

Write your inspiration, thoughts and notes next to the scriptures corrected through the prophet Joseph Smith to help with your study and understanding of YHWH Elohim's word to better understand it and to become more like Yeshua / Jesus. The earliest known revelation from YHWH Elohim commanding Joseph Smith to compile the New Translation of the Bible was in July 1830 in D&C (LDS 25:6) (RLDS 24) (1833 25) (1835 9) (1844 9). The majority of the New Translation was finished by Joseph Smith before Aug 02, 1833 when YHWH Elohim commanded him to work on the printing of it in D&C (LDS 94:10) (RLDS 91) (1835 83) (1844 84) but Joseph Smith did additional minor work on it until his martyrdom. The church did not get enough money to print it in Joseph Smith's lifetime because they directed money to other projects instead.

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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1

1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. 4 The ungodly are not so; but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 6 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

2

1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and against his ~~anointed~~ **Anointed**, saying, 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. 4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall have them in derision. 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. 6 Yet have I set my ~~king~~ **King** upon my holy hill of Zion. 7 I will declare the decree; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's

vessel. 10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings; be instructed, ye judges of the earth. 11 Serve the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

3

1 Lord, how are they increased that trouble me! many are they that rise up against me. 2 Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. Selah. 3 But thou, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head. 4 I cried unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah. 5 I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** sustained me. 6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about. 7 Arise, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; save me, O my God; for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the ~~cheek-bone~~ **cheekbone**; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly. 8 Salvation belongeth unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah.

4

1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness; thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer. 2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah. 3 But know that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath set apart him that is godly for himself; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will hear when I call unto him. 4 Stand in awe, and sin not; commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah. 5 Offer

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the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 6 There be many that say, Who will ~~shew~~ **show** us any good? ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. 7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased. 8 I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep; for thou, ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, only makest me dwell in safety.

5

1 Give ear to my words, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; consider my meditation. 2 Harken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God; for unto thee will I pray. 3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up. 4 For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness; neither shall evil dwell with thee. 5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight; thou hatest all workers of iniquity. 6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will abhor the bloody and deceitful man. 7 But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy; and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple. 8 Lead me, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face. 9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open ~~sepulchre~~ **sepulcher**; they flatter with their tongue. 10 Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee. 11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice; let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them;

let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. 12 For thou, ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, wilt bless the righteous; with ~~favour~~ **favor** wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

6

1 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. 2 Have mercy upon me, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for I am weak; O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, heal me; for my bones are vexed. 3 My soul is also sore vexed; but thou, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, how long? 4 Return, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, deliver my soul; oh save me for thy mercies' sake. 5 For in death there is no remembrance of thee; in the grave who shall give thee thanks? 6 I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears. 7 Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies. 8 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath heard the voice of my weeping. 9 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath heard my supplication; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will receive my prayer. 10 Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed; let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

7

1 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** my God, in thee do I put my trust; save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me; 2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver. 3 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** my God, ~~If~~ **if** I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands; 4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy;) 5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth,

and lay mine ~~honour~~ **honor** in the dust. Selah. 6 Arise, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies; and awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commanded. 7 So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about; for their sakes therefore return thou on high. 8 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall judge the people; judge me, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me. 9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just; for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins. 10 My ~~defence~~ **defense** is of God, which saveth the upright in heart. 11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day. 12 If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready. 13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors. 14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood. 15 He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made. 16 His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate. 17 I will praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** according to his righteousness; and will sing praise to the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** most high.

8

1 O ~~LORD~~, **Lord** our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. 2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. 3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the

moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and ~~honour~~ **honor**. 6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet; 7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; 8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. 9 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

9

1 I will praise thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, with my whole heart; I will ~~shew~~ **show** forth all thy ~~marvellous~~ **marvelous** works. 2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee; I will sing praise to thy name, O thou ~~most~~ **Most** High. 3 When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence. 4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right. 5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name ~~for ever~~ **forever** and ever. 6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end; and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them. 7 But the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall endure ~~for ever~~ **forever**; he hath prepared his throne for judgment. 8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness. 9 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. 10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee; for thou, ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, hast not forsaken them that seek thee. 11 Sing praises to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which dwelleth

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in Zion; declare among the people his doings. 12 When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them; he forgetteth not the cry of the humble. 13 Have mercy upon me, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death; 14 That I may ~~shew~~ **show** forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion; I will rejoice in thy salvation. 15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made; in the net which they hid is their own foot taken. 16 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is known by the judgment which he executeth; the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah. 17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. 18 For the needy shall not ~~always~~ **always** be forgotten; the expectation of the poor shall not perish ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 19 Arise, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; let not man prevail; let the heathen be judged in thy sight. 20 Put them in fear, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah.

10

1 Why standest thou afar off, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** ? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble? 2 The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor; let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined. 3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** abhorreth. 4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God; God is not in all his thoughts. 5 His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight; as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them. 6 **He For he** hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved:

~~for I shall~~; never be in adversity. 7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit; and **his heart is full of fraud**; **and** under his tongue is mischief and vanity. 8 He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages; in the secret places doth he murder the innocent; his eyes are privily set against the poor. 9 He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den; he lieth in wait to catch the poor; he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net. 10 He croucheth **to the strong ones**, and humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his ~~strong ones~~ **devices**. 11 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten; he hideth his face; he will never see it. 12 Arise, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; O God, lift up thine hand; forget not the humble. 13 ~~Wherefore~~ **The wicked condemn God; wherefore he** doth the wicked ~~condemn God? he hath said~~ **say** in his heart, Thou wilt not require ~~it~~ **iniquity at my hand**. 14 ~~Thou~~ O **Lord**, thou hast seen ~~it~~ **all this**, for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand; ~~the~~ **The** poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless. 15 ~~Break~~ O **Lord**, thou **wilt break** the arm of the wicked, and ~~of~~ the evil ~~man~~; **and** seek out his wickedness ~~till~~ **until** thou find none **that remain**. 16 ~~The LORD is King for ever~~ **And the Lord shall be king forever** and ever; **over his people**; for the ~~heathen are perished~~ **wicked shall perish** out of his land. 17 ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, thou hast heard the desire of the humble; thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear; 18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth ~~may~~ **many** no more oppress.

11

1 In ~~the LORD~~ **that day thou shalt come, O Lord**; and **I will** put ~~I~~ my

~~trust: how~~ **in thee. Thou shalt say ye**
~~to my~~ **unto thy people, for mine ear**
hath heard thy voice; thou shalt
say unto every soul, Flee as unto my
mountain; and the righteous shall
flee like a bird to your mountain?
that is let go from the snare of the
fowler. 2 ~~For, lo,~~ **the wicked bend**
their bow; lo, they make ready their
arrow upon the string, that they may
privily shoot at the upright in heart,
to destroy their foundation. 3 ~~If~~ **But**
the foundations of the wicked shall
be destroyed, and what can the
~~righteous they do?~~ **4 The LORD is in**
For the Lord, when he shall come
into his holy temple, the LORD's
sitting upon God's throne is in
heaven; his eyes behold, his eyelids
~~try,~~ **shall pierce the children of men**
wicked. 5 The LORD trieth Behold
his eyelids shall try the children of
men, and he shall redeem the
righteous; and they shall be tried.
The Lord loveth the righteous, but
the wicked, and him that loveth
violence, his soul hateth. 6 Upon the
wicked he shall rain snares, fire, and
brimstone, and as a horrible tempest:
~~this shall be,~~ **the portion of their cup.**
7 For the righteous LORD Lord
loveth righteousness; his
countenance doth behold the upright.

12

1 Help In that day thou shalt help,
~~LORD; for~~ **O Lord, the poor and**
the meek of the earth. For the godly
~~man ceaseth; for~~ **shall cease to be**
found, and the faithful fail from
among the children of men. 2 They
shall speak vanity every one with his
~~neighbour:~~ **neighbor; with flattering**
lips and, with a double heart do they
speak. 3 The LORD But the Lord
shall cut off all flattering lips, and the
tongue that speaketh proud things; 4
Who have said, With our tongue will
we prevail; our lips are our own;

~~who is lord shall be Lord over us? 5~~
~~For~~ **Therefore, thus saith the Lord,**
I will arise in that day, I will stand
upon the earth, and I will judge the
earth for the oppression of the poor,
for the sighing of the needy; now will
~~I arise, saith the LORD; I will set him~~
~~in safety from him that puffeth at him~~
and their cry hath entered into
mine ear. 6 The Therefore the Lord
shall sit in judgment upon all those
who say in their hearts, We all sit
in safety; and puffeth at him. These
~~are the words of the LORD are~~
Lord; yea, pure words: as, like silver
tried in a furnace of earth, purified
seven times. 7 Thou shalt keep them
save thy people, O LORD, Lord;
thou shalt keep them; thou shalt
preserve them from this generation
~~for ever~~ **the wickedness of their**
generations forever. 8 The wicked
walk on every side, when and the
vilest men are exalted; but in the day
of their pride thou shalt visit them.

13

1 How long, O Lord, wilt thou forget
withdraw thyself from me, O
~~LORD ? for ever? how~~ **How long**
wilt thou hide thy face from me, that
I may not see thee? Wilt thou
forget me, and cast me off from thy
presence forever ? 2 How long shall
I take counsel in my soul, having
~~sorrow~~ **sorrowing in my heart daily?**
~~how~~ **How long shall mine enemy be**
exalted over me? 3 Consider and hear
me, O LORD Lord; and hear my
cry, O my God; and lighten mine
eyes, lest I sleep the sleep death of
~~death~~ **the ungodly; 4 Lest lest mine**
enemy say, I have prevailed against
him; and those. 4 Those that trouble
me, rejoice when I am moved; 5 But
I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart
shall rejoice in thy salvation. 6 I will
sing unto the LORD Lord, because
he hath dealt bountifully with me.

14

1 The fool hath said in his heart,
There is no **man that hath seen** God.
~~They~~ **Because he showeth himself**
not unto us, therefore there is no
God. Behold, they are corrupt,~~they;~~
thy have done abominable works,
~~there is and~~ none ~~that of them~~ doeth
good. 2 ~~The LORD~~ **For the Lord**
looked down from heaven upon the
children of men, **and by his voice**
said unto his servant, Seek ye
among the children of men, to see if
there ~~were~~ **are** any that ~~did~~ **do**
understand **God. And he opened his**
mouth unto the Lord, and ~~seek God~~
said, Behold, all these who say they
are thine. 3 **The Lord answered,**
and said, They are all gone aside,
they are ~~all~~ together become filthy:
~~there is,~~ **thou canst behold none of**
them that ~~doeth~~ **are doing** good, no,
not one. 4 ~~Have all the~~ **All they have**
for their teachers are workers of
iniquity, **and there is** no knowledge
~~in them.~~ **They are they** who eat up
my people as ~~they.~~ **They** eat bread;
and call not upon the ~~LORD~~ **Lord.** 5
~~There were they~~ **They are** in great
fear; for God ~~is~~ **dwells** in the
generation of the righteous. 6 ~~Ye~~
~~have~~ **He shamed is** the counsel of the
poor, because **they are ashamed of**
the ~~LORD~~ **wicked, and flee unto the**
Lord, for their refuge. 6 **They are**
ashamed of the counsel of the poor
because the Lord is his refuge. 7 Oh
that **Zion were established out of**
heaven, the salvation of Israel ~~were~~
~~come out of Zion!~~ **O Lord, when**
wilt thou establish Zion? When the
LORD Lord bringeth back the
captivity of his people, Jacob shall
rejoice, ~~and~~ Israel shall be glad.

15

1 Lord, who shall abide in thy
tabernacle? who shall dwell in ~~thy~~
they holy hill of **Zion** ? 2 He that

walketh uprightly, and worketh
righteousness, and speaketh the truth
in his heart. 3 He that backbiteth not
with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his
~~neighbour~~ **neighbor,** nor taketh up a
reproach against his ~~neighbour~~
neighbor. 4 In whose eyes a vile
person is ~~contemned~~ **condemned;**
but he ~~honoureth~~ **honoreth** them that
fear the ~~LORD.~~ ~~He that~~ **Lord;**
swareth **not falsely** to ~~his own hurt~~
hurt any man, and changeth not. 5
He that putteth not out his money to
usury, nor taketh reward against the
innocent. He that doeth these things
shall never be moved.

16

1 Preserve me, O God; for in thee do
I put my trust. 2 ~~O my soul, thou~~
Thou hast said unto ~~the LORD~~ **me,**
~~Thou that thou art my the Lord;~~ my
God, and, My goodness extendeth
~~not to~~ **is extended unto** thee; 3 ~~But~~
And to **all** the saints that ~~are~~ **dwell** in
the earth, and ~~to~~ the excellent, in
whom is all my delight. 4 ~~Their~~ **And**
the wicked, there is no delight in
them; their sorrows shall be
multiplied ~~that~~ **upon all those who**
hasten ~~after~~ **for to seek** another god;
their drink offerings of blood will I
not ~~offer~~ **accept,** nor take up their
names into my lips. 5 ~~The LORD is~~
Therefore thou, Lord, art the
portion of mine inheritance, and of
my cup; thou maintainest my lot. 6
The lines are fallen unto me in
pleasant places; yea; I have a goodly
heritage. 7 I will bless the ~~LORD~~
Lord, who hath given me counsel;
my reins also instruct me in the night
seasons. 8 I have set the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**
always before me; because he is at
my right hand, I shall not be moved.
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my
glory rejoiceth; my flesh also shall
rest in hope. 10 For thou wilt not
leave my soul in hell; neither wilt

thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. 11 Thou wilt ~~shew~~ **show** me the path of life; in thy presence is ~~fulness~~ **fullness** of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures ~~for evermore~~ **forevermore**.

17

1 ~~Hear the~~ **Give me** right words, O ~~LORD,~~ **Lord;** **speak** and thy servant shall hear thee; attend unto my cry, and give ear unto my prayer; ~~that goeth.~~ **I come** not **unto thee** out of feigned lips. 2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal. 3 Thou hast proved ~~mine~~ **my** heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, ~~and;~~ **thou** shalt find nothing; **evil in me, for** I am purposed ~~that~~ my mouth shall not transgress **concerning the works of men.** 4 ~~Concerning the works of men, by~~ **By** the word of thy lips I have kept ~~me from~~ **out of** the paths of the destroyer. 5 Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. 6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear ~~me,~~ O God; **my speech,** and incline thine ear unto me, ~~and hear my speech.~~ 7 ~~Shew~~ **Show** thy ~~marvellous~~ **loving-kindness** **marvelous loving-kindness,** O thou that savest ~~by thy right hand~~ them which put their trust in thee, **by thy right hand** from those that rise up ~~against them.~~ 8 Keep me as the apple of the eye, ~~hide.~~ **Hide** me under the shadow of thy wings, ~~9 From from~~ the wicked that oppress me, ~~from my.~~ **9 My** deadly enemies, ~~who~~ compass me about; 10 They are ~~inclosed~~ **enclosed** in their own fat; with their mouth they speak proudly. 11 They have now compassed us in our steps; they have set their eyes, bowing down to the earth; 12 Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret

places. 13 Arise, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord,** disappoint him, cast him down: ~~deliver.~~ **14 Deliver** my soul from the wicked, ~~which is by~~ thy sword: ~~14 From;~~ **from** men ~~which are by~~ thy **strong** hand. **Yea,** O ~~LORD~~ **Lord,** from men of the world, ~~which have;~~ **for** their portion is in ~~this~~ **their** life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy ~~hid treasure:~~ **good things;** they are full of children, and **they die and** leave the rest of their ~~substance~~ **inheritance** to their babes. 15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

18

1 I will love thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord,** my strength. 2 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. 3 I will call upon the ~~LORD~~ **Lord,** ~~who for he~~ is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from mine enemies. 4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. 5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me. 6 In my distress I called upon the ~~LORD~~ **Lord,** and cried unto my God; he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears. 7 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth. 8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured; coals were kindled by it. 9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness was under his feet. 10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly; yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind. 11 He made darkness his secret place; his

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pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies. 12 At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, ~~hail stones~~ **hailstones** and coals of fire. 13 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; ~~hail stones~~ **hailstones** and coals of fire. 14 Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them. 15 Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils. 16 He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters. 17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me; for they were too strong for me. 18 They prevented me in the day of my calamity; but the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was my stay. 19 He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me. 20 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me. 21 For I have kept the ways of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and have not wickedly departed from my God. 22 For all his judgments were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me. 23 I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity. 24 Therefore hath the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his ~~eyesight~~ **eye-sight**. 25 With the merciful thou wilt ~~shew~~ **show** thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt ~~shew~~ **show** thyself upright; 26 With the pure thou wilt ~~shew~~ **show** thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt ~~shew~~ **show** thyself froward. 27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks. 28 For thou

wilt light my candle; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** my God will enlighten my darkness. 29 For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall. 30 ~~As for O~~ God, ~~his way is~~ **thy ways are** perfect; the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is tried; he is a buckler to all those ~~that~~ **who** trust in him. 31 For who is God save the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** ? or who is a rock save our God ?, 32 ~~It is Our~~ God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect. ? 33 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my high places. 34 He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms. 35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation; and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great. 36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip. 37 I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them; neither did I turn again till they were consumed. 38 I have wounded them that they were not able to rise; they are fallen under my feet. 39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle; thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me. 40 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me. 41 They cried, but ~~there was~~ **found** none to save ~~them even~~; unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, but he answered them not. 42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind; I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets. 43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and thou hast made me the head of the heathen; a people whom I have not known shall serve me. 44 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me; the strangers shall submit themselves unto me. 45 The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places. 46 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** liveth;

and blessed be my ~~rock~~ **Rock**; and let the God of my salvation be exalted. 47 It is God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me. 48 He delivereth me from mine enemies; yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me; thou hast delivered me from the violent man. 49 Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name. 50 Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and ~~sheweth~~ **showeth** mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed ~~for—evermore~~ **forevermore**.

19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament ~~sheweth~~ **showeth** his ~~handywork~~ **handiwork**. 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night ~~sheweth~~ **showeth** knowledge. 3 ~~There is no~~ **No** speech nor language ~~can be, where if~~ their voice is not heard. 4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, 5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. 6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it; and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof. 7 The law of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is sure, making wise the simple. 8 The statutes of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is pure, enlightening the eyes. 9 The fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is clean, enduring ~~for—ever~~ **forever**; the judgments of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter

also than honey and the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned; and in keeping of them there is great reward. 12 Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. 13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous ~~sins~~ **acts**; let them not have dominion over me; then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. 14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, my strength, and my redeemer.

20

1 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; 2 Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion; 3 Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Selah. 4 Grant thee according to thine own heart, and ~~fulfil~~ **fulfill** all thy counsel. 5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners; the ~~LORD~~ **fulfil** **Lord fulfill** all thy petitions. 6 Now know I that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand. 7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God. 8 They are brought down and fallen; but we are risen, and stand upright. 9 Save, ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; let the king hear us when we call.

21

1 The king shall joy in thy strength, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice! 2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah. 3 For thou preventest him

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with the blessings of goodness; thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head. 4 He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him, even length of days ~~for ever~~ **forever** and ever. 5 His glory is great in thy salvation: ~~honour~~; **honor** and majesty hast thou laid upon him. 6 For thou hast made him most blessed ~~for ever~~; **forever**; thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance. 7 For the king trusteth in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and through the mercy of the ~~most~~ **Most** High he shall not be moved. 8 Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies; thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee. 9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them. 10 Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men. 11 For they intended evil against thee; they imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform. 12 Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back, when thou shalt make ready thine arrows upon thy strings against the face of them. 13 Be thou exalted, ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, in thine own strength; so will we sing and praise thy power.

22

1 My ~~God~~, ~~my~~ God, why hast thou forsaken me? ~~why art thou so far from helping me~~ **My God, and from hear** the words of my roaring ?; **thou art far from helping me.** 2 O my God, I cry in the ~~day time~~ **daytime**, but thou ~~hearest~~ **answerest** not; and in the night season, and am not silent. 3 But thou art holy, ~~O thou~~ that inhabitest **the heavens; thou art worthy of** the praises of Israel. 4 Our fathers trusted in thee; they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. 5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered;

they trusted in thee, and were not confounded. 6 But I ~~am~~, a worm, ~~and~~ **am loved of** no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people. 7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn; they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, 8 He trusted on the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that he would deliver him; let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. 9 But thou art he that took me out of the womb; thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts. 10 I was cast upon thee from the womb; thou ~~art~~ **wast** my God from my mother's ~~belly~~ **breasts.** 11 Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help. 12 Many ~~bulls~~ **armies** have compassed me; strong ~~bulls~~ **armies** of Bashan have beset me ~~round~~ **around.** 13 They gaped upon me with their mouths, **as like** a ravening and a roaring lion. 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. 16 For dogs have compassed me; the assembly of the wicked have ~~inclosed~~ **enclosed** me; they pierced my hands and my feet. 17 I may tell all my bones; they look and stare upon me. 18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. 19 But be not thou far from me, O ~~LORD~~; **Lord**; O my strength, haste thee to help me. 20 Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog. 21 Save me from the lion's mouth; for thou hast heard me **speak from the secret places of the wilderness, through** the horns of the unicorns. 22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren; in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee. 23 Ye that fear the ~~LORD~~; **Lord**; praise

and I will dwell in the house of the
~~LORD for ever~~ **Lord forever.**

24

1 The earth is the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's**,
and the ~~fulness~~ **fullness** thereof; the
world, and they that dwell therein. 2
For he hath founded it upon the seas,
and established it upon the floods. 3
Who shall ascend into the hill of the
~~LORD~~ **Lord** ? or who shall stand in
his holy place? 4 He that hath clean
hands, and a pure heart; who hath not
lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor
sworn deceitfully. 5 He shall receive
the blessing from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**,
and righteousness from the God of
his salvation. 6 This is the generation
of them that seek him, that seek thy
face, O Jacob. Selah. 7 Lift up your
heads, O ye ~~gates~~ **generations of**
Jacob; and be ye ~~lift~~ **lifted** up, ye
~~everlasting doors~~; and the ~~King~~ **Lord**
strong and mighty; the Lord
mighty in battle, who is the king of
glory, shall ~~come in~~ **establish you**
forever. 8 ~~Who is this King of glory?~~
~~The LORD strong~~ **And he will roll**
away the heavens; and ~~mighty, the~~
~~LORD mighty in battle~~ **will come**
down to redeem him people; to
make you an everlasting name; to
establish you upon his everlasting
rock. 9 Lift up your heads, O ye ~~gates~~
generations of Jacob; ~~even lift them~~
up up your heads, ye everlasting
~~doors~~; **generations**, and the ~~King~~
Lord of hosts, the king of kings; 10
Even the king of glory shall ~~come in~~.
10 ~~Who unto is this King of glory?~~
~~The LORD of hosts~~ **you; and shall**
redeem his people, he is the King of
glory and shall establish them in
righteousness. Selah.

25

1 Unto thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, do I lift
up my soul. 2 O my God, I trust in
thee; let me not be ashamed, let not

him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify
him; and fear him, all ye the seed of
Israel. 24 For he hath not despised
nor abhorred the affliction of the
afflicted; neither hath he hid his face
from him; but when he cried unto
him, he heard. 25 My praise shall be
of thee in the great congregation; I
will pay my vows before them that
fear him. 26 The meek shall eat and
be satisfied; they shall praise the
~~LORD~~ **Lord** that seek him; your
heart shall live ~~for ever~~ **forever.** 27
All the ends of the world shall
remember and turn unto the ~~LORD~~:
Lord; and all the kindreds of the
nations shall worship before thee. 28
For the kingdom is the ~~LORD's~~:
Lord's; and he is the governor
among the nations. 29 All they that
be fat upon earth shall eat and
worship; all they that go down to the
dust shall bow before him; and none
can keep alive his own soul. 30 A
seed shall serve him; it shall be
accounted to the Lord for a
generation. 31 They shall come, and
shall declare his righteousness unto a
people that shall be born, ~~that~~ **what**
he hath done ~~this~~.

23

1 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is my shepherd; I
shall not want. 2 He maketh me to lie
down in green pastures; he leadeth
me beside the still waters. 3 He
restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in
the paths of righteousness for his
name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil; for thou art
with me; thy rod and thy staff they
comfort me. 5 Thou preparest a table
before me in the presence of mine
enemies; thou anointest my head
with oil; my cup runneth over. 6
Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life;

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mine enemies triumph over me. 3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed; let them be ashamed which transgress without cause. 4 ~~Shew~~ **Show** me thy ways, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; teach me thy paths. 5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me; for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. 6 Remember, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, thy tender mercies and thy ~~lovingkindnesses~~ **loving-kindnesses**; for they have been ever of old. 7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 8 Good and upright is the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; therefore will he teach sinners in the way. 9 The meek will he guide in judgment; and the meek will he teach his way. 10 All the paths of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies. 11 For thy name's sake, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great. 12 What man is he that feareth the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. 13 His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth. 14 The secret of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is with them that fear him; and he will ~~shew~~ **show** them his covenant. 15 Mine eyes are ever toward the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net. 16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted. 17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged; ~~O~~ **oh** bring thou me out of my distresses. 18 Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins. 19 Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred. 20 ~~Θ~~ **Oh** keep my soul, and deliver me; let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee. 21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee. 22

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

26

1 Judge me, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for I have walked in mine integrity; I have trusted also in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; therefore I shall not slide. 2 Examine me, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and prove me; try my reins and my heart. 3 For thy ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness** is before mine eyes; and I have walked in thy truth. 4 I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers. 5 I have hated the congregation of ~~evil-doers~~ **evildoers**; and will not sit with the wicked. 6 I will wash mine hands in innocency; so will I compass thine altar, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; 7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works. 8 ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine ~~honour~~ **honor** dwelleth. 9 Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men; 10 In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes. 11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity; redeem me, and be merciful unto me. 12 My foot standeth in an even place; in the congregations will I bless the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

27

1 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. 3 Though ~~an~~ **a** host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war should rise against me, in this ~~will~~ **am** I ~~be~~ **am** confident. 4 One thing have I desired of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that will I seek

after; that I may dwell in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and to ~~enquire~~ **inquire** in his temple. 5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion; in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. 6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me; therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 7 Hear, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, when I cry with my voice; have mercy also upon me, and answer me. 8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, will I seek. 9 Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger; thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. 10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will take me up. 11 Teach me thy way, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies. 12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies; for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty. 13 ~~I had fainted,~~ **Unless** I had believed to see the goodness of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in the land of the living, **thou wouldst deliver my soul into hell**. 14 **Thou didst say unto me**, Wait on the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, be of good courage, and he shall strengthen ~~thine~~ **thy** heart; wait, I say, on the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

28

1 Unto thee will I cry, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, my rock; be not silent to me; lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit. 2 Hear the voice of my supplications,

when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands ~~toward~~ **towards** thy holy oracle. 3 Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their ~~neighbours~~ **neighbors**, but mischief is in their hearts. 4 Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their ~~endeavours~~ **endeavors**; give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert. 5 Because they regard not the works of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up. 6 Blessed be the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications. 7 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him. 8 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed. 9 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance; feed them also, and lift them up ~~for~~ **forever**.

29

1 Give unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, O ye mighty, give unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** glory and strength. 2 Give unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** the glory due unto his name; worship the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in the beauty of holiness. 3 The voice of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is upon the waters; the God of glory thundereth; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is upon many waters. 4 The voice of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is powerful; the voice of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is full of majesty. 5 The voice of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** breaketh the cedars; yea, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** breaketh the cedars of Lebanon. 6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn. 7 The voice of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** divideth the flames of fire. 8

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The voice of the ~~LORD~~ Lord shaketh the wilderness; the ~~LORD~~ Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh. 9 The voice of the ~~LORD~~ Lord maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests; and in his temple doth ~~every one~~ everyone speak of his glory. 10 The ~~LORD~~ Lord sitteth upon the flood; yea, the ~~LORD~~ Lord sitteth King ~~for ever~~ forever. 11 The ~~LORD~~ Lord will give strength unto his people; the ~~LORD~~ Lord will bless his people with peace.

30

1 I will extol thee, O ~~LORD~~ Lord; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me. 2 O ~~LORD~~ Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me. 3 O ~~LORD~~ Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave; thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit. 4 Sing unto the ~~LORD~~ Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. 5 For his anger ~~endureth~~ but kindleth against the wicked; they repent, and in a moment; it is turned away, and they are in his ~~favour~~ is favor, and he giveth them life; therefore, weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. 6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved. 7 ~~LORD~~ Lord, by thy ~~favour~~ favor thou hast made my mountain to stand strong; thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled. 8 I cried to thee, O ~~LORD~~ Lord; and unto the ~~LORD~~ Lord I made supplication. 9 ~~What profit is there in my blood, when~~ When I go down to the pit ? ~~Shall~~ my blood shall return to the dust. I will praise thee ?; my soul shall ~~it~~ declare thy truth; for what profit am I, if I do it not ? 10 Hear, O ~~LORD~~ Lord, and have mercy upon me: ~~LORD~~; Lord,

be thou my helper. 11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing; thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness; 12 To the end that my soul may give glory ~~may~~ to thy name, and sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O ~~LORD~~ Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee ~~for ever~~ forever.

31

1 In thee, O ~~LORD~~ Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed; deliver me in thy righteousness. 2 Bow down thine ~~ear~~ ears to me; deliver me speedily; be thou my strong rock, for ~~an~~ a house of ~~defence~~ defense to save me. 3 For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake, lead me, and guide me. 4 Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me; for thou art my strength. 5 Into thine hand I commit my spirit; thou hast redeemed me, O ~~LORD~~ Lord God of truth. 6 I have hated them that regard lying vanities; but I trust in the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy; for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities; 8 And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy; thou hast set my feet in a large room. 9 Have mercy upon me, O ~~LORD~~ Lord, for I am in trouble; mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly. 10 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed. 11 I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my ~~neighbours~~ neighbors, and a fear to mine acquaintance; they that did see me without fled from me. 12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind; I am like a broken vessel. 13 For I

have heard the slander of many; fear was on every side; while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life. 14 But I trusted in thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; I said, Thou art my God. 15 My times are in thy hand; deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me. 16 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; save me for thy mercies' sake. 17 Let me not be ashamed, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for I have called upon thee; let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in the grave. 18 Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous. 19 Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men! 20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man; thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues. 21 Blessed be the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for he hath ~~shewed~~ **showed** me his ~~marvellous~~ **marvelous** kindness in a strong city. 22 For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes; nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee. 23 O love the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, all ye his saints; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer. 24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

32

1 Blessed ~~is he~~ **are they** whose ~~transgression is~~ **transgressions are** forgiven, ~~whose sin is~~ **and who have no sins to be** covered. 2 Blessed is the man unto whom the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** imputeth not iniquity, and in whose

spirit there is no guile. 3 When I kept silence, my **spirit failed within me; when I opened my mouth, my bones waxed old through my ~~roaring~~ speaking** all the day long. 4 For day and night thy ~~hand~~ **Spirit** was heavy upon me; my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah. 5 I ~~acknowledge~~ **acknowledged** my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah. 6 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found; surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him. 7 Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah. 8 **Thou hast said**, I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye. 9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding; whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee. 10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; but he that trusteth in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, mercy shall compass him about. 11 Be glad in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and rejoice, ye righteous; and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

33

1 Rejoice in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, O ye righteous; ~~for~~ **to praise the Lord** is comely for the upright **in heart**. 2 Praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with ~~harp~~ **thy voice**; sing unto him with the psaltery and **harp**, an instrument **of with** ten strings. 3 Sing unto him a new song; play ~~skillfully~~ **skillfully** with a loud noise. 4 For the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is **right**; **given to the upright**, and all his works are done

in truth. 5 He loveth righteousness and judgment; the earth is full of the goodness of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 6 By the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. 7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as ~~an~~ **a** heap; he layeth up the depth in storehouses. 8 Let all the earth fear the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. 9 For he spake, and it was ~~done~~ **finished**; he commanded, and it stood fast. 10 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** bringeth the counsel of the heathen to ~~nought~~ **naught**; he maketh the devices of the people of none effect. 11 The counsel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** standeth ~~for ever~~ **forever**, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. 12 Blessed is ~~are~~ the ~~nation whose God is the LORD~~ **nations** and the people whom ~~he~~ **the Lord God** hath chosen for his own inheritance. 13 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. 14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth. 15 He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works. 16 There is no king saved by the multitude of ~~an~~ **a** host; a mighty man is not delivered by much strength. 17 ~~An~~ **A** horse is a vain thing for safety; neither shall he deliver any by his great strength. 18 Behold, the eye of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; 19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in **a time of** famine. 20 Our soul waiteth for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; he is our help and our shield. 21 For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name. 22 Let thy mercy, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

1 I will bless the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2 My soul shall make her boast in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. 3 O magnify the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with me, and let us exalt his name together. 4 I sought the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. 5 They looked unto him, and were lightened; and their faces were not ashamed. 6 This poor man cried, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. 7 The angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. 8 ~~Oh~~ **Oh** taste and see that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in him. 9 ~~Oh~~ **Oh** fear the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, ye his saints; for there is no want to them that fear him. 10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger; but they that seek the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall not want any good thing. 11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 12 What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good **?** 13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. 14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. 15 The eyes of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. 16 The face of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. 17 The righteous cry, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. 18 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** delivereth him out of them all. 20 He keepeth all his

bones; not one of them is broken. 21 Evil shall slay the wicked; and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate. 22 The **LORD Lord** redeemeth the soul of his servants; and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

35

1 Plead my cause, O **LORD Lord**, with them that strive with me; fight against them that fight against me. 2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help. 3 Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me; say unto my soul, I am thy salvation. 4 Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul; let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt. 5 Let them be as chaff before the wind; and let the angel of the **LORD Lord** chase them. 6 Let their way be dark and slippery; and let the angel of the **LORD Lord** persecute them. 7 For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause they have digged for my soul. 8 Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself; into that very destruction let him fall. 9 And my soul shall be joyful in the **LORD Lord**; it shall rejoice in his salvation. 10 All my bones shall say, **LORD Lord**, who is like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him? 11 False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not. 12 They rewarded me evil for good ~~to~~, **for the purpose of** the spoiling of my soul. 13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth; I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom. 14 I behaved

myself as though he had been my friend or brother; I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother. 15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together; yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; they did tear me, and ceased not; 16 With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth. 17 Lord, how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions. 18 I will give thee thanks in the great congregation; I will praise thee among much people. 19 Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me; neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause. 20 For they speak not peace; but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land. 21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, and said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it. 22 This thou hast seen, O **LORD Lord**; keep not silence; O Lord, be not far from me. 23 Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, even unto my cause, my God and my Lord. 24 Judge me, O **LORD Lord** my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me. 25 Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it; let them not say, We have swallowed him up. 26 Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt; let them be clothed with shame and ~~dishonour~~ **dishonor** that magnify themselves against me. 27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that ~~favour~~ **favor** my righteous cause; yea, let them say continually, Let the **LORD Lord** be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant. 28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long.

36

1 The **wicked, who live in** transgression ~~of the wicked, saith within my heart in their hearts, that~~ **There is no condemnation; for** there is no fear of God before ~~his~~ **their** eyes. 2 For ~~he flattereth himself~~ **they flatter themselves** in ~~his~~ **their** own eyes, until ~~his iniquity be~~ **their iniquities are** found to be hateful. 3 The words of ~~his~~ **their** mouth are **full of** iniquity and deceit: ~~he.~~ **The wicked man** hath left off to be wise, and to do good; 4 He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good; ~~he abhorreth not evil.~~ 5 ~~Thy mercy O Lord, O LORD, is~~ **thou art** in the heavens; ~~and they are full of thy faithfulness reacheth mercy.~~ **And the thoughts of a righteous man ascendeth up** unto **thee whose throne is far above** the clouds. 6 ~~Thy~~ **He is filled with thy** righteousness is like the great mountains; **and with thy judgments are like** a great deep. ~~O LORD Lord, thou preservest man and beast.~~ 7 How excellent is thy ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness**, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. 8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. 9 For with thee is the fountain of life; in thy light shall we see light. 10 ~~Oh~~ **Oh** continue thy ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness** unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart. 11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me. 12 ~~There~~ **They** are the workers of iniquity ~~fallen:~~ **and shall fall;** they ~~are~~ **shall be** cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

37

1 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. 3 Trust in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. 4 Delight thyself also in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. 5 Commit thy way unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. 6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. 7 Rest in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and wait patiently for him; fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. 9 For evildoers shall be cut off; but those that wait upon the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, they shall inherit the earth. 10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be; yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. 11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. 12 The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. 13 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall laugh at him; for he seeth that his day is coming. 14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation. 15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken. 16 A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. 17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken; but the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** upholdeth the righteous. 18 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** knoweth the days of the

upright; and their inheritance shall be ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time; and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. 20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall be as the fat of lambs; they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away. 21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again; but the righteous ~~sheweth~~ **showeth** mercy, and giveth. 22 For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off. 23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and he delighteth in his way. 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** upholdeth him with his hand. 25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. 26 He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed. 27 Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell ~~for evermore~~ **forevermore**. 28 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved ~~for ever~~ **forever**; but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off. 29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment. 31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide. 32 The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him. 33 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged. 34 Wait on the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it. 35 I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. 36 Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not; yea, I sought him, but he could not be

found. 37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace. 38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together; the end of the wicked **shall come, and they** shall be cut off. 39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; he is their strength in the time of trouble. 40 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall help them, and deliver them; he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

38

1 O ~~lord~~ **Lord**, rebuke me not in thy wrath; neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. 2 For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore. 3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin. 4 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head; as ~~an~~ **a** heavy burden they are too heavy for me. 5 My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness. 6 I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long. 7 For my loins are filled with a loathsome ~~disease~~ **distress**; and ~~there is~~ no soundness **is found** in my flesh. 8 I am feeble, and **broken, and very** sore ~~broken~~. I have ~~roared~~ **wept** by reason of the disquietness of my heart. 9 Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee. 10 My heart panteth, my strength faileth me; as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me. 11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof ~~from~~ **because of** my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off. 12 They also that seek after my life lay snares for me; and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long. 13 But I, as a deaf man, heard not; and I was as a dumb man that openeth not

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his mouth. 14 Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs. 15 For in thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, do I hope; thou wilt hear, O Lord my God. 16 For I said, Hear me, lest otherwise they should rejoice over me; when my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me. 17 For I am ready to halt, and my sorrow is continually before me. 18 For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin. 19 But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong; and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied. 20 They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow the thing that good is. 21 Forsake me not, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; O my God, be not far from me. 22 Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

39

1 I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue; I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me. 2 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good; and my sorrow was stirred. 3 My heart was hot within me; while I was musing the fire burned; then spake I with my tongue, 4 ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. 5 Behold, thou hast made my days as ~~an~~ a handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee; verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah. 6 Surely every man walketh in a vain ~~shew~~ **show**; surely they are disquieted in vain; he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them. 7 And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee. 8 Deliver me from all my transgressions; make me not the reproach of the foolish. 9 I was dumb,

~~I~~ **and** opened not my mouth; because thou didst ~~it~~ **chasten me**. 10 Remove thy stroke away from me; **or I am** **shall be** consumed by the blow of ~~thine~~ **thy** hand. 11 When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth; surely every man is vanity. Selah. 12 Hear my prayer, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears; for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were. 13 ~~Oh~~ **Oh** spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

40

1 I waited patiently for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. 2 He brought me up also out of ~~an~~ a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my ~~goings~~ **doings**. 3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God; many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 4 Blessed is that man that maketh the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies. 5 Many, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward; they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee; if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered. 6 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened; burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. 7 Then said I, Lo, I come; in the volume of the book it is written of me. 8 I delight to do thy will, O my God; yea, thy law is within my heart. 9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation; lo, I have not refrained my lips, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**,

thou knowest. 10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation; I have not concealed thy ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness** and thy truth from the great congregation. 11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; let thy ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness** and thy truth continually preserve me. 12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about; mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head; therefore my heart faileth me. 13 Be pleased, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to deliver me; O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, make haste to help me. 14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil. 15 Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha. 16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee; let such as love thy salvation say continually, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** be magnified. 17 But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me; thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

41

1 Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will deliver him in time of trouble. 2 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth; and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. 3 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing; thou wilt make all his ~~bed~~ **pains to cease, when he is laid** in his **bed of** sickness. 4 I said, ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, be merciful unto me; heal my soul; for I have sinned

against thee. 5 Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish? 6 And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity; his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; when he goeth abroad, he telleth it. 7 All that hate me whisper together against me; against me do they devise my hurt. 8 An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him; and now that he lieth he shall rise up no more. 9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me. 10 But thou, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them. 11 By this I know that thou ~~favourest~~ **favorest** me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me. 12 And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 13 Blessed be the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

42

1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee; O God. 2 My soul thirsteth for **to see** God, for **to see** the living God; when shall I come and appear before **thee, O** God? 3 My tears have been ~~my meat~~ **poured out unto thee** day and night, while ~~they~~ **mine enemies** continually say unto me, Where is thy God? 4 When I remember these ~~things~~ **mine enemies**, I pour out my soul ~~in me~~ **unto thee**; for I had gone with the multitude; I **also** went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with ~~a~~ **the** multitude that kept holyday. 5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance. 6 O my God, my soul is cast down

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within me; therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar. 7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts; all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me. 8 Yet the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will command his ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness** in the ~~day-time~~ **daytime**, and in the night his song shall be with me; and my prayer unto the God of my life. 9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? 10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God? 11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

43

1 Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation; ~~Oh~~ **oh** deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man. 2 For thou art the God of my strength; why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? 3 ~~Oh~~ **Oh** send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles. 4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy; yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God. 5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God; for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

44

1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what

work thou didst in their days, in the times of old. 2 How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out. 3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them; but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a ~~favour~~ **favor** unto them. 4 Thou art my King, O God; command deliverances for Jacob. 5 Through thee will we push down our enemies; through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us. 6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. 7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us. 8 In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name ~~for ever~~ **forever**. Selah. 9 But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies. 10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy; and they which hate us spoil for themselves. 11 Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen. 12 Thou sellest thy people for ~~nought~~ **naught**, and dost not increase thy wealth by their price. 13 Thou makest us a reproach to our ~~neighbours~~ **neighbors**, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us. 14 Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people. 15 My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me, 16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and avenger. 17 All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant. 18 Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy way; 19 Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of

dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death. 20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god; 21 Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart. 22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter. 23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression? 25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust; our belly cleaveth unto the earth. 26 Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.

45

1 My heart is inditing a good matter; I speak of the things which I have made touching the ~~king~~ **King**; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. 2 Thou art fairer than the children of men; grace is poured into thy lips; therefore God hath blessed thee ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most ~~mighty~~ **Mighty**, with thy glory and thy majesty. 4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously, because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things. 5 Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the ~~king's~~ **King's** enemies; whereby the people fall under thee. 6 Thy throne, O God, is ~~for ever~~ **forever** and ever; the ~~seeptr~~ **scepter** of thy kingdom is a right ~~seeptr~~ **scepter**. 7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness; therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. 8 All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad. 9 Kings' daughters were among thy ~~honourable~~ **honorable** women; upon thy right hand did stand the

queen in gold of Ophir. 10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house; 11 So shall the ~~king~~ **King** greatly desire thy beauty; for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him. 12 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the people shall ~~intreat~~ **entreat** thy ~~favour~~ **favor**. 13 The ~~king's~~ **King's** daughter is all glorious within; her clothing is of wrought gold. 14 She shall be brought unto the ~~king~~ **King** in raiment of needlework; the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee. 15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought; they shall enter into the ~~king's~~ **King's** palace. 16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth. 17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations; therefore shall the people praise thee ~~for ever~~ **forever** and ever.

46

1 God is our refuge and strength, a ~~very~~ present help in trouble. 2 Therefore ~~we~~ will not ~~we~~ fear, though the earth **shall** be removed, and though the mountains **shall** be carried into the midst of the sea; 3 ~~Though~~ **And** the waters thereof roar ~~and be, being~~ troubled, ~~though~~ **and** the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. ~~Selah.~~ 4 ~~There is~~ **Yet there shall be** a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the ~~tabernacles~~ **tabernacle** of the ~~most~~ **Most High**. 5 **For Zion shall come, and God is shall be** in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God shall help her, ~~and that~~ right early. 6 The heathen ~~raged~~ **shall be enraged, and their kingdoms shall be moved, and the kingdoms were**

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~~moved: he uttered~~ **Lord shall utter** his voice, **and** the earth **shall be** melted. 7 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts **is who shall be** with us; the God of Jacob **is** our refuge. Selah. 8 Come, behold the works of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, what desolations he ~~hath made~~ **shall make** in the earth **in the latter days**. 9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire, **and saith unto the nations**, 10 Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. 11 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts **is shall be** with us; the God of Jacob **is** our refuge. Selah.

47

1 **Θ Oh** clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. 2 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth. 3 He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet. 4 He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah. 5 God is gone up with a shout, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with the sound of a trumpet. 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises unto our King, sing praises. 7 For God is the King of all the earth; sing ye praises with understanding. 8 God reigneth over the heathen; God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness. 9 The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham; for the shields of the earth belong unto God; he is greatly exalted.

48

1 Great is the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. 2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of

the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. 3 God is known in her palaces for a refuge. 4 For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together. 5 They saw it, and so they ~~marvelled~~ **marveled**; they were troubled, and hasted away. 6 Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail. 7 Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind. 8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, in the city of our God; God will establish it ~~for ever~~ **forever**. Selah. 9 We have thought of thy ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness**, O God, in the midst of thy temple. 10 According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth; thy right hand is full of righteousness. 11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments. 12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her; tell the towers thereof. 13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following. 14 For this God is our God ~~for ever~~ **forever** and ever; he will be our guide even unto death.

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1 Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world; 2 Both low and high, rich and poor, together. 3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. 4 I will incline mine ear to a parable; I will open my dark saying upon the harp. 5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about? 6 They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; 7 None ~~of them~~ can by any means redeem his brother, ~~nor~~; 8 **Nor** give to God a ransom for him: **that**

he should still live forever, that it ceaseth not forever to see corruption. 8 ¶ For the redemption of their souls is precious through God, and it ceaseth for ever. 9 ~~That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption~~ precious. 10 For he seeth ~~that~~ wise men die; likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others; 11 Their inward thought is, ~~that~~ of their houses shall continue for ever, and forever; their dwelling places, to all generations;. Lands they call their lands called after their own names, and they are honorable. 12 Nevertheless, man being in ~~honour~~ honor abideth not; he is also like the beasts that perish. 13 This I speak of them who walk in their way is, and forsaketh the Almighty in their folly; yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah. 14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling. 15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave; for he shall receive me. Selah. 16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich; when the glory of his house is increased; 17 For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away; his glory shall not descend after him. 18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul; (and men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself; 19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light. 20 Man that is in ~~honour~~ honor, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.

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1 The mighty God, even the LORD Lord, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto

the going down thereof. 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined. 3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence; a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. 4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people. 5 Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice. 6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness; for God is judge himself. Selah. 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee; I am God, even thy God. 8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me. 9 I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy folds; 10 For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. 11 I know all the fowls of the mountains; and the wild beasts of the field are mine. 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee; for the world is mine, and the fulness fullness thereof. 13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats? 14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most Most High; 15 And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. 16 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth? 17 Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee. 18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers. 19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit. 20 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son. 21 These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou

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thoughtest that I was altogether such ~~an~~ **a** one as thyself; but I will reprove thee, and set ~~them~~ **covenants** in order before thine eyes. 22 Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none ~~to~~ **can** deliver. 23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me; and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I ~~shew~~ **show** the salvation of God.

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1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness**; according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me ~~thoroughly~~ **thoroughly** from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight; that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. 5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. 6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts; and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. 9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy ~~holy spirit~~ **Holy Spirit** from me. 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free ~~spirit~~ **Spirit**. 13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation; and

my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. 15 O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall ~~shew~~ **show** forth thy praise. 16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it; thou delightest not in burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. 18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion; build thou the walls of Jerusalem. 19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering; then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

52

1 Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually. 2 ~~The~~ **Thy** tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. 3 Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah. 4 Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue. 5 God shall likewise destroy thee ~~for ever~~ **forever**, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah. 6 The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him. 7 Lo, ~~this is~~ the man ~~that~~ **who** made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness. 8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God ~~for ever~~ **forever** and ever. 9 I will praise thee ~~for ever~~ **forever**, because thou hast done ~~it~~ **and wonderful works**; I will wait on thy name; for ~~it is~~ **thou art** good before thy saints.

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1 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. ~~Corrupt~~ **Such** are ~~they~~ **corrupt**, and **they** have done abominable iniquity: ~~there~~. **There** is none that doeth good. 2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God. 3 Every one of them is gone back:; they are altogether become filthy; ~~there is none that doeth good, no, not one~~. 4 ~~Have the~~ **The** workers of iniquity **have** no knowledge ~~who~~; **they** eat up my people as they eat bread:; they have not called upon God. 5 There is **none that doeth good, no not one**. **They** were ~~they~~ in great fear, ~~where no fear was~~: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee: ~~thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them him~~. 6 **O Lord, thou hast put to shame those who have said in their hearts there was no fear, because thou hast despised them**. 7 Oh that **Zion were come**, the salvation of Israel ~~were come~~; for out of **Zion!** ~~When~~ **Zion shall they be judged, when** God bringeth back the captivity of his people:,. **And** Jacob shall rejoice,~~and~~; Israel shall be glad.

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1 Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength. 2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. 3 For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul:; they have not set God before them. Selah. 4 Behold, God is mine helper:; the Lord is with them that uphold my soul. 5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies:; cut them off in thy truth. 6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee:; I will praise thy name, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for it is good. 7 For he hath delivered me out of all

trouble:; and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

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1 Give ear to my prayer, O God:; and hide not thyself from my supplication. 2 Attend unto me, and hear me:; I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise; 3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked:; for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me. 4 My heart is sore pained within me:; and the terrors of death are fallen upon me. 5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me. 6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest. 7 Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Selah. 8 I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest. 9 Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues:; for I have seen violence and strife in the city. 10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof:; mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it. 11 Wickedness is in the midst thereof:; deceit and guile depart not from her streets. 12 For it was not an enemy that reproached me; ~~then I could have borne it~~; neither ~~was it~~ he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; **if so, then I could have borne it**; I would have hid myself from him:; 13 But it was ~~thou~~, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. 14 We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company. 15 Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell:; for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them. 16 As for me, I will call upon God; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall save me. 17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry

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aloud; and he shall hear my voice. 18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me; for there were many with me. 19 God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. Selah. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God. 20 ~~He hath~~ **They have** put forth ~~his~~ **their** hands against such as be at peace with ~~him: he hath~~ **them; they have** broken ~~his~~ **the** **Lord's** covenant. 21 The words of ~~his~~ **their** mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in ~~his~~ **their** heart: ~~his.~~ **Their** words were softer than oil, yet ~~were they~~ **they have** drawn swords. 22 Cast thy burden upon the **LORD Lord**, and he shall sustain thee; he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. 23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction; bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.

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1 Be merciful unto me, O God; for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me. 2 Mine enemies would daily swallow me up; for they be many that fight against me, O thou ~~most~~ **Most** High. 3 ~~What time~~ **What!** am I am afraid; ? I will trust in thee. 4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. 5 Every day they wrest my words; all their thoughts are against me for evil. 6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul. 7 Shall they escape by iniquity? in thine anger cast down the people, O God. 8 Thou tellest my wanderings; put thou my tears into thy bottle; are they not in thy book? 9 When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back; this I know; for God is for me. 10 In God will I

praise his word; in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will I praise his word. 11 In God have I put my trust; I will not be afraid what man can do unto me. 12 Thy vows are upon me, O God; I will render praises unto thee. 13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death; wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

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1 Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me; for my soul trusteth in thee; yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast. 2 I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me. 3 He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth. 4 My soul is among lions; and I lie even among them that are set on fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword. 5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth. 6 They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down; they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves. Selah. 7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise. 8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp; I myself will awake early. 9 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people; I will sing unto thee among the nations. 10 For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds. 11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.

