

39. 2Chronicles - Divrei

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Chapter 1

1:1 And Shelomoh, son of David, strengthened himself over his kingdom. And YAHWEH, his Elohim, was with him. And He caused him to be exceedingly great.

1:2 And Shelomoh spoke to all Yisra'el, to the commanders of the thousands, and of the hundreds, and to the judges, and to every leader for all Yisra'el, the heads of the fathers.

1:3 And Shelomoh went, and all the assembly with him, to the high place which was at Gib'on, because The Tent of Assembly of YAHWEH was there which Moshe, the servant of YAHWEH, had made in the wilderness.

1:4 However, The Chest of YAHWEH David had brought up from Kiryat Ye'arim when David had prepared for it, when he had pitched a tent for it at Yerushalaim.

1:5 And the copper slaughter site which Betzal'el, son of Uri, son of Hur, had made he placed before The Dwelling Place of YAHWEH.

And Shelomoh and the assembly sought it.

1:6 And Shelomoh went up there to the copper slaughter site before the face of YAHWEH, which was at The Tent of Assembly. And he offered upon it a thousand olahs.

1:7 That night YAHWEH was seen by Shelomoh. And He said to him, "Ask what I might give to you!"

1:8 And Shelomoh said to YAHWEH, "You Yourself **nx** have done great kindness with David, my father. And You have caused me to reign in his place.

1:9 "Now, YAHWEH, Elohim, let Your word with David, my father, be faithful. Indeed, You Yourself **nx** have caused me to reign over a people as abundant as the dust of the earth.

1:10 Now grant to me wisdom and knowledge. Then I can go out before the faces of this people. And I can come in. Indeed, who can judge this great people themselves **nx** of Yours?"

1:11 And YAHWEH said to Shelomoh, "Because this is what existed within your heart, and you have not asked *for* riches, wealth, or honor, or the lives themselves **nx** of those hating you, and even long life you have not requested, but have requested wisdom and knowledge

with which you can judge My people themselves אנ
over whom I have caused you to reign,
1:12 the wisdom and the knowledge are granted to you.
And riches and wealth and honor
I will grant to you of which such as this has not existed
for the kings who have been before you.
And after you will nothing exist such as this.”

1:13 And Shelomoh went to Yerushalaim
from the high place which was at Gib'on,
from before The Tent of Assembly.
And he reigned over Yisra'el.

1:14 And Shelomoh gathered chariots and horsemen.
And there were to him
one thousand four hundred chariots
and twelve thousand horsemen.
And he stationed them in the cities of the chariots
and with the king at Yerushalaim.

1:15 And the king set the silver itself אנ
and the gold itself אנ in Yerushalaim like stones.
And the cedars themselves אנ
he set like the sycamores which are in The Shefelah.

1:16 And the horses went out
which were for Shelomoh
from Mitsraim and from Keve.
Those trading for the king
took them from Keve at a price.

Mitsraim means double straits. This is Egypt.
Keve is in modern day southern Turkey.

1:17 And they came up.
And they brought forth from Mitsraim
a chariot for six hundred pieces of silver,
and a horse according to a hundred and fifty.

And it was thus for all the kings of the Hittites
and the kings of Aram.
According to their hands they brought them out.
Hands represent one's authority or power.

Chapter 2

2:1 (H 1.18) And Shelomoh spoke
for the sake of building a house
for the name of **YAHWEH**
and a house for his kingdom.

NOTE: Chapter 2 begins with the next verse in the Hebrew text.

2:2 (H 2.1) And Shelomoh recorded
seventy thousand men of burden,
and eighty thousand men to hew in the mountains.
And having oversight over them
were three thousand six hundred.

2:3 (H 2.2) And Shelomoh sent to Hiram,
king of Tzor, saying,
“According to what you have done
with David, my father,
and you sent to him cedars
for the sake of building himself a house
for the sake of dwelling in it,
2:4 (H 2.3) behold!

I myself am building a House
for the name of YAHWEH, my Elohim,
for the sake of causing it to be set apart to Him,
for the sake of burning before His face sweet incense,
and for the continual showbread,
and for the olahs, morning, and evening,
for the Sabbaths, and for the New Moons,
and for the appointed times of YAHWEH, our Elohim.
This is to eternity concerning Yisra'el.

