, shall follow close after you there in Egypt; and there ye shall die. 17 So shall it be with all the men that set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there; they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them. 18

For thus saith the **LORD Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel; As mine anger and my fury hath been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so shall my fury be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt; and ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and ye shall see this place no more. 19 The **LORD Lord** hath said concerning you, O ye remnant of Judah; Go ye not into Egypt; know certainly that I have admonished you this day. 20 For ye dissembled in your hearts, when ye sent me unto the **LORD Lord** your God, saying, Pray for us unto the **LORD Lord** our God; and according unto all that the **LORD Lord** our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do it. 21 And now I have this day declared it to you; ~~but~~, **that** ye have not obeyed the voice of the **LORD Lord** your God, nor ~~any thing~~ **anything** for the which he hath sent me unto you. 22 Now therefore know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire to go and to sojourn.

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1 And it came to pass, that when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of the **LORD Lord** their God, for which the **LORD Lord** their God had sent him to them, even all these words, 2 Then spake Azariah the son of Hoshaiiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, Thou speakest falsely; the **LORD Lord** our God hath not sent thee to say, Go not into Egypt to sojourn there; 3 But Baruch the son of Neriah setteth thee on against us, for to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death, and carry us

away captives into Babylon. 4 So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to dwell in the land of Judah. 5 But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, that were returned from all nations, whither they had been driven, to dwell in the land of Judah; 6 Even men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that ~~Nebuzaradan~~ **Nebuzar-adan** the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah. 7 So they came into the land of Egypt; for they obeyed not the voice of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; thus came they even to Tahpanhes. 8 Then came the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** unto Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying, 9 Take great stones in thine hand, and hide them in the clay in the brickkiln, which is at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah; 10 And say unto them, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them. 11 And when he cometh, he shall smite the land of Egypt, and deliver such as are for death to death; and such as are for captivity to captivity; and such as are for the sword to the sword. 12 And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captives; and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd putteth on his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace. 13 He shall break also the images of ~~Bethshemesh~~ **Beth-shemesh**, that is

in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall he burn with fire.

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1 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews which dwell in the land of Egypt, which dwell at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the country of Pathros, saying, 2 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel; Ye have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of Judah; and, behold, this day they are a desolation, and no man dwelleth therein; 3 Because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, and to serve other gods, whom they knew not, neither they, ye, nor your fathers. 4 Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, ~~rising~~ **commanding them to rise** early, and sending them, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate. 5 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense unto other gods. 6 Wherefore my fury and mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate, as at this day. 7 Therefore now thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; Wherefore commit ye this great evil against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suckling, out of Judah, to leave you none to remain;. 8 In that ye provoke me unto wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense unto other gods in the land of Egypt, whither ye be gone to dwell, that ye might cut yourselves off, and that ye might be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth? 9

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Have ye forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they have committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem? 10 They are not humbled even unto this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers. 11 Therefore thus saith the **LORD Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah. 12 And I will take the remnant of Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed, and fall in the land of Egypt; they shall even be consumed by the sword and by the famine; **and** they shall die, from the least even unto the greatest, by the sword and by the famine; **and** they shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach. 13 For I will punish them that dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; 14 So that none of the remnant of Judah, which are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to the which they have a desire to return to dwell there; **for** none shall return but such as shall escape. 15 Then all the men which knew that their wives had burned incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great multitude, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying, 16 As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the **LORD Lord**, we will not hearken unto thee. 17 But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth

forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem; **for** then had we plenty of victuals, and were well, and saw no evil; 18 But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine. 19 And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our men? 20 Then Jeremiah said unto all the people, to the men; and to the women, and to all the people which had given him that answer, saying, 21 The incense that ye burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye; and your fathers, your kings, and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the **LORD Lord** remember them, and came it not into his mind? 22 So that the **LORD Lord** could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which ye have committed; therefore is your land a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without an inhabitant, as at this day. 23 Because ye have burned incense, and because ye have sinned against the **LORD Lord**, and have not obeyed the voice of the **LORD Lord**, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil is happened unto you, as at this day. 24 Moreover Jeremiah said unto all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of the **LORD Lord**, all Judah that are in the land of Egypt; 25 Thus saith the **LORD Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel, saying; Ye

and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her; ye will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows. 26 Therefore hear ye the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by my great name, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** liveth. 27 Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good; and all the men of Judah that are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them. 28 Yet a small number that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah; and all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know whose words shall stand, mine, or ~~their's~~ **theirs**. 29 And this shall be a sign unto you, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil; 30 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Behold, I will give ~~Pharaohhophra~~ **Pharaoh-hophra** king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his life.

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1 The word that Jeremiah the prophet spake unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of

Josiah king of Judah, saying, 2 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the God of Israel, unto thee, O Baruch; 3 Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath added grief to my sorrow; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest. 4 Thus shalt thou say unto him, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** saith thus; Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land. 5 And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not; for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all **the** places whither thou goest.

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1 The word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Gentiles; 2 Against Egypt, against the army of ~~Pharaohnecho~~ **Pharaoh-necho** king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in ~~Carchemish~~ **Charchemish**, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah. 3 Order ye the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle. 4 Harness the horses; and get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with your helmets; furbish the spears, and put on the brigandines. 5 Wherefore have I seen them dismayed and turned away back? and their mighty ones are beaten down, and are fled apace, and look not back; for fear was round about, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 6 Let not 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 that cometh up as a flood, whose waters are moved as the rivers? 8 Egypt riseth up like a flood, and his waters are moved like the rivers; and he

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saith, I will go up, and will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and the inhabitants thereof. 9 Come up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; and let the mighty men come forth; the Ethiopians and the Libyans, that handle the shield; and the Lydians, that handle and bend the bow. 10 For this is the day of the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries; and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood; for the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates. 11 Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin, the daughter of Egypt; in vain shalt thou use many medicines; for thou shalt not be cured. 12 The nations have heard of thy shame, and thy cry hath filled the land; for the mighty man hath stumbled against the mighty, and they are fallen both together. 13 The word that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** spake to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should ~~come~~ **came** and smite the land of Egypt. 14 Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Noph and in Tahpanhes; say ye, Stand fast, and prepare thee; for the sword shall devour round about thee. 15 Why are thy valiant men swept away? they stood not, because the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** did drive them. 16 He made many to fall, yea, one fell upon another; and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity, from the oppressing sword. 17 They did cry there, Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a noise; he hath passed the time appointed. 18 As I live, saith the King, whose name is the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, Surely as Tabor is among the mountains, and as Carmel by the sea, so shall he come. 19 O thou daughter dwelling in Egypt, furnish thyself to go into

captivity; for Noph shall be waste and desolate without an inhabitant. 20 Egypt is like a very fair heifer, but destruction cometh; it cometh out of the north. 21 Also her hired men are in the midst of her like fatted bullocks; for they also are turned back, and are fled away together; they did not stand, because the day of their calamity was come upon them, and the time of their visitation. 22 The voice thereof shall go like a serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as hewers of wood. 23 They shall cut down her forest, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, though it cannot be searched; because they are more than the grasshoppers, and are innumerable. 24 The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north. 25 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel, saith; Behold, I will punish the multitude of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with their gods, and their kings; even Pharaoh, and all them that trust in him; 26 And I will deliver them into the hand of those that seek their lives, and into the hand of ~~Nebuchadrezzar king of~~ Babylon, and into the hand of his servants; and afterward it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 27 But fear not thou, O my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel; for, behold, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make him afraid. 28 Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for I am with thee; for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee; but I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in measure; yet will I not leave thee wholly unpunished.

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1 The word of the **LORD Lord** that came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Philistines, before that Pharaoh smote Gaza. 2 Thus saith the **LORD Lord**; Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall overflow the land, and all that is therein; the city, and them that dwell therein; then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl. 3 At the noise of the stamping of the ~~hoofs~~ **hooves** of his strong horses, at the rushing of his chariots, and at the rumbling of his wheels, the ~~fathers~~ **father** shall not look back to their children for feebleness of hands; 4 Because of the day that cometh to spoil all the Philistines, and to cut off from Tyrus and Zidon every helper that remaineth; for the **LORD Lord** will spoil the Philistines, the remnant of the country of Caphtor. 5 Baldness is come upon Gaza; Ashkelon is cut off with the remnant of their valley; how long wilt thou cut thyself? 6 O thou sword of the **LORD Lord**, how long will it be ere thou be quiet? put up thyself into thy scabbard, rest, and be still. 7 How can it be quiet, seeing the **LORD Lord** hath given it a charge against Ashkelon, and against the ~~sea-shore~~ **seashore**? there hath he appointed it.

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1 Against Moab thus saith the **LORD Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel; Woe unto Nebo! for it is spoiled; Kiriathaim is confounded and taken; Misgab is confounded and dismayed. 2 There shall be no more praise of Moab; in Heshbon they have devised evil against it; come, and let us cut it off from being a nation. Also thou shalt be cut down, O Madmen; the sword shall pursue thee. 3 A voice of crying shall be from

Horonaim, spoiling and great destruction. 4 Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard. 5 For in the going up of Luhith continual weeping shall go up; for in the going down of Horonaim the enemies have heard a cry of destruction. 6 Flee, save your lives, and be like the heath in the wilderness. 7 For because thou hast trusted in thy works and in thy treasures, thou shalt also be taken; and Chemosh shall go forth into captivity with his priests and his princes together. 8 And the spoiler shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape; the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as the **LORD Lord** hath spoken. 9 Give wings unto Moab, that it may flee and get away; for the cities thereof shall be desolate, without any to dwell therein. 10 Cursed be he that doeth the work of the **LORD Lord** deceitfully, and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood. 11 Moab hath been at ~~ease~~ **east** from his youth, and he hath settled on his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity; therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed. 12 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the **LORD Lord**, that I will send unto him wanderers, that shall cause him to wander, and shall empty his vessels, and break their bottles. 13 And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el** their confidence. 14 How say ye, We are mighty and strong men for the war? 15 Moab is spoiled, and gone up out of her cities, and his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, saith the King, whose name is the **LORD Lord** of hosts. 16 The calamity of Moab is near to come, and his affliction hasteth fast.

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17 All ye that are about him, bemoan him; and all ye that know his name, say, How is the strong staff broken, and the beautiful rod! 18 Thou daughter that dost inhabit Dibon, come down from thy glory, and sit in thirst; for the spoiler of Moab shall come upon thee, and he shall destroy thy ~~strong-holds~~ **strongholds**. 19 O inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the way, and espy; ask him that fleeth, and her that escapeth, and say, What is done? 20 Moab is confounded; for it is broken down; howl and cry; tell ye it in Arnon, that Moab is spoiled, 21 And judgment is come upon the plain country; upon Holon, and upon Jahazah, and upon Mephaath, 22 And upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon ~~Bethdiblathaim~~ **Beth-diblathaim**, 23 And upon Kiriathaim, and upon ~~Bethgamul~~ **Beth-gamul**, and upon ~~Bethmeon~~ **Beth-meon**, 24 And upon Kerioth, and upon Bozrah, and upon all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near. 25 The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 26 Make ye him drunken; for he magnified himself against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Moab also shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision. 27 For was not Israel a derision unto thee? was he found among thieves? for since thou spakest of him, thou skippedst for joy. 28 O ye that dwell in Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock, and be like the dove that maketh her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth. 29 We have heard the pride of Moab, (he is exceeding proud,) his loftiness, and his arrogancy, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart. 30 I know his wrath, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; but it shall not be so; his lies shall not so effect it. 31 Therefore will I howl for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab; mine heart shall mourn for the men of ~~Kirheres~~

Kir-heres. 32 O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for thee with the weeping of Jazer; thy plants are gone over the sea, they reach even to the sea of Jazer; the spoiler is fallen upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage. 33 And joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to fail from the winepresses; none shall tread with shouting; their shouting shall be no shouting. 34 From the cry of Heshbon even unto Elealeh, and even unto Jahaz, have they uttered their voice, from Zoar even unto Horonaim, as ~~an~~ **a** heifer of three years old; for the waters also of Nimrim shall be desolate. 35 Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, him that offereth in the high places, and him that burneth incense to his gods. 36 Therefore mine heart shall sound for Moab like pipes, and mine heart shall sound like pipes for the men of ~~Kirheres~~ **Kir-heres**; because the riches that he hath gotten are perished. 37 For every head shall be bald, and every beard clipped; upon all the hands shall be cuttings, and upon the loins sackcloth. 38 There shall be lamentation generally upon all the housetops of Moab, and in the streets thereof; for I have broken Moab like a vessel wherein is no pleasure, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 39 They shall howl, saying, How is it broken down! how hath Moab turned the back with shame! so shall Moab be a derision and a dismaying to all them about him. 40 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread his wings over Moab. 41 Kerioth is taken, and the ~~strong-holds~~ **strongholds** are surprised, and the mighty men's hearts in Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs. 42 And Moab shall be destroyed from being a people, because he hath

magnified himself against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 43 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, shall be upon thee, O inhabitant of Moab, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 44 He that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare;; for I will bring upon it, even upon Moab, the year of their visitation, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 45 They that fled stood under the shadow of Heshbon because of the force;; but a fire shall come forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and shall devour the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones. 46 Woe be unto thee, O Moab! the people of Chemosh perisheth;; for thy sons are taken captives, and thy daughters captives. 47 Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

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1 Concerning the Ammonites, thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir? why then doth their king inherit Gad, and his people dwell in his cities? 2 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rabbah of the Ammonites; and it shall be a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire;; then shall Israel be heir unto them that were his heirs, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 3 Howl, O Heshbon, for Ai is spoiled;; cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth;, lament, and run to and fro by the hedges; for their king shall go into captivity, and his priests and his princes together. 4 Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys, thy flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, saying, Who shall come

unto me? 5 Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** of hosts, from all those that be about thee; and ye shall be driven out every man right forth; and none shall gather up him that wandereth. 6 And afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 7 Concerning Edom, thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; Is wisdom no more in Teman? is counsel perished from the prudent? is ~~their~~ **there** wisdom vanished? 8 Flee ye, turn back, dwell deep, O inhabitants of Dedan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time that I will visit him. 9 If ~~grapegatherers~~ **grape-gatherers** come to thee, would they not leave some gleaning grapes? ~~if it~~ thieves by night, they will destroy till they have enough. 10 But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself;; his seed is spoiled, and his brethren, and his ~~neighbours~~ **neighbors**, and he is not. 11 Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me. 12 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Behold, they whose judgment was not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunken; and art thou he that shall altogether go unpunished? thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink of it. 13 For I have sworn by myself, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that Bozrah shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes. 14 I have heard a ~~rumour~~ **rumor** from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and an ambassador is sent unto the heathen, saying, Gather ye together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle. 15 For, lo, I will make thee small among the heathen, and despised among men. 16 Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, and the pride of thine

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heart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill; though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 17 Also Edom shall be a desolation: ~~every one~~; **everyone** that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof. 18 As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor** cities thereof, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it. 19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan against the habitation of the strong; but I will suddenly make him run away from her; and who is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for who is like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who is that shepherd that will stand before me? 20 Therefore hear the counsel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that he hath taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman; Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out; surely he shall make their habitations desolate with them. 21 The earth is moved at the noise of their fall; at the cry the noise thereof was heard in the Red sea. 22 Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah; and at that day shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs. 23 Concerning Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad; for they have heard evil tidings; they are ~~faint-hearted~~ **faint-hearted**; there is sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet. 24 Damascus is waxed feeble, and turneth herself to flee, and fear hath seized on her; anguish and sorrows have taken her, as a woman in travail. 25 How is the city of praise not left, the city of my joy! 26 Therefore her

young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the palaces of ~~Ben-hadad~~ **Ben-hadad**. 28 Concerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon shall smite, thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Arise ye, go up to Kedar, and spoil the men of the east. 29 Their tents and their flocks shall they take away; they shall take to themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry unto them, Fear is on every side. 30 Flee, get you far off, dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you. 31 Arise, get you up unto the wealthy nation, that dwelleth without care, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which have neither gates nor bars, which dwell alone. 32 And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil; and I will scatter into all winds them that are in the utmost corners; and I will bring their calamity from all sides thereof, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 33 And Hazor shall be a dwelling for dragons, and a desolation ~~for ever~~; **forever**; there shall no man abide there, nor any son of man dwell in it. 34 The word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that came to Jeremiah the prophet against Elam in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying, 35 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might. 36 And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come.

37 For I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before them that seek their life; and I will bring evil upon them, even my fierce anger, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them; 38 And I will set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from thence the king and the princes, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 39 But it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring again the captivity of Elam, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**.

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1 The word that the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** spake against Babylon and against the land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet. 2 Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not; say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces. 3 For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein; they shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast. 4 In those days, and in that time, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping; they shall go, and seek the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** their God. 5 They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten. 6 My people ~~hath~~ **have** been lost sheep; their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains; they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their ~~restingplace~~ **resting place**. 7 All that found them have

devoured them; and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, the habitation of justice, even the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, the hope of their fathers. 8 Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he goats before the flocks. 9 For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country; and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken; their arrows shall be as of a mighty expert man; none shall return in vain. 10 And Chaldea shall be a spoil; all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 11 Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced, O ye destroyers of mine heritage, because ye are grown fat as the heifer at grass, and bellow as bulls; 12 Your mother shall be sore confounded; she that bare you shall be ashamed; behold, the hindermost of the nations shall be a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert. 13 Because of the wrath of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate: ~~every one~~; **everyone** that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues. 14 Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about; all ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows; for she hath sinned against the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 15 Shout against her round about; she hath given her hand; her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down; for it is the vengeance of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**; take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her. 16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest; for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn ~~every one~~ **everyone** to his people, and they shall flee ~~every one~~ **everyone** to his

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own land. 17 Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away;; first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones. 18 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria. 19 And I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount Ephraim and Gilead. 20 In those days, and in that time, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found;; for I will pardon them whom I reserve. 21 Go up against the land of Merathaim, even against it, and against the inhabitants of Pekod;; waste and utterly destroy after them, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and do according to all that I have commanded thee. 22 A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction. 23 How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations! 24 I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware;; thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 25 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath opened his ~~armoury~~ **armory**, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation;; for this is the work of the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans. 26 Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses;; cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly;; let nothing of her be left. 27 Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter;; woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of their

visitation-, 28 The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God, the vengeance of his temple. 29 Call together the archers against Babylon;; all ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let none thereof escape;; recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her;; for she hath been proud against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, against the Holy One of Israel. 30 Therefore shall her young men fall in the streets, and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 31 Behold, I am against thee, O thou most proud, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** of hosts;; for thy day is come, the time that I will visit thee. 32 And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up;; and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him. 33 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; The children of Israel and the children of Judah were oppressed together;; and all that took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go. 34 Their Redeemer is strong; ~~the LORD~~ **The Lord** of hosts is his name;; he shall ~~thoroughly~~ **thoroughly** plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon. 35 A sword is upon the Chaldeans, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wise men. 36 A sword is upon the liars; and they shall dote;; a sword is upon her mighty men; and they shall be dismayed. 37 A sword is upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people that are in the midst of her; and they shall become as women;; a sword is upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed. 38 A drought is upon her waters; and they shall be dried up;;

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for it is the land of graven images, and they are mad upon their idols. 39 Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell there, and the owls shall dwell therein; and it shall be no more inhabited ~~for ever~~ **forever**; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation. 40 As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor** cities thereof, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; so shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein. 41 Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. 42 They shall hold the bow and the lance; they are cruel, and will not ~~shew~~ **show** mercy; their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, ~~every one~~ **everyone** put in array, like a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon. 43 The king of Babylon hath heard the report of them, and his hands waxed feeble; anguish took hold of him, and pangs as of a woman in travail. 44 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan unto the habitation of the strong; but I will make them suddenly run away from her; and who is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for who is like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who is that shepherd that will stand before me? 45 Therefore hear ye the counsel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that he hath taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans; Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out; surely he shall make their habitation desolate with them. 46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

1 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying wind; 2 And will send unto Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land; for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about. 3 Against him that bendeth let the archer bend his bow, and against him that lifteth himself up in his brigandine; and spare ye not her young men; destroy ye utterly all her host. 4 Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans, and they that are thrust through in her streets. 5 For Israel hath not been forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel. 6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul; be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** vengeance; he will render unto her a ~~recompence~~ **recompense**. 7 Babylon hath been a golden cup in the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** hand, that made all the earth drunken; the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad. 8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed; howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed. 9 We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed; forsake her; and let us go ~~every one~~ **everyone** into his own country; for her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies. 10 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath brought forth our righteousness; come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God. 11 Make bright the arrows; gather the shields; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes; for his device is against

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Babylon, to destroy it; because it is the vengeance of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the vengeance of his temple. 12 Set up the standard upon the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the ambushes;; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath both devised and done that which he spake against the inhabitants of Babylon. 13 O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness. 14 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts hath sworn by himself, saying, Surely I will fill thee with men; as with ~~eaterpillars~~ **caterpillars**; and they shall lift up a shout against thee. 15 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding. 16 When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens; and he causeth the ~~vapours~~ **vapors** to ascend from the ends of the earth;; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures. 17 Every man is brutish by his knowledge; every founder is confounded by the graven image;; for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them. 18 They are vanity, the work of errors;; in the time of their visitation they shall perish. 19 The portion of Jacob is not like them; for he is the former of all things;; and Israel is the rod of his inheritance;; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts is his name. 20 Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war;; for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms;. 21 And with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider; 22 With thee also will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces old and young; and

with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the maid; 23 I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock; and with thee will I break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen; and with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers. 24 And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 25 Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which destroyest all the earth;; and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain. 26 And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate ~~for ever~~ **forever**, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 27 Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough ~~eaterpillars~~ **caterpillars**. 28 Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, the captains thereof, and all the rulers thereof, and all the land of his dominion. 29 And the land shall tremble and sorrow;; for every purpose of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant. 30 The mighty men of Babylon have ~~forborn~~ **forborne** to fight, they have remained in their holds;; their might hath failed; they became as women;; they have burned her ~~dwellingplaces~~ **dwelling places**; her bars are broken. 31 One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to ~~shew~~ **show** the king of Babylon that his city is taken at one end, 32 And that the passages are

stopped, and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted. 33 For thus saith the **LORD Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel; The daughter of Babylon is like a ~~threshing floor~~ **threshing floor**, it is time to thresh her; yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come. 34 Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates, he hath cast me out. 35 The violence done to me and to my flesh be upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say. 36 Therefore thus saith the **LORD Lord**; Behold, I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee; and I will dry up her sea, and make her springs dry. 37 And Babylon shall become heaps, a ~~dwelling place~~ **dwelling place** for dragons, an astonishment, and ~~an~~ a hissing, without an inhabitant. 38 They shall roar together like lions; they shall yell as lions' whelps. 39 In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the **LORD Lord**. 40 I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he goats. 41 How is Sheshach taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth surprised! how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations! 42 The sea is come up upon Babylon; she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof. 43 Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth any son of man pass thereby. 44 And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up; and the nations shall

not flow together ~~any more~~ **anymore** unto him; yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall. 45 My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the **LORD Lord**. 46 And lest your heart faint, and ye fear for the ~~rumour~~ **rumor** that shall be heard in the land; a ~~rumour~~ **rumor** shall both come one year, and after that in another year shall come a ~~rumour~~ **rumor**, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler. 47 Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon; and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her. 48 Then the heaven and the earth, and all that is therein, shall sing for Babylon; for the spoilers shall come unto her from the north, saith the **LORD Lord**. 49 As Babylon hath caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth. 50 Ye that have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still; remember the **LORD Lord** afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind. 51 We are confounded, because we have heard reproach; shame hath covered our faces; for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the **LORD's Lord's** house. 52 Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith the **LORD Lord**, that I will do judgment upon her graven images; and through all her land the wounded shall groan. 53 Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall spoilers come unto her, saith the **LORD Lord**. 54 A sound of a cry cometh from Babylon, and great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans; 55 Because the **LORD Lord** hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed out of her the great voice; when her waves do roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is