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1 Do ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men? 2 Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth. 3 The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies. 4 Their poison is like the poison of a serpent; they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear; 5 Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely. 6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth; break out the great teeth of the young lions, O ~~LORD~~ Lord. 7 Let them melt away as waters which run continually; when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces. 8 As a snail which melteth, let every one of them pass away; like the untimely birth of a woman, that they may not see the sun. 9 Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, both living, and in his wrath. 10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance; he ~~shall~~ will wash his feet in the blood of the wicked. 11 So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous; verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

59

1 Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God; defend me from them that rise up against me. 2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men. 3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul; the mighty are gathered against me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O ~~LORD~~ Lord. 4 They run and prepare themselves without my fault; awake to help me, and behold. 5 Thou therefore, O ~~LORD~~ Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to

visit all the heathen; be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah. 6 They return at evening; they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city. 7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth; swords are in their lips; for who, say they, doth hear? 8 But thou, O ~~LORD~~ Lord, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision. 9 Because of his strength will I wait upon thee; for God is my ~~defence~~ defense. 10 The God of my mercy shall prevent me; God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies. 11 Slay them not, lest my people forget; scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord, our shield. 12 For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride; and for cursing and lying which they speak. 13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be; and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah. 14 And at evening let them return; and let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city. 15 Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied. 16 But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning; for thou hast been my ~~defence~~ defense and refuge in the day of my trouble. 17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing; for God is my ~~defence~~ defense, and the God of my mercy.

60

1 O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased; ~~Θ~~ oh turn thyself to us again. 2 Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it; heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh. 3 Thou hast ~~shewed~~ showed thy people hard things; thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment. 4

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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah. 5 That thy beloved may be delivered; save with thy right hand, and hear me. 6 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth. 7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver; 8 Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; Philistia, triumph thou because of me. 9 Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom? 10 Wilt not thou, O God, which hadst cast us off? and thou, O God, which didst not go out with our armies? 11 Give us help from trouble; for vain is the help of man. 12 Through God we shall do valiantly; for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

61

1 Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. 2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. 3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. 4 I will abide in thy tabernacle ~~for ever~~; **forever**; I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah. 5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows; thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name. 6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life; and his years as many generations. 7 He shall abide before God ~~for ever~~; **O forever; oh** prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him. 8 So will I sing praise unto thy name ~~for ever~~ **forever**, that I may daily perform my vows.

62

1 Truly my soul waiteth upon God; from him cometh my salvation. 2 He

only is my rock and my salvation; he is my ~~defence~~ **defense**; I shall not be greatly moved. 3 How long will ~~ye~~ **he** imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be slain all of you; as a bowing wall shall ye be, and as a tottering fence. 4 They only consult to cast him down from his excellency; they delight in lies; they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Selah. 5 My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him. 6 He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my ~~defence~~ **defense**; I shall not be moved. 7 In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. 8 Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah. 9 Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie; to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity. 10 Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart upon them. 11 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God. 12 Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy; for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

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1 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee; my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; 2 To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. 3 Because thy ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness** is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. 4 Thus will I bless thee while I live; I will lift up my hands in thy name. 5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful

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1 Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in ~~Sion~~: **Zion**; and unto thee shall the vow be performed. 2 O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. 3 Iniquities prevail against me; as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away. 4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts; we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple. 5 By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea; 6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power; 7 Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people. 8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens; thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice. 9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it; thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water; thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it. 10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly; thou settlest the furrows thereof; thou makest it soft with showers; thou blessest the springing thereof. 11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness. 12 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness; and the little hills rejoice on every side. 13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

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1 Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands; 2 Sing forth the ~~honour~~

lips; 6 When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches. 7 Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. 8 My soul followeth hard after thee; thy right hand upholdeth me. 9 But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth. 10 They shall fall by the sword; they shall be a portion for foxes. 11 But the king shall rejoice in God; ~~every one~~ **everyone** that sweareth by him shall glory; but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

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1 Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer; preserve my life from fear of the enemy. 2 Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity; 3 Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words; 4 That they may shoot in secret at the perfect; suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not. 5 They encourage themselves in an evil matter; they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them? 6 They search out iniquities; they accomplish a diligent search; both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep. 7 But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded. 8 So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves; all that see them shall flee away. 9 And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing. 10 The righteous shall be glad in the **LORD Lord**, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

honor of his name;; make his praise glorious. 3 Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee. 4 All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah. 5 Come and see the works of God;; he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men. 6 He turned the sea into dry land;; they went through the flood on foot;; there did we rejoice in him. 7 He ruleth by his power ~~for ever~~ **forever**; his eyes behold the nations;; let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah. 8 **Oh** bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard;; 9 Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved. 10 For thou, O God, hast proved us;; thou hast tried us, as silver is tried. 11 Thou broughtest us into the net; thou ~~laidst~~ **laiddest** affliction upon our loins. 12 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water;; but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place. 13 I will go into thy house with burnt offerings;; I will pay thee my vows, 14 Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble. 15 I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah. 16 Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul. 17 I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue. 18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me;; 19 But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer. 20 Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

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1 God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah;; 2 That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. 3 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. 4 **Oh** let the nations be glad and sing for joy;; for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah. 5 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. 6 Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. 7 God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

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1 Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered;; let them also that hate him flee before him. 2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;; as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. 3 But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God;; yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. 4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name;; extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him. 5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation. 6 God setteth the solitary in families;; he bringeth out those which are bound with chains;; but the rebellious dwell in a dry land. 7 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah;; 8 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God;; even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel. 9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary. 10 Thy congregation hath dwelt

therein; thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor. 11 The Lord gave the word; great was the company of those that published it. 12 Kings of armies did flee apace; and she that tarried at home divided the spoil. 13 Though ye have ~~lien~~ **lain** among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold. 14 When the Almighty scattered kings in it, it was white as snow in Salmon. 15 The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan; ~~an~~ **a** high hill as the hill of Bashan. 16 Why leap ye, ye high hills? this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in; yea, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will dwell in it ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels; the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place. 18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive; thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God might dwell among them. 19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah. 20 He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto ~~GOD~~ **God** the Lord belong the issues from death. 21 But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such ~~an~~ **a** one as goeth on still in his trespasses. 22 The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will bring my people again from the depths of the sea; 23 That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies, and the tongue of thy dogs in the same. 24 They have seen thy goings, O God; even the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary. 25 The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; among them were the damsels playing with timbrels. 26 Bless ye God in the congregations, even the Lord, from the fountain of Israel. 27

There is little Benjamin with their ruler, the princes of Judah, and their council, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali. 28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength; strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us. 29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto thee. 30 Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, till ~~every one~~ **everyone** submit himself with pieces of silver; scatter thou the people that delight in war. 31 Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God. 32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; ~~Oh~~ **oh** sing praises unto the Lord; Selah. 33 To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old; lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice. 34 Ascribe ye strength unto God; his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds. 35 O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places; the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

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1 Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul. 2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing; I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. 3 I am weary of my crying; my throat is dried; mine eyes fail while I wait for my God. 4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head; they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty; then I restored that which I took not away. 5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee. 6 Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord ~~GOD~~ **God** of hosts, be ashamed for my sake; let

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not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel. 7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face. 8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children. 9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me. 10 When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach. 11 I made sackcloth also my garment; and I became a proverb to them. 12 They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I was the song of the drunkards. 13 But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, in an acceptable time; O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation. 14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink; let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters. 15 Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me. 16 ~~Hear~~ **Here** me, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for thy ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness** is good; turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies. 17 And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble; hear me speedily. 18 Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it; deliver me because of mine enemies. 19 Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my ~~dishonour~~; **dishonor**; mine adversaries are all before thee. 20 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness; and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none. 21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. 22 Let their table become a snare before them; and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap. 23 Let

their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake. 24 Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them. 25 Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents. 26 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded. 27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity; and let them not come into thy righteousness. 28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous. 29 But I am poor and sorrowful; let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high. 30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. 31 This also shall please the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and ~~hoofs~~ **hooves**. 32 The humble shall see this, and be glad; and your heart shall live that seek God. 33 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners. 34 Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and ~~every thing~~ **everything** that moveth therein. 35 For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah; that they may dwell there, and have it in possession. 36 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it; and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

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1 ~~MAKE HASTE~~ **Make haste**, O ~~GOD~~ **God**, ~~TO DELIVER ME~~ **to deliver me**; ~~MAKE HASTE TO~~ **make haste to help me**, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul; let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt. 3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha. 4 Let all those that

seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee;
and let such as love thy salvation say
continually, Let God be magnified. 5
But I am poor and needy;; make haste
unto me, O God;; thou art my help
and my deliverer; O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**,
make no tarrying.

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1 In thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, do I put my
trust;; let me never be put to
confusion. 2 Deliver me in thy
righteousness, and cause me to
escape;; incline thine ear unto me,
and save me. 3 Be thou my strong
habitation, whereunto I may
continually resort;; thou hast given
commandment to save me; for thou
art my rock and my fortress. 4
Deliver me, O my God, out of the
hand of the wicked, out of the hand
of the unrighteous and cruel man. 5
For thou art my hope, O Lord ~~GOD~~;
God; thou art my trust from my
youth. 6 By thee have I been holden
up from the womb;; thou art he that
took me out of my mother's bowels;;
my praise shall be continually of
thee. 7 I am as a wonder unto many;
but thou art my strong refuge. 8 Let
my mouth be filled with thy praise
and with thy ~~honour~~ **honor** all the
day. 9 Cast me not off in the time of
old age; forsake me not when my
strength faileth. 10 For mine enemies
speak against me; and they that lay
wait for my soul take counsel
together, 11 Saying, God hath
forsaken him;; persecute and take
him; for there is none to deliver him.
12 O God, be not far from me;; O my
God, make haste for my help. 13 Let
them be confounded and consumed
that are adversaries to my soul; let
them be covered with reproach and
~~dishonour~~ **dishonor** that seek my
hurt. 14 But I will hope continually,
and will yet praise thee more and
more. 15 My mouth shall ~~shew~~ **show**

forth thy righteousness and thy
salvation all the day; for I know not
the numbers thereof. 16 I will go in
the strength of the Lord ~~GOD~~;
God; I will make mention of thy
righteousness, even of thine only. 17
O God, thou hast taught me from my
youth;; and hitherto have I declared
thy wondrous works. 18 Now also
when I am old and ~~greyheaded~~ **gray-**
headed, O God, forsake me not; until
I have ~~shewed~~ **showed** thy strength
unto this generation, and thy power to
~~every one~~ **everyone** that is to come.
19 Thy righteousness also, O God, is
very high, who hast done great
things;; O God, who is like unto thee!
20 Thou, which hast ~~shewed~~ **showed**
me great and sore troubles, shalt
quicken me again, and shalt bring me
up again from the depths of the earth.
21 Thou shalt increase my greatness,
and comfort me on every side. 22 I
will also praise thee with the psaltery,
even thy truth, O my God;; unto thee
will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy
One of Israel. 23 My lips shall greatly
rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my
soul, which thou hast redeemed. 24
My tongue also shall talk of thy
righteousness all the day long;; for
they are confounded, for they are
brought unto shame, that seek my
hurt.

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1 Give the king thy judgments, O
God, and thy righteousness unto the
king's son. 2 He shall judge thy
people with righteousness, and thy
poor with judgment. 3 The mountains
shall bring peace to the people, and
the little hills, by righteousness. 4 He
shall judge the poor of the people, he
shall save the children of the needy,
and shall break in pieces the
oppressor. 5 They shall fear thee as
long as the sun and moon endure,
throughout all generations. 6 He shall

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come down like rain upon the mown grass; as showers that water the earth. 7 In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. 8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. 9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust. 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. 11 Yea, all kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall serve him. 12 For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. 13 He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy. 14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence; and precious shall their blood be in his sight. 15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba; prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised. 16 There shall be ~~an~~ a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon; and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth. 17 His name shall endure ~~for ever~~; **forever**; his name shall be continued as long as the sun; and men shall be blessed in him; all nations shall call him blessed. 18 Blessed be the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. 19 And blessed be his glorious name ~~for ever~~; **forever**; and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen. 20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

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1 Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart. 2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone;

my steps had well - nigh slipped. 3 For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. 4 For there are no bands in their death; but their strength is firm. 5 They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men. 6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment. 7 Their eyes stand out with fatness; they have more than heart could wish. 8 They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression; they speak loftily. 9 They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth. 10 Therefore his people return hither; and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them. 11 And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the ~~most~~ **Most** High? 12 Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches. 13 Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency. 14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning. 15 If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children. 16 When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; 17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end. 18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places; thou castedst them down into destruction. 19 How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors. 20 As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image. 21 Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins. 22 So foolish was I, and ignorant; I was as a beast before thee. 23 Nevertheless I am continually with thee; thou hast holden me by my right hand. 24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and

afterward receive me to glory. 25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire ~~beside~~ **besides** thee. 26 My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish; thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee. 28 But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord ~~GOD~~ **God**, that I may declare all thy works.

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1 O God, why hast thou cast us off ~~for ever~~ **forever** ? why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture? 2 Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt. 3 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; even all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary. 4 Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; they set up their ensigns for signs. 5 A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees. 6 But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers. 7 They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of thy name to the ground. 8 They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together; they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land. 9 We see not our signs; there is no more any prophet; neither is there among us any that knoweth how long. 10 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name ~~for ever~~ **forever** ? 11 Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck it out of thy bosom.

12 For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth. 13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength; thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters. 14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness. 15 Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood; thou driedst up mighty rivers. 16 The day is thine, the night also is thine; thou hast prepared the light and the sun. 17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth; thou hast made summer and winter. 18 Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name. 19 O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude of the wicked; forget not the congregation of thy poor ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 20 Have respect unto the covenant; for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty. 21 ~~Θ~~ **Oh** let not the oppressed return ashamed; let the poor and needy praise thy name. 22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause; remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily. 23 Forget not the voice of thine enemies; the tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually.

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1 Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks; for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare. 2 When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly. 3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved; I bear up the pillars of it. Selah. 4 I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly; and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn; 5 Lift not up your horn on high; speak not with a stiff neck.

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6 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. 7 But God is the judge; he putteth down one, and setteth up another. 8 For in the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same; but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them. 9 But I will declare ~~for ever~~ **forever**; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. 10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

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1 In Judah is God known; his name is great in Israel. 2 In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion. 3 There brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah. 4 Thou art more glorious and excellent than the mountains of prey. 5 The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep; and none of the men of might have found their hands. 6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep. 7 Thou, even thou, art to be feared; and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry? 8 Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared, and was still, 9 When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Selah. 10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee; the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain. 11 Vow, and pay unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God; let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared. 12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes; he is terrible to the kings of the earth.

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1 I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me. 2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; my sore ran in the night, and ceased not; my soul refused to be comforted. 3 I remembered God, and was troubled; I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah. 4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking; I am so troubled that I cannot speak. 5 I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times. 6 I call to remembrance my song in the night; I commune with mine own heart; and my spirit made diligent search. 7 Will the Lord cast off ~~for ever~~ **forever** ? and will he be ~~favourable~~ **favorable** no more? 8 Is his mercy clean gone ~~for ever~~ **forever** ? doth his promise fail ~~for—evermore~~ **forevermore** ? 9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah. 10 And I said, This is my infirmity; but I will remember the years of the right hand of the ~~most~~ **Most** High. 11 I will remember the works of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; surely I will remember thy wonders of old. 12 I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings. 13 Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary; who is so great a God as our God? 14 Thou art the God that doest wonders; thou hast declared thy strength among the people. 15 Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah. 16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid; the depths also were troubled. 17 The clouds poured out water; the skies sent out a sound; thine arrows also went abroad. 18 The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven; the lightnings lightened the world; the earth trembled and shook. 19 Thy way is in

the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known. 20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

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1 Give ear, O my people, to my law; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old; 3 Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. 4 We will not hide them from their children, ~~shewing~~ **showing** to the generation to come the praises of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. 5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children; 6 That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children; 7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; 8 And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not ~~stedfast~~ **steadfast** with God. 9 The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle. 10 They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law; 11 And forgat his works, and his wonders that he had ~~shewed~~ **showed** them. 12 ~~Marvellous~~ **Marvelous** things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan. 13 He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as ~~an~~ **a** heap. 14 In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night

with a light of fire. 15 He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink as out of the great depths. 16 He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers. 17 And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the ~~most~~ **Most** High in the wilderness. 18 And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust. 19 Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness? 20 Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people? 21 Therefore the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** heard this, and was wroth; so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel; 22 Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation; 23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven, 24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven. 25 Man did eat angels' food; he sent them meat to the full. 26 He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven; and by his power he brought in the south wind. 27 He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea; 28 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations. 29 So they did eat, and were well filled; for he gave them their own desire; 30 They were not estranged from their lust. ~~But;~~ **but** while their meat was yet in their mouths, 31 The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen men of Israel. 32 For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works. 33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in trouble. 34 When he slew them, then they sought him; and they returned

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and ~~enquired~~ **inquired** early after God. 35 And they remembered that God was their ~~rock~~ **Rock**, and the high God their ~~redeemer~~ **Redeemer**. 36 Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues. 37 For their heart was not right with him, neither were they ~~stedfast~~ **steadfast** in his covenant. 38 But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not; yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath. 39 For he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again. 40 How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert! 41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. 42 They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy; 43 How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan; 44 And had turned their rivers into blood; and their floods, that they could not drink. 45 He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them. 46 He gave also their increase unto the ~~caterpillar~~ **caterpillar**, and their ~~labour~~ **labor** unto the locust. 47 He destroyed their vines with hail, and their ~~sycamore~~ **sycamore** trees with frost. 48 He gave up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to hot thunderbolts. 49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them. 50 He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence; 51 And smote all the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** in Egypt; the chief of their strength in the tabernacles of Ham; 52 But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness

like a flock. 53 And he led them on safely, so that they feared not; but the sea overwhelmed their enemies. 54 And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, even to this mountain, which his right hand had purchased. 55 He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents. 56 Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies; 57 But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers; they were turned aside like a deceitful bow. 58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images. 59 When God heard this, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel. 60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent which he placed among men; 61 And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand. 62 He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance, 63 The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not given to marriage. 64 Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation. 65 Then the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** awaked as one out of sleep, and like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine. 66 And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts; he put them to a perpetual reproach. 67 Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim; 68 But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved. 69 And he built his sanctuary like high palaces, like the earth which he hath established ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 70 He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds; 71 From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his

inheritance. 72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the ~~skillfulness~~ **skillfulness** of his hands.

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1 O ~~god~~ **God**, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps. 2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth. 3 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem; and there was none to bury them. 4 We are become a reproach to our ~~neighbours~~ **neighbors**, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us. 5 How long, ~~LORD~~ **Lord** ? wilt thou be angry ~~for ever~~ **forever** ? shall thy jealousy burn like fire? 6 Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name. 7 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place. 8 ~~Θ~~ **Oh** remember not against us former iniquities;; let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us;; for we are brought very low. 9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name;; and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake. 10 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is their God? let him be known among the heathen in our sight by the revenging of the blood of thy servants which is shed. 11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die; 12 And render unto our ~~neighbours~~ **neighbors** sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord. 13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture

will give thee thanks ~~for ever~~ **forever**; we will ~~shew~~ **show** forth thy praise to all generations.

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1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the ~~cherubims~~ **cherubim**, shine forth. 2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength, and come and save us. 3 Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved. 4 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people? 5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure. 6 Thou makest us a strife unto our ~~neighbours~~ **neighbors**; and our enemies laugh among themselves. 7 Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved. 8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt;; thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it. 9 Thou ~~preparedst~~ **preparest** room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land. 10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars. 11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river. 12 Why hast thou then broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her? 13 The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it. 14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts;; look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine; 15 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself. 16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down;; they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance. 17 Let thy hand be

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upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself. 18 So will not we go back from thee; quicken us, and we will call upon thy name. 19 Turn us again, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

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1 Sing aloud unto God our strength; make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob. 2 Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery. 3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day. 4 For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob. 5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt; where I heard a language that I understood not. 6 I removed his shoulder from the burden; his hands were delivered from the pots. 7 Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder; I proved thee at the waters of ~~Meribah~~ **Merribah**. Selah. 8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee; O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me; 9 There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god. 10 I am the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt; open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. 11 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me. 12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust; and they walked in their own counsels. 13 Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways! 14 I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries. 15 The haters of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** should have submitted themselves unto

him; but their time should have endured ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 16 He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat; and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

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1 God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods. 2 How long will ye **suffer them to** judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah. 3 Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy. 4 Deliver the poor and needy; rid them out of the hand of the wicked. 5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are out of course. 6 I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the ~~most~~ **Most** High. 7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes. 8 Arise, O God, judge the earth; for thou shalt inherit all nations.

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1 Keep not thou silence, O God; hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. 2 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult; and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. 3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. 4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. 5 For they have consulted together with one consent; they are confederate against thee; 6 The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; 7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; 8 Assur also is joined with them; they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah. 9 Do unto

them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of ~~Kison~~: **Kishon**; 10 Which perished at ~~Endor~~: **En-dor**; they became as dung for the earth. 11 Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb; yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna; 12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession. 13 O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind. 14 As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; 15 So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. 16 Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 17 Let them be confounded and troubled ~~for ever~~ **forever**; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish. 18 That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the ~~most high~~ **Most High** over all the earth.

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1 How amiable are thy tabernacles, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts! 2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the ~~LORD~~: **Lord**; my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. 3 Yea, the sparrow hath found ~~an~~ a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, my King, and my God. 4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be still praising thee. Selah. 5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them. 6 Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools. 7 They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God. 8 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah. 9 Behold, O God our shield, and look

upon the face of thine anointed. 10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. 11 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God is a sun and shield; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. 12 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

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1 Lord, thou ~~has~~ **has** been ~~favourable~~ **favorable** unto thy land; thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob. 2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people; thou hast covered all their sin. Selah. 3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath; thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger. 4 Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease. 5 Wilt thou be angry with us ~~for ever~~ **forever** ? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations? 6 Wilt thou not revive us again; that thy people may rejoice in thee? 7 ~~Shew~~ **Show** us thy mercy, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and grant us thy salvation. 8 I will hear what God the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will speak; for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints; but let them not turn again to folly. 9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land. 10 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. 11 Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven. 12 Yea, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase. 13 Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

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1 Bow down thine ear, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, hear me; for I am poor and needy. 2 Preserve my soul; for I am holy; O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee. 3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord; for I cry unto thee daily. 4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant; for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. 5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. 6 Give ear, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. 7 In the day of my trouble, I will call upon thee; for thou wilt answer me. 8 Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works. 9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name. 10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things; thou art God alone. 11 Teach me thy way, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; I will walk in thy truth; unite my heart to fear thy name. 12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart; and I will glorify thy name for evermore. 13 For great is thy mercy toward me; and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell. 14 O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them. 15 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, ~~longsuffering~~ **long-suffering**, and plenteous in mercy and truth. 16 ~~Oh~~ **Oh** turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid. 17 ~~Shew~~ **Show** me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed; because thou, ~~LORD~~

Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

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1 His foundation is in the holy mountains. 2 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. 3 Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah. 4 I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me; behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there. 5 And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her; and the ~~highest~~ **Highest** himself shall establish her. 6 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah. 7 As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there; all my springs are in thee.

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1 O ~~lord~~ **Lord** God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee; 2 Let my prayer come before thee; incline thine ear unto my cry; 3 For my soul is full of troubles; and my life draweth nigh unto the grave. 4 I am counted with them that go down into the pit; I am as a man that hath no strength; 5 Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more; and they are cut off from thy hand. 6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps. 7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. Selah. 8 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them; I am shut up, and I cannot come forth. 9 Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction:—~~LORD~~; **Lord**, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee. 10 Wilt thou ~~shew~~ **show** wonders to the

dead? shall the dead arise and praise thee? Selah. 11 Shall thy ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness** be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in destruction? 12 Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness? 13 But unto thee have I cried, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee. 14 ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, why castest thou off my soul? why hidest thou thy face from me? 15 I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up; while I suffer thy terrors I am distracted. 16 Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off. 17 They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together. 18 Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness.

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1 I will sing of the mercies of the ~~LORD for ever~~ **Lord forever**, with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations. 2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up ~~for ever~~ **forever**; thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens. 3 I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant,. 4 Thy seed will I establish ~~for ever~~ **forever**, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah. 5 And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints. 6 For who in the heaven can be compared unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** ? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** ? 7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him. 8 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of hosts, who is a strong ~~LORD~~ **Lord** like unto thee? or to thy

faithfulness round about thee? 9 Thou rulest the raging of the sea; when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them. 10 Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm. 11 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine; as for the world and the ~~fulness~~ **fullness** thereof, thou hast founded them. 12 The north and the south thou hast created them; Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name. 13 Thou hast a mighty arm; strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand. 14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne; mercy and truth shall go before thy face. 15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound; they shall walk, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, in the light of thy countenance. 16 In thy name shall they rejoice all the day; and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted. 17 For thou art the glory of their strength; and in thy ~~favour~~ **favor** our horn shall be exalted. 18 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is our ~~defence~~ **defense**; and the Holy One of Israel is our ~~king~~ **King**. 19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy ~~holy one~~ **Holy One**, and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people. 20 I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him; 21 With whom my hand shall be established; mine arm also shall strengthen him. 22 The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him. 23 And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him. 24 But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him; and in my name shall his horn be exalted. 25 I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers. 26 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my ~~father~~ **Father**, my God, and the ~~rock~~ **Rock** of my salvation. 27 Also I will make

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him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth. 28 My mercy will I keep for him ~~for evermore~~ **forevermore**, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. 29 His seed also will I make to endure ~~for ever~~ **forever**, and his throne as the days of heaven. 30 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; 31 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; 32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. 33 Nevertheless my ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness** will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. 34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. 35 Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. 36 His seed shall endure ~~for ever~~ **forever**, and his throne as the sun before me. 37 It shall be established ~~for ever~~ **forever** as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah. 38 But thou hast cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed. 39 Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant; thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground. 40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges; thou hast brought his ~~strong holds~~ **strongholds** to ruin. 41 All that pass by the way spoil him; he is a reproach to his ~~neighbours~~ **neighbors**. 42 Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice. 43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not made him to stand in the battle. 44 Thou hast made his glory to cease, and cast his throne down to the ground. 45 The days of his youth hast thou shortened; thou hast covered him with shame. Selah. 46 How long, ~~LORD~~ **Lord** ? wilt thou hide thyself ~~for ever~~ **forever** ? shall thy wrath burn like fire? 47 Remember how short my time is;

wherefore hast thou made all men in vain? 48 What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah. 49 Lord, where are thy former ~~lovingkindnesses~~ **loving-kindnesses**, which thou swarest unto David in thy truth? 50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants; how I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty people; 51 Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, ~~O LORD~~ **Lord**; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed. 52 Blessed be the ~~LORD for evermore~~ **Lord forevermore**. Amen, and Amen.

90

1 Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. 3 Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men. 4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. 5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep; in the morning they are like grass which groweth up. 6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth. 7 For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled. 8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance. 9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath; we spend our years as a tale that is told. 10 The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength ~~labour~~ **labor** and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. 11

Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath. 12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. 13 Return us, O ~~LORD~~, ~~how~~ **Lord**. **How** long wilt thou hide thy face from thy servants? and let ~~it~~ **them** repent ~~thee~~ **of all their hard speeches they have spoken** concerning ~~thy servants~~ **thee**. 14 ~~Oh~~ **Oh** satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. 15 Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. 16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. 17 And let the beauty of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

91

1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the ~~most~~ **Most** High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God; in him will I trust. 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. 4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust; his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; 6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. 7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. 8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. 9 Because thou hast made the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which is my refuge, even the ~~most~~ **Most** High, thy

habitation; 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. 12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. 13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. 14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and ~~honour~~ **honor** him. 16 With long life will I satisfy him, and ~~shew~~ **show** him my salvation.

92

1 ~~IT IS A GOOD THING TO GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD~~ **It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, AND TO SING PRAISES UNTO THY NAME and to sing praises unto thy name, O MOST HIGH: Most High;** 2 To ~~shew~~ **show** forth thy ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness** in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night, 3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound. 4 For thou, ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, hast made me glad through thy work; I will triumph in the works of thy hands. 5 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep. 6 A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this. 7 When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed ~~for ever~~ **forever**; 8 But thou, ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, art most high ~~for evermore~~ **forevermore**. 9 For, lo, thine enemies, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the

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workers of iniquity shall be scattered. 10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of ~~an~~ a unicorn; I shall be anointed with fresh oil. 11 Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies, and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me. 12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. 13 Those that ~~be~~ **he** planted in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall flourish in the courts of our God. 14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; 15 To ~~shew~~ **show** that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

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1 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself; the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved. 2 Thy throne is established of old; thou art from everlasting. 3 The floods have lifted up, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves. 4 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea. 5 Thy testimonies are very sure; holiness becometh thine house, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, ~~for ever~~ **forever**.

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1 O Lord God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, ~~shew~~ **show** thyself. 2 Lift up thyself, thou ~~judge~~ **Judge** of the earth; render a reward to the proud. 3 ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph? 4 How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of

iniquity boast themselves? 5 They break in pieces thy people, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and afflict thine heritage. 6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless. 7 Yet they say, ~~The LORD~~ **the Lord** shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it. 8 Understand, ye brutish among the people; and ye fools, when will ye be wise? 9 He that ~~planted~~ **planteth** the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see? 10 He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know? 11 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity. 12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and teachest him out of thy law; 13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked. 14 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will not cast off his people; neither will he forsake his inheritance. 15 But judgment shall return unto righteousness; and all the upright in heart shall follow it. 16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity? 17 Unless the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence. 18 When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, held me up. 19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul. 20 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law? 21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood. 22 But the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is my ~~defence~~ **defense**; and my God is the rock of my refuge. 23 And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God shall cut them off.

95

1 **Θ Oh** come, let us sing unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; let us make a joyful noise to the ~~rock~~ **Rock** of our salvation. 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. 3 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is a great God, and a great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is his also. 5 The sea is his, and he made it; and his ~~hands~~ **hand** formed the dry land. 6 **Θ Oh** come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our maker. 7 For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. ~~To-day~~ **Today** if ye will hear his voice, 8 Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness; 9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. 10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways; 11 Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

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1 **Θ Oh** sing unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** a new song; sing unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, all the earth. 2 Sing unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, bless his name; ~~shew~~ **show** forth his salvation from day to day. 3 Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people. 4 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is great, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. 5 For all the gods of the nations are idols; but the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** made the heavens. 6 ~~Honour~~ **Honor** and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. 7 Give unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, O ye kindreds of the

people, give unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** glory and strength. 8 Give unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** the glory due unto his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. 9 **Θ Oh** worship the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in the beauty of holiness; fear before him, all the earth. 10 Say among the heathen that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** reigneth; the world also shall be ~~established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.~~ 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the ~~fulness~~ **fullness** thereof. 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein; then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice. 13 Before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

97

1 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him; righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne. 3 A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about. 4 His lightnings enlightened the world; the earth saw, and trembled. 5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory. 7 Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols; worship him, all ye gods. 8 Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 9 For thou, ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, art high above all the earth; thou art exalted far above all gods. 10 Ye that love the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, hate evil; he

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preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked. 11 Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. 12 Rejoice in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

98

1 ~~Θ~~ **Oh** sing unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** a new song; for he hath done ~~marvellous~~ **marvelous** things;; his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory. 2 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath made known his salvation;; his righteousness hath he openly ~~shewed~~ **showed** in the sight of the heathen. 3 He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel;; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. 4 Make a joyful noise unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, all the earth;; make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. 5 Sing unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm. 6 With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the King. 7 Let the sea roar, and the ~~fulness~~ **fullness** thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. 8 Let the floods clap their hands;; let the hills be joyful together 9 Before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for he cometh to judge the earth;; with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

99

1 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** reigneth; let the people tremble;; he sitteth between the ~~cherubims~~ **cherubim**; let the earth be moved. 2 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people. 3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy. 4 The king's strength also loveth

judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob. 5 Exalt ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy. 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and he answered them. 7 He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar;; they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance that he gave them. 8 Thou answeredst them, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God;; thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions. 9 Exalt the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God, and worship at his holy hill;; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God is holy.

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1 I will sing of mercy and judgment;; unto thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, will I sing. 2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. ~~Θ~~ **Oh** when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. 3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes;; I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me. 4 A froward heart shall depart from me;; I will not know a wicked person. 5 Whoso privily slandereth his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**, him will I cut off;; him that hath ~~an~~ a high look and a proud heart will not I suffer. 6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me;; he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me. 7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house;; he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight. 8 I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1 Hear my prayer, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and let my cry come unto thee. 2 Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me; in the day when I call answer me speedily. 3 For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as ~~an~~ **a** hearth. 4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread. 5 By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin. 6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I am like an owl of the desert. 7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the ~~house-top~~ **housetop**. 8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day; and they that are mad against me are sworn against me. 9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping; 10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath; for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down. 11 My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass. 12 But thou, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, ~~shall~~ **shalt** endure ~~for ever~~ **forever**; and thy remembrance unto all generations. 13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion; for the time to ~~favour~~ **favor** her, yea, the set time, is come. 14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and ~~favour~~ **favor** the dust thereof. 15 So the heathen shall fear the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and all the kings of the earth thy glory. 16 When the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory. 17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer. 18 This shall be written for the generation to come; and the people which shall be ~~created~~ **gathered** shall praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** behold the earth; 20 To hear the

groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death; 21 To declare the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem; 22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 23 He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days. 24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days; thy years are throughout all generations. 25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the work of thy hands. 26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure; yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed; 27 But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end. 28 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

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1 Bless the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. 2 Bless the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness** and tender mercies; 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. 6 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** ~~executeth~~ **excuteh** righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. 7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. 8 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. 9 He will not always chide; neither will he keep his anger ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us

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according to our iniquities. 11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. 13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the **LORD Lord** pitieth them that fear him. 14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust. 15 As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. 16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. 17 But the mercy of the **LORD Lord** is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; 18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. 19 The **LORD Lord** hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. 20 Bless the **LORD Lord**, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. 21 Bless ye the **LORD Lord**, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his; that do his pleasure. 22 Bless the **LORD Lord**, all his works in all places of his dominion; bless the **LORD Lord**, O my soul.

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1 Bless the **LORD Lord**, O my soul. O **LORD Lord** my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with ~~honour~~ **power** and majesty; 2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment; who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain; 3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters; who maketh the clouds his chariot; who walketh upon the wings of the wind; 4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire; 5 Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed ~~for ever~~

forever. 6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. 7 At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away. 8 They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them. 9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth. 10 He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills. 11 They give drink to every beast of the field; the wild asses quench their thirst. 12 By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches. 13 He watereth the hills from his chambers; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works. 14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man; that he may bring forth food out of the earth; 15 And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart. 16 The trees of the **LORD Lord** are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted; 17 Where the birds make their nests; as for the stork, the fir trees are her house. 18 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies. 19 He appointed the moon for seasons; the sun knoweth his going down. 20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night; wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth. 21 The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God. 22 The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens. 23 Man goeth forth unto his work and to his ~~labour~~ **labor** until the evening. 24 O **LORD Lord**, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches. 25 So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things

creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. 26 There go the ships: ~~there is that leviathan, whom;~~ **and** thou hast made **leviathan** to play therein. 27 These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season. 28 That thou givest them they gather;; thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good. 29 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled;; thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust. 30 Thou sendest forth thy ~~spirit~~ **Spirit**, they are created;; and thou renewest the face of the earth. 31 The glory of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall endure ~~for ever;~~ **forever;** the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall rejoice in his works. 32 He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth;; he toucheth the hills, and they smoke. 33 I will sing unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** as long as I live;; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. 34 My meditation of him shall be sweet;; I will be glad in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 35 Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, O my soul. Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1 **Θ Oh** give thanks unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; call upon his name;; make known his deeds among the people. 2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him;; talk ye of all his wondrous works. 3 Glory ye in his holy name;; let the heart of them rejoice that seek the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 4 Seek the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and his strength;; seek his face evermore. 5 Remember his ~~marvellous~~ **marvelous** works that he hath done; his wonders; and the judgments of his mouth; 6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen. 7 He is the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God;; his judgments are in all the earth. 8 He

hath remembered his covenant ~~for ever~~ **forever**, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations. 9 Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; 10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant;; 11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance;; 12 When they were but a few men in number; yea, very few, and strangers in it. 13 When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people; 14 He suffered no man to do them wrong;; yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes; 15 Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm. 16 Moreover he called for a famine upon the land;; he brake the whole staff of bread. 17 He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant;; 18 Whose feet they hurt with fetters;; he was laid in iron;; 19 Until the time that his word came;; the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** tried him. 20 The king sent and loosed him; even the ruler of the people, and let him go free. 21 He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance;; 22 To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom. 23 Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham. 24 And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies. 25 He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal ~~subtily~~ **subtilely** with his servants. 26 He sent Moses his servant; and Aaron whom he had chosen. 27 They ~~shewed~~ **showed** his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham. 28 He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word. 29 He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish. 30 Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers

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of their kings. 31 He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, and lice in all their coasts. 32 He gave them hail for rain, and flaming fire in their land. 33 He smote their vines also and their fig trees; and brake the trees of their coasts. 34 He spake, and the locusts came, and ~~eaterpillers~~ **caterpillars**, and that without number, 35 And did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground. 36 He smote also all the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** in their land, the chief of all their strength. 37 He brought them forth also with silver and gold; and there was not one feeble person among their tribes. 38 Egypt was glad when they departed; for the fear of them fell upon them. 39 He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night. 40 The people asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven. 41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a river. 42 For he remembered his holy promise, ~~and~~ **unto** Abraham his servant. 43 And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness; 44 And gave them the lands of the heathen; and they inherited the ~~labour~~ **labor** of the people; 45 That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1 Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. ~~Θ~~ Oh give thanks unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for he is good; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**? who can ~~shew~~ **show** forth all his praise? 3 Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times. 4 Remember me, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, with the ~~favour—that thou bearest unto~~ **favor of** thy people; ~~Θ~~; **oh** visit me with thy salvation; 5 That

I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance. 6 We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly. 7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked ~~him~~ **thee** at the sea, ~~even~~ at the Red sea. 8 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known. 9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up; so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness. 10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. 11 And the waters covered their enemies; there was not one of them left. 12 Then believed they his words; they sang his praise. 13 They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel; 14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. 15 And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul. 16 They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram. 18 And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked. 19 They made a calf in Horeb, and ~~worshipped~~ **worshiped** the molten image. 20 Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass. 21 They forgot God their ~~saviour~~ **savior**, which had done great things in Egypt; 22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red sea. 23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them. 24 Yea, they despised

the pleasant land, they believed not his word; 25 But murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 26 Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness; 27 To overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands. 28 They joined themselves also unto ~~Baal-peor~~ **Baal-peor**, and ate the sacrifices of the dead. 29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their inventions; and the plague brake in upon them. 30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment; and so the plague was stayed. 31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations ~~for evermore~~ **forevermore**. 32 They angered him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes; 33 Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips. 34 They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** commanded them; 35 But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works. 36 And they served their idols; which were a snare unto them. 37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, 38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with blood. 39 Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions. 40 Therefore was the wrath of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance. 41 And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them. 42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their

hand. 43 Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked him with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity. 44 Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry; 45 And he remembered for them his covenant, and ~~repented~~ **spared his people** according to the multitude of his mercies. 46 He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them ~~captives~~ **captive**. 47 Save us, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise. 48 Blessed be the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting; and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1 ~~Θ~~ **Oh** give thanks unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, for he is good; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 2 Let the redeemed of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; 3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south. 4 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in. 5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. 6 Then they cried unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses. 7 And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation. 8 Oh that men would praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! 9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. 10 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron; 11 Because they rebelled against the ~~words~~ **works** of

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God, and contemned the counsel of the ~~most~~ **Most** High; 12 Therefore he brought down their heart with ~~labour~~ **labor**; they fell down, and there was none to help. 13 Then they cried unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses. 14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder. 15 Oh that men would praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! 16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder. 17 Fools, because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. 18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death. 19 Then they cry unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. 20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. 21 Oh that men would praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! 22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing. 23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; 24 These see the works of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and his wonders in the deep. 25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof. 26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths; their soul is melted because of trouble. 27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end. 28 Then they cry unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. 29 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. 30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he

bringeth them unto their desired haven. 31 ~~Oh~~ **On** that men would praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! 32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders. 33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the watersprings into dry ground; 34 A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein. 35 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into ~~watersprings~~ **water springs**. 36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation; 37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase. 38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease. 39 Again, they are minished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow. 40 He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way. 41 Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh him families like a flock. 42 The righteous shall see it, and rejoice; and all iniquity shall stop her mouth. 43 Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness** of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1 O ~~god~~ **God**, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. 2 Awake, psaltery and harp; I myself will awake early. 3 I will praise thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, among the people; and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations. 4 For thy mercy is great above the heavens; and thy truth reacheth unto

the clouds. 5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; and thy glory above all the earth; 6 That thy beloved may be delivered; save with thy right hand, and answer me. 7 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth. 8 Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver; 9 Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; over Philistia will I triumph. 10 Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom? 11 Wilt not thou, O God, who hast cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts? 12 Give us help from trouble; for vain is the help of man. 13 Through God we shall do valiantly; for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

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1 Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise; 2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me; they have spoken against me with a lying tongue. 3 They compassed me about; **they spake against me** also, with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause. 4 ~~For~~ **And, notwithstanding** my love, they are my adversaries; ~~but~~; **yet I give myself unto will continue in prayer for them.** 5 And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love. 6 Set thou a wicked man over ~~him~~; **them**; and let Satan stand at his right hand. 7 When ~~he~~ **they** shall be judged, let ~~him~~ **them** be condemned; and let ~~his~~ **their** prayer become sin. 8 Let ~~his~~ **their** days be few; ~~and~~ let another take ~~his~~ **their** office. 9 Let ~~his~~ **their** children be fatherless; and ~~his wife a widow~~ **their wives widows.** 10 Let ~~his~~ **their** children be continually vagabonds, and beg; let

them seek ~~their bread~~ also out of their desolate places. 11 Let the extortioner catch all that ~~he hath~~ **they have**; and let the ~~strangers~~ **stranger** spoil ~~his labour~~ **their labor.** 12 Let there be none to extend mercy unto ~~him~~; **them**; neither let there be any to ~~favour~~ **favor their** fatherless children. 13 Let ~~his~~ **their** posterity be cut off; ~~and~~ in the generation following; let their ~~name~~ **names** be blotted out. 14 Let the iniquity of ~~his~~ **their** fathers be remembered ~~with~~ **before the LORD Lord**; and let not the sin of ~~his mother~~ **their mothers** be blotted out. 15 Let them be before the ~~LORD Lord~~ continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth. 16 Because ~~that he~~ **they** remembered not to ~~shew~~ **show** mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that ~~he~~ **they** might even slay the broken in heart. 17 As ~~he~~ **they** loved cursing, so let it come ~~unto him~~; **upon them**; as ~~he~~ **they** delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from ~~him~~ **them**. 18 As ~~he~~ **they** clothed ~~himself~~ **themselves** with cursing like as with ~~his garment~~ **their garments**, so let it come into ~~his~~ **their** bowels like water, and like oil into ~~his~~ **their** bones. 19 Let it be unto ~~him~~ **them** as ~~the~~ **a** garment which covereth ~~him~~ **them**, and for a girdle wherewith ~~he is~~ **they are** girded continually. 20 ~~Let this~~ **This shall** be the reward of mine adversaries, from the ~~LORD Lord~~; and of them ~~that~~ **who** speak evil against my soul. 21 But do thou ~~for~~ **deliver** me, O ~~GOD~~ **the Lord Lord my God**, for thy name's sake; because thy mercy is good, **therefore** deliver thou me. 22 For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me. 23 I am gone like the shadow when it declineth; I am tossed up and down as the locust. 24 My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh faileth of fatness. 25 I became also a

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reproach unto them; when they looked upon me they shook their heads. 26 Help me, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** my God; ~~Oh~~ **oh** save me according to thy mercy; 27 That they may know that this is thy hand; that thou, ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, hast done it. 28 Let them curse, but bless thou; when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let thy servant rejoice. 29 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame; and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle. 30 I will greatly praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude. 31 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul.

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1 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. 2 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion; rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. 3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning; thou hast the dew of thy youth. 4 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest ~~for ever~~ **forever** after the order of Melchizedek. 5 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath. 6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill ~~the~~ **places their streets** with ~~the~~ **their** dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries. 7 He shall drink of the brook in the way; therefore shall he lift up the head.

111

1 Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. I will praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation. 2

The works of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. 3 His work is ~~honourable~~ **honorable** and glorious; and his righteousness endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is gracious and full of compassion. 5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him; he will ever be mindful of his covenant. 6 He hath ~~shewed~~ **showed** his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen. 7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure. 8 They stand fast ~~for ever~~ **forever** and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness. 9 He sent redemption unto his people; he hath commanded his covenant ~~for ever~~ **forever**; holy and reverend is his name. 10 The fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all they that do his commandments; his praise endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**.

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1 Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Blessed is the man ~~that~~ **who** feareth the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, ~~that~~ **and** delighteth greatly in his commandments. 2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed. 3 Wealth and riches shall be in his house; and his righteousness endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness; he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous. 5 A good man ~~sheweth favour~~ **showeth favor**, and lendeth; he will guide his affairs with discretion. 6 Surely he shall not be moved ~~for ever~~ **forever**; the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. 7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is fixed, trusting in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 8

His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see ~~his desire~~ **judgment executed** upon his enemies. 9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**; his horn shall be exalted with ~~honour~~ **honor**. 10 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away; the desire of the wicked shall perish.

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1 Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. Praise, O ye servants of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, praise the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 2 Blessed be the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** from this time forth and ~~for evermore~~ **forevermore**. 3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** name is to be praised. 4 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. 5 Who is like unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God, who dwelleth on high, 6 Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth! 7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill; 8 That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people. 9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1 When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language; 2 Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion. 3 The sea saw it, and fled; Jordan was driven back. 4 The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs. 5 What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back? 6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams;

and ye little hills, like lambs? 7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob; 8 Which turned the rock into a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

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1 Not unto us, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, not unto us, but unto thy name ~~give~~ **be** glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake. 2 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God? 3 But our God is in the heavens; he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. 4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. 5 They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not; 6 They have ears, but they hear not; noses have they, but they smell not; 7 They have hands, but they handle not; feet have they, but they walk not; neither speak they through their throat. 8 They that make them are like unto them; so is ~~every one~~ **everyone** that trusteth in them. 9 O Israel, trust thou in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; he is ~~their~~ **thy** help and ~~their~~ **thy** shield. 10 O house of Aaron, trust in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; he is ~~their~~ **thy** help and ~~their~~ **thy** shield. 11 Ye that fear the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, trust in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; he is ~~their~~ **your** help and ~~their~~ **your** shield. 12 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath been mindful of us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron. 13 He will bless them that fear the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, both small and great. 14 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall increase you more and more, you and your children. 15 Ye are blessed of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** which made heaven and earth. 16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's**; but the earth hath he given to the children of men. 17 The dead praise not the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, neither any that

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go down into silence. 18 But we will bless the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** from this time forth and ~~for evermore~~ **forevermore**. Praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1 I love the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. 2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live. 3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me; I found trouble and sorrow. 4 Then called I upon the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, I beseech thee, deliver my soul. 5 Gracious is the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful. 6 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** preserveth the simple; I was brought low, and he helped me. 7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath dealt bountifully with thee. 8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. 9 I will walk before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in the land of the living. 10 I believed, therefore have I spoken; I was greatly afflicted; 11 I said in my haste, All men are liars. 12 What shall I render unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** for all his benefits toward me? 13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 14 I will pay my vows unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** now in the presence of all his people. 15 Precious in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is the death of his saints. 16 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast loosed my bonds. 17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 18 I will pay my vows unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** now in the presence of all his people, 19 In the

courts of the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1 ~~Oh~~ **Oh** praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, all ye nations; praise him; all ye people. 2 For his merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1 ~~Oh~~ **Oh** give thanks unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for he is good; because his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 2 Let Israel now say, that his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 3 Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 4 Let them now that fear the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** say, that his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 5 I called upon the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in distress; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** answered me, and set me in a large place. 6 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is on my side; I will not fear; what can man do unto me? 7 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** taketh my part with them that help me; therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me. 8 It is better to trust in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** than to put confidence in man. 9 It is better to trust in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** than to put confidence in princes. 10 All nations compassed me about; but in the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will I destroy them. 11 They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about; but in the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** I will destroy them. 12 They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns; for in the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** I will destroy them. 13 Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall; but the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** helped me. 14 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is my strength and song, and is become my salvation. 15 The

voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous; the right hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** doeth valiantly. 16 The right hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is exalted; the right hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** doeth valiantly. 17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 18 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath chastened me sore; but he hath not given me over unto death. 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go into them, and I will praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; 20 This gate of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, into which the righteous shall enter. 21 I will praise thee; for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation. 22 The stone which the builders refused is **has** become the ~~head-stone~~ **headstone** of the corner. 23 This is the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** doing; it is ~~marvellous~~ **marvelous** in our eyes. 24 This is the day which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. 25 Save now, I beseech thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, I beseech thee, send now prosperity. 26 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; we have blessed you out of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 27 God is the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which hath ~~shewed~~ **showed** us light; bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar. 28 Thou art my God, and I will praise thee; thou art my God, I will exalt thee. 29 **Oh** give thanks unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for he is good; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**.

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1 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. 3 They also do no iniquity; they walk in his ways. 4 Thou hast commanded us to

keep thy precepts diligently. 5 **Oh** that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! 6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments. 7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments. 8 I will keep thy statutes; **Oh**; **oh** forsake me not utterly. 9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. 10 With my whole heart have I sought thee; **Oh**; **oh** let me not wander from thy commandments. 11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. 12 Blessed art thou, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; teach me thy statutes. 13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth. 14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. 15 I will meditate ~~in~~ **upon** thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. 16 I will delight myself in thy statutes; I will not forget thy word. 17 Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word. 18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. 19 I am a stranger in the earth; hide not thy commandments from me. 20 My ~~soul~~ **heart** breaketh, for ~~the longing that it hath unto~~ **my soul longeth after** thy judgments at all times. 21 Thou hast rebuked the proud ~~that~~; **they** are cursed, ~~which~~ **who** do err from thy commandments. 22 Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies. 23 Princes also did sit and speak against me; but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes. 24 Thy testimonies also are my delight, and my ~~counsellors~~ **counselors**. 25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust; quicken thou me according to thy word. 26 I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me; teach me thy statutes. 27 Make

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me to understand the way of thy precepts; so shall I talk of thy wondrous works. 28 My soul melteth for heaviness; strengthen thou me according unto thy word. 29 Remove from me the way of lying; and grant me thy law graciously. 30 I have chosen the way of truth; thy judgments have I laid before me. 31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies; O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, put me not to shame. 32 I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart. 33 Teach me, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it ~~unto~~ **to** the end. 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart. 35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight. 36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. 37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way. 38 Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear. 39 Turn away my reproach which I fear; for thy judgments are good. 40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts; quicken me in thy righteousness. 41 Let thy mercies come also unto me, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, even thy salvation, according to thy word. 42 So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me; for I trust in thy word. 43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments. 44 So shall I keep thy law continually ~~for~~ **forever** and ever. 45 And I will walk at liberty; for I seek thy precepts. 46 I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed. 47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved. 48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate ~~in~~ **upon** thy

statutes. 49 Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope. 50 This is my comfort in my affliction; for thy word hath quickened me. 51 The proud have had me greatly in derision; yet have I not declined from thy law. 52 I remembered thy judgments of old, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and have comforted myself. 53 Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law. 54 Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage. 55 I have remembered thy name, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, in the night, and have kept thy law. 56 This I had, because I kept thy precepts. 57 Thou art my portion, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; I have said that I would keep thy words. 58 I ~~intreated~~ **entreated** thy ~~favour~~ **favor** with my whole heart; be merciful unto me according to thy word. 59 I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. 60 I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments. 61 The bands of the wicked have robbed me; but I have not forgotten thy law. 62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments. 63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts. 64 The earth, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, is full of thy mercy; teach me thy statutes. 65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, according unto thy word. 66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge; for I have believed thy commandments. 67 Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now have I kept thy word. 68 Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes. 69 The proud have forged a lie against me; but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart. 70 Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law. 71 It is good for

me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes. 72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver. 73 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me; give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments. 74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word. 75 I know, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me. 76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant. 77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live; for thy law is my delight. 78 Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause; but I will meditate ~~in~~ **upon** thy precepts. 79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies. 80 Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed. 81 My soul fainteth for thy salvation; but I hope in thy word. 82 Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me? 83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget thy statutes. 84 How many are the days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me? 85 The proud have digged pits for me, which are not after thy law. 86 All thy commandments are faithful; they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me. 87 They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy precepts. 88 Quicken me after thy ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness**; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth. 89 ~~For ever~~ **Forever**, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, thy word is settled in heaven. 90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations; thou hast established the earth, and it abideth. 91 They continue this day according to thine

ordinances; for all are thy servants. 92 Unless thy law had been my ~~delights~~ **delight**, I should then have perished in mine affliction. 93 I will never forget thy precepts; for with them thou hast quickened me. 94 I am thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts. 95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me; but I will consider thy testimonies. 96 I have seen an end of all perfection; but thy commandment is exceeding broad. 97 ~~Oh~~ **Oh** how **love** I ~~love~~ thy law! it is my meditation all the day. 98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies; for they are ever with me. 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers; for thy testimonies are my meditation. 100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts. 101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. 102 I have not departed from thy judgments; for thou hast taught me. 103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my ~~mouth~~ **mouth**. 104 Through thy precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. 105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. 106 I have sworn; and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments. 107 I am afflicted very much; quicken me, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, according unto thy word. 108 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and teach me thy judgments. 109 My soul is continually in ~~my~~ **thy** hand; ~~yet~~ **and I** do ~~I~~ not forget thy law. 110 The wicked have laid a snare for me; yet I erred not from thy precepts. 111 Thy testimonies have I taken as ~~an~~ **a** heritage ~~for ever~~ **forever**; for they are the rejoicing of my heart. 112 I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes ~~always~~

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always, even unto the end. 113 I hate vain thoughts; but thy law do I love. 114 Thou art my hiding place and my shield; I hope in thy word. 115 Depart from me, ye evildoers; for I will keep the commandments of my God. 116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live; and let me not be ashamed of my hope. 117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe; and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually. 118 Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes; for their deceit is falsehood. 119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross; therefore I love thy testimonies. 120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments. 121 I have done judgment and justice; leave me not to mine oppressors. 122 Be surety for thy servant for good; let not the proud oppress me. 123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness. 124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes. 125 I am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies. 126 ~~It is~~ **And the time, O Lord,** for ~~thee, LORD,~~ **me** to work; for they have made void thy law. 127 Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold. 128 Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be **thy** right; and I hate every false way. 129 Thy testimonies are wonderful; therefore doth my soul keep them. 130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; ~~it giveth~~ **they give** understanding unto the simple. 131 I opened my mouth, and panted; for I longed for thy commandments. 132 Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name. 133 Order my steps in thy word; and let not any iniquity have dominion over me. 134 Deliver me from the

oppression of man; so will I keep thy precepts. 135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes. 136 Rivers of ~~waters~~ **water** run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law. 137 Righteous art thou, ~~O LORD~~ **Lord**, and upright are thy judgments. 138 Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful. 139 My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words. 140 Thy word is very pure; therefore thy servant loveth it. 141 I am small and despised; yet do not I forget thy precepts. 142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth. 143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me; yet thy commandments are my delights. 144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting; give me understanding, and I shall live. 145 I cried with my whole heart; hear me, ~~O LORD~~ **Lord**; I will keep thy ~~statutes~~ **statutes**. 146 I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies. 147 I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried; I hoped in thy word. 148 Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word. 149 Hear my voice according unto thy ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness**; ~~O LORD~~ **Lord**, quicken me according to thy judgment. 150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief; they are far from thy law. 151 Thou art near, ~~O LORD~~ **Lord**; and all thy commandments are truth. 152 Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 153 Consider mine affliction, and deliver me; for I do not forget thy law. 154 Plead my cause, and deliver me; quicken me according to thy word. 155 Salvation is far from the wicked; for they seek not thy statutes. 156 Great are thy

servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

120

1 In my distress I cried unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and he heard me. 2 Deliver my soul, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue. 3 What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue? 4 Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper. 5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, that I dwell in the tents of Kedar! 6 My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace. 7 I am for peace; but when I speak, they are for war.