2:5 (H 2.4) And The House which I myself
am building *is to be* great
because our Elohim is greater than all the gods.

2:6 (H 2.5) But who retains strength
for the sake of building for Him a House?
Indeed, the skies, even The Heavens of The Heavens
can not contain Him!

And who am I myself
that I might build for Him a House,
except for the sake of offering up
in smoke before His face?

2:7 (H 2.6) And now,
send to me at once a wise man
for the sake of working with gold, and with silver,
and with copper, and with iron, and with purple,
and with crimson, and blue,
and knowing *how* to engrave engravings
with the wise ones who are with me
in Yahudah and Yerushalaim
whom David, my father, has prepared.

2:8 (H 2.7) And send to me trees of cedar, fir,
and alnum from The Lebanon.
Indeed, I myself know that your servants
are knowing *how* to cut the timber Lebanon.
And behold!

My servants *will be* with your servants
2:9 (H 2.8) even for the sake of preparing
for me timber to abundance
because The House that I myself am building
will be great and wondrous.

2:10 (H 2.9) And behold!
For those cutting down, for those cutting the timber,
I have given ground wheat for your servants,
twenty thousand kors,
and barley, twenty thousand kors,
and wine, twenty thousand baths,
and oil, twenty thousand baths.”

A kor represented approximately six bushels or 100 gallons. A bath represented approximately 6 gallons.
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2:11 (H 2.10) And Hiram, the king of Tzor,
spoke in writing.
And he sent to Shelomoh,
“On account of YAHWEH loving
His people *themselves* **nx**
He has set you over them as king.”

2:12 (H 2.11) And Hiram said,
“Being blessed is YAHWEH, The Elohim of Yisra'el,
Who has made the skies *themselves* **nx**

and the earth *itself* **הָאָרֶץ**,

Who has given to David the king a wise son,
knowing discretion and understanding,
who will build a House for **YAHWEH**
and a house for his kingdom!

2:13 (H 2.12) And now I have sent a man of skill,
knowing understanding, of Hiram, my father,

2:14 (H 2.13) son of a woman
from the daughters of Dan.

And his father is a man of Tzor
knowing *how* to make *things*
with gold, and with silver, with copper,
with iron, with stone, and with wood,
with purple and with blue, and with fine linen,
and with crimson,
and for the sake of engraving any engraving
and for the sake of thinking out any device
which is given to him with your skilled men
and with the skilled men of my sovereign,
David, your father.

2:15 (H 2.14) And now, the wheat and the barley,
the oil and the wine of which my sovereign has spoken,
let him send *it* to his servants.

2:16 (H 2.15) And we ourselves
will cut trees from The Lebanon
according to all you need.

And we will bring rafts to you upon the sea to Yapho.
And you yourselves **אֲנִי** will bring they themselves **אֲנִי**
up to Yerushalaim.”

2:17 (H 2.16) And Shelomoh counted all the men,
the strangers who were in the land of Yisra’el,
after they had been counted by David, his father.
And they were found to be
one hundred and fifty three thousand six hundred.

2:18 (H 2.17) And he made from them
seventy thousand for burdens,
and eighty thousand hewers in the mountain,
and three thousand six hundred overseers
for the sake of causing
the people themselves **אֲנִי** to work.

Chapter 3

3:1 And Shelomoh began to build
The House *itself* **הַבַּיִת** of **YAHWEH** at Yerushalaim
on Mount Moriyah,
where He had been seen by David, his father,
which David had prepared at the place
of the threshing floor of Ornan, the Yebusite.

Moriyah means seen by YAH.

3:2 And he began to build on the second day
of the second month in the fourth year of his reign.

3:3 And Shelomoh laid these foundations
for building The House *itself* **הַבַּיִת** of **YAHWEH**:
The length by cubits according to the former measure
was sixty cubits, and the width twenty cubits.

3:4 And the porch, which was upon the front,
the length upon the width of the front was twenty *cubits*.

And the height was one hundred and twenty *cubits*.
And he overlaid it from within with pure gold.

3:5 And the great house *itself* תא
he paneled with fir trees.
And he overlaid it with fine gold.
And he caused to go up upon it
palm trees and chainwork.