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uttered; 56 Because the spoiler is come upon her, even upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, every one of their bows is broken; for the ~~LORD Lord~~ God of ~~recompences~~ **recompenses** shall surely requite. 57 And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise men, her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men; and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the King, whose name is the ~~LORD Lord~~ of hosts. 58 Thus saith the ~~LORD Lord~~ of hosts; The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the people shall ~~labour~~ **labor** in vain, and the folk in the fire, and they shall be weary. 59 The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah into Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. And this Seraiah was a quiet prince. 60 So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, even all these words that are written against Babylon. 61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When thou comest to Babylon, and shalt see, and shalt read all these words; 62 Then shalt thou say, O ~~LORD Lord~~, thou hast spoken against this place, to cut it off, that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 63 And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, that thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates; 64 And thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her; and they shall be weary. Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

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1 Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and he

reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 2 And he did that which was evil in the eyes of the ~~LORD Lord~~, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. 3 For through the anger of the ~~LORD Lord~~ it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, till he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon. 4 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built forts against it round about. 5 So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. 6 And in the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. 7 Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans were by the city round about;) and they went by the way of the plain. 8 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him. 9 Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; where he gave judgment upon him. 10 And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes; he slew also all the princes of Judah in Riblah. 11 Then he put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death. 12 Now in the fifth month, in the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of

Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, came ~~Nebuzaradan~~ **Nebuzar-adan**, captain of the guard, which served the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem, 13 And burned the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great men, burned he with fire; 14 And all the army of the Chaldeans, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down all the walls of Jerusalem round about. 15 Then ~~Nebuzaradan~~ **Nebuzar-adan** the captain of the guard carried away captive certain of the poor of the people, and the residue of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude. 16 But ~~Nebuzaradan~~ **Nebuzar-adan** the captain of the guard left certain of the poor of the land for vinedressers and for husbandmen. 17 Also the pillars of brass that were in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and the bases, and the ~~bracen~~ **brazen** sea that was in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the Chaldeans brake, and carried all the brass of them to Babylon. 18 The caldrons also, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away. 19 And the ~~basons~~ **basins**, and the firepans, and the bowls, and the caldrons, and the candlesticks, and the spoons, and the cups; that which was of gold in gold, and that which was of silver in silver, took the captain of the guard away. 20 The two pillars, one sea, and twelve ~~bracen~~ **brazen** bulls that were under the bases, which king Solomon had made in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; the brass of all these vessels was without weight. 21 And concerning the pillars, the height of one pillar was eighteen cubits; and a fillet of twelve cubits did compass it;

and the thickness thereof was four fingers; it was hollow. 22 And a chapter of brass was upon it; and the height of one chapter was five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the chapters round about, all of brass. The second pillar also and the pomegranates were like unto these. 23 And there were ninety and six pomegranates on a side; and all the pomegranates upon the network were ~~an~~ **a** hundred round about. 24 And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door; 25 He took also out of the city ~~an~~ **a** eunuch, which had the charge of the men of war; and seven men of them that were near the king's person, which were found in the city; and the principal scribe of the host, who mustered the people of the land; and threescore men of the people of the land, that were found in the midst of the city. 26 So ~~Nebuzaradan~~ **Nebuzar-adan** the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. 27 And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death in Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive out of his own land. 28 This is the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand Jews and three and twenty: 29 In the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty and two persons; 30 In the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadrezzar ~~Nebuzaradan~~, **Nebuzar-adan** the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons; all the persons were four thousand and six hundred. 31 And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin

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king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth day of the month, that Evilmerodach king of Babylon, in the first year of his reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison, 32 And spake kindly unto him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings ~~that were with~~

~~him in Babylon~~, 33 And changed his prison garments; and he did continually eat bread before him all the days of his life. 34 And for his diet, there was a continual diet given him of the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

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1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. 2 In the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity, 3 The word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was there upon him. 4 And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the ~~colour~~ **color** of amber, out of the midst of the fire. 5 Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. 6 And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings. 7 And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like the ~~colour~~ **color** of burnished brass. 8 And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings. 9 Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward. 10

As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side; and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle. 11 Thus were their faces; and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies. 12 And they went every one straight forward; whither the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went. 13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps; it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. 14 And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning. 15 Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces. 16 The appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto the ~~colour~~ **color** of a beryl; and they four had one likeness; and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel. 17 When they went, they went upon their four sides; and they turned not when they went. 18 As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful; and their rings were full of eyes round about them four. 19 And when the

living creatures went, the wheels went by them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. 20 Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went, thither was their spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them; for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. 21 When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them; for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. 22 And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature was as the ~~colour~~ **color** of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above. 23 And under the firmament were their wings straight, the one toward the other; every one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two, which covered on that side, their bodies. 24 And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of ~~an~~ **a** host; when they stood, they let down their wings. 25 And there was a voice from the firmament that was over their heads, when they stood, and had let down their wings. 26 And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone; and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it. 27 And I saw as the ~~colour~~ **color** of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about. 28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the

cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

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1 And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. 2 And the ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me. 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me; they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day. 4 For they are impudent children and ~~stiffhearted~~ **stiff-hearted**. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 5 And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them. 6 And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions; be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. 7 And thou shalt speak my words unto them; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear; for they are most rebellious. 8 But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house; open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee. 9 And when I looked, behold, ~~an~~ **a** hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein; 10 And he spread it before me; and it was written within and without; and

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there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

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1 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel. 2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll. 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness. 4 And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them. 5 For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and of ~~an~~ a hard language, but to the house of Israel; 6 Not to many people of a strange speech and of ~~an~~ a hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee. 7 But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me;; for all the house of Israel are impudent and ~~hardhearted~~ **hard-hearted**. 8 Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads. 9 As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead;; fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. 10 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears. 11 And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear. 12 Then the ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** took me up, and I heard behind me a voice

of a great rushing, saying, Blessed be the glory of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** from his place. 13 I heard also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing. 14 So the ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was strong upon me. 15 Then I came to them of the captivity at ~~Telabib~~ **Tel-abab**, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days. 16 And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel;; therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. 18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. 19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. 20 Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling - block before him, he shall die;; because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. 21 Nevertheless, if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul. 22 And the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was

there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with thee. 23 Then I arose, and went forth into the plain; and, behold, the glory of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river of Chebar; and I fell on my face. 24 Then the ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spake with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself within thine house. 25 But thou, O son of man, behold, they shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them; 26 And I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a reprover; for they are a rebellious house. 27 But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbeareth, let him forbear; for they are a rebellious house.

4

1 Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and ~~pourtray~~ **portray** upon it the city, even Jerusalem; 2 And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set battering rams against it round about. 3 Moreover take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city; and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel. 4 Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it; according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity. 5 For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity,

according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days; so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. 6 And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days; I have appointed thee each day for a year. 7 Therefore thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and thine arm shall be uncovered, and thou shalt prophesy against it. 8 And, behold, I will lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to another, till thou hast ended the days of thy siege. 9 Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and ~~lentiles~~ **lentils**, and millet, and fitches, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof, according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side; three hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof. 10 And thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day; from time to time shalt thou eat it. 11 Thou shalt drink also water by measure, the sixth part of ~~an~~ **a** hin; from time to time shalt thou drink. 12 And thou shalt eat it as barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it with dung that cometh out of man, in their sight. 13 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said, Even thus shall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles, whither I will drive them. 14 Then said I, Ah Lord ~~GOD~~! **God**! behold, my soul hath not been polluted; for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth. 15 Then he said unto me, Lo, I have given thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread therewith. 16 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem; and they shall eat bread by weight,

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and with care; and they shall drink water by measure, and with astonishment; 17 That they may want bread and water, and be astonished one with another, and consume away for their iniquity.

5

1 And thou, son of man, take thee a sharp knife, take thee a barber's razor, and cause it to pass upon thine head and upon thy beard; then take thee balances to weigh, and divide the hair. 2 Thou shalt burn with fire a third part in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled; and thou shalt take a third part, and smite about it with a knife; and a third part thou shalt scatter in the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them. 3 Thou shalt also take thereof a few in number, and bind them in thy skirts. 4 Then take of them again, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire; for thereof shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel. 5 Thus saith the Lord **GOD God**; This is Jerusalem; I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her. 6 And she hath changed my judgments into wickedness more than the nations, and my statutes more than the countries that are round about her; for they have refused my judgments and my statutes, they have not walked in them. 7 Therefore thus saith the Lord **GOD God**; Because ye multiplied more than the nations that are round about you, and have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my judgments, neither have done according to the judgments of the nations that are round about you; 8 Therefore thus saith the Lord **GOD God**; Behold, I, even I, am against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the

nations. 9 And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do ~~any more~~ **anymore** the like, because of all thine abominations. 10 Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter into all the winds. 11 Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord **GOD God**; Surely, because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also diminish thee; neither shall mine eye spare, neither will I have any pity. 12 A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee; and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and I will scatter a third part into all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them. 13 Thus shall mine anger be accomplished, and I will cause my fury to rest upon them, and I will be comforted; and they shall know that I the **LORD Lord** have spoken it in my zeal, when I have accomplished my fury in them. 14 Moreover I will make thee waste, and a reproach among the nations that are round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by. 15 So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, ~~an~~ **and** instruction and an astonishment unto the nations that are round about thee, when I shall execute judgments in thee in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes. I the **LORD Lord** have spoken it. 16 When I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, which shall be for their destruction, and which I will send to destroy you; and I will increase the famine upon you, and will break your staff of bread; 17 So will I send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee; and pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I

will bring the sword upon thee. I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** have spoken it.

6

1 And the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them, 3 And say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** to the mountains; and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys; Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places. 4 And your altars shall be desolate, and your images shall be broken; and I will cast down your slain men before your idols. 5 And I will lay the dead ~~carcases~~ **carcasses** of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones round about your altars. 6 In all your ~~dwellingplaces~~ **dwelling places** the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished. 7 And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 8 Yet will I leave a remnant, that ye may have some that shall escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries. 9 And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, because I am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me, and with their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols; and they shall ~~lothe~~ **loathe** themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations. 10 And they shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and that I have not said in vain that I

would do this evil unto them. 11 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, Smite with thine hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence. 12 He that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is besieged shall die by the famine; thus will I accomplish my fury upon them. 13 Then shall ye know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, when their slain men shall be among their idols round about their altars, upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they did offer sweet ~~savour~~ **savor** to all their idols. 14 So will I stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate, yea, more desolate than the wilderness toward Diblah, in all their habitations; and they shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

7

1 Moreover the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 2 Also, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** unto the land of Israel; An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land. 3 Now is the end come upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations. 4 And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity; but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 5 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; An evil, an only evil, behold, is come. 6 An end is come, the end is come; it watcheth for thee; behold, it

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is come. 7 The morning is come unto thee, O thou that dwellest in the land;; the time is come, the day of trouble is near, and not the sounding again of the mountains. 8 Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon thee;; and I will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense thee for all thine abominations. 9 And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity;; I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations that are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that smiteth. 10 Behold, the day, behold, it is come;; the morning is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded. 11 Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness;; none of them shall remain, nor of their multitude, nor of any of ~~their's~~ **theirs**; neither shall there be wailing for them. 12 The time is come, the day draweth near;; let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn;; for wrath is upon all the multitude thereof. 13 For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, although they were yet alive;; for the vision is touching the whole multitude thereof, which shall not return; neither shall any strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life. 14 They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goeth to the battle;; for my wrath is upon all the multitude thereof. 15 The sword is without, and the pestilence and the famine within;; he that is in the field shall die with the sword; and he that is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him. 16 But they that escape of them shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, ~~every one~~ **everyone** for his iniquity. 17 All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak as water. 18 They shall also gird themselves with sackcloth,

and horror shall cover them; and shame shall be upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads. 19 They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed;; their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels;; because it is the ~~stumblingblock~~ **stumbling block** of their iniquity. 20 As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty;; but they made the images of their abominations and of their detestable things therein;; therefore have I set it far from them. 21 And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall pollute it. 22 My face will I turn also from them, and they shall pollute my secret place;; for the robbers shall enter into it, and defile it. 23 Make a chain;; for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. 24 Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses;; I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled. 25 Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none. 26 Mischief shall come upon mischief, and ~~rumour~~ **rumor** shall be upon ~~rumour~~ **rumor**; then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients. 27 The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled;; I will do unto them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

1 And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** fell there upon me. 2 Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire; from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins even upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the ~~colour~~ **color** of amber. 3 And he put forth the form of ~~an~~ **a** hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy. 4 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain. 5 Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry. 6 He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations. 7 And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall. 8 Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall; and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door. 9 And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. 10 So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and

all the idols of the house of Israel, ~~portrayed~~ **portrayed** upon the wall round about. 11 And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up. 12 Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, ~~the LORD~~ **The Lord** seeth us not; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath forsaken the earth. 13 He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do. 14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz. 15 Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these. 16 And he brought me into the inner court of the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and their faces toward the east; and they ~~worshipped~~ **worshipped** the sun toward the east. 17 Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger; and, lo, they put the branch to their nose. 18 Therefore will I also deal in fury; mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity; and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.

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1 He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand. 2 And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side; and they went in, and stood beside the ~~braser~~ **brazen** altar. 3 And the glory of ~~the~~ God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side; 4 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. 5 And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite; let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity; 6 Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women; but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house. 7 And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain; go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city. 8 And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord ~~GOD!~~ **God!** wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem? 9 Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood,

and the city full of perverseness; for they say, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath forsaken the earth, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** seeth not. 10 And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head. 11 And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.

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1 Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the ~~cherubims~~ **cherubim** there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne. 2 And he spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, even under the cherub, and fill thine hand with coals of fire from between the ~~cherubims~~ **cherubim**, and scatter them over the city. And he went in in my sight. 3 Now the ~~cherubims~~ **cherubim** stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court. 4 Then the glory of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** went up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** glory. 5 And the sound of the ~~cherubims'~~ **cherubim's** wings was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty God when he speaketh. 6 And it came to pass, that when he had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the ~~cherubims~~ **cherubim**; then he went in, and stood beside the wheels. 7 And one cherub stretched forth his hand from between the ~~cherubims~~ **cherubim** unto the fire

that was between the ~~cherubims~~ **cherubim**, and took thereof, and put it into the hands of him that was clothed with linen; who took it, and went out. 8 And there appeared in the ~~cherubims~~ **cherubim** the form of a man's hand under their wings. 9 And when I looked, behold the four wheels by the ~~cherubims~~ **cherubim**, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub; and the appearance of the wheels was as the ~~colour~~ **color** of a beryl stone. 10 And as for their appearances, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel. 11 When they went, they went upon their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked, they followed it; they turned not as they went. 12 And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes round about, even the wheels that they four had. 13 As for the wheels, it was cried unto them in my hearing, O wheel. 14 And ~~every one~~ **everyone** had four faces; the first face was the face of a cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle. 15 And the ~~cherubims~~ **cherubim** were lifted up. This is the living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar. 16 And when the ~~cherubims~~ **cherubim** went, the wheels went by them; and when the ~~cherubims~~ **cherubim** lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them. 17 When they stood, these stood; and when they were lifted up, these lifted up themselves also; for the spirit of the living creature was in them. 18 Then the glory of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** departed from off the threshold of the house, and stood over the ~~cherubims~~ **cherubim**. 19 And the ~~cherubims~~

cherubim lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight; when they went out, the wheels also were beside them, and every one stood at the door of the east gate of the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** house; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above. 20 This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river of Chebar; and I knew that they were the ~~cherubims~~ **cherubim**. 21 Every one had four faces apiece, and every 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 faces which I saw by the river of Chebar, their appearances and themselves; they went every one straight forward.

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1 Moreover the ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** lifted me up, and brought me unto the east gate of the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** house, which looketh eastward; and behold at the door of the gate five and twenty men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people. 2 Then said he unto me, Son of man, these are the men that devise mischief, and give wicked counsel in this city; 3 Which say, It is not near; let us build houses; this city is the caldron, and we be the flesh. 4 Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man. 5 And the Spirit of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel; for I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them. 6 Ye have multiplied your slain in this city, and ye have filled the streets thereof with the slain. 7 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Your slain whom ye have laid in the midst of it, they are

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the flesh, and this city is the caldron; but I will bring you forth out of the midst of it. 8 Ye have feared the sword; and I will bring a sword upon you, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 9 And I will bring you out of the midst thereof, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments among you. 10 Ye shall fall by the sword; I will judge you in the border of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 11 This city shall not be your caldron, neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst thereof; but I will judge you in the border of Israel; 12 And ye shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for ye have not walked in my statutes, neither executed my judgments, but have done after the manners of the heathen that are round about you. 13 And it came to pass, when I prophesied, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then fell I down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord ~~GOD~~ **God!** wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel? 14 Again the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 15 Son of man, thy brethren, even thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the house of Israel wholly, are they unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; unto us is this land given in possession. 16 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come. 17 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. 18 And they shall come thither, and they shall take

away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence. 19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them ~~an~~ **a** heart of flesh; 20 That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. 21 But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their ~~detestable~~ **detestable** things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 22 Then did the ~~cherubims~~ **cherubim** lift up their wings, and the wheels beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above. 23 And the glory of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city. 24 Afterwards the ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** took me up, and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me. 25 Then I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had ~~shewed~~ **showed** me.

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1 The word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** also came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not; for they are a rebellious house. 3 Therefore, thou son of man, prepare thee stuff for removing, and remove by day in their sight; and thou shalt remove from thy place to another place in their sight; it may be they will consider, though they be a rebellious house. 4 Then shalt thou bring forth thy stuff by day in their sight, as stuff for removing;

and thou shalt go forth at even in their sight, as they that go forth into captivity. 5 Dig thou through the wall in their sight, and carry out thereby. 6 In their sight shalt thou bear it upon thy shoulders, and carry it forth in the twilight; thou shalt cover thy face, that thou see not the ground; for I have set thee for a sign unto the house of Israel. 7 And I did so as I was commanded; I brought forth my stuff by day, as stuff for captivity, and in the even I digged through the wall with mine hand; I brought it forth in the twilight, and I bare it upon my shoulder in their sight. 8 And in the morning came the word of the **LORD Lord** unto me, saying, 9 Son of man, hath not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said unto thee, What doest thou? 10 Say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord **GOD God**; This burden concerneth the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel that are among them. 11 Say, I am your sign; like as I have done, so shall it be done unto them; they shall remove and go into captivity. 12 And the prince that is among them shall bear upon his shoulder in the twilight, and shall go forth; they shall dig through the wall to carry out thereby; he shall cover his face, that he see not the ground with his eyes. 13 My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare; and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there. 14 And I will scatter toward every wind all that are about him to help him, and all his bands; and I will draw out the sword after them. 15 And they shall know that I am the **LORD Lord**, when I shall scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the countries. 16 But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence; that they may declare all

their abominations among the heathen whither they come; and they shall know that I am the **LORD Lord**. 17 Moreover the word of the **LORD Lord** came to me, saying, 18 Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with carefulness; 19 And say unto the people of the land, Thus saith the Lord **GOD God** of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and of the land of Israel; They shall eat their bread with carefulness, and drink their water with astonishment, that her land may be desolate from all that is therein, because of the violence of all them that dwell therein. 20 And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate; and ye shall know that I am the **LORD Lord**. 21 And the word of the **LORD Lord** came unto me, saying, 22 Son of man, what is that proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth? 23 Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord **GOD God**; I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision. 24 For there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination within the house of Israel. 25 For I am the **LORD Lord**; I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged; for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord **GOD God**. 26 Again the word of the **LORD Lord** came to me, saying, 27 Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of the times that are far off. 28 Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord **GOD God**; There shall none of my words be prolonged

~~any more~~ **anymore**, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**.

13

1 And the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; 3 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! 4 O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. 5 Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 6 They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** saith; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath not sent them; and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word. 7 Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** saith it; albeit I have not spoken? 8 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 9 And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies; they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 10 Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered ~~morter~~ **mortar**; 11 Say unto them which daub it with untempered ~~morter~~ **mortar**, that it

shall fall; there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it. 12 Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it? 13 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in my fury to consume it. 14 So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered ~~morter~~ **mortar**, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 15 Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered ~~morter~~ **mortar**, and will say unto you, The wall is no more, neither they that daubed it; 16 To wit, the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 17 Likewise, thou son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, which prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy thou against them;. 18 And say, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Woe to the women that sew pillows to all armholes, and make kerchiefs upon the head of every stature to hunt souls! Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and will ye save the souls alive that come unto you? 19 And will ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear your lies? 20 Wherefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Behold, I am against your

pillows, wherewith ye there hunt the souls to make them fly, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt to make them fly. 21 Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 22 Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life;; 23 Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations;; for I will deliver my people out of your hand;; and ye shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**.

14

1 Then came certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and sat before me. 2 And the word of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** came unto me, saying, 3 Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the ~~stumblingblock~~ **stumbling block** of their iniquity before their face;; should I be ~~enquired~~ **inquired** of at all by them? 4 Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the ~~stumblingblock~~ **stumbling block** of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** will answer him that cometh, according to the multitude of his idols; 5 That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols. 6 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your

abominations. 7 For ~~every one~~ **everyone** of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the ~~stumblingblock~~ **stumbling block** of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to ~~enquire~~ **inquire** of him concerning me; I the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** will answer him by myself;; 8 And I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 9 And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** have **not** deceived that prophet,~~and~~; **therefore** I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel. 10 And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity;; the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that seeketh unto him; 11 That the house of Israel may go no more astray from me, neither be polluted ~~any more~~ **anymore** with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 12 The word of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** came again to me, saying, 13 Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then **I** will ~~I~~ stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it;; 14 Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 15 If I cause noisome beasts to pass through the land, and they spoil it, so that it be desolate, that no man may pass through because of the beasts;; 16 Though these three men were in it, as

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I live, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only shall be delivered, but the land shall be desolate. 17 Or if I bring a sword upon that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast from it; 18 Though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves. 19 Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast; 20 Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness. 21 For thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast? 22 Yet, behold, therein shall be left a remnant that shall be brought forth, both sons and daughters; behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their way and their doings; and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought upon it. 23 And they shall comfort you, when ye see their ways and their doings; and ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**.