121

1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. 2 My help cometh from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which made heaven and earth. **4 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that keepeth thee will not slumber.** 5 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is thy keeper; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is thy shade upon thy right hand. 6 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. 7 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall preserve thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy soul. 8 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even ~~for—evermore~~ **forevermore**.

122

1 I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 2 Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. 3 Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together; 4 Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 5 For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David. 6

tender mercies, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; quicken me according to thy judgments. 157 Many are my persecutors and mine enemies; yet do I not decline from thy testimonies. 158 I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word. 159 Consider how I love thy precepts; quicken me, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, according to thy ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness**. 160 Thy word is true from the beginning; and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause; but my heart standeth in awe of thy word. 162 I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil. 163 I hate and abhor lying; but thy law do I love. 164 Seven times a day do I praise thee, because of thy righteous judgments. 165 Great peace have they which love thy law; and nothing shall offend them. 166 ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments. 167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly. 168 I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies; for all my ways are before thee. 169 Let my cry come near before thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; give me understanding according to thy word. 170 Let my supplication come before thee; deliver me according to thy word. 171 My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes. 172 My tongue shall speak of thy word; for all thy commandments are righteousness. 173 Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts. 174 I have longed for thy salvation, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and thy law is my delight. 175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me. 176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy

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Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee. 7 Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. 8 For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee. 9 Because of the house of the **LORD Lord** our God I will seek thy good.

123

1 Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. 2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the **LORD Lord** our God, until that he have mercy upon us. 3 Have mercy upon us, O **LORD Lord**, have mercy upon us; for we are exceedingly filled with contempt. 4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud.

124

1 **Now may Israel say**, If it had not been the **LORD who Lord** was not on our side, ~~now may Israel say~~; 2 If it had not been the **LORD who was on our side**, when men rose up against us; 3 ~~Then~~, **then** they had swallowed us up quick; when their wrath was kindled against us. 4 2 Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul; 5 3 Then the proud waters had gone over our soul. 6 4 Blessed be the **LORD Lord**, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth. 7 5 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we are escaped. 8 6 Our help is in the name of the **LORD Lord**, who made heaven and earth.

125

1 They that trust in the **LORD shall be as Lord in** mount Zion, which

cannot be removed, but ~~abideth for ever~~ **abide forever**. 2 As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the **LORD Lord** is round about his people from henceforth even ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 3 For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity. 4 Do good, O **LORD Lord**, unto ~~those that be~~ **the good**, and ~~to them that are~~ **unto the upright** in their hearts. 5 As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the **LORD Lord** shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity; but peace shall be upon Israel.

126

1 When the **LORD Lord** turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our ~~tongue~~ **tongues** with singing; then said they among the heathen, The **LORD Lord** hath done great things for them. 3 The **LORD Lord** hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. 4 Turn again our captivity, O **LORD Lord**, as the streams in the south. 5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. 6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

127

1 Except the **LORD Lord** build the house, they ~~labour~~ **labor** in vain that build it; except the **LORD Lord** keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. 2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows; for so he giveth his beloved sleep. 3 Lo, children are ~~an~~ **a** heritage of the **LORD Lord**; and the fruit of the womb is his reward. 4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. 5

Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them;; they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

128

1 Blessed is ~~every one~~ **everyone** that feareth the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; that walketh in his ways. 2 For thou shalt eat the ~~labour~~ **labor** of thine hands;; happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. 3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house;; thy children like olive plants round about thy table. 4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 5 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall bless thee out of Zion;; and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. 6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

129

1 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Israel now say;; 2 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth;; yet they have not prevailed against me. 3 The ~~plowers~~ **plowed ploughers ploughed** upon my back;; they made long their furrows. 4 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is righteous;; he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked. 5 Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion. 6 Let them be as the grass upon the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up;. 7 Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom. 8 Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** be upon you;; we bless you in the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

130

1 Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 2 Lord, hear my voice;; let thine ears be attentive to

the voice of my supplications. 3 If thou, ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? 4 But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared. 5 I wait for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. 6 My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning;; I say, more than they that watch for the morning. 7 Let Israel hope in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for with the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. 8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

131

1 Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty;; neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me. 2 Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother;; my soul is even as a weaned child. 3 Let Israel hope in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** from henceforth and ~~for ever~~ **forever**.

132

1 Lord, remember David, and all his afflictions;; 2 How he sware unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob; 3 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed; 4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids, 5 Until I find out a place for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, ~~an~~ **a** habitation for the mighty God of Jacob. 6 Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah;; we found it in the fields of the wood. 7 We will go into his tabernacles;, we will worship at his footstool. 8 Arise, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength. 9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy. 10 For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face

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of thine anointed. 11 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne. 12 If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore. 13 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. 14 This is my rest ~~for ever~~; **forever**; here will I dwell; for I have desired it. 15 I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread. 16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation; and her saints shall shout aloud for joy. 17 There will I make the horn of David to bud; I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed. 18 His enemies will I clothe with shame; but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

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1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! 2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments; 3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion; for there the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

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1 Behold, bless ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, all ye servants of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which by night stand in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 3 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

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1 Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. Praise ye the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; praise him, O ye servants of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 2 Ye that stand in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, in the courts of the house of our God; 3 Praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is good; sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant. 4 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure. 5 For I know that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. 6 Whatsoever the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places. 7 He causeth the ~~vapours~~ **vapors** to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasures. 8 Who smote the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** of Egypt, both of man and beast. 9 Who sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants. 10 Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings; 11 Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan; 12 And gave their land for ~~an~~ **a** heritage, ~~an~~ **a** heritage unto Israel his people. 13 Thy name, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**; and thy memorial, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, throughout all generations. 14 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will judge his people, and he will **not** repent himself concerning his servants. 15 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. 16 They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not; 17 They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there any breath in their mouths. 18 They that make them are like unto them; so is ~~every one~~ **everyone** that trusteth in them. 19 Bless the ~~LORD~~

Lord, O house of Israel;; bless the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, O house of Aaron;; 20 Bless the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, O house of Levi;; ye that fear the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, bless the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 21 Blessed be the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** out of Zion, ~~which dwelleth at~~; **Blessed be the Lord out of Jerusalem**. Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1 ~~Oh give~~ **Oh Give** thanks unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for he is good;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 2 **Oh** give thanks unto the God of gods;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 3 ~~Oh~~ **Oh** give thanks to the Lord of lords;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 4 To him who alone doeth great wonders;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 5 To him that by wisdom made the heavens;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 6 To him that stretched out the earth above the waters;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 7 To him that made great lights;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**; 8 The sun to rule by day;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**; 9 The moon and stars to rule by night;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 10 To him that smote Egypt in their ~~firstborn~~ **first-born**; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**; 11 And brought out Israel from among them;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**; 12 With a strong hand, and with a stretched - out arm;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 13 To him which divided the Red sea into parts;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**; 14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**; 15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 16 To him which led his people through the

wilderness;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 17 To him which smote great kings;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**; 18 And slew famous kings;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**; 19 Sihon king of the Amorites;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**; 20 And Og the king of Bashan;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**; 21 And gave their land for ~~an~~ **a** heritage;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**; 22 Even ~~an~~ **a** heritage unto Israel his servant;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 23 Who remembered us in our low estate;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**; 24 And hath redeemed us from our enemies;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 25 Who giveth food to all flesh;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 26 ~~Oh~~ **Oh** give thanks unto the God of heaven;; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**.

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1 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. 2 We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. 3 For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion. 4 How shall we sing the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** song in a strange land? 5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget ~~her~~ **its** cunning. 6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy. 7 Remember, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Rase it, ~~rase~~ it, even to the foundation thereof. 8 O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

9 Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.

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1 I will praise thee with my whole heart; before the gods will I sing praise unto thee. 2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness** and for thy truth; for ~~thou~~ **that** hast magnified thy word above all thy name. 3 In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul. 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, when they hear the words of thy mouth. 5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for great is the glory of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 6 Though the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly; but the proud he knoweth afar off. 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me; thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me. 8 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will perfect ~~that which~~ **concerneth me: thy mercy, me in knowledge, concerning his kingdom. I will praise thee O LORD Lord, endureth forever; for ever: thou art merciful, and wilt not forsake not the works of thine own hands.**

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1 O ~~lord~~ **Lord**, thou hast searched me, and known me. 2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. 3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. 4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, thou knowest it altogether. 5 Thou hast beset me behind and

before, and laid thine hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. 7 Whither shall I go from thy ~~spirit~~ **Spirit**? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. 11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. 12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to thee. 13 For thou hast possessed my reins; thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: ~~marvellous~~ **marvellous** are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. 15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet ~~there was~~ **I knew** none of them. 17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand; when I awake, I am still with thee. 19 Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God; depart from me therefore, ye bloody men. 20 For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain. 21 Do not I hate them, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? 22 I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them mine enemies. 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my

thoughts; 24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

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1 Deliver me, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, from the evil man; preserve me from the violent man; 2 Which imagine mischiefs in their heart; continually are they gathered together for war. 3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison is under their lips. Selah. 4 Keep me, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings. 5 The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins for me. Selah. 6 I said unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Thou art my God; hear the voice of my supplications, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 7 O ~~GOD~~ **God** the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle. 8 Grant not, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the desires of the wicked; further not his wicked device; lest they exalt themselves. Selah. 9 As for the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them. 10 Let burning coals fall upon them; let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again. 11 Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth; evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him. 12 I know that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor. 13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name; the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

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1 Lord, I cry unto thee; make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee. 2 Let my prayer

be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. 3 Set a watch, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips. 4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to ~~practise~~ **practice** wicked works with men that work iniquity; and let me not eat of their dainties. 5 ~~Let~~ **When** the righteous smite me; **with the word of the Lord** it ~~shall be~~ **is** a kindness; and ~~let him~~ **when they** reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, ~~which~~ **and** shall not ~~break~~ **destroy** my head; **faith**; for yet my prayer also shall be **for them. I delight not** in their calamities. 6 When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet. 7 Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth wood upon the earth. 8 But mine eyes are unto thee, O ~~GOD~~ **God** the Lord; in thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute. 9 Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity. 10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal escape.

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1 I cried unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with my voice; with my voice unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** did I make my supplication. 2 I poured out my complaint before him; I ~~shewed~~ **showed** before him my trouble. 3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me. 4 I looked on my right hand, and ~~beheld~~ **behold**, but there was no man that would know me; refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul. 5 I cried unto thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living. 6

Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low; deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I. 7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name; the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

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1 Hear my prayer, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, give ear to my supplications; in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness. 2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. 3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have **long** been ~~long~~ dead. 4 Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate. 5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands. 6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee; my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah. 7 Hear me speedily, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; my spirit faileth; hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. 8 Cause me to hear thy ~~lovingkindness~~ **loving-kindness** in the morning; for in thee do I trust; cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee. 9 Deliver me, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, from mine enemies; I flee unto thee to hide me. 10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God; thy ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** is good; lead me into the land of uprightness. 11 Quicken me, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, for thy name's sake; for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. 12 And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul; for I am thy servant.

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1 Blessed be the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight; 2 My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me. 3 ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man, that thou makest account of him! 4 Man is like to vanity; his days are as a shadow that passeth away. 5 Bow thy heavens, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and come down; touch the mountains, and they shall smoke. 6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them; shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them. 7 Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children; 8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood. 9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God; upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee. 10 It is he that giveth salvation unto kings; who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword. 11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood; 12 That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as ~~corner~~ **cornerstones**, polished after the similitude of a palace; 13 That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store; that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets; 14 That our oxen may be strong to ~~labour~~ **labor**; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets. 15 Happy is that people, that is in such a case; yea, happy is that people, whose God is the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1 I will extol thee, my God, O ~~king~~ **King**; and I will bless thy name ~~for ever~~ **forever** and ever. 2 Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name ~~for ever~~ **forever** and ever. 3 Great is the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. 4 One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. 5 I will speak of the glorious ~~honour~~ **honor** of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works. 6 And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts; and I will declare thy greatness. 7 They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness. 8 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. 9 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is good to all; and his tender mercies are over all his works. 10 All thy works shall praise thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and thy saints shall bless thee. 11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; 12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. 13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. 14 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down. 15 The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. 16 Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. 17 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. 18 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. 19 He will ~~fulfil~~ **fulfill** the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will save them. 20 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** preserveth all them that love him; but all the

wicked will he destroy. 21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and let all flesh bless his holy name ~~for ever~~ **forever** and ever.

146

1 Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. Praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, O my soul. 2 While I live will I praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. 3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. 4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish. 5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** his God. 6 Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is; which keepeth truth ~~for ever~~ **forever**; 7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed; which giveth food to the hungry. The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** looseth the prisoners; 8 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** openeth the eyes of the blind; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** raiseth them that are bowed down; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** loveth the righteous; 9 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow; but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down. 10 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall reign ~~for ever~~ **forever**, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

147

1 Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely. 2 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** doth build up Jerusalem; he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel. 3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds. 4 He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names. 5 Great is our Lord, and of great power; his understanding is

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infinite. 6 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** lifteth up the meek; he casteth the wicked down to the ground. 7 Sing unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God; 8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains. 9 He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry. 10 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse; he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man. 11 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy. 12 Praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. 13 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee. 14 He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat. 15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth; his word runneth very swiftly. 16 He giveth snow like wool; he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes. 17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels; who can stand before his cold? 18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them; he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow. 19 He ~~sheweth~~ **showeth** his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. 20 He hath not dealt so with any nation; and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1 Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** from the heavens; praise him in the heights. 2 Praise ye him, all his angels; praise ye him, all his hosts. 3 Praise ye him, sun and moon; praise him, all ye stars of light. 4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens. 5 Let them

praise the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, for he commanded, and they were created. 6 He hath also stablished them ~~for ever~~ **forever** and ever; he hath made a decree which shall not pass. 7 Praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps. 8 Fire, and hail; snow, and ~~vapours~~ **vapor**; stormy wind fulfilling his word; 9 Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars; 10 Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl; 11 Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth; 12 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children; 13 Let them praise the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven. 14 He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

149

1 Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. Sing unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints. 2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. 3 Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp. 4 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** taketh pleasure in his people; he will beautify the meek with salvation. 5 Let the saints be joyful in glory; let them sing aloud upon their beds. 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand; 7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; 8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; 9 To execute upon them the judgment written; this ~~honour~~ **honor** have all his saints. Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1 Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in the firmament of his power. 2 Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness. 3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet; praise him with the psaltery

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and harp. 4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance; praise him with stringed instruments and organs. 5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals; praise him upon the high - sounding cymbals. 6 Let ~~every—thing~~ **everything** that hath breath praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. Praise ye the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

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1

1 The ~~proverbs~~ **Proverbs** of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; 2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; 4 To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. 5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels; 6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings. 7 The fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction. 8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother; 9 For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck. 10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. 11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause; 12 Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit; 13 We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil; 14 Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse; 15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path; 16 For their feet run to evil,

and make haste to shed blood. 17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird. 18 And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privily for their own lives. 19 So are the ways of ~~every one~~ **everyone** that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof. 20 Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets; 21 She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates; in the city she uttereth her words, saying, 22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? 23 Turn you at my reproof; behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. 24 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; 25 But ye have set at ~~nought~~ **naught** all my counsel, and would none of my reproof; 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; 27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. 28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not ~~find~~ **find** me; 29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; 30 They would none of my counsel; they

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despised all my reproof. 31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. 32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. 33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

2

1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; 2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; 3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; 4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; 5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** giveth wisdom; out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. 7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous; he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. 8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. 9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. 10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; 11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee; 12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things; 13 Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; 14 Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked; 15 Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths; 16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words; 17 Which forsaketh the guide of her

youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. 18 For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead. 19 None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life. 20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous. 21 For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. 22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

3

1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments; 2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. 3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee; bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart; 4 So shalt thou find ~~favour~~ **favor** and good understanding in the sight of God and man. 5 Trust in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and depart from evil. 8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. 9 ~~Honour~~ **Honor** the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase; 10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. 11 My son, despise not the chastening of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; neither be weary of his correction; 12 For whom the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. 13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding; 14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain

thereof than fine gold. 15 She is more precious than rubies; and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. 16 Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and ~~honour~~ **honor**. 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. 18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her; and happy is ~~every one~~ **everyone** that retaineth her. 19 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. 20 By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew. 21 My son, let not them depart from thine eyes; keep sound wisdom and discretion; 22 So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck. 23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble. 24 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid; yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet. 25 Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. 26 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken. 27 Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. 28 Say not unto thy ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**, Go, and come again, and ~~to-morrow~~ **tomorrow** I will give; when thou hast it by thee. 29 Devise not evil against thy ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee. 30 Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm. 31 Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways. 32 For the froward is abomination to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; but his secret is with the righteous. 33 The curse of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is in the house of the wicked; but he blesseth the habitation of the just. 34 Surely he scorneth the scorners; but he

giveth grace unto the lowly. 35 The wise shall inherit glory; but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

4

1 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. 2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law. 3 For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. 4 He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words; keep my commandments, and live. 5 Get wisdom, get understanding; forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. 6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee; love her, and she shall keep thee. 7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting get understanding. 8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee; she shall bring thee to ~~honour~~ **honor**, when thou dost embrace her. 9 She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace; a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee. 10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many. 11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths. 12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. 13 Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go; keep her; for she is thy life. 14 Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. 15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away. 16 For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall. 17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence. 18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

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19 The way of the wicked is as darkness; they know not at what they stumble. 20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. 22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. 23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. 24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. 25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. 26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. 27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left; remove thy foot from evil.

5

1 My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding; 2 That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge. 3 For the lips of a strange woman drop as ~~an~~ **a** honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil; 4 But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. 5 Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell. 6 Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are ~~moveable~~ **movable**, that thou canst not know them. 7 Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth. 8 Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house; 9 Lest thou give thine ~~honour~~ **honor** unto others, and thy years unto the cruel; 10 Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy ~~labours~~ **labors** be in the house of a stranger; 11 And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed, 12 And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof; 13 And have

not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me! 14 I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly. 15 Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well. 16 Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets. 17 Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee. 18 Let thy fountain be blessed; and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. 19 Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love. 20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger? 21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and he pondereth all his goings. 22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins. 23 He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

6

1 My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, if thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger, 2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth. 3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend. 4 Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids. 5 Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler. 6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise; 7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, 8 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. 9 How long

wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? 10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep; 11 So shall thy poverty come as one that ~~travelleth~~ **traveleth**, and thy want as an armed man. 12 A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth. 13 He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers; 14 Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord. 15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy. 16 These six things doth the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hate; yea, seven are an abomination unto him; 17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18 ~~An~~ **A** heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, 19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren. 20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother; 21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. 22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. 23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life; 24 To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange ~~woman~~ **women**. 25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids. 26 For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread; and the ~~adulteress~~ **adulteress** will hunt for the precious life. 27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? 28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? 29 So he that goeth in to his neighbour's

neighbor's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent. 30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; 31 But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house. 32 But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding; he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. 33 A wound and ~~dishonour~~ **dishonour** shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away. 34 For jealousy is the rage of a man; therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance. 35 He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

7

1 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. 2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. 3 Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart. 4 Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman; 5 That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words. 6 For at the window of my house I looked through my casement, 7 And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding, 8 Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house;. 9 In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night; 10 And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of ~~an~~ **a** harlot, and ~~subtil~~ **subtile** of heart. 11 (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house; 12 Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.) 13 So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him, 14 I have peace

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offerings with me; this day have I ~~payed~~ **paid** my vows. 15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee. 16 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt. 17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. 18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning; let us solace ourselves with loves. 19 For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey; 20 He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed. 21 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. 22 He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; 23 Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life. 24 Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. 25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. 26 For she hath cast down many wounded; yea, many strong men have been slain by her. 27 Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

8

1 Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice? 2 She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths. 3 She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors. 4 Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man. 5 O ye simple, understand wisdom; and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart. 6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things. 7 For my

mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips. 8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them. 9 They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. 10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. 11 For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. 12 I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions. 13 The fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is to hate evil; pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. 14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding; I have strength. 15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. 16 By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth. 17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. 18 Riches and ~~honour~~ **honor** are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. 19 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. 20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment. 21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures. 22 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. 23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. 24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. 25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth; 26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. 27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there; when he set a compass upon the face

of the depth; 28 When he established the clouds above; when he strengthened the fountains of the deep; 29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment; when he appointed the foundations of the earth; 30 Then I was by him, as one brought up with him; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; 31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men. 32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children; for blessed are they that keep my ways. 33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. 34 Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. 35 For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain ~~favour~~ **favor** of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul; all they that hate me love death.

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1 Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars; 2 She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table. 3 She hath sent forth her maidens; she crieth upon the highest places of the city. 4 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither; as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, 5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled. 6 Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding. 7 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame; and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot. 8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee; rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee. 9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in

learning. 10 The fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the ~~holy~~ **Holy** is understanding. 11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased. 12 If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself; but if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it. 13 A foolish woman is clamorous; she is simple, and knoweth nothing. 14 For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city, 15 To call passengers who go right on their ways; 16 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither; and as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, 17 Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant. 18 But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.

10

1 The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father; but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother. 2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing; but righteousness delivereth from death. 3 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish; but he casteth away the substance of the wicked. 4 He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand; but the hand of the diligent maketh rich. 5 He that gathereth in summer is a wise son; but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame. 6 Blessings are upon the head of the just; but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked. 7 The memory of the just is blessed; but the name of the wicked shall rot. 8 The wise in heart will receive commandments; but a prating fool shall fall. 9 He that walketh uprightly walketh surely; but he that perverteth his ways shall be known. 10 He that winketh with

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the eye causeth sorrow;; but a prating fool shall fall. 11 The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life;; but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked. 12 Hatred stirreth up strifes;; but love covereth all sins. 13 In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found;; but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding. 14 Wise men lay up knowledge;; but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction. 15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city;; the destruction of the poor is their poverty. 16 The ~~labour~~ **labor** of the righteous tendeth to life;; the fruit of the wicked to sin. 17 He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction;; but he that refuseth reproof erreth. 18 He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool. 19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin;; but he that refraineth his lips is wise. 20 The tongue of the just is as choice silver;; the heart of the wicked is little worth. 21 The lips of the righteous feed many;; but fools die for want of wisdom. 22 The blessing of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. 23 It is as sport to a fool to do mischief;; but a man of understanding hath wisdom. 24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him;; but the desire of the righteous shall be granted. 25 As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more;; but the righteous is an everlasting foundation. 26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that send him. 27 The fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** prolongeth days;; but the years of the wicked shall be shortened. 28 The hope of the righteous shall be gladness;; but the expectation of the wicked shall perish. 29 The way of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is strength to the upright;; but destruction shall be to the workers of

iniquity. 30 The righteous shall never be removed;; but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth. 31 The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom;; but the froward tongue shall be cut out. 32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable;; but the mouth of the wicked speaketh frowardness.

11

1 A false balance is **an** abomination to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; but a just weight is his delight. 2 When pride cometh, then cometh shame;; but with the lowly is wisdom. 3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them;; but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them. 4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath;; but righteousness delivereth from death. 5 The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way;; but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness. 6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them;; but transgressors shall be taken in their own naughtiness. 7 When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish;; and the hope of unjust men perisheth. 8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead. 9 ~~An~~ **A** hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**; but through knowledge shall the just be delivered. 10 When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth;; and when the wicked perish, there is shouting. 11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted;; but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked. 12 He that is void of wisdom despiseth his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**; but a man of understanding holdeth his peace. 13 A talebearer revealeth secrets;; but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter. 14 Where no counsel is, the people fall;; but in the multitude of ~~counsellors~~ **counselors** there is safety. 15 He that

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is surety for a stranger shall smart for it; and he that hateth ~~suretyship~~ **suretyship** is sure. 16 A gracious woman retaineth ~~honour~~ **honor**; and strong men retain riches. 17 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul; but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh. 18 The wicked worketh a deceitful work; but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward. 19 As righteousness tendeth to life; so he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death. 20 They that are of a froward heart are **an** abomination to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; but such as are upright in their way are his delight. 21 Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished; but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered. 22 As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion. 23 The desire of the righteous is only good; but the expectation of the wicked is wrath. 24 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. 25 The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. 26 He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him; but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it. 27 He that diligently seeketh good procureth ~~favour~~ **favor**; but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him. 28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall; but the righteous shall flourish as a branch. 29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind; and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart. 30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise. 31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth; much more the wicked and the sinner.

1 Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge; but he that hateth reproof is brutish. 2 A good man obtaineth ~~favour~~ **favor** of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; but a man of wicked devices will he condemn. 3 A man shall not be established by wickedness; but the root of the righteous shall not be moved. 4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband; but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones. 5 The thoughts of the righteous are right; but the counsels of the wicked are deceit. 6 The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood; but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them. 7 The wicked are overthrown, and are not; but the house of the righteous shall stand. 8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom; but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised. 9 He that is despised, and hath a servant, is better than he that ~~honoureth~~ **honoreth** himself, and lacketh bread. 10 A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast; but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel. 11 He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread; but he that followeth vain persons is void of understanding. 12 The wicked desireth the net of evil men; but the root of the righteous yieldeth fruit. 13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips; but the just shall come out of trouble. 14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth; and the ~~recompence~~ **recompense** of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him. 15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise. 16 A fool's wrath is presently known; but a prudent man covereth shame. 17 He that speaketh truth ~~sheweth~~ **showeth** forth righteousness; but a false witness

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deceit. 18 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword;; but the tongue of the wise is health. 19 The lip of truth shall be established ~~for ever~~: **forever**; but a lying tongue is but for a moment. 20 Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil;; but to the ~~counsellors~~ **counselors** of peace is joy. 21 There shall no evil happen to the just;; but the wicked shall be filled with mischief. 22 Lying lips are abomination to the ~~LORD~~: **Lord**; but they that deal truly are his delight. 23 A prudent man concealeth knowledge;; but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness. 24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule;; but the slothful shall be under tribute. 25 Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop;; but a good word maketh it glad. 26 The righteous is more excellent than his ~~neighbour~~: **neighbor**; but the way of the wicked seduceth them. 27 The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting;; but the substance of a diligent man is precious. 28 In the way of righteousness is life;; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.

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1 A wise son heareth his father's instruction;; but a scorner heareth not rebuke. 2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth;; but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence. 3 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life;; but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction. 4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing;; but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat. 5 A righteous man hateth lying;; but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame. 6 Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way;; but wickedness overthroweth the sinner. 7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath

nothing;; there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches. 8 The ransom of a man's life are his riches;; but the poor heareth not rebuke. 9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth;; but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out. 10 Only by pride cometh contention;; but with the well - advised is wisdom. 11 Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished;; but he that gathereth by ~~labour~~ **labor** shall increase. 12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick;; but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life. 13 Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed;; but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded. 14 The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. 15 Good understanding giveth ~~favour~~: **favor**; but the way of transgressors is hard. 16 Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge;; but a fool layeth open his folly. 17 A wicked messenger falleth into mischief;; but a faithful ambassador is health. 18 Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction;; but he that regardeth reproof shall be ~~honoured~~ **honored**. 19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul;; but it is **a** abomination to fools to depart from evil. 20 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise;; but a companion of fools shall be destroyed. 21 Evil pursueth sinners;; but to the righteous good shall be ~~repayed~~ **repaid**. 22 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children;; and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just. 23 Much food is in the tillage of the poor;; but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment. 24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son;; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes. 25 The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul;; but the belly of the wicked shall want.

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1 Every wise woman buildeth her house; but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands. 2 He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; but he that is perverse in his ways despiseth him. 3 In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride; but the lips of the wise shall preserve them. 4 Where no oxen are, the crib is clean; but much increase is by the strength of the ox. 5 A faithful witness will not lie; but a false witness will utter lies. 6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not; but knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth. 7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge. 8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way; but the folly of fools is deceit. 9 Fools make a mock at sin; but among the righteous there is ~~favour~~ **favor**. 10 The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy. 11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown; but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish. 12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death. 13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth is heaviness. 14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways; and a good man shall be satisfied from himself. 15 The simple believeth every word; but the prudent man looketh well to his going. 16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil; but the fool rageth, and is confident. 17 He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly; and a man of wicked devices is hated. 18 The simple inherit folly; but the prudent are crowned with knowledge. 19 The evil bow before the good; and the wicked at the gates

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of the righteous. 20 The poor is hated even of his own ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**; but the rich hath many friends. 21 He that despiseth his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor** sinneth; but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he. 22 Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and truth shall be to them that devise good. 23 In all ~~labour~~ **labor** there is profit; but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury. 24 The crown of the wise is their riches; but the foolishness of fools is folly. 25 A true witness delivereth souls; but a deceitful witness speaketh lies. 26 In the fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is strong confidence; and his children shall have a place of refuge. 27 The fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. 28 In the multitude of people is the king's ~~honour~~ **honor**; but in the want of people is the destruction of the prince. 29 He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding; but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly. 30 A sound heart is the life of the flesh; but envy the rottenness of the bones. 31 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker; but he that ~~honoureth~~ **honor** him hath mercy on the poor. 32 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness; but the righteous hath hope in his death. 33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding; but that which is in the midst of fools is made known. 34 Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people. 35 The king's ~~favour~~ **favor** is toward a wise servant; but his wrath is against him that causeth shame.

15

1 A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger. 2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright; but the mouth of

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fools poureth out foolishness. 3 The eyes of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. 4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life; but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit. 5 A fool despiseth his father's instruction; but he that regardeth reproof is prudent. 6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure; but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble. 7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge; but the heart of the foolish doeth not so. 8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the ~~LORD~~; **Lord**; but the prayer of the upright is his delight. 9 The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the ~~LORD~~; **Lord**; but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness. 10 Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way; and he that hateth reproof shall die. 11 Hell and destruction are before the ~~LORD~~; **Lord**; how much more then the hearts of the children of men? 12 A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him; neither will he go unto the wise. 13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance; but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken. 14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge; but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness. 15 All the days of the afflicted are evil; but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast. 16 Better is little with the fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, than great treasure and trouble therewith. 17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith. 18 A wrathful man stirreth up strife; but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife. 19 The way of the slothful man is as ~~an~~ a hedge of thorns; but the way of the righteous is made plain. 20 A wise son maketh a glad father; but a foolish man despiseth his mother. 21 Folly is joy to him that is

destitute of wisdom; but a man of understanding walketh uprightly. 22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed; but in the multitude of ~~counsellors~~ **counselors** they are established. 23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth; and a word spoken in due season, how good is it! 24 The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath. 25 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will destroy the house of the proud; but he will establish the border of the widow. 26 The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the ~~LORD~~; **Lord**; but the words of the pure are pleasant words. 27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live. 28 The heart of the righteous studieth to answer; but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things. 29 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is far from the wicked; but he heareth the prayer of the righteous. 30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart; and a good report maketh the bones fat. 31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise. 32 He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul; but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding. 33 The fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is the instruction of wisdom; and before ~~honor~~ **honor** is humility.

16

1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** weigheth the spirits. 3 Commit thy works unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and thy thoughts shall be established. 4 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath made all things for himself; yea, even the wicked for the day of evil. 5 ~~Every one~~ **Everyone** that is proud in heart is an abomination to

the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished. 6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged; and by the fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** men depart from evil. 7 When a man's ways please the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. 8 Better is a little with righteousness, than great revenues without right. 9 A man's heart deviseth his way; but the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** directeth his steps. 10 A divine sentence is in the lips of the king; his mouth transgresseth not in judgment. 11 A just weight and balance are the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's**; all the weights of the bag are his work. 12 It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness; for the throne is established by righteousness. 13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right. 14 The wrath of a king is as messengers of death; but a wise man will pacify it. 15 In the light of the king's countenance is life; and his ~~favou~~ **favor** is as a cloud of the latter rain. 16 How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver! 17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil; he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul. 18 Pride goeth before destruction, and ~~an~~ **a** haughty spirit before a fall. 19 Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud. 20 He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good; and whoso trusteth in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, happy is he. 21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent; and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning. 22 Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it; but the instruction of fools is folly. 23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips. 24 Pleasant words are as ~~an~~ **a**

honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones. 25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death. 26 He that ~~laboureth~~ **laboureth** ~~laboureth~~ **laboureth** for himself; for his mouth craveth it of him. 27 An ungodly man diggeth up evil; and in his lips there is as a burning fire. 28 A froward man soweth strife; and a whisperer separateth chief friends. 29 A violent man enticeth his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**, and leadeth him into ~~the~~ **a** way that is not good. 30 He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things; moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass. 31 The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness. 32 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city. 33 The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

17

1 Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than ~~an~~ **a** house full of sacrifices with strife. 2 A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren. 3 The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold; but the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** trieth the hearts. 4 A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue. 5 Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker; and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished. 6 Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers. 7 Excellent speech cometh not a fool; much less do lying lips a prince. 8 A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it; whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth. 9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he

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that repeateth a matter separateth very friends. 10 A reproof entereth more into a wise man than ~~an~~ a hundred stripes into a fool. 11 An evil man seeketh only rebellion; therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him. 12 Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly. 13 Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house. 14 The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water; therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with. 15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 16 Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing he hath no heart to it? 17 A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. 18 A man void of understanding striketh hands, and becometh surety in the presence of his friend. 19 He loveth transgression that loveth strife; and he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction. 20 He that hath a froward heart findeth no good; and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief. 21 He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow; and the father of a fool hath no joy. 22 A merry heart doeth good like a medicine; but a broken spirit drieth the bones. 23 A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment. 24 Wisdom is before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth. 25 A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him. 26 Also to punish the just is not good, nor to strike princes for equity. 27 He that hath knowledge spareth his words; and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. 28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise;

and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.

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1 Through desire, a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom. 2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself. 3 When the wicked cometh, then cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach. 4 The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters, and the wellspring of wisdom as a flowing brook. 5 It is not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment. 6 A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes. 7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul. 8 The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly. 9 He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster. 10 The name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe. 11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as ~~an~~ a high wall in his own conceit. 12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty; and before ~~honour~~ **honor** is humility. 13 He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him. 14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear? 15 The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge. 16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men. 17 He that is first in his own cause seemeth just; but his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor** cometh and searcheth him. 18 The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty. 19 A brother offended is harder to be won than a

strong city; and their contentions are like the bars of a castle. 20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue; and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. 22 Whoso findeth a **good** wife ~~findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour~~ **hath obtained favor** of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 23 The poor useth ~~intreaties~~ **entreaties**; but the rich answereth roughly. 24 A man that hath friends must ~~shew~~ **show** himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

19

1 Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool. 2 Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth. 3 The foolishness of man perverteth his way; and his heart fretteth against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 4 Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**. 5 A false witness shall not be unpunished; and he that speaketh lies shall not escape. 6 Many will ~~intreat~~ **entreat** the ~~favour~~ **favor** of the prince; and every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts. 7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him; how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth them with words, yet they are wanting to him. 8 He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul; he that keepeth understanding shall find good. 9 A false witness shall not be unpunished; and he that speaketh lies shall perish. 10 Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes. 11 The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over

a transgression. 12 The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion; but his ~~favour~~ **favor** is as dew upon the grass. 13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father; and the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping. 14 House and riches are the inheritance of fathers; and a prudent wife is from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger. 16 He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; but he that despiseth his ways shall die. 17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and that which he hath given will he pay him again. 18 Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying. 19 A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment; for if thou deliver him, yet thou must do it again. 20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end. 21 There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that shall stand. 22 The desire of a man is his kindness; and a poor man is better than a liar. 23 The fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** tendeth to life; and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil. 24 A slothful man hideth his hand in his bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again. 25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware; and reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge. 26 He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach. 27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge. 28 An ungodly witness scorneth judgment; and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity. 29 Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools.

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1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. 2 The fear of a king is as the roaring of a lion; whoso provoketh him to anger sinneth against his own soul. 3 It is an ~~honour~~ **honor** for a man to cease from strife; but every fool will be meddling. 4 The sluggard will not ~~plow~~ **plough** by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing. 5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out. 6 Most men will proclaim ~~every one~~ **everyone** his own goodness; but a faithful man who can find? 7 The just man walketh in his integrity; his children are blessed after him. 8 A king that sitteth in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes. 9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin? 10 Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 11 Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right. 12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath made even both of them. 13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread. 14 It is naught, it is naught, saith the buyer; but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth. 15 There is gold, and a multitude of rubies; but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel. 16 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger; and take a pledge of him for a strange ~~woman~~ **women**. 17 Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be ~~filled~~ **filed** with gravel. 18 Every purpose is established by counsel; and with good advice make war. 19 He that goeth about as a

talebearer revealeth secrets; therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips. 20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness. 21 An inheritance may be gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed. 22 Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and he shall save thee. 23 Divers weights are an abomination unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and a false balance is not good. 24 ~~Man's~~ **Men's** goings are of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; how can a man then understand his own way? 25 It is a snare to the man who devoureth that which is holy, and after vows to make ~~enquiry~~ **inquiry**. 26 A wise king scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them. 27 The spirit of man is the candle of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, searching all the inward parts of the belly. 28 Mercy and truth preserve the king; and his throne is upholden by mercy. 29 The glory of young men is their strength; and the beauty of old men is the ~~grey~~ **gray** head. 30 The blueness of a wound cleanseth away evil; so do stripes the inward parts of the belly.

21

1 The king's heart is in the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, as the rivers of water; he turneth it whithersoever he will. 2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes; but the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** pondereth the hearts. 3 To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** than sacrifice. 4 ~~An~~ **A** high look, and a proud heart, and the ~~plowing~~ **ploughing** of the wicked, is sin. 5 The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of ~~every one~~ **everyone** that is hasty only to want. 6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek

death. 7 The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them; because they refuse to do judgment. 8 The way of man is froward and strange; but as for the pure, his work is right. 9 It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house. 10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil; his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor** findeth no ~~favour~~ **favor** in his eyes. 11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise; and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge. 12 The righteous man wisely considereth the house of the wicked; but God overthroweth the wicked for their wickedness. 13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard. 14 A gift in secret pacifieth anger; and a reward in the bosom, strong wrath. 15 It is joy to the just to do judgment; but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity. 16 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead. 17 He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man; he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich. 18 The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright. 19 It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman. 20 There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up. 21 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and ~~honour~~ **honor**. 22 A wise man scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof. 23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth his soul from troubles. 24 Proud and haughty scorner is his name, who dealeth in proud wrath. 25 The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands

refuse to ~~labour~~ **labor**. 26 He coveteth greedily all the day long; but the righteous giveth and spareth not. 27 The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination; how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind? 28 A false witness shall perish; but the man that heareth speaketh constantly. 29 A wicked man hardeneth his face; but as for the upright, he directeth his way. 30 There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 31 The horse is prepared against the day of battle; but safety is of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

22

1 A ~~GOOD~~ **good** name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving ~~favour~~ **favor** rather than silver and gold. 2 The rich and poor meet together; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is the maker of them all. 3 A prudent man foreseeeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished. 4 By humility and the fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** are riches, and ~~honour~~ **honor**, and life. 5 Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward; he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them. 6 Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. 7 The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender. 8 He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity; and the rod of his anger shall fail. 9 He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor. 10 Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease. 11 He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend. 12 ~~The For the~~ eyes of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** preserve knowledge,—~~and~~; **but** he overthroweth the words of the

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transgressor. 13 The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets. 14 The mouth of strange women is a deep pit; he that is abhorred of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall fall therein. 15 Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him. 16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want. 17 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge. 18 For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips. 19 That thy trust may be in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee. 20 Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, 21 That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee? 22 Rob not the poor, because he is poor; neither oppress the afflicted in the gate; 23 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them. 24 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go; 25 Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul. 26 Be not thou one of them that strike hands, or of them that are sureties for debts. 27 If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee? 28 Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set. 29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

23

1 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee; 2 And put a knife to thy throat,

if thou be a man given to appetite. 3 Be not desirous of his dainties; for they are deceitful meat. 4 ~~Labour~~ **Labor** not to be rich; cease from thine own wisdom. 5 Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven. 6 Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats; 7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he; Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee. 8 The morsel which thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words. 9 Speak not in the ears of a fool; for he will despise the wisdom of thy words. 10 Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless; 11 For their ~~redeemer~~ **Redeemer** is mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee. 12 Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge. 13 Withhold not correction from the child; for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. 14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell. 15 My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine. 16 Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things. 17 Let not thine heart envy sinners; but be thou in the fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** all the day long. 18 For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off. 19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way. 20 Be not among ~~winebibbers~~ **wine bibbers**; among riotous eaters of flesh; 21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags. 22 Harken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. 23 Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and

understanding. 24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice; and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him. 25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice. 26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways. 27 For a whore is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit. 28 She also lieth in wait as for a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men. 29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? 30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. 31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his ~~colour~~ **color** in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. 32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. 33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. 34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. 35 They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not; when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

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1 Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them; 2 For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief. 3 Through wisdom is ~~an~~ **a** house builded; and ~~by~~ **buy** understanding it is established; 4 And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. 5 A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength. 6 For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war; and in multitude of ~~counselors~~ **counselors** there is safety. 7 Wisdom is too high for a fool; he openeth not

his mouth in the gate. 8 He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person. 9 The thought of foolishness is sin; and the scorner is an abomination to men. 10 If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small. 11 If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; 12 If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works? 13 My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste; 14 So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul; when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off. 15 Lay not wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous; spoil not his resting - place; 16 For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again; but the wicked shall fall into mischief. 17 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth; 18 Lest the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him. 19 Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked; 20 For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out. 21 My son, fear thou the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** and the king; and meddle not with them that are given to change. 22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both? 23 These things also belong to the wise. It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment. 24 He that saith unto the wicked, Thou ~~are~~ **art** righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him. 25 But to them that rebuke him shall be delight, and a good blessing

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shall come upon them. 26 Every man shall kiss his lips that giveth a right answer. 27 Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house. 28 Be not a witness against thy ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor** without cause; and deceive not with thy lips. 29 Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me; I will render to the man according to his work. 30 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; 31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. 32 Then I saw, and considered it well; I looked upon it, and received instruction. 33 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep; 34 So shall thy poverty come as one that ~~travelleth~~ **traveleth**; and thy want as an armed man.

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1 These are also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out. 2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing; but the ~~honour~~ **honor** of kings is to search out a matter. 3 The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings is unsearchable. 4 Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer. 5 Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness. 6 Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king; and stand not in the place of great men; 7 For better it is that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen. 8 Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when

thy ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor** hath put thee to shame. 9 Debate thy cause with thy ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor** himself; and discover not a secret to another; 10 Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away. 11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. 12 As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover upon an obedient ear. 13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him; for he refresheth the soul of his masters. 14 Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain. 15 By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone. 16 Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it. 17 Withdraw thy foot from thy ~~neighbour's~~ **neighbor's** house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee. 18 A man that beareth false witness against his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor** is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow. 19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint. 20 As he that taketh away a garment in cold weather, and as vinegar upon nitre, so is he that singeth songs to ~~an~~ **a** heavy heart. 21 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink; 22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall reward thee. 23 The north wind driveth away rain; so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue. 24 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house. 25 As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country. 26 A righteous man falling down before the wicked is as a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring. 27 It is not good

to eat much honey; so for men to search their own glory is not glory. 28 He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

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1 As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so ~~honour~~ **honor** is not seemly for a fool. 2 As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come. 3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back. 4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him. 5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit. 6 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, and drinketh damage. 7 The legs of the lame are not equal; so is a parable in the mouth of fools. 8 As he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so is he that giveth ~~honour~~ **honor** to a fool. 9 As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the ~~mouths~~ **mouth** of fools. 10 The great God that formed all things both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors. 11 As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly. 12 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him. 13 The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets. 14 As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed. 15 The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth. 16 The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason. 17 He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears. 18 As a mad man who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death, 19 So is the man that

deceiveth his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**, and saith, Am not I in sport? 20 Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out; so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth. 21 As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife. 22 The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly. 23 Burning lips and a wicked heart are like a potsherd covered with silver dross. 24 He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him; 25 When he speaketh fair, believe him not; for there are seven abominations in his heart. 26 Whose hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be ~~shewed~~ **showed** before the whole congregation. 27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein; and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him. 28 A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

27

1 Boast not thyself of ~~to-morrow~~ **tomorrow**; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. 2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips. 3 A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath is heavier than them both. 4 Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy? 5 Open rebuke is better than secret love. 6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful. 7 The full soul loatheth ~~an~~ **a** honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet. 8 As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place. 9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart; so doth the sweetness of a

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man's friend by hearty counsel. 10 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity; for better is a ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor** that is near than a brother far off. 11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me. 12 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished. 13 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge of him for a strange woman. 14 He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him. 15 A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike. 16 Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, which bewrayeth itself. 17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend. 18 Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof; so he that waiteth on his master shall be ~~honoured~~ **honored**. 19 As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man. 20 Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied. 21 As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so is a man to his praise. 22 Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him. 23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds; 24 For riches are not ~~for ever~~ **forever**; and doth the crown endure to every generation? 25 The hay appeareth, and the tender grass ~~sheweth~~ **showeth** itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered. 26 The lambs are for thy clothing, and the goats are the price of the field. 27 And thou shalt have goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of

thy household, and for the maintenance for thy maidens.

28

1 The wicked flee when no man pursueth; but the righteous are bold as a lion. 2 For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof; but by a man of understanding and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged. 3 A poor man that oppreseth the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no food. 4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked; but such as keep the law contend with them. 5 Evil men understand not judgment; but they that seek the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** understand all things. 6 Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich. 7 Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son; but he that is a companion of riotous men shameth his father. 8 He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor. 9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination. 10 Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit; but the upright shall have good things in possession. 11 The rich man is wise in his own conceit; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out. 12 When righteous men do rejoice, there is great glory; but when the wicked rise, a man is hidden. 13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. 14 Happy is the man that feareth ~~always~~ **always**; but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief. 15 As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people. 16 The prince

that wanteth understanding is also a great oppressor; but he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days. 17 A man that doeth violence to the blood of any person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him. 18 Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved; but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once. 19 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread; but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough. 20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings; but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent. 21 To have respect of persons is not good; for, for a piece of bread that man will transgress. 22 He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him. 23 He that rebuketh a man, afterwards shall find more ~~favour~~ **favor** than he that flattereth with the tongue. 24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer. 25 He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife; but he that putteth his trust in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall be made fat. 26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool; but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered. 27 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack; but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse. 28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves; but when they perish, the righteous increase.

29

1 He, that being often reproveth hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. 2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn. 3 Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father; but he that keepeth company with harlots

spendeth his substance. 4 The king by judgment establisheth the land; but he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it. 5 A man that flattereth his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor** spreadeth a net for his feet. 6 In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare; but the righteous doth sing and rejoice. 7 The righteous considereth the cause of the poor; but the wicked regardeth not to know it. 8 Scornful men bring a city into a snare; but wise men turn away wrath. 9 If a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, there is no rest. 10 The bloodthirsty hate the upright; but the just seek his soul. 11 A fool uttereth all his mind; but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards. 12 If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked. 13 The poor and the deceitful man meet together; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** lighteneth both their eyes. 14 The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 15 The rod and reproof give wisdom; but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame. 16 When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth; but the righteous shall see their fall. 17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul. 18 Where there is no vision, the people perish; but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. 19 A servant will not be corrected by words; for though he understand he will not answer. 20 Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him. 21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become his son at the length. 22 An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression. 23 A man's pride shall bring him low; but ~~honour~~ **honor** shall uphold the humble in spirit. 24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth

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his own soul; he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth it not. 25 The fear of man bringeth a snare; but whoso putteth his trust in the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall be safe. 26 Many seek the ruler's ~~favour~~ **favor**; but every man's judgment cometh from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 27 An unjust man is an abomination to the just; and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.

30

1 The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, even the prophecy; the man spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal, 2 Surely I am more brutish than any man, and have not the understanding of a man. 3 I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy. 4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell? 5 Every word of God is pure; he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. 6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. 7 Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die; 8 Remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me; 9 Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain. 10 Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty. 11 There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. 12 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. 13 There is a generation, ~~Oh~~ **oh** how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are

lifted up. 14 There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men. 15 The ~~horseleech~~ **horseleech** hath two daughters, crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not, It is enough; 16 The grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that saith not, It is enough. 17 The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it. 18 There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not; 19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid. 20 Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness. 21 For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four which it cannot bear; 22 For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat; 23 For an odious woman when she is married; and ~~an~~ **a** handmaid that is heir to her mistress. 24 There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise; 25 The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer; 26 The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks; 27 The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands; 28 The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces. 29 There be three things which go well, yea, four are comely in going; 30 A lion, which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away ~~for~~ **from** any; 31 A greyhound; ~~an~~ **a** he goat also; and a king, against whom there is no rising up. 32 If thou hast done

foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, lay thine hand upon thy mouth. 33 Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose ~~bringeth~~ **bringeth** forth blood; so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

31

1 The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him. 2 What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows? 3 Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings. 4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink; 5 Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted. 6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts. 7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more. 8 Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction. 9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy. 10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. 11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. 12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. 13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. 14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. 15 She riseth also

while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. 16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it; with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. 17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. 18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good; her candle goeth not out by night. 19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. 20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet. 22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. 23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. 24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. 25 Strength and ~~honour~~ **honor** are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. 26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. 27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. 28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. 29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. 30 ~~Favour~~ **Favor** is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the **LORD Lord**, she shall be praised. 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

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1

1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright; and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. 2

And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. 3 His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very

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great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east. 4 And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. 5 And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually. 6 Now there was a day when the ~~sons~~ **children** of God came to present themselves before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and Satan came also among them. 7 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. 8 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? 9 Then Satan answered the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and said, Doth Job fear God for ~~naught~~ **naught**? 10 Hast not thou made ~~an~~ **a** hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. 11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. 12 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 13 And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house; 14 And there came a messenger unto Job, and said,

The oxen were ~~plowing~~ **ploughing**, and the asses feeding beside them; 15 And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. 16 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. 17 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. 18 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in ~~their~~ **there** eldest brother's house; 19 And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. 20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground; and ~~worshipped~~ **worshiped**, 21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** gave, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath taken away; blessed be the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

2

1 Again there was a day when the ~~sons~~ **children** of God came to present themselves before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 2 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto Satan, From whence comest

thou? And Satan answered the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. 3 And the ~~LORD~~ Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God; and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause. 4 And Satan answered the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. 5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face. 6 And the ~~LORD~~ Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. 7 So went Satan forth from the presence of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. 8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes. 9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. 10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips. 11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite;; for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him, and to comfort him. 12 And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice; and wept; and they rent ~~every one~~ **everyone** his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven. 13 So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a

word unto him;; for they saw that his grief was very great.