3:6 And he overlaid the house *itself* תא
with precious stones for beauty.
And the gold was gold of Parvaim.

3:7 And he covered the house *itself* תא,
the beams, the doorposts, and its walls,
and its doors with gold.
And he carved cherubim on the walls.

3:8 And he made The House *itself* תא
of The Most Set Apart Place.
Its length was according to the width of the house,
twenty cubits, and its width twenty cubits.
And he covered it with fine gold,
six hundred talents.

3:9 And the weight of the nails
was fifty shekels of gold.
And the upper chambers he covered with gold.

3:10 And he made,
in The House of The Most Set Apart,
two cherubim of sculptured work.
And he overlaid they themselves תא with gold.

3:11 And the wings of the cherubim,
their length was twenty cubits.
The one wing was five cubits,
causing it to touch the wall of the room.
And the other wing was five cubits,
causing it to touch the wing of the other cherub,

3:12 And the wing of the other cherub
was five cubits,
causing it to touch the wall of the room.
And the other wing also was five cubits,
causing it to touch the wing of the other cherub.

3:13 The wings of these cherubim
spread out twenty cubits.
And they stood upon their feet.
And their faces were to the inside.

3:14 And he made the veil *itself* תא
of blue and purple and crimson and fine linen.
And he caused cherubim to go up upon it.

3:15 And at the front of The House
he made two columns thirty five cubits high.
And the capital that was upon the top was five cubits.

3:16 And he made chainwork
like The Speaking Place.
And he put them upon the top of the columns.
And he made one hundred pomegranates.
And he put them on the chainwork.

The Speaking Place is the same as The Most Set Apart Place. It is the Inner Sanctuary.

3:17 And he stood up the columns themselves תנ at the front of The Temple, one at the right and one at the left. And called the name of the one on the right Yakin. And the name of the left one Bo'az.

Chapter 4

4:1 And he made a slaughter site of copper, twenty cubits long, and twenty cubits wide, and ten cubits high.

4:2 And he made The Sea itself תנ as a casting, ten cubits from rim to rim, round all about. And its height *was* five cubits. And a line of thirty cubits encompassed it itself תנ all around.

4:3 And a likeness of oxen was beneath it all around, encompassing it itself תנ all around, ten to a cubit, encompassing The Sea itself תנ. All around *were* two rows of the oxen. They were cast when it was cast.

4:4 It was standing upon twelve oxen, three turning north, and three turning west, and three turning south, and three turning east. And The Sea was above them, from upward. And all their back parts were to the inside.

4:5 And it was a handbreadth thick. And its rim was like the rim of a cup, like a lily blossom. It was holding three thousand baths.

4:6 And he made ten basins. And he put five at the right and five at the left for the sake of washing in them. The work itself תנ of the olah they caused to be washed off in them. And The Sea was for the sake of washing of the priests in it.

4:7 And he made ten lampstands themselves תנ of gold according to their regulation. And he put them in The Temple, five at the right and five at the left.

4:8 And he made ten tables. And he placed them in The Temple, five at the right and five at the left. And he made one hundred basins of gold.

4:9 And he made the courtyard of the priests, and the great courtyard, and doors for the courtyard. And the doors for them he overlaid with copper.

4:10 And The Sea itself תנ he put on the right side, eastward in front of the south.

4:11 And Hiram made the pots themselves תנ, and the shovels themselves תנ.

and the basins *themselves* **תא**.

And Hiram finished making the work *itself* **תא**
which he was to do for King Shelomoh
on account of The House of YAHWEH:

4:12 two columns, and the bowls, and the capitals
that were on top of the two columns,
and the two networks to cover
the two bowls *themselves* **תא** of the capitals
which were on top of the columns;

4:13 and four hundred pomegranates *themselves* **תא**
for the two networks, two rows of pomegranates
for each network,
to cover the two bowls *themselves* **תא** of the capitals
which were on the columns.

4:14 And he made the bases *themselves* **תא**.

And the basins *themselves* **תא** he made on the bases;

4:15 The Sea *itself* **תא**, one,
and the twelve oxen *themselves* **תא** beneath it;

4:16 and the pots *themselves* **תא**,
and the shovels *themselves* **תא**,
and the forks *themselves* **תא**.