15

1 And the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, ~~what~~ **What** is the vine tree more than any tree, or than a branch which is among the trees of the forest? 3 Shall wood be taken thereof to do any

work? or will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon? 4 Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire devoureth both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned. Is it meet for any work? 5 Behold, when it was whole, it was meet for no work; how much less shall it be meet yet for any work, when the fire hath devoured it, and it is burned? 6 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 7 And I will set my face against them; they shall go out from one fire, and another fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, when I set my face against them. 8 And I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**.

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1 Again the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations, 3 And say, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** unto Jerusalem; Thy birth and thy nativity is of the land of Canaan; thy father was an Amorite, and thy mother ~~an~~ **a** Hittite. 4 And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple thee; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all. 5 None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the ~~lothing~~ **loathing** of thy person, in the day that thou wast born. 6 And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live. 7 I have caused thee to

multiply as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to excellent ornaments; thy breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, whereas thou wast naked and bare. 8 Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness; yea, I swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, and thou becamest mine. 9 Then washed I thee with water; yea, I ~~thoroughly~~ **thoroughly** washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil. 10 I clothed thee also with brodered work, and shod thee with badgers' skin, and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk. 11 I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck. 12 And I put a jewel on thy forehead, and earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thine head. 13 Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and brodered work; thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil; and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst prosper into a kingdom. 14 And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty; for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 15 But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on ~~every one~~ **everyone** that passed by; his it was. 16 And of thy garments thou didst take, and deckedst thy high places with divers ~~colours~~ **colors**, and playedst the harlot thereupon; the like things shall not come, neither shall it be so. 17 Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of my gold and of my

silver; which I had given thee, and madest to thyself images of men, and didst commit whoredom with them, 18 And tookest thy brodered garments, and coveredst them; and thou hast set mine oil and mine incense before them. 19 My meat also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil, and honey, wherewith I fed thee, thou hast even set it before them for a sweet ~~savour~~ **savor**; and thus it was, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 20 Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast ~~borne~~ **born** unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured. Is this of thy whoredoms a small matter, 21 That thou hast slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through the fire for them? 22 And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, and wast polluted in thy blood. 23 And it came to pass after all thy wickedness, (woe, woe unto thee! saith the ~~LORD GOD~~ **Lord God**,) 24 That thou hast also built unto thee an eminent place, and hast made thee ~~an~~ **a** high place in every street. 25 Thou hast built thy high place at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty to be abhorred, and hast opened thy feet to ~~every one~~ **everyone** that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredoms. 26 Thou hast also committed fornication with the Egyptians thy ~~neighbours~~ **neighbors**, great of flesh; and hast increased thy whoredoms, to provoke me to anger. 27 Behold, therefore I have stretched out my hand over thee, and have diminished thine ordinary food, and delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee, the daughters of the Philistines, which are ashamed of thy lewd way. 28 Thou hast played the whore also with the Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable; yea,

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thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied. 29 Thou hast moreover multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan unto Chaldea; and yet thou wast not satisfied ~~therewith~~ **herewith**. 30 How weak is thine heart, saith the ~~LORD GOD~~ **Lord God**, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an imperious whorish woman; 31 In that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thine high ~~place~~ **pace** in every street; and hast not been as ~~an~~ **a** harlot, in that thou scornest hire; 32 But as a wife that committeth adultery, which taketh strangers instead of her husband! 33 They give gifts to all whores; but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom. 34 And the contrary is in thee from other women in thy whoredoms, whereas none followeth thee to commit whoredoms; and in that thou givest a reward, and no reward is given unto thee, therefore thou art contrary. 35 Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; 36 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers, and with all the idols of thy abominations, and by the blood of thy children, which thou didst give unto them; 37 Behold, therefore I will gather all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken pleasure, and all them that thou hast loved, with all them that thou hast hated; I will even gather them round about against thee, and will discover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness. 38 And I will judge thee, as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will give thee blood in fury and jealousy. 39 And I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw

down thine eminent place, and shall break down thy high places; they shall strip thee also of thy clothes, and shall take thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked and bare. 40 They shall also bring up a company against thee, and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee through with their swords. 41 And they shall burn thine houses with fire, and execute judgments upon thee in the sight of many women; and I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou also shalt give no hire ~~any more~~ **anymore**. 42 So will I make my fury toward thee to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry. 43 Because thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, but hast fretted me in all these things; behold, therefore I also will recompense thy way upon thine head, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; and thou shalt not commit this lewdness above all thine abominations. 44 Behold, ~~every one~~ **everyone** that useth proverbs shall use this proverb against thee, saying, As is the mother, so is her daughter. 45 Thou art thy mother's daughter, that ~~lotheth~~ **loatheth** her husband and her children; and thou art the sister of thy sisters, which ~~loathed~~ **loathed** their husbands and their children; your mother was ~~an~~ **a** Hittite, and your father an Amorite. 46 And thine elder sister is Samaria, she and her daughters that dwell at thy left hand; and thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, is Sodom and her daughters. 47 Yet hast thou not walked after their ways, nor done after their abominations; but, as if that were a very little thing, thou wast corrupted more than they in all thy ways. 48 As I live, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters. 49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy

sister Sodom, pride, ~~fulness~~ **fullness** of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. 50 And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me; therefore I took them away, as I saw good. 51 Neither hath Samaria committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and hast justified thy sisters in all thine abominations which thou hast done. 52 Thou also, which hast judged thy sisters, bear thine own shame for thy sins ~~that thou hast committed more abominable than they: they are more righteous than thou: yea, be thou confounded also, and bear thy shame, in that thou hast justified thy sisters.~~ 53 When I shall bring again their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, then will I bring again the captivity of thy captives in the midst of them; 54 That thou mayest bear thine own shame, and mayest be confounded in all that thou hast done, in that thou art a comfort unto them. 55 When thy sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate, then thou and thy daughters shall return to your former estate. 56 For thy sister Sodom was not mentioned by thy mouth in the day of thy pride, 57 Before thy wickedness was discovered, as at the time of thy reproach of the daughters of Syria, and all that are round about her, the daughters of the Philistines, which despise thee round about. 58 Thou hast borne thy lewdness and thine abominations, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 59 For thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; I will even deal with thee as thou hast done, which hast despised the oath in

breaking the covenant. 60 Nevertheless, I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant. 61 Then thou shalt remember thy ways, and be ashamed, when thou shalt receive thy sisters, thine elder and thy younger; and I will give them unto thee for daughters, but not by thy covenant. 62 And I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; 63 That thou mayest remember, and be confounded, and never open thy mouth ~~any more~~ **anymore** because of thy shame, when I am pacified toward thee for all that thou hast done, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**.

17

1 And the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto the house of Israel; 3 And say, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; A great eagle with great wings, ~~longwinged~~ **long winged**, full of feathers, which had divers ~~colours~~ **colors**, came unto Lebanon, and took the highest branch of the cedar; 4 He cropped off the top of his young twigs, and carried it into a land of ~~traffic~~ **traffic**; he set it in a city of merchants. 5 He took also ~~of~~ the seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitful field; he placed it by great waters, and set it as a willow tree. 6 And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and the roots thereof were under him; so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs. 7 There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers; and, behold, this vine did bend her roots toward him, and shot forth her branches toward him, that he might water it by the furrows

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of her plantation. 8 It was planted in a good soil by great waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine. 9 Say thou, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; ~~Shall~~ **shall** it prosper? shall he not pull up the roots thereof, and cut off the fruit thereof, that it wither? it shall wither in all the leaves of her spring, even without great power or many people to pluck it up by the roots thereof. 10 Yea, behold, being planted, shall it prosper? shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it? it shall wither in the furrows where it grew. 11 Moreover the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 12 Say now to the rebellious house, ~~Know~~ **know** ye not what these things mean? tell them, Behold, the king of Babylon is come to Jerusalem, and hath taken the king thereof, and the princes thereof, and led them with him to Babylon;. 13 And hath taken of the king's seed, and made a covenant with him, and hath taken an oath of him;; he hath also taken the mighty of the land;; 14 That the kingdom might be base, that it might not lift itself up, but that ~~by~~ **be** keeping of his covenant it might stand. 15 But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and much people. Shall he prosper? shall he escape that doeth such things? or shall he break the covenant, and be delivered? 16 As I live, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, surely in the place where the king dwelleth that made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he brake, even with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die. 17 Neither shall Pharaoh with his mighty army and great company make for him in the war, by casting up mounts, and building forts, to cut off many persons;; 18 Seeing he despised the

oath by breaking the covenant, when, lo, he had given his hand, and hath done all these things, he shall not escape. 19 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; As I live, surely mine oath that he hath despised, and my covenant that he hath broken, even it will I recompense upon his own head. 20 And I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will plead with him there for his trespass that he hath trespassed against me. 21 And all his fugitives with all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they that remain shall be scattered toward all winds;; and ye shall know that I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** have spoken it. 22 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will set it; I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant it upon ~~an~~ **a** high mountain and eminent;; 23 In the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it;; and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar;; and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell. 24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish;; I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** have spoken and have done it.

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1 The word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me again, saying, 2 What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? 3 As I live, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, ye shall not have occasion ~~any~~

~~more~~ **anymore** to use this proverb in Israel. 4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine; the soul that sinneth, it shall die. 5 But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right, 6 And hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his ~~neighbour's~~ **neighbors'** wife, neither hath come near to a menstruous woman, 7 And hath not oppressed any, but hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment; 8 He that hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgment between man and man, 9 Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 10 If he beget a son that is a robber, a shedder of blood, and that doeth the like to any one of these things, 11 And that doeth not any of those duties, but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his ~~neighbour's~~ **neighbor's** wife, 12 Hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath spoiled by violence; hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination, 13 Hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase; shall he then live? he shall not live; he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him. 14 Now, lo, if he beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such like, 15 That hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, hath not defiled his ~~neighbour's~~ **neighbor's** wife, 16

Neither hath oppressed any, hath not withholden the pledge, neither hath spoiled by violence, but hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment, 17 That hath taken off his hand from the poor, that hath not received usury nor increase, hath executed my judgments, hath walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live. 18 As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did that which is not good among his people, lo, even he shall die in his iniquity. 19 Yet say ye, Why? doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live. 20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. 21 But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. 22 All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him; in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. 23 Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; and not that he should return from his ways, and live? 24 But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned; in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them

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shall he die. 25 Yet ye say, The way of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal? 26 When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die. 27 Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. 28 Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. 29 Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal? 30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, ~~every one~~ **everyone** according to his ways, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; wherefore turn ~~yourselves~~, **ye** and live ~~ye~~.

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1 Moreover, take thou up a lamentation for the princes of Israel, 2 And say, What is thy mother? A lioness; she lay down among lions, she nourished her whelps among young lions. 3 And she brought up one of her whelps: it became a young lion, and it learned to catch the prey; it devoured men. 4 The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit, and they brought him with chains unto the land of Egypt. 5 Now when

she saw that she had waited, and her hope was lost, then she took another of her whelps, and made him a young lion. 6 And he went up and down among the lions, he became a young lion, and learned to catch the prey, and devoured men. 7 And he knew their desolate palaces, and he laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and the ~~fulness~~ **fullness** thereof, by the noise of his roaring. 8 Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces, and spread their net over him; he was taken in their pit. 9 And they put him in ward in chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon; they brought him into holds, that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Israel. 10 Thy mother is like a vine, in ~~thy~~ **my** blood, planted by the waters; she was fruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters. 11 And she had strong rods for the ~~sceptres~~ **scepters** of them that bare rule, and her stature was exalted among the thick branches, and she appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches. 12 But she was plucked up in fury, she was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit; her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire consumed them. 13 And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground. 14 And fire is gone out of a rod of her branches, which hath devoured her fruit, so that she hath no strong rod to be a ~~sceptre~~ **scepter** to rule. This is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.

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1 And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month, that certain of the elders of Israel came to ~~enquire~~ **inquire** of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and sat before me. 2 Then came the word of

the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** unto me, saying, 3 Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Are ye come to ~~enquire~~ **inquire** of me? As I live, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, I will not be ~~enquired~~ **inquired** of by you. 4 Wilt thou judge them, son of man, wilt thou judge them? cause them to know the abominations of their fathers;; 5 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; In the day when I chose Israel, and lifted up mine hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself known unto them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up mine hand unto them, saying, I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God; 6 In the day that I lifted up mine hand unto them, to bring them forth of the land of Egypt into a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands;; 7 Then said I unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt;; I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God. 8 But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me;; they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt;; then I said, I will pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. 9 But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, among whom they were, in whose sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt. 10 Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. 11 And I gave them my statutes, and ~~shewed~~ **showed** them my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them. 12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign

between me and them, that they might know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that sanctify them. 13 But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness;; they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly polluted;; then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them. 14 But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, in whose sight I brought them out. 15 Yet also I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands; 16 Because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my sabbaths;; for their heart went after their idols. 17 Nevertheless mine ~~eye~~ **eyes** spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness. 18 But I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols;; 19 I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; 20 And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God. 21 Notwithstanding, the children rebelled against me;; they walked not in my statutes, neither kept my judgments to do them, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; they polluted my sabbaths;; then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness. 22 Nevertheless I withdrew mine hand, and wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight

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of the heathen, in whose sight I brought them forth. 23 I lifted up mine hand unto them also in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the heathen, and disperse them through the countries; 24 Because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols. 25 Wherefore I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live; 26 And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through the fire all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 27 Therefore, son of man, speak unto the house of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Yet in this your fathers have blasphemed me, in that they have committed a trespass against me. 28 For when I had brought them into the land, for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to them, then they saw every high hill, and all the thick trees, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering;; there also they made their sweet ~~savour~~ **savor**, and poured out there their drink offerings. 29 Then I said unto them, What is the high place whereunto ye go? And the name ~~whereof~~ **thereof** is called Bamah unto this day. 30 Wherefore say unto the house of Israel;; Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; ~~Are ye Ye~~ **are** polluted after the manner of your fathers ?, and **ye** commit **ye** whoredom after their abominations ?. 31 For when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, even unto this day;; and shall I be ~~enquired~~ **inquired** of by you, O house of Israel? As I live,

saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, I will not be ~~enquired~~ **inquired** of by you. 32 And that which cometh into your mind shall not be at all, that ye say, We will be as the heathen, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone. 33 As I live, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, surely with a mighty hand; and with a stretched - out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you;; 34 And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched - out arm, and with fury poured out. 35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face. 36 Like as I pleaded with ~~your~~ **you** fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;; 38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me;; I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel;; and ye shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 39 As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Go ye, serve ye ~~every one~~ **everyone** his idols, and hereafter also, if ye will not hearken unto me;; but pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols. 40 For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me;; there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firstfruits of your oblations, with all your holy things. 41 I will accept you with your sweet ~~savour~~ **savor**, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out

of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen. 42 And ye shall know that I am the **LORD Lord**, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers. 43 And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ye shall ~~lothe~~ **loathe** yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed. 44 And ye shall know that I am the **LORD Lord**, when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord **GOD God**. 45 Moreover the word of the **LORD Lord** came unto me, saying, 46 Son of man, set thy face toward the south, and drop thy word toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the south field; 47 And say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of the **LORD Lord**; Thus saith the Lord **GOD God**; Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree; the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burned therein. 48 And all flesh shall see that I the **LORD Lord** have kindled it; it shall not be quenched. 49 Then said I, Ah Lord **GOD! God!** they say of me, Doth he not speak parables?

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1 And the word of the **LORD Lord** came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face toward Jerusalem, and drop thy word toward the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel, 3 And say to the land of Israel, Thus saith the **LORD Lord**; Behold, I am against thee, and will draw forth

my sword out of his sheath, and will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked. 4 Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of his sheath against all flesh from the south to the north; 5 That all flesh may know that I the **LORD Lord** have drawn forth my sword out of his sheath; it shall not return ~~any more~~ **anymore**. 6 Sigh therefore, thou son of man, with the breaking of thy loins; and with bitterness sigh before their eyes. 7 And it shall be, when they say unto thee, Wherefore sighest thou? that thou shalt answer, For the tidings; because it cometh; and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees ~~shall~~ be weak as water; behold, it cometh, and shall be brought to pass, saith the Lord **GOD God**. 8 Again the word of the **LORD Lord** came unto me, saying, 9 Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith the **LORD Lord**; Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened, and also furbished; 10 It is sharpened to make a sore slaughter; it is furbished that it may glitter; should we then make mirth? it contemneth the rod of my son, as every tree. 11 And he hath given it to be furbished, that it may be handled; this sword is sharpened, and it is furbished, to give it into the hand of the slayer. 12 Cry and howl, son of man; for it shall be upon my people, it shall be upon all the princes of Israel; terrors by reason of the sword shall be upon my people; smite therefore upon thy thigh. 13 Because it is a trial, and what if the sword condemn even the rod? it shall be no more, saith the Lord **GOD God**. 14 Thou therefore, son of man, prophesy, and smite thine hands together, and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain; it is the sword of the great

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men that are slain, which entereth into their privy chambers. 15 I have set the point of the sword against all their gates, that their heart may faint, and their ruins be multiplied; ah! it is made bright, it is wrapped up for the slaughter. 16 Go thee one way or other, either on the right hand, or on the left, whithersoever thy face is set. 17 I will also smite mine hands together, and I will cause my fury to rest; I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** have said it. 18 The word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me again, saying, 19 Also, thou son of man, appoint thee two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come; both twain shall come forth out of one land; and choose thou a place, choose it at the head of the way to the city. 20 Appoint a way, that the sword may come to Rabbath of the Ammonites, and to Judah in Jerusalem the ~~defenced~~ **defensed**. 21 For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination; he made his arrows bright, he consulted with images, he looked in the liver. 22 At his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem, to appoint captains, to open the mouth in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to appoint battering rams against the gates, to cast a mount, and to build a fort. 23 And it shall be unto them as a false divination in their sight, to them that have sworn oaths; but he will call to remembrance the iniquity, that they may be taken. 24 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are discovered, so that in all your doings your sins do appear; because, I say, that ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be taken with the hand. 25 And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity

shall have an end, 26 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown; this shall not be the same; exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. 27 I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it; and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him. 28 And thou, son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** concerning the Ammonites, and concerning their reproach; even say thou, The sword, the sword is drawn; for the slaughter it is furbished, to consume because of the glittering; 29 ~~Whiles~~ **While** they see vanity unto thee, ~~whiles~~ **while** they divine a lie unto thee, to bring thee upon the necks of them that are slain, of the wicked, whose day is come, when their iniquity shall have an end. 30 Shall I cause it to return into his sheath? I will judge thee in the place where thou wast created, in the land of thy nativity. 31 And I will pour out mine indignation upon thee; I will blow against thee in the fire of my wrath, and deliver thee into the hand of brutish men, and ~~skillful~~ **skillful** to destroy. 32 Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire; thy blood shall be in the midst of the land; thou shalt be no more remembered; for I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** have spoken it.

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1 Moreover the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 2 Now, thou son of man, wilt thou judge, wilt thou judge the bloody city? yea, thou shalt ~~shew~~ **show** her all her abominations. 3 Then say thou, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; The city sheddeth blood in the midst of it, that her time may come, and maketh idols against herself to defile herself. 4 Thou art become guilty in thy blood that thou hast shed; and hast defiled thyself in thine idols which thou hast

made; and thou hast caused thy days to draw near, and art come even unto thy years;; therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the heathen, and a mocking to all countries. 5 Those that be near, and those that be far from thee, shall mock thee, which art infamous and much vexed. 6 Behold, the princes of Israel, ~~every one~~ **everyone** were in thee to their power to shed blood. 7 In thee have they set light by father and mother;; in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger;; in thee have they vexed the fatherless and the widow. 8 Thou hast despised mine holy things, and hast profaned my sabbaths. 9 In thee are men that carry tales to shed blood;; and in thee they eat upon the mountains;; in the midst of thee they commit lewdness. 10 In thee have they discovered their fathers' nakedness;; in thee have they humbled her that was set apart for pollution. 11 And one hath committed abomination with his ~~neighbour's~~ **neighbor's** wife; and another hath lewdly defiled his daughter - in - law; ~~and another~~ in thee hath humbled his sister, his father's daughter. 12 In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood; thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy ~~neighbours~~ **neighbors** by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 13 Behold, therefore I have smitten mine hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee. 14 Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** have spoken it, and will do it. 15 And I will scatter thee among the heathen, and disperse thee in the countries, and will consume thy filthiness out of thee. 16 And thou shalt take thine inheritance in thyself in the sight of the heathen, and thou

shalt know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 17 And the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 18 Son of man, the house of Israel is to me become dross;; all they are brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are even the dross of silver. 19 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Because ye are all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem. 20 As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you in mine anger and in my fury, and I will leave you there, and melt you. 21 Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst ~~therof~~ **thereof**. 22 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** have poured out my fury upon you. 23 And the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 24 Son of man, say unto her, Thou art the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation. 25 There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof. 26 Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things;; they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they ~~shewed~~ **showed** difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. 27 Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain. 28 And her prophets have daubed them with

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untempered ~~morter~~ **mortar**, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, when the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath not spoken. 29 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy; yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully. 30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found none. 31 Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath; their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**.