3

1 After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day. 2 And Job spake, and said, 3 Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man - child conceived. 4 Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it. 5 Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it. 6 As for that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year;; let it not come into the number of the months. 7 Lo, let that night be solitary;; let no joyful voice come therein. 8 Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning. 9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but have none; neither let it see the dawning of the day;; 10 Because it shut not up the doors of my mother's womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes. 11 Why died I not from the womb? why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly? 12 Why did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck? 13 For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept;; then had I been at rest, 14 With kings and ~~counselors~~ **counselors** of the earth, which ~~build~~ **built** desolate places for themselves; 15 Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver;; 16 Or as ~~an~~ **a** hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants which never saw light. 17 There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest. 18 There the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor. 19 The small and great are there; and the servant is free from

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his master. 20 Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter in soul; 21 Which long for death, but it cometh not; and dig for it more than for hid treasures; 22 Which rejoice exceedingly, and are glad, when they can find the grave? 23 Why is light given to a man whose way is hid, and whom God hath hedged in? 24 For my sighing cometh before I eat, and my roarings are poured out like the waters. 25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me. 26 I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

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1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said, 2 If we assay to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? but who can withhold himself from speaking? 3 Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast strengthened the weak hands. 4 Thy words have upholden him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees. 5 But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled. 6 Is not this thy fear, thy confidence, thy hope, and the uprightness of thy ways? 7 Remember, I pray thee, ~~who ever~~ **whoever** perished, being innocent ?; or where were the righteous cut off? 8 Even as I have seen, they that ~~plow~~ **plough** iniquity, and sow wickedness, **and** reap the same. 9 By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed. 10 The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken. 11 The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the stout lion's whelps are scattered abroad. 12 Now a thing was secretly brought to me,

and mine ear received a little thereof. 13 In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men, 14 Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake. 15 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up; 16 It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof; an image was before mine eyes, there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying, 17 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his ~~maker~~ **Maker** ? 18 Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly; 19 How much less in them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth? 20 They are destroyed from morning to evening; they perish ~~for ever~~ **forever** without any regarding it. 21 Doth not their excellency which is in them go away? they die, even without wisdom.

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1 Call now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to which of the saints wilt thou turn? 2 For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one. 3 I have seen the foolish taking root; but suddenly I cursed his habitation. 4 His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, neither is there any to deliver them. 5 Whose harvest the hungry eateth up, and taketh it even out of the thorns, and the robber swalloweth up their substance. 6 Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;. 7 Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward. 8 I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause; 9 Which doeth great things and unsearchable; ~~marvellous~~

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marvelous things without number;;
 10 Who giveth rain upon the earth,
 and sendeth waters upon the fields;;
 11 To set up on high those that be
 low; that those which mourn may be
 exalted to safety. 12 He disappointeth
 the devices of the crafty, so that their
 hands cannot perform their
 enterprise. 13 He taketh the wise in
 their own craftiness;; and the counsel
 of the froward is carried headlong. 14
 They meet with darkness in the ~~day~~
~~time~~ **daytime**, and grope in the
 noonday as in the night. 15 But he
 saveth the poor from the sword, from
 their mouth, and from the hand of the
 mighty. 16 So the poor hath hope,
 and iniquity stoppeth her mouth. 17
 Behold, happy is the man whom God
 correcteth;; therefore despise not
 thou the chastening of the Almighty;;
 18 For he maketh sore, and bindeth
 up;; he woundeth, and his hands
 make whole. 19 He shall deliver thee
 in six troubles;; yea, in seven there
 shall no evil touch thee. 20 In famine
 he shall redeem thee from death;; and
 in war from the power of the sword.
 21 Thou shalt be hid from the scourge
 of the tongue;; neither shalt thou be
 afraid of destruction when it cometh.
 22 At destruction and famine thou
 shalt laugh;; neither shalt thou be
 afraid of the beasts of the earth. 23
 For thou shalt be in league with the
 stones of the field;; and the beasts of
 the field shall be at peace with thee.
 24 And thou shalt know that thy
 tabernacle shall be in peace; and thou
 shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt
 not sin. 25 Thou shalt know also that
 thy seed shall be great, and thine
 offspring as the grass of the earth. 26
 Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full
 age, like as a shock of corn cometh in
 in his season. 27 Lo this, we have
 searched it, so it is; hear it, and know
 thou it for thy good.

1 But Job answered and said, 2 Oh
 that my grief were ~~thoroughly~~
thoroughly weighed, and my
 calamity laid in the balances
 together! 3 For now it would be
 heavier than the sand of the sea;;
 therefore my words are swallowed
 up. 4 For the arrows of the Almighty
 are within me, the poison whereof
 drinketh up my spirit;; the terrors of
 God do set themselves in array
 against me. 5 Doth the wild ass bray
 when he hath grass? or loweth the ox
 over his fodder? 6 Can that which is
~~unsavoury~~ **unsavoury** be eaten
 without salt? or is there any taste in
 the white of an egg? 7 The things that
 my soul refused to touch are as my
 sorrowful meat. 8 Oh that I might
 have my request; and that God would
 grant me the thing that I long for! 9
 Even that it would please God to
 destroy me; that he would let loose
 his hand, and cut me off! 10 Then
 should I yet have comfort; yea, I
 would harden myself in sorrow;; let
 him not spare; for I have not
 concealed the words of the Holy One.
 11 What is my strength, that I should
 hope? and what is mine end, that I
 should prolong my life? 12 Is my
 strength the strength of stones? or is
 my flesh of brass? 13 Is not my help
 in me? and is wisdom driven quite
 from me? 14 To him that is afflicted
 pity should be ~~shewed~~ **showed** from
 his friend; but he forsaketh the fear of
 the Almighty. 15 My brethren have
 dealt deceitfully as a brook, and as
 the stream of brooks they pass away;
 16 Which are blackish by reason of
 the ice, and wherein the snow is hid;;
 17 What time they wax warm, they
 vanish;; when it is hot, they are
 consumed out of their place. 18 The
 paths of their way are turned aside;
 they go to nothing, and perish. 19 The
 troops of Tema looked, the

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companies of Sheba waited for them. 20 They were confounded because they had hoped; they came thither, and were ashamed. 21 For now ye are nothing; ye see my casting down, and are afraid. 22 Did I say, Bring unto me? or, Give **me** a reward for me of your substance? 23 Or, Deliver me from the enemy's hand? or, Redeem me from the hand of the mighty? 24 Teach me, and I will hold my tongue; and cause me to understand wherein I have erred. 25 How forcible are right words! but what doth your arguing reprove? 26 Do ye imagine to reprove words, and the speeches of one that is desperate, which are as wind? 27 Yea, ye overwhelm the fatherless, and ye dig a pit for your friend. 28 Now therefore be content, look upon me; for it is evident unto you if I lie. 29 Return, I pray you, let it not be iniquity; yea, return again, my righteousness is in it. 30 Is there iniquity in my tongue? cannot my taste discern perverse things?

7

1 Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of ~~an~~ a hireling? 2 As a servant earnestly desireth the shadow, and as ~~an~~ a hireling looketh for the reward of his work; 3 So am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me. 4 When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day. 5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and become loathsome. 6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope. 7 **Oh** remember that my life is wind; mine **eye eyes** shall no more see good. 8 The eye of him that hath seen me

shall see me no more; thine eyes are upon me, and I am not. 9 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away; so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more. 10 He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him ~~any more~~ **anymore**. 11 Therefore I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul. 12 Am I a sea, or a whale, that thou settest a watch over me? 13 When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my ~~complaints~~ **complaint**; 14 Then thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through visions; 15 So that my soul chooseth strangling, and death rather than my life. 16 I ~~loathe~~ **loath** it; I would not live alway; let me alone; for my days are vanity. 17 What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him? 18 And that thou shouldest visit him every morning, and try him every moment? 19 How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle? 20 I have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself? 21 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away ~~my~~ **mine** iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be.

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1 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, 2 How long wilt thou speak these things? and how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind? 3 Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice? 4 If thy children have sinned against him, and he have cast them away for their transgression; 5 If thou

wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty; 6 If thou wert pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous. 7 Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase. 8 For ~~enquire~~ **inquire**, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers;. 9 (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow;) 10 Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee, and utter words out of their heart? 11 Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water? 12 Whilst it is yet in his greenness, and not cut down, it withereth before any other herb. 13 So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish;; 14 Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spider's web. 15 He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand;; he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure. 16 He is green before the sun, and his branch shooteth forth in his garden. 17 His roots are wrapped about the heap, and seeth the place of stones. 18 If he destroy him from his place, then it shall deny him, saying, I have not seen thee. 19 Behold, this is the joy of his way, and out of the earth shall others grow. 20 Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man, neither will he help the ~~evil-doers~~: **evildoers**; 21 Till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoicing. 22 They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame; and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to ~~nought~~ **naught**.

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1 Then Job answered and said, 2 I know it is so of a truth;; but how should man be just with God? 3 If he

will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand. 4 He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength;; who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered? 5 Which removeth the mountains, and they know not;; which overturneth them in his anger;; 6 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble;; 7 Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and seaeth up the stars;; 8 Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea;; 9 Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south;; 10 Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number. 11 Lo, he goeth by me, and I see him not;; he passeth on also, but I perceive him not. 12 Behold, he taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What doest thou? 13 If God will not withdraw his anger, the proud helpers do stoop under him. 14 How much less shall I answer him, and choose out my words to reason with him? 15 Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not answer, but I would make supplication to my judge. 16 If I had called, and he had answered me; yet would I not believe that he had hearkened unto my voice. 17 For he breaketh me with a tempest, and multiplieth my wounds without cause. 18 He will not suffer me to take my breath, but filleth me with bitterness. 19 If I speak of strength, lo, he is strong;; and if of judgment, who shall set me a time to plead? 20 If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me;; if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse. 21 Though I were perfect, yet would I not know my soul;; I would despise my life. 22 This is one thing, therefore I said it, He destroyeth the perfect and the

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wicked. 23 If the scourge slay suddenly, he will laugh at the trial of the innocent. 24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked; he covereth the faces of the judges thereof; if not, where, and who is he? 25 Now my days are swifter than a post; they flee away, they see no good. 26 They are passed away as the swift ships; as the eagle that hasteth to the prey. 27 If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heaviness, and comfort myself; 28 I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent. 29 If I be wicked, why then ~~about~~ **labor** I in vain? 30 If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean; 31 Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me. 32 For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment. 33 Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both. 34 Let him take his rod away from me, and let not his fear terrify me; 35 Then would I speak, and not fear him; but it is not so with me.

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1 My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. 2 I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; ~~shew~~ **show** me wherefore thou contendest with me. 3 Is it good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress, that thou shouldest despise the work of thine hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked? 4 Hast thou eyes of flesh? or seest thou as man seeth? 5 Are thy days as the days of man? are thy years as man's days, 6 That thou ~~enquirest~~ **inquirest** after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin? 7 Thou knowest that I am not wicked;

and there is none that can deliver out of thine hand. 8 Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me. 9 Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again? 10 Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese? 11 Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews. 12 Thou hast granted me life and ~~favour~~ **favor**, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit. 13 And these things hast thou hid in thine heart; I know that this is with thee. 14 If I sin, then thou markest me, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity. 15 If I be wicked, woe unto me; and if I be righteous, yet will I not lift up my head. I am full of confusion; therefore see thou mine affliction; 16 For it increaseth. Thou huntest me as a fierce lion; and again thou ~~shewest~~ **showest** thyself ~~marvellous~~ **marvelous** upon me. 17 Thou renewest thy witnesses against me, and increasest thine indignation upon me; changes and war are against me. 18 Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me! 19 I should have been as though I had not been; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave. 20 Are not my days few? cease then, and let me alone, that I may take comfort a little, 21 Before I go whence I shall not return, even to the land of darkness and the shadow of death; 22 A land of darkness, as darkness itself; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is as darkness.

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1 Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said, 2 Should not

not escape, and their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghost.

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the multitude of words be answered? and should a man full of talk be justified? 3 Should thy lies make men hold their peace? and when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed? 4 For thou hast said, My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in thine eyes. 5 But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against thee; 6 And that he would ~~shew~~ **show** thee the secrets of wisdom, that they are double to that which is! Know therefore that God exacteth of thee less than thine iniquity deserveth. 7 Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? 8 It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know? 9 The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea. 10 If he cut off, and shut up, or gather together, then who can hinder him? 11 For he knoweth vain men; he seeth wickedness also; will he not then consider it? 12 For vain ~~men~~ **man** would be wise, ~~though~~ **thou** man be born like a wild ass's colt. 13 If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands toward him; 14 If iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles. 15 For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be ~~steadfast~~ **steadfast**, and shalt not fear; 16 Because thou shalt forget thy misery, and remember it as waters that pass away; 17 And thine age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning; 18 And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yea, thou shalt dig about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety. 19 Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid; yea, many shall make suit unto thee. 20 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall

1 And Job answered and said, 2 No doubt but ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you. 3 But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you; yea, who knoweth not such things as these? 4 I am as one mocked of his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**, who calleth upon God, and he answereth him; the just upright man is laughed to scorn. 5 He that is ready to slip with his feet is as a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease. 6 The tabernacles of robbers prosper, and they that provoke God are secure; into whose hand God bringeth abundantly. 7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee; 8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee; and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. 9 Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath wrought this? 10 In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind. 11 Doth not the ear try words? and the mouth taste his meat? 12 With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding. 13 With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding. 14 Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again; he shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening. 15 Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up; also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth. 16 With him is strength and wisdom; the deceived and the deceiver are his. 17 He leadeth ~~counsellors~~ **counselors** away spoiled, and maketh the judges fools. 18 He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle. 19 He leadeth princes away

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spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty. 20 He removeth away the speech of the trusty, and taketh away the understanding of the aged. 21 He poureth contempt upon princes, and weakeneth the strength of the mighty. 22 He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death. 23 He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them; he enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them again. 24 He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way. 25 They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger like a drunken man.

13

1 Lo, mine eye hath seen all this, mine ear hath heard and understood it. 2 What ye know, the same do I know also; I am not inferior unto you. 3 Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God. 4 But ye are forgers of lies, ye are all physicians of no value. 5 **Θ Oh** that ye would altogether hold your peace! and it should be your wisdom. 6 Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips. 7 Will ye speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for him? 8 Will ye accept his person? will ye contend for God? 9 Is it good that he should search you out? or as one man mocketh another, do ye so mock him? 10 He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept persons. 11 Shall not his excellency make you afraid? and his dread fall upon you? 12 Your remembrances are like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay. 13 Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what will. 14 Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand? 15 Though he slay me,

yet will I trust in him; but I will maintain mine own ways before him. 16 He also shall be my salvation; for ~~an~~ a hypocrite shall not come before him. 17 Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears. 18 Behold now, I have ordered my cause; I know that I shall be justified. 19 Who is he that will plead with me? for now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost. 20 Only do not two things unto me; then will I not hide myself from thee. 21 Withdraw thine hand far from me; and let not thy dread make me afraid. 22 Then call thou, and I will answer; or let me speak, and answer thou me. 23 How many are mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin. 24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy? 25 Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble? 26 For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth. 27 Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and lookest narrowly unto all my paths; thou settest a print upon the heels of my feet. 28 And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth - eaten.

14

1 Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. 2 He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. 3 And ~~dost~~ dost thou open thine eyes upon such ~~an~~ a one, and bringest me into judgment with thee? 4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one. 5 Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass; 6 Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish,

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as ~~an~~ a hireling, his day. 7 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. 8 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; 9 Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant. 10 But man dieth, and wasteth away; yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he? 11 As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up; 12 So man lieth down, and riseth not; till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep. 13 ~~Oh~~ **Oh** that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! 14 If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. 15 Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee; thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands. 16 For now thou numberest my steps; dost thou not watch over my sin? 17 My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity. 18 And surely the ~~mountains~~ **mountain** falling cometh to ~~nought~~ **naught**, and the rock is removed out of his place. 19 The waters wear the stones; thou wastest away the things which grow out of the dust of the earth; and thou destroyest the hope of man. 20 Thou prevailest ~~for ever~~ **forever** against him, and he passeth; thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away. 21 His sons come to ~~honour~~ **honor**, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them. 22 But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

1 Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said, 2 Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind? 3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches wherewith he can do no good? 4 Yea, thou castest off fear, and restrainest prayer before God. 5 For thy mouth ~~uttereth~~ **utterest** thine iniquity, and thou choosest the tongue of the crafty. 6 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I; yea, thine own lips testify against thee. 7 Art thou the first man that was born? or wast thou made before the hills? 8 Hast thou heard the secret of God? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself? 9 What knowest thou, that we know not? what understandest thou, which is not in us? 10 With us are both the grayheaded and very aged men, much elder than thy father. 11 Are the consolations of God small with thee? is there any secret thing with thee? 12 Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what do thy eyes wink at, 13 That thou turnest thy spirit against God, and lettest such words go out of thy mouth? 14 What is man, that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous? 15 Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight. 16 How much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water? 17 I will ~~shew~~ **show** thee, hear me; and that which I have seen I will declare; 18 Which wise men have told from their fathers, and have not hid it; 19 Unto whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them. 20 The wicked man travaileth with pain all his days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor. 21 A dreadful sound is in his ears; in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him. 22

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He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword. 23 He wandereth abroad for bread, saying, Where is it? he knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand. 24 Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle. 25 For he stretcheth out his hand against God, and strengtheneth himself against the Almighty. 26 He runneth upon him, even on his neck, upon the thick bosses of his bucklers;; 27 Because he covereth his face with his fatness, and maketh collops of fat on his flanks. 28 And he dwelleth in desolate cities, and in houses which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to become heaps. 29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall he prolong the perfection thereof upon the earth. 30 He shall not depart out of darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches, and by the breath of his mouth shall he go away. 31 Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity;; for vanity shall be his ~~recompence~~ **recompense**. 32 It shall be accomplished before his time, and his branch shall not be green. 33 He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive. 34 For the congregation of hypocrites shall be desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery. 35 They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit.

16

1 Then Job answered and said, 2 I have heard many such things;; miserable comforters are ye all. 3 Shall vain words have an end? or what emboldeneth thee that thou answerest? 4 I also could speak as ye do;; if your soul were in my soul's

stead, I could heap up words against you, and shake mine head at you. 5 But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should ~~asswage~~ **assuage** your grief. 6 Though I speak, my grief is not ~~asswaged~~; **assuaged**; and though I forbear, what am I eased? 7 But now he hath made me weary;; thou hast made desolate all my company. 8 And thou hast filled me with wrinkles, which is a witness against me;; and my leanness rising up in me beareth witness to my face. 9 He teareth me in his wrath, who hateth me;; he gnasheth upon me with his teeth; mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes upon me. 10 They have gaped upon me with their mouth; they have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me. 11 God hath delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me over into the hands of the wicked. 12 I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder;; he hath also taken me by ~~my~~ **the** neck, and shaken me to pieces, and set me up for his mark. 13 His archers compass me round about, he cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare; he poureth out my gall upon the ground. 14 He breaketh me with breach upon breach;; he runneth upon me like a giant. 15 I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and defiled my horn in the dust. 16 My face is foul with weeping, and on my eyelids is the shadow of death; 17 Not for any injustice in mine hands;; also my prayer is pure. 18 O earth, cover not thou my blood, and let my cry have no place. 19 Also now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and my record is on high. 20 My friends scorn me;; but mine eye poureth out tears unto God. 21 ~~Θ~~ **Oh** that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleadeth for his ~~neighbour~~! **neighbor**! 22 When a few years are

come, then I shall go the way whence
I shall not return.

17

1 My breath is corrupt, my days are
extinct, the graves are ready for me.
2 Are there not mockers with me?
and doth not mine eye continue in
their provocation? 3 Lay down now,
put me in a surety with thee; who is
he that will strike hands with me? 4
For thou hast hid their heart from
understanding; therefore shalt thou
not exalt them. 5 He that speaketh
flattery to his friends, even the eyes
of his children shall fail. 6 He hath
made me also a byword of the people;
and aforetime I was as a tabret. 7
Mine eye also is dim by reason of
sorrow, and all my members are as a
shadow. 8 Upright men shall be
astonied at this, and the innocent
shall stir up himself against the
hypocrite. 9 The righteous also shall
hold on his way, and he that hath
clean hands shall be stronger and
stronger. 10 But as for you all, do ye
return, and come now; for I cannot
find one wise man among you. 11 My
days are past, my purposes are
broken off, even the thoughts of my
heart. 12 They change the night into
day; the light is short because of
darkness. 13 If I wait, the grave is
mine house; I have made my bed in
the darkness. 14 I have said to
corruption, Thou art my father; to
the worm, Thou art my mother, and
my sister. 15 And where is now my
hope? as for my hope, who shall see
it? 16 They shall go down to the bars
of the pit, when our rest together is in
the dust.

18

1 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite,
and said, 2 How long will it be ere ye
make an end of words? mark, and
afterwards we will speak. 3

Wherefore are we counted as beasts,
and reputed vile in your sight? 4 He
teareth himself in his anger; shall the
earth be forsaken for thee? and shall
the rock be removed out of his place?
5 Yea, the light of the wicked shall be
put out, and the spark of his fire shall
not shine. 6 The light shall be dark in
his tabernacle, and his candle shall be
put out with him. 7 The steps of his
strength shall be straitened, and his
own counsel shall cast him down. 8
For he is cast into a net by his own
feet, and he walketh upon a snare. 9
The gin shall take him by the heel,
and the robber shall prevail against
him. 10 The snare is laid for him in
the ground, and a trap for him in the
way. 11 Terrors shall make him
afraid on every side, and shall drive
him to his feet. 12 His strength shall
be ~~hungerbitten~~ **hunger-bitten**, and
destruction shall be ready at his side.
13 It shall devour the strength of his
skin; even the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** of
death shall devour his strength. 14
His confidence shall be rooted out of
his tabernacle, and it shall bring him
to the king of terrors. 15 It shall dwell
in his tabernacle, because it is none of
his; brimstone shall be scattered
upon his habitation. 16 His roots shall
be dried up beneath, and above shall
his branch be cut off. 17 His
remembrance shall perish from the
earth, and he shall have no name in
the street. 18 He shall be driven from
light into darkness, and chased out of
the world. 19 He shall neither have
son nor nephew among his people,
nor any remaining in his dwellings.
20 They that come after him shall be
astonied at his day, as they that went
before were affrighted. 21 Surely
such are the dwellings of the wicked,
and this is the place of him that
knoweth not God.

19

1 Then Job answered and said, 2 How long will ye vex my soul; and break me in pieces with words? 3 These ten times have ye reproached me; ye are not ashamed that ye make yourselves strange to me. 4 And be it indeed that I have erred, mine error remaineth with myself. 5 If indeed ye will magnify yourselves against me, and plead against me my reproach; 6 Know now that God hath overthrown me, and hath compassed me with his net. 7 Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard; I cry aloud, but there is no judgment. 8 He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass, and he hath set darkness in my paths. 9 He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head. 10 He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone; and mine hope hath he removed like a tree. 11 He hath also kindled his wrath against me, and he counteth me unto him as one of his enemies. 12 His troops come together, and raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my tabernacle. 13 He hath put my brethren far from me, and mine acquaintance are verily estranged from me. 14 My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me. 15 They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger; I am an alien in their sight. 16 I called my servant, and he gave me no answer; I ~~intreated~~ **entreated** him with my mouth. 17 My breath is strange to my wife, though I ~~intreated~~ **entreated** for the children's sake of mine own body. 18 Yea, young children despised me; I arose, and they spake against me. 19 All my inward friends abhorred me; and they whom I loved are turned against me. 20 My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth. 21

Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me. 22 Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh? 23 Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book! 24 That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock ~~for—ever!~~ **forever!** 25 For I know that my ~~redeemer~~ **Redeemer** liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; 26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body; yet in my flesh shall I see God; 27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me. 28 But ye should say, Why persecute we him, seeing the root of the matter is found in me? 29 Be ye afraid of the sword; for wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword, that ye may know there is a judgment.

20

1 Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said, 2 Therefore do my thoughts cause me to answer, and for this I make haste. 3 I have heard the check of my reproach, and the spirit of my understanding causeth me to answer. 4 Knowest thou not this of old, since man was placed upon earth, 5 That the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment? 6 Though his excellency mount up to the heavens, and his head reach unto the clouds; 7 Yet he shall perish ~~for ever~~ **forever** like his own dung; they which have seen him shall say, Where is he? 8 He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found; yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night, 9 The eye also which saw him shall see him no more; neither shall his place ~~any—more~~ **anymore** behold him. 10 His children shall

seek to please the poor, and his hands shall restore their goods. 11 His bones are full of the sin of his youth, which shall lie down with him in the dust. 12 Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, though he hide it under his tongue; 13 Though he spare it, and forsake it not; but keep it still within his mouth; 14 Yet his meat in his bowels is turned, it is the gall of asps within him. 15 He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again; God shall cast them out of his belly. 16 He shall suck the poison of asps; the viper's tongue shall slay him. 17 He shall not see the rivers, the floods, the brooks of honey and butter. 18 That which he ~~laboured~~ **labored** for shall he restore, and shall not swallow it down; according to his substance shall the restitution be, and he shall not rejoice therein. 19 Because he hath oppressed and hath forsaken the poor; because he hath violently taken away ~~an~~ a house which he builded not; 20 Surely he shall not feel quietness in his belly, he shall not save of that which he desired. 21 There shall none of his meat be left; therefore shall no man look for his goods. 22 In the ~~fulness~~ **fullness** of his sufficiency he shall be in straits; every hand of the wicked shall come upon him. 23 When he is about to fill his belly, God shall cast the fury of his wrath upon him, and shall rain it upon him while he is eating. 24 He shall flee from the iron weapon, and the bow of steel shall strike him through. 25 It is drawn, and cometh out of the body; yea, the glittering sword cometh out of his gall; terrors are upon him. 26 All darkness shall be hid in his secret places; a fire not blown shall consume him; it shall go ill with him that is left in his tabernacle. 27 The heaven shall reveal his iniquity; and the earth shall rise up against him. 28 The

increase of his house shall depart, and his goods shall flow away in the day of his wrath. 29 This is the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed unto him by God.

21

1 But Job answered and said, 2 Hear diligently my speech, and let this be your consolations. 3 Suffer me that I may speak; and after that I have spoken, mock on. 4 As for me, is my complaint to man? and if it were so, why should not my spirit be troubled? 5 Mark me, and be astonished, and lay your hand upon your mouth. 6 Even when I remember I am afraid, and trembling taketh hold on my flesh. 7 Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power? 8 Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes. 9 Their houses are safe from fear, neither is the rod of God upon them. 10 Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf. 11 They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance. 12 They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ. 13 They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave. 14 Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. 15 What is the Almighty, that we should serve him?; and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him? 16 Lo, their good is not in their hand; the counsel of the wicked is far from me. 17 How oft is the candle of the wicked put out! and how oft cometh their destruction upon them! God distributeth sorrows in his anger. 18 They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away. 19 God layeth up his iniquity for his children; he

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rewardeth him, and he shall know it. 20 His eyes shall see his destruction; and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty. 21 For what pleasure hath he in his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off in the midst? 22 Shall any teach God knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are high. 23 One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet. 24 His breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow. 25 And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure. 26 They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them. 27 Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices which ye wrongfully imagine against me. 28 For ye say, Where is the house of the prince? and where are the dwelling places of the wicked? 29 Have ye not asked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their tokens, 30 That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath. 31 Who shall declare his way to his face? and who shall repay him what he hath done? 32 Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb. 33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and every man shall draw after him, as there are innumerable before him. 34 How then comfort ye me in vain, seeing in your answers there remaineth falsehood ?.

22

1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said, 2 Can a man be profitable unto God, as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself? 3 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or is it gain to him, that thou makest thy ways perfect? 4 Will he reprove thee for fear of thee? will he enter with thee

into judgment? 5 Is not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite? 6 For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother for ~~nought~~ **naught**, and stripped the naked of their clothing. 7 Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast withholden bread from the hungry. 8 But as for the mighty man, he had the earth; and the ~~honourable~~ **honorable** man dwelt in it. 9 Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken. 10 Therefore snares are round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee; 11 Or darkness, that thou canst not see; ? and abundance of waters cover thee. 12 Is not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high they are! 13 And thou sayest, How doth God know? can he judge through the dark cloud? 14 Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of heaven. 15 Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden? 16 Which were cut down out of time, whose foundation was overflown with a flood; 17 Which said unto God, Depart from us; and what can the Almighty do for them? 18 Yet he filled their houses with good things; but the counsel of the wicked is far from me. 19 The righteous see it, and are glad; and the innocent laugh them to scorn. 20 Whereas our substance is not cut down, but the remnant of them the fire consumeth. 21 Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace; thereby good shall come unto thee. 22 Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart. 23 If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles. 24 Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the

brooks. 25 Yea, the Almighty shall be thy ~~defence~~ **defense**, and thou shalt have plenty of silver. 26 For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God. 27 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows. 28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee; and the light shall shine upon thy ways. 29 When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person. 30 He shall deliver the island of the innocent; and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands.

23

1 Then Job answered and said, 2 Even ~~to-day~~ **today** is my complaint bitter; my stroke is heavier than my groaning. 3 Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat! 4 I would order my cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. 5 I would know the words which he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me. 6 Will he plead against me with his great power? No; but he would put strength in me. 7 There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered ~~for ever~~ **forever** from my judge. 8 Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him; 9 On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him; he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him; 10 But he knoweth the way that I take; when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. 11 My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined. 12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food. 13 But

he is in one mind, and who can turn him? and what his soul desireth, even that he doeth. 14 For he performeth the thing that is appointed for me; and many such things are with him. 15 Therefore am I troubled at his presence; when I consider, I am afraid of him. 16 For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me; 17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness, neither hath he covered the darkness from my face.

24

1 Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days? 2 Some remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks, and feed thereof. 3 They drive away the ass of the fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge. 4 They turn the needy out of the way; the poor of the earth hide themselves together. 5 Behold, as wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work; rising betimes for a prey; the wilderness yieldeth food for them and for their children. 6 They reap every one his corn in the field; and they gather the vintage of the wicked. 7 They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that they have no covering in the cold. 8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for want of a shelter. 9 They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor. 10 They cause him to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf from the hungry; 11 Which make oil within their walls, and tread their winepresses, and suffer thirst. 12 Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out; yet God layeth not folly to them. 13 They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths

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thereof. 14 The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief. 15 The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me; and disguiseth his face. 16 In the dark they dig through houses, which they had marked for themselves in the daytime; they know not the light. 17 For the morning is to them even as the shadow of death; if one know them, they are in the terrors of the shadow of death. 18 He is swift as the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth; he beholdeth not the way of the vineyards. 19 Drought and heat consume the snow waters; so doth the grave those which have sinned. 20 The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed sweetly on him; he shall be no more remembered; and wickedness shall be broken as a tree. 21 He evil entreateth the barren that beareth not; and doeth not good to the widow. 22 He draweth also the mighty with his power; he riseth up, and no man is sure of life. 23 Though it be given him to be in safety, whereon he resteth; yet his eyes are upon their ways. 24 They are exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all other, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn. 25 And if it be not so now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?

25

1 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, 2 Dominion and fear are with him; he maketh peace in his high places. 3 Is there any number of his armies? and upon whom doth not his light arise? 4 How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman? 5 Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure

in his sight. 6 How much less man, that is a worm? and the son of man, which is a worm?

26

1 But Job answered and said, 2 How hast thou helped him that is without power? how savest thou the arm that hath no strength? 3 How hast thou ~~counselled~~ **counseled** him that hath no wisdom? and how hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is? 4 To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee? 5 Dead things are formed from under the waters, and the inhabitants thereof. 6 Hell is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering. 7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing. 8 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them. 9 He holdeth back the face of his throne, and spreadeth his cloud upon it. 10 He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end. 11 The pillars of heaven tremble, and are astonished at his reproof. 12 He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud. 13 By his ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent. 14 Lo, these are parts of his ways; but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

27

1 Moreover Job continued his parable, and said, 2 As God liveth, who hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, who hath vexed my soul; 3 All the while my breath is in me, and the ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** of God is in my nostrils; 4 My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue

utter deceit. 5 God forbid that I should justify you; till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me. 6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go; my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live. 7 Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous. 8 For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul? 9 Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him? 10 Will he delight himself in the Almighty? will he always call upon God? 11 I will teach you by the hand of God; that which is with the Almighty will I not conceal. 12 Behold, all ye yourselves have seen it; why then are ye thus altogether vain? 13 This is the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, which they shall receive of the Almighty. 14 If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword; and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread. 15 Those that remain of him shall be buried in death; and his widows shall not weep. 16 Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay; 17 He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on, and the innocent shall divide the silver. 18 He buildeth his house as a moth, and as a booth that the keeper maketh. 19 The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered; he openeth his eyes, and he is not. 20 Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him away in the night. 21 The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth; and as a storm hurleth him out of his place. 22 For God shall cast upon him, and not spare; he would fain flee out of his hand. 23 Men shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.

1 Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold where they ~~fine~~ **find** it. 2 Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass is molten out of the stone. 3 He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection; the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death. 4 The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant; even the waters forgotten of the foot; they are dried up, they are gone away from men. 5 As for the earth, out of it cometh bread; and under it is turned up as it were fire. 6 The stones of it are the place of sapphires; and it hath dust of gold. 7 There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen; 8 The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it. 9 He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots. 10 He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing. 11 He bindeth the floods from overflowing; and the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light. 12 But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding? 13 Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living. 14 The depth saith, It is not in me; and the sea saith, It is not with me. 15 It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof. 16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire. 17 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it; and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold. 18 No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls; for the price of wisdom is above rubies. 19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold. 20 Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?

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21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air. 22 Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears. 23 God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof. 24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven; 25 To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure. 26 When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder; 27 Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out. 28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the **LORD** **Lord**, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

29

1 Moreover Job continued his parable, and said, 2 Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me; 3 When his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness; 4 As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle; 5 When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me; 6 When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil; 7 When I went out to the gate through the city, when I prepared my seat in the street! 8 The young men saw me, and hid themselves; and the aged arose, and stood up. 9 The princes refrained talking, and laid their hand on their mouth. 10 The nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth. 11 When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me; 12 Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. 13 The blessing of him that

was ready to perish came upon me; and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. 14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my judgment was as a robe and a diadem. 15 I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. 16 I was a father to the poor; and the cause which I knew not I searched out. 17 And I brake the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth. 18 Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply my days as the sand. 19 My root was spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch. 20 My glory was fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand. 21 Unto me men gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel. 22 After my words they spake not again; and my speech dropped upon them. 23 And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain. 24 If I laughed on them, they believed it not; and the light of my countenance they cast not down. 25 I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one that comforteth the mourners.

30

1 But now they that are younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock. 2 Yea, whereto might the strength of their hands profit me, in whom old age was perished? 3 For want and famine they were solitary; fleeing into the wilderness in former time desolate and waste; 4 Who cut up mallows by the bushes, and juniper roots for their meat. 5 They were driven forth from among men, (they cried after them as after a thief;) 6 To dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, in caves of the earth, and in the rocks. 7 Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they

were gathered together. 8 They were children of fools, yea, children of base men; they were viler than the earth. 9 And now am I their song, yea, I am their byword. 10 They abhor me, they flee far from me, and spare not to spit in my face. 11 Because he hath loosed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle before me. 12 Upon my right hand rise the youth; they push away my feet, and they raise up against me the ways of their destruction. 13 They mar my path, they set forward my calamity, they have no helper. 14 They came upon me as a wide breaking in of waters; in the desolation they rolled themselves upon me. 15 Terrors are turned upon me; they pursue my soul as the wind; and my welfare passeth away as a cloud. 16 And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me. 17 My bones are pierced in me in the night season; and my sinews take no rest. 18 By the great force of my disease is my garment changed; it bindeth me about as the collar of my coat. 19 He hath cast me into the mire, and I am become like dust and ashes. 20 I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me; I stand up, and thou regardest me not. 21 Thou art become cruel to me; with thy strong hand thou opposest thyself against me. 22 Thou liftest me up to the wind; thou causest me to ride upon it, and dissolvest my substance. 23 For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living. 24 Howbeit he will not stretch out his hand to the grave, though they cry in his destruction. 25 Did not I weep for him that was in trouble? was not my soul grieved for the poor? 26 When I looked for good, then evil came unto me; and when I waited for light, there came darkness. 27 My bowels boiled, and rested not;

the days of affliction prevented me. 28 I went mourning without the sun; I stood up, and I cried in the congregation. 29 I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls. 30 My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat. 31 My harp also is turned to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep.

31

1 I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid? 2 For what portion of God is there from above? and what inheritance of the Almighty from on high? 3 Is not destruction to the wicked? and a strange punishment to the workers of iniquity? 4 Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps? 5 If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot hath hastened to deceit; 6 Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity. 7 If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands; 8 Then let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out. 9 If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my ~~neighbour's~~ **neighbor's** door; 10 Then let my wife grind unto another, and let others bow down upon her. 11 For this is ~~an~~ **a** heinous crime; yea, it is an iniquity to be punished by the judges. 12 For it is a fire that consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase. 13 If I did despise the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant, when they contended with me; 14 What then shall I do when God riseth up? and when he visiteth, what shall I answer him? 15 Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb? 16 If I have

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withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail; 17 Or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof; 18 (For from my youth he was brought up with me, as with a father, and I have guided her from my mother's womb;) 19 If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering; 20 If his loins have not blessed me, and if he were not warmed with the fleece of my sheep; 21 If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless, when I saw my help in the gate;; 22 Then let mine arm fall from my shoulder blade, and mine arm be broken from the bone. 23 For destruction from God was a terror to me, and by reason of his highness I could not endure. 24 If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, Thou art my confidence; 25 If I ~~rejoice~~ **rejoiced** because my wealth was great, and because mine hand had gotten much; 26 If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking in brightness; 27 And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed my hand;; 28 This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge;; for I should have denied the God that is above. 29 If I ~~rejoice~~ **rejoiced** at the destruction of him that hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him;; 30 (Neither have I suffered my mouth to sin by wishing a curse to his soul. 31 If the men of my tabernacle said not, Oh that we had of his flesh! we cannot be satisfied. 32 The stranger did not lodge in the street;; but I opened my doors to the ~~traveller~~ **traveler**. 33 If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom;; 34 Did I fear a great multitude, or did the contempt of families terrify me, that I kept silence, and went not out of the door? 35 Oh that one would hear me!

behold, my desire is, that the Almighty would answer me, and that mine adversary had written a book. 36 Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, and bind it as a crown to me. 37 I would declare unto him the number of my steps; as a prince would I go near unto him. 38 If my land cry against me, or that the furrows likewise thereof complain; 39 If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life;; 40 Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.

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1 So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes. 2 Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram;; against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God. 3 Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer;; and yet had condemned Job. 4 Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, because they were elder than he. 5 When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled. 6 And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I am young, and ye are very old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not ~~shew~~ **show** you mine opinion. 7 I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom. 8 But there is a spirit in man;; and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. 9 Great men are not always wise;; neither do the aged understand judgment. 10 Therefore I said, Hearken to me; I also will ~~shew~~ **show** mine opinion. 11 Behold, I waited for

your words; I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye searched out what to say. 12 Yea, I attended unto you, and; behold, there was none of you that convinced Job, or that answered his words;; 13 Lest ye should say, We have found out wisdom;; God thrusteth him down, not man. 14 Now he hath not directed his words against me;; neither will I answer him with your speeches. 15 They were amazed, they answered no more;; they left off speaking. 16 When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, and answered no more;;) 17 I said, I will answer also my part;; I also will ~~shew~~ **show** mine opinion. 18 For I am full of matter;; the spirit within me constraineth me. 19 Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles. 20 I will speak, that I may be refreshed;; I will open my lips and answer. 21 Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person;; neither let me give flattering titles unto man. 22 For I know not to give flattering titles; in so doing my ~~maker~~ **Maker** would soon take me away.

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1 Wherefore, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, and hearken to all my words. 2 Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue hath spoken in my mouth. 3 My words shall be of the uprightness of my heart;; and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly. 4 The ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life. 5 If thou canst answer me, set thy words in order before me, stand up. 6 Behold, I am according to thy wish in God's stead;; I also am formed out of the clay. 7 Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy upon thee. 8 Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing, and I have heard the

voice of thy words, saying, 9 I am clean without transgression, I am innocent; neither is there iniquity in me. 10 Behold, he findeth occasions against me, he counteth me for his enemy;; 11 He putteth my feet in the stocks, he marketh all my paths. 12 Behold, in this thou art not just;; I will answer thee, that God is greater than man. 13 Why dost thou strive against him? for he giveth not account of any of his matters. 14 For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not. 15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; 16 Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction, 17 That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man. 18 He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword. 19 He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong pain;; 20 So that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul dainty meat. 21 His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out. 22 Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers. 23 If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to ~~shew~~ **show** unto man his uprightness;; 24 Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit;; I have found a ransom. 25 His flesh shall be fresher than a child's;; he shall return to the days of his youth;; 26 He shall pray unto God, and he will be ~~favourable~~ **favorable** unto him;; and he shall see his face with joy;; for he will render unto man his righteousness. 27 He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not; 28 He will deliver his soul from going into the

pit, and his life shall see the light. 29 Lo, all these things worketh God oftentimes with man;. 30 To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living. 31 Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me; hold thy peace, and I will speak. 32 If thou hast anything to say, answer me; speak, for I desire to justify thee. 33 If not, hearken unto me; hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee wisdom.

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1 Furthermore Elihu answered and said, 2 Hear my words, O ye wise men; and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge. 3 For the ear trieth words, as the mouth tasteth meat. 4 Let us choose to us judgment; let us know among ourselves what is good. 5 For Job hath said, I am righteous; and God hath taken away my judgment. 6 Should I lie against my right? my wound is incurable without transgression. 7 What man is like Job, who drinketh up scorning like water? 8 Which goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, and walketh with wicked men. 9 For he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing that he should delight himself with God. 10 Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding; far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity. 11 For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways. 12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment. 13 Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath disposed the whole world? 14 If he set his heart upon man, if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath; 15 All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust. 16 If

now thou hast understanding, hear this; hearken to the voice of my words. 17 Shall even he that hateth right govern? and wilt thou condemn him that is most just? 18 Is it fit to say to a king, Thou art wicked? and to princes, Ye are ungodly? 19 How much less to him that accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for they all are the work of his hands. 20 In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away; and the mighty shall be taken away without hand. 21 For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings. 22 There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves. 23 For he will not lay upon man more than right; that he should enter into judgment with God. 24 He shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their stead. 25 Therefore he knoweth their works, and he overturneth them in the night, so that they are destroyed. 26 He striketh them as wicked men in the open sight of others; 27 Because they turned back from him, and would not consider any of his ways; 28 So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he heareth the cry of the afflicted. 29 When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth his face, who then can behold him? whether it be done against a nation, or against a man only; 30 That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared. 31 Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend ~~any more~~: **anymore**. 32 That which I see not teach thou me; if I have done iniquity, I will do no more. 33 Should it be according to thy mind? he will recompense it, whether thou refuse, or whether thou choose; and not I; therefore speak

what thou knowest. 34 Let men of understanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken unto me. 35 Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words were without wisdom. 36 My desire is that Job may be tried unto the end, because of his answers for wicked men. 37 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin, he clappeth his hands among us, and multiplieth his words against God.

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1 Elihu spake moreover, and said, 2 Thinkest thou this to be right, that thou saidst, My righteousness is more than God's? 3 For thou saidst, What advantage will it be unto thee? and, What profit shall I have, if I be cleansed from my sin? 4 I will answer thee, and thy companions with thee. 5 Look unto the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds which are higher than thou. 6 If thou sinnest, what doest thou against him? or if thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou unto him? 7 If thou be righteous, what givest thou him? or what receiveth he of thine hand? 8 Thy wickedness may hurt a man as thou art; and thy righteousness may profit the son of man. 9 By reason of the multitude of oppressions they make the oppressed to cry;; they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty. 10 But none saith, Where is God my maker, who giveth songs in the night; 11 Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven? 12 There they cry, but none giveth answer, because of the pride of evil men. 13 Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it. 14 Although thou sayest thou shalt not see him, yet judgment is before him; therefore trust thou in him. 15 But now, because it is not so, he hath visited in his anger; yet he

knoweth it not in great extremity;; 16 Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vain; he multiplieth words without knowledge.

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1 Elihu also proceeded, and said, 2 Suffer me a little, and I will ~~shew~~ **show** thee that I have yet to speak on God's behalf. 3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker. 4 For truly my words shall not be false;; he that is perfect in knowledge is with thee. 5 Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any;; he is mighty in strength and wisdom. 6 He preserveth not the life of the wicked;; but giveth right to the poor. 7 He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous;; but with kings are they on the throne; yea, he doth establish them ~~for ever~~ **forever**, and they are exalted. 8 And if they be bound in fetters, and be holden in cords of affliction; 9 Then he ~~sheweth~~ **showeth** them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded. 10 He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity. 11 If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures. 12 But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge. 13 But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath;; they cry not when he bindeth them. 14 They die in youth, and their life is among the unclean. 15 He delivereth the poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression. 16 Even so would he have removed thee out of the strait into a broad place, where there is no straitness; and that which should be set on thy table should be full of fatness. 17 But thou hast fulfilled the judgment of the wicked;; judgment

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and justice take hold on thee. 18 Because there is wrath, beware lest he take thee away with his stroke;; then a great ransom cannot deliver thee. 19 Will he esteem thy riches ?; no, not gold, nor all the forces of strength. 20 Desire not the night, when people are cut off in their place. 21 Take heed, regard not iniquity;; for this hast thou chosen rather than affliction. 22 Behold, God exalteth by his power;; who teacheth like him? 23 Who hath enjoined him his way? or who can say, Thou hast wrought iniquity? 24 Remember that thou magnify his work, which men behold. 25 Every man may see it; man may behold it afar off. 26 Behold, God is great, and we know him not, neither can the number of his years be searched out. 27 For he maketh small the drops of water;; they pour down rain according to the ~~vapour~~ **vapor** thereof;; 28 Which the clouds do drop and distil upon man abundantly. 29 Also can any understand the spreadings of the clouds, or the noise of his tabernacle? 30 Behold, he spreadeth his light upon it, and covereth the bottom of the sea. 31 For by them judgeth he the people; he giveth meat in abundance. 32 With clouds he covereth the light; and commandeth it not to shine by the cloud that cometh betwixt. 33 The noise thereof ~~sheweth~~ **showeth** concerning it, the cattle also concerning the ~~vapour~~ **vapor**.

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1 At this also my heart trembleth, and is moved out of his place. 2 Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound that goeth out of his mouth. 3 He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto the ends of the earth. 4 After it a voice roareth;; he thundereth with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay

them when his voice is heard. 5 God thundereth ~~marvellously~~ **marvelously** with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend. 6 For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength. 7 He sealeth up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work. 8 Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places. 9 Out of the south cometh the whirlwind;; and cold out of the north. 10 By the breath of God frost is given;; and the breadth of the waters is straitened. 11 Also by watering he wearieth the thick cloud;; he scattereth his bright cloud;; 12 And it is turned round about by his counsels;; that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth. 13 He causeth it to come, whether for correction, or for his land, or for mercy. 14 Harken unto this, O Job;; stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God. 15 Dost thou know when God disposed them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine? 16 Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge? 17 How thy garments are warm, when he quieteth the earth by the south wind? 18 Hast thou with him spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking glass? 19 Teach us what we shall say unto him; for we cannot order our speech by reason of darkness. 20 Shall it be told him that I speak? if a man speak, surely he shall be swallowed up. 21 And now men see not the bright light which is in the clouds;; but the wind passeth, and cleanseth them. 22 Fair weather cometh out of the north;; with God is terrible majesty. 23 Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out;; he is excellent in power, and in

judgment, and in plenty of justice; he will not afflict. 24 Men do therefore fear him; he respecteth not any that are wise of heart.

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1 Then the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, 2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? 3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. 4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. 5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? 6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the ~~corner-stone~~ **cornerstone** thereof; 7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? 8 Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? 9 When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a ~~swaddlingband~~ **swaddling band** for it, 10 And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors, 11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further; and here shall thy proud waves be stayed? 12 Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place; 13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it? 14 It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment. 15 And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken. 16 Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth? 17 Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death? 18 Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth?

declare if thou knowest it all. 19 Where is the way where light dwelleth? and as for darkness, where is the place thereof, 20 That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof? 21 Knowest thou it, because thou wast then born? or because the number of thy days is great? 22 Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, 23 Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war? 24 By what way is the light parted, which scattereth the east wind upon the earth? 25 Who hath divided a ~~watercourse~~ **water course** for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder; 26 To cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is; on the wilderness, wherein there is no man; 27 To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth? 28 Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew? 29 Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it? 30 The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen. 31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? 32 Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons? 33 Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? ~~canst~~ **cast** thou set the dominion thereof in the earth? 34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee? 35 Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are? 36 Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart? 37 Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven;.

38 When the dust groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together? 39 Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young lions? 40 When they couch in their dens, and abide in the covert to lie in wait? 41 Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.

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1 Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth? or canst thou mark when the hinds do calve? 2 Canst thou number the months that they ~~fulfil~~ **fulfill** ? or knowest thou the time when they bring forth? 3 They bow themselves, they bring forth their young ones, they cast out their sorrows. 4 Their young ones are in good liking, they grow up with corn; they go forth, and return not unto them. 5 Who hath sent out the wild ass free? or who hath loosed the bands of the wild ass? 6 Whose house I have made the wilderness, and the barren land his dwellings. 7 He scorneth the multitude of the city, neither regardeth he the crying of the driver. 8 The range of the mountains is his pasture, and he searcheth after every green thing. 9 Will the unicorn be willing to serve thee, or abide by ~~thy~~ **they** crib? 10 Canst thou bind the unicorn with his band in the furrow? or will he harrow the valleys after thee? 11 Wilt thou trust him, because his strength is great? or wilt thou leave thy ~~labour~~ **labor** to him? 12 Wilt thou believe him, that he will bring home thy seed, and gather it into thy barn? 13 Gavest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich? 14 Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in **the** dust, 15 And forgetteth that the foot may

crush them, or that the wild beast may break them. 16 She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not ~~her's~~ **hers**; her ~~labour~~ **labor** is in vain without fear; 17 Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding. 18 What time she lifteth up herself on high, she scorneth the horse and his rider. 19 Hast thou given the horse strength? hast thou clothed his neck with thunder? 20 Canst thou make him afraid as a grasshopper? the glory of his nostrils is terrible. 21 He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength; he goeth on to meet the armed men. 22 He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword. 23 The quiver rattleth against him, the glittering spear and the shield. 24 He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage; neither believeth he that it is the sound of the trumpet. 25 He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ~~ha~~; **Ha!** and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting. 26 Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the south? 27 Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high? 28 She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place. 29 From thence she seeketh the prey, and her eyes behold afar off. 30 Her young ones also suck up blood; and where the slain are, there is she.

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1 Moreover the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** answered Job, and said, 2 Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him? he that reproveth God, let him answer it. 3 Then Job answered the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and said, 4 Behold, I am vile; what shall I

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answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. 5 Once have I spoken; but I will not answer; yea, twice; but I will proceed no further. 6 Then answered the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said, 7 Gird up thy loins now like a man; I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. 8 Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous? 9 Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him? 10 Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty. 11 Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath; and behold ~~every one~~ **everyone** that is proud, and abase him. 12 Look on ~~every one~~ **everyone** that is proud, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place. 13 Hide them in the dust together; and bind their faces in secret. 14 Then will I also confess unto thee that thine own right hand can save thee. 15 Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox. 16 Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly. 17 He moveth his tail like a cedar; the sinews of his stones are wrapped together. 18 His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron. 19 He is the chief of the ways of God; he that made him can make his sword to approach unto him. 20 Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play. 21 He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens. 22 The shady trees cover him with their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about. 23 Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteth not; he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth. 24 He taketh it with his eyes; his nose pierceth through snares.