And all their utensils *themselves* **תא**

Hiram, of his father, made of polished copper
for King Shelomoh for The House of YAHWEH.

Most translations use "copper". Copper is used here because the root word from which this term comes actually points to shiny copper rather than to copper. Copper is also cast in molds, like copper.

4:17 In the valley of The Yarden
the king had them cast,
in the clay of the ground
between Sukkoth and Tzeredah.

4:18 And Shelomoh had made all these utensils
to exceeding abundance
Indeed, the weight of the copper
was not searched out.

4:19 And Shelomoh had made

all the equipment *itself* **תא**

for The House of YAHWEH,

and the altar of gold *itself* **תא**,

and the tables *themselves* **תא**,

and on them is the showbread,

4:20 and the lampstands *themselves* **תא**,

and their lamps of pure gold,

for the sake of burning according to the regulations
in front of The Speaking Place,

The Speaking Place is The Inner Sanctuary, The Holy of Holies, as some call it.

4:21 and the blossoms, and the lamps,
and the snuffers of gold, of perfect gold,

4:22 and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the ladles,
and the fire pans of pure gold.

And the entrance of The House,
its inner doors to The Most Set Apart *Place*,
and the doors of The Temple of the House, were gold.

Chapter 5

5:1 And all the work that Shelomoh had done for The House of YAHWEH was completed. And Shelomoh brought in the set apart *things themselves* תא of David, his father, the silver *itself* תא and the gold *itself* תא and all the utensils *themselves* תא. And he put them in the treasuries of The House of YAHWEH.

5:2 Then Shelomoh caused to be assembled the elders *themselves* תא of Yisra'el and all the heads of the tribes *themselves* תא, exalted ones of the fathers of the children of Yisra'el, to Yerushalaim for the sake of bringing up The Chest *itself* תא of The Covenant of YAHWEH from the City of David. It is Tzion.

5:3 And all the men of Yisra'el were assembled to the king at the festival of the seventh month.

This is the Feast of Sukkoth, The Feast of Booths. This is most appropriate since this entire process is about The House (booth, or dwelling place) of YAHWEH.

5:4 And all the elders of Yisra'el came. And the Levites lifted up The Chest *itself* תא. 5:5 And they brought up The Chest *itself* תא, and The Tent of Assembly *itself* תא, and all the set apart utensils *themselves* תא which were in The Tent. The priests of the Levites brought up *they themselves* תא.

5:6 And the king, Shelomoh, and all the assembly of Yisra'el, those having been assembled to him before The Chest, were slaughtering sheep and oxen which could not be reported or counted because of abundance.

5:7 And the priests brought in The Chest *itself* תא of The Covenant of YAHWEH to its place, into The Speaking Place of The House, to The Most Set Apart Place, to beneath the wings of the cherubim.

5:8 And the cherubim were spreading their wings above the place of The Chest. And the cherubim covered over The Chest and its poles.

5:9 And the poles were long. And the ends of the poles from The Chest were seen at the front of The Speaking Place. But they were not seen outside.

And they are there to this very day.

5:10 There was nothing in The Chest except the two tablets which Moshe had put there at Horeb when YAHWEH cut a covenant with the children of Yisra'el

at their coming from Mitsraim.

5:11 And it was as the priests were coming out
from The Most Set Apart Place.
Because all the priests had found themselves set apart,
there was none for the sake of watching by division.

5:12 And the Levites, the singers,
for all of them of Asaph and of Heman, and of Yeduthun,
and of their sons and of their kindred,
having been clothed in fine linen,
were standing at the east end of the slaughter site
with cymbals, and with harps, and with lyres.
And with them were one hundred and twenty priests
sounding on trumpets.

5:13 And they were as one
for the sake of sounding the trumpets,
and for the sake of singing,
and for the sake of causing one sound to be heard
for the sake of praising
and for the sake of giving thanks to YAHWEH.

And as they caused their voices to be lifted up
with the trumpets, and with cymbals,
and with instruments of the music,
and with giving praise to YAHWEH:
"Indeed, He is good!
Indeed, His kindness is to eternity!",
then The House was filled with a cloud,
The House of YAHWEH.

5:14 And the priests were not able to stand
for the sake of ministering before the cloud
because the splendor of YAHWEH
had filled The House *itself* **nx** of YAHWEH.