23

1 The word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came again unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother; 3 And they committed whoredoms in Egypt; they committed whoredoms in their youth; there were their breasts pressed, and there they bruised the teats of their virginity. 4 And the names of them were Aholah the elder, and Aholibah her sister; and they were mine, and they bare sons and daughters. Thus were their names; Samaria is Aholah, and Jerusalem Aholibah. 5 And Aholah played the harlot when she was mine; and she doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians her ~~neighbours~~, **neighbors**. 6 Which were clothed with blue, captains and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses. 7 Thus she committed her whoredoms with them, with all them that were the chosen men of Assyria, and with all on whom she doted; with all their idols she defiled herself. 8 Neither left she her whoredoms brought from

Egypt; for in her youth they lay with her, and they bruised the breasts of her virginity, and poured their whoredom upon her. 9 Wherefore I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, upon whom she doted. 10 These discovered her nakedness; they took her sons and her daughters, and slew her with the sword; and she became famous among women; for they had executed judgment upon her. 11 And when her sister Aholibah saw this, she was more corrupt in her inordinate love than she, and in her whoredoms more than her sister in her whoredoms. 12 She doted upon the Assyrians her ~~neighbours~~, **neighbors**, captains and rulers clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men. 13 Then I saw that she was defiled, that they took both one way, 14 And that she increased her whoredoms; for when she saw men ~~pourtrayed~~ **portrayed** upon the ~~wall~~ **walls**, the images of the Chaldeans ~~pourtrayed~~ **portrayed** with vermilion, 15 Girded with girdles upon their loins, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look to, after the manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their nativity; 16 And as soon as she saw them with her eyes, she doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea. 17 And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their whoredom, and she was polluted with them, and her mind was alienated from **me** by them. 18 So she discovered her whoredoms, and discovered her nakedness; then my mind was alienated from her, like as my mind was alienated from her sister. 19 Yet she multiplied her whoredoms, in calling to remembrance the days of her youth,

wherein she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt. 20 For she doted upon their paramours, whose flesh is as the flesh of asses, and whose issue is like the issue of horses. 21 Thus thou calledst to remembrance the lewdness of thy youth, in bruising thy teats by the Egyptians for the paps of thy youth. 22 Therefore, O Aholibah, thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Behold, I will raise up thy lovers against thee, ~~from~~ **by** whom thy mind is alienated **from me**, and I will bring them against thee on every side; 23 The Babylonians, and all the Chaldeans, Pekod, and Shoa, and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them; all of them desirable young men, captains and rulers, great lords and renowned, all of them riding upon horses. 24 And they shall come against thee with chariots, wagons, and wheels, and with an assembly of people, which shall set against thee buckler and shield and helmet round about; and I will set judgment before them, and they shall judge thee according to their judgments. 25 And I will set my jealousy against thee, and they shall deal furiously with thee; they shall take away thy nose and thine ears; and thy remnant shall fall by the sword; they shall take thy sons and thy daughters; and thy residue shall be devoured by the fire. 26 They shall also strip thee out of thy clothes, and take away thy fair jewels. 27 Thus will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee, and thy whoredom brought from the land of Egypt; so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt ~~any more~~ **anymore**. 28 For thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Behold, I will deliver thee into the hand of them whom thou hatest, into the hand of them ~~from~~ **by** whom thy mind is alienated; 29 And they shall deal with thee hatefully, and shall take away all thy ~~labour~~ **labor**, and

shall leave thee naked and bare; and the nakedness of thy whoredoms shall be discovered, both thy lewdness and thy whoredoms. 30 I will do these things unto thee, because thou hast gone a whoring after the heathen, and because thou art polluted with their idols. 31 Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; therefore will I give her cup into thine hand. 32 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and large; thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision; it containeth much. 33 Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of thy sister Samaria. 34 Thou shalt even drink it and suck it out, and thou shalt break the ~~sheds~~ **shreds** thereof, and pluck off thine own breasts; for I have spoken it, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 35 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Because thou hast forgotten me, and cast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy whoredoms. 36 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said moreover unto me; Son of man, wilt thou judge Aholah and Aholibah? yea, declare unto them their abominations; 37 That they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, to pass for them through the fire, to devour them. 38 Moreover this they have done unto me; they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my sabbaths. 39 For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the midst of mine house. 40 And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger was sent; and, lo, they came; for

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whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thy eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments;. 41 And satest upon a stately bed, and a table prepared before it, whereupon thou hast set mine incense and mine oil. 42 And a voice of a multitude being at ease was with her;; and with the men of the common sort were brought Sabeans from the wilderness, which put bracelets upon their hands, and beautiful crowns upon their heads. 43 Then said I unto her that was old in adulteries, Will they now commit whoredoms with her, and she with them? 44 Yet they went in unto her, as they go in unto a woman that playeth the harlot;; so went they in unto Aholah and unto Aholibah, the lewd women. 45 And the righteous men, they shall judge them after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of women that shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands. 46 For thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; I will bring up a company upon them, and will give them to be removed and spoiled. 47 And the company shall stone them with stones, and dispatch them with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire. 48 Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness. 49 And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your idols;; and ye shall know that I am the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**.

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1 Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, write thee the name of the day, even of this same day;; the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same

day. 3 And utter a parable unto the rebellious house, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Set on a pot, set it on, and also pour water into it;; 4 Gather the pieces thereof into it, even every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill it with the choice bones. 5 Take the choice of the flock, and burn also the bones under it, and make it boil well, and let them seethe the bones of it therein. 6 Wherefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Woe to the bloody city, to the pot whose scum is therein, and whose scum is not gone out of it! bring it out piece by piece; let no lot fall upon it. 7 For her blood is in the midst of her; she set it upon the top of a rock; she poured it not upon the ground, to cover it with dust; 8 That it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance; I have set her blood upon the top of a rock, that it should not be covered. 9 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Woe to the bloody city! I will even make the pile for fire great. 10 Heap on wood, kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and spice it well, and let the bones be burned. 11 Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, that the brass of it may be hot, and may burn, and that the filthiness of it may be molten in it, that the scum of it may be consumed. 12 She hath wearied herself with lies, and her great scum went not forth out of her;; her scum shall be in the fire. 13 In thy filthiness is lewdness;; because I have purged thee, and thou wast not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness ~~any more~~ **anymore**, till I have caused my fury to rest upon thee. 14 I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** have spoken it;; it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 15 Also the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**

came unto me, saying, 16 Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke; yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down. 17 Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead, bind the tire of thine head upon thee, and put on thy shoes upon thy feet, and cover not thy lips, and eat not the bread of men. 18 So I spake unto the people in the morning; and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded. 19 And the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these things are to us, that thou doest so? 20 Then I answered them, The word of the **LORD Lord** came unto me, saying, 21 Speak unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord **GOD God**; Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the excellency of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pitieth; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left shall fall by the sword. 22 And ye shall do as I have done; ye shall not cover your lips, nor eat the bread of men. 23 And your tires shall be upon your heads, and your shoes upon your feet; ye shall not mourn nor weep; but ye shall pine away for your iniquities, and mourn one toward another. 24 Thus Ezekiel is unto you a sign; according to all that he hath done shall ye do; and when this cometh, ye shall know that I am the Lord **GOD God**. 25 Also, thou ~~son~~ Son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that whereupon they set their minds, their sons and their daughters, 26 That he that escapeth in that day shall come unto thee, to cause thee to hear it with thine ears? 27 In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb; and thou shalt be a

sign unto them; and they shall know that I am the **LORD Lord**.

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1 The word of the **LORD Lord** came again unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face against the Ammonites, and prophesy against them; 3 And say unto the Ammonites, Hear the word of the Lord **GOD God**; Thus saith the Lord **GOD God**; Because thou saidst, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity; 4 Behold, therefore I will deliver thee to the men of the east for a possession, and they shall set their palaces in thee, and make their dwellings in thee; they shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk. 5 And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels, and the Ammonites a couching place for flocks; and ye shall know that I am the **LORD Lord**. 6 For thus saith the Lord **GOD God**; Because thou hast clapped thine hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced in heart with all thy despite against the land of Israel; 7 Behold, therefore I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for a spoil to the heathen; and I will cut thee off from the people, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries; I will destroy thee; and thou shalt know that I am the **LORD Lord**. 8 Thus saith the Lord **GOD God**; Because that Moab and Seir do say, Behold, the house of Judah is like unto all the heathen; 9 Therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities which are on his frontiers, the glory of the country, ~~Bethjeshimoth~~ **Beth-jeshimoth**, ~~Baalmeon~~ **Baal-meon**, and ~~Kiriathaim~~ **Kiria-thaim**, 10 Unto the men of the east with the

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Ammonites, and will give them in possession, that the Ammonites may not be remembered among the nations. 11 And I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 12 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them; 13 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; I will also stretch out mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; and they of Dedan shall fall by the sword. 14 And I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel; and they shall do in Edom according to mine anger and according to my fury; and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 15 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Because the Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with a despiteful heart, to destroy it for the old hatred; 16 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Behold, I will stretch out mine hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the ~~Cherethims~~ **Cherethim**, and destroy the remnant of the ~~sea-coast~~ **seacoast**. 17 And I will execute great vengeance upon them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.

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1 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first day of the month, that the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, because that Tyrus hath said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken that was the gates of the people; she is turned unto me; I shall be

replenished, now she is laid waste; 3 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Behold, I am against thee, O Tyrus, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his waves to come up. 4 And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers; I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock. 5 It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea; for I have spoken it, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; and it shall become a spoil to the nations. 6 And her daughters which are in the field shall be slain by the sword; and they shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 7 For thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people. 8 He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field; and he shall make a fort against thee, and cast a mount against thee, and lift up the buckler against thee. 9 And he shall set engines of war against thy walls, and with his axes he shall break down thy towers. 10 By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee; thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach. 11 With the ~~hoofs~~ **hooves** of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets; he shall slay thy people by the sword, and thy strong garrisons shall go down to the ground. 12 And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise; and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses; and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water. 13 And

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I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard. 14 And I will make thee like the top of a rock; thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon; thou shalt be built no more; for I the **LORD Lord** have spoken it, saith the Lord **GOD God**. 15 Thus saith the Lord **GOD God** to Tyrus; Shall not the isles shake at the sound of thy fall, when the wounded cry, when the slaughter is made in the midst of thee? 16 Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay away their robes, and put off their brodered garments; they shall clothe themselves with trembling; they shall sit upon the ground, and shall tremble at every moment, and be astonished at thee. 17 And they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and say to thee, How art thou destroyed, that wast inhabited of seafaring men, the renowned city, which wast strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, which cause their terror to be on all that haunt it! 18 Now shall the isles tremble in the day of thy fall; yea, the isles that are in the sea shall be troubled at thy departure. 19 For thus saith the Lord **GOD God**; When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep upon thee, and great waters shall cover thee; 20 When I shall bring thee down with them that descend into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set thee in the low parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited; and I shall set glory in the land of the living; 21 I will make thee a terror, and thou shalt be no more; though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found again, saith the Lord **GOD God**.

1 The word of the **LORD Lord** came again unto me, saying, 2 Now, thou ~~son~~ **Son** of man, take up a lamentation for Tyrus; 3 And say unto Tyrus, O thou that art situate at the entry of the sea, which art a merchant of the people for many isles, Thus saith the Lord **GOD God**; O Tyrus, thou hast said, I am of perfect beauty. 4 Thy borders are in the midst of the seas, thy builders have perfected thy beauty. 5 They have made all thy ship boards of fir trees of Senir; they have taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for thee. 6 Of the oaks of Bashan have they made thine oars; the company of the Ashurites have made thy benches of ivory, brought out of the isles of Chittim. 7 Fine linen with brodered work from Egypt was that which thou spreadest forth to be thy sail; blue and purple from the isles of Elishah was that which covered thee. 8 The inhabitants of Zidon and Arvad were thy mariners; thy wise men, O Tyrus, that were in thee, were thy pilots. 9 The ancients of Gebal and the wise men thereof were in thee thy ~~ealkers~~ **caulkers**; all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in thee to occupy thy merchandise. 10 They of Persia and of Lud and of Phut were in thine army, thy men of war; they hanged the shield and helmet in thee; they set forth thy comeliness. 11 The men of Arvad with thine army were upon thy walls round about, and the ~~Gammadims~~ **Gammadim** were in thy towers; they hanged their shields upon thy walls round about; they have made thy beauty perfect. 12 Tarshish was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of all ~~kind~~ **kinds** of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded in thy fairs. 13 Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they were thy merchants; they traded the persons

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of men and vessels of brass in thy market. 14 They of the house of Togarmah traded in thy fairs with horses and horsemen and mules. 15 The men of Dedan were thy merchants; many isles were the merchandise of thine hand; they brought thee for a present, horns of ivory and ebony. 16 Syria was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of the wares of thy making; they occupied in thy fairs with emeralds, purple, and brodered work, and fine linen, and coral, and agate. 17 Judah, and the land of Israel, they were thy merchants; they traded in thy market wheat of Minnith, and Pannag, and honey, and oil, and balm. 18 Damascus was thy merchant in the multitude of the wares of thy making, for the multitude of all riches; in the wine of Helbon, and white wool. 19 Dan also and Javan going to and fro occupied in thy fairs; bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were in thy market. 20 Dedan was thy merchant in precious clothes for chariots. 21 Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they occupied with thee in lambs, and rams, and goats; in these were they thy merchants. 22 The merchants of Sheba and Raamah, they were thy merchants; they occupied in thy fairs with chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold. 23 Haran, and Canneh, and Eden, the merchants of Sheba, Asshur, and Chilmad, were thy merchants. 24 These were thy merchants in all sorts of things, in blue clothes, and brodered work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords, and made of cedar, among thy merchandise. 25 The ships of Tarshish did sing of thee in thy market; and thou wast replenished, and made very glorious in the midst of the seas. 26 Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters; the east wind hath broken thee in the midst of the seas. 27 Thy

riches, and thy fairs, thy merchandise, thy mariners, and thy pilots, thy ~~calkers~~ **caulkers**, and the occupiers of thy merchandise, and all thy men of war, that are in thee, and in all thy company which is in the midst of thee, shall fall into the midst of the seas in the day of thy ruin. 28 The suburbs shall shake at the sound of the cry of thy pilots. 29 And all that handle the oar, the mariners, and all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships, they shall stand upon the land; 30 And shall cause their voice to be heard against thee, and shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust upon their heads, they shall wallow themselves in the ashes; 31 And they shall make themselves utterly bald for thee, and gird them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for thee with bitterness of heart and bitter wailing. 32 And in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and lament over thee, saying, What city is like Tyrus, like the destroyed in the midst of the sea? 33 When thy wares went forth out of the seas, thou filledst many people; thou didst enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches and of thy merchandise. 34 In the time when thou shalt be broken by the seas in the depths of the waters, thy merchandise and all thy company in the midst of thee shall fall. 35 All the inhabitants of the isles shall be astonished at thee, and their kings shall be sore afraid, they shall be troubled in their countenance. 36 The merchants among the people shall hiss at thee; thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt be ~~any more~~ **anymore**.

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1 The word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came again unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus

saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a ~~God~~ **god**, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God; 3 Behold, thou art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee; 4 With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures; 5 By thy great wisdom and by thy ~~traffick~~ **traffic** hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches; 6 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God; 7 Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations; and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness. 8 They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of them that are slain in the midst of the seas. 9 Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I am God? but thou shalt be a man, and no God, in the hand of him that slayeth thee. 10 Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers; for I have spoken it, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 11 Moreover the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. 13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold; the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. 14 Thou

art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so; thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. 16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned; therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God; and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. 17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness; I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. 18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy ~~traffick~~ **traffic**; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. 19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee; thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be ~~any~~ **more anymore**. 20 Again the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 21 Son of man, set thy face against Zidon, and prophesy against it, 22 And say, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Behold, I am against thee, O Zidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee; and they shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her. 23 For I will send into her pestilence, and blood into her streets; and the wounded shall be judged in the midst of her by the sword upon her on every side; and they shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 24 And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the house of

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Israel, nor any grieving thorn of all that are round about them, that despised them; and they shall know that I am the Lord ~~GOD~~ God. 25 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ God; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob. 26 And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them; and they shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ Lord their God.

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1 In the tenth year, in the tenth month, in the twelfth day of the month, the word of the ~~LORD~~ Lord came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt; 3 Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ God; Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself. 4 But I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales, and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, and all the fish of thy rivers shall stick unto thy scales. 5 And I will leave thee thrown into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of thy rivers; thou shalt fall upon the open fields; thou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered; I have given thee for meat to the beasts of the field and to the fowls of the heaven. 6 And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ Lord, because they

have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel. 7 When they took hold of thee by thy hand, thou didst break, and rend all their shoulder; and when they leaned upon thee, thou brakest, and madest all their loins to be at a stand. 8 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ God; Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of thee. 9 And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste; and they shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ Lord; because he hath said, The river is mine, and I have made it. 10 Behold, therefore I am against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from the tower of Syene even unto the border of Ethiopia. 11 No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years. 12 And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be desolate forty years; and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries. 13 Yet thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ God; At the end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the people whither they were scattered; 14 And I will bring again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into the land of Pathros, into the land of their habitation; and they shall be there a base kingdom. 15 It shall be the basest of the kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself ~~any more~~ **anymore** above the nations; for I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations. 16 And it shall be no more the confidence of the house of Israel, which bringeth their iniquity to remembrance, when they shall look after them; but they shall know that I am the Lord ~~GOD~~ God. 17 And

it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in the first month, in the first day of the month, the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 18 Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyrus; every head was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled; yet had he no wages, nor his army, for Tyrus, for the service that he had served against it; 19 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall take her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army. 20 I have given him the land of Egypt for his ~~labour~~ **labor** wherewith he served against it, because they wrought for me, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 21 In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1 The word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came again unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Howl ye; Woe worth the day! 3 For the day is near, even the day of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen. 4 And the sword shall come upon Egypt, and great pain shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down. 5 Ethiopia, and Libya, and Lydia, and all the mingled people, and Chub, and the men of the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword. 6 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; They also that uphold Egypt shall

fall; and the pride of her power shall come down; from the tower of Syene shall they fall in it by the sword, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 7 And they shall be desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities that are wasted. 8 And they shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and when all her helpers shall be destroyed. 9 In that day shall messengers go forth from me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid, and great pain shall come upon them, as in the day of Egypt; for, lo, it cometh. 10 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon. 11 He and his people with him, the terrible of the nations, shall be brought to destroy the land; and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with the slain. 12 And I will make the rivers dry, and sell the land into the hand of the wicked; and I will make the land waste, and all that is therein, by the hand of strangers; I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** have spoken it. 13 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause their images to cease out of Noph; and there shall be no more a prince of the land of Egypt; and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt. 14 And I will make Pathros desolate, and will set fire in Zoan, and will execute judgments in No. 15 And I will pour my fury upon Sin, the strength of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No. 16 And I will set fire in Egypt; Sin shall have great pain, and No shall be rent asunder, and Noph shall have distresses daily. 17 The young men of Aven and of ~~Pibeseth~~ **Pi-beseth** shall fall by the sword; and these cities shall go into captivity. 18 At Tehaphnehes also the day shall be

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darkened, when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt; and the pomp of her strength shall cease in her; as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity. 19 Thus will I execute judgments in Egypt; and they shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 20 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first month, in the seventh day of the month, that the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 21 Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, lo, it shall not be bound up to be healed, to put a roller to bind it, to make it strong to hold the sword. 22 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand. 23 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries. 24 And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand; but I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded man. 25 But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt. 26 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them among the countries; and they shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

31

1 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude; Whom art thou like in thy greatness? 3 Behold, the Assyrian was a cedar in Lebanon with fair branches, and with a shadowing shroud, and of ~~an~~ **a** high stature; and his top was among the thick boughs. 4 The waters made him great, the deep set him up on high with her rivers running round about his plants, and sent **out** her little rivers unto all the trees of the field. 5 Therefore his height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long because of the multitude of waters, when he shot forth. 6 All the fowls of heaven made their nests in his boughs, and under his branches did all the beasts of the field bring forth their young, and under his shadow dwelt all great nations. 7 Thus was he fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches; for his root was by great waters. 8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him; the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the chestnut trees were not like his branches; ~~nor~~ **not** any tree in the garden of God was like unto him in his beauty. 9 I have made him fair by the multitude of his branches; so that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied him. 10 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Because thou hast lifted up thyself in height, and he hath shot up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height; 11 I have therefore delivered him into the hand of the mighty one of the heathen; he shall surely deal with him; I have driven him out for his wickedness. 12 And strangers, the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him; upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the rivers of the

land; and all the people of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have left him. 13 Upon his ruin shall all the fowls of the heaven remain, and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches; 14 To the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height, neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs, neither their trees stand up in their height, all that drink water; for they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit. 15 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; In the day when he went down to the grave I caused a mourning; I covered the deep for him, and I restrained the floods thereof, and the great waters were stayed; and I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him. 16 I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit; and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth. 17 They also went down into hell with him, unto them that be slain with the sword; and they that were his arm, that dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the heathen. 18 To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth; thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**.

32

1 And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the

~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou art as a whale in the seas; and thou camest forth with thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers. 3 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; I will therefore spread out my net over thee with a company of many people; and they shall bring thee up in my net. 4 Then will I leave thee upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and will cause all the fowls of the heaven to remain upon thee, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with thee. 5 And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy height. 6 I will also water with thy blood the land wherein thou swimdest, even to the mountains; and the rivers shall be full of thee. 7 And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light. 8 All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 9 I will also vex the hearts of many people, when I shall bring thy destruction among the nations, into the countries which thou hast not known. 10 Yea, I will make many people amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at every moment, every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall. 11 For thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon thee. 12 By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall, the terrible of the nations, all of them; and they shall spoil the pomp of Egypt, and all the multitude thereof shall be destroyed. 13 I will

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destroy also all the beasts thereof from beside the great waters; neither shall the foot of man trouble them ~~any more~~ **anymore**, nor the ~~hoofs~~ **hooves** of beasts trouble them. 14 Then will I make their waters deep, and cause their rivers to run like oil, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 15 When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate, and the country shall be destitute of that whereof it was full, when I shall smite all them that dwell therein, then shall they know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 16 This is the lamentation wherewith they shall lament her; the daughters of the nations shall lament her; they shall lament for her, even for Egypt, and for all her multitude, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 17 It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth day of the month, that the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 18 Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, even her, and the daughters of the famous nations, unto the nether parts of the earth, with them that go down into the pit. 19 Whom dost thou pass in beauty? go down, and be thou laid with the uncircumcised. 20 They shall fall in the midst of them that are slain by the sword; she is delivered to the sword; draw her and all her multitudes. 21 The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of hell with them that help him; they are gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by the sword. 22 Asshur is there and all her company; his graves are about him; all of them slain, fallen by the sword; 23 Whose graves are set in the sides of the pit, and her company is round about her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which caused terror in the land of the living. 24 There is Elam and all her multitude round about her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword,

which are gone down uncircumcised into the nether parts of the earth, which caused their terror in the land of the living; yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit. 25 They have set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude; her graves are round about him; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; though their terror was caused in the land of the living, yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit; he is put in the midst of them that be slain. 26 There is Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude; her graves are round about him; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they caused their terror in the land of the living. 27 And they shall not lie with the mighty that are fallen of the uncircumcised, which are gone down to hell with their weapons of war; and they have laid their swords under their heads, but their iniquities shall be upon their bones, though they were the terror of the mighty in the land of the living. 28 Yea, thou shalt be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shalt lie with them that are slain with the sword. 29 There is Edom, her kings, and all her princes, which with their might are laid by them that were slain by the sword; they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down to the pit. 30 There be the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Zidonians, which are gone down with the slain; with their terror they are ashamed of their might; and they lie uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit. 31 Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, even Pharaoh and all his army slain by the sword, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 32 For I have

caused my terror in the land of the living; and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that are slain with the sword, even Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ God.