1 Canst thou draw out leviathan with ~~an~~ **a** hook?, or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down? 2 Canst thou put ~~an~~ **a** hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn? 3 Will he make many supplications unto thee? will he speak soft words unto thee? 4 Will he make a covenant with thee? wilt thou take him for a servant ~~for ever~~ **forever**? 5 Wilt thou play with him as with a bird? or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens? 6 Shall the companions make a banquet of him? shall they part him among the merchants? 7 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head with fish spears? 8 Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more. 9 Behold, the hope of him is in vain; shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him? 10 None is so fierce that dare stir him up; who then is able to stand before me? 11 Who hath prevented me, that I should repay him? whatsoever is under the whole heaven is mine. 12 I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion. 13 Who can discover the face of his garment? or who can come to him with his double bridle? 14 Who can open the doors of his face? his teeth are terrible round about. 15 His scales are his pride, shut up together as with a close seal. 16 One is so near to another, that no air can come between them. 17 They are joined one to another, they stick together, that they cannot be sundered. 18 By his neesings a light doth shine, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning. 19 Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out. 20 Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron. 21 His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth. 22 In his neck remaineth strength,

and sorrow is turned into joy before him. 23 The flakes of his flesh are joined together;; they are firm in themselves; they cannot be moved. 24 His heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a piece of the nether millstone. 25 When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid;; by reason of breakings they purify themselves. 26 The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold;; the spear, the dart, nor the habergeon. 27 He esteemeth iron as straw, and brass as rotten wood. 28 The arrow cannot make him flee:—~~slingstones~~; **slingstones** are turned with him into stubble. 29 Darts are counted as stubble;; he laugheth at the shaking of a spear. 30 Sharp stones are under him;; he spreadeth sharp pointed things upon the mire. 31 He maketh the deep to boil like a pot;; he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment. 32 He maketh a path to shine after him; one would think the deep to be hoary. 33 Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear. 34 He beholdeth all high things;; he is a king over all the children of pride.

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1 Then Job answered the **LORD Lord**, and said, 2 I know that thou canst do ~~every thing~~ **everything**, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. 3 Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. 4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak;; I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. 5 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear;; but now mine eye seeth thee;; 6 Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes. 7 And it was so, that after the **LORD Lord** had spoken these words unto Job, the **LORD Lord** said to Eliphaz

the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends;; for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath. 8 Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering;, and my servant Job shall pray for you;; for him will I accept;; lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the ~~thing~~ **things** which is right, like my servant Job. 9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the **LORD Lord** commanded them;; the **LORD Lord** also accepted Job. 10 And the **LORD Lord** turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends;; also the **LORD Lord** gave Job twice as much as he had before. 11 Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house;; and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the **LORD Lord** had brought upon him;; every man also gave him a piece of money, and ~~every one~~ **everyone** an earring of gold. 12 So the **LORD Lord** blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning;; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses. 13 He had also seven sons and three daughters. 14 And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, ~~Kerenhappuch~~ **Keren-happuch**. 15 And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job;; and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren. 16 After this lived Job ~~an~~ a hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his

sons' sons, even four generations. 17 So Job died, being old and full of days.

Ruth

1

1 Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of ~~Bethlehem-judah~~ **Beth-lehem-judah** went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons. 2 And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of ~~Bethlehem-judah~~ **Beth-lehem-judah**. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there. 3 And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons. 4 And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth; and they ~~dwelled~~ **dwelt** there about ten years. 5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband. 6 Then she arose with her daughters - in - law, that she might return from the country of Moab; for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had visited his people in giving them bread. 7 Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters - in - law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah. 8 And Naomi said unto her two daughters - in - law, Go, return each to her mother's house; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me. 9 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them;

and they lifted up their voice, and wept. 10 And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people. 11 And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters; why will ye go with me? are there yet any more sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? 12 Turn again, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have ~~an~~ **a** husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should have ~~an~~ **a** husband also to - night, and should also bear sons; 13 Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it grieveth me much for your sakes that the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is gone out against me. 14 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother - in - law; but Ruth clave unto her. 15 And she said, Behold, thy sister - in - law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods; return thou after thy sister - in - law. 16 And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God; 17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried; the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** do so to me, and more also, if ~~ought~~ **ought** but death part thee and me. 18 When she saw that she was ~~steadfastly~~ **steadfastly** minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her. 19 So they two went until they came to ~~Bethlehem~~ **Beth-lehem**. And it came to pass, when they were come to ~~Bethlehem~~ **Beth-lehem**, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, Is this Naomi? 20 And she said

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unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara; for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me. 21 I went out full, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath brought me home again empty; why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me? 22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter - in - law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab; and they came to ~~Bethlehem~~ **Beth-lehem** in the beginning of barley harvest.

2

1 And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz. 2 And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter. 3 And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech. 4 And, behold, Boaz came from ~~Bethlehem~~ **Beth-lehem**, and said unto the reapers, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** be with you. And they answered him, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** bless thee. 5 Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this? 6 And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab; 7 And she said, I pray ~~you~~ **thee**, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves; so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house. 8 Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field,

neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens; 9 Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them; have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn. 10 Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger? 11 And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been showed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother - in - law since the death of thine husband; and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore. 12 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust. 13 Then she said, Let me find favor in thy sight, my ~~lord~~ **Lord**; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine ~~handmaid~~ **hand-maid**, though I be not like unto one of thine ~~handmaidens~~ **hand-maidens**. 14 And Boaz said unto her, At ~~mealtim~~ **meal-time** come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers; and he reached her parched corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left. 15 And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not; 16 And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not. 17 So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned; and it was about an ephah

of barley. 18 And she took it up, and went into the city; and her mother - in - law saw what she had gleaned; and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed. 19 And her mother - in - law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to - day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she showed her mother - in - law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to - day is Boaz; 20 And Naomi said unto her daughter - in - law, Blessed be he of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen. 21 And Ruth the Moabitess said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest. 22 And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter - in - law, It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, that they meet thee not in any other field. 23 So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and dwelt with her mother - in - law.

3

1 Then Naomi her mother - in - law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee? 2 And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to - night in the ~~threshingfloor~~ **threshing-floor**. 3 Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor; but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking. 4 And it shall be, when

he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do. 5 And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do. 6 And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother - in - law bade her. 7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn; and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down. 8 And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself; and, behold, a woman lay at his feet. 9 And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine ~~handmaid~~ **hand-maid**; spread therefore thy skirt over thine ~~handmaid~~ **hand-maid**; for thou art a near kinsman. 10 And he said, Blessed be thou of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, my daughter; for thou hast showed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich. 11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest; for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman. 12 And now it is true that I am thy near kinsman; howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I. 13 Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part; but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** liveth; lie down until the morning. 14 And she lay at his feet until the morning; and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor. 15 Also he said, Bring the ~~vail~~ **veil** that thou hast upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he

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measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her; and she went into the city. 16 And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, Who art thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her. 17 And she said, These six measures of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy mother-in-law. 18 Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall; for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

4

1 Then went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there; and, behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down. 2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down. 3 And he said unto the kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the country of Moab, selleth a parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech's; 4 And I thought to advertise thee, saying, Buy it before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem it, redeem it; but if thou wilt not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know; for there is none to redeem it ~~beside~~ **besides** thee; and I am after thee. And he said, I will redeem it. 5 Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy it also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance. 6 And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance; redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it. 7 Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and

concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbor; and this was a testimony in Israel. 8 Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy it for thee. So he drew off his shoe. 9 And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi. 10 Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place; ye are witnesses this day. 11 And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel; and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in ~~Bethlehem~~ **Beth-lehem**; 12 And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall give thee of this young woman. 13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife; and when he went in unto her, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** gave her conception, and she bare a son. 14 And the ~~women~~ **woman** said unto Naomi, Blessed be the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel. 15 And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age; for thy daughter-in-law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath ~~bore~~ **borne** him. 16 And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it. 17 And the women her neighbors gave it a name, saying, There is a son

born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed; he is the father of Jesse, the father of David. 18 Now these are the generations of Pharez; Pharez begat Hezron, 19 And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab, 20

And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon, 21 And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed, 22 And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

Lamentations

1

1 How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! how is she become as a widow! she that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary! 2 She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks; among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies. 3 Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude; she dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest; all her persecutors overtook her between the straits. 4 The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts; all her gates are desolate; her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she is in bitterness. 5 Her adversaries are the chief, her enemies prosper; for the ~~LORD~~ Lord hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions; her children are gone into captivity before the enemy. 6 And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed; her princes are become like harts that find no pasture, and they are gone without strength before the pursuer. 7 Jerusalem remembered in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her pleasant things that she had in the days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and none did help her; the adversaries saw her, and did mock at her sabbaths. 8 Jerusalem hath grievously sinned;

therefore she is removed; all that ~~honoured~~ **honored** her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness; yea, she sigheth, and turneth backward. 9 Her filthiness is in her skirts; she remembereth not her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully; she had no comforter. O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, behold my affliction; for the enemy hath magnified himself. 10 The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her pleasant things; for she hath seen that the heathen entered into her sanctuary, whom thou didst command that they should not enter into thy congregation. 11 All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their pleasant things for meat to relieve the soul; see, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and consider; for I am become vile. 12 Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger. 13 From above hath he sent fire into my bones, and it prevaieth against them; he hath spread a net for my feet, he hath turned me back; he hath made me desolate and faint all the day. 14 The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand; they are wreathed, and come up upon my neck; he hath made my strength to fall, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath delivered me into their hands, from whom I am not able to rise up. 15 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath trodden under foot all my mighty men in the midst of

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me; he hath called an assembly against me to crush my young men; the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** hath trodden the virgin, the daughter of Judah, as in a winepress. 16 For these things I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me; my children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed. 17 Zion spreadeth forth her hands, and there is none to comfort her; the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** hath commanded concerning Jacob, that his adversaries should be round about him; Jerusalem is as a menstruous woman among them. 18 The ~~LORD~~ **LORD** is righteous; for I have rebelled against his ~~commandment~~: **commandments**; hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow; my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity. 19 I called for my lovers, but they deceived me; my priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city, while they sought their meat to relieve their souls. 20 Behold, O ~~LORD~~ **LORD**; for I am in distress; my bowels are troubled; mine heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled; abroad the sword bereaveth, at home there is as death. 21 They have heard that I sigh; there is none to comfort me; all mine enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that thou hast done it; thou wilt bring the day that thou hast called, and they shall be like unto me. 22 Let all their wickedness come before thee; and do unto them, as thou hast done unto me for all my transgressions; for my sighs are many, and my heart is faint.

2

1 How hath the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, and cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel,

and remembered not his footstool in the day of his anger! 2 The ~~LORD~~ **LORD** hath swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, and hath not pitied; he hath thrown down in his wrath the ~~strong-holds~~ **strongholds** of the daughter of Judah; he hath brought them down to the ground; he hath polluted the kingdom and the princes thereof. 3 He hath cut off in his fierce anger all the horn of Israel; he hath drawn back his right hand from before the enemy, and he burned against Jacob like a flaming fire, which devoureth round about. 4 He hath bent his bow like an enemy; he stood with his right hand as an adversary, and slew all that were pleasant to the eye in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion; he poured out his fury like fire. 5 The ~~LORD~~ **LORD** was as an enemy; he hath swallowed up Israel, he hath swallowed up all her palaces; he hath destroyed his ~~strong-holds~~ **strongholds**, and hath increased in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation. 6 And he hath violently taken away his tabernacle, as if it were of a garden; he hath destroyed his places of the assembly; the ~~LORD~~ **LORD** hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and hath despised in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest. 7 The ~~LORD~~ **LORD** hath cast off his altar, he hath abhorred his sanctuary, he hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; they have made a noise in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **LORD**, as in the day of a solemn feast. 8 The ~~LORD~~ **LORD** hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion; he hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from destroying; therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament; they languished together. 9 Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath

destroyed and broken her bars;; her king and her princes are among the Gentiles;; the law is no more; her prophets also find no vision from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 10 The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, and keep silence;; they have cast up dust upon their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth;; the virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground. 11 Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are troubled, my liver is poured upon the earth, for the destruction of the daughter of my people; because the children and the sucklings swoon in the streets of the city. 12 They say to their mothers, Where is corn and wine? when they swooned as the wounded in the streets of the city, when their soul was poured out into their mothers' bosom. 13 What thing shall I take to witness for thee? what thing shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? what shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? for thy breach is great like the sea;; who can heal thee? 14 Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee;; and they have not discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee false burdens and causes of banishment. 15 All that pass by clap their hands at thee; they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying, Is this the city that men call The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth? 16 All thine enemies have opened their mouth against thee;; they hiss and gnash the teeth;; they say, We have swallowed her up;; certainly this is the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen it. 17 The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath done that which he had devised; he hath fulfilled his word that he had commanded in the days of old;; he hath thrown down, and hath not

pitied;; and he hath caused thine enemy to rejoice over thee, he hath set up the horn of thine adversaries. 18 Their heart cried unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night;; give thyself no rest; let not the apple of thine eye cease. 19 Arise, cry out in the night;; in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger in the top of every street. 20 Behold, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and consider to whom thou hast done this. Shall the women eat their fruit, and children of a span long? shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord? 21 The young and the old lie on the ground in the streets;; my virgins and my young men are fallen by the sword; thou hast slain them in the day of thine anger; thou hast killed, and not pitied. 22 Thou hast called as in a solemn day my terrors round about, so that in the day of the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** anger none escaped nor remained;; those that I have swaddled and brought up hath mine enemy consumed.

3

1 I ~~AM~~ **am** the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath. 2 He hath led me, and brought me into darkness, but not into light. 3 Surely against me is he turned; he turneth his hand against me all the day. 4 My flesh and my skin hath he made old; he hath broken my bones. 5 He hath builded against me, and compassed me with gall and travail. 6 He hath set me in dark places, as they that be dead of old. 7 He hath hedged me about, that I cannot get out;; he hath made my chain heavy. 8 Also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer. 9 He hath ~~inclosed~~ **enclosed**

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my ways with hewn stone; he hath made my paths crooked. 10 He was unto me as a bear lying in wait, and as a lion in secret places. 11 He hath turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces; he hath made me desolate. 12 He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow. 13 He hath caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins. 14 I was a derision to all my people; and their song all the day. 15 He hath filled me with bitterness, he hath made me drunken with wormwood. 16 He hath also broken my teeth with gravel stones, he hath covered me with ashes. 17 And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace; I forgot prosperity. 18 And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; 19 Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall. 20 My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me. 21 This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. 22 It is of the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness. 24 The ~~LORD Lord~~ is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. 25 The ~~LORD Lord~~ is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. 26 It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke ~~of~~ **in** his youth. 28 He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it upon him. 29 He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope. 30 He giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him; he is filled full with reproach. 31 For the ~~LORD Lord~~ will not cast off ~~for ever~~ **forever**; 32 But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the

multitude of his mercies. 33 For he doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men. 34 To crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth; 35 To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the ~~most~~ **Most** High, 36 To subvert a man in his cause, the ~~LORD Lord~~ approveth not. 37 Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not? 38 Out of the mouth of the ~~most~~ **Most** High ~~proceedeth~~ **proceedth** not evil and good? 39 Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins? 40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the ~~LORD Lord~~. 41 Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens. 42 We have transgressed and have rebelled; thou hast not pardoned. 43 Thou hast covered with anger, and persecuted us; thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied. 44 Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that our prayer should not pass through. 45 Thou hast made us as the offscouring and refuse in the midst of the people. 46 All our enemies have opened their mouths against us. 47 Fear and a snare is come upon us, desolation and destruction. 48 Mine eye runneth down with rivers of water for the destruction of the daughter of my people. 49 Mine eye trickleth down, and ceaseth not, without any ~~intermission~~ **intermissions**, 50 Till the ~~LORD Lord~~ look down, and behold from heaven. 51 Mine eye affecteth mine heart, because of all the daughters of my city. 52 Mine enemies chased me sore, like a bird, without cause. 53 They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and cast a stone upon me. 54 Waters flowed over mine head; then I said, I am cut off. 55 I called upon thy name, O ~~LORD Lord~~, out of the low dungeon. 56 Thou hast heard my voice; hide

not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry. 57 Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee; thou saidst, Fear not. 58 O ~~LORD~~ Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life. 59 O ~~LORD~~ Lord, thou hast seen my wrong; judge thou my cause. 60 Thou hast seen all their vengeance and all their imaginations against me. 61 Thou hast heard their reproach, O ~~LORD~~ Lord, and all their imaginations against me; 62 The lips of those that rose up against me, and their device against me all the day. 63 Behold their sitting down, and their rising up; I am their ~~music~~ music. 64 Render unto them a ~~recompence~~ recompense, O ~~LORD~~ Lord, according to the work of their hands. 65 Give them sorrow of heart, thy curse unto them. 66 Persecute and destroy them in anger from under the heavens of the ~~LORD~~ Lord.

4

1 How is the gold become dim! how is the most fine gold changed! the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street. 2 The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter! 3 Even the sea monsters draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones; the daughter of my people is become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness. 4 The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst; the young children ask bread, and no man breaketh it unto them. 5 They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets; they that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills. 6 For the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom,

that was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands stayed on her. 7 Her Nazarites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing was of sapphire; 8 Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets; their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick. 9 They that be slain with the sword are better than they that be slain with hunger; for these pine away, stricken through for want of the fruits of the field. 10 The hands of the pitiful women have sodden their own children; they were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people. 11 The ~~LORD~~ Lord hath accomplished his fury; he hath poured out his fierce anger, and hath kindled a fire in Zion, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof. 12 The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem. 13 For the sins of her prophets, and the iniquities of her priests, that have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her, 14 They have wandered as blind men in the streets, they have polluted themselves with blood, so that men could not touch their garments. 15 They cried unto them, Depart ye; it is unclean; depart, depart, touch not; when they fled away and wandered, they said among the heathen, They shall no more sojourn there. 16 The anger of the ~~LORD~~ Lord hath divided them; he will no more regard them; they respected not the persons of the priests, they ~~favoured~~ favored not the elders. 17 As for us, our eyes as yet failed for our vain help; in our watching we have watched for a nation that could not save us. 18 They hunt our steps, that we cannot go in our streets; our end is near, our days

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are fulfilled; for our end is come. 19 Our persecutors are swifter than the eagles of the heaven; they pursued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness. 20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, was taken in their pits, of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the heathen. 21 Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, that dwellest in the land of Uz; the cup also shall pass through unto thee; thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself naked. 22 The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; he will no more carry thee away into captivity; he will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom; he will discover thy sins.

5

1 Remember, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, what is come upon us; consider, and behold our reproach. 2 Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens. 3 We are orphans and fatherless, our mothers are as widows. 4 We have drunken our water for money; our wood is sold unto us. 5 Our necks are under persecution; we ~~labour~~ **labor**, and have no rest. 6 We have given the hand to the Egyptians, and to the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

7 Our fathers have sinned, and are not; and we have borne their iniquities. 8 Servants have ruled over us; there is none that doth deliver us out of their hand. 9 We gat our bread with the peril of our lives, because of the sword of the wilderness. 10 Our skin was black like an oven, because of the terrible famine. 11 They ravished the women in Zion, and the maids in the cities of Judah. 12 Princes are hanged up by their hand; the faces of elders were not ~~honoured~~ **honored**. 13 They took the young men to grind, and the children fell under the wood. 14 The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their ~~musiek~~ **music**. 15 The joy of our heart is ceased; our dance is turned into mourning. 16 The crown is fallen from our head; woe unto us, that we have sinned! 17 For this our heart is faint; for these things our eyes are dim. 18 Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it. 19 Thou, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, remainest ~~for ever~~ **forever**; thy throne from generation to generation. 20 Wherefore dost thou forget us ~~for ever~~ **forever**, and forsake us so long time? 21 Turn thou us unto thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old. 22 But thou hast utterly rejected us; thou art very wroth against us.

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1

1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. 2 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity. 3 What profit hath a man of all his ~~labour~~ **labor** which he taketh under the sun? 4 One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh; but the earth abideth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 5 The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth

down, and hasteth to his place where he arose. 6 The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits. 7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is **in** not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again. 8 All things are full of ~~labour~~ **labor**; man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing,

nor the ear filled with hearing. 9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done; and there is no new thing under the sun. 10 Is there ~~any thing~~ **anything** whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us. 11 There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after. 12 I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven; this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith. 14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit. 15 That which is crooked cannot be made straight; and that which is wanting cannot be numbered. 16 I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all they that have been before me in Jerusalem; yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge. 17 And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly; I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit. 18 For in much wisdom is much grief; and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

2

1 I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth; therefore enjoy pleasure; and, behold, this also is vanity. 2 I said of laughter, It is mad; and of mirth, What doeth it? 3 I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men,

which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life. 4 I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards; 5 I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits; 6 I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees; 7 I got me servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me; 8 I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces; I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts. 9 So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem; also my wisdom remained with me. 10 And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my ~~labour~~ **labor**; and this was my portion of all my ~~labour~~ **labor**. 11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the ~~labour~~ **labor** that I had ~~laboured~~ **labored** to do; and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun. 12 And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly; for what can the man do that cometh after the king? even that which hath been already done. 13 Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness. 14 The wise man's eyes are in his head; but the fool walketh in darkness; and I myself perceived also that one event happeneth to them all. 15 Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, so it happeneth even to me; and why was I then more wise? Then I said in my heart, that this also is

vanity. 16 For there is no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool ~~for ever~~ **forever**; seeing that which now is in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise man? as the fool. 17 Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me; for all is vanity and vexation of spirit. 18 Yea, I hated all my ~~labour~~ **labor** which I had taken under the sun; because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me. 19 And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my ~~labour~~ **labor** wherein I have ~~laboured~~ **labored**, and wherein I have ~~shewed~~ **showed** myself wise under the sun. This is also vanity. 20 Therefore I went about to cause my heart to despair of all the ~~labour~~ **labor** which I took under the sun. 21 For there is a man whose ~~labour~~ **labor** is in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in equity; yet to a man that hath not ~~laboured~~ **labored** therein shall he leave it for his portion. This also is vanity and a great evil. 22 For what hath man of all his ~~labour~~ **labor**, and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath ~~laboured~~ **labored** under the sun? 23 For all his days are sorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity. 24 There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his ~~labour~~ **labor**. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God. 25 For who can eat, or who else can hasten hereunto, more than I? 26 For God giveth to a man that is good in his sight, wisdom, and knowledge, and joy; but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God. This also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

3

1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under ~~the~~ heaven; 2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; 3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; 7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. 9 What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he ~~laboureth~~ **laboreth** ? 10 I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. 11 He hath made ~~every thing~~ **everything** beautiful in his time; also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end. 12 I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life. 13 And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his ~~labour~~ **labor**, it is the gift of God. 14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be ~~for ever~~ **forever**; nothing can be put to it, nor ~~any thing~~ **anything** taken from it; and God doeth it, that men should fear before him. 15 That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past. 16 And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that iniquity was there. 17 I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous

and the wicked; for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work. 18 I said in mine heart concerning the ~~estate~~ **estates** of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts. 19 For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them; as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no ~~preeminence~~ **pre-eminence** above a beast; for all is vanity. 20 All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. 21 Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth? 22 Wherefore I perceive that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that is his portion; for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

4

1 So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun; and behold the tears of such as ~~were~~ **where** oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter. 2 Wherefore I praised the dead which are already dead, more than the living, which are yet alive. 3 Yea, better is he than both they, which hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun. 4 Again, I considered all travail, and every right work, that for this a man is envied of his ~~neighbour~~ **neighbor**. This is also vanity and vexation of spirit. 5 The fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh. 6 Better is ~~an~~ **a** handful with quietness, than both the hands full with travail and vexation of spirit. 7 Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun. 8 There is one

alone, and there is not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother; yet is there no end of all his ~~labour~~ **labor**; neither is his eye satisfied with riches; neither saith he, For whom do I ~~labour~~ **labor**, and bereave my soul of good? This is also vanity, yea, it is a sore travail. 9 Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their ~~labour~~ **labor**. 10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. 11 Again, if two lie together, then they have heat; but how can one be warm alone? 12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken. 13 Better is a poor and a wise child, than an old and foolish king, who will no more be admonished. 14 For out of prison he cometh to reign; whereas also he that is born in his kingdom becometh poor. 15 I considered all the living which walk under the sun, with the second child that shall stand up in his stead. 16 There is no end of all the people, even of all that have been before them; they also that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

5

1 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools; for they consider not that they do evil. 2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter ~~any thing~~ **anything** before God; for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth; therefore let thy words be few. 3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words. 4 When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to

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pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools; pay that which thou hast vowed. 5 Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. 6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error; wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands? 7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities; but fear thou God. 8 If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter; for he that is higher than the highest regardeth; and there be higher than they. 9 Moreover the profit of the earth is for all; the king himself is served by the field. 10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase; this is also vanity. 11 When goods increase, they are increased that eat them; and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes? 12 The sleep of a ~~labouring~~ **laboring** man is sweet, whether he eat little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep. 13 There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt. 14 But those riches perish by evil travail; and he begetteth a son, and there is nothing in his hand. 15 As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his ~~labour~~ **labor**, which he may carry away in his hand. 16 And this also is a sore evil, that in all points as he came, so shall he go; and what profit hath he that hath ~~laboured~~ **labored** for the wind? 17 All his days also he eateth in darkness, and he hath much sorrow and wrath with his sickness. 18

Behold that which I have seen; it is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his ~~labour~~ **labor** that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him; for it is his portion. 19 Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his ~~labour~~ **labor**; this is the gift of God. 20 For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth him in the joy of his heart.

6

1 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men; 2 A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and ~~honour~~ **honor**, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it; this is vanity, and it is an evil disease. 3 If a man beget ~~an~~ a hundred children, and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, and his soul be not filled with good, and also that he have no burial; I say, that an untimely birth is better than he. 4 For he cometh in with vanity, and departeth in darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness. 5 Moreover he hath not seen the sun, nor known ~~any thing~~ **anything**; this hath more rest than the other. 6 Yea, though he live a thousand years twice told, yet hath he seen no good; do not all go to one place? 7 All the ~~labour~~ **labor** of man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled. 8 For what hath the wise more than the fool? what hath the poor, that knoweth to walk before the living? 9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire; this is also vanity and vexation of spirit. 10 That which hath

been is named already, and it is known that it is man; neither may he contend with him that is mightier than he. 11 Seeing there be many things that increase vanity, what is man the better? 12 For who knoweth what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

7

1 A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth. 2 It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting; for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart. 3 Sorrow is better than laughter; for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better. 4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth. 5 It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools; 6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool; this also is vanity. 7 Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad; and a gift destroyeth the heart. 8 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof; and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. 9 Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry; for anger resteth in the bosom of fools. 10 Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not ~~enquire~~ **inquire** wisely concerning this. 11 Wisdom is good with an inheritance; and by it there is profit to them that see the sun. 12 For wisdom is a ~~defence~~ **defense**, and money is a ~~defence~~ **defense**; but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it. 13 Consider the work of God; for

who can make that straight, which he hath made crooked? 14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider; God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him. 15 All things have I seen in the days of my vanity; there is a just man that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man that longeth his life in his wickedness. 16 Be not righteous ~~over much~~ **overmuch**, neither make thyself ~~over wise~~ **overwise**; why shouldst thou destroy thyself? 17 Be not ~~over much~~ **overmuch** wicked, neither be thou foolish; why shouldst thou die before thy time? 18 It is good that thou shouldst take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand; for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all. 19 Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city. 20 For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not. 21 Also take no heed unto all words that are spoken; lest thou hear thy servant curse thee; 22 For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others. 23 All this have I proved by wisdom; I said, I will be wise; but it was far from me. 24 That which is far off, and exceeding deep, who can find it out? 25 I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness; 26 And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands; whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her. 27 Behold, this have I found, saith the ~~preacher~~ **Preacher**, counting one by one, to find out the account; 28 Which yet my soul seeketh, but I find

not; one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found. 29 Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

8

1 Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed. 2 I counsel thee to keep the king's commandment, and that in regard of the oath of God. 3 Be not hasty to go out of his sight; stand not in an evil thing; for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him. 4 Where the word of a king is, there is power; and who may say unto him, What doest thou? 5 Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing; and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment. 6 Because to every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the misery of man is great upon him. 7 For he knoweth not that which shall be; for who can tell him when it shall be? 8 There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death; and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it. 9 All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun; there is a time wherein one man ruleth over another to his own hurt. 10 And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done; this is also vanity. 11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. 12 Though a sinner do evil ~~an~~ a

hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him; 13 But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God. 14 There is a vanity which is done upon the earth; that there be just men, unto whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked; again, there be wicked men, to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous; I said that this also is vanity. 15 Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry; for that shall abide with him of his ~~labour~~ **labor** the days of his life, which God giveth him under the sun. 16 When I applied mine heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done upon the earth; (for also there is that neither day nor night seeth sleep with his eyes;) 17 Then I beheld all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun; because though a man ~~labour~~ **labor** to seek it out, yet he shall not find it; yea ~~farther~~ **further**; though a wise man think to know it, yet shall he not be able to find it.

9

1 For all this I considered in my heart even to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God; no man knoweth either love or hatred by all that is before them. 2 All things come alike to all; there is one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not; as is the good, so is the sinner; and he that sweareth, as he that feareth an oath. 3

This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event unto all; yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead. 4 For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope; for a living dog is better than a dead lion. 5 For the living know that they shall die; but the dead know not ~~any thing~~ **anything**, neither have they ~~any more~~ **anymore** a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. 6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they ~~any more~~ **anymore** a portion ~~for ever~~ **forever** in ~~any thing~~ **anything** that is done under the sun. 7 Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works. 8 Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment. 9 Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity; for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy ~~labour~~ **labor** which thou takest under the sun. 10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest. 11 I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet ~~favour~~ **favor** to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all. 12 For man also knoweth not his time; as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them. 13 This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it seemed great unto me; 14

There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it. 15 Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man. 16 Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength; nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard. 17 The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools. 18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war; but one sinner destroyeth much good.

10

1 Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking ~~savour~~ **savor**; so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and ~~honour~~ **honor**. 2 A wise man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left. 3 Yea also, when he that is a fool walketh by the way, his wisdom faileth him, and he saith to ~~every one~~ **everyone** that he is a fool. 4 If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave not thy place; for yielding pacifieth great ~~offences~~ **offenses**. 5 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as an error which proceedeth from the ruler; 6 Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place. 7 I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth. 8 He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh ~~an~~ **a** hedge, a serpent shall bite him. 9 Whoso removeth stones shall be hurt therewith; and he that cleaveth wood shall be endangered thereby. 10 If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength; but wisdom is profitable to direct. 11 Surely the serpent will bite

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without enchantment; and a babbler is no better. 12 The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself. 13 The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness; and the end of his talk is mischievous madness. 14 A fool also is full of words; a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him? 15 The ~~labour~~ **labor** of the foolish wearith every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city. 16 Woe to ~~thee~~ **the**, O land, when thy king is a child, and thy princes eat in the morning! 17 Blessed art thou, O land, when thy king is the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness! 18 By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through. 19 A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry; but money answereth all things. 20 Curse not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber; for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.

11

1 Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days. 2 Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth. 3 If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth; and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be. 4 He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap. 5 As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child; even so thou knowest not the

works of God who maketh all. 6 In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good. 7 Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun; 8 But if a man live many years, and rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity. 9 Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. 10 Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh; for childhood and youth are vanity.

12

1 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; 2 While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain; 3 In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, 4 And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of ~~music~~ **music** shall be brought low; 5 Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail; because man goeth

to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets; 6 Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. 7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. 8 Vanity of vanities, saith the ~~preacher~~ **Preacher**; all is vanity. 9 And moreover, because the ~~preacher~~ **Preacher** was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs. 10 The ~~preacher~~ **Preacher** sought to find out acceptable words; and that which

was written was upright, even words of truth. 11 The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd. 12 And further, by these, my son, be admonished; of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh. 13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. 14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Daniel

1

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. 2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God; which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god. 3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; 4 Children in whom was no blemish, but well ~~favoured~~ **favoured**, and ~~skillful~~ **skillful** in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. 5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank; so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand

before the king. 6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; 7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names; for he gave unto Daniel the name of ~~Belteshazzar~~ **Beltheshazzar**; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of ~~Abednego~~ **Abed-nego**. 8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. 9 Now God had brought Daniel into ~~favour~~ **favor** and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs. 10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink; for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which are of your sort? then shall ye make me endanger my head to the king. 11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; 12

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Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink. 13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat; and as thou seest, deal with thy servants. 14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days. 15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat. 16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse. 17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. 18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. 19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore stood they before the king. 20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king ~~enquired~~ **inquired** of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm. 21 And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus.

2

1 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him. 2 Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to ~~shew~~ **show** the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. 3 And the

king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream. 4 Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in ~~Syriack~~ **Syriac**, O king, live ~~for—ever~~ **forever**; tell thy servants the dream, and we will ~~shew~~ **show** the interpretation. 5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me; if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill. 6 But if ye ~~shew~~ **show** the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great ~~honour~~ **honor**; therefore ~~shew~~ **show** me the dream, and the interpretation thereof. 7 They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will ~~shew~~ **show** the interpretation of it. 8 The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me. 9 But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, there is but one decree for you; for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed; therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can ~~shew~~ **show** me the interpretation thereof. 10 The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can ~~shew~~ **show** the king's matter; therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean. 11 And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can ~~shew~~ **show** it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh. 12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. 13 And the decree went forth that the wise men should

be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain. 14 Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon; 15 He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why is the decree so hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel. 16 Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would ~~shew~~ **show** the king the interpretation. 17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions; 18 That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. 19 Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. 20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God ~~for ever~~ **forever** and ever; for wisdom and might are his; 21 And he changeth the times and the seasons; he removeth kings, and setteth up kings; he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding; 22 He revealeth the deep and secret things; he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. 23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee; for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter. 24 Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will ~~shew~~ **show** unto the

king the interpretation. 25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation. 26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof? 27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, ~~shew~~ **show** unto the king; 28 But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these; 29 As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter; and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass. 30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart. 31 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. 32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, 33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. 34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. 35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer

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~~threshing floors~~ **threshing floors**; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them; and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. 36 This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. 37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings; for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. 38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold. 39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. 40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron; forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things; and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. 41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. 42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. 43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men; but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. 44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in

pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter; and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure. 46 Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and ~~worshipped~~ **worshiped** Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet ~~odours~~ **odors** unto him. 47 The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret. 48 Then the king made Daniel a great man, and **he** gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon. 49 Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and ~~Abednego~~ **Abednego**, over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel sat in the gate of the king.

3

1 ~~Nebuchadnezzar~~ **NEBUCHADNEZZAR** the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits; he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. 2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the ~~counsellors~~ **counselors**, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. 3 Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the ~~counsellors~~ **counselors**, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces; were gathered

together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. 4 Then ~~an~~ a herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, 5 That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of ~~musick~~ **music**, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up; 6 And whoso falleth not down and ~~worshipeth~~ **worshipeth** shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. 7 Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of ~~musick~~ **music**, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and ~~worshipped~~ **worshiped** the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. 8 Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews. 9 They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 10 Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of ~~musick~~ **music**, shall fall down and worship the golden image; 11 And whoso falleth not down and ~~worshipeth~~ **worshipeth**, that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. 12 There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and ~~Abednego~~ **Abed-nego**; these men, O king, have not regarded thee; they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. 13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and ~~Abednego~~ **Abed-nego**. Then they brought these

men before the king. 14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and ~~Abednego~~ **Abed-nego**, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? 15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of ~~musick~~ **music**, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well; but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands? 16 Shadrach, Meshach, and ~~Abednego~~ **Abed-nego**, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. 17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. 19 Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and ~~Abednego~~ **Abed-nego**; therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated. 20 And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and ~~Abednego~~ **Abed-nego**, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. 21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 22 Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the ~~flames~~ **flame** of the fire slew those men that took up

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Shadrach, Meshach, and ~~Abednego~~ **Abed-nego**. 23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and ~~Abednego~~ **Abed-nego**, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his ~~counsellors~~ **counselors**, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. 25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God. 26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and ~~Abednego~~ **Abed-nego**, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and ~~Abednego~~ **Abed-nego**, came forth of the midst of the fire. 27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's ~~counsellors~~ **counselors**, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was ~~an~~ a hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. 28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and ~~Abednego~~ **Abed-nego**, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God. 29 Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak ~~any-thing~~ **anything** amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and ~~Abednego~~ **Abed-nego**, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill; because there is no other God that can

deliver after this sort. 30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and ~~Abednego~~ **Abed-nego**, in the province of Babylon.

4

1 ~~Nebuchadnezzar~~ **NEBUCHADNEZZAR** the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. 2 I thought it good to ~~shew~~ **show** the ~~signs~~ **sings** and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me. 3 How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation. 4 I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in mine house, and flourishing in my palace; 5 I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me. 6 Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream. 7 Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers; and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation thereof. 8 But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my ~~God~~ **god**, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and before him I told the dream, saying, 9 O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof. 10 Thus were the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great. 11 The tree grew,

and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth; 12 The leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all; the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it. 13 I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and ~~an~~ a holy one came down from heaven; 14 He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit; let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches; 15 Nevertheless, leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth; 16 Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him. 17 This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by ~~the~~ **thy** word of the holy ones; to the intent that the living may know that the ~~most~~ **Most** High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men. 18 This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation thereof, forasmuch as all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation; but thou art able; for the spirit of the holy gods is in thee. 19 Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream be to them

that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies. 20 The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all the earth; 21 Whose leaves were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation; 22 It is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong; for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth. 23 And whereas the king saw a watcher and ~~an~~ a holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him; 24 This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the ~~most~~ **Most** High, which is come upon my lord the king; 25 That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the ~~most~~ **Most** High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. 26 And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule. 27 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by ~~shewing~~ **showing** mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity. 28 All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar. 29

Daniel 5

At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon. 30 The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the ~~honour~~ **honor** of my majesty? 31 While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. 32 And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field; they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the ~~most~~ **Most** High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. 33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar; and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws. 34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the ~~most~~ **Most** High, and I praised and ~~honoured~~ **honored** him that liveth ~~for ever~~ **forever**, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation; 35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? 36 At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine ~~honour~~ **honor** and brightness returned unto me; and my ~~counsellors~~ **counselors** and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and

excellent majesty was added unto me. 37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and ~~honour~~ **honor** the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment; and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

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1 ~~Belshazzar~~ **BELSHAZZAR** the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. 2 Belshazzar, ~~whiles~~ **while** he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein. 3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them. 4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone. 5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the ~~plaster~~ **plaster** of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. 6 Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another. 7 The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. And the king spake, and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and ~~shew~~ **show** me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom. 8 Then came in all the king's wise men; but they could not

read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof. 9 Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were astonished. 10 Now the queen, by reason of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banquet house; and the queen spake and said, O king, live ~~for ever~~ **forever**; let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed; 11 There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, I say, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers; 12 Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and ~~shewing~~ **showing** of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar; now let Daniel be called, and he will ~~shew~~ **show** the interpretation. 13 Then was Daniel brought in before the king. And the king spake and said unto Daniel, Art thou that Daniel, which art of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Jewry? 14 I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee. 15 And now the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof; but they could not ~~shew~~ **show** the interpretation of the thing; 16 And I have heard of thee, that thou canst make interpretations, and dissolve doubts; now if thou canst read the writing,

and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and ~~shalt~~ **shall** be the third ruler in the kingdom. 17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation. 18 O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and ~~honour~~ **honor**; 19 And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him; whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down. 20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him; 21 And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses; they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will. 22 And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this; 23 But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou; and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know; and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways; hast thou not glorified; 24 Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and

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this writing was written. 25 And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. 26 This is the interpretation of the thing; MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. 27 TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. 28 ~~PERES~~ UPHARSIN; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians. 29 Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. 30 In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. 31 And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old.

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1 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom ~~an~~ a hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom; 2 And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first; that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage. 3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. 4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. 5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God. 6 Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus

unto him, King Darius, live ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the ~~counsellors~~ **counselors**, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God, or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. 8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes, and Persians, which altereth not. 9 Wherefore ~~king~~ **King** Darius signed the writing and the decree. 10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and, his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. 11 Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. 12 Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that ~~shall ask~~ **shall ask** a petition of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of ~~the~~ Medes and Persians, which altereth not. 13 Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which is of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day. 14 Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he ~~laboured~~ **labored** till the going down of the sun to deliver him. 15 Then these men assembled unto the king;

and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed. 16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. 17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel. 18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting; neither were instruments of ~~music~~ **music** brought before him; and his sleep went from him. 19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. 20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel, and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? 21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me; forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. 23 Then was the king ~~exceedingly~~ **exceeding** glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God. 24 And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and

brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den. 25 Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. 26 I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel; for he is the living God, and ~~stedfast for ever~~ **steadfast forever**, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end. 27 He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions. 28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

7

1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed; then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters. 2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. 3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. 4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings; I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. 5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it; and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. 6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. 7 After this I saw in the night

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visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth; it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it; and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. 8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots; and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. 9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool; his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. 10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him; thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the judgment was set, and the books were opened. 11 I beheld then, because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake; I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. 12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away; yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time. 13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. 15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled

me. 16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. 17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth. 18 But the saints of the ~~most~~ **Most** High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom ~~for ever~~ **forever**, even ~~for ever~~ **forever** and ever. 19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the ~~others~~ **other**, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; 20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. 21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; 22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the ~~most~~ **Most** High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. 23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. 24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise; and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. 25 And he shall speak great words against the ~~most~~ **Most** High, and shall wear out the saints of the ~~most~~ **Most** High, and think to change times and laws; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. 26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy

it unto the end. 27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the ~~most~~ **Most** High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. 28 Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me; but I kept the matter in my heart.

8

1 In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first. 2 And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river ~~of~~ Ulai. 3 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns; and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. 4 I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him; neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great. 5 And as I was considering, behold, ~~an~~ **a** he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground; and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. 6 And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power. 7 And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns; and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast

him down to the ground, and stamped upon him; and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand. 8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great; and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven. 9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land. 10 And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. 11 Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of ~~the~~ **his** sanctuary was cast down. 12 And ~~an~~ **a** host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it ~~practised~~ **practiced**, and prospered. 13 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden ~~under foot~~ **underfoot** ? 14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed. 15 And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. 16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision. 17 So he came near where I stood; and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face; but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man; for at the time of the end shall be the vision. 18 Now as he was speaking with me, I

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was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground; but he touched me, and set me upright. 19 And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation; for at the time appointed the end shall be. 20 The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia. 21 And the rough goat is the king of Grecia; and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. 22 Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power. 23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. 24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and ~~præitise~~ **practice**, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. 25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many; he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. 26 And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true; wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days. 27 And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.

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1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans; 2 In the first year of his reign, I Daniel understood by books the number of the years,

whereof the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem. 3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes; 4 And I prayed unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; 5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments; 6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. 7 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee. 8 O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee. 9 To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; 10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. 11 Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him. 12 And he hath

confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil; for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem. 13 As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us; yet made we not our prayer before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth. 14 Therefore hath the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth; for we obeyed not his voice. 15 And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly. 16 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us. 17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. 18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name; for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. 19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God; for thy city and thy people are called by thy name. 20 And ~~whiles~~ **while** I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before

the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** my God for the holy mountain of my God; 21 Yea, ~~whiles~~ **while** I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. 22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. 23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to ~~shew~~ **show** thee; for thou art greatly beloved; therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision. 24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the ~~most~~ **Most** Holy. 25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem, unto the Messiah the Prince, shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. 26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself; and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week; and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

10

1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, but the time appointed was long; and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision. 2 In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. 3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled. 4 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel; 5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz; 6 His body also was like the beryl; and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in ~~colour~~ **color** to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude. 7 And I Daniel alone saw the vision; for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. 8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me; for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength. 9 Yet heard I the voice of his words; and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground. 10 And, behold, ~~an~~ **a** hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. 11 And ~~he~~ said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright; for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had

spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. 12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel; for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days; but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. 14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days; for yet the vision is for many days. 15 And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb. 16 And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength. 17 For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me. 18 Then there came again and touched me, one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me, 19 And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not; peace be unto thee; be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, ~~Let~~ **let** my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me. 20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come. 21 But I will ~~shew~~ **show** thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth; and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

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1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, 2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him ~~an~~ **a** house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. 3 Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is ~~in~~ Judah, and build the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem. 4 And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, ~~beside~~ **besides** the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem. 5 Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** which is in Jerusalem. 6 And all they that were about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, ~~beside~~ **besides** all that was willingly offered. 7 Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods; 8 Even those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them unto

Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah. 9 And this is the number of them; thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives, 10 Thirty basins of gold, silver basins of a second sort four hundred and ten, and other vessels a thousand. 11 All the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand and four hundred. All these did Sheshbazzar bring up with them of the captivity that were brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem.

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1 Now these are the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those which had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and came again unto Jerusalem and Judah, ~~every one~~ **everyone** unto his city; 2 Which came with Zerubbabel; Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mizpar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel; 3 The children of Parosh, two thousand ~~an~~ **a** hundred seventy and two. 4 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two. 5 The children of Arah, seven hundred seventy and five. 6 The children of ~~Pahathmoab~~ **Pahathmoab**, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve. 7 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. 8 The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five. 9 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore. 10 The children of Bani, six hundred forty and two. 11 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and three. 12 The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred **and**

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twenty and two. 13 The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six. 14 The children of Bigvai, two thousand fifty and six. 15 The children of Adin, four hundred fifty and four. 16 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight. 17 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three. 18 The children of Jorah, ~~an~~ a hundred and twelve. 19 The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three. 20 The children of Gibbar, ninety and five. 21 The children of Bethlehem, ~~an~~ a hundred twenty and three. 22 The men of Netophah, fifty and six. 23 The men of Anathoth, ~~an~~ a hundred twenty and eight. 24 The children of Azmaveth, forty and two. 25 The children of ~~Kirjatharim~~ **Kirjath-arim**, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty and three. 26 The children of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one. 27 The men of Michmas, ~~an~~ a hundred twenty and two. 28 The men of ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el** and Ai, two hundred twenty and three. 29 The children of Nebo, fifty and two. 30 The children of Magbish, ~~an~~ a hundred fifty and six. 31 The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. 32 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty. 33 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and five. 34 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five. 35 The children of Senaah, three thousand and six hundred and thirty. 36 The priests;; the children of ~~Jedaiah~~ **Jediah**, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three. 37 The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two. 38 The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven. 39 The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen. 40 The Levites;; the children of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the children of Hodaviah, seventy

and four. 41 The singers;; the children of Asaph, ~~an~~ a hundred twenty and eight. 42 The children of the porters;; the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, in all ~~an~~ a hundred thirty and nine. 43 The ~~Nethinims~~ **Nethinim**; the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth, 44 The children of Keros, the children of Siaha, the children of Padon, 45 The children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub, 46 The children of Hagab, the children of Shalmal, the children of Hanan;. 47 The children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of Reaiah, 48 The children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam;. 49 The children of ~~Uzza~~ **Uaaz**, the children of Paseah, the children of Besai, 50 The children of Asnah, the children of Mehunim, the children of Nephusim;. 51 The children of ~~Bakbuk~~ **Bakbauk**, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur;. 52 The children of Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha, 53 The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Thamah, 54 The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha. 55 The children of Solomon's servants;; the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Peruda, 56 The children of ~~Jaalah~~ **Jaaiiah**, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel, 57 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Ami. 58 All the ~~Nethinims~~ **Nethinim**, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred ninety and two. 59 And these were they which went up from **Telmelah Tel-mela, Telharsa Tel-harsa**, Cherub, Addan, and Immer;; but they could not ~~show~~ **show** their

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father's house, and their seed, whether they were of Israel; 60 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of ~~Nekoda~~ **Nekodah**, six hundred fifty and two. 61 And of the children of the priests; the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai; which took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name; 62 These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found; therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood. 63 And the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and with Thummim. 64 The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore, 65 ~~Beside~~ **Besides** their servants and their maids, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven; and there were among them two hundred singing men and singing women. 66 Their horses were seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five; 67 Their camels, four hundred thirty and five; their asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty. 68 And some of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** which is at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in his place; 69 They gave after their ability unto the treasure of the work threescore and one thousand drams of gold, and five thousand ~~pound~~ **pounds** of silver, and one hundred priests' garments. 70 So the priests, and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the ~~Nethinims~~ **Nethinim**, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

1 And when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. 2 Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God. 3 And they set the altar upon his bases; for fear was upon them because of the people of those countries; and they offered burnt offerings thereon unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, even burnt offerings morning and evening. 4 They kept also the feast of tabernacles; as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required; 5 And afterward offered the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that were consecrated, and of ~~every one~~ **everyone** that willingly offered a freewill offering unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 6 From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. But the foundation of the temple of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was not yet laid. 7 They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia. 8 Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the

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captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 9 Then stood Jeshua with his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God; the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brethren the Levites. 10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, after the ordinance of David king of Israel. 11 And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; because he is good, for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever** toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, because the foundation of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was laid. 12 But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy; 13 So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people; for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

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1 Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel; 2 Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you; for we seek your God; as ye do; and we do sacrifice unto him since the days

of ~~Esarhaddon~~ **Esar-haddon** king of Assur, which brought us up hither. 3 But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel, said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build ~~an~~ **a** house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us. 4 Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building, 5 And hired ~~counsellors~~ **counselors** against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia. 6 And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they unto him an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem. 7 And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their companions, unto Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter was written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue. 8 Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king in this sort; 9 Then wrote Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions; the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Susanchites, the Dehavites, and the Elamites, 10 And the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Asnapper brought over, and set in the cities of Samaria, and the rest that are on this side the river, and at such a time. 11 This is the copy of the letter that they sent unto him, even unto Artaxerxes the king; Thy servants the men on this side the river, and at such a time. 12 Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up from thee to us are

come unto Jerusalem, building the rebellious and the bad city, and have set up the walls thereof, and joined the foundations. 13 Be it known now unto the king, that, if this city be builded, and the walls set up again, then will they not pay toll, tribute, and custom, and so thou shalt endamage the revenue of the kings. 14 Now because we have maintenance from the king's palace, and it was not meet for us to see the king's ~~dishonour~~ **dishonor**, therefore have we sent and certified the king; 15 That search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers; so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know that this city is a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time; for which cause was this city destroyed. 16 We certify the king that, if this city be builded again, and the walls thereof set up, by this means thou shalt have no portion on this side the river. 17 Then sent the king an answer unto Rehum the chancellor, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their companions that dwell in Samaria, and unto the rest beyond the river, Peace, and at such a time. 18 The letter which ye sent unto us hath been plainly read before me. 19 And I commanded, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath made insurrection against kings, and that rebellion and sedition have been made therein. 20 There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, which have ruled over all countries beyond the river; and toll, tribute, and custom, was paid unto them. 21 Give ye now commandment to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until another commandment shall be given from me. 22 Take heed now that ye fail not to do this; why

should damage grow to the hurt of the kings? 23 Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power. 24 Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

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1 Then the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, even unto them. 2 Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem; and with them were the prophets of God helping them. 3 At the same time came to them Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and ~~Shethar-boznai~~ **Shethar-boznai**, and their companions, and said thus unto them, Who hath commanded you to build this house, and to make up this wall? 4 Then said we unto them after this manner, What are the names of the men that make this building? 5 But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, that they could not cause them to cease, till the matter came to Darius; and then they returned answer by letter concerning this matter. 6 The copy of the letter that Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and ~~Shethar-boznai~~ **Shethar-boznai**, and his companions the Apharsachites, which were on this side the river, sent unto Darius the king; 7 They sent a letter unto him, wherein was written thus; Unto Darius the king, all peace. 8 Be it known unto the king, that we went

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into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is builded with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and ~~this~~ **his** work goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands. 9 Then asked we those elders, and said unto them thus, Who commanded you to build this house, and to make up these walls? 10 We asked their names also, to certify thee, that we might write the names of the men that were the chief of them. 11 And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was builded these many years ago, which a great king of Israel builded and set up. 12 But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon. 13 But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon, the same king Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God. 14 And the vessels also of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that was in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto one, whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor; 15 And said unto him, Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be builded in his place. 16 Then came the same Sheshbazzar, and laid the foundation of the house of God which is in Jerusalem; and since that time even until now hath it been in building, and yet it is not finished. 17 Now therefore, if it seem good to the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure house, which is there

at Babylon, whether it be so, that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

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1 Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon. 2 And there was found at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein was a record thus written; 3 In the first year of Cyrus the king, the same Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof threescore cubits; 4 With three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber; and let the expenses be given out of the king's house; 5 And also let the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and brought again unto the temple which is at Jerusalem, every one to his place, and place them in the house of God. 6 Now therefore, Tatnai, governor beyond the river, ~~Shetharboznai~~ **Shethat-boznai**, and your companions the Apharsachites, which are beyond the river, be ye far from thence; 7 Let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in his place. 8 Moreover I make a decree what ye shall do to the elders of these Jews for the building of this house of God; that of the king's goods, even of the tribute beyond the river, forthwith

expenses be given unto these men, that they be not hindered. 9 And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the appointment of the priests which are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail; 10 That they may offer sacrifices of sweet ~~savours~~ **savors** unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons. 11 Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, let him be hanged thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this. 12 And the God that hath caused his name to dwell there destroy all kings and people, that shall put to their hand to alter and to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with speed. 13 Then Tatnai, governor on this side the river, ~~Shethar-boznai~~ **Shethar-boznai**, and their companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, so they did speedily. 14 And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia. 15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king. 16 And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy; 17 And offered at the dedication of this house of God ~~an~~ **a** hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four

hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel. 18 And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses. 19 And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth day of the first month. 20 For the priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them were pure, and killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves. 21 And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, did eat, 22 And kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

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1 Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, 2 The son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, 3 The son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth, 4 The son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, 5 The son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest; 6 This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel had given; and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** his God upon him. 7 And there

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went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the ~~Nethinims~~ **Nethinim**, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king. 8 And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king. 9 For upon the first day of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him. 10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments. 11 Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, even a scribe of the words of the commandments of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and of his statutes to Israel. 12 Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace, and at such a time. 13 I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee. 14 Forasmuch as thou art sent of the king, and of his seven ~~counsellors~~ **counselors**, to ~~enquire~~ **inquire** concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which is in thine hand; 15 And to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his ~~counsellors~~ **counselors** have freely offered unto the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem, 16 And all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem; 17 That thou mayest buy speedily with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meat

offerings and their drink offerings, and offer them upon the altar of the house of your God which is in Jerusalem. 18 And whatsoever shall seem good to thee, and to thy brethren, to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do after the will of your God. 19 The vessels also that are given thee for the service of the house of thy God, those deliver thou before the God of Jerusalem. 20 And whatsoever more shall be needful for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow it out of the king's treasure house. 21 And I, even I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers which are beyond the river, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily, 22 Unto ~~an~~ **a** hundred talents of silver, and to ~~an~~ **a** hundred measures of wheat, and to ~~an~~ **a** hundred baths of wine, and to ~~an~~ **a** hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much. 23 Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven; for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons? 24 Also we certify you, that, touching any of the priests and Levites, singers, porters, ~~Nethinims~~ **Nethinim**, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them. 25 And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that is in thine hand, set magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that are beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God; and teach ye them that know them not. 26 And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether it be unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of

goods, or to imprisonment. 27 Blessed be the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of our fathers, which hath put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** which is in Jerusalem; 28 And hath extended mercy unto me before the king, and his ~~counsellors~~ **counselors**, and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was strengthened as the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** my God was upon me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

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1 These are now the chief of their fathers, and this is the genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king. 2 Of the sons of Phinehas; Gershom; of the sons of Ithamar; Daniel; of the sons of David; Hattush. 3 Of the sons of Shechaniah, of the sons of Pharosh; Zechariah; and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males ~~an~~ a hundred and fifty. 4 Of the sons of ~~Pahathmoab~~ **Pahath-moab**; Elihoenai the son of Zerahiah, and with him two hundred males. 5 Of the sons of Shechaniah; the son of ~~Jahaziel~~ **Jonathan**, and with him three hundred males. 6 Of the sons also of Adin; Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males. 7 And of the sons of Elam; Jeshaiiah the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy males. 8 And of the sons of Shephatiah; Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him fourscore males. 9 Of the sons of Joab; Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males. 10 And of the sons of Shelomith; the son of Josiphiah, and with him ~~an~~ a hundred and threescore males. 11 And of the sons of Bebai; Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty and eight

males. 12 And of the sons of Azgad; Johanan the son of Hakkatan, and with him ~~an~~ a hundred and ten males. 13 And of the last sons of Adonikam, whose names are these, Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and with them threescore males. 14 Of the sons also of Bigvai; Uthai, and Zabbud, and with them seventy males. 15 And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava; and there abode we in tents three days; and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the sons of Levi. 16 Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for ~~Elnathan~~ **Elnatnan**, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men; also for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, men of understanding. 17 And I sent them with commandment unto Iddo the chief at the place Casiphia, and I told them what they should say unto Iddo, and to his brethren the ~~Nethinims~~ **Nethinim**, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring unto us ministers for the house of our God. 18 And by the good hand of our God upon us they brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of ~~Mahli~~ **Mahili**, the son of Levi, the son of Israel; and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brethren, eighteen; 19 And Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiiah of the sons of Merari, his brethren and their sons, twenty; 20 Also of the ~~Nethinims~~ **Nethinim**, whom David and the princes had appointed for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty ~~Nethinims~~ **Nethinim**; all of them were expressed by name. 21 Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance; 22 For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and

horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way; because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him. 23 So we fasted and besought our God for this; and he was ~~intreated~~ **entreated** of us. 24 Then I separated twelve of the chief of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them, 25 And weighed unto them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, even the offering of the house of our God, which the king, and his ~~counsellors~~ **counselors**, and his lords, and all Israel there present, had offered; 26 I even weighed unto their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels ~~an~~ **a** hundred talents, and of gold ~~an~~ **a** hundred talents; 27 Also twenty ~~basons~~ **basins** of gold, of a thousand drams; and two vessels of fine copper, precious as gold. 28 And I said unto them, Ye are holy unto the **LORD Lord**; the vessels are holy also; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering unto the **LORD Lord** God of your fathers. 29 Watch ye, and keep them, until ye weigh them before the chief of the priests and the Levites, and chief of the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the **LORD Lord**. 30 So took the priests and the Levites the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem unto the house of our God. 31 Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem; and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way. 32 And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days. 33 Now on the fourth day was the silver and the gold and the vessels

weighed in the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest; and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them was Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, Levites; 34 By number and by weight of ~~every one~~ **everyone**; and all the weight was written at that time. 35 Also the children of those that had been carried away, which were come out of the captivity, offered burnt offerings unto the God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs, twelve he goats for a sin offering; all this was a burnt offering unto the **LORD Lord**. 36 And they delivered the king's commissions unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors on this side the river; and they furthered the people, and the house of God.