Chapter 6

6:1 Then Shelomoh said,
"YAHWEH has said He will dwell in a thick cloud.

6:2 But I myself have built an exalted house, for You
and a place for Your dwelling for eternity."

6:3 And the king turned around his face *itself* **nx**.
And he blessed all the assembly of Yisra'el *itself* **nx**.
And all the assembly of Yisra'el *itself* **nx** was standing.

6:4 And he said,
"Being blessed is YAHWEH, The Elohim of Yisra'el,
Who has spoken with His mouth
to David *himself* **nx**, my father.

Even with His hands He has fulfilled it saying,

6:5 'From the day in which I have brought out
My people themselves **nx** from the land of Mitsraim
I have not chosen a city from all the tribes of Yisra'el
for the sake of building a house
for the sake of My name to exist there,
nor have I chosen a man to be ruler
over My people, Yisra'el.

6:6 But I have chosen Yerushalaim
for My name to exist there.
And I have chosen David
to be over My people, Yisra'el.'

6:7 And it was within the heart
of my father David
to build a House for the name of **YAHWEH**,
The Elohim of Yisra'el.

6:8 And **YAHWEH** said to David, my father,
'Because of what was within your heart,
to build a House for My name,
you have done well because it was in your heart.

6:9 However, you yourself **nx**
will not build the house.
Indeed, your son,
the one coming forth from your loins,
he himself will build The House for My name.'

6:10 And now, **YAHWEH** has established
His word itself **nx** which He has spoken.
And I have been raised up
in the place of David, my father.
And I sit on the throne of Yisra'el
according to what **YAHWEH** had spoken.

And I have built The House
for the name of **YAHWEH**,
The Elohim of Yisra'el.

6:11 And I have placed there The Chest itself **nx**,
in which is The Covenant of **YAHWEH**
which He cut with the children of Yisra'el."

6:12 And he stood before
the slaughter site of **YAHWEH**
in front of all the assembly of Yisra'el.
And he spread out his hands.

6:13 Indeed, Shelomoh had made a copper platform,
five cubits long, and five cubits wide,
and three cubits high.
And he had put it in the midst of the courtyard.
And he stood upon it.

And he knelt down on his knees
in front of all the assembly of Yisra'el.
And he spread out his hands toward the skies.

6:14 And he said,
"**YAHWEH**, Elohim of Yisra'el,
there are no gods like You,
in the skies or on the earth,
Who is protecting The Covenant and the kindness
for Your servants, those walking before Your face
with all their hearts,

Note: *elohim* is used twice in this verse. The first time it refers to **YAHWEH**. The second time it refers to any other so-called 'god'. This is missed in most English translations. It's a vital distinction. The term, *elohim* means a mighty one.

6:15 Who has protected for Your servant,
David, my father,
that itself **nx** which You have spoken to him.

And You have spoken with Your mouth.
And with Your hand You have fulfilled it,
as it is this day.

6:16 And now, **YAHWEH**, Elohim of Yisra'el, protect for your servant, David, my father, that itself **nx** which You have spoken to him saying, 'There will not be a man cut off for you from before My face, sitting on the throne of Yisra'el, but only if your sons will protect their way itself **nx** for the sake of walking according to My Instruction according to how you have walked before My face.'

6:17 And now, **YAHWEH**, Elohim of Yisra'el, may Your word be faithful which You have spoken to Your servant, to David.

6:18 Indeed, truly, will The Elohim dwell with the human being himself **nx** upon the earth?

Behold! The skies and The Heavens of The Heavens can not contain You, much less, this House which I have built!

6:19 But turn toward the prayer of Your servant and toward his request for favor, **YAHWEH**, my Elohim, for the sake of listening attentively to the cry and to the prayer which Your servant is himself praying before Your face

6:20 for the sake of Your eyes being open toward this House day and night, toward the place of which You have spoken to place Your name there, for the sake of listening attentively to the prayer which Your servant himself prays toward this place!

6:21 And listen attentively to the requests for favor of Your servant and of Your people, Yisra'el, when they themselves pray toward this place! And You Yourself **nx**, listen attentively from Your dwelling place in The Heavens! And listen attentively and forgive!