33

1 Again the word of the ~~LORD~~ Lord came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman; 3 If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; 4 Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. 5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. 6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. 7 So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. 8 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. 9 Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. 10 Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak,

saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live? 11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? 12 Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth. 13 When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his ~~righteousnesses~~ **righteousness** shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it. 14 Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; 15 If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. 16 None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him; he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live. 17 Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal; but as for them, their way is not equal. 18 When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby. 19 But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby. 20 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ye house of Israel, I will judge you ~~every one~~

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everyone after his ways. 21 And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth ~~month~~ **month**, in the fifth day of the month, that one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying, The city is smitten. 22 Now the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was upon me in the evening, afore he that was escaped came; and had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb. 23 Then the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 24 Son of man, they that inhabit those wastes of the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land;; but we are many; the land is given us for inheritance. 25 Wherefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Ye eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood;; and shall ye possess the land? 26 Ye stand upon your sword;; ye work ~~abomination~~ **abominations**, and ye defile ~~every one~~ **everyone** his ~~neighbour's~~ **neighbor's** wife;; and shall ye possess the land? 27 Say thou thus unto them, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; As I live, surely they that are in the wastes shall fall by the sword, and him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and they that be in the forts and in the caves shall die of the pestilence. 28 For I will lay the land most desolate, and the pomp of her strength shall cease;; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through. 29 Then shall they know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, when I have laid the land most desolate, because of all their abominations, which they have committed. 30 Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, ~~every one~~ **everyone**

to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 31 And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them;; for with their mouth they ~~shew~~ **show** much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness. 32 And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument;; for they hear thy words, but they do them not. 33 And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

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1 And the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy; and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? 3 Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed;; but ye feed not the flock. 4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. 5 And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd;; and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. 6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill;; yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them. 7 Therefore, ye

shepherds, hear the word of the **LORD Lord**; 8 As I live, saith the Lord **GOD God**, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock; 9 Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the **LORD Lord**; 10 Thus saith the Lord **GOD God**; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves ~~any more~~; **anymore**, for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them. 11 For thus saith the Lord **GOD God**; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where ~~they thy~~ have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. 13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be; there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. 15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord **GOD God**. 16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment. 17 And as for you, O my flock, thus

saith the Lord **GOD God**; Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he goats. 18 Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures? and to have drunk of the deep waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet? 19 And as for my flock, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet; and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet. 20 Therefore thus saith the Lord **GOD God** unto them; Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle. 21 Because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder, and pushed all the diseased with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad; 22 Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle. 23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. 24 And I the **LORD Lord** will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the **LORD Lord** have spoken it. 25 And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land; and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. 26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing. 27 And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the **LORD Lord**, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them. 28 And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall

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the ~~beast~~ **beasts** of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid. 29 And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen ~~any more~~ **anymore**. 30 Thus shall they know that I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 31 And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**.

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1 Moreover the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face against mount Seir, and prophesy against it, 3 And say unto it, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Behold, O mount Seir, I am against thee, and I will stretch out mine hand against thee, and I will make thee most desolate. 4 I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate, and thou shalt know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 5 Because thou hast had a perpetual hatred, and hast shed the blood of the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time that their iniquity had an end; 6 Therefore, as I live, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: ~~sith~~; **since** thou hast not hated blood, even blood shall pursue thee. 7 Thus will I make mount Seir most desolate, and cut off from it him that passeth out and him that returneth. 8 And I will fill his mountains with his slain men; in thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy rivers, shall they fall that are slain with the sword. 9 I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not return; and ye shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~

Lord. 10 Because thou hast said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; whereas the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was there; 11 Therefore, as I live, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, I will even do according to thine anger, and according to thine envy, which thou hast used out of thy hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, when I have judged thee. 12 And thou shalt know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and that I have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given us to consume. 13 Thus with your mouth ye have boasted against me, and have multiplied your words against me; I have heard them. 14 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate. 15 As thou didst rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee; thou shalt be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Idumea, even all of it; and they shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1 Also, thou son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Israel, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; 2 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Because the enemy hath said against you, Aha, even the ancient high places are ours in possession; 3 Therefore prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the residue of the heathen, and ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and are an infamy of the people; 4 Therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of

the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** to the mountains; and to the hills, to the rivers; and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes; and to the cities that are forsaken, which became a prey and derision to the residue of the heathen that are round about; 5 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the heathen, and against all Idumea, which have appointed my land into their possession with the joy of all their heart, with despiteful minds, to cast it out for a prey. 6 Prophecy therefore concerning the land of Israel, and say unto the mountains; and to the hills, to the rivers; and to the valleys, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury, because ye have borne the shame of the heathen;; 7 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; I have lifted up mine hand, Surely the heathen that are about you, they shall bear their shame. 8 But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come. 9 For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown;; 10 And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel;; even all of it;; and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded;; 11 And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit;; and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings;; and ye shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 12 Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, even my people Israel; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth bereave them of men. 13 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**;

Because they say unto you, Thou land devourest up men, and hast bereaved thy nations;; 14 Therefore thou shalt devour men no more, neither bereave thy nations ~~any more~~ **anymore**, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 15 Neither will I cause men to hear in thee the shame of the heathen ~~any more~~ **anymore**, neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the people ~~any more~~ **anymore**, neither shalt thou cause thy nations to fall ~~any more~~ **anymore**, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 16 Moreover the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 17 Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings;; their way was before me as the uncleanness of a removed woman. 18 Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols wherewith they had polluted it;; 19 And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries;; according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. 20 And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, These are the people of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and are gone forth out of ~~his~~ **this** land. 21 But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went. 22 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, ~~thus~~ **Thus** saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. 23 And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, when I shall be sanctified

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in you before their eyes. 24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. 25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean; from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. 26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you ~~an~~ a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments; and do them. 28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. 29 I will also save you from all your ~~uncleanesses~~: **uncleanness**; and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you. 30 And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen. 31 Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall ~~lothe~~ **loathe** yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. 32 Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, be it known unto you; be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel. 33 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. 34 And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. 35 And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited. 36 Then the heathen that are left round about

you shall know that I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** build the ruined places, and plant that ~~that~~ **which** was desolate; I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** have spoken it, and I will do it. 37 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; I will yet for this be ~~enquired~~ **inquired** of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock. 38 As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1 The hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was upon me, and carried me out in the ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, 2 And caused me to pass by them round about; and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, thou knowest. 4 Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 5 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live; 6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. 8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above; but there was no breath in them. 9 Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind,

prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. 11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost; we are cut off for our parts. 12 Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. 13 And ye shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves. 14 And shall put my ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land; then shall ye know that I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** have spoken it, and performed it, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 15 The word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came again unto me, saying, 16 Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick; and write upon it, ~~For~~ **for** Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions; then take another stick, and write upon it, ~~For~~ **for** Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions; 17 And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. 18 And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not ~~shew~~ **show** us what thou meanest by these? 19 Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and

make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. 20 And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. 21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land; 22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all; and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms ~~any—more~~ **anymore** at all; 23 Neither shall they defile themselves ~~any—more~~ **anymore** with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will save them out of all their ~~dwellingplaces~~ **dwelling places**, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them; so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. 24 And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd; they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. 25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children ~~for ever~~ **forever**; and my servant David shall be their prince ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them ~~for evermore~~ **forevermore**. 27 My tabernacle also shall be with them; yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 28 And the heathen shall know that I the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** do sanctify Israel, when my

sanctuary shall be in the midst of them ~~for evermore~~ **forevermore**.

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1 And the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, 3 And say, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal; 4 And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of ~~armour~~ **armor**, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords; 5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet; 6 Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands; and many people with thee. 7 Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them. 8 After many days thou shalt be visited; in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste; but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them. 9 Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee. 10 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought; 11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwallled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them

dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, 12 To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land. 13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil? 14 Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it? 15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, ~~a~~ **and** great company, and a mighty army; 16 And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes. 17 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days many years, that I would bring thee against them? 18 And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, that my fury shall come up in my face. 19 For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; 20 So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon

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 shall fall to the ground. 21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; every man's sword shall be against his brother. 22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. 23 Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1 Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal; 2 And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel; 3 And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. 4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee; I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field, to be devoured. 5 Thou shalt fall upon the open field; for I have spoken it, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 6 And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles; and they shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 7 So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute

my holy name ~~any more~~; **anymore**; and the heathen shall know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the Holy One in Israel. 8 Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; this is the day whereof I have spoken. 9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the ~~handstaves~~ **hand-staves**, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years; 10 So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire; and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea; and it shall stop the noses of the passengers; and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude; and they shall call it, The valley of ~~Hamongog~~ **Hamon-gog**. 12 And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land. 13 Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 14 And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land, to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it; after the end of seven months shall they search. 15 And the passengers that pass through the land, when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of ~~Hamongog~~ **Hamon-gog**. 16 And also the name of the city shall be Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land. 17 And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord

GOD God; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh; and drink blood. 18 Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty; and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan. 19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. 20 Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord **GOD God**. 21 And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them. 22 So the house of Israel shall know that I am the **LORD Lord** their God from that day and forward. 23 And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies; so fell they all by the sword. 24 According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions have I done unto them, and hid my face from them. 25 Therefore thus saith the Lord **GOD; God**, Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name; 26 After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made them afraid. 27 When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am

sanctified in them in the sight of many nations; 28 Then shall they know that I am the **LORD Lord** their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen; but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them ~~any more~~ **anymore** there. 29 Neither will I hide my face ~~any more~~ **anymore** from them; for I have poured out my ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord **GOD God**.

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1 In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the selfsame day the hand of the **LORD Lord** was upon me, and brought me thither. 2 In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, by which was as the frame of a city on the south. 3 And he brought me thither, and, behold, there was a man; whose appearance was like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate. 4 And the man said unto me, Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall ~~shew~~ **show** thee; for to the intent that I might ~~shew~~ **show** them unto thee ~~art~~ **are** thou brought hither; declare all that thou seest to the house of Israel. 5 And behold a wall on the outside of the house round about, and in the man's hand a measuring reed of six cubits long by the cubit and ~~an hand breadth~~ **a handbreadth**; so he measured the breadth of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed. 6 Then came he unto the gate which looketh toward the east, and went up the stairs thereof, and measured the

threshold of the gate, which was one reed broad; and the other threshold of the gate, which was one reed broad. 7 And every little chamber was one reed long, and one reed broad; and between the little chambers were five cubits; and the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate within was one reed. 8 He measured also the porch of the gate within, one reed. 9 Then measured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and the posts thereof, two cubits; and the porch of the gate was inward. 10 And the little chambers of the gate eastward were three on this side, and three on that side; they three were of one measure;; and the posts had one measure on this side and on that side. 11 And he measured the breadth of the entry of the gate, ten cubits; and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits. 12 The space also before the little chambers was one cubit on this side, and the space was one cubit on that side;; and the little chambers were six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side. 13 He measured then the gate from the roof of one little chamber to the roof of another;; the breadth was five and twenty cubits, door against door. 14 He made also posts of threescore cubits, even unto the post of the court round about the gate. 15 And from the face of the gate of the entrance unto the face of the porch of the inner gate were fifty cubits. 16 And there were narrow windows to the little chambers, and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the arches;; and windows were round about inward;; and upon each post were palm trees. 17 Then brought he me into the outward court, and, lo, there were chambers; and a pavement made for the court round about;; thirty chambers were upon the pavement. 18 And the pavement by the side of the gates over against the

length of the gates was the lower pavement. 19 Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate unto the forefront of the inner court without, ~~an~~ a hundred cubits eastward and northward. 20 And the gate of the outward court that looked toward the north, he measured the length thereof, and the breadth thereof. 21 And the little chambers thereof were three on this side and three on that side; and the posts thereof and the arches thereof were after the measure of the first gate;; the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits. 22 And their windows, and their arches, and their palm trees, were after the measure of the gate that looketh toward the east; and they went up unto it by seven steps; and the arches thereof were before them. 23 And the gate of the inner court was over against the gate toward the north, and toward the east; and he measured from gate to gate ~~an~~ a hundred cubits. 24 After that he brought me toward the south, and behold a gate toward the south;; and he measured the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these measures. 25 And there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about, like those windows;; the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits. 26 And there were seven steps to go up to it, and the arches thereof were before them;; and it had palm trees, one on this side, and another on that side, upon the posts thereof. 27 And there was a gate in the inner court toward the south;; and he measured from gate to gate toward the south ~~an~~ a hundred cubits. 28 And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate;; and he measured the south gate according to these measures; 29 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the

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arches thereof, according to these measures; and there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about; it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad. 30 And the arches round about were five and twenty cubits long, and five cubits broad. 31 And the arches thereof were toward the ~~utter~~ **outer** court; and palm trees were upon the posts thereof; and the going up to it had eight steps. 32 And he brought me into the inner court toward the east; and he measured the gate according to these measures. 33 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, were according to these measures; and there were windows therein and in the arches thereof round about; it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad. 34 And the arches thereof were toward the outward court; and palm trees were upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side; and the going up to it had eight steps. 35 And he brought me to the north gate, and measured it according to these measures; 36 The little chambers thereof, the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, and the windows to it round about; the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits. 37 And the posts thereof were toward the ~~utter~~ **outer** court; and palm trees were upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side; and the going up to it had eight steps. 38 And the chambers and the entries thereof were by the posts of the gates, 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, to slay thereon the burnt offering and the sin offering and the trespass offering. 40 And at the side without, as one goeth up to the entry of the north gate, were two tables; and on the other side, which was at

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, whereupon they slew their sacrifices. 42 And the four tables were of hewn stone for the burnt offering, of a cubit and ~~an~~ **a** half long, and a cubit and ~~an~~ **a** half broad, and one cubit high; whereupon also they laid the instruments wherewith they slew the burnt offering and the sacrifice. 43 And within were hooks, ~~an~~ **a** hand broad, fastened round about; and upon the tables was the flesh of the offering. 44 And without the inner gate were the chambers of the singers in the inner court, which was at the side of the north gate; and their prospect was toward the south; one at the side of the east gate having the prospect toward the north. 45 And he said unto me, This chamber, whose prospect is toward the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house. 46 And the chamber whose prospect is toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar; these are the sons of Zadok among the sons of Levi, which come near to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** to minister unto him. 47 So he measured the court, ~~an~~ **a** hundred cubits long, and ~~an~~ **a** hundred cubits broad, foursquare; and the altar that was before the house. 48 And he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured each post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side; and the breadth 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 breadth eleven cubits; and he brought me by the steps whereby they went up to it; and there were pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

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1 Afterward he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, which was the breadth of the tabernacle. 2 And the breadth of the door was ten cubits; and the sides of the door were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side; and he measured the length thereof, forty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits. 3 Then went he inward, and measured the post of the door, two cubits; and the door, six cubits; and the breadth of the door, seven cubits. 4 So he measured the length thereof, twenty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple; and he said unto me, This is the most holy place. 5 After he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of every side chamber, four cubits, round about the house on every side. 6 And the side chambers were three, one over another, and thirty in order; and they entered into the wall which was of the house for the side chambers round about, ~~that they might have hold, but they had not hold in the wall of the house.~~ 7 And there was an enlarging, and a winding about still upward to the side chambers; for the winding about of the house went still upward round about the house; therefore the breadth of the house was still upward, and so increased from the lowest chamber to the highest by the midst. 8 I saw also the height of the house round about; the foundations of the side chambers were a full reed of six great cubits. 9 The thickness of the wall, which was for the side chamber without, was five cubits; and that which was left was the place of the side chambers that were within. 10 And between the chambers was the wideness of twenty cubits round

about the house on every side. 11 And the doors of the side chambers were toward the place that was left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south; and the breadth of the place that was left was five cubits round about. 12 Now the building that was before the separate place at the end toward the west was seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick round about, and the length thereof ninety cubits. 13 So he measured the house, ~~an~~ a hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with the walls thereof, ~~an~~ a hundred cubits long; 14 Also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, ~~an~~ a hundred cubits. 15 And he measured the length of the building over against the separate place which was behind it, and the galleries thereof on the one side and on the other side, ~~an~~ a hundred cubits, with the inner temple, and the porches of the court; 16 The ~~door posts~~ **doorposts**, and the narrow windows, and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the door, ~~cieled~~ **ceiled** with wood round about, and from the ground up to the windows, and the windows were covered; 17 To that above the door, even unto the inner house, and without, and by all the wall round about within and without, by measure. 18 And it was made with ~~cherubims~~ **cherubim** and palm trees, so that a palm tree was between a cherub and a cherub; and every cherub had two faces; 19 So that the face of a man was toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side; it was made through all the house round about. 20 From the ground unto above the door were ~~cherubims~~ **cherubim** and palm trees made, and on the wall of the temple.

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21 The posts of the temple were squared, and the face of the sanctuary; the appearance of the one as the appearance of the other. 22 The altar of wood was three cubits high, and the length thereof two cubits; and the corners thereof, and the length thereof, and the walls thereof, were of wood; and he said unto me, This is the table that is before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 23 And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors. 24 And the doors had two leaves apiece, two turning leaves; two leaves for the one door, and two leaves for the other door. 25 And there were made on them, on the doors of the temple, ~~cherubims~~ **cherubim** and palm trees, like as were made upon the walls; and there were thick planks upon the face of the porch without. 26 And there were narrow windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch, and upon the side chambers of the house, and thick planks.

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1 Then he brought me forth into the ~~utter~~ **outer** court, the way toward the north; and he brought me into the chamber that was over against the separate place, and which was before the building toward the north. 2 Before the length of ~~an~~ **a** hundred cubits was the north door, and the breadth was fifty cubits. 3 Over against the twenty cubits which were for the inner court, and over against the pavement which was for the ~~utter~~ **outer** court, was gallery against gallery in three stories. 4 And before the chambers was a walk ~~to~~ **of** ten cubits breadth inward, a way of one cubit; and their doors toward the north. 5 Now the upper chambers were shorter; for the galleries were higher than these, than the lower, and than the middlemost of the building.

6 For they were in three stories, but had not pillars as the pillars of the courts; therefore the building was straitened more than the lowest and the middlemost from the ground. 7 And the wall that was without over against the chambers, toward the ~~utter~~ **outer** court on the forepart of the chambers, the length thereof was fifty cubits. 8 For the length of the chambers that were in the ~~utter~~ **outer** court was fifty cubits; and, lo, before the temple were ~~an~~ **a** hundred cubits. 9 And from under these chambers was the entry on the east side, as one goeth into them from the ~~utter~~ **outer** court. 10 The chambers were in the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, over against the separate place, and over against the building. 11 And the way before them was like the appearance of the chambers which were toward the north, as long as they, and as broad as they; and all their goings out were both according to their fashions, and according to their doors. 12 And according to the doors of the chambers that were toward the south was a door in the head of the way, even the way directly before the wall toward the east, as one entereth into them. 13 Then said he unto me, The north chambers and the south chambers, which are before the separate place, they be holy chambers, where the priests that approach unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall eat the most holy things; there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; for the place is holy. 14 When the priests enter therein, then shall they not go out of the holy place into the ~~utter~~ **outer** court, but there they shall lay their garments wherein they minister; for they are holy; and shall put on other garments, and shall approach to those things which are for the people.

15 Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth toward the gate whose prospect is toward the east, and measured it round about. 16 He measured the east side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about. 17 He measured the north side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about. 18 He measured the south side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed. 19 He turned about to the west side, and measured five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed. 20 He measured it by the four sides;; it had a wall round about, five hundred reeds long, and five hundred broad, to make a separation between the sanctuary and the profane place.

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1 Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east;; 2 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east;; and his voice was like a noise of many waters;; and the earth shined with his glory. 3 And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city;; and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. 4 And the glory of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east. 5 So the ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** filled the house. 6 And I heard him speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me. 7 And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children

of Israel ~~for ever~~ **forever**, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the ~~carcases~~ **carcasses** of their kings in their high places. 8 In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, and the wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed;; wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger. 9 Now let them put away their whoredom, and the ~~carcases~~ **carcasses** of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 10 Thou son of man, ~~shew~~ **show** the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities;; and let them measure the pattern. 11 And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, ~~shew~~ **show** them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof;; and write it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them. 12 This is the law of the house; Upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house. 13 And these are the measures of the altar after the cubits;; The cubit is a cubit and ~~an hand breadth~~ **a handbreadth**; even the bottom shall be a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the border thereof by the edge thereof round about shall be a span;; and this shall be the higher place of the altar. 14 And from the bottom upon the ground even to the lower settle shall be two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser settle even to the greater settle shall

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be four cubits, and the breadth one cubit. 15 So the altar shall be four cubits; and from the altar and upward shall be four horns. 16 And the altar shall be twelve cubits long, twelve broad, square in the four squares thereof. 17 And the settle shall be fourteen cubits long and fourteen broad in the four squares thereof; and the border about it shall be half a cubit; and the bottom thereof shall be a cubit about; and his stairs shall look toward the east. 18 And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; These are the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings thereon, and to sprinkle blood thereon. 19 And thou shalt give to the priests the Levites, that be of the seed of Zadok, which approach unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, a young bullock for a sin offering. 20 And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put it on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the settle, and upon the border round about; thus shalt thou cleanse and purge it. 21 Thou shalt take the bullock also of the sin offering, and he shall burn it in the appointed place of the house, without the sanctuary. 22 And on the second day thou shalt offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse it with the bullock. 23 When thou hast made an end of cleansing it, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish. 24 And thou shalt offer them before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 25 Seven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat for a sin offering; they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish. 26

Seven days shall they purge the altar and purify it; and they shall consecrate themselves. 27 And when these days are expired, it shall be, that upon the eighth day, and so forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings upon the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**.