9

1 Now when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. 2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons; so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands; yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass. 3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished. 4 Then were assembled unto me ~~every one~~ **everyone** that trembled at the words

of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and I sat astonished until the evening sacrifice. 5 And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my heaviness; and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** my God, 6 And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God; for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens. 7 Since the days of our fathers have we been in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as it is this day. 8 And now for a little space grace hath been ~~shewed~~ **showed** from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage. 9 For we were bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. 10 And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments, 11 Which thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land with the filthiness of the people of the lands, with their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their uncleanness. 12 Now therefore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace

or their wealth ~~for ever~~ **forever**; that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 13 And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such deliverance as this; 14 Should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping? 15 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, thou art righteous; for we remain yet escaped, as it is this day; behold, we are before thee in our trespasses; for we cannot stand before thee because of this.

10

1 Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children; for the people wept very sore. 2 And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land; yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing. 3 Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law. 4 Arise; for this matter belongeth unto thee; we also will be with thee; be of good courage, and do it. 5 Then arose Ezra,

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and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they should do according to this word. And they sware. 6 Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib; and when he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water; for he mourned because of the transgression of them that had been carried away. 7 And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jerusalem; 8 And that whosoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be forfeited, and himself separated from the congregation of those that had been carried away. 9 Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within three days. It was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month; and all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of this matter, and for the great rain. 10 And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel. 11 Now therefore make confession unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of your fathers, and do his pleasure; and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives. 12 Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do. 13 But the people are many, and it is a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand without, neither is this a work of one day or two; for we are many that have transgressed in this thing. 14 Let now our rulers of all the congregation stand, and let all them which have

taken strange wives in our cities come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, until the fierce wrath of our God for this matter be turned from us. 15 Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah were employed about this matter; and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them. 16 And the children of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest, with certain chief of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by their names, were separated, and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter. 17 And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month. 18 And among the sons of the priests there were found that had taken strange wives; namely, of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren; Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah. 19 And they gave their hands that they would put away their wives; and being guilty, they offered a ram of the flock for their trespass. 20 And of the sons of Immer; Hanani, and Zebadiah. 21 And of the sons of Harim; Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uziah. 22 And of the sons of Pashur; Elioenai, Maaseiah, ~~Ishmael~~ **Ishamael**, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasa. 23 Also of the Levites; Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah, (the same is Kelita,) Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer. 24 Of the singers also; Eliashib; and of the porters; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri. 25 Moreover of Israel; of the sons of Parosh; Ramiah, and Jeziah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah. 26 And of the sons of Elam; Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah. 27 And of the sons of Zattu; Elioenai, Eliashib,

Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza. 28 Of the sons also of Bebai; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai. 29 And of the sons of Bani; Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, and Ramoth. 30 And of the sons of ~~Pahathmoab~~ **Pahath-moab**; Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh. 31 And of the sons of Harim; Eliezer, Ishijah, Malchiah, ~~Shemaiah~~ **Semaiah**, Shimeon, 32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah. 33 Of the sons of Hashum; Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei. 34

Of the sons of Bani; Maadai, ~~Amram~~ **Amaram**, and Uel, 35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh, 36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib, 37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau, 38 And Bani, and Binnui, Shimei, 39 And Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah, 40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai, 41 Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah, 42 Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph. 43 Of the sons of Nebo; Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah. 44 All these had taken strange wives; and some of them had wives by whom they had children.

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1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace, 2 That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. 3 And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach; the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. 4 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven, 5 And said, I beseech thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments; 6 Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee

now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee; both I and my father's house have sinned. 7 We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses. 8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations; 9 But if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there. 10 Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand. 11 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name; and prosper, I pray thee, thy

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servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

2

1 And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him; and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence. 2 Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid, 3 And said unto the king, Let the king live ~~for ever~~; **forever**; why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' ~~sepulchres~~ **sepulchers**, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire? 4 Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. 5 And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found ~~favour~~ **favor** in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' ~~sepulchres~~ **sepulchers**, that I may build it. 6 And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time. 7 Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah; 8 And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may ~~give~~ **gave** me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me. 9

Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me. 10 When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel. 11 So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days. 12 And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem; neither was there any beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon. 13 And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire. 14 Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool; but there was no place for the beast that was under me to pass. 15 Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and so returned. 16 And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work. 17 Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire; come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach. 18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work. 19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the

Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king? 20 Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build; but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

3

1 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they builded the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even unto the tower of Meah they sanctified it, unto the tower of Hananeel. 2 And next unto him builded the men of Jericho. And next to them builded Zaccur the son of Imri. 3 But the fish gate did the sons of Hassenaah build, who also laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof. 4 And next unto them repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz. And next unto them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel. And next unto them repaired Zadok the son of Baana. 5 And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 6 Moreover the old gate repaired Jehoiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah; they laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, and the locks thereof, and the bars thereof. 7 And next unto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, unto the throne of the governor on this side the river. 8 Next unto him repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths. Next unto him also repaired Hananiah the son of one of

the apothecaries, and they fortified Jerusalem unto the broad wall. 9 And next unto them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem. 10 And next unto them repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, even over against his house. And next unto him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabniah. 11 Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of ~~Pahathmoab~~ **Pahath-moab**, repaired the other piece, and the tower of the furnaces. 12 And ~~the~~ next unto him repaired Shallum the son of Halohesh, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters. 13 The valley gate repaired Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoah; they built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and a thousand cubits on the wall unto the dung gate. 14 But the dung gate repaired Malchiah the son of Rechab, the ruler of part of ~~Bethhaccerem~~ **Beth-haccerem**; he built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof. 15 But the gate of the fountain repaired ~~Shallum~~ **Shallum** the son of Colhozeh, the ruler of part of Mizpah; he built it, and covered it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of the pool of Siloah by the king's garden, and unto the stairs that go down from the city of David. 16 After him repaired Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of the half part of ~~Bethzur~~ **Beth-zur**, unto the place over against the ~~sepulchres~~ **sepulchers** of David, and to the pool that was made, and unto the house of the mighty. 17 After him repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani. Next unto him repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of the half part of Keilah, in his part. 18 After him repaired their brethren, Bavai the son of Henadad, the ruler of the half part of ~~Keilah~~ **Kielah**. 19 And next to him

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repaired Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, another piece over against the going up to the ~~armoury~~ **armory** at the turning of the wall. 20 After him Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired the other piece, from the turning of the wall unto the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest. 21 After him repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah the son of Koz another piece, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib. 22 And after him repaired the priests, the men of the plain. 23 After him repaired Benjamin and Hashub over against their house. After him repaired Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah by his house. 24 After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad another piece, from the house of Azariah unto the turning of the wall, even unto the corner. 25 Palal the son of Uzai, over against the turning of the wall, and the tower which lieth out from the king's high house, that was by ~~the~~ court of the prison. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh. 26 Moreover the ~~Nethinims~~ **Nethinim** dwelt in Ophel, unto the place over against the water gate toward the east, and the tower that lieth out. 27 After them the Tekoites repaired another piece, over against the great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of Ophel. 28 From above the horse gate repaired the priests, ~~every one~~ **everyone** over against his house. 29 After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his house. After him repaired also Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the east gate. 30 After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, another piece. After him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah over against his chamber. 31 After him repaired Malchiah the goldsmith's son unto

the place of the ~~Nethinims~~ **Nethinim**, and of the merchants, over against the gate Miphkad, and to the going up of the corner. 32 And between the going up of the corner unto the sheep gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

4

1 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews. 2 And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned? 3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall. 4 Hear, O our God; for we are despised; and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity; 5 And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee; for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders. 6 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof; for the people had a mind to work. 7 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites; heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth, 8 And conspired all of them together to come and ~~to~~ fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it. 9 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them. 10 And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of

burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall. 11 And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come in the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease. 12 And it came to pass, that when the Jews which dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times, From all places whence ye shall return unto us they will be upon you. 13 Therefore set I in the lower places behind the wall, and on the higher places, I even set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows. 14 And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them; remember the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses. 15 And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to ~~nought~~ **naught**, that we returned all of us to the wall, ~~every one~~ **everyone** unto his work. 16 And it came to pass from that time forth, that the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers were behind all the ~~house~~ **houses** of Judah. 17 They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, ~~every one~~ **everyone** with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon. 18 For the builders, ~~every one~~ **everyone** had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me. 19 And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another. 20 In what

place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us; our God shall fight for us. 21 So we ~~laboured~~ **labored** in the work; and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared. 22 Likewise at the same time said I unto the people, Let ~~every one~~ **everyone** with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and ~~labour~~ **labor** on the day. 23 So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our clothes, saving that ~~every one~~ **everyone** put them off for washing.

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1 And there was a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brethren the Jews. 2 For there were that said, We, our sons, and our daughters, are many; therefore we take up corn for them, that we may eat, and live. 3 Some also there were that said, We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might buy corn, because of the dearth. 4 There were also that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute, and that upon our lands and vineyards. 5 Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children; and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters are brought ~~unto~~ **into** bondage already; neither is it in our power to redeem them; for other men have our lands and vineyards. 6 And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words. 7 Then I consulted with myself, and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury, ~~every one~~ **everyone** of his brother. And I set a great assembly against them. 8 And I said

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unto them, We after our ability, have redeemed our brethren the Jews, which were sold unto the heathen; and will ye even sell your brethren? or shall they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found nothing to answer. 9 Also I said, It is not good that ye do; ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the heathen our enemies? 10 I likewise, and my brethren, and my servants, might exact of them money and corn; I pray you, let us leave off this usury. 11 Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their ~~oliveyards~~ **olive yards**, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and of the corn, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them. 12 Then said they, We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do as thou sayest. Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they should do according to this promise. 13 Also I shook my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his ~~labour~~ **labor**, that performeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. And the people did according to this promise. 14 Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor. 15 But the former governors that had been before me were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, ~~beside~~ **besides** forty shekels of silver; yea, even their servants bare rule over the people; but so did not I, because of the fear of God. 16 Yea, also I continued in the work of this wall, neither bought we

any land; and all my servants were gathered thither unto the work. 17 Moreover there were at my table ~~an~~ **a** hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, ~~beside~~ **besides** those that came unto us from among the heathen that are about us. 18 Now that which was prepared for me daily was one ox and six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine; yet for all this required not I the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people. 19 Think upon me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people.

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1 Now it came to pass, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;) 2 That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief. 3 And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down; why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you? 4 Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner. 5 Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand; 6 Wherein was written, It is reported among the heathen, and Gashmu saith it, that thou and the Jews think to rebel; for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these words. 7 And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee

at Jerusalem, saying, There is a king in Judah; and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together. 8 Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart. 9 For they all made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands. 10 Afterward I came unto the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who was shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple; for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee. 11 And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who is ~~there~~ **mine enemy**, that, ~~being~~ **such a man** as I ~~am~~, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in. 12 And, lo, I perceived that God had not sent him; but that he pronounced this prophecy against me; for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. 13 Therefore ~~was~~ **should I be afraid of him** he hired, ~~that I should be afraid~~, and do so **as he said**, and sin; and that they might have ~~matter~~ **me** for an evil report, that they might reproach me: ? 14 My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear. 15 So the wall was finished in the twenty and ~~fifth~~ **fifty** day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days. 16 And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes; for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God. 17 Moreover in those days the nobles of

Judah sent many letters unto Tobiah, and the letters of Tobiah came unto them. 18 For there were many in Judah sworn unto him, because he was the son - in - law of Shechaniah the son of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah. 19 Also they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

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1 Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed, 2 That I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem; for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many. 3 And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the doors, and bar them; and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, ~~every one~~ **everyone** in his watch, and ~~every one~~ **everyone** to be over against his house. 4 Now the city was large and great; but the people were few therein, and the houses were not builded. 5 And my God put into mine heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And I found a register of the genealogy of them which came up at the first, and found written therein. 6 These are the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity, of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, ~~every one~~ **everyone** unto his city; 7 Who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, ~~Raamiah~~ **Raamaiah**,

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Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number, I say, of the men of the people of Israel was this; 8 The children of Parosh, two thousand ~~an~~ **a** hundred seventy and two. 9 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two. 10 The children of Arah, ~~six~~ **seven** hundred ~~fifty~~ **seventy** and ~~two~~ **five**. 11 The children of ~~Pahathmoab~~ **Pahathmoab**, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred and ~~eighteen~~ **twelve**. 12 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. 13 The children of Zattu, ~~eight~~ **nine** hundred forty and five. 14 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore. 15 The children of ~~Binnui~~ **Bani**, six hundred forty and ~~eight~~ **two**. 16 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and ~~eight~~ **three**. 17 The children of Azgad, ~~two~~ **a** thousand ~~three~~ **two** hundred twenty and two. 18 The children of Adonikam, six hundred ~~threescore~~ **sixty** and ~~seven~~ **six**. 19 The children of Bigvai, two thousand ~~threescore~~ **fifty** and ~~seven~~ **six**. 20 The children of Adin, ~~six~~ **four** hundred fifty and ~~five~~ **four**. 21 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight. 22 The children of Hashum, ~~three~~ **two** hundred twenty and ~~eight~~ **three**. 23 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and ~~four~~ **three**. 24 The children of ~~Hariph~~ **Jorah**, ~~an~~ **a** hundred and twelve. 25 The children of Gibeon, ninety and five. 26 The men of Bethlehem and Netophah, ~~an~~ **a** hundred fourscore and eight. 27 The men of ~~Anathoth~~ **Anthoth**, ~~an~~ **a** hundred twenty and eight. 28 The men of ~~Bethazmaveth~~ **Bethazmaveth**, forty and two. 29 The men of ~~Kirjathjearim~~ **Kirjathjearim**, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty and three. 30 The men of Ramah and Gaba, six

hundred twenty and one. 31 The men of Michmas, ~~an~~ **a** hundred and twenty and two. 32 The men of ~~Bethel~~ **Bethel** and Ai, ~~an~~ **two** hundred twenty and three. 33 The men of the other Nebo, fifty and two. 34 The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. 35 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty. 36 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five. 37 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and ~~one~~ **five**. 38 The children of Senaah, three thousand ~~nine~~ **six** hundred and thirty. 39 The priests; the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three. 40 The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two; 41 The children of ~~Pashur~~ **Pshur**, a thousand two hundred forty and seven. 42 The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen. 43 The Levites; the children of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, and of the children of Hodevah, seventy and four. 44 The singers; of the children of Asaph, ~~an~~ **a** hundred ~~forty~~ **twenty** and eight. 45 The porters; the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, ~~an~~ **a** hundred thirty and ~~eight~~ **nine**. 46 The ~~Nethinims~~ **Nethinim**; the children of Ziha, the children of Hashupha, the children of Tabbaoth, 47 The children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children of Padon, 48 The children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, the children of Shalmai, 49 The children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, 50 The children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, 51 The children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Phaseah, 52 The children of Besai, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephishesim, 53 The children of Bakbuk, the children of

Hakupha, the children of Harhur, 54 The children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha, 55 The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Tamah, 56 The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha-, 57 The children of Solomon's servants;; the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida, 58 The children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel, 59 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Amon. 60 All the ~~Nethinims~~ **Nethinim**, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred ninety and two. 61 And these were they which went up also from ~~Telmelah~~ **Tel-melah**, ~~Tel-haresha~~ **Tel-haresha**, Cherub, Addon, and Immer;; but they could not ~~shew~~ **show** their father's house, nor their seed, whether they were of Israel. 62 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred ~~forty~~ **fifty** and two. 63 And of the priests;; the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai, which took one of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name. 64 These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found;; therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood. 65 And the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim. 66 The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore, 67 ~~Beside~~ **Besides** their manservants and their maidservants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven;; and they had two hundred forty and five singing men and singing women. 68 Their horses,

seven hundred thirty and six;; their mules, two hundred forty and five;; 69 Their camels, four hundred thirty and five;; six thousand seven hundred and twenty asses. 70 And some of the chief of the fathers gave unto the work. The Tirshatha gave to the treasure a thousand drams of gold, fifty ~~basons~~ **basins**, five hundred and thirty priests' garments. 71 And some of the chief of the fathers gave to the treasure of the work twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand and two hundred ~~pound~~ **pounds** of silver. 72 And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand ~~pound~~ **pounds** of silver, and threescore and seven priests' garments. 73 So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and some of the people, and the ~~Nethinims~~ **Nethinim**, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities; and when the seventh month came, the children of Israel were in their cities.

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1 And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had commanded to Israel. 2 And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. 3 And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law. 4 And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose;

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and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam. 5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up; 6 And Ezra blessed the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands; and they bowed their heads, and ~~worshipped~~ **worshipped** the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with their faces to the ground. 7 Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law; and the people stood in their place. 8 So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading. 9 And Nehemiah, which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law. 10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy unto our ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is your strength. 11 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved. 12 And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them. 13 And on the

second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law. 14 And they found written in the law which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month; 15 And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written. 16 So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, ~~every one~~ **everyone** upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim. 17 And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths; for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness. 18 Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.

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1 Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them. 2 And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers. 3 And they stood up in their

place, and read in the book of the law of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** their God one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and ~~worshipped~~ **worshiped** the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** their God. 4 Then stood up upon the stairs, of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** their God. 5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, Stand up and bless the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God ~~for ever~~ **forever** and ever; and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. 6 Thou, even thou, art ~~LORD~~ **Lord** alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven ~~worshippeth~~ **worshipeth** thee. 7 Thou art the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham; 8 And foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give it, I say, to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou art righteous; 9 And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red sea; 10 And ~~shewedst~~ **showedst** signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land; for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them. So didst thou get thee a name, as it is this day. 11 And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the

dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters. 12 Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go. 13 Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments; 14 And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant; 15 And gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them. 16 But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments, 17 And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage; but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not. 18 Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations; 19 Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness; the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to ~~shew~~ **show** them light, and the way wherein they should go. 20 Thou gavest also thy good ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst. 21 Yea, forty years

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didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not. 22 Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and nations, and didst divide them into corners;; so they possessed the land of Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan. 23 Their children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it. 24 So the children went in and possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gavest them into their hands, with their kings, and the people of the land, that they might do with them as they would. 25 And they took strong cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all goods, wells digged, vineyards, and ~~oliveyards~~ **olive yards**, and fruit trees in abundance;; so they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness. 26 Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets which testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations. 27 Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them;; and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them ~~saviours~~ **saviors**, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies. 28 But after they had rest, they did evil again before thee;; therefore leftest thou them in the ~~land~~ **hand** of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them;; yet when they returned, and cried unto thee, thou

heardest them from heaven; and many times didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies; 29 And testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law;; yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, (which if a man do, he shall live in them;) and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear. 30 Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** in thy prophets;; yet would they not give ear;; therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands. 31 Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou art a gracious and merciful God. 32 Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not all the trouble seem little before thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day. 33 Howbeit thou art just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly;; 34 Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testify against them. 35 For they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works. 36 Behold, we are servants this day, and for the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we are servants in it;; 37 And it yieldeth

much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins; also they have dominion over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress. 38 And because of all this we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, Levites, and priests, seal unto it.

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1 Now those that sealed were, Nehemiah, the Tirshatha, the son of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah, 2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, 3 Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah, 4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, 5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, 6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, 7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, 8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah; these were the priests. 9 And the Levites; both Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel; 10 And their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, 11 Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah, 12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, 13 Hodijah, Bani, Beninu. 14 The chief of the people; Parosh, ~~Pahath-moab~~ **Pahath-moab**, Elam, Zattu, Bani, 15 Bunni, Azgad, ~~Bebai~~ **Behai**, 16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, 17 Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur, 18 Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai, 19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai, 20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, 21 Meshezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua, 22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah, 23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub, 24 Hallohesh, Pileha, Shobek, 25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah. 26 And Ahijah, Hanan, Anan, 27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah. 28 And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the ~~Nethinims~~ **Nethinim**, and all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters,

~~every one~~ **everyone** having knowledge, and having understanding; 29 They clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into ~~a curse, and into~~ an oath, ~~to that~~ **a curse should come upon them if they did not** walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the ~~LORD~~ **our Lord Lord their God**, and his judgments and his statutes;. 30 And that ~~we~~ **they** would not give ~~our~~ **their** daughters unto the people of the land, ~~not~~ **nor** take ~~their~~ **the** daughters of **the people** for ~~our~~ **their** sons;. 31 And if the people of the land bring ware or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy it of them on the sabbath, or on the holy day; and that we would leave the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt. 32 Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God; 33 For the ~~shewbread~~ **showbread**, and for the continual meat offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God. 34 And we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God, as it is written in the law; 35 And to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; 36 Also the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the

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house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God; 37 And that we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine, and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage. 38 And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes; and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house. 39 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers; and we will not forsake the house of our God.

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1 And the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem; the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts to dwell in other cities. 2 And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem. 3 Now these are the chief of the province that dwelt in Jerusalem; but in the cities of Judah dwelt ~~every one~~ **everyone** in his possession in their cities, to wit, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the ~~Nethinims~~ **Nethinim**, and the children of Solomon's servants. 4 And at Jerusalem dwelt certain of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin. Of the children of Judah; Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalaleel, of the children of Perez;

5 And Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of ~~Colhozeh~~ **Col-hozeh**, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni. 6 All the sons of Perez that dwelt at Jerusalem were four hundred threescore and eight valiant men. 7 And these are the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jesaiah. 8 And after him Gabbai; Sallai, nine hundred twenty and eight. 9 And Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer; and Judah the son of Senuah was second over the city. 10 Of the priests; Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin. 11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, was the ruler of the house of God. 12 And their brethren that did the work of the house were eight hundred twenty and two; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of ~~Amzi~~ **Amnzi**, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchiah; 13 And his brethren, chief of the fathers, two hundred forty and two; and Amashai the son of Azareel, the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer, 14 And their brethren, mighty men of ~~valour~~ **valor**, ~~an~~ **a** hundred twenty and eight; and their overseer was Zabdiel, the son of one of the great men. 15 Also of the Levites; Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni; 16 And Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chief of the Levites, had the oversight of the outward business of the house of God. 17 And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, was the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer; and Bakbukiah the second among his

brethren, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun. 18 All the Levites in the holy city were two hundred fourscore and four. 19 Moreover the porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren that kept the gates, were ~~an~~ a hundred seventy and two. 20 And the residue of Israel, of the priests, and the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, ~~every one~~ **everyone** in his inheritance. 21 But the ~~Nethinims~~ **Nethinim** dwelt in Ophel; and Ziha and Gispa were over the ~~Nethinims~~ **Nethinim**. 22 The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha. Of the sons of Asaph, the singers were over the business of the house of God. 23 For it was the king's commandment concerning them, that a certain portion should be for the singers, due for every day. 24 And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabeel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people. 25 And for the villages, with their fields, some of the children of Judah dwelt at ~~Kirjatharba~~ **Kirjath-arba**, and in the villages thereof, and at Dibon, and in the villages thereof, and at Jekabzeel, and in the villages thereof, 26 And at Jeshua, and at Moladah, and at ~~Bethphelet~~ **Beth-phelet**, 27 And at ~~Hazarshual~~ **Hazar-shual**, and at ~~Beersheba~~ **Beer-sheba**, and in the villages thereof, 28 And at Ziklag, and at Mekonah, and in the villages thereof, 29 And at ~~Enrimmon~~ **En-rimmon**, and at Zareah, and at Jarmuth, 30 Zanoah, Adullam, and in their villages, at Lachish, and the fields thereof, at Azekah, and in the villages thereof. And they dwelt from ~~Beersheba~~ **Beer-sheba** unto the valley of Hinnom. 31 The children also of Benjamin from Geba dwelt at Michmash, and Aija, and ~~Bethel~~

Beth-el, and in their villages; 32 And at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah, 33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim, 34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat, 35 Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftsmen. 36 And of the Levites were divisions in Judah, and in Benjamin.

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1 Now these are the priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua; Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra, 2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush, 3 Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth, 4 Iddo, Ginnetho, Abijah, 5 Miamin, Maadiah, ~~Bilgah~~ **Bigah**, 6 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah, 7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah. These were the chief of the priests and of their brethren in the days of Jeshua. 8 Moreover the Levites; Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, which was over the thanksgiving, he and his brethren. 9 Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their brethren, were over against them in the watches. 10 And Jeshua begat Joiakim, Joiakim also begat Eliashib, and Eliashib begat Joiada. 11 And Joiada begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jaddua. 12 And in the days of Joiakim were priests, the chief of the fathers; of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah; 13 Of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan; 14 Of Melicu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph; 15 Of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai; 16 Of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam; 17 Of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai; 18 Of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan; 19 And of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi; 20 Of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber; 21 Of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethaneel. 22 The Levites in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and

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Jaddua, were recorded chief of the fathers; also the priests, to the reign of Darius the Persian. 23 The sons of Levi, the chief of the fathers, were written in the book of the ~~chronicles~~ **Chronicles**, even until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib. 24 And the chief of the Levites; Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over against them, to praise and to give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, ward over against ward. 25 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, were porters keeping the ward at the thresholds of the gates. 26 These were in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe. 27 And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries, and with harps. 28 And the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain country round about Jerusalem, and from the villages of Netophathi; 29 Also from the house of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth; for the singers had builded them villages round about Jerusalem; 30 And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, and purified the people, and the gates, and the wall. 31 Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great companies of them that gave thanks, whereof one went on the right hand upon the wall toward the dung gate; 32 And after them went Hoshaiah, and half of the princes of Judah, 33 And Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam, 34 Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and

Jeremiah, 35 And certain of the priests' sons with trumpets; namely, Zechariah, the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph; 36 And his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azarael, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God, and Ezra the scribe before them. 37 And at the fountain gate, which was over against them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the house of David, even unto the water gate eastward. 38 And the other company of them that gave thanks went over against them, and I after them, and the half of the people upon the wall; from beyond the tower of the furnaces even unto the broad wall; 39 And from above the gate of Ephraim, and above the old gate, and above the fish gate, and the tower of Hananeel, and the tower of Meah, even unto the sheep gate; and they stood still in the prison gate. 40 So stood the two companies of them that gave thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me; 41 And the priests; Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets; 42 And Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer. 43 Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced; for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the wives also and the children rejoiced; so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off. 44 And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of

the law for the priests and Levites; for Judah rejoiced for the priests, and for the Levites that waited. 45 And both the singers and the porters kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, according to the commandment of David, and of Solomon his son. 46 For in the days of David and Asaph of old there were chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God. 47 And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, every day his portion; and they sanctified holy things unto the Levites; and the Levites sanctified them unto the children of Aaron.

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1 On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God ~~for ever~~ **forever**; 2 Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired ~~Balaam~~ **Baalam** against them, that he should curse them; howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing. 3 Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude. 4 And before this, Eliashib the priest, having the oversight of the chamber of the house of our God, was allied unto Tobiah; 5 And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded to be given to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and the offerings of the priests. 6 But in all this time was not I at Jerusalem; for in the two and

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thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon came I unto the king, and after certain days obtained I leave of the king; 7 And I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God. 8 And it grieved me sore; therefore I cast forth all the household stuff ~~to~~ **of** Tobiah out of the chamber. 9 Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers; and thither brought I again the vessels of the house of God, with the meat offering and the frankincense. 10 And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them; for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled ~~every one~~ **everyone** to his field. 11 Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place. 12 Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries. 13 And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah; and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for they were counted faithful, and their office was to distribute unto their brethren. 14 Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof. 15 In those days saw I in Judah some treading wine - presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day; and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals. 16 There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto

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the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. 17 Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? 18 Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city?; yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath. 19 And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath; and some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day. 20 So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice. 21 Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? ~~if~~ **If** ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on the sabbath. 22 And I commanded the Levites, that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy. 23 In those days also saw I Jews that had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab; 24 And their children spake half in

the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people. 25 And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves. 26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel; nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin. 27 Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God in marrying strange wives? 28 And one of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was son - in - law to Sanballat the Horonite; therefore I chased him from me. 29 Remember ~~them~~ **then**, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites. 30 Thus cleansed I them from all strangers, and appointed the wards of the priests and the Levites, ~~every one~~ **everyone** in his business; 31 And for the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the firstfruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.

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1 Adam, Sheth, Enosh;. 2 Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jered, 3 Henoch, Methuselah, Lamech, 4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 5 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. 6 And the sons of Gomer; Ashchenaz, and Riphath,

and Togarmah. 7 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. 8 The sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. 9 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabtechah. And the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan. 10 And Cush begat Nimrod; he began to be mighty upon the earth. 11 And

Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and ~~Naphtuhim~~, **Naphtuhim**. 12 And ~~Parthusim~~ **Parthusim**, and Casluhim, (of whom came the Philistines,) and ~~Caphthorim~~ **Capthorim**. 13 And Canaan begat Zidon his ~~firstborn~~ **first-born**, and Heth, 14 The Jebusite also, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite, 15 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, 16 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. 17 The sons of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech. 18 And Arphaxad begat Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber. 19 And unto Eber were born two sons; the name of the one was Peleg; because in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan. 20 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, 21 Hadoram also, and Uzal, and Diklah, 22 And Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba, 23 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan. 24 Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah, 25 Eber, Peleg, Reu, 26 Serug, Nahor, Terah, 27 Abram; the same is Abraham. 28 The sons of Abraham; Isaac, and Ishmael. 29 These are their generations; The ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** of Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, 30 ~~Mishma~~ **Misma**, and Dumah, Massa, Hadad, and Tema, 31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. ~~These~~ **There** are the sons of Ishmael. 32 Now the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine; she bare Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan; Sheba, and Dedan. 33 And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Ephraim, and Henoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these are the sons of Keturah. 34 And Abraham begat Isaac. The sons of Isaac; Esau and Israel. 35 The sons of

Esau; Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah. 36 The sons of Eliphaz; Teman, and Omar, Zephi, and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek. 37 The sons of Reuel; Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. 38 And the sons of Seir; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezar, and Dishan. 39 And the sons of Lotan; Hori, and ~~Homam~~ **Homam**; and Timna was Lotan's sister. 40 The sons of Shobal; Alian, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. ~~and~~ **And** the sons of Zibeon; Aiah, and Anah. 41 The sons of Anah; Dishon. And the sons of Dishon; Amram, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran. 42 The sons of Ezer; Bilhan, and Zavan, and Jakan. The sons of Dishan; Uz, and Aran. 43 Now these are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the children of Israel; Bela the son of Beor; and the name of his city was Dinhabah. 44 And when Bela was dead, Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead. 45 And when Jobab was dead, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his stead. 46 And when Husham was dead, Hadad the son of Bedad, which smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead; and the name of his city was Avith. 47 And when Hadad was dead, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead. 48 And when ~~Samlah~~ **Samalah** was dead, Shaul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead. 49 And when Shaul was dead, ~~Baalhanan~~ **Baal-hanan** the son of Achbor reigned in his stead. 50 And when ~~Baalhanan~~ **Baal-hanan** was dead, Hadad reigned in his stead; and the name of his city was Pai; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab. 51 Hadad died also. And the dukes of Edom were; duke Timnah, duke

Aliah, duke Jetheth, 52 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon, 53 Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar, 54 Duke Magdiel, duke Iram. These are the dukes of Edom.

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1 These are the sons of Israel; Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun, 2 Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. 3 The sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah; which three were born unto him of the daughter of Shua the Canaanitess. And Er, the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** of Judah, was evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and he slew him. 4 And Tamar his daughter - in - law ~~bore~~ **bare** him Pharez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah were five. 5 The sons of ~~Pharez~~ **Phrez**; Hezron, and Hamul. 6 And the sons of Zerah; Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara; five of them in all. 7 And the sons of Carmi; Achar, the troubler of Israel, who transgressed in the thing accursed. 8 And the sons of Ethan; Azariah. 9 The sons also of Hezron, that were born unto him; Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai. 10 And Ram begat Amminadab; and Amminadab begat Nahshon, prince of the children of Judah; 11 And Nahshon begat Salma, and Salma begat Boaz, 12 And Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat Jesse;. 13 And Jesse begat his ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimma the third, 14 Nethaneel the fourth, Raddai the fifth, 15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh; 16 Whose sisters were Zeruiah, and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah; Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three. 17 And Abigail bare Amasa; and the father of Amasa was Jether the ~~Ishmeelite~~ **Ishmaelite**. 18 And Caleb the son of Hezron begat children of Azubah his

wife, and of Jerioth; her sons are these; Jesher, and Shobab, and Ardon. 19 And when Azubah was dead, Caleb took unto him Ephrath, which bare him Hur. 20 And Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat Bezaleel. 21 And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, whom he married when he was threescore years old; and she bare him Segub. 22 And Segub begat Jair, who had three and twenty cities in the land of Gilead. 23 And he took Geshur, and Aram, with the towns of Jair, from them; with Kenath, and the towns thereof, even threescore cities. All these belonged to the sons of Machir the father of Gilead. 24 And after that Hezron was dead in ~~Calebephatah~~ **Caleb-ephatah**, then Abiah ~~Hezron's~~ **Hazron's** wife bare him Ashur the father of Tekoa. 25 And the sons of Jerahmeel the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** of Hezron were, Ram the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born**, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, and Ahijah. 26 Jerahmeel had also another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam. 27 And the sons of Ram the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** of Jerahmeel were, Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker. 28 And the sons of Onam were, Shammai, and Jada. And the sons of Shammai; Nadab, and Abishur. 29 And the name of the wife of Abishur was Abihail, and she bare him Ahban, and Molid. 30 And the sons of Nadab; Seled, and Appaim; but Seled died without children. 31 And the sons of Appaim; Ishi. And the sons of Ishi; Sheshan. And the children of Sheshan; Ahlai. 32 And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai; Jether, and Jonathan; and Jether died without children. 33 And the sons of Jonathan; Peleth, and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel. 34 Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose

name was Jarha. 35 And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to wife; and she bare him Attai. 36 And Attai begat Nathan, and Nathan begat Zabad, 37 And Zabad begat ~~Ephai~~ **Ephial**, and ~~Ephai~~ **Ephial** begat Obed, 38 And Obed begat Jehu, and Jehu begat Azariah, 39 And Azariah begat Helez, and Helez begat Eleasah, 40 And Eleasah begat Sisamai, and Sisamai begat Shallum, 41 And Shallum begat Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begat Elishama. 42 Now the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel were, Mesha his ~~firstborn~~ **first-born**, which was the father of Ziph; and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron. 43 And the sons of Hebron; Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema. 44 And Shema begat Raham, the father of Jorkoam; and Rekem begat Shammai. 45 And the son of Shammai was Maon; and Maon was the father of ~~Bethzur~~ **Beth-zur**. 46 And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bare Haran, and Moza, and Gazez; and Haran begat Gazez. 47 And the sons of Jahdai; Regem, and Jotham, and Gesham, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph. 48 Maachah, Caleb's concubine, bare Sheber, and Tirhanah. 49 She bare also Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbenah, and the father of Gibeaz; and the daughter of Caleb was ~~Aehsa~~ **Achssa**. 50 These were the sons of Caleb the son of Hur, the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** of Ephratah; Shobal the father of ~~Kirjath-jearim~~ **Kirjath-jearim**. 51 Salma the father of Bethlehem, Hareph the father of ~~Bethgader~~ **Beth-gader**. 52 And Shobal the father of ~~Kirjath-jearim~~ **Kirjath-jearim** had sons; Haroeh, and half of the Manahethites. 53 And the families of ~~Kirjath-jearim~~ **Kirjath-jearim**; the Ithrites, and the Puhites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; of them came the Zareathites, and the Eshtaulites;. 54

The sons of Salma; Bethlehem, and the Netophathites, Ataroth, the house of Joab, and half of the Manahethites, the Zorites. 55 And the families of the scribes which dwelt at Jabez; the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and Suchathites. These are the Kenites that came of Hemath, the father of the house of Rechab.

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1 Now these were the sons of David, which were born unto him in Hebron; the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second, Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess;; 2 The third, Absalom the son of Maachah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur;; the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith;; 3 The fifth, Shephatiah of Abital;; the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife. 4 These six were born unto him in Hebron; and there he reigned seven years and six months;; and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years. 5 And these were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of ~~Bathshua~~ **Bath-shua** the daughter of Ammiel;; 6 Ibhar also, and Elishama, and Eliphelet, 7 And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, 8 And Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine. 9 These were all the sons of David, ~~beside~~ **besides** the sons of the concubines, and Tamar their sister. 10 And Solomon's son was Rehoboam, Abia his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son, 11 Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son, 12 Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son, 13 Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son, 14 Amon his son, Josiah his son. 15 And the sons of Josiah were, the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** Johanan, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum. 16

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And the sons of Jehoiakim; Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son. 17 And the sons of Jeconiah; Assir, Salathiel his son, 18 Malchiram also, and Pedaiah, and Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah. 19 And the sons of Pedaiah were, Zerubbabel, and Shimei; and the sons of Zerubbabel; Meshullam, and Hananiah, and Shelomith their sister; 20 And Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, Jushabhesed, five. 21 And the sons of Hananiah; Pelatiah, and Jesaiah; the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shechaniah. 22 And the sons of Shechaniah; Shemaiah; and the sons of Shemaiah; Hattush, and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six. 23 And the sons of Neariah; Elioenai, and Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three. 24 And the sons of Elioenai were, Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and ~~Daliah~~ **Daliaiah**, and Anani, seven.

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1 The sons of Judah; Pharez, Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal. 2 And Reaiah the son of Shobal begat Jahath; and Jahath begat Ahumai, and Lahad. These are the families of the Zorathites. 3 And these were of the father of Etam; Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash; and the name of their sister was Hazelelponi; 4 And Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These are the sons of Hur, the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** of Ephratah, the father of Bethlehem. 5 And Ashur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah. 6 And Naarah bare him, Ahuzam, and Hopher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari. These were the sons of Naarah. 7 And the sons of Helah were, Zereth, and Jezoar, and Ethnan.

8 And Coz begat Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum. 9 And Jabez was more honorable than his brethren; and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I ~~bare~~ **bear** him with sorrow. 10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested. 11 And Chelub the brother of Shuah begat Mehir, which was the father of Eshton. 12 And Eshton begat ~~Bethrapha~~ **Beth-rapha**, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of Irnahash. These are the men of Rechah. 13 And the sons of Kenaz; Othniel, and Seraiah; and the sons of Othniel; Hathath. 14 And Meonothai begat Ophrah; and Seraiah begat Joab, the father of the valley of Charashim; for they were craftsmen. 15 And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh; Iru, Elah, and Naam; and the sons of Elah, even Kenaz. 16 And the sons of Jehaleleel; Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asareel. 17 And the sons of Ezra were; Jether, and Mered, and Ephraim, and Jalon; and she bare Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa. 18 And his wife Jehudijah bare Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these are the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, which Mered took. 19 And the sons of his wife Hodiah the sister of Naham, the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maachathite. 20 And the sons of Shimon were, Amnon, and Rinnah, Benhanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi were, Zoheth, and ~~Benzoheth~~ **Ben-zoheth**. 21 The sons of Shelah the son of Judah were, Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah

the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of them that wrought fine linen, of the house of Ashbea;. 22 And Jokim, and the men of Chozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had the dominion in Moab, and ~~Jashubilehem~~ **Jashubi-lehem**. And these are ancient things. 23 These were the potters, and those that dwelt among plants and hedges;; there they dwelt with the king for his work. 24 The sons of Simeon were, Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, and Shaul;; 25 Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son. 26 And the sons of Mishma; Hamuel his son, Zacchur his son, Shimei his son. 27 And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters;; but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their family multiply, like to the children of Judah. 28 And they dwelt at ~~Beersheba~~ **Beer-sheba**, and Moladah, and Hazarshual, 29 And at Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at Tolad, 30 And at Bethuel, and at ~~Hormah~~ **Hormak**, and at Ziklag, 31 And at ~~Bethmarcaboth~~ **Beth-marcaboth**, and ~~Hazar-susim~~ **Hazar-susim**, and at ~~Bethbirei~~ **Beth-birei** and at Shaaraim. These were their cities unto the reign of David. 32 And their villages were, Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities;; 33 And all their villages that were round about the same cities, unto Baal. These were their habitations, and their genealogy. 34 And Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah; the son of Amaziah, 35 And Joel, and Jehu the son of Josibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel, 36 And Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and ~~Jeshohaiah~~ **Seshohaiah**, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah;. 37 And Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah; 38 These mentioned by their names were princes in their

families;; and the house of their fathers increased greatly. 39 And they went to the entrance of Gedor, even unto the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks. 40 And they found fat pasture and good, and the land was wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for they of Ham had dwelt there of old. 41 And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and smote their tents, and the habitations that were found there, and destroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in their rooms;; because there was pasture there for their flocks. 42 And some of them, even of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi. 43 And they smote the rest of the Amalekites that were escaped, and dwelt there unto this day.

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1 Now the sons of Reuben the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** of Israel, (for he was the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born**; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel;; and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright. 2 For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's;;) 3 The sons, I say, of Reuben the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** of Israel were, Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. 4 The sons of Joel; ~~Shemaiah~~ **Shemnaiah** his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son, 5 Micah his son, Reaia, his son, Baal his son, 6 Beerah his son, whom Tilgathpilneser king of Assyria carried away captive;; he was prince of the Reubenites. 7 And his brethren by their families, when the genealogy of their generations ~~was~~ **were**

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reckoned, were the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah, 8 And Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in Aroer, even unto Nebo and ~~Baal-meon~~; **Baal-meon**; 9 And eastward he inhabited unto the entering in of the wilderness from the river Euphrates; because their cattle were multiplied in the land of Gilead. 10 And in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand; and they dwelt in their tents throughout all the east land of Gilead. 11 And the children of Gad dwelt over against them, in the land of Bashan unto Salcah; 12 Joel the chief, and Shapham the next, and Jaanai, and Shaphat in Bashan. 13 And their brethren of the house of their fathers were, Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia, and Heber, seven. 14 These are the children of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz; 15 Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of the house of their fathers. 16 And they dwelt in Gilead in Bashan, and in her towns, and in all the suburbs of Sharon, upon their borders. 17 All these were reckoned by genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel. 18 The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skillful in war, were four and forty thousand seven hundred and threescore, that went out to the war. 19 And they made war with the Hagarites, with Jetur, and Nephish, and Nodab. 20 And they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all that were with them; for they cried to God in the battle, and he was ~~intreated~~ **entreated** of them;

because they put their trust in him. 21 And they took away their cattle; of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred and fifty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of men ~~an~~ **a** hundred thousand. 22 For there fell down many slain, because the war was of God. And they dwelt in their steads until the captivity. 23 And the children of the half tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the land; they increased from Bashan unto ~~Baalhermon~~ **Baal-hermon** and Senir, and unto mount Hermon. 24 And these were the heads of the house of their fathers, even Ephraim, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valor, famous men, and heads of the house of their fathers. 25 And they transgressed against the God of their fathers, and went a whoring after the gods of the people of the land, whom God destroyed before them. 26 And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of ~~Tilgathpileses~~ **Tilgath-pilneser** king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, and brought them unto Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan, unto this day.

6

1 The sons of Levi; Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 2 And the sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. 3 And the children of Amram; Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. The sons also of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. 4 Eleazar begat Phinehas, Phinehas begat Abishua, 5 And Abishua begat Bukki, and Bukki begat Uzzi, 6 And Uzzi begat Zerahiah, and Zerahiah begat Meraioth, 7 Meraioth begat

Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub, 8 And Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Ahimaaz, 9 And Ahimaaz begat Azariah, and Azariah begat Johanan, 10 And Johanan begat Azariah; (he it is that executed the priest's office in the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem;) 11 And Azariah begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub, 12 And Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Shallum, 13 And Shallum begat Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begat Azariah, 14 And Azariah begat Seraiah, and Seraiah begat Jehozadak, 15 And Jehozadak went into captivity, when the ~~LORD~~ Lord carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar. 16 The sons of Levi; Gershom, Kohath, and Merari. 17 And these be the names of the sons of Gershom; Libni, and Shimei. 18 And the sons of Kohath were, Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. 19 The sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. And these are the families of the Levites according to their fathers. 20 Of Gershom; Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son, 21 Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeaterai his son. 22 The sons of Kohath; Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son, 23 Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son, 24 Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uziah his son, and Shaul his son. 25 And the sons of Elkanah; Amasai, and Ahimoth. 26 As for Elkanah; the sons of Elkanah; Zophai his son, and Nahath his son, 27 Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son. 28 And the sons of Samuel; the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** Vashni, and Abiah. 29 The sons of Merari; Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzza his son, 30 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son. 31 And these are they whom David set over the service of song in the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord,

after that the ark had rest. 32 And they ministered before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing, until Solomon had built the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord in Jerusalem; and then they waited on their office according to their order. 33 And these are they that waited with their children. Of the sons of the Kohathites; Heman a singer, the son of Joel, the son of Shemuel, 34 The son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah, 35 The son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai, 36 The son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah, 37 The son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, 38 The son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel. 39 And his brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand, even Asaph the son of Berachiah, the son of Shimea **Shimeah**, 40 The son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchiah, 41 The son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah, 42 The son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei, 43 The son of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi. 44 And their brethren the sons of Merari stood on the left hand; Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch, 45 The son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah, 46 The son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shamer, 47 The son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi. 48 Their brethren also the Levites were appointed unto all manner of service of the tabernacle of the house of God. 49 But Aaron and his sons offered upon the altar of the burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, and were appointed for all the work of the place most holy, and to make an atonement for Israel,

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according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded. 50 And these are the sons of Aaron; Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son, 51 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son, 52 Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son, 53 Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son. 54 Now these are their dwelling places throughout their castles in their coasts, of the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites; for theirs was the lot. 55 And they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, and the suburbs thereof round about it. 56 But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh. 57 And to the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of Judah, namely, Hebron, the city of refuge, and Libnah with her suburbs, and Jattir, and Eshtemoa, with their suburbs, 58 And Hilen with her suburbs, Debir with her suburbs, 59 And Ashan with her suburbs, and ~~Bethshemesh~~ **Beth-shemesh** with her suburbs; 60 And out of the tribe of Benjamin; Geba with her suburbs, and Alemeth with her suburbs, and Anathoth with her suburbs. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities. 61 And unto the sons of Kohath, which were left of the family of that tribe, were cities given out of the half tribe, namely, out of the half tribe of Manasseh, by lot, ten cities. 62 And to the sons of Gershom throughout their families out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities. 63 Unto the sons of Merari were given by lot, throughout their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities. 64 And the children of Israel gave to the Levites these cities with their

suburbs. 65 And they gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities, which are called by their names. 66 And the residue of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities of their coasts out of the tribe of Ephraim. 67 And they gave unto them, of the cities of refuge, Shechem in mount Ephraim with her suburbs; they gave also Gezer with her suburbs, 68 And Jokmeam with her suburbs, and ~~Bethhoron~~ **Beth-horon** with her suburbs, 69 And ~~Aijalon~~ **Ajalon** with her suburbs, and ~~Gathrimmon~~ **Gath-rimmon** with her suburbs; 70 And out of the half tribe of Manasseh; Aner with her suburbs, and Bileam with her suburbs, for the family of the remnant of the sons of Kohath. 71 Unto the sons of Gershom were given, out of the family of the half tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, and Ashtaroth with her suburbs; 72 And out of the tribe of Issachar; Kedesh with her suburbs, Daberath with her suburbs, 73 And Ramoth with her suburbs, and Anem with her suburbs; 74 And out of the tribe of Asher; Mashal with her suburbs, and Abdon with her suburbs, 75 And Hukok with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs; 76 And out of the tribe of Naphtali; Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, and Hammon with her suburbs, and Kirjathaim with her suburbs. 77 Unto the rest of the children of Merari were given, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmon with her suburbs, Tabor with her suburbs; 78 And on the other side Jordan by Jericho, on the east side of Jordan, were given them, out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with her suburbs, and Jahzah with her suburbs, 79 Kedemoth also with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her

suburbs; 80 And out of the tribe of Gad; Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, and Mahanaim with her suburbs, 81 And Heshbon with her suburbs, and Jazer with her suburbs.