6:22 If a man offends against his neighbor, and he has lifted up an oath with him to cause him to swear, and comes to swear before Your slaughter site in this House,

6:23 then You Yourself **nx**, listen attentively from The Heavens! And act.

And judge Your servants themselves **nx**, repaying the morally wrong by putting his way on his own head. And justifying the just one by giving to him according to his justness.

6:24 And if Your people, Yisra'el, are struck before the face of an adversary because they have offended against You, and they return, and they praise Your Name itself **nx**, and they pray,

and they make request for favor before Your face in this House, 6:25 then You Yourself **nx**,

listen attentively from The Heavens.
And forgive for the sake of the offense
of Your people, Yisra'el.
And return to the land
which You have given to them
and to their fathers.

6:26 When the skies are shut up
and there is no rain
because they have offended against You,
and they pray toward this place,
and they praise Your Name *itself* **nx**,
and they turn back from their offense
because You afflict them,

6:27 then You Yourself **nx**,
listen attentively from The Heavens.
And forgive for the sake of the offense
of Your servants,
even Your people, Yisra'el.
Indeed, teach them about the good way
in which they are to walk.
And grant rain upon Your land
which You have given to Your people
as an inheritance.

6:28 When there is famine in the land, pestilence,
when scorching, or blight, or mildew,
locusts or grasshoppers exist;
when they are oppressed by their adversaries
in the land at its gates;
any plague or any sickness;

6:29 whatever prayer, whatever request for favor
which is for any human being
or for all Your people, Yisra'el,
when they know, each man
his own plague and his own grief,
and he spreads out his hands toward this House,

6:30 then You Yourself **nx**,
listen attentively from The Heavens,
Your dwelling place, and forgive.

And give to each man according to all his ways,
whose heart *itself* **nx** You know.

(Indeed, You Yourself **nx** alone
know the hearts *themselves* **nx**
of the children of the human being!)

6:31 in order that they will revere You
for the sake of walking according to Your ways
all the days which they live upon the land
which You have given to our fathers.

6:32 And also, concerning the foreigner
who is not from Your people, Yisra'el,
he himself who has come from a distant land
for the sake of Your great name,
and Your strong hand,
and Your outstretched arm;
and they come,
and they themselves pray toward this House,

6:33 then You Yourself **nx**,
listen attentively from The Heavens,
Your dwelling place.

And do according to everything
for which the stranger calls to You
in order that all the people of the earth

will know Your Name *itself* תא,
even for the sake of revering You Yourself תא,
as do Your people, Yisra'el,
and for the sake of knowing that Your name
is called upon this House which I have built.

6:34 When Your people go out
to battle against their adversaries
according to the way which You send them,
and they pray to You by way of this city
which You have chosen,
and The House which I have built for Your name,
6:35 then listen attentively from The Heavens
to their prayer *itself* תא
and their request for favor *itself* תא.
And do judgment for them.

6:36 When they offend against You,
indeed, there is no human being who does not offend,
and You have been enraged with them,
and You have given them up
before the faces of adversaries,
and they have been taken away, being captives,
to a distant land, far or near,
6:37 and they turn back to their heart
in the land where they have been taken captive,
and they turn back,
and they themselves make a request
for favor toward You
in the land of their captivity saying,
'We have offended.
We have been perverse.
And we have done moral wrong.'

6:38 and they have turned back to You
with all their heart and with all their life
in the land of their captivity
where they have taken captive, they themselves תא,
and they themselves pray toward their land
which You have given to their fathers,
and the city which You have chosen,
and toward The House
which I have built for Your name,
6:39 then listen attentively from The Heavens,
Your dwelling place,
to their prayer *itself* תא
and to their requests for favor *themselves* תא.
And do judgment for them.
And forgive Your people
who have offended against You?

6:40 Now, my Elohim,
please let Your eyes be open
and let Your ears be attentive
to the prayer of this place.

6:41 And now, rise up,
YAHWEH, The Elohim, to Your resting place,
You Yourself תא and The Chest of Your strength!

May Your priests, **YAHWEH**, The Elohim,
be clothed with deliverance.
And may Your kind ones rejoice in goodness.

6:42 **YAHWEH**, The Elohim,
do not turn back the face of Your anointed.