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1 Then he brought me back the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary which looketh toward the east; and it was shut. 2 Then said the ~~LORD~~ **lord** unto me; This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the ~~LORD~~, **Lord** the God of Israel; hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut. 3 It is for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; he shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate, and shall go out by the way of the same. 4 Then brought he me the way of the north gate before the house; and I looked, and behold, the glory of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** filled the house of the ~~LORD~~; **Lord**; and I fell upon my face. 5 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto me, Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary. 6 And thou shalt say to the rebellious, even to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations, 7 In that ye have brought into my sanctuary strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, even my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they

have broken my covenant because of all your abominations. 8 ~~And ye~~ **Ye** have not kept the charge of mine holy things; but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves. 9 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel. 10 And the Levites that are gone away far from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray away from me after their idols; they shall even bear their iniquity. 11 Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, having charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house; they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them. 12 Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity; therefore have I lifted up mine hand against them, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, and they shall bear their iniquity. 13 And they shall not come near unto me, to do the office of a priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy place; but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed. 14 But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein. 15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; 16 They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge. 17

And it shall come to pass, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, ~~whiles~~ **while** they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within. 18 They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with ~~any thing~~ **anything** that causeth sweat. 19 And when they go forth into the ~~utter~~ **outer** court, even into the ~~utter~~ **outer** court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments. 20 Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall only poll their heads. 21 Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court. 22 Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away; but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that had a priest before. 23 And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. 24 And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge it according to my judgments; and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies; and they shall hallow my sabbaths. 25 And they shall come at no dead person to defile themselves; but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves. 26 And after he is cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days. 27 And in the day that he goeth into the sanctuary, unto the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin

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offering, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 28 And it shall be unto them for an inheritance; I am their inheritance; and ye shall give them no possession in Israel; I am their possession. 29 They shall eat the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; and every dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs. 30 And the first of all the firstfruits of all things, and every oblation of all, of every sort of your oblations, shall be the priest's; ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house. 31 The priests shall not eat of ~~any thing~~ **anything** that is dead of itself, or torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

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1 Moreover, when ye shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall offer an oblation unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, ~~an~~ **a** holy portion of the land; the length shall be the length of five and twenty thousand reeds, and the breadth shall be ten thousand. This shall be holy in all the borders thereof round about. 2 Of this there shall be for the sanctuary five hundred in length, with five hundred in breadth, square round about; and fifty cubits round about for the suburbs thereof. 3 And of this measure shalt thou measure the length of five and twenty thousand, and the breadth of ten thousand; and in it shall be the sanctuary and the most holy place. 4 The holy portion of the land shall be for the priests the ministers of the sanctuary, which shall come near to minister unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and it shall be a place for their houses, and ~~an~~ **a** holy place for the sanctuary. 5 And the five and twenty thousand of length, and the ten thousand of breadth, shall also the Levites, the ministers of the house, have for

themselves, for a possession for twenty chambers. 6 And ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and five and twenty thousand long, over against the oblation of the holy portion; it shall be for the whole house of Israel. 7 And a portion shall be for the prince on the one side and on the other side of the oblation of the holy portion, and of the possession of the city, before the oblation of the holy portion, and before the possession of the city, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward; and the length shall be over against one of the portions, from the west border unto the east border. 8 In the land shall be his possession in Israel; and my princes shall no more oppress my people; and the rest of the land shall they give to the house of Israel according to their tribes. 9 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel; remove violence and spoil, and execute judgment and justice, take away your exactions from my people, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 10 Ye shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath. 11 The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of ~~an~~ **a** homer, and the ephah the tenth part of ~~an~~ **a** homer; the measure thereof shall be after the homer. 12 And the shekel shall be twenty gerahs; twenty shekels, five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your maneh. 13 This is the oblation that ye shall offer; the sixth part of an ephah of ~~an~~ **a** homer of wheat, and ye shall give the sixth part of an ephah of ~~an~~ **a** homer of barley;. 14 Concerning the ordinance of oil, the bath of oil, ye shall offer the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, which is ~~an~~ **a** homer of ten baths; for ten baths are ~~an~~ **a** homer; 15 And one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the

fat pastures of Israel; for a meat offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make reconciliation for them, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 16 All the people of the land shall give this oblation for the prince in Israel. 17 And it shall be the prince's part to give burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Israel; he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meat offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel. 18 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; In the first month, in the first day of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish, and cleanse the sanctuary; 19 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put it upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court. 20 And so thou shalt do the seventh day of the month for every one that erreth, and for him that is simple; so shall ye reconcile the house. 21 In the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten. 22 And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bullock for a sin offering. 23 And seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a kid of the goats daily for a sin offering. 24 And he shall prepare a meat offering of an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and ~~an~~ **a** hin of oil for an ephah. 25 In the seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, shall he do the like in the feast of the seven days, according to

the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, ~~and~~ according to the meat offering, and according to the oil.

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1 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened. 2 And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate; then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. 3 Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in the sabbaths and in the new moons. 4 And the burnt offering that the prince shall offer unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in the sabbath day shall be six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish. 5 And the meat offering shall be an ephah for a ram, and the meat offering for the lambs as he shall be able to give, and ~~an~~ **a** hin of oil to an ephah. 6 And in the day of the new moon it shall be a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish. 7 And he shall prepare a meat offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs according as his hand shall attain unto, and ~~an~~ **a** hin of oil to an ephah. 8 And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of that gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof. 9 But when the people of the land shall come before the ~~LORD~~ **lord** in the solemn feasts, he that entereth in by the way of the north gate to

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worship shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate; he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over against it. 10 And the prince in the midst of them, when they go in, shall go in; and when they go forth, shall go forth. 11 And in the feasts and in the solemnities the meat offering shall be an ephah to a bullock, and an ephah to a ram, and to the lambs as he is able to give, and ~~an~~ a hin of oil to an ephah. 12 Now when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt offering or peace offerings voluntarily unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, one shall then open him the gate that looketh toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he did on the sabbath day; then he shall go forth; and after his going forth one shall shut the gate. 13 Thou shalt daily prepare a burnt offering unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of a lamb of the first year without blemish; thou shalt prepare it every morning. 14 And thou shalt prepare a meat offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of ~~an~~ a hin of oil, to temper with the fine flour; a meat offering continually by a perpetual ordinance unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 15 Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meat offering, and the oil, every morning for a continual burnt offering. 16 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; If the prince give a gift unto any of his sons, the inheritance thereof shall be his sons'; it shall be their possession by inheritance. 17 But if he give a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his to the year of liberty; after, it shall return to the prince; but his inheritance shall be his sons' for them. 18 Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by

oppression, to thrust them out of their possession; but he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own possession; that my people be not scattered every man from his possession. 19 After he brought me through the entry, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, which looked toward the north; and, behold, there was a place on the two sides westward. 20 Then said he unto me, This is the place where the priests shall boil the trespass offering and the sin offering, where they shall bake the meat offering; that they bear them not out into the ~~utter~~ **outer** court, to sanctify the people. 21 Then he brought me forth into the ~~utter~~ **outer** court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and, behold, in every corner of the court there was a court. 22 In the four corners of the court there were courts joined of forty cubits long and thirty broad; these four corners were of one measure. 23 And there was a row of building round about in them, round about them four, and it was made with boiling places under the rows round about. 24 Then said he unto me, These are the places of them that boil, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

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1 Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward; for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under, from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar. 2 Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the ~~utter~~ **outer** gate by the way that

looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side. 3 And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles. 4 Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins. 5 Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over; for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over. 6 And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river. 7 Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other. 8 Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea; which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed. 9 And it shall come to pass, that ~~every thing~~ **everything** that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live; and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither; for they shall be healed; and ~~every thing~~ **everything** shall live whither the river cometh. 10 And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from ~~Engedi~~ **En-gedi** even unto ~~Eneglaim~~ **En-eglaim**; they shall be a place to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many. 11 But the miry places thereof and the ~~marshes~~ **marshes** thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt. 12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees

for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed; it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary; and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine. 13 Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; This shall be the border, whereby ye shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel; Joseph shall have two portions. 14 And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another; concerning the which I lifted up mine hand to give it unto your fathers; and this land shall fall unto you for inheritance. 15 And this shall be the border of the land toward the north side, from the great sea, the way of Hethlon, as men go to Zedad; 16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibram, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; ~~Hazarhatticon~~ **Hazar-hatticon**, which is by the coast of Hauran. 17 And the border from the sea shall be ~~Hazarenan~~ **Hazar-enan**, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hamath. And this is the north side. 18 And the east side ye shall measure from Hauran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and from the land of Israel by Jordan, from the border unto the east sea. And this is the east side. 19 And the south side southward, from Tamar even to the waters of strife in Kadesh, the river to the great sea. And this is the south side southward. 20 The west side also shall be the great sea from the border, till a man come over against Hamath. This is the west side. 21 So shall ye divide this land unto you according to the tribes of Israel. 22 And it shall come to pass, that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget children among

you; and they shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. 23 And it shall come to pass, that in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give him his inheritance, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**.

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1 Now these are the names of the tribes. From the north end to the coast of the way of Hethlon, as one goeth to Hamath, ~~Hazarenan~~ **Hazar-enan**, the border of Damascus northward, to the coast of Hamath; for these are his sides east and west; a portion for Dan. 2 And by the border of Dan, from the east side unto the west side, a portion for Asher. 3 And by the border of Asher, from the east side even unto the west side, a portion for Naphtali. 4 And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side unto the west side, a portion for Manasseh. 5 And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side unto the west side, a portion for Ephraim. 6 And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side even unto the west side, a portion for Reuben. 7 And by the border of Reuben, from the east side unto the west side, a portion for Judah. 8 And by the border of Judah, from the east side unto the west side, shall be the offering which ye shall offer of five and twenty thousand reeds in breadth, and in length as one of the other parts, from the east side unto the west side; and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it. 9 The oblation that ye shall offer unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall be of five and twenty thousand in length, and of ten thousand in breadth. 10 And for them, even for the priests, shall be this holy oblation; toward the north five and twenty thousand in length,

and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south five and twenty thousand in length; and the sanctuary of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall be in the midst thereof. 11 It shall be for the priests that are sanctified of the sons of Zadok; which have kept my charge, which went not astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray. 12 And this oblation of the land that is offered shall be unto them a thing most holy by the border of the Levites. 13 And over against the border of the priests, the Levites shall have five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth; all the length shall be five and twenty thousand, and the breadth ten thousand. 14 And they shall not sell of it, neither exchange, nor alienate the firstfruits of the land; for it is holy unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 15 And the five thousand, that are left in the breadth over against the five and twenty thousand, shall be a profane place for the city, for dwelling, and for suburbs; and the city shall be in the midst thereof. 16 And these shall be the measures thereof; the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred. 17 And the suburbs of the city shall be toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty. 18 And the residue in length over against the oblation of the holy portion shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward; and it shall be over against the oblation of the holy portion; and the increase thereof shall be for food unto them that serve the

city. 19 And they that serve the city shall serve it out of all the tribes of Israel. 20 All the oblation shall be five and twenty thousand by five and twenty thousand; ye shall offer the holy oblation foursquare, with the possession of the city. 21 And the residue shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy oblation, and of the possession of the city, over against the five and twenty thousand of the oblation toward the east border, and westward over against the five and twenty thousand toward the west border, over against the ~~portions~~ **portion** for the prince; and it shall be the holy oblation; and the sanctuary of the house shall be in the midst thereof. 22 Moreover, from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, being in the midst of that which is the prince's, between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince. 23 As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side unto the west side, Benjamin shall have a portion. 24 And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side unto the west side, Simeon shall have a portion. 25 And by the border of Simeon, from the east side unto the west side, Issachar a portion. 26 And by the border of Issachar, from the east side unto the west side, Zebulun

a portion. 27 And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side unto the west side, Gad a portion. 28 And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar unto the waters of strife in Kadesh, and to the river toward the great sea. 29 This is the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their portions, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 30 And these are the goings out of the city on the north side, four thousand and five hundred measures. 31 And the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel; three gates northward; one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi. 32 And at the east side four thousand and five hundred; and three gates; and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan. 33 And at the south side four thousand and five hundred measures; and three gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun. 34 At the west side four thousand and five hundred, with their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali. 35 It was round about eighteen thousand measures; and the name of the city from that day shall be **called**, ~~The LORD is Holy~~; **for the Lord shall be there.**

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1

1 The word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that came unto Hosea, the son of Beer, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel. 2 The beginning of the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** by Hosea. And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of

whoredoms; for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son. 4 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel. 5 And it shall come to pass at

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that day, that I will break the bow of Israel; in the valley of Jezreel. 6 And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And God said unto him, Call her name ~~Lo-ruhamah~~: **Lo-ruhamah**; for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away. 7 But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen. 8 Now when she had weaned ~~Lo-ruhamah~~ **Lo-ruhamah**, she conceived, and bare a son. 9 Then said God, ~~Call~~ **call** his name ~~Lo-ammi~~: **Lo-ammi**; for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God. 10 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, ~~Ye~~ **ye** are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God. 11 Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land; for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

2

1 Say ye unto your brethren, Ammi; and to your sisters, Ruhamah. 2 Plead with your mother, plead; for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband; let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts; 3 Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst. 4 And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they be the children of whoredoms. 5 For

their mother hath played the harlot; she that conceived them hath done shamefully; for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink. 6 Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths. 7 And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them; but shall not find them; then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now. 8 For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal. 9 Therefore will I return; and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness. 10 And now will I discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand. 11 I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts. 12 And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, whereof she hath said, These are my rewards that my lovers have given me; and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them. 13 And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgot me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 14 Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her. 15 And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope; and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt. 16

And it shall be at that day, saith the **LORD Lord**, that thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more Baali. 17 For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name. 18 And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground; and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely. 19 And I will betroth thee unto me ~~for ever~~ **forever**; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness**, and in mercies. 20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness; and thou shalt know the **LORD Lord**. 21 And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the **LORD Lord**, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth; 22 And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear Jezreel. 23 And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.

3

1 Then said the **LORD Lord** unto me, Go, yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the **LORD Lord** toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine. 2 So I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver, and for ~~an~~ a homer of barley, and ~~an~~ a half homer of barley; 3 And I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for another

man; so will I also be for thee. 4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim; 5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the **LORD Lord** their God, and David their king; and shall fear the **LORD Lord** and his goodness in the latter days.

4

1 Hear the word of the **LORD Lord**, ye children of Israel; for the **LORD Lord** hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. 2 By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. 3 Therefore shall the land mourn, and ~~every one~~ **everyone** that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away. 4 Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another; for thy people are as they that strive with the priest. 5 Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother. 6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me; seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. 7 As they were increased, so they sinned against me; therefore will I change their glory into shame. 8 They eat up the sin of my people, and they set their heart on their iniquity. 9 And there shall be, like people, like priest; and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them

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their doings. 10 For they shall eat, and not have enough; they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase; because they have left off to take heed to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 11 Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart. 12 My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them; for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God. 13 They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof is good; therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery. 14 I will not punish your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your spouses when they commit adultery; for themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots; therefore the people that doth not understand shall fall. 15 Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, yet let not Judah offend; and come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to ~~Bethaven~~ **Beth-aven**, nor swear, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** liveth. 16 For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer; now the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will feed them as a lamb in a large place. 17 Ephraim is joined to idols; let him alone. 18 Their drink is sour; they have committed whoredom continually; her rulers with shame do love, Give ye. 19 The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

5

1 Hear ye this, O priests; and hearken, ye house of Israel; and give ye ear, O house of the king; for judgment is toward you, because ye have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor. 2 And the

revolters are profound to make slaughter, though I have been a rebuker of them all. 3 I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me; for now, O Ephraim, thou committest whoredom, and Israel is defiled. 4 They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God; for the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of them, and they have not known the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 5 And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face; therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them. 6 They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; but they shall not find him; he hath withdrawn himself from them. 7 They have dealt treacherously against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for they have begotten strange children; now shall a month devour them with their portions. 8 Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah; cry aloud at ~~Bethaven~~ **Beth-aven**, after thee, O Benjamin. 9 Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke; among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be. 10 The princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound; therefore I will pour out my wrath upon them like water. 11 Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment. 12 Therefore will I be unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness. 13 When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb; yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound. 14 For I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah; I, even I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue him. 15 I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their ~~offence~~ **offense**,

and seek my face; in their affliction they will seek me early.

6

1 Come, and let us return unto the ~~LORD~~: **Lord**; for he hath torn, and ~~he~~ will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. 2 After two days will he revive us; in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. 3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the ~~LORD~~: **Lord**; his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth; 4 O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away. 5 Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth; and thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth. 6 For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. 7 But they like men have transgressed the covenant; there have they dealt treacherously against me. 8 Gilead is a city of them that work iniquity, and is polluted with blood. 9 And as troops of robbers wait for a man, so the company of priests murder in the way by consent; for they commit lewdness. 10 I have seen ~~an~~ **a** horrible thing in the house of Israel; there is the whoredom of Ephraim, Israel is defiled. 11 Also, O Judah, he hath set ~~an~~ **a** harvest for thee, when I returned the captivity of my people.

7

1 When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was discovered, and the wickedness of Samaria; for they commit falsehood; and the thief cometh in, and the troop of robbers spoileth without. 2 And

they consider not in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness; now their own doings have beset them about; they are before my face. 3 They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies. 4 They are all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, who ceaseth from raising after he hath kneaded the dough, until it be leavened. 5 In the day of our king, the princes have made him sick with bottles of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners. 6 For they have made ready their heart like an oven, ~~whiles~~ **while** they lie in wait; their baker sleepeth all the night; in the morning it burneth as a flaming fire. 7 They are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges; all their kings are fallen; there is none among them that ~~callet~~ **called** unto me. 8 Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned. 9 Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not; yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not. 10 And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face; and they do not return to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** their God, nor seek him for all this. 11 Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart; they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria. 12 When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them, as their congregation hath heard. 13 Woe unto them! for they have fled from me; destruction unto them! because they have transgressed against me; though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against me. 14 And they have not cried unto me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds; they assemble themselves for corn and wine, and they rebel against me. 15 Though I have bound and

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strengthened their arms, yet do they imagine mischief against me. 16 They return, but not to the ~~most~~ **Most** High; they are like a deceitful bow; their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue; this shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.

8

1 Set the trumpet to thy mouth. He shall come as an eagle against the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law. 2 Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee. 3 Israel hath cast off the thing that is good; the enemy shall pursue him. 4 They have set up kings, but not by me; they have made princes, and I knew it not; of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off. 5 Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast thee off; mine anger is kindled against them; how long will it be ere they attain to innocency? 6 For from Israel was it also; the workman made it; therefore it is not God; but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces. 7 For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind; it hath no stalk; the bud shall yield no meal; if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up. 8 Israel is swallowed up; now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure. 9 For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself; Ephraim hath hired lovers. 10 Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes. 11 Because Ephraim hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin. 12 I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing. 13 They sacrifice flesh for the sacrifices of

mine offerings, and eat it; but the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** accepteth them not; now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins; they shall return to Egypt. 14 For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities; but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

9

1 Rejoice not, O Israel, for joy, as other people; for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God, thou hast loved a reward upon every cornfloor. 2 The floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her. 3 They shall not dwell in the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** land; but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean things in Assyria. 4 They shall not offer wine offerings to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, neither shall they be pleasing unto him; their sacrifices shall be unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat thereof shall be polluted; for their bread for their soul shall not come into the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 5 What will ye do in the solemn day, and in the day of the feast of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** ? 6 For, lo, they are gone because of destruction; Egypt shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury them; the pleasant places for their silver, nettles shall possess them; thorns shall be in their tabernacles. 7 The days of visitation are come, the days of ~~recompence~~ **recompense** are come; Israel shall know it; the prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred. 8 The watchman of Ephraim was with my God; but the prophet is a snare of a fowler in all his ways, and hatred in the house of his God. 9 They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in

the days of Gibeah; therefore he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins. 10 I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the ~~firstripe~~ **first ripe** in the fig tree at her first time; but they went to ~~Baal-peor~~ **Baal-peor**, and separated themselves unto that shame; and their abominations were according as they loved. 11 As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception. 12 Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them, that there shall not be a man left; yea, woe also to them when I depart from them! 13 Ephraim, as I saw Tyrus, is planted in a pleasant place; but Ephraim shall bring forth his children to the murderer. 14 Give them, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; what wilt thou give? give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts. 15 All their wickedness is in Gilgal; for there I hated them; for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of mine house, I will love them no more; all their princes are revolvers. 16 Ephraim is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit; yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay even the beloved fruit of their womb. 17 My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him; and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

10

1 Israel is an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself; according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images. 2 Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty; he shall break down their altars, he shall spoil their images. 3 For now they shall say, We have no

king, because we feared not the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; what then should a king do to us? 4 They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant; thus judgment springeth up as hemlock in the furrows of the field. 5 The inhabitants of Samaria shall fear because of the calves of Bethaven; for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and the priests thereof that rejoiced on it, for the glory thereof, because it is departed from it. 6 It shall **also** be ~~also~~ carried unto Assyria for a present to king Jareb; Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel. 7 As for Samaria, her king is cut off as the foam upon the water. 8 The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed; the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us. 9 O Israel, thou hast sinned from the days of Gibeah; there they stood; the battle in Gibeah against the children of iniquity did not overtake them. 10 It is in my desire that I should chastise them; and the people shall be gathered against them, when they shall bind themselves in their two furrows. 11 And Ephraim is as ~~an~~ **a** heifer that is taught, and loveth to tread out the corn; but I passed over upon her fair neck; I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall ~~plow~~ **plough**, and Jacob shall break his clods. 12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. 13 Ye have ~~plowed~~ **ploughed** wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies; because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men. 14 Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people, and all thy fortresses shall

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be spoiled, as Shalman spoiled ~~Betharbel~~ **Beth-arbel** in the day of battle;; the mother was dashed in pieces upon her children. 15 So shall ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el** do unto you because of your great wickedness;; in a morning shall the king of Israel utterly be cut off.

11

1 When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. 2 As they called them, so they went from them;; they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images. 3 I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them. 4 I drew them with **the** cords of a man, with bands of love;; and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them. 5 He shall not return ~~into~~ **unto** the land of Egypt, ~~and~~ **but** the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return. 6 And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and devour them, because of their own counsels. 7 And my people are bent to backsliding from me;; though they called them to the ~~most~~ **Most** High, none at all would exalt him. 8 How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? how shall I set thee as Zeboim? ~~mine~~ **My** heart is turned ~~within me~~ **toward thee**, and my ~~repentings~~ **mercies** are ~~kindled together~~ **extended to gather thee**. 9 I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim;; for I am God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee;; and I will not enter into the city. 10 They shall walk after the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; he shall roar like a lion;; when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west.

11 They shall tremble as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria;; and I will place them in their houses, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 12 Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit;; but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the saints.

12

1 Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind;; he daily increaseth lies and desolation; and they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt. 2 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him. 3 He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with God;. 4 Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed;; he wept, and made supplication unto him;; he found him in ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**, and there he spake with us; 5 Even the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of hosts; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is his memorial. 6 Therefore turn thou to thy God;; keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually. 7 He is a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand;; he loveth to oppress. 8 And Ephraim said, Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance;; in all my ~~labours~~ **labors** they shall find none iniquity in me that were sin. 9 And I that am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God from the land of Egypt will yet make thee to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feast. 10 I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets. 11 Is there iniquity in Gilead? surely they are vanity;; they sacrifice bullocks in Gilgal; yea, their altars are as heaps in the furrows of

the fields. 12 And Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheep. 13 And by a prophet the ~~LORD~~ Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved. 14 Ephraim provoked him to anger most bitterly; therefore shall he leave his blood upon him, and his reproach shall his ~~LORD~~ Lord return unto him.

13

1 When Ephraim spake trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died. 2 And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen; they say of them, Let the men that sacrifice kiss the calves. 3 Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away, as the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney. 4 Yet I am the ~~LORD~~ Lord thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me; for there is no saviour savior beside me. 5 I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought. 6 According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me. 7 Therefore I will be unto them as a lion; as a leopard by the way will I observe them; 8 I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion; the wild beast shall tear them. 9 O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help. 10 I will be thy king; where is any other that may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges of whom thou saidst, Give me

a king and princes? 11 I gave thee a king in mine anger, and took him away in my wrath. 12 The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is hid. 13 The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him; he is an unwise son; for he should not stay long in the place of the breaking forth of children. 14 I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death; O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction; repentance shall be hid from mine eyes. 15 Though he be fruitful among his brethren, an east wind shall come, the wind of the ~~LORD~~ Lord shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up; he shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant vessels. 16 Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God; they shall fall by the sword; their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.