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1 Now the sons of Issachar were, Tola, and Puah, ~~Jashub~~ **Jashup**, and Shimrom, four. 2 And the sons of Tola; Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their father's house, to wit, of Tola; they were valiant men of might in their generations; whose number was in the days of David two and twenty thousand and six hundred. 3 And the sons of Uzzi; Izrahiah; and the sons of Izrahiah; Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Ishiah, five; all of them chief men. 4 And with them, by their generations, after the house of their fathers, were bands of soldiers for war, six and thirty thousand men; for they had many wives and sons. 5 And their brethren among all the families of Issachar were valiant men of might, reckoned in all by their genealogies fourscore and seven thousand. 6 The sons of Benjamin; Bela, and Becher, and Jediah, three. 7 And the sons of Bela; Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of the house of their fathers; mighty men of valor; and were reckoned by their genealogies twenty and two thousand and thirty and four. 8 And the sons of Becher; Zemira, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and Abiah, and Anathoth, and Alameth. All these are the sons of Becher. 9 And the number of them, after their genealogy by their generations, heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of valor, was twenty thousand and two hundred. 10 The sons also of Jediah;

Bilhan; and the sons of Bilhan; Jeush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tharshish; and Ahishahar. 11 All these the sons of Jediah, by the heads of their fathers, mighty men of valor, were seventeen thousand and two hundred soldiers, fit to go out for war and battle. 12 Shuppim also, and Huppim, the children of Ir, and Hushim, the sons of Aher. 13 The sons of Naphtali; Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shallum, the sons of Bilhah. 14 The sons of Manasseh; Ashriel, whom she bare; (but his concubine the Aramitess bare Machir the father of Gilead; 15 And Machir took to wife the sister of Huppim and Shuppim, whose sister's name was Maachah;) and the name of the second was Zelophehad; and Zelophehad had daughters. 16 And Maachah the wife of Machir bare a son, and she called his name Peresh; and the name of his brother was Sheresh; and his sons were Ulam and Rakem. 17 And the sons of Ulam; ~~Bedan~~ **Badan**. These were the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh. 18 And his sister Hammoleketh bare Ishod, and Abiezer, and Mahalah. 19 And the sons of Shemidah were, Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam. 20 And the sons of Ephraim; Shuthelah, and Bered his son, and Tahath his son, and Eladah his son, and Tahath his son, 21 And Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Gath that were born in that land slew, because they came down to take away their cattle. 22 And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him. 23 And when he went in to his wife, she conceived, and bare a son, and he called ~~his~~ **him** name Beriah, because it went evil with his house. 24 (And his daughter was Sherah, who built ~~Bethoron~~

Beth-horon the nether, and the upper, and ~~Uzzensherah~~ **Uzzensherah**.) 25 And Rephah was his son, also Resheph, and Telah his son, and Tahan his son; 26 Laadan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son; 27 Non his son, Jehoshuah his son. 28 And their possessions and habitations were, ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el** and the towns thereof, and eastward Naaran, and westward Gezer, with the towns thereof; Shechem also and the towns thereof, unto Gaza and the towns thereof; 29 And by the borders of the children of Manasseh, ~~Bethshean~~ **Beth-shean** and her towns, Taanach and her towns, Megiddo and her towns, Dor and her towns. In these dwelt the children of Joseph the son of Israel. 30 The sons of Asher; Imnah, and Isuah, and Ishuai, and Beriah, and Serah their sister. 31 And the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel, who is the father of Birzavith. 32 And Heber begat Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister. 33 And the sons of Japhlet; Pasach, and Bimhal, and Ashvath. These are the children of Japhlet. 34 And the sons of Shamer; Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram. 35 And the sons of his brother Helem; Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal. 36 The sons of Zophah; Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah, 37 Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera. 38 And the sons of Jether; Jephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara. 39 And the sons of Ulla; Arah, and Haniel, and Rezia. 40 All these were the children of Asher, heads of their father's house, choice and mighty men of valor, chief of the princes. And the number throughout the genealogy of them that were apt to the war and to battle was twenty and six thousand men.

1 Now Benjamin begat Bela his ~~firstborn~~ **first-born**, Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third, 2 Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth. 3 And the sons of Bela were, Addar, and Gera, and Abihud, 4 And Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahoah, 5 And Gera, and Shephuphan, and Huram. 6 And these are the sons of Ehud; these are the heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Geba, and they removed them to Manahath; 7 And Naaman, and Ahiah, and Gera, he removed them, and begat Uzza, and Ahihud. 8 And Shahraraim begat children in the country of Moab, after he had sent them away; Hushim and Baara were his wives. 9 And he begat of Hodesh his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcham, 10 And Jeuz; and Shachia, and Mirma. These were his sons, heads of the fathers. 11 And of Hushim he begat Abitub, and Elpaal. 12 The sons of Elpaal; Eber, and Misham, and Shamed, who built Ono, and Lod, with the towns thereof; 13 Beriah also, and Shema, who were heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of ~~Aijalon~~ **Ajalon**, who drove away the inhabitants of Gath; 14 And Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth, 15 And Zebadiah, and Arad, and Ader, 16 And Michael, and Ispah, and Joha, the sons of Beriah; 17 And Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hezeki, and Heber, 18 Ishmerai also, and Jezliah, and Jobab, the sons of Elpaal; 19 And Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi, 20 And Elienai, and Zilthai, and Eliel, 21 And Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, the sons of Shimhi; 22 And Ishpan, and Heber, and Eliel, 23 And Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan, 24 And Hananiah, and Elam, and Antothijah, 25 And ~~Iphediah~~ **Iphediah**, and Penuel, the sons of Shashak; 26 And Shamsherai,

and Shehariah, and Athaliah, 27 And Jaresiah, and Eliah, and Zichri, the sons of Jeroham. 28 These were heads of the fathers, by their generations, chief men. These dwelt in Jerusalem. 29 And at Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon; whose wife's name was Maachah; 30 And his ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab, 31 And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zacher. 32 And Mikloth begat Shimeah. And these also dwelt with their brethren in Jerusalem, over against them. 33 And Ner begat Kish, and Kish begat Saul, and Saul begat Jonathan, and ~~Malchishua~~ **Malchi-shua**, and Abinadab, and ~~Eshbaal~~ **Esh-baal**. 34 And the son of Jonathan was ~~Meribbaal~~ **Merib-baal**; and ~~Meribbaal~~ **Merib-baal** begat Micah. 35 And the sons of Micah were, Pithon, and Melech, and Tarea, and Ahaz. 36 And Ahaz begat Jehoadah; and Jehoadah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza; 37 And Moza begat Binea; Rapha was his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son. 38 And Azel had six sons, whose names are these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these were the sons of Azel. 39 And the sons of Eshek his brother were, Ulam, his ~~firstborn~~ **first-born**, Jehush the second, and Eliphelet the third. 40 And the sons of Ulam were mighty men of valor, archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, ~~an~~ a hundred and fifty. All these are of the sons of Benjamin.

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1 So all Israel were reckoned by genealogies; and, behold, they were written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah, who were carried away to Babylon for their transgression. 2 Now the first

inhabitants that dwelt in their possessions in their cities were, the Israelites, the priests, Levites, and the ~~Nethinims~~ **Nethinim**. 3 And in Jerusalem dwelt of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim, and Manasseh; 4 Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the children of Pharez the son of Judah. 5 And of the Shilonites; Asaiah the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born**, and his sons. 6 And of the sons of Zerah; Jeuel, and their brethren, six hundred and ninety. 7 And of the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hasenuah, 8 And Ibneiah the son of ~~Jeroham~~ **Jeroha**, and ~~Elah~~ **Elam** the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephathiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah; 9 And their brethren, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty and six. All these men were chief of the fathers in the house of their fathers. 10 And of the priests; Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin, 11 And Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God; 12 And Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasiai the son of Adiel, the son of ~~Jahzerah~~ **Jazerab**, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer; 13 And their brethren, heads of the house of their fathers, a thousand and seven hundred and threescore; very able men for the work of the service of the house of God. 14 And of the Levites; Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari; 15 And Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah, the son of Micah, the son of Zichri, the son of

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Asaph; 16 And Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah, the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, that dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites. 17 And the porters were, Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brethren; Shallum was the chief; 18 Who hitherto waited in the king's gate eastward; they were porters in the companies of the children of Levi. 19 And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren, of the house of his father, the Korahites, were over the work of the service, keepers of the gates of the tabernacle; and their fathers, being over the host of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, were keepers of the entry. 20 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar was the ruler over them in time past, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was with him. 21 And Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was porter of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 22 All these which were chosen to be porters in the gates were two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by their genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer did ordain in their set office. 23 So they and their children had the oversight of the gates of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, namely, the house of the tabernacle, by wards. 24 In four quarters were the porters, toward the east, west, north, and south. 25 And their brethren, which were in their villages, were to come after seven days from time to time with them. 26 For these Levites, the four chief porters, were in their set office, and were over the chambers and treasuries of the house of God. 27 And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge was upon them, and the opening thereof every morning pertained to them. 28 And certain of them had the

charge of the ministering vessels, that they should bring them in and out by tale. 29 Some of them also were appointed to oversee the vessels, and all the instruments of the sanctuary, and the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices. 30 And some of the sons of the priests made the ointment of the spices. 31 And Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** of Shallum the Korahite, had the set office over the things that were made in the pans. 32 And other of their brethren, of the sons of the Kohathites, were over the ~~shewbread~~ **showbread**, to prepare it every sabbath. 33 And these are the singers, chief of the fathers of the Levites, who remaining in the chambers were free; for they were employed in that work day and night. 34 These chief fathers of the Levites were chief throughout their generations; these dwelt at Jerusalem. 35 And in Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jehiel, whose wife's name was Maachah; 36 And his ~~firstborn~~ **first-born** son Abdon, then Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab, 37 And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth. 38 And Mikloth begat Shimeam. And they also dwelt with their brethren at Jerusalem, over against their brethren. 39 And Ner begat Kish; and Kish begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, and ~~Malchishua~~ **Malchi-shua**, and Abinadab, and ~~Eshbaal~~ **Esh-baal**. 40 And the son of Jonathan was ~~Meribbaal~~ **Merib-baal**; and ~~Meribbaal~~ **Merib-baal** begat Micah. 41 And the sons of Micah were, Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, and Ahaz. 42 And Ahaz begat Jarah; and Jarah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and ~~Zimri~~ **Zmiri** begat Moza; 43 And Moza begat Binea; and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son. 44 And Azel had six sons, whose names

are these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan; ~~these~~. **These** were the ~~sons~~ son of Azel.

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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 after Saul, and after his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and ~~Malchishua~~ **Malchi-shua**, the sons of Saul. 3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him, and he was wounded of the archers. 4 Then said Saul to his ~~armourbearer~~ **armor-bearer**, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me. But his ~~armourbearer~~ **armor-bearer** would not; for he was sore afraid. So Saul took a sword, and fell upon it. 5 And when his ~~armourbearer~~ **armor-bearer** saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise on the sword, and died. 6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and all his house died together. 7 And when all the men of Israel that were in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, then they forsook their 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 sons fallen in mount Gilboa. 9 And when they had stripped him, they took his head, and his armor, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry tidings unto their idols, and to the people. 10 And they put his armor in the house of their gods; and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon. 11 And when all ~~Jabesh-gilead~~ **Jabesh-gilead** heard all that the Philistines had done to

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Saul, 12 They arose, all the valiant men, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days. 13 So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, ~~even~~ **or** against the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which he kept not, and also for asking **for** counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to ~~enquire~~ **inquire** of it; 14 And inquired not of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.

11

1 Then all Israel gathered themselves to David unto Hebron, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. 2 And moreover in time past, even when Saul was king, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God said unto thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be ruler over my people Israel. 3 Therefore came all the elders of Israel to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** by Samuel. 4 And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which is Jebus; where the Jebusites were, the inhabitants of the land. 5 And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come hither. Nevertheless David took the castle of Zion, which is the city of David. 6 And David said, Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain. So Joab the son of Zeruiah went first up, and was chief. 7 And David dwelt in the castle; therefore they called it the city of David. 8 And he built the city round about, even

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from Millo round about; and Joab repaired the rest of the city. 9 So David waxed greater and greater; for the **LORD Lord** of hosts was with him. 10 These also are the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom, and with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the **LORD Lord** concerning Israel. 11 And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had; Jashobeam, ~~an~~ **a** Hachmonite, the chief of the captains; he lifted up his spear against three hundred slain by him at one time. 12 And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one of the three mighties. 13 He was with David at Pasdammim, and there the Philistines were gathered together to battle, where was a parcel of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines. 14 And they set themselves in the midst of that parcel, and delivered it, and slew the Philistines; and the **LORD Lord** saved them by a great deliverance. 15 Now three of the thirty captains went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the host of the Philistines encamped in the valley of Rephaim. 16 And David was then in the hold, and the Philistines' garrison was then at Bethlehem. 17 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, that is at the gate! 18 And the three 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; but David would not drink of it, but poured it out to the **LORD Lord**. 19 And said, My God forbid it me, that I should do this thing; shall I drink the blood of these men that have put their lives in jeopardy? for with the jeopardy of their lives they brought it. ~~Therefore;~~

therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mightiest. 20 And Abishai the brother of Joab, he was chief of the three; for lifting up his spear against three hundred, he slew them, and had a name among the three. 21 Of the three, he was more honorable than the two; for he was their captain; howbeit he attained not to the first three. 22 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; also he went down and slew a lion in a pit in a snowy day. 23 And he slew an Egyptian, a man of great stature, five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam; and 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. 24 These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had ~~the~~ **a** name among the three mighties. 25 Behold, he was honorable among the thirty, but attained not to the first three; and David set him over his guard. 26 Also the valiant men of the armies were, Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, 27 Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite, 28 Ira the son of Ikkeish the Tekoite, ~~Abiezer~~ **Abi-ezer** the ~~Antothite~~ **Anthothite**, 29 Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite, 30 Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite, 31 Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah, that pertained to the children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite, 32 Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite, 33 Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite, 34 The sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shage the Hararite, 35 Ahiam the son of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphal the son of Uri, 36 Hephher the Mecherathite, Ahijah

the Pelonite, 37 Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son of Ezbai, 38 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Haggeri, 39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the ~~armourbearer~~ **armor-bearer** of Joab the son of Zeruiah, 40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, 41 Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai, 42 Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a captain of the Reubenites; and thirty with him, 43 Hanan the son of Maachah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite, 44 Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jehiel the sons of Hothan the Aroerite, 45 Jediahel the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite, 46 Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai; and Joshaviah; the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite, 47 Eliel, and Obed, and Jasiel the Mesobaite.

12

1 Now these are they that came to David to Ziklag, while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish; and they were among the mighty men, helpers of the war. 2 They were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in hurling stones and shooting arrows out of a bow, even of Saul's brethren of Benjamin. 3 The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; and Berachah, and Jehu the Antothite; 4 And Ismaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty; and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Josabad the Gederathite, 5 Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite, 6 Elkanah, and Jesiah, and Azareel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korhites, 7 And Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor. 8 And of the Gadites there separated themselves

unto David into the hold to the wilderness men of might, and men of war fit for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were as swift as the roes upon the mountains; 9 Ezer the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third, 10 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth, 11 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh, 12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth, 13 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbanai the eleventh. 14 These were of the sons of Gad, captains of the host; one of the least was over ~~an~~ a hundred, and the greatest over a thousand. 15 These are they that went over Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all his banks; and they put to flight all them of the valleys, both toward the east, and toward the west. 16 And there came of the children of Benjamin and Judah to the hold unto David. 17 And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart shall be knit unto you; but if ye be come to betray me to mine enemies, seeing there is no wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it. 18 Then the ~~spirit~~ **Spirit** came upon Amasai, who was chief of the captains, and he said, Thine are we, David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse; peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band. 19 And there fell some of Manasseh to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle; but they helped them not; for the lords of the Philistines upon advisement sent him away, saying, He will fall to his master Saul to the jeopardy of our heads. 20 As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and

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Jozabad, and Jediahel, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai, captains of the thousands that were of Manasseh. 21 And they helped David against the band of the rovers; for they were all mighty men of valor, and were captains in the host. 22 For at that time day by day there came to David to help him, until it was a great host, like the host of God. 23 And these are the numbers of the bands that were ready armed to the war, and came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 24 The children of Judah that bare shield and spear were six thousand and eight hundred, ready armed to the war. 25 Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valor for the war, seven thousand ~~and~~ one hundred. 26 Of the children of Levi, four thousand and six hundred. 27 And Jehoiada was the leader of the Aaronites, and with him were three thousand and seven hundred;. 28 And Zadok, a young man mighty of valor, and of his father's house twenty and two captains. 29 And of the children of Benjamin, the kindred of Saul, three thousand; for hitherto the greatest part of them had kept the ward of the house of Saul. 30 And of the children of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valor, famous throughout the house of their fathers. 31 And of the half tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, which were expressed by name, to come and make David king. 32 And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment. 33 Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, which could keep rank; they were not of double heart. 34 And

of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear, thirty and seven thousand. 35 And of the Danites expert in war twenty and eight thousand and six hundred. 36 And of Asher, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, forty thousand. 37 And on the other side of Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half tribe of Manasseh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, ~~an~~ **a** hundred and twenty thousand. 38 All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel; and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king. 39 And there they were with David three days, eating and drinking; for their brethren had prepared for them. 40 Moreover they that were ~~nigh~~ **with** them, even unto Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, and meat, meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly; for there was joy in Israel.

13

1 And David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, and with every leader. 2 And David said unto all the congregation of Israel, If it seem good unto you, and that it be of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God, let us send abroad unto our brethren ~~every where~~ **everywhere**, that are left in all the land of Israel, and with them also to the priests and Levites which are in their cities and suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us; 3 And let us bring again the ark of our God to us; for we inquired not at it in the days of Saul. 4 And all the congregation said that they would do so; for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. 5 So David gathered

all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt even unto the entering of Hemath, to bring the ark of God from ~~Kirjath-jearim~~ **Kirjath-jearim**. 6 And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, that is, to ~~Kirjath-jearim~~, **Kirjath-jearim** which belonged to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that dwelleth between the cherubim, whose name is called on it. 7 And they carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab; and Uzza and Ahio drave the cart. 8 And David and all Israel played before God with all their might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets. 9 And when they came unto the ~~threshingfloor~~ **threshing floor** of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled. 10 And the anger of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark; and there he died before God. 11 And David was displeased, because the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had made a breach upon Uzza; wherefore that place is called ~~Perez-uzza~~ **Perez-uzza** to this day. 12 And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God home to me? 13 So David brought not the ark home to himself to the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of ~~Obededom~~ **Obed-edom** the Gittite. 14 And the ark of God remained with the family of ~~Obededom~~ **Obed-edom** in his house three months. And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** blessed the house of ~~Obededom~~ **Obed-edom**, and all that he had.

14

1 Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timber of cedars, with masons and carpenters,

to build him ~~an~~ a house. 2 And David perceived that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel. 3 And David took more wives at Jerusalem; and David begat more sons and daughters. 4 Now these are the names of his children which he had in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, 5 And Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpalet, 6 And Nogah, and ~~Nepheg~~ **Nephag**, and Japhia, 7 And Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphalet. 8 And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard of it, and went out against them. 9 And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. 10 And David inquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? ~~And~~ **and** wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand. 11 So they came up to ~~Baalperazim~~ **Baal-perazim**; and David smote them there. Then David said, God hath broken in upon mine enemies by mine hand like the breaking forth of waters; therefore they called the name of that place ~~Baalperazim~~ **Baal-perazim**. 12 And when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire. 13 And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad in the valley. 14 Therefore David inquired again of God; and God said unto him, Go not up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees. 15 And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt go out to battle; for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines. 16 David

therefore did as God commanded him; and they smote the host of the ~~Philistines from Gibeon even to Gazer~~. 17 And the fame of David went out into all lands; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** brought the fear of him upon all nations.

15

1 And David made him houses in the city of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent. 2 Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites; for them hath the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 3 And David gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** unto his place, which he had prepared for it. 4 And David assembled the children of Aaron, and the Levites; 5 Of the sons of Kohath; Uriel the chief, and his brethren ~~an~~ **a** hundred and twenty; 6 Of the sons of Merari; Asaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred and twenty; 7 Of the sons of Gershon; Joel the chief, and his brethren ~~an~~ **a** hundred and thirty; 8 Of the sons of Elizaphan; Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred; 9 Of the sons of Hebron; Eliel the chief, and his brethren fourscore; 10 Of the sons of Uzziel; Amminadab the chief, and his brethren ~~an~~ **a** hundred and twelve. 11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab;. 12 And said unto them, Ye are the chief of the fathers of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel unto the place that I have prepared for it. 13 For because ye did it not at the first, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our

God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order. 14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel. 15 And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded, according to the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 16 And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy. 17 So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, Ethan the son of Kushaiah; 18 And with them their brethren of the second degree, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obededom, and Jeiel, the porters. 19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were appointed to sound with cymbals of brass; 20 And Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries on Alamoth; 21 And Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and ~~Obededom~~ **Obed-edom**, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps on the Sheminith to excel. 22 And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was for song; he instructed about the song, because he was skillful. 23 And Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark. 24 And Shebaniah, and Jehoshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God; and ~~Obededom~~ **Obed-edom** and Jehiah were doorkeepers for the ark. 25 So

David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** out of the house of ~~Obededom~~ **Obed-edom** with joy; 26 And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bare the ark of the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that they offered seven bullocks and seven rams. 27 And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers; David also had upon him an ephod of linen. 28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps. 29 And it came to pass, as the ark of the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came to the city of David, that Michal, the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw king David dancing and playing; and she despised him in her heart.

16

1 So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it; and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God. 2 And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 3 And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine. 4 And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and to record, and to thank and praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel; 5 Asaph the chief, and next to him ~~Zeehariah~~ **Zachariah**, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and

Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and ~~Obededom~~ **Obed-edom**; and Jeiel with psalteries and with harps; but Asaph made a sound with cymbals; 6 Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God. 7 Then on that day David delivered first this psalm to thank the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** into the hand of Asaph and his brethren. 8 Give thanks unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people. 9 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works. 10 Glory ye in his holy name; let the heart of them rejoice that seek the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 11 Seek the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** and his strength, seek his face continually. 12 Remember his marvelous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth; 13 O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones. 14 He is the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God; his judgments are in all the earth. 15 Be ye mindful always of his covenant; the word which he commanded to a thousand generations; 16 Even of the covenant which he made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac; 17 And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant, 18 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance; 19 When ye were but few, even a few, and strangers in it. 20 And when they went from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another people; 21 He suffered no man to do them wrong; yea, he reproveth kings for their sakes, 22 Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm. 23 Sing unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, all the earth; show forth from day to day his salvation. 24 Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvelous works among all nations.

25 For great is the **LORD Lord**, and greatly to be praised; he also is to be feared above all gods. 26 For all the gods of the people are idols; but the **LORD Lord** made the heavens. 27 Glory and honor are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place. 28 Give unto the **LORD Lord**, ye ~~kindred~~ **kindreds** of the people, give unto the **LORD Lord** glory and strength. 29 Give unto the **LORD Lord** the glory due unto his name; bring an offering, and come before him; worship the **LORD Lord** in the beauty of holiness. 30 Fear before him, all the earth; the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved. 31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; and let men say among the nations, The **LORD Lord** reigneth. 32 Let the sea roar, and the ~~fulness~~ **fullness** thereof; let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein. 33 Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the **LORD Lord**, because he cometh to judge the earth. 34 O give thanks unto the **LORD Lord**; for he is good; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 35 And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise. 36 Blessed be the **LORD Lord** God of Israel ~~for ever~~ **forever** and ever. And all the people said, Amen, and praised the **LORD Lord**. 37 So he left there before the ark of the covenant of the **LORD Lord** Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required; 38 And ~~Obededom~~ **Obed-edom** with their brethren, threescore and eight; ~~Obededom~~ **Obed-edom** also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah to be porters; 39 And Zadok the priest, and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the **LORD Lord** in the high place that was at Gibeon, 40 To

offer burnt offerings unto the **LORD Lord** upon the altar of the burnt offering continually morning and evening, and to do according to all that is written in the law of the **LORD Lord**, which he commanded Israel; 41 And with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were expressed by name, to give thanks to the **LORD Lord**, because his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**; 42 And with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those that should make a sound, and with musical instruments of God. And the sons of Jeduthun were porters. 43 And all the people departed every man to his house; and David returned to bless his house.

17

1 Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in ~~an~~ **a** house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the **LORD Lord** remaineth under curtains. 2 Then Nathan said unto David, Do all that is in thine heart; for God is with thee. 3 And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying, 4 Go and tell David my servant, Thus saith the **LORD Lord**, Thou shalt not build me ~~an~~ **a** house to dwell in; 5 For I have not dwelt in ~~an~~ **a** house since the day that I brought up Israel unto this day; but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another. 6 Wheresoever I have walked with all Israel, spake I a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me ~~an~~ **a** house of cedars? 7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the **LORD Lord** of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, even from following the

sheep, that thou shouldest be ruler over my people Israel. 8 And I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee; and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that are in the earth. 9 Also I will ordain a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them ~~any more~~ **anymore**, as at the beginning, 10 And since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. Moreover I will subdue all thine enemies. Furthermore I tell thee, that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** will build thee ~~an~~ **a** house. 11 And it shall come to pass; when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom. 12 He shall build me ~~an~~ **a** house, and I will stablish his throne ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 13 I will be his father, and he shall be my son; and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee; 14 But I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom ~~for ever~~ **forever**; and his throne shall be established ~~for evermore~~ **forevermore**. 15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David. 16 And David the king came and sat before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and said, Who am I, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God, and what is mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? 17 And yet this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; for thou hast also spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God. 18 What can David speak more to thee for the

honor of thy servant? for thou knowest thy servant. 19 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, for thy servant's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all this greatness, in making known all these great things. 20 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, there is none like thee, neither is there any God ~~beside~~ **besides** thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 21 And what one nation in the earth is like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem to be his own people, to make thee a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out nations from before thy people, whom thou hast redeemed out of Egypt? 22 For thy people Israel didst thou make thine own people ~~for ever~~ **forever**; and thou, ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, becamest their God. 23 Therefore now, ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, let the thing that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant and concerning his house be established ~~for ever~~ **forever**, and do as thou hast said. 24 Let it even be established, that thy name may be magnified ~~for ever~~ **forever**, saying, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel; and let the house of David thy servant be established before thee. 25 For thou, O my God, hast told thy servant that thou wilt build him ~~an~~ **a** house; therefore thy servant hath found in his heart to pray before thee. 26 And now, ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, thou art God, and hast promised this goodness unto thy servant; 27 Now therefore let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may be before thee ~~for ever~~ **forever**; for thou blessest, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and it shall be blessed ~~for ever~~ **forever**.

18

1 Now after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and her

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towns out of the hand of the Philistines. 2 And he smote Moab; and the Moabites became David's servants, and brought gifts. 3 And David smote Hadarezer king of Zobah unto Hamath, as he went to ~~stablish~~ **establish** his dominion by the river Euphrates. 4 And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen; David also houghed all the chariot horses, but reserved of them ~~an~~ a hundred chariots. 5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadarezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men. 6 Then David put garrisons in ~~Syriadamascus~~ **Syria-damascus**; and the Syrians became David's servants, and brought gifts. Thus the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** preserved David whithersoever he went. 7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. 8 Likewise from Tibhath, and from Chun, cities of Hadarezer, brought David very much brass, wherewith Solomon made the brazen sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brass. 9 Now when Tou king of Hamath heard how David had smitten all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah; 10 He sent Hadoram his son to king David, to ~~enquire~~ **inquire** of his welfare, and to congratulate him, because he had fought against Hadarezer, and smitten him; (for Hadarezer had war with Tou;) and with him all manner of vessels of gold and silver and brass. 11 Then also king David dedicated unto the ~~LORD~~, **Lord** with the silver and the gold that he brought from all these nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek. 12 Moreover, Abishai the son of Zeruiah slew of the Edomites

in the valley of salt eighteen thousand. 13 And he put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became David's servants. Thus the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** preserved David whithersoever he went. 14 So David reigned over all Israel, and executed judgment and justice among all his people. 15 And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, recorder; 16 And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and Shavsha was scribe; 17 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David were chief about the king.

19

1 Now it came to pass after this, that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead. 2 And David said, I will show kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash; because his father showed kindness to me. And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. So the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him. 3 But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, Thinkest thou that David doth honor thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee for to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land? 4 Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the midst hard by their buttocks, and sent them away. 5 Then there went certain, and told David how the men were served. ~~And;~~ **and** he sent to meet them; for 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 had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of Syriamaachah, and out of Zobah. 7 So they hired thirty and two thousand chariots, and the king of Maachah and his people; who came and pitched before Medeba. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle. 8 And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men. 9 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array before the gate of the city; and the kings that were come were by themselves in the field. 10 Now when Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose out of all the choice of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians. 11 And the rest of the people he delivered unto the hand of Abishai his brother, and they set themselves in array against the children of Ammon. 12 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 help thee. 13 Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God; and let the ~~LORD~~ Lord do that which is good in his sight. 14 So Joab and the people that were with him drew nigh before the Syrians unto the battle; and they fled before him. 15 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem. 16 And when the Syrians saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Syrians that were beyond the

river; and Shophach the captain of the host of Hadarezer went before them. 17 And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel, and passed over Jordan, and came upon them, and set the battle in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought with him. 18 But the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand men which fought in chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the host. 19 And when the servants of Hadarezer saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they made peace with David, and became his servants; neither would the Syrians help the children of Ammon ~~any more~~ anymore.

20

1 And it came to pass, that after the year was expired, at the time that kings go out to battle, Joab led forth the power of the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem. And Joab smote Rabbah, and destroyed it. 2 And David took the crown of their king from off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there were precious stones in it; and it was set upon David's head; and he brought also exceeding much spoil out of the city. 3 And he brought out the people that were in it, and cut them with saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes. Even so dealt David with all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem. 4 And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at Gezer with the Philistines; at which time Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Sippai, that was of the children of the

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giant; and they were subdued. 5 And there was war again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear staff was like a weaver's beam. 6 And yet again there was war at Gath, where was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six on each hand, and six on each foot; and he also was the son of the giant. 7 But when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea David's brother slew him. 8 These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

21

1 And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel. 2 And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from ~~Beersheba~~ **Beer-sheba** even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know it. 3 And Joab answered, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** make his people ~~an~~ **a** hundred times so many more as they be; but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel? 4 Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem. 5 And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people unto David. And all they of Israel were a thousand thousand and ~~an~~ **a** hundred thousand men that drew sword; and Judah was four hundred ~~threescore~~ **three-score** and ten thousand men that drew sword. 6 But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them; for the king's word was abominable to Joab. 7 And God was displeased with this thing; therefore

he smote Israel. 8 And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing; but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly. 9 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** spake unto Gad, David's seer, saying, 10 Go and tell David, saying, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, I offer thee three things; choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee. 11 So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Choose thee 12 Either three years' famine; or three months to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or else three days the sword of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me. 13 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait; let me fall now into the hand of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for very great are his mercies; but let me not fall into the hand of man. 14 So the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** sent pestilence upon Israel; and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men. 15 And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: **And the angel stretched forth his hand unto Jerusalem to destroy it; and God said to the angel, Stay now thine hand, it is enough; for** as he was destroying, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** beheld **Israel, and that** he repented him of the evil, ~~and said to;~~ **therefore the Lord stayed** the angel that destroyed, ~~It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD as he stood by the threshingfloor~~ **threshing floor** of Ornan, the Jebusite. 16 And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn

sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. 17 And David said unto God, Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but as for these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** my God, be on me, and on my father's house; but not on thy people, that they should be plagued. 18 Then the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in the ~~threshingfloor~~ **threshing floor** of Ornan the Jebusite. 19 And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 20 ~~And Now Ornan turned back was threshing wheat, and saw the angel; and his four sons with him; and Ornan turned back and saw the angel, and they hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat.~~ 21 And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the ~~threshingfloor~~ **threshing floor**, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground. 22 Then David said to Ornan, Grant me the place of this ~~threshingfloor~~ **threshing floor**, that I may build an altar therein unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; thou shalt grant it me for the full price;; that the plague may be stayed from the people. 23 And Ornan said unto David, Take it to thee, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes;; lo, I give thee the oxen also for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meat offering; I give it all. 24 And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price;; for I will not take that which is thine for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, nor offer burnt offerings

without cost. 25 So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight. 26 And David built there an altar unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering. 27 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof. 28 At that time when David saw that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had answered him in the ~~threshingfloor~~ **threshing floor** of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. 29 For the tabernacle of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt offering, were at that season in the high place at Gibeon. 30 But David could not go before it to ~~enquire~~ **inquire** of God;; for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

22

1 Then David said, This is the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God, and this is the altar of the burnt offering for Israel. 2 And David commanded to gather together the strangers that were in the land of Israel;; and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God. 3 And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and brass in abundance without weight; 4 Also cedar trees in abundance;; for the Zidonians and they of Tyre brought much cedar wood to David. 5 And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be builded for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** must be exceeding ~~magnificent~~ **magnifical**, of fame and of glory throughout all countries;; I will therefore now make preparation for

it. So David prepared abundantly before his death. 6 Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build ~~an~~ a house for the ~~LORD~~ Lord God of Israel. 7 And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build ~~an~~ a house unto the name of the ~~LORD~~ Lord my God. 8 But the word of the ~~LORD~~ Lord came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars; thou shalt not build ~~an~~ a house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight. 9 Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about; for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days. 10 He shall build ~~an~~ a house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel ~~for ever~~ forever. 11 Now, my son, the ~~LORD~~ Lord be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord thy God, as he hath said of thee. 12 Only the ~~LORD~~ Lord give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the ~~LORD~~ Lord thy God. 13 Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to ~~fulfil~~ fulfill the statutes and judgments which the ~~LORD~~ Lord charged Moses with concerning Israel; be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed. 14 Now, behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the ~~LORD~~ ~~an~~ Lord a hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver; and of brass and iron without weight; for it is in abundance; timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto. 15 Moreover, there are workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and

workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work. 16 Of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, there is no number. Arise therefore, and be doing, and the ~~LORD~~ Lord be with thee. 17 David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying, 18 Is not the ~~LORD~~ Lord your God with you? and hath he not given you rest on every side? for he hath given the inhabitants of the land into mine hand; and the land is subdued before the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and before his people. 19 Now set your heart and your soul to seek the ~~LORD~~ Lord your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the ~~LORD~~ Lord God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the ~~LORD~~ Lord.

23

1 So when David was old and full of days, he made Solomon his son king over Israel. 2 And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites. 3 Now the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty years and upward; and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight thousand. 4 Of which, twenty and four thousand were to set forward the work of the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord; and six thousand were officers and judges; 5 Moreover four thousand were porters; and four thousand praised the ~~LORD~~ Lord with the instruments which I made, said David, to praise therewith. 6 And David divided them into courses among the sons of Levi, namely, Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 7 Of the Gershonites were, Laadan, and Shimei. 8 The sons of Laadan; the chief was Jehiel, and

Zetham, and Joel, three. 9 The sons of Shimei; Shelomith, and Haziël, and Haran, three. These were the chief of the fathers of Laadan. 10 And the sons of Shimei were, Jahath, Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah. These four were the sons of Shimei. 11 And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second; but Jeush and Beriah had not many sons; therefore they were in one reckoning, according to their father's house. 12 The sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four. 13 The sons of Amram; Aaron, and Moses; and Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons ~~for ever~~ **forever**, to burn incense before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 14 Now concerning Moses the man of God, his sons were named of the tribe of Levi. 15 The sons of Moses were, Gershom; and Eliezer. 16 Of the sons of Gershom, Shebuel was the chief. 17 And the sons of Eliezer were, Rehabiah the chief. And Eliezer had none other sons; but the sons of Rehabiah were very many. 18 Of the sons of Izhar; Shelomith the chief. 19 Of the sons of Hebron; Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. 20 Of the sons of Uzziel; Micah the first, and Jesiah the second. 21 The sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. The sons of Mahli; Eleazar, and Kish. 22 And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters; and ~~their~~ **there** brethren the sons of Kish took them. 23 The sons of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth, three. 24 These were the sons of Levi after the house of their fathers; even the chief of the fathers, as they were counted by number of names by their polls, that did the work for the service of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, from the age of twenty years and upward. 25 For

David said, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel hath given rest unto his people, that they may dwell in Jerusalem ~~for ever~~ **forever**; 26 And also unto the Levites; they shall no more carry the tabernacle, nor any vessels of it for the service thereof. 27 For by the last words of David the Levites were numbered from twenty years old and above; 28 Because their office was to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the service of the house of God; 29 Both for the ~~shewbread~~ **show bread**, and for the fine flour for meat offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for that which is baked in the pan, and for that which is fried, and for all manner of measure and size; 30 And to stand every morning to thank and praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and likewise at even; 31 And to offer all burnt sacrifices unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in the sabbaths, in the new moons, and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order commanded unto them, continually before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; 32 And that they should keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brethren, in the service of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.

24

1 Now these are the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron; Nadab; and Abihu, Eleazar; and Ithamar. 2 But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children; therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priest's office. 3 And David distributed them, both Zadok the sons of Eleazar, and ~~Ahimelch~~ **Ahimelch** of the sons of Ithamar, according to their offices in

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their service. 4 And there were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar; and thus were they divided. Among the sons of Eleazar there were sixteen chief men of the house of their fathers, and eight among the sons of Ithamar according to the house of their fathers. 5 Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for the governors of the sanctuary, and governors of the house of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar. 6 And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel the scribe, one of the Levites, wrote them before the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and before the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites; one principal household being taken for Eleazar, and one taken for Ithamar. 7 Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah, 8 The third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim, 9 The fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin, 10 The seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah, 11 The ninth to Jeshuah, the tenth to Shecaniah, 12 The eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim, 13 The thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab, 14 The fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer, 15 The seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Aphses, 16 The nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezekel, 17 The one and twentieth to Jachin, the two and twentieth to Gamul, 18 The three and twentieth to Delaiah, the four and twentieth to Maaziah. 19 These were the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel had commanded him. 20 And the rest of the sons of Levi were these; Of the sons of Amram; Shubael; of the sons

of Shubael; Jehdeiah. 21 Concerning Rehabiah; of the sons of Rehabiah, the first was Isshiah. 22 Of the Izharites; Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth; Jahath. 23 And the sons of Hebron; Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth. 24 Of the sons of Uzziel; Michah; of the sons of Michah; Shamir. 25 The brother of Michah was Isshiah; of the sons of Isshiah; Zechariah. 26 The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi; the sons of Jaaziah; Beno. 27 The sons of Merari by Jaaziah; Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri. 28 Of Mahli came Eleazar, who had no sons. 29 Concerning Kish; the son of Kish was Jerahmeel. 30 The sons also of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites after the house of their fathers. 31 These likewise cast lots over against their brethren the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites, even the principal fathers over against their younger brethren.

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1 Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals; and the number of the workmen according to their service was; 2 Of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asarelah, the sons of Asaph under the hands of Asaph, which prophesied according to the order of the king. 3 Of Jeduthun; the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give

thanks and to praise the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**.
 4 Of Heman; the sons of Heman; Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and ~~Romantiez~~ **Romanti-ezer**, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth; 5 All these were the ~~sons~~ **son** of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. 6 All these were under the hands of their father for song in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God, according to the king's order to Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman. 7 So the number of them, with their brethren that were instructed in the songs of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, even all that were cunning, was two hundred fourscore and eight. 8 And they cast lots, ward against ward, as well the small as the great, the teacher as the scholar. 9 Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph; the second to Gedaliah, who with his brethren and sons were twelve; 10 The third to Zaccur, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve; 11 The fourth to Izri, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve; 12 The fifth to Nethaniah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve; 13 The sixth to Bukkiah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve; 14 The seventh to Jesharelah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve; 15 The eighth to Jeshaiiah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve; 16 The ninth to Mattaniah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve; 17 The tenth to Shimei, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve; 18 The eleventh to Azareel, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve; 19 The twelfth to Hashabiah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve; 20 The thirteenth to Shubael, he, his

sons, and his brethren, were twelve; 21 The fourteenth to Mattithiah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve; 22 The fifteenth to Jeremoth, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve; 23 The sixteenth to ~~Hananiah~~ **Hanahiah**, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve; 24 The seventeenth to ~~Joshbekashah~~ **Joshbekasha**, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve; 25 The eighteenth to Hanani, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve; 26 The nineteenth to Mallothi, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve; 27 The twentieth to Eliathah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve; 28 The one and twentieth to Hothir, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve; 29 The two and twentieth to Giddalti, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve; 30 The three and twentieth to Mahazioth, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve; 31 The four and twentieth to ~~Romantiez~~, he **Romanti-ezer**, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.

26

1 Concerning the divisions of the porters; Of the Korhites was Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph. 2 And the sons of Meshelemiah were, Zechariah the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born**, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, 3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Elioenai the seventh. 4 Moreover the sons of ~~Obededom~~ **Obed-edom** were, Shemaiah the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born**, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth, 5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth; for God blessed him. 6 Also unto Shemaiah his son were sons born, that ruled throughout the house of their father; for they were mighty

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men of valor. 7 The sons of Shemaiah; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brethren were strong men, Elihu, and Semachiah. 8 All these of the sons of ~~Obededom~~ **Obed-edom**; they and their sons and their brethren, able men for strength for the service, were threescore and two of ~~Obededom~~ **Obed-edom**. 9 And Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, strong men, eighteen. 10 Also Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons; Simri the chief, (for though he was not the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born**, yet his father made him the chief;) 11 Hilkiash the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth; all the sons and brethren of Hosah were thirteen. 12 Among these were the divisions of the porters, even among the chief men, having wards one against another, to minister in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 13 And they cast lots, as well the small as the great, according to the house of their fathers, for every gate. 14 And the lot eastward fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counselor, they cast lots; and his lot came out northward. 15 To ~~Obededom~~ **Obed-edom** southward; and to his sons the house of Asuphim. 16 To Shuphim and Hosah the lot came forth westward, with the gate Shallecheth, by the causeway of the going up, ward against ward. 17 Eastward were six Levites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and toward Asuphim two and two. 18 At Parbar westward, four at the causeway, and two at Parbar. 19 These are the divisions of the porters among the sons of Kore, and among the sons of Merari. 20 And of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasures of the house of God, and over the treasures of the dedicated things. 21 As concerning the sons of Laadan; the sons of the ~~Gershonite~~ **Gershanite** Laadan,

chief fathers, even of Laadan the Gershonite, were Jehieli. 22 The sons of Jehieli; Zetham, and Joel his brother, which were over the treasures of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 23 Of the Amramites, and the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites; 24 And Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was ruler of the treasures. 25 And his brethren by Eliezer; Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son; 26 Which Shelomith and his brethren were over all the treasures of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the chief fathers, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the host, had dedicated. 27 Out of the spoils won in battles did they dedicate to maintain the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 28 And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah, had dedicated; and whosoever had dedicated ~~any thing~~ **anything**, it was under the hand of Shelomith, and of his brethren. 29 Of the ~~Izharites~~ **Izharies**, Chenaniah and his sons were for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges. 30 And of the ~~Hebronites~~ **Hebronite**, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valor, a thousand and seven hundred, were officers among them of Israel on this side Jordan westward in all the business of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and in the service of the king. 31 Among the Hebronites was Jerijah the chief, even among the Hebronites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valor at Jazer of Gilead. 32 And his brethren, men of valor, were two thousand and seven hundred chief fathers, whom king

David made rulers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God, and affairs of the king.

27

1 Now the children of Israel after their number, to wit, the chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that served the king in any matter of the courses, which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, of every course were twenty and four thousand. 2 Over the first course for the first month was Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel; and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 3 Of the children of Perez was the chief of all the captains of the host for the first month. 4 And over the course of the second month was Dodai an Ahohite, and of his course was Mikloth also the ruler; in his course likewise were twenty and four thousand. 5 The third captain of the host for the third month was Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, a chief priest; and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 6 This is that Benaiah, who was mighty among the thirty, and above the thirty; and in his course was Ammizabad his son. 7 The fourth captain for the fourth month was Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him; and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 8 The fifth captain for the fifth month was Shamhuth the Izrahite; and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 9 The sixth captain for the sixth month was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite; and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 10 The seventh captain for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim; and in his course were twenty and

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four thousand. 11 The eighth captain for the eighth month was Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zarhites; and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 12 The ninth captain for the ninth month was Abiezer the ~~Anetothite~~ **Anehothite**, of the Benjamites; and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 13 The tenth captain for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites; and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 14 The eleventh captain for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim; and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 15 The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel; and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 16 Furthermore over the tribes of Israel; the ruler of the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri; of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maachah; 17 Of the Levites, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel; of the Aaronites, Zadok; 18 Of Judah, Elihu, one of the brethren of David; of Issachar, Omri the son of Michael; 19 Of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah; of Naphtali, Jerimoth the son of Azriel; 20 Of the children of Ephraim, ~~Hoshea~~ **Hosea**, the son of Azaziah; of the half tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah; 21 Of the half tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah; of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner. 22 Of Dan, Azareel the son of Jeroham. These were the princes of the tribes of Israel. 23 But David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under; because the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had said he would increase Israel like to the stars of the heavens. 24 Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but he finished not, because there fell wrath for it against Israel;

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neither was the number put in the account of the chronicles of king David. 25 And over the king's treasures was Azmaveth the son of Adiel; and over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the castles, was Jehonathan the son of Uzziah; 26 And over them that did the work of the field for tillage of the ground was Ezri the son of Chelub; 27 And over the vineyards was Shimei the ~~Ramathite~~; **Remathite**; over the increase of the vineyards for the wine cellars was Zabdi the Shiphmite; 28 And over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the low plains was ~~Baalhanan~~ **Baal-hanan** the Gederite; and over the cellars of oil was Joash; 29 And over the herds that fed in Sharon was Shitrai the Sharonite; and over the herds that were in the valleys was Shaphat the son of Adlai; 30 Over the camels also was Obil the Ishmaelite; and over the asses was ~~Jehdeiah~~ **Jedeiah** the Meronothite; 31 And over the flocks was Jaziz the ~~Hagerite~~ **Hagarite**. All these were the rulers of the substance which was king David's. 32 Also Jonathan David's uncle was a counselor, a wise man, and a scribe; and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons; 33 And Ahithophel was the king's ~~counselor~~; **counsellor**; and Hushai the Archite was the king's companion; 34 And after Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar; and the general of the king's army was Joab.

28

1 And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the

hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem. 2 Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people; As for me, I had in mine heart to build ~~an~~ **a** house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building; 3 But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build ~~an~~ **a** house for my name, because thou hast been a man of war, and hast shed blood. 4 Howbeit the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel ~~for ever~~; **forever**; for he hath chosen Judah to be the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he liked me to make me king over all Israel; 5 And of all my sons, (for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** over Israel. 6 And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts; for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. 7 Moreover I will establish his kingdom ~~for ever~~ **forever**, if he be constant to do my commandments and my judgments, as at this day. 8 Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel the congregation of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God; that ye may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for your children after you ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 9 And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** searcheth

all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts; if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 10 Take heed now; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath chosen thee to build ~~an~~ **a** house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it. 11 Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlors thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat. 12 And the pattern of all that he had by the ~~spirit~~ **Spirit**, of the courts of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the dedicated things; 13 Also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 14 He gave of gold by weight for things of gold, for all instruments of all manner of service; silver also for all instruments of silver by weight, for all instruments of every kind of service; 15 Even the weight for the candlesticks of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every candlestick, and for the lamps thereof; and for the candlesticks of silver by weight, both for the candlestick, and also for the lamps thereof, according to the use of every candlestick. 16 And by weight he gave gold for the tables of ~~shewbread~~ **showbread**, for every table; and likewise silver for the tables of silver; 17 Also pure gold for the fleshhooks, and the bowls, and the cups; and for the golden basins he gave gold by weight for every basin; and likewise silver by weight for every basin of silver; 18 And for the altar of incense refined gold by

weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubim, that spread out their wings, and covered the ark of the covenant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 19 All this, said David, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern. 20 And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it; fear not, nor be dismayed; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 21 And, behold, the courses of the priests and the Levites, even they shall be with thee for all the service of the house of God; and there shall be with thee for all manner of workmanship every willing skillful man, for any manner of service; also the princes and all the people will be wholly at thy commandment.

29

1 Furthermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great; for the palace is not for man, but for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God. 2 Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistening stones, and of divers colors, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. 3 Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above

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all that I have prepared for the holy house,; 4 Even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses withal; 5 The gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** ? 6 Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly, 7 And gave, for the service of the house of God, of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drams, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. 8 And they with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. 9 Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and David the king also rejoiced with great joy. 10 Wherefore David blessed the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** before all the congregation; and David said, Blessed be thou, ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel our father, ~~for ever~~ **forever** and ever. 11 Thine, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory; and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and thou art exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honor come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. 13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. 14 But who am I, and what is my

people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. 15 For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers; our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. 16 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee ~~an~~ **a** house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own. 17 I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart; and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things; and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee. 18 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this ~~for ever~~ **forever** in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee; 19 And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision. 20 And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God. And all the congregation blessed the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and ~~worshipped~~ **worshipped** the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and the king. 21 And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and offered burnt offerings unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, on the morrow after that day, even a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel; 22 And did eat and drink before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed

him unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** to be the chief governor, and Zadok to be priest. 23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him. 24 And all the princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king David, submitted themselves unto Solomon the king. 25 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel. 26 Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all

Israel. 27 And the time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem. 28 And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor; and Solomon his son reigned in his stead. 29 Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer, 30 With all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the countries.

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1 And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly. 2 Then Solomon spake unto all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the chief of the fathers. 3 So Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon; for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses the servant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had made in the wilderness. 4 But the ark of God had David brought up from ~~Kirjath-jearim~~ **Kirjath-jearim** to the place which David had prepared for it; for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. 5 Moreover the brazen altar, that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and Solomon and the congregation sought unto it. 6 And Solomon went up thither to the brazen altar before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which was at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt offerings

upon it. 7 In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee. 8 And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast showed great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me to reign in his stead. 9 Now, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God, let thy promise unto David my father be established; for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. 10 Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this thy people, that is so great? 11 And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honor, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king; 12 Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honor; such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like. 13 Then Solomon came from his journey to the high place that was

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at Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Israel. 14 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. 15 And the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem as plenteous as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycamore trees that are in the vale for abundance. 16 And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn; the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price. 17 And they fetched up, and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred shekels of silver, and ~~an~~ a horse for ~~an~~ a hundred and fifty; and so brought they out horses for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, by their means.