Take note of the kindnesses of David, Your servant!”

Chapter 7

7:1 And Shelomoh finished his praying.
And the fire came down from the skies.
And it consumed the olah and the sacrifices.

And the splendor of YAHWEH filled
The House *itself* **nx**.

7:2 And the priests were not able
to enter the House of YAHWEH
because the splendor of YAHWEH
had filled The House of YAHWEH *itself* **nx**.

7:3 And all the children of Yisra'el were observing
as the fire and the splendor of YAHWEH
came down upon The House.

And they bowed their faces to the ground,
upon the pavement.
And they prostrated themselves.
And they gave thanks to YAHWEH *saying*,
“Indeed, He is good!
Indeed, His kindness is to eternity!”

7:4 And the king and all the people
were offering sacrifices before the face of YAHWEH.

7:5 And King, Shelomoh,
sacrificed *a sacrifice itself* **nx**
of the bulls, twenty two thousand,
and of the sheep, one hundred and twenty thousand.

And the king and all the people
dedicated The House *itself* **nx** of YAHWEH.

7:6 And the priests were standing
concerning their duties,
and the Levites with instruments of the music
to YAHWEH,
which David the king had made
for the sake of giving thanks to YAHWEH, *saying*,
“Indeed, His kindness is to eternity!”
as David was praising by their hand.

And the priests were sounding *on trumpets*
in front of them.
And all Yisra'el was standing.

7:7 And Shelomoh consecrated
the middle of the courtyard *itself* **nx**
which was at the front of The House of YAHWEH,
because there he made the olahs
and the fat *itself* **nx** of the shelem offerings,
because the copper slaughter site
which Shelomoh had made
was not able to contain the olahs *themselves* **nx**,
and the grain offerings *themselves* **nx**,
and the fat *itself* **nx**.

7:8 And Shelomoh at that time
observed the festival *itself* **nx** seven days,
and all Yisra'el with him, a very great assembly,
from the entrance of Hamat to the wadi of Mitsraim.

This is The Feast of Succoth, or Tabernacles.

7:9 And on the eighth day they made an assembly,
because they had done
the dedication of the slaughter site seven days,
and the festival seven days.

7:10 And on the twenty third day
of the seventh month
he sent the people *themselves* **nx** to their tents,
rejoicing and glad of heart
concerning the goodness that YAHWEH had done
for David, and for Shelomoh,
and for Yisra'el, His people.

7:11 And Shelomoh finished
The House *itself* **nx** of YAHWEH
and the house *itself* **nx** of the king.

And everything *itself* **nx** that was coming
into the heart of Shelomoh to do
in The House of YAHWEH
and in his own house, He caused to succeed.

7:12 And YAHWEH
was seen by Shelomoh at night.
And He said to him,
"I have listened attentively to *your prayer itself* **nx**.
And I have chosen this place for Me
as a House of sacrifice.

7:13 If I shut up the skies and there is no rain,
or if I give direction concerning locusts
for the sake of devouring the land,
or if I send a pestilence among My people,
7:14 and My people who have been called
with My name over them will humble themselves,
and they themselves will pray,
and they will seek My face,
and they will turn back
from the badness of their ways,
then I Myself will listen attentively from The Heavens.
And I will forgive their offense.
And I will heal *their land itself* **nx**.

7:15 Now, My eyes will be open
and My ears *will be* attentive
to the prayer of this place.

7:16 And now, I have chosen.
And I have set apart This House *itself* **nx**
for the sake of My Name existing there until eternity.
And My eyes and My heart will be there all the days.

7:17 And *you yourself* **nx**,
if you will walk before My face
according to how David, your father, walked,
even for the sake of doing according to everything
all that I have given you as direction,
and My rules and my regulations you will protect,
7:18 then I will establish
the throne *itself* **nx** of your kingdom
according to what I have covenanted
for the sake of David, your father, saying,
'There will not be a man of yours cut off

as ruler in Yisra'el.'

7:19 But if you turn back, you yourself **תא**,
and you abandon My rules and My directives
which I have set before your face,
and you have gone,
and you have served other gods,
and you have bowed yourself down to them,
7:20 then I will uproot them from My land
which I have given to them!
And This House itself **תא**,
which I have set apart for My name,
I will cause to be cast out of My sight!