14

1 O ~~israel~~ Israel, return unto the ~~LORD~~ Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. 2 Take with you words, and turn to the ~~LORD~~ Lord; say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously; so will we render the calves of our lips. 3 Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses; neither will we say ~~any more~~ anymore to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods; for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy. 4 I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely; for mine anger is turned away from him. 5 I will be as the dew unto Israel; he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. 6 His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. 7 They that dwell under his

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shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine; the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon. 8 Ephraim shall say, What have I to do ~~any more~~ **anymore** with idols? I have heard him, and observed him; I am like a

green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found. 9 Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** are right, and the just shall walk in them; but the transgressors shall fall therein.

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1 The word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that came to Joel the son of Pethuel. 2 Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers? 3 Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation. 4 That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the ~~eaterpillar~~ **caterpillar** eaten. 5 Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth. 6 For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are as the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion. 7 He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree; he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white. 8 Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth. 9 The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; the priests, the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** ministers, mourn. 10 The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted; the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth. 11 Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the

field is perished. 12 The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered; because joy is withered away from the sons of men. 13 Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests; howl, ye ministers of the altar; come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God; for the meat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your God. 14 Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God, and cry unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, 15 Alas for the day! for the day of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. 16 Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, yea, joy and gladness from the house of our God? 17 The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered. 18 How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate. 19 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to thee will I cry; for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field. 20 The beasts of the field cry also unto thee; for the rivers of ~~waters~~ **water** are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain;; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble;; for the day of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** cometh, for it is nigh at hand; 2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains;; a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be ~~any more~~ **anymore** after it, even to the years of many generations. 3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth;; the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. 4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run. 5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array. 6 Before their face the people shall be much pained;; all faces shall gather blackness. 7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march ~~every one~~ **everyone** on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks;; 8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk ~~every one~~ **everyone** in his path;; and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded. 9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief. 10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble;; the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining;; 11 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall utter his voice before his army;; for his camp is very great;, for he is strong that executeth

his word;; for the day of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is great and very terrible; and who can abide it? 12 Therefore also now, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning;; 13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and **repent**, and turn unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God;; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and ~~repenteth him of~~ **he will turn away** the evil **from you**. 14 ~~Who~~ **Therefore repent, and who** knoweth if **but** he will return ~~and repent~~, and leave a blessing behind him; ~~even that you may offer~~ a meat offering, and a drink offering, unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God? 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly;; 16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts;; let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. 17 Let the priests, the ministers of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them;; wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God? 18 Then will the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** be jealous for his land, and pity his people. 19 Yea, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith;; and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen;; 20 But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill ~~savour~~ **savor** shall come up, because he hath

done great things. 21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will do great things. 22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field; for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. 23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God; for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. 24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the ~~vats~~ **fats** shall overflow with wine and oil. 25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the ~~caterpillar~~ **caterpillar**, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. 26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God; that hath dealt wondrously with you; and my people shall never be ashamed. 27 And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God, and none else; and my people shall never be ashamed. 28 And it shall come to pass afterward; that I will pour out my ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my ~~spirit~~ **Spirit**. 30 And I will ~~shew~~ **show** wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and **the** terrible day of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** come. 32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall be delivered; for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem

shall be deliverance, as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath said, and in the remnant whom the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall call.

3

1 For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, 2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. 3 And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for ~~an~~ **a** harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink. 4 Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a ~~recompence~~ **recompense**? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your ~~recompence~~ **recompense** upon your own head; 5 Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things; 6 The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border. 7 Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your ~~recompence~~ **recompense** upon your own head; 8 And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath spoken it. 9 Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up; 10 Beat your ~~plowshares~~ **ploughshares** into swords, and your ~~pruninghooks~~ **pruning hooks** into spears; let the weak say, I am strong. 11 Assemble

yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about; thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat; for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. 13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe; come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. 14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision; for the day of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is near in the valley of decision. 15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. 16 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake; but the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of

Israel. 17 So shall ye know that I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain; then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her ~~any more~~ **anymore**. 18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth ~~out~~ of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and shall water the valley of Shittim. 19 Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land. 20 But Judah shall dwell ~~for ever~~ **forever**, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. 21 For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** dwelleth in Zion.

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1 The words of Amos, who was among the herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. 2 And he said, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither. 3 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron; 4 But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, which shall devour the palaces of ~~Benhadad~~ **Ben-hadad**. 5 I will break also the bar of Damascus,

and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Aven, and him that holdeth the ~~seepre~~ **scepter** from the house of Eden; and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 6 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver them up to Edom; 7 But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces thereof; 8 And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the ~~seepre~~ **scepter** from Ashkelon, and I will turn mine hand against Ekron; and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 9 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; For three transgressions of Tyrus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment

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thereof; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembered not the brotherly covenant; 10 But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which shall devour the palaces thereof. 11 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath ~~for ever~~ **forever**; 12 But I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah. 13 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have ripped up the women with child, of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border; 14 But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind; 15 And their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime; 2 But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kirioth; and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet; 3 And I will cut off the judge from the midst thereof, and will slay all the princes thereof with him, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 4 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away the

punishment thereof; because they have despised the law of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and have not kept his commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked; 5 But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem. 6 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes; 7 That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek; and a man and his father will go in unto the same maid, to profane my holy name; 8 And they lay themselves down upon clothes laid to pledge by every altar, and they drink the wine of the condemned in the house of their god. 9 Yet destroyed I the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath. 10 Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite. 11 And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 12 But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophecy not. 13 Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves. 14 Therefore the flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mighty deliver himself; 15 Neither shall he stand that handleth the bow; and he that is swift of foot shall not deliver himself; neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself. 16 And he that is courageous among the

mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

3

1 Hear this word that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, 2 You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities. 3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed? 4 Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing? 5 Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin is for him? shall one take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all? 6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath not ~~done~~ **known** it? 7 Surely the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** will do nothing, ~~but~~ **until** he revealeth ~~his~~ **the** secret unto his servants the prophets. 8 The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** hath spoken, who can but prophesy? 9 Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great tumults in the midst thereof, and the oppressed in the midst thereof. 10 For they know not to do right, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces. 11 Therefore thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; An adversary there shall be even round about the land; and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoiled. 12 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; As the shepherd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be taken out that

dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus in a couch. 13 Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, the God of hosts, 14 That, in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him, I will also visit the altars of ~~Bethel~~; **Beth-el**; and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground. 15 And I will smite the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

4

1 Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, that are in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink. 2 The Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks. 3 And ye shall go out at the breaches, ~~every cow at that which is everyone before her~~ **his enemy**; and ye shall ~~be cast them into the palace~~ **out of your palaces**, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 4 Come to ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years; 5 And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim and publish the free offerings; for ~~this liketh you~~ **thus do ye**, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 6 ~~And~~ **Therefore** I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places; yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 7 And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest; and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to

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rain upon another city; one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. 8 So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied; yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 9 I have smitten you with blasting and mildew; when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them; yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 10 I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt; your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils; yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 11 I have overthrown some of you, as **As** God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a ~~firebrand~~ **fire-brand** plucked out of the burning; yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel; and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel. 13 For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, The God of hosts, is his name.

5

1 Hear ye this word which I take up against you, even a lamentation, O house of Israel. 2 The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise; she is forsaken upon her land; there is none to raise her up. 3 For thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; The city that went out by a thousand shall leave ~~an~~ **a** hundred, and that which went forth

by ~~an~~ **a** hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Israel. 4 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live. 5 But seek not ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to ~~Beersheba~~ **Beer-sheba**; for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el** shall come to ~~nought~~ **naught**. 6 Seek the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**. 7 Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth, 8 Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth; The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is his name. 9 That strengtheneth the spoiled against the strong, so that the spoiled shall come against the fortress. 10 They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly. 11 Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat; ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them. 12 For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins; they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right. 13 Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time. 14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live; and so the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. 15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate; it may be that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

16 Therefore the ~~LORD~~ Lord, the God of hosts, the ~~LORD~~ Lord, saith thus; Wailing shall be in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! alas! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning, and such as are ~~skilful~~ skillful of lamentation to wailing. 17 And in all vineyards shall be wailing; for I will pass through thee, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 18 Woe unto you that desire the day of the ~~LORD!~~ Lord! to what end is it for you? the day of the ~~LORD~~ Lord is darkness, and not light. 19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. 20 Shall not the day of the ~~LORD~~ Lord be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it? 21 I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. 22 Though ye offer me burnt ~~offerings~~ offering and your meat offerings, I will not accept them; neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts. 23 Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols. 24 But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream. 25 Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel? 26 But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves. 27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord, whose name is The God of hosts.

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1 Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came! 2 Pass ye unto Calneh,

and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines; be they better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border? 3 Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near; 4 That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall; 5 That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of ~~musick~~ music, like David; 6 That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments; but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph. 7 Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed. 8 The Lord ~~GOD~~ God hath sworn by himself, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces; therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein. 9 And it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die. 10 And a man's uncle shall take him up, and he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and ~~shall~~ that say unto him that is by the sides of the house, Is there yet any with thee? and he shall say, No. Then shall he say, Hold thy tongue; for we may not make mention of the name of the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 11 For, behold, the ~~LORD~~ Lord commandeth, and he will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with clefts. 12 Shall horses run upon the rock? will one ~~plow~~ plough there with oxen? for ye have turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into hemlock; 13 Ye which rejoice in a thing of ~~nought~~ naught, which say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own

strength? 14 But, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the entering in of ~~Hamath~~ **Hamath** unto the river of the wilderness.

7

1 Thus hath the Lord ~~GOD~~ **showed** **God showed** unto me; and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings. 2 And it came to pass, that when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, forgive, I beseech thee; by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small. 3 ~~The LORD repented~~ **And the Lord said, concerning Jacob, Jacob shall repent** for this: ~~It shall,~~ **therefore I will not be utterly destroy him**, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 4 Thus hath the Lord ~~GOD~~ **showed** **God showed** unto me; and, behold, the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part. 5 Then said I, O Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, cease, I beseech thee; by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small. 6 ~~The LORD repented for this: This also~~ **And the Lord said, concerning Jacob, Jacob shall repent of his wickedness; therefore I will not be utterly destroy him**, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**. 7 Thus he ~~showed~~ **showed** me; and, behold, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** stood upon a wall made by a ~~plumbline~~ **plumb line**, with a ~~plumbline~~ **plumb line** in his hand. 8 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A ~~plumbline~~ **plumb line**. Then said the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Behold, I will set a ~~plumbline~~ **plumb line** in the midst of my people Israel; I will not again

pass by them ~~any more~~ **anymore**; 9 And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword. 10 Then Amaziah the priest of ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el** sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. 11 For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land. 12 Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there; 13 But prophesy not again ~~any more~~ **anymore** at ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el**; for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court. 14 Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was ~~an~~ **a** herdman, and a gatherer of ~~sycamore~~ **sycamore** fruit; 15 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** took me as I followed the flock, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel. 16 Now therefore hear thou the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Thou sayest, Prophesy not against Israel, and drop not thy word against the house of Isaac. 17 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Thy wife shall be ~~an~~ **a** harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land; and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

8

1 Thus hath the Lord ~~GOD~~ **showed** **God showed** unto me; and behold a basket of summer fruit. 2 And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then

said the ~~LORD unto~~ **Lord with** me, The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them ~~any more~~ **anymore**. 3 And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; there shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast them forth with silence. 4 Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail, 5 Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit? 6 That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; yea, and sell the refuse of the wheat? 7 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works. 8 Shall not the land tremble for this, and ~~every one~~ **everyone** mourn that dwelleth therein? and it shall rise up wholly as a flood; and it shall be cast out and drowned, as by the flood of Egypt. 9 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day; 10 And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only son, and the end thereof as a bitter day. 11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; 12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and shall not find it. 13 In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for

thirst. 14 They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, Thy god, O Dan, liveth; and, The manner of ~~Beersheba~~ **Beer-sheba** liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

9

1 I saw the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** standing upon the altar; and he said, Smite the lintel of the door, that the posts may shake; and cut them in the head, all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the sword; he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered. 2 Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down; 3 And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them; 4 And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them; and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good. 5 And the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** of hosts is he that toucheth the land, and it shall melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn; and it shall rise up wholly like a flood; and shall be drowned, as by the flood of Egypt. 6 It is he that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath founded his troop in the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth; The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is his name. 7 Are ye not as children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel? saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir? 8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** are upon ~~the a~~

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sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 9 For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth. 10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us. 11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old; 12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my

name, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** that doeth this. 13 Behold, the days come, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, that the ~~plowman~~ **ploughman** shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. 14 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. 15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** thy God.

Obadiah

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1 The vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** concerning Edom; We have heard a ~~rumour~~ **rumor** from the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle. 2 Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen; thou art greatly despised. 3 The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? 4 Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 5 If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not have stolen till they had enough? if the ~~grapegatherers~~ **grape gatherers** came to thee, would they not leave some grapes? 6 How are the things of Esau searched out! how are his hidden things sought up! 7 All the

men of thy confederacy have brought thee even to the border; the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, and prevailed against thee; **they** that ~~they~~ eat thy bread have laid a wound under thee; there is none understanding in him. 8 Shall I not in that day, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, even destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau? 9 And thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter. 10 For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 11 In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them. 12 But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in

the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress. 13 Thou shouldest not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity; 14 Neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress. 15 For the day of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is near upon all the heathen; as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee; thy reward shall return upon thine own head. 16 For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the heathen drink continually; yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been. 17 But upon mount Zion

shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. 18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath spoken it. 19 And they of the south shall possess the mount of Esau; and they of the plain, the Philistines; and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria; and Benjamin shall possess Gilead. 20 And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel shall possess that of the Canaanites, even unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south. 21 And ~~saviours~~ **saviors** shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's**.

Jonah

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1 Now the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto Jonah, the son of Amittai, saying, 2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. 3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 4 But the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken. 5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the

sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep. 6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not. 7 And they said ~~every one~~ **everyone** to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah. 8 Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us; What is thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what is thy country? and of what people art thou? 9 And he said unto them, I am ~~an~~ **a** Hebrew; and I fear the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land. 10 Then were the

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men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him-, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, because he had told them. 11 Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous. 12 And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you; for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you. 13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it to the land; but they could not; for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them. 14 Wherefore they cried unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and said, We beseech thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood; for thou, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, hast done as it pleased thee. 15 So they ~~look~~ **took** up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea; and the sea ceased from her raging. 16 Then the men feared the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and made vows. 17 Now the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

2

1 Then Jonah prayed unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** his God out of the fish's belly, 2 And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice. 3 For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about; all thy billows and thy waves passed over me. 4 Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple. 5 The waters compassed

me about, even to the soul; the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head. 6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me ~~for ever~~ **forever**; yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** my God. 7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. 8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. 9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 10 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

3

1 And the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto Jonah the second time, saying, 2 Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. 3 So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey. 4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey; and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown. 5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. 6 For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. 7 And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste ~~any thing~~ **anything**; let them not feed, nor

drink water; 8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God; yea, let them turn ~~every one~~ **everyone** from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. 9 Who can tell, if ~~God we~~ **we** will ~~turn and~~ **repent**, and turn **unto God, but he will turn** away from **us** his fierce anger, that we perish not? 10 And God saw their works; that they turned from their evil way **and repented**; and God ~~repented of~~ **turned away** the evil; that he had said ~~that he would do unto~~ **bring upon** them; ~~and he did it not.~~

4

1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry. 2 And he prayed unto the ~~LORD~~ **lord**, and said, I pray thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish; for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil. 3 Therefore now, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live. 4 Then said the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Doest thou well to be angry? 5 So Jonah went out of the city, and sat

on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city. 6 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd. 7 But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered. 8 And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live. 9 And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto death. 10 Then said the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not ~~laboured~~ **labored**, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night; 11 And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more ~~then~~ **than** sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?

Micah

1

1 The word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem. 2 Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is; and let the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** be witness against you, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** from his holy temple. 3 For, behold, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon

the high places of the earth. 4 And the mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down a steep place. 5 For the transgression of Jacob is all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? is it not Samaria? and what are the high places of Judah? are they not Jerusalem? 6 Therefore I will make Samaria as ~~an~~ **a** heap of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard; and I will pour down the stones thereof into the

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valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof. 7 And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the hires thereof shall be burned with the fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate;; for she gathered it of the hire of ~~an~~ a harlot, and they shall return to the hire of ~~an~~ a harlot. 8 Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked;; I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the owls. 9 For her wound is incurable; for it is come unto Judah; he is come unto the gate of my people, even to Jerusalem. 10 Declare ye it not at Gath, weep ye not at all;; in the house of Aphrah roll thyself in the dust. 11 Pass ye away, thou inhabitant of Saphir, having thy shame naked;; the inhabitant of Zaanan came not forth in the mourning of ~~Bethezel~~ **Beth-ezel**; he shall receive of you his standing. 12 For the inhabitant of Maroth waited carefully for good;; but evil came down from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** unto the gate of Jerusalem. 13 O thou inhabitant of Lachish, bind the chariot to the swift beast;; she is the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion;; for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee. 14 Therefore shalt thou give presents to ~~Moresethgath~~: **Moresethgath**; the houses of Achzib shall be a lie to the kings of Israel. 15 Yet will I bring an heir unto thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah;; he shall come unto Adullam the glory of Israel. 16 Make thee bald, and poll thee for thy delicate children; enlarge thy baldness as the eagle; for they are gone into captivity from thee.

2

1 Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they ~~praetise~~ **practice** it, because it is in the power

of their hand. 2 And they covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away;; so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage. 3 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks; neither shall ye go haughtily;; for this time is evil. 4 In that day shall one take up a parable against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, and say, We be utterly spoiled;; he hath changed the portion of my people;; how hath he removed it from me! turning away he hath divided our fields. 5 Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord by lot in the congregation of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 6 Prophecy ye not, say they to them that prophecy;; they shall not prophecy to them, that they shall not take shame. 7 O thou that art named ~~the~~ **The** house of Jacob, is the ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** straitened? are these his doings? do not my words do good to him that walketh uprightly? 8 Even of late my people is risen up as an enemy;; ye pull off the robe with the garment from them that pass by securely as men averse from war. 9 The women of my people have ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their children have ye taken away my glory for ever. 10 Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest;; because it is polluted, it shall destroy you, even with a sore destruction. 11 If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, saying, I will prophecy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people. 12 I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold;; they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude

of men. 13 The breaker is come up before them; they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it; and their king shall pass before them, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** on the head of them.

3

1 And I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel; Is it not for you to know judgment? 2 Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones; 3 Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron. 4 Then shall they cry unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, but he will not hear them; he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings. 5 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him; 6 Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them. 7 Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded; yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God. 8 But truly I am full of power by the ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin. 9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity. 10 They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem

with iniquity. 11 The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money; yet will they lean upon the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and say, Is not the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** among us? none evil can come upon us. 12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be ~~plowed~~ **ploughed** as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

4

1 But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. 2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** from Jerusalem. 3 And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into ~~plowshares~~ **plough-shares**, and their spears into ~~pruninghooks~~ **pruning-hooks**; nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. 4 But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of ~~hosts~~ **Hosts** hath spoken it. 5 For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God for ever and ever. 6 In that day, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have

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afflicted; 7 And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever. 8 And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem. 9 Now why dost thou cry out aloud?; is there no king in thee? is thy ~~counsellor~~ **counselor** perished? for pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail. 10 Be in pain, and ~~labour~~ **labor** to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail; for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies. 11 Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion. 12 But they know not the thoughts of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, neither understand they his counsel; for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor. 13 Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion; for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass; and thou shalt beat in pieces many people; and I will consecrate their gain unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.

5

1 Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops; he hath laid siege against us; they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek. 2 But thou, ~~Bethlehem~~ **Beth-lehem** Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose

goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. 3 Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth; then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. 4 And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, in the majesty of the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** his God; and they shall abide; for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth. 5 And this man shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land; and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men. 6 And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof; thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders. 7 And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of ~~men~~ **man**. 8 And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people, as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep; who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver. 9 Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off. 10 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots; 11 And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strong holds; 12 And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more soothsayers. 13 Thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no

more worship the work of thine hands. 14 And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee; so will I destroy thy cities. 15 And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen, such as they have not heard.

6

1 Hear ye now what the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** saith; Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice. 2 Hear ye, O mountains, the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel. 3 O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me. 4 For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. 5 O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 6 Wherewith shall I come before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? 7 Will the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He hath ~~shewed~~ **showed** thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? 9 The ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name; hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it. 10 Are there yet the

treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scant measure that is abominable? 11 Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights? 12 For the rich men thereof are full of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth. 13 Therefore also will I make thee sick in smiting thee, in making thee desolate because of thy ~~sins~~ **sin**. 14 Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied; and thy casting down shall be in the midst of thee; and thou shalt take hold, but shalt not deliver; and that which thou deliverest will I give up to the sword. 15 Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt not reap; thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint thee with oil; and sweet wine, but shalt not drink wine. 16 For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab, and ye walk in their counsels; that I should make thee a desolation, and the inhabitants thereof ~~an~~ **a** hissing; therefore ye shall bear the reproach of my people.