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1 And Solomon determined to build ~~an~~ a house for the name of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and ~~an~~ a house for his kingdom. 2 And Solomon told out threescore and ten thousand men to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand to hew in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them. 3 And Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him ~~an~~ a house to dwell therein, **therefore**, even so deal with me. 4 Behold, I build ~~an~~ a house to the name of the ~~LORD~~ Lord my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual ~~shewbread~~ **showbread**, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the ~~LORD~~ Lord our God. ~~This is an~~

~~And this ordinance for ever to shall~~ **be kept in Israel forever.** 5 And the house which I build ~~is~~ **shall be a great house;** for great is **the Lord** our God above all gods. 6 But who is able to build him ~~an~~ a house, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain him? who am I then, that I should build him ~~an~~ a house, save only to burn sacrifice before him? 7 Send me now therefore a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that ~~ean~~ **has** skill to grave with the cunning men that are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father did provide. 8 Send me also cedar trees, fir trees, and alnum trees, out of Lebanon; for I know that thy servants ~~ean~~ **have** skill to cut timber in Lebanon; and, behold, **I will send** my servants ~~shall be~~ with thy servants, 9 Even to prepare me timber in abundance; for the house which I am about to build shall be wonderful great. 10 And, behold, I will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil. 11 Then Hiram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the ~~LORD~~ Lord hath loved his people, he hath made thee king over them. 12 Hiram said moreover, Blessed be the ~~LORD~~ Lord God of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, that might build ~~an~~ a house for the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and ~~an~~ a house for his kingdom. 13 And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, of Hiram my father's, 14 The son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was

a man of Tyre, skillful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father. 15 Now therefore the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto his servants: 16 And we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as thou shalt need; and we will bring it to thee in floats by sea to Joppa; and thou shalt carry it up to Jerusalem. 17 And Solomon numbered all the strangers that were in the land of Israel, after the numbering wherewith David his father had numbered them; and they were found ~~an~~ **a** hundred and fifty thousand and three thousand and six hundred. 18 And he set threescore and ten thousand of them to be bearers of burdens, and fourscore thousand to be hewers in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people ~~a~~ **at** work.

3

1 Then Solomon began to build the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the Lord appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the ~~threshingfloor~~ **threshing floor** of Ornan the Jebusite. 2 And he began to build in the second day of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign. 3 Now these are the things wherein Solomon was instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure was threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits. 4 And the porch that was in the front of the house, the length of it was

according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height was ~~an~~ **a** hundred and twenty; and he overlaid it within with pure gold. 5 And the greater house he ~~eieled~~ **ceiled** with fir tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm trees and chains. 6 And he garnished the house with precious stones for beauty; and the gold was gold of Parvaim. 7 He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and graved cherubim on the walls. 8 And he made the most holy house, the length whereof was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits; and he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to six hundred talents. 9 And the weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold. 10 And in the most holy house he made two cherubim of image work, and overlaid them with gold. 11 And the wings of the cherubim were twenty cubits long; one wing of the one cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was likewise five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub. 12 And one wing of the other cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was five cubits also, joining to the wing of the other cherub. 13 The wings of these cherubim spread themselves forth twenty cubits; and they stood on their feet, and their faces were inward. 14 And he made the ~~vail~~ **veil** of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and wrought cherubim thereon. 15 Also he made before the house two pillars of thirty and five cubits high, and the chapter that was on the top of each of them was five cubits. 16 And he made chains, as in the oracle, and put them on the heads

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of the pillars; and made ~~an~~ a hundred pomegranates, and put them on the chains. 17 And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.

4

1 Moreover he made an altar of brass, twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof. 2 Also he made a molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and five cubits the height thereof; and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about. 3 And under it was the similitude of oxen, which did compass it round about; ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about. Two rows of oxen were cast, when it was cast. 4 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. 5 And the thickness of it was ~~an~~ a handbreadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup; with flowers of lilies; and it received ~~and an~~ held three thousand baths. 6 He made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them; such things as they offered for the burnt offering they washed in them; but the sea was for the priests to wash in. 7 And he made ten candlesticks of gold according to their form, and set them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left. 8 He made also ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made ~~an~~ a hundred basins of gold. 9

Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with brass. 10 And he set the sea on the right side of the east end, over against the south. 11 And Hiram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basins. And Hiram finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of God; 12 To wit, the two pillars, and the pommels, and the chapters which were on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two pommels of the chapters which were on the top of the pillars; 13 And four hundred pomegranates on the two wreaths; two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two pommels of the chapters which were upon the pillars. 14 He made also bases, and lavers made he upon the bases; 15 One sea, and twelve oxen under it. 16 The pots also, and the shovels, and the fleshhooks, and all their instruments, did Hiram his father make to king Solomon for the house of the **LORD Lord**, of bright brass. 17 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredathah. 18 Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance; for the weight of the brass could not be found out. 19 And Solomon made all the vessels that were for the house of God, the golden altar also, and the tables whereon the ~~shewbread~~ **showbread** was set; 20 Moreover the candlesticks with their lamps, that they should burn after the manner before the oracle, of pure gold; 21 And the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, made he of gold, and that perfect gold; 22 And the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the censers, of pure gold; and the entry of the house, the inner doors thereof for the most holy place, and

the doors of the house of the temple, were of gold.

5

1 Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of the **LORD Lord** was finished; and Solomon brought in all the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God. 2 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 Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the **LORD Lord** out of the city of David, which is Zion. 3 Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the feast which was in the seventh month. 4 And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark. 5 And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, these did the priests and the Levites bring up. 6 Also king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude. 7 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the **LORD Lord** unto his place, to the oracle of the house, into the most holy ~~place~~ **pace**, even under the wings of the cherubim; 8 For the cherubim spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and the staves thereof above. 9 And they drew out the staves of the ark, that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen without. And there it is unto this day. 10 There was nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses

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put therein at Horeb, when the **LORD Lord** made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt. 11 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place; (for all the priests that were present were sanctified, and did not then wait by course; 12 Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them ~~an~~ **a** hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets;) 13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the **LORD Lord**; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the **LORD Lord**, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**; that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the **LORD Lord**; 14 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for the glory of the **LORD Lord** had filled the house of God.

6

1 Then said Solomon, The **LORD Lord** hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. 2 But I have built ~~an~~ **a** house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 3 And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole congregation of Israel; and all the congregation of Israel stood. 4 And he said, Blessed be the **LORD Lord** God of Israel, who hath with his hands fulfilled that which he spake with his mouth to my father David, saying, 5 Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of

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Egypt I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build ~~an~~ a house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be a ruler over my people Israel; 6 But I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and have chosen David to be over my people Israel. 7 Now it was in the heart of David my father to build ~~an~~ a house for the name of the **LORD Lord** God of Israel. 8 But the **LORD Lord** said to David my father, Forasmuch as it was in thine heart to build ~~an~~ a house for my name, thou didst well in that it was in thine heart; 9 Notwithstanding thou shalt not build the house; but thy son which shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my name. 10 The **LORD Lord** therefore hath performed his word that he hath spoken; for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as the **LORD Lord** promised, and have built the house for the name of the **LORD Lord** God of Israel. 11 And in it have I put the ark, wherein is the covenant of the **LORD Lord**, that he made with the children of Israel. 12 And he stood before the altar of the **LORD Lord** in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands; 13 For Solomon had made a brazen scaffold, of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven; 14 And said, O **LORD Lord** God of Israel, there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and showest mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts; 15 Thou which hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him; and spakest

with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day. 16 Now therefore, O **LORD Lord** God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel; yet so that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before me. 17 Now then, O **LORD Lord** God of Israel, let ~~thy~~ **the** word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy servant David. 18 But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? ~~behold~~ **Behold**, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built! 19 Have respect therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O **LORD Lord** my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee; 20 That thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant prayeth toward this place. 21 Hearken therefore unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall make toward this place; hear thou from thy dwelling place, even from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive. 22 If a man sin against his neighbor, and an oath be laid upon him to make him swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house; 23 Then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, by requiting the wicked, by recompensing his way upon his own head; and by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness. 24 And if thy people Israel be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall return and

confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house; 25 Then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers. 26 When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; yet if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them; 27 Then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way, wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance. 28 If there be dearth in the land, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillars; if their enemies besiege them in the cities of their land; whatsoever sore, or whatsoever sickness there be; 29 Then what prayer or what supplication soever shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Israel, when ~~every one~~ **everyone** shall know his own sore and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house; 30 Then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou only knowest the hearts of the children of men;) 31 That they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways, so long as they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers. 32 Moreover concerning the stranger, which is not of thy people Israel, but is come from a far country for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched - out arm; if they come and pray in this house; 33 Then hear thou from the heavens, even from 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, and fear thee, as doth thy people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built is called by thy name. 34 If thy people go out to war against their enemies by the way that thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name; 35 Then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause. 36 If they sin ~~against~~ **again** thee, (for there is no man which sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before their enemies, and they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near; 37 Yet if they bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly; 38 If they return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name; 39 Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee. 40 Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent unto the prayer that is made in this place. 41 Now therefore arise, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength; let thy priests, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness. 42 O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God, turn not away the face of thine anointed;

remember the mercies of David thy servant.

7

1 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the ~~LORD~~ Lord filled the house. 2 And the priests could not enter into the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, because the glory of the ~~LORD~~ Lord had filled the ~~LORD's~~ Lord's house. 3 And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the ~~LORD~~ Lord upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and ~~worshipped~~ **worshiped**, and praised the ~~LORD~~ Lord, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 5 And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and ~~an~~ **a** hundred and twenty thousand sheep; ~~so~~. **So** the king and all the people dedicated the house of God. 6 And the priests waited on their offices; the Levites also with instruments of music of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, which David the king had made to praise the ~~LORD~~ Lord, because his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**, when David praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood. 7 Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that was before the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; for there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brazen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat. 8 Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel

with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt. 9 And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly; for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. 10 And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the ~~LORD~~ Lord had showed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people. 11 Thus Solomon finished the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and the king's house; and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and in his own house, he prosperously effected. 12 And the ~~LORD~~ Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for ~~an~~ **a** house of sacrifice. 13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; 14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place. 16 For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there ~~for ever~~ **forever**; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. 17 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments; 18 Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel. 19

But if ye turn away, and forsake my ~~statutes~~ **statues** and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; 20 Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations. 21 And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** done thus unto this land, and unto this house? 22 And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and ~~worshipped~~ **worshiped** them, and served them; therefore hath he brought ~~all this~~ evil upon them.

8

1 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and his own house, 2 That the cities which Hiram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there. 3 And Solomon went to ~~Hamathzobah~~ **Hamath-zobah**, and prevailed against it. 4 And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store cities, which he built in Hamath. 5 Also he built ~~Bethhoron~~ **Beth-horon** the upper, and ~~Bethhoron~~ **Beth-horon** the nether, fenced cities, with walls, gates, and bars; 6 And Baalath, and all the store cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land

of his dominion. 7 As for all the people that were left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which were not of Israel, 8 But of their children, who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not, them did Solomon make to pay tribute until this day. 9 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work; but they were men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen. 10 And these were the chief of king Solomon's officers, even two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people. 11 And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her; for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because the places are holy, whereunto the ark of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath come. 12 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** on the altar of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, which he had built before the porch. 13 Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, even in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles. 14 And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required; the porters also by their courses at every gate; for so had David the man of God commanded. 15 And they departed not from the commandment of the king unto the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures. 16 Now all

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the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and until it was finished. So the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was perfected. 17 Then went Solomon to ~~Eziongeber~~ **Eziongeber**, and to Eloth, at the ~~sea-side~~ **seaside** in the land of Edom. 18 And Hiram sent him, by the hands of his servants, ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; and they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and took thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought them to king Solomon.

9

1 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great company, and camels that bare spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones; and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. 2 And Solomon told her all her questions; and there was nothing hid from Solomon which he told her not. 3 And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, 4 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went up into the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; there was no more spirit in her. 5 And she said to the king, It was a true report which I heard in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy wisdom; 6 Howbeit I believed not their words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it; and, behold, the one - half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me; for thou exceedest the fame that I heard. 7 Happy are thy men, and happy are these thy

servants, which stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom. 8 Blessed be the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God, which delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, to be king for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God; because thy God loved Israel, to establish them ~~for ever~~ **forever**, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and justice. 9 And she gave the king ~~an~~ **a** hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices great abundance, and precious stones; neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon. 10 And the servants also of Hiram, and the servants of Solomon, which brought gold from Ophir, brought algum trees and precious stones. 11 And the king made of the algum trees terraces to the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and to the king's palace, and harps and psalteries for singers; and there were none such seen before in the land of Judah. 12 And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, ~~beside~~ **besides** that which she had brought unto the king. So she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her servants. 13 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and threescore and six talents of gold; 14 ~~Beside~~ **Besides** that which chapmen and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon. 15 And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold; six hundred shekels of beaten gold went to one target. 16 And three hundred shields made he of beaten gold; three hundred shekels of gold went to one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon. 17 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. 18 And there were six steps to the throne, with a footstool of

gold, which were fastened to the throne, and stays on each side of the sitting place, and two lions standing by the stays; 19 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. 20 And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon 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 not ~~any thing~~ **anything** accounted of in the days of Solomon. 21 For the king's ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram; every three years once came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks. 22 And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom. 23 And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart. 24 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, harness, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year. 25 And Solomon had four thousand stalls for ~~horses~~ **houses** and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. 26 And he reigned over all the kings from the river even unto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. 27 And the king made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycamore trees that are in the low plains in abundance. 28 And they brought unto Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands. 29 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat? 30 And Solomon reigned in

Jerusalem over all Israel forty years. 31 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father; and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

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1 And Rehoboam went to Shechem; for to Shechem were all Israel come to make him king. 2 And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was in Egypt; whither he **had** fled from the presence of Solomon the king, heard it, that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt. 3 And they sent and called him. So Jeroboam and all Israel came and spake to Rehoboam, saying, 4 Thy father made our yoke grievous; now therefore ease thou somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee. 5 And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed. 6 And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye me to return answer to this people? 7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 8 But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood before him. 9 And he said unto them, What advice give ye that we may return answer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us? 10 And the young men that were brought up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer the people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou

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it somewhat lighter for us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins. 11 For whereas my father put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. 12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come again to me on the third day. 13 And the king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men, 14 And answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. 15 So the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was of God, that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** might perform his word, which he spake by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 16 And when all Israel saw that the king would not hearken unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? and we have none inheritance in the son of Jesse; every man to your tents, O Israel; and now, David, see to thine own house. So all Israel went to their tents. 17 But as for the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. 18 Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram that was over the tribute; and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. But king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. 19 And Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

11

1 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he gathered of the house

of Judah and Benjamin ~~an~~ a hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam. 2 But the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, 3 Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying, 4 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren; return every man to his house; for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and returned from going against Jeroboam. 5 And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defense in Judah. 6 He built even Bethlehem, and Etam, and Tekoa, 7 And ~~Bethzur~~ **Beth-zur**, and Shoco, and Adullam, 8 And Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph, 9 And Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah, 10 And Zorah, and ~~Aijalon~~ **Ajaion**, and Hebron, which are in Judah and in Benjamin, fenced cities. 11 And he fortified the strong—holds **strongholds**, and put captains in them, and store of ~~vietual~~ **victuals**, and of oil and wine. 12 And in every several city he put shields and spears, and made them exceeding strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side. 13 And the priests and the Levites that were in all Israel resorted to him out of all their coasts. 14 For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem; for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 15 And he ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made. 16 And after them, out of all the tribes of Israel, such as set their hearts to seek the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the

LORD Lord God of their fathers. 17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years; for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon. 18 And Rehoboam took him Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David to wife, and Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse; 19 Which bare him children; Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zaham. 20 And after her he took Maachah the daughter of Absalom; which bare him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith. 21 And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines; (for he took eighteen wives, and threescore concubines; and begat twenty and eight sons, and threescore daughters.) 22 And Rehoboam made Abijah the son of Maachah the chief, to be ruler among his brethren; for he thought to make him king. 23 And he dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his children throughout all the countries of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city; and he gave them ~~vietual~~ **victuals** in abundance. And he desired many wives.

12

1 And it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the **LORD Lord**, and all Israel with him. 2 And it came to pass, that in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had transgressed against the **LORD, Lord**. 3 With twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen; and the people were without number that came with him out of Egypt; the ~~Lubims~~ **Lubim**, the ~~Sukkiims~~ **Sukkim**, and the Ethiopians. 4 And

he took the fenced cities which pertained to Judah, and came to Jerusalem. 5 Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Judah, that were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said unto them, Thus saith the **LORD Lord**, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak. 6 Whereupon the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The **LORD Lord** is righteous. 7 And when the **LORD Lord** saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the **LORD Lord** came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves; therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance; and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. 8 Nevertheless they shall be his servants; that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries. 9 So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the **LORD Lord**, and the treasures of the king's house; he took all; he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made. 10 Instead of which king Rehoboam made shields of brass, and committed them to the hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the entrance of the king's house. 11 And when the king entered into the house of the **LORD Lord**, the guard came and fetched them, and brought them again into the guard chamber. 12 And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the **LORD Lord** turned from him, that he would not destroy him altogether; and also in Judah things went well. 13 So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned; for Rehoboam was one and forty years old when he began to reign, and he

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reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess. 14 And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer concerning genealogies? And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. 16 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David; and Abijah his son reigned in his stead.

13

1 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah. 2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam. 3 And Abijah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men; Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand ~~chosen~~ men, being mighty men of valor. 4 And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which is in ~~mount~~ **Mount** Ephraim, and said, ~~Hear~~ **Here** me, thou Jeroboam, and all Israel; 5 Ought ye not to know that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David ~~for ever~~ **forever**, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt? 6 Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and hath rebelled against his lord. 7 And there are gathered unto him vain men, the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the

son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them. 8 And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in the hand of the sons of David; and ye be a ~~great~~ multitude, and there are with ~~your~~ **you** golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods. 9 Have ye not cast out the priests of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the nations of other lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a priest of them that are no gods. 10 But as for us, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites wait upon their business; 11 And they burn unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense; the ~~shewbread~~ **showbread** also set they in order upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening; for we keep the charge of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God; but ye have forsaken him. 12 And, behold, God himself is with us for our captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight ye not against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper. 13 But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come about behind them; so they were before Judah, and the ambushment was behind them. 14 And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind; and they cried unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and the priests sounded with the trumpets. 15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout; and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote

Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. 16 And the children of Israel fled before Judah; and God delivered them into their hand. 17 And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter; so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men. 18 Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of their fathers. 19 And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, ~~Bethel~~ **Beth-el** with the towns thereof, and Jeshanah with the towns thereof, and Ephraim with the towns thereof. 20 Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** struck him, and he died. 21 But Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters. 22 And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, are written in the story of the prophet Iddo.

14

1 So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David; and Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years. 2 And Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** his God; 3 For he took away the altars of the strange gods, and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves; 4 And commanded Judah to seek the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment. 5 Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the images; and the kingdom was quiet before him. 6 And he built fenced cities in Judah; for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the ~~LORD~~

Lord had given him rest. 7 Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about them walls, and towers, gates, and bars, while the land is yet before us; because we have sought the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God, we have sought him, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered. 8 And Asa had an army of men that bare targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand; all these were mighty men of valor. 9 And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with ~~an~~ **a** host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and came unto Mareshah. 10 Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. 11 And Asa cried unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** his God, and said, ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power; help us, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, thou art our God; let ~~no~~ **not** man prevail against thee. 12 So the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled. 13 And Asa and the people that were with him pursued them unto Gerar; and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and before his host; and they carried away very much spoil. 14 And they smote all the cities round about Gerar; for the fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came upon them; and they spoiled all the cities; for there was exceeding much spoil in them. 15 They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep and camels in

abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

15

1 And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded; 2 And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you. 3 Now for a long season Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. 4 But when they in their trouble did turn unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them. 5 And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries. 6 And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city; for God did vex them with all adversity. 7 Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak; for your work shall be rewarded. 8 And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that was before the porch of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon; for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** his God was with him. 10 So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. 11 And they offered unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** the same time,

of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep. 12 And they entered into a covenant to seek the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul; 13 That whosoever would not seek the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. 14 And they sware unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets. 15 And all Judah rejoiced at the oath; for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** gave them rest round about. 16 And also concerning Maachah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped it, and burnt it at the brook Kidron. 17 But the high places were not taken away out of Israel; nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days. 18 And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels. 19 And there was no more war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.

16

1 In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. 2 Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** and of the king's house, and sent to ~~Benhadad~~ **Ben-hadad** king of Syria, that dwelt ~~at~~ **in** Damascus, saying, 3 There is a league between me and thee, as there was between my father and thy

father; behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me. 4 And ~~Ben-hadad~~ **Ben-hadad** hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and ~~Abelmaim~~ **Abel-maim**, and all the store cities of Naphtali. 5 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard it, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease. 6 Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah. 7 And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand. 8 Were not the Ethiopians and the ~~Lubims~~ **Lubim** a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, he delivered them into thine hand. 9 For the eyes of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly; therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars. 10 Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of the people the same time. 11 And, behold, the acts of Asa; first and last, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. 12 And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great; yet in his disease he sought not to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, but to the physicians. 13 And

Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign. 14 And they buried him in his own ~~sepulchres~~ **sepulchers**, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet ~~odorous~~ **odors** and divers kinds of spices prepared by the apothecaries' art; and they made a very great burning for him.

17

1 And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel. 2 And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken. 3 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto Baalim; 4 But sought to the Lord God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel. 5 Therefore the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** stablished the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honor in abundance. 6 And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; moreover he took away the high places and groves out of Judah. 7 Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, even to ~~Ben-hail~~ **Ben-hail**, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Michaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah. 8 And with them he sent Levites, even Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tobadonijah, Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, priests. 9 And they taught in Judah, and had the book of the law of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with them, and went about throughout all the cities

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of Judah, and taught the people. 10 And the fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat. 11 Also some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and tribute silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he goats. 12 And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store. 13 And he had much business in the cities of Judah; and the men of war, mighty men of valor, were in Jerusalem. 14 And these are the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers; Of Judah, the captains of thousands; Adnah the chief, and with him mighty men of valor three hundred thousand. 15 And next to him was Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand. 16 And next to him was Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor. 17 And of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of valor, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred thousand. 18 And next to him was Jehozabad, and with him ~~an~~ **a** hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for the war. 19 These waited on the king, ~~beside~~ **besides** those whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.

18

1 Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab. 2 And after certain years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and

for the people that he had with him, and persuaded him to go up with him to ~~Ramoth-gilead~~ **Ramoth-gilead**. 3 And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to ~~Ramoth-gilead~~ **Ramoth-gilead**? And he answered him, I am as thou art, and my people as thy people; and we will be with thee in the war. 4 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, ~~Enquire~~ **Inquire**, I pray thee, at the word of the ~~LORD to day~~ **Lord today**. 5 Therefore the king of Israel gathered together of prophets four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to ~~Ramoth-gilead~~ **Ramoth-gilead** to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver it into the king's hand. 6 But Jehoshaphat said, Is ~~there~~ **their** not here a prophet of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, besides, that we might ~~enquire~~ **inquire** of him? 7 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, by whom we may ~~enquire~~ **inquire** of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; but I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil; the same is Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so. 8 And the king of Israel called for one of his officers, and said, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla. 9 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat either of them on his throne, clothed in their robes, and they sat in a void place at the entering in of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. 10 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, With these thou shalt push Syria until they be consumed. 11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to ~~Ramoth-gilead~~ **Ramoth-gilead**, and prosper; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall deliver it into the hand of the king. 12

And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one assent; let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speak thou good. 13 And Micaiah said, As the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** liveth, even what my God saith, that will I speak. 14 And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to ~~Ramoth-gilead~~ **Ramoth-gilead** to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up, and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand. 15 And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** ? 16 Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd; and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said, These have no master; let them return therefore every man to his house in peace. 17 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would not prophesy good unto me, but evil? 18 Again he said, Therefore hear the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; I saw the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left. 19 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at ~~Ramoth-gilead~~ **Ramoth-gilead** ? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner. 20 Then there came out a **lying** spirit, and stood before ~~the LORD~~ **them**, and said, I will entice him. And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** said unto him, Wherewith? 21 And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And the Lord said, Thou shalt entice him, and thou shalt also prevail; go out, and do even so; **for all these have sinned against me**. 22 Now therefore, behold, the

~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath ~~put~~ **found** a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath spoken evil against thee. 23 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and smote Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** from me to speak unto thee? 24 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself. 25 Then the king of Israel said, Take ye Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son; 26 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 return in peace. 27 And Micaiah said, If thou certainly return in peace, then hath not the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** spoken by me. And he said, Harken, all ye people. 28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to ~~Ramoth-gilead~~ **Ramoth-gilead**. 29 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and I will go to the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went to the battle. 30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that were with him, saying, Fight ye not with small or great, save only with the king of Israel. 31 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It is the king of Israel. Therefore they compassed about him to fight; but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** helped him; and God moved them to depart from him. 32 For it came to pass, that, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again from pursuing him. 33 And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel

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between the joints of the harness; therefore he said to his chariot man, Turn thine hand, that thou mayest carry me out of the host; for I am wounded. 34 And the battle increased that day; howbeit the king of Israel stayed himself up in his chariot against the Syrians until the even; and about the time of the sun going down he died.

19

1 And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem. 2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 3 Nevertheless, there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God. 4 And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem; and he went out again through the people from ~~Beersheba~~ **Beer-sheba** to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of their fathers. 5 And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city, 6 And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do; for ye judge not for man, but for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, who is with you in the judgment. 7 Wherefore now let the fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** be upon you; take heed and do it; for there is no iniquity with the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts. 8 Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set of the Levites, and of the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem. 9 And he charged them,

saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, faithfully, and with a perfect heart. 10 And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in ~~your~~ **their** cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and so wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren; this do, and ye shall not trespass. 11 And, behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters; also the Levites shall be officers before you. Deal courageously, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** shall be with the good.

20

1 It came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them other ~~beside~~ **besides** the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle. 2 Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they ~~be~~ **are** in ~~Hazazon-tamar~~ **Hazazon-tamar**, which is ~~Engedi~~ **was called En-gedi**. 3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. 4 And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 5 And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, before the new court, 6 And said, O ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of our fathers, ~~art not~~ thou God **who art** in heaven?; and rulest ~~not thou~~ over all

the kingdoms of the heathen ?; and in ~~thine~~ **thy** hand is ~~there not~~ **thou** hast power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee ?; 7 ~~Art not thou~~ **Thou** our God, ~~who~~ didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend ~~for ever?~~ **forever**. 8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying, 9 If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help. 10 And now, behold, the children of Ammon, and Moab, and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not; 11 Behold, ~~I say, how~~ they reward us **not**, ~~to~~ **but have** come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit. 12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do; but our eyes are upon thee. 13 And all Judah stood before the **LORD Lord**, with their little ones, their wives, and their children. 14 Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the **LORD Lord** in the midst of the congregation; 15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the **LORD Lord** unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. 16 ~~To-morrow~~ **Tomorrow** go ye down against them; behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the

brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel. 17 Ye shall not ~~need~~ **go** to fight in this ~~battle;~~ **day**; set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the **LORD Lord** with you, O Judah and Jerusalem; fear not, nor be dismayed; ~~to-morrow~~ **tomorrow** go out against them; for the **LORD Lord** will be with you. 18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the **LORD Lord**, ~~worshipping~~ **worshipping** the **LORD Lord**. 19 And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the **LORD Lord** God of Israel with a loud voice on high. 20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the **LORD Lord** your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. 21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the **LORD Lord**, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the **LORD Lord**; for his mercy endureth ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 22 And when they began to sing and to praise, the **LORD Lord** set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten. 23 For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them; and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, ~~every~~ **one everyone** helped to destroy another. 24 And when Judah came toward the ~~watch-tower~~ **watchtower** in the wilderness, they looked unto

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the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped. 25 And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much. 26 And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah, unto this day. 27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had made them to rejoice over their enemies. 28 And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 29 And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** **had** fought against the enemies of Israel. 30 So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet; for his God gave him rest round about. 31 And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah; he 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. 32 And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and departed not from it, doing that which was right in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 33 Howbeit the high places were not taken away; for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers. 34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Jehu the son of Hanani, who is mentioned in the book of the

kings of Israel. 35 And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly; 36 And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish; and they made the ships in ~~Eziongeber~~ **Eziongeber**. 37 Then Eliezer, the son of Dodavah of Maresah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath broken thy works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

21

1 Now Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehoram his son reigned in his stead. 2 And he had brethren the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah; all these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel. 3 And their father gave them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah; but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram; because he was the ~~firstborn~~ **first-born**. 4 Now when Jehoram was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself, and slew all his brethren with the sword, and divers also of the princes of Israel. 5 Jehoram was thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. 6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab; for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife; and he wrought that which was evil in the eyes of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 7 Howbeit the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a

light to him and to his sons ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 8 In his days the Edomites revolted from under the dominion of Judah, and made themselves a king. 9 Then Jehoram went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him; and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him in, and the captains of the chariots. 10 So the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. The same time also did Libnah revolt from under his hand; because he had forsaken the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of his fathers. 11 Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit fornication, and compelled Judah thereto. 12 And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah, 13 But hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, which were better than thyself; 14 Behold, with a great plague will the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods;. 15 And thou shalt have great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day. 16 Moreover the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that were near the Ethiopians; 17 And they came up into Judah, and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save Jehoahaz, the youngest

of his sons. 18 And after all this the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease. 19 And it came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness; so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers. 20 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired. Howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not in the ~~sepulchres~~ **sepulchers** of the kings.

22

1 And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his stead; for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned. 2 ~~Forty Two~~ **Two** and ~~two~~ **twenty** years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Athaliah the daughter of Omri. 3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab; for his mother was his counselor to do wickedly. 4 Wherefore he did evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** like the house of Ahab; for they were his counselors, after the death of his father, to his destruction. 5 He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against ~~Hazael~~ **Hazel** king of Syria at ~~Ramoth-gilead~~ **Ramoth-gilead**; and the Syrians smote Joram. 6 And he returned to be healed in Jezreel because of the wounds which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he

was sick. 7 And the destruction of Ahaziah was of God by coming to Joram; for when he was come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab. 8 And it came to pass, that, when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of Ahaziah, that ministered to Ahaziah, he slew them. 9 And he sought Ahaziah; and they caught him, (for he was hid in Samaria,) and brought him to Jehu; and when they had slain him, they buried him; Because, said they, he is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with all his heart. So the house of Ahaziah had no power to keep still the kingdom. 10 But when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah. 11 But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bedchamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not. 12 And he was with them hid in the house of God six years; and Athaliah reigned over the land.

23

1 And in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him. 2 And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the

cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. 3 And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath said of the sons of David. 4 This is the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you entering on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, shall be porters of the doors; 5 And a third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation; and all the people shall be in the courts of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 6 But let none come into the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, save the priests, and they that minister of the Levites; they shall go in, for they are holy; but all the people shall keep the watch of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 7 And the Levites shall compass the king round about, every man, with his weapons in his hand; and whosoever else cometh into the house; he shall be put to death; but be ye with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out. 8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go out on the sabbath; for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the courses. 9 Moreover Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and bucklers, and shields, that had been king David's, which were in the house of God. 10 And he set all the people, every man having his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, by the king round about. 11 Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and gave him the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons

anointed him, and said, God save the king. 12 Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the ~~LORD~~: **Lord**. 13 And she looked, and, behold, the king stood at his pillar at the entering in, and the princes and the trumpets by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded with trumpets, also the singers with instruments of music, and such as taught to sing praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, Treason, ~~Treason~~ **treason**. 14 Then Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth of the ranges; and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Slay her not in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 15 So they laid hands on her; and when she was come to the entering of the horse gate by the king's house, they slew her there. 16 And Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be the ~~LORD's~~ **Lord's** people. 17 Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. 18 Also Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to offer the burnt offerings of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, as it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as it was ordained by David. 19 And he set the porters at the gates of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that none which was unclean in ~~any thing~~ **anything** should enter in. 20 And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the

people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of the ~~LORD~~: **Lord**; and they came through the high gate into the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom. 21 And all the people of the land rejoiced; and the city was quiet, after that they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

24

1 Joash was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Zibiah of ~~Beersheba~~ **Beer-sheba**. 2 And Joash did that which was right in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** all the days of Jehoiada the priest. 3 And Jehoiada took for him two wives; and he begat sons and daughters. 4 And it came to pass after this, that Joash was minded to repair the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 5 And he gathered together the ~~priests~~ **priest** and the ~~Levites~~ **Levies**, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit the Levites hastened it not. 6 And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, according to the commandment of Moses the servant of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness? 7 For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** did they bestow upon Baalim. 8 And at the king's commandment they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 9 And they made a proclamation through Judah

and Jerusalem, to bring in to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** the collection ~~that~~ Moses the servant of God laid upon Israel in the wilderness. 10 And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end. 11 Now it came to pass, that at what time the chest was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance. 12 And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 13 So the workmen wrought, and the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God in his state, and strengthened it. 14 And when they had finished it, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, whereof were made vessels for the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, even vessels to minister, and to offer withal, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** continually all the days of Jehoiada. 15 But Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of days when he died; ~~an~~ **a** hundred and thirty years old was he when he died. 16 And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house. 17 Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king hearkened unto them. 18 And they left the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of their

fathers, and served groves and idols; and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass. 19 Yet he sent prophets to them; to bring them again unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and they testified against them; but they would not give ear. 20 And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, he hath also forsaken you. 21 And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 22 Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** look upon ~~it~~ **me**, and require ~~it~~ **me**. 23 And it came to pass at the end of the year, that the host of Syria came up against him; and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of Damascus. 24 For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men, and the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of their fathers. So they executed judgment against Joash. 25 And when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases,) his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died; and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the ~~sepulchres~~ **sepulchers** of the kings. 26 And these are they that conspired against him; Zabad the son of Shimeath an

Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith a Moabitess. 27 Now concerning his sons, and the greatness of the burdens laid upon him, and the repairing of the house of God, behold, they are written in the story of the book of the kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

25

1 Amaziah was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. 2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, but not with a perfect heart. 3 Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was established to him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father. 4 But he slew not their children, but did as it is written in the law in the book of Moses, where the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin. 5 Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of their fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin; and he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice men, able to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield. 6 He hired also ~~an~~ **a** hundred thousand mighty men of valor out of Israel for ~~an~~ **a** hundred talents of silver. 7 But there came a man of God to him, saying, O king, let not the army of Israel go with thee; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is not with Israel, to wit, with all the children of Ephraim. 8 But if thou wilt go, do it; be strong for the battle; God shall make thee

fall before the enemy; for God hath power to help, and to cast down. 9 And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is able to give thee much more than this. 10 Then Amaziah separated them, to wit, the army that was come to him out of Ephraim, to go home again; wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger. 11 And Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand. 12 And other ten thousand left alive did the children of Judah carry away captive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, that they all were broken in pieces. 13 But the soldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto ~~Beth-horon~~ **Beth-horon**, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil. 14 Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them. 15 Wherefore the anger of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of thine hand? 16 And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that the king said unto him, Art thou made of the king's counsel? forbear; why shouldest thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbore, and said, I know that God hath determined to destroy

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thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel. 17 Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us see one another in the face. 18 And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that ~~was~~ **grew** in Lebanon sent to the cedar that ~~was~~ **grew** 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. 19 Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten the Edomites; and thine heart lifteth thee up to boast; abide now at home; why shouldest thou meddle to thine hurt, that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and Judah with thee? 20 But Amaziah would not hear; for it came of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of their enemies, because they sought after the gods of Edom. 21 So Joash the king of Israel went up; and they saw one another in the face, both he and Amaziah king of Judah, at ~~Bethshemesh~~ **Beth-shemesh**, which belongeth to Judah. 22 And Judah was put to the worse before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent. 23 And Joash the king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at ~~Bethshemesh~~ **Beth-shemesh**, and brought him to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits. 24 And he took all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with ~~Obededom~~ **Obed-edom**, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria. 25 And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years. 26 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, are they not written in

the book of the kings of Judah and Israel? 27 Now after the time that Amaziah did turn away from following the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish; but they sent to Lachish after him, and slew him there. 28 And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.

26

1 Then all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah. 2 He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers. 3 Sixteen years old was Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. 4 And he did that which was right in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, according to all that his father Amaziah did. 5 And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God; and as long as he sought the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, God made him to prosper. 6 And he went forth and warred against the Philistines, and brake down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities about Ashdod, and among the Philistines. 7 And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwelt in Gurbaal, and the ~~Mehunims~~ **Mehunim**. 8 And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah; and his name spread abroad even to the entering in of Egypt; for he strengthened himself exceedingly. 9 Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them. 10 Also he built towers in the desert, and

digged many wells; for he had much cattle, both in the low country, and in the plains; husbandmen also, and ~~vine-dressers~~ **vinedressers** in the mountains, and in Carmel; for he loved husbandry. 11 Moreover Uzziah had ~~an~~ **a** host of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains. 12 The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valor were two thousand and six hundred. 13 And under their hand was an army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy. 14 And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the host shields, and spears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and slings to cast stones. 15 And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvelously helped, till he was strong. 16 But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction; for he transgressed against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** his God, and went into the temple of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** to burn incense upon the altar of incense. 17 And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, that were valiant men; 18 And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, It appertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense; go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thine honor from the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God. 19 Then

Uzziah was wroth, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense; and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, from beside the incense altar. 20 And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence; yea, himself hasted also to go out, because the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had smitten him. 21 And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land. 22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, did Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, write. 23 So Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which belonged to the kings; for they said, He is a leper; and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

27

1 Jotham was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok. 2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, according to all that his father Uzziah did; howbeit he entered not into the temple of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. And the people did yet corruptly. 3 He built the high gate of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and on the wall of Ophel he built much. 4 Moreover he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers. 5 He fought also with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon

gave him the same year ~~an~~ a hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him, both the second year, and the third. 6 So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** his God. 7 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. 8 He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. 9 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David; and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

28

1 Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; but he did not that which was right in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, like David his father; 2 For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for ~~Baalim~~ **Baalim**. 3 Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had cast out before the children of Israel. 4 He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. 5 Wherefore the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they smote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought them to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter. 6 For Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah ~~an~~ a hundred and twenty thousand in one day, which were all valiant men; because they had forsaken the ~~LORD~~

Lord God of their fathers. 7 And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah that was next to the king. 8 And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria. 9 But a prophet of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was there, whose name was Oded; and he went out before the host that came to Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, because the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage that reacheth up ~~unto~~ **into** heaven. 10 And now ye purpose to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem for bondmen and bondwomen unto you; but are there not with you, even with you, sins against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God? 11 Now hear me therefore, and deliver the captives again, which ye have taken captive of your brethren; for the fierce wrath of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** is upon you. 12 Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against them that came from the war;. 13 And said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the captives hither; for whereas we have offended against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** already, ye intend to add more to our sins and to our trespass; for our trespass is great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel. 14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the congregation. 15 And the men which were expressed by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among

them, and arrayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brethren; then they returned to Samaria. 16 At that time did king Ahaz send unto the kings of Assyria to help him. 17 For again the Edomites had come and smitten Judah, and carried away captives. 18 The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the low country, and of the south of Judah, and had taken ~~Bethshemesh~~ **Beth-shemesh**, and Ajalon, and Gederoth, and ~~Shoco~~ **Shoco** with the villages thereof, and Timnah with the villages thereof, Gimzo also and the villages thereof; and they dwelt there. 19 For the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he made Judah naked, and transgressed sore against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 20 And ~~Tilgathpilneser~~ **Tilgath-pilneser** king of Assyria came unto him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not. 21 For Ahaz took away a portion out of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and out of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave it unto the king of Assyria; but he helped him not. 22 And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; this is that king Ahaz. 23 For he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, which smote him; and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, therefore will I ~~sacrifice~~ **scrifice** to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel. 24 And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem. 25 And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense

unto other gods, and provoked to anger the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of his fathers. 26 Now the rest of his acts and of all his ways, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. 27 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem; but they brought him not into the ~~sepulchres~~ **sepulchers** of the kings of Israel; and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

29

1 Hezekiah began to reign when he was five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah. 2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, according to all that David his father had done. 3 He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and repaired them. 4 And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street. 5 And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites; sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place. 6 For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and turned their backs. 7 Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place unto the God of Israel. 8 Wherefore the wrath of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as ye

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see with your eyes. 9 For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this. 10 Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant with the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us. 11 My sons, be not now negligent; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and burn incense. 12 Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; and of the sons of Merari; Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehalelel; and of the Gershonites; Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah; 13 And of the sons of Elizaphan; Shimri, and Jeiel; and of the sons of Asaph; Zechariah, and Mattaniah; 14 And of the sons of Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel. 15 And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to cleanse the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 16 And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** into the court of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad into the brook Kidron. 17 Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the ~~eighth~~ **eighty** day of the month came they to the porch of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; so they sanctified the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end. 18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**

Lord, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the ~~shewbread~~ **showbread** table, with all the vessels thereof. 19 Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they are before the altar of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 20 Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 21 And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer them on the altar of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 22 So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar; likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar; they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar. 23 And they brought forth the he goats for the sin offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon them; 24 And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel; for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be made for all Israel. 25 And he set the Levites in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet; for so was the commandment of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** by his prophets. 26 And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. 27 And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the

song of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** began also with the trumpets, and with the instruments ordained by David king of Israel. 28 And all the congregation ~~worshipped~~ **worshiped**, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; and all this continued until the burnt offering was finished. 29 And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves, and ~~worshipped~~ **worshiped**. 30 Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and ~~worshipped~~ **worshiped**. 31 Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a free heart, burnt offerings. 32 And the number of the burnt offerings, which the congregation brought, was threescore and ten bullocks, ~~an~~ **a** hundred rams, and two hundred lambs; all these were for a burnt offering to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 33 And the consecrated things were six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep. 34 But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt offerings; wherefore their brethren the Levites did help them, till the work was ended, and until the other priests had sanctified themselves; for the Levites were more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests. 35 And also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and the drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was

set in order. 36 And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people; for the thing was done suddenly.

30

1 And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel. 2 For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second month. 3 For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem. 4 And the thing pleased the king and all the congregation. 5 So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from ~~Beersheba~~ **Beer-sheba** even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel at Jerusalem; for they had not done it of a long time in such sort as it was written. 6 So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria. 7 And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of their fathers, who therefore gave them up to desolation, as ye see. 8 Now be ye not ~~stiffnecked~~ **stiff-necked**, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and enter into his sanctuary,

which he hath sanctified ~~for ever~~: **forever**; and serve the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you. 9 For if ye turn again unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land:; for the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him. 10 So the posts passed from city to city, through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, even unto Zebulun:; but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them. 11 Nevertheless, divers of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem. 12 Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 13 And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation. 14 And they arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the brook Kidron. 15 Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the second month:; and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in the burnt offerings into the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 16 And they stood in their ~~place~~ **places** after their manner, according to the law of Moses the man of God:; the priests sprinkled the blood, which they received of the hand of the Levites. 17 For there were many in the congregation that were not sanctified:; therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passovers for ~~every one~~ **everyone** that was not clean, to sanctify them

unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 18 For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good ~~LORD~~ **Lord** pardon ~~every one~~ **everyone** 19 That prepareth his heart to seek God, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary. 20 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people. 21 And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness:; and the Levites and the priests praised the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** day by day, singing with loud instruments unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 22 And Hezekiah spake comfortably unto all the Levites that taught the good knowledge of the ~~LORD~~: **Lord**; and they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings, and making confession to the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of their fathers. 23 And the whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven days:; and they kept other seven days with gladness. 24 For Hezekiah king of Judah did give to the congregation a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep:; and a great number of priests sanctified themselves. 25 And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced. 26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem:; for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem. 27 Then the priests the

Levites arose and blessed the people; and their voice was heard; and their prayer came up to his holy dwelling place, even unto heaven.

31

1 Now when all this was finished, all Israel that were present went out to the cities of Judah, and brake the images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities. 2 And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 3 He appointed also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, to wit, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as it is written in the law of the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 4 Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the ~~LORD~~ Lord. 5 And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly. 6 And concerning the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things

which were consecrated unto the ~~LORD~~ Lord their God, and laid them by heaps. 7 In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month. 8 And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and his people Israel. 9 Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps. 10 And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty; for the ~~LORD~~ Lord hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store. 11 Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the house of the ~~LORD~~ Lord; and they prepared them, 12 And brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully; over which Cononiah the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his brother was the next. 13 And Jehiel, and Azariah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, were overseers under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God. 14 And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the porter toward the east, was over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of the ~~LORD~~ Lord, and the most holy things. 15 And next to him were Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in their set office, to give to their brethren by courses, as well to the great as to the small; 16 ~~Beside~~ **Besides** their genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, even unto ~~every one~~

everyone that entereth into the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, his daily portion for their service in their charges according to their courses; 17 Both to the genealogy of the priests by the house of their fathers, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their charges by their courses; 18 And to the genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation; for in their set office they sanctified themselves in holiness; 19 Also of the sons of Aaron the priests, which were in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every several city, the men that were expressed by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all that were reckoned by genealogies among the Levites. 20 And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and wrought that which was good and right and truth before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** his God. 21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.

32

1 After these things, and the establishment thereof, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself. 2 And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem, 3 He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which were without the city; and they did help him. 4 So there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land; saying,

Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water? 5 Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that was broken; and raised it up to the towers, and another wall without, and repaired Millo in the city of David, and made darts and shields in abundance. 6 And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and spake comfortably to them, saying, 7 Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him; for there be more with us than with him. 8 With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah. 9 After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (but he himself laid siege against Lachish, and all his power with him,) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that were at Jerusalem, saying, 10 Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide in the siege in Jerusalem? 11 Doth not Hezekiah persuade you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria? 12 Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it? 13 Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of other lands? were the gods of the nations of those lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of mine hand? 14 Who was there among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand,

that your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand? 15 Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him; for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers; how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand? 16 And his servants spake yet more against the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God, and against his servant Hezekiah. 17 He wrote also letters to rail on the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of other lands have not delivered their people out of mine hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of mine hand. 18 Then they cried with a loud voice, in the Jews' speech, unto the people of Jerusalem that were on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city. 19 And they spake against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth, which were the work of the hands of man. 20 And for this cause Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven. 21 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valor, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword. 22 Thus the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all other, and guided them on every side. 23 And many brought gifts unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** to Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah; so that he was magnified in the sight

of all nations from thenceforth. 24 In those days Hezekiah was sick to the death, and prayed unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**; and he spake unto him, and he gave him a sign. 25 But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit done unto him; for his heart was lifted up; therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem. 26 Notwithstanding, Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah. 27 And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honor; and he made himself treasures for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of pleasant jewels; 28 Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks. 29 Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance; for God had given him substance very much. 30 This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper ~~watercourse~~ **water course** of Gihon, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works. 31 Howbeit, in the business of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to ~~enquire~~ **inquire** of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart. 32 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his goodness, behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, and in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. 33 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the chiefest of the ~~sepulchres~~ **sepulchers** of the sons of David; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him

honor at his death. And Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

33

1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem; 2 But did that which was evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, like unto the abominations of the heathen, whom the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had cast out before the children of Israel. 3 For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim, and made groves, and ~~worshipped~~ **worshipped** all the host of heaven, and served them. 4 Also he built altars in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, whereof the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had said, In Jerusalem shall my name be ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 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 caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom; also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards; he wrought much evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to provoke him to anger. 7 And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name ~~for ever~~ **forever**. 8 Neither will I ~~any more~~ **anymore** remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses. 9 So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of

Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen, whom the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** had destroyed before the children of Israel. 10 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** spake to Manasseh, and to ~~his~~ **the** people; but they would not hearken. 11 Wherefore the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. 12 And when he was in affliction, he besought the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, 13 And prayed unto him; and he was ~~intreated~~ **entreated** of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** he was God. 14 Now after this he built a wall without the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish gate, and compassed about Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah. 15 And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city. 16 And he repaired the altar of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel. 17 Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, yet unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** their God only. 18 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel. 19 His prayer also, and how God was ~~intreated~~ **entreated** of him, and all

his sins, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled; behold, they are written among the sayings of the seers. 20 So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house; and Amon his son reigned in his stead. 21 Amon was two and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in Jerusalem. 22 But he did that which was evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, as did Manasseh his father; for Amon sacrificed unto all the carved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them; 23 And humbled not himself before the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but Amon trespassed more and more. 24 And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his own house. 25 But 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.

34

1 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years. 2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined neither to the right hand, nor to the left. 3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images. 4 And they brake down the altars of Baalim in his presence; and the images, that were on high above them, he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he

brake in pieces, and made dust of them, and strewed it upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them. 5 And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem. 6 And so did he in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, with their mattocks round about. 7 And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the graven images into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem. 8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** his God. 9 And when they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin; and they returned to Jerusalem. 10 And they put it in the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and they gave it to the workmen that wrought in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to repair and amend the house; 11 Even to the artificers and builders gave they it, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to floor the houses which the ~~kings~~ **king** of Judah had destroyed. 12 And the men did the work faithfully; and the overseers of them were Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set it forward; and other of the Levites, all that could skill of instruments of music. 13 Also they were over the

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bearers of burdens, and were overseers of all that wrought the work in any manner of service; and of the Levites there were scribes, and officers, and porters. 14 And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Hilkiyah the priest found a book of the law of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** given by Moses. 15 And Hilkiyah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. And Hilkiyah delivered the book to Shaphan. 16 And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the **word of the king** ~~word~~ back again, saying, All that was committed to thy servants, they do it. 17 And they have gathered together the money that was found in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen. 18 Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiyah the priest hath given me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. 19 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes. 20 And the king commanded Hilkiyah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying, 21 Go, **enquire inquire** of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found; for great is the wrath of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, to do after all that is written in this book. 22 And Hilkiyah, and they that the king had appointed, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of ~~Tikvah~~ **Tikvah**, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they

spake to her to that effect. 23 And she answered them, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel, Tell ye the man that sent you to me, 24 Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah; 25 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 poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched. 26 And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to ~~enquire~~ **inquire** of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel concerning the words which thou hast heard; 27 Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard thee also, saith the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again. 29 Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. 30 And the king went up into the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, great and small; and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 31 And the king stood in his place, 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 his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book. 32 And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand to it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. 33 And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serve, even to serve the ~~LORD~~ Lord their God. And all his days they departed not from following the ~~LORD~~ Lord, the God of their fathers.

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1 Moreover, Josiah kept a passover unto the ~~LORD~~ Lord in Jerusalem; and they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month. 2 And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the ~~LORD~~, Lord. 3 And said unto the Levites that taught all Israel, which were holy unto the ~~LORD~~ Lord, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel did build; it shall not be a burden upon your shoulders; serve now the ~~LORD~~ Lord your God, and his people Israel, 4 And prepare yourselves by the houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son; 5 And stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your brethren the people, and after the division of the families of the Levites. 6 So kill the passover, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brethren, that they may do

according to the word of the ~~LORD~~ Lord by the hand of Moses. 7 And Josiah gave to the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all for the passover offerings, for all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks; these were of the king's substance. 8 And his princes gave willingly unto the people, to the priests; and to the Levites; Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the passover offerings two thousand and six hundred small cattle, and three hundred oxen. 9 Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his brethren, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave unto the Levites for passover offerings five thousand small cattle, and five hundred oxen. 10 So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their courses, according to the king's commandment. 11 And they killed the passover, and the priests sprinkled the blood from their hands, and the Levites flayed them. 12 And they removed the burnt offerings, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto the ~~LORD~~ Lord, as it is written in the book of Moses. And so did they with the oxen. 13 And they roasted the passover with fire according to the ordinance; but the other holy offerings sod they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and divided them speedily among all the people. 14 And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests; because the priests the sons of Aaron were busied in offering of burnt offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron. 15 And the singers the

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sons of Asaph were in their place; according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the porters waited at every gate; they might not depart from their service; for their brethren the Levites prepared for them. 16 So all the service of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, according to the commandment of king Josiah. 17 And the children of Israel that were present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days. 18 And there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was this passover kept. 20 After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Charchemish by Euphrates; and Josiah went out against him. 21 But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? I come not against thee this day; but against the house wherewith I have war; for God commanded me to make haste; forbear thee from meddling with God, who is with me, that he destroy thee not. 22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but ~~disguised~~ **disguised** himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo. 23 And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants; Have me away; for I am sore wounded. 24 His

servants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried in one of the ~~sepulchres~~ **sepulchers** of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. 25 And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah; and all the singing men and the singing women spake of Josiah in their lamentations to this day, and made them an ordinance in Israel; and, behold, they are written in the lamentations. 26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his goodness, according to that which was written in the law of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, 27 And his deeds, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

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1 Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem. 2 Jehoahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. 3 And the king of Egypt put him down at Jerusalem, and condemned the land in ~~an~~ **a** hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. 4 And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt. 5 Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and he did that which was evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** his God. 6 Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon. 7 Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** to Babylon, and put

them in his temple at Babylon. 8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah; and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead. 9 Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem; and he did that which was evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 10 And when the year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem. 11 Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. 12 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** his God, and humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**. 13 And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God; but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of Israel. 14 Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. 15 And the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place; 16 But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**

arose against his people, till there was no remedy. 17 Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age; he gave them all into his hand. 18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord**, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon. 19 And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof. 20 And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia; 21 To ~~fulfil~~ **fulfill** the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths; for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to ~~fulfil~~ **fulfill** threescore and ten years. 22 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, 23 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the ~~LORD~~ **Lord** God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him ~~an~~ **a** house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? The ~~LORD~~ **Lord** his God be with him, and let him go up.