7

1 Woe is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the ~~grape gleanings~~ **grape gleanings** of the vintage; there is no cluster to eat; my soul desired the ~~firstripe~~ **first ripe** fruit. 2 The good man is perished out of the earth; and there is none upright among men; they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net. 3 That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh, and the judge asketh for a reward; and the great man, he uttereth his mischievous desire; so they wrap it up. 4 The best of them is as a brier; the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge; the day of thy

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~~watchmen~~ **watchman** and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity. 5 Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide;; keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom. 6 For the son ~~dishonoureth~~ **dishonoreth** the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter - in - law against her mother - in - law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house. 7 Therefore I will look unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; I will wait for the God of my salvation;; my God will hear me. 8 Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy;; when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall be a light unto me. 9 I will bear the indignation of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me;; he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness. 10 Then she that is mine enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her which said unto me, Where is the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God? mine eyes shall behold her;; now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets. 11 In the day that thy walls are to be built, in that day shall the decree be far removed. 12 In that day also he shall come even to thee from Assyria, and from the fortified cities, and from the fortress even to the river, and from

sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain. 13 Notwithstanding, the land shall be desolate because of them that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings. 14 Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel;; let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old. 15 According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I ~~shew~~ **show** unto him ~~marvellous~~ **marvelous** things. 16 The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might;; they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf. 17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth;; they shall be afraid of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God, and shall fear because of thee. 18 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. 19 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. 20 Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

Nahum

1

1 The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite. 2 God is jealous, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** revengeth; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** revengeth, and is furious; ~~the LORD~~ **The Lord** will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies. 3 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is slow to anger, and great in power,

and will not at all acquit the wicked;; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. 4 He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers;; Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth. 5 The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that

dwell therein. 6 Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him. 7 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him. 8 But with an ~~overrunning~~ **everrunning** flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies. 9 What do ye imagine against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**? he will make an utter end; affliction shall not rise up the second time. 10 For while they be ~~folded~~ **folded** together as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry. 11 There is one come out of thee, that imagineth evil against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, a wicked ~~counselor~~ **counselor**. 12 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; Though they be quiet, and likewise many, yet thus shall they be cut down, when he shall pass through. Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more. 13 For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder. 14 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath given a commandment concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown; out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image; I will make thy grave; for thou art vile. 15 Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth ~~peace!~~ **peace**; O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows; for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

2

1 He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face; keep the munition, watch the way, make thy

loins strong, fortify thy power mightily. 2 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath turned away the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel; for the emptiers have emptied them out, and marred their vine branches. 3 The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet; the chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken. 4 The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways; they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings. 5 He shall recount his worthies; they shall stumble in their walk; they shall make haste to the wall thereof, and the ~~defence~~ **defense** shall be prepared. 6 The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be dissolved. 7 And Huzzab shall be led away captive, she shall be brought up, and her maids shall lead her as with the voice of doves, tabering upon their breasts. 8 But Nineveh is of old like a pool of water; yet they shall flee away. Stand, stand, shall they cry; but none shall look back. 9 Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold; for ~~there~~ **their** is none end of the store and glory out of all the pleasant furniture. 10 She is empty, and void, and waste; and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together, and much pain is in all loins, and the faces of them all gather blackness. 11 Where is the dwelling of the lions, and the ~~feedingplace~~ **feeding-place** of the young lions, where the lion, even the old lion, walked, and the lion's whelp, and none made them afraid? 12 The lion did tear in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his holes with prey, and his dens with ravin. 13 Behold, I am against thee, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the

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sword shall devour thy young lions; and I will cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard.

3

1 Woe to the bloody city! it is all full of lies and robbery; the prey departeth not; 2 The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the ~~prancing~~ **prancing** horses, and of the jumping chariots. 3 The horseman lifteth up both the bright sword and the glittering spear; and there is a multitude of slain, and a great number of ~~carcases~~ **carcasses**; and there is none end of their corpses; they stumble upon their corpses; 4 Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the ~~wellfavoured~~ **well-favored** harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts. 5 Behold, I am against thee, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; and I will discover thy skirts upon thy face, and I will ~~shew~~ **show** the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame. 6 And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and make thee vile, and will set thee as a ~~gazingstock~~ **gazing-stock**. 7 And it shall come to pass, that all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, Nineveh is laid waste; who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters for thee? 8 Art thou better than populous No, that was situate among the rivers, that had the waters round about it, whose rampart was the sea, and her wall was from the sea? 9 Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, and it was infinite; Put and Lubim were thy helpers. 10 Yet was

she carried away, she went into captivity; her young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets; and they cast lots for her ~~honourable~~ **honorable** men, and all her great men were bound in chains. 11 Thou also shalt be drunken; thou shalt be hid, thou also shalt seek strength because of the enemy. 12 All thy strong holds shall be like fig trees with the ~~firstripe~~ **first ripe** figs; if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of the eater. 13 Behold, thy people in the midst of thee are women; the gates of thy land shall be set wide open unto thine enemies; the fire shall devour thy bars. 14 Draw thee waters for the siege, fortify thy strong holds; go into clay, and tread the ~~morter~~ **mortar**, make strong the brickkiln. 15 There shall the fire devour thee; the sword shall cut thee off, it shall eat thee up like the ~~cankerworm~~ **cankerworms**; make thyself many as the cankerworm, make thyself many as the locusts. 16 Thou hast multiplied thy merchants above the stars of ~~heaven~~ **heavens**; the cankerworm spoileth, and fleeth away. 17 Thy crowned are as the locusts, and thy captains as the great grasshoppers, which camp in the hedges in the cold day, but when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their place is not known where they are. 18 Thy shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria; thy nobles shall dwell in the dust; thy people is scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathereth them. 19 There is no healing of thy bruise; thy wound is grievous: all that hear the bruit of thee shall clap the hands over thee; for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually?

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1

1 The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see. 2 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! even cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save! 3 Why dost thou ~~shew~~ **show** me iniquity, and cause me to behold ~~grievance~~ **grievances**? for spoiling and violence are before me; and there are that raise up strife and contention. 4 Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth; for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth. 5 Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously; for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you. 6 For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the ~~dwellings~~ **dwelling-places** that are not ~~their~~ **theirs**. 7 They are terrible and dreadful; their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves. 8 Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves; and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat. 9 They shall come all for violence; their faces shall sup up as the east wind, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand. 10 And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them; they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it. 11 Then shall his mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, imputing this his power unto his god. 12 Art thou not from everlasting, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** my God, mine Holy One? ~~we~~ **We** shall not die. O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, thou ~~hast~~ **has** ordained them

for judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction. 13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity; wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he? 14 And ~~makest~~ **maketh** men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, that have no ruler over them? 15 They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag; therefore they rejoice and are glad. 16 Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion is fat, and their meat plenteous. 17 Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations?

2

1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. 2 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie; though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. 4 Behold, his soul, which is ~~lifted~~ **lifted** up is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith. 5 Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine; he is a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell, and is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people; 6 Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him,

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and say, Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his! how long? and to him that ladeth himself with thick clay! 7 Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them? 8 Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil thee; because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein. 9 Woe to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil! 10 Thou hast consulted shame to thy house by cutting off many people, and hast sinned against thy soul. 11 For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it. 12 Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and ~~stablisheth~~ **establisheth** a city by ~~iniquity!~~ **iniquity**. 13 Behold, is it not of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts that the people shall ~~labour~~ **labor** in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity? 14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, as the waters cover the sea. 15 Woe unto him that giveth his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor** drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness! 16 Thou art filled with shame for glory;; drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered;; the cup of the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful spewing shall be on thy glory. 17 For the violence of Lebanon shall cover thee, and the spoil of beasts, which made them afraid, because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein. 18 What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the

molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols? 19 Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no ~~breath~~ **breadth** at all in the midst of it. 20 But the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is in his holy temple;; let all the earth keep silence before him.

3

1 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth. 2 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid;; O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy. 3 God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. 4 And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand;; and there was the hiding of his power. 5 Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet. 6 He stood, and measured the earth;; he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow;; his ways are everlasting. 7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction;; and the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble. 8 Was the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** displeased against the rivers? was thine anger against the rivers? was thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses and thy chariots of salvation? 9 Thy bow was made quite naked, according to the oaths of the tribes, even thy word. Selah. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers. 10 The mountains saw thee, and they trembled;; the overflowing of the water passed by;;

the deep uttered his voice, and lifted up his hands on high. 11 The sun and moon stood still in their habitation;; at the light of thine arrows they went, and at the shining of thy glittering spear. 12 Thou didst march through the land in indignation, thou didst thresh the heathen in anger. 13 Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, even for salvation with thine anointed; thou ~~woundedst~~ **woundedest** the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah. 14 Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages;; they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me;; their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly. 15 Thou didst walk through the sea with thine horses, through the heap of great waters. 16

When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice;; rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble;; when he cometh up unto the people, he will invade them with his troops. 17 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the ~~labour~~ **labor** of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls;; 18 Yet I will rejoice in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, I will joy in the God of my salvation. 19 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

Zephaniah

1

1 The word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** which came unto Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon; king of Judah. 2 I will utterly consume all things from off the land, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 3 I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the ~~stumblingblocks~~ **stumbling-blocks** with the wicked;; and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 4 I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of the ~~Chemarims~~ **Chemarim** with the priests; 5 And them that worship the host of heaven upon the ~~housetops~~ **house-tops**; and them that worship and that swear by the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and that swear by

Malcham; 6 And them that are turned back from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and those that have not sought the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, nor ~~enquired~~ **inquired** for him. 7 Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**; for the day of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is at hand;; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests. 8 And it shall come to pass in the day of the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel. 9 In the same day also will I punish all those that leap on the threshold, which fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit. 10 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that there shall be the noise of a cry from the fish gate, and ~~an~~ **a** howling from the second, and a great crashing from the hills. 11 Howl, ye inhabitants of Maktesh, for all the merchant people are cut down; all they that bear silver are cut off. 12

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And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees; that say in their heart, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will not do good, neither will he do evil. 13 Therefore, their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation; they shall also build houses, but not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof. 14 The great day of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. 15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness;. 16 A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. 17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord's** wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy; for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

2

1 Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; 2 Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** come upon you, before the day of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord's** anger come upon you. 3 Seek ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness; it

may be ye shall be hid in the day of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord's** anger. 4 For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation; they shall drive out Ashdod at the ~~noon-day~~ **noonday**, and Ekron shall be rooted up. 5 Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant. 6 And the sea coast shall be dwellings and cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks. 7 And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed thereupon; in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** their God shall visit them, and turn away their captivity. 8 I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of the children of Ammon, whereby they have reproached my people, and magnified themselves against their border. 9 Therefore, as I live, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, even the breeding of nettles, and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation; the residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them. 10 This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the people of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 11 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will be terrible unto them; for he will famish all the gods of the earth; and men shall worship him, every one from his place, even all the isles of the heathen. 12 Ye Ethiopians also, ye shall be slain by my sword. 13 And he will stretch out his hand against the north, and destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, and dry like a wilderness. 14 And flocks shall lie down in the

midst of her, all the beasts of the nations; both the cormorant and the bittern shall lodge in the upper lintels of it; their voice shall sing in the windows; desolation shall be in the thresholds; for he shall uncover the cedar work. 15 This is the rejoicing city that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, I am, and there is none ~~beside~~ **besides** me; how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth by her shall hiss, and wag his hand.

3

1 Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city! 2 She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; she drew not near to her God. 3 Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow. 4 Her prophets are light and treacherous persons; her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law. 5 The just ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity; every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame. 6 I have cut off the nations; their towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by; their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant. 7 I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them; but they rose early, and corrupted all their doings. 8 Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, until the day that I rise up to the prey; for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine

indignation, even all my fierce anger; for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. 9 For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to serve him with one consent. 10 From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering. 11 In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me; for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain. 12 I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 13 The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid. 14 Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. 15 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy; the ~~king~~ **King** of Israel, even the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, is in the midst of thee; thou shalt not see evil any more. 16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not; and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack. 17 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. 18 I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden. 19 Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee; and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land

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where they have been put to shame.
20 At that time will I bring you again,
even in the time that I gather you; for
I will make you a name and a praise

Haggai

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1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month; came the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying;. 2 Thus speaketh the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** house should be built. 3 Then came the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** by Haggai the prophet, saying, 4 Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ~~cieled~~ **ceiled** houses, and this house lie waste? 5 Now therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; Consider your ways. 6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages, earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. 7 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; Consider your ways. 8 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 9 Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house. 10 Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit. 11 And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn,

among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the ~~labour~~ **labor** of the hands. 12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 13 Then spake Haggai the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** messenger in the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** message unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 14 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, their God, 15 In the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

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1 In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** by the prophet Haggai, saying, 2 Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying, 3 Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing? 4 Yet

now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and work; for I am with you, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; 5 According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you; fear ye not. 6 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; 7 And I will shake all nations, and the ~~desire~~ **Desire** of all nations shall come; and I will fill this house with glory, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; and in this place will I give peace, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 10 In the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** by Haggai the prophet, saying, 11 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying, 12 If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No. 13 Then said Haggai, If one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean. 14 Then answered Haggai, and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and so is every work of

their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean. 15 And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; 16 Since those days were, when one came to ~~an~~ a heap of twenty measures, there were but ten; when one came to the pressfat for to draw out fifty vessels out of the press, there were but twenty. 17 I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the ~~labours~~ **labors** of your hands; yet ye turned not to me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 18 Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even from the day that the foundation of the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** temple was laid, consider it. 19 Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth; from this day will I bless you. 20 And again the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying, 21 Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth; 22 And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother. 23 In that day, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and will make thee as a signet; for I have chosen thee, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts.

Zechariah

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1 In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the ~~LORD~~ Lord unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, 2 The ~~LORD~~ Lord hath been sore displeased with your fathers. 3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord of hosts. 4 Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 5 Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever? 6 But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as the ~~LORD~~ Lord of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us. 7 Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the ~~LORD~~ Lord unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, 8 I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white. 9 Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be. 10 And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the ~~LORD~~ Lord hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth. 11 And they answered the angel of

the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest. 12 Then the angel of the ~~LORD~~ Lord answered and said, O ~~LORD~~ Lord of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years? 13 And the ~~LORD~~ Lord answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words. 14 So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. 15 And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction. 16 Therefore thus saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem. 17 Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ Lord of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the ~~LORD~~ Lord shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem. 18 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns. 19 And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. 20 And the ~~LORD~~ Lord shewed me four carpenters. 21 Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head; but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.

2

1 I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand. 2 Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof. 3 And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him, 4 And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein; 5 For I, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her. 6 Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 7 Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon. 8 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you; for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye. 9 For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants; and ye shall know that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts hath sent me. 10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion; for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 11 And many nations shall be joined to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts hath sent me unto thee. 12 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again. 13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the ~~LORD~~: **Lord**; for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

3

1 And he ~~shewed~~ **showed** me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. 2 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto Satan, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** rebuke thee, O Satan; even the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee; is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? 3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. 4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. 5 And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** stood by. 6 And the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** protested unto Joshua, saying, 7 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by. 8 Hear now, O Joshua, the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee; for they are men wondered at; for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the **BRANCH**. 9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes; behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. 10 In that day, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, shall ye call every man his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor** under the vine and under the fig tree.

4

1 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep; 2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof; 3 And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. 4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? 5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. 6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain; and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it. 8 Moreover the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts hath sent me unto you. 10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the **eyes servants** of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which run to and fro through the whole earth. 11 Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof? 12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches

which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? 13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. 14 Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand ~~by~~ **before** the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of the whole earth.

5

1 Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll. 2 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits. 3 Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth; for every one that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side according to it. 4 I will bring it forth, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof. 5 Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth. 6 And I said, What is it? And he said, This is an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their resemblance through all the earth. 7 And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead; and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah. 8 And he said, This is wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof. 9 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork; and

they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven. 10 Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah? 11 And he said unto me, To build it ~~an~~ a house in the land of Shinar; and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.

6

1 And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass. 2 In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses; 3 And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses. 4 Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord? 5 And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four ~~spirits~~ **servants** of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of all the earth. 6 The black horses which are therein go forth ~~into~~ **unto** the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country. 7 And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth; and he said, Get ~~you~~ **ye** hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth. 8 Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country. 9 And the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto me, saying, 10 Take of them of the captivity, even of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah; 11 Then take silver and gold, and make crowns,

and set them upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest; 12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The **BRANCH**; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; 13 Even he shall build the temple of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. 14 And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 15 And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and ye shall know that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God.

7

1 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, that the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto Zechariah in the fourth day of the ninth month, even in Chisleu; 2 When they had sent unto the house of God Sherezer and ~~Regemmelech~~ **Regem-melech**, and their men, to pray before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, 3 And to speak unto the priests which were in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years? 4 Then came the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts unto me, saying, 5 Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month, even those seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me, even to me? 6 And when ye

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did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves? 7 Should ye not hear the words which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when men inhabited the south and the plain? 8 And the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came unto Zechariah, saying, 9 Thus speaketh the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother; 10 And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart. 11 But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear. 12 Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets; therefore came a great wrath from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 13 Therefore it is come to pass, that as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; 14 But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned; for they laid the pleasant land desolate.

8

1 Again the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts came to me, saying, 2 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury. 3 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and Jerusalem shall be called a city of

truth; and the mountain of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts the holy mountain. 4 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age. 5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. 6 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 7 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; Behold, I will ~~save~~ **gather** my people from the east country, and from the west country; 8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness. 9 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built. 10 For before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction; for I set all men every one against his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**. 11 But now I will not be unto the residue of this people as in the former days, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 12 For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. 13 And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I ~~save~~ **gather** you, and ye shall be a blessing; fear not, but let

your hands be strong. 14 For thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; As I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, and I repented not; 15 So again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah; fear ye not. 16 These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates; 17 And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**; and love no false oath; for all these are things that I hate, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 18 And the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts came unto me, saying, 19 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace. 20 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: 21 And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and to seek the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts: I will go also. 22 Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 23 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; In those days it shall come to ~~pass~~ **topass**, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.

1 The burden of the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in the land of Hadrach, and Damascus shall be the rest thereof; when the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel, shall be toward the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 2 And Hamath also shall border thereby; Tyrus, and Zidon, though it be very wise. 3 And Tyrus did build herself a strong hold, and heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets. 4 Behold, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will cast her out, and he will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire. 5 Ashkelon shall see it, and fear; Gaza also shall see it, and be very sorrowful, and Ekron; for her expectation shall be ashamed; and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited. 6 And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines. 7 And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth; but he that remaineth, even he, shall be for our God, and he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite. 8 And I will encamp about mine house because of the army, because of him that passeth by, and because of him that returneth; and no oppressor shall pass through them any more; for now have I seen with mine eyes. 9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. 10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off; and he shall speak peace unto the heathen; and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from ~~the~~ river even to the ends of the earth. 11 As for thee also,

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by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water. 12 Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope; even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee; 13 When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man. 14 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south. 15 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar. 16 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land. 17 For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.

10

1 Ask ye of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** rain in the time of the latter rain; so the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. 2 For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain; therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd. 3 Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly

horse in the battle. 4 Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together. 5 And they shall be as mighty men, which tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle; and they shall fight, because the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded. 6 And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them; and they shall be as though I had not cast them off; for I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** their God, and will hear them. 7 And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine; yea, their children shall see it, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 8 I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased. 9 And I will sow them among the people; and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and turn again. 10 I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and ~~Lebanon~~ **Labanon**; and place shall not be found for them. 11 And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up; and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away. 12 And I will strengthen them in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

11

1 Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars. 2

Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled; howl, O ye oaks of Bashan; for the forest of the vintage is come down. 3 There is a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled; a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is spoiled. 4 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** my God; Feed the flock of the slaughter; 5 Whose possessors slay them, and hold themselves not guilty; and they that sell them say, Blessed be the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for I am rich; and their own shepherds pity them not. 6 For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; but, lo, I will deliver the men every one into his ~~neighbour's~~ **neighbor's** hand, and into the hand of his king; and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver them. 7 And I will feed the flock of slaughter, even you, O poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bands; and I fed the flock. 8 Three shepherds also I cut off in one month; and my soul lothed them, and their soul also abhorred me. 9 Then said I, I will not feed you; that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another. 10 And I took my staff, even Beauty, and cut it ~~asunder~~ **assunder**, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people. 11 And it was broken in that day; and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. 13 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto me, Cast it unto the potter; a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the

~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 14 Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel. 15 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd. 16 For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, which shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still; but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces. 17 Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye; his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

12

1 The burden of the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** for Israel, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him. 2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. 3 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people; all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. 4 In that day, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness; and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness. 5 And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts their God. 6 In that day will I make the governors of Judah like ~~an~~ **a**

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hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left; and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem. 7 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah. 8 In that day shall the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** before them. 9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. 10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications; and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. 11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon. 12 And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; 13 The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart; 14 All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

13

1 In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin

and for uncleanness. 2 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered; and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land. 3 And it shall come to pass, that when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth. 4 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive; 5 But he shall say, I am no prophet, I am ~~an~~ **a** husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth. 6 And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. 7 Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered; and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones. 8 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. 9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried; they shall call on my name, and I will hear them; I will say, It is my people; and they shall say, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is my God.

14

1 Behold, the day of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided

in the midst of thee. 2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. 3 Then shall the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. 4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. 5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** my God shall come, and all the saints with thee. 6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark; 7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, not day, nor night; but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light. 8 And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea; in summer and in winter shall it be. 9 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall be king over all the earth; in that day shall there be one ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and his name one. 10 All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses. 11 And men shall

dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited. 12 And this shall be the plague wherewith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth. 13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**. 14 And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance. 15 And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague. 16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. 17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. 18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. 19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. 20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and the pots in the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** house

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shall be like the ~~bowl's~~ **bowl's** before the altar. 21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** of hosts; and all they that sacrifice shall

come and take of them, and see the therein; and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** of hosts.

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1

1 The burden of the word of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** to Israel by Malachi. 2 I have loved you, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**; yet I loved Jacob,. 3 And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness. 4 Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** hath indignation ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 5 And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The ~~LORD~~ **LORD** will be magnified from the border of Israel. 6 A son ~~honoureth~~ **honoreth** his father, and a servant his master; if then I be a father, where is mine ~~honour~~ **honor** ? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, ~~Wherein~~ **wherein** have we despised thy name? 7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, ~~Wherein~~ **wherein** have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** is contemptible. 8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** of hosts. 9 And now, I

pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us; this hath been by your means; will he regard your persons? saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** of hosts. 10 Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for ~~nought~~ **naught** ? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for ~~nought~~ **naught**. I have no pleasure in you, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand. 11 For, from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering; for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** of hosts. 12 But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible. 13 Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering; should I accept this of your hand? saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**. 14 But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** a corrupt thing; for I am a great King, saith the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.

2

1 And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. 2 If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to

heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings; yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. 3 Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall take you away with it. 4 And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 5 My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. 6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips; he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. 7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 8 But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 9 Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law. 10 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers? 11 Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god. 12 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will cut off the man that doeth this, the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the ~~LORD~~

Lord of hosts. 13 And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering ~~any more~~ **anymore**, or receiveth it with good will at your hand. 14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously; yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. 15 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the ~~spirit~~ **Spirit**. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. 16 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away; for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts; therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously. 17 Ye have wearied the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? ~~When~~ **when** ye say, ~~Every one~~ **Everyone** that doeth evil is good in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?

3

1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in; behold, he shall come, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap; 3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and he shall

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purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** an offering in righteousness. 4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, as in the days of old, and as in former years. 5 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 6 For I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. 7 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? 8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. 9 Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. 10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. 11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 12 And all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 13 Your words have been stout against me, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. Yet ye say, What have

we spoken so much against thee? 14 Ye have said, It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts? 15 And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered. 16 Then they that feared the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** spake often one to another; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and that thought upon his name. 17 And they shall be mine, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. 18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

4

1 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. 3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts. 4 Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. 5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the

~~LORD~~: **Lord**; 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their

fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