And I will set it as a proverb
and a mockery among all the peoples.

7:21 And This House which has been most high
for everyone passing over beside it,
he will be astonished.

And they will say,
'Why has **YAHWEH** done thus
to this land and this house?'

7:22 And they will say,
'On account of how they have abandoned
YAHWEH Himself **תא**, The Elohim of their fathers,
who brought them out from the land of Mitsraim.
And they have held onto other gods.
And they have bowed themselves to them.
And they have served them.

For this reason He has brought upon them
all this badness itself **תא**.' "

Chapter 8

8:1 And it was at the end of twenty years,
when Shelomoh had built
The House itself **תא** of **YAHWEH**,
and his house itself **תא**.

8:2 And the cities which Hiram
had given to Shelomoh,
Shelomoh had built they themselves **תא**.
And he had caused to dwell there
the children of Yisra'el themselves **תא**.

8:3 And Shelomoh went to Hamat Tzobah.
And he took hold upon it.

8:4 And he built Tadmor itself **תא** in the wilderness
and all the storage cities themselves **תא**
which he built at Hamat.

Chr. 8:5 And he built Upper Bet Horon itself **תא**
and Lower Bet Horon itself **תא**,
fortified cities with walls, gates, and bars,

8:6 and Ba'alat itself **תא**
and all the storage cities themselves **תא**
that belonged to Shelomoh,
and all the cities of the chariot themselves **תא**,
and the cities of the horsemen themselves **תא**,
and everything that Shelomoh desired
to build at Yerushalaim, and in Lebanon,

and in all the land of his dominion.

8:7 All the people, those remaining of the Hittites,
and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivvites,
and the Yebusites, who were not from Yisra'el,

8:8 from their children
who were left in the land after them,
whom the children of Yisra'el had not destroyed,
even Shelomoh raised *them* up
as forced labor as it is this day.

8:9 And from the children of Yisra'el
Shelomoh did not make slaves for his work.
Indeed, they were men of battle,
and rulers of his officers,
and commanders of his chariots,
and his horsemen.

8:10 And these were the rulers
of the officers who belonged to King Shelomoh:
two hundred and fifty
who had dominion over the people.

8:11 And Shelomoh brought up
the daughter of Pharaoh *herself* **nx**
from The City of David
to the house he had built for her.
Indeed he said, "My wife is not to dwell
in the house of David, king of Yisra'el,
because the place is set apart
where The Chest of **YAHWEH** has come."

8:12 Then Shelomoh offered up olahs to **YAHWEH**
on the slaughter site of **YAHWEH**
which he had built before the porch

8:13 according to the matter of the day on its day,
for the sake of offering up
according to the directive of Moshe,
for Sabbaths, and for New Moons,
and for the appointed times three times in a year:
at The Festival of The Matzot,
at The Festival of The Shavuot,
and The Festival of The Sukkot.

The Festival of Matzot is commonly called The Feast of Unleavened Bread. It immediately follows Pesach, or Passover. It is a seven day festival. It occurs in the first month of the Hebrew year.
The Festival of Shavuot is commonly called The Feast of The Weeks.
It is also known as Pentecost. It occurs 50 days after Pesach.
The Festival of Sukkot is commonly known as The feast of The Booths, or The Feast of Tabernacles. It is a seven day festival. It occurs in the seventh month. This is the festival during which The Messiah was born.

8:14 And according to the regulation
of David, his father, he appointed
the divisions *themselves* **nx** of the priests
concerning their service,
and the Levites concerning their duties,
for the sake of praising
and for the sake of ministering in front of the priests
for the sake of the duty of the day on its day,
and the gatekeepers according to their divisions
at each gate.

Indeed, according to this was the directive of David,
the man of The Elohim.

8:15 And they did not depart
from the directive of the king
concerning the priests and Levites
for any matter or for the treasuries.

8:16 And all the work of Shelomoh
had been prepared
from the day of laying the foundation
of the House of YAHWEH
even until it was completed.

And the House of YAHWEH was complete.

8:17 Then Shelomoh went to Etzyon Geber
and 'Eylot on the edge of the sea in the land of Edom.

8:18 And Hiram sent to him ships
by the hand of his servants,
even servants knowing the sea.
And they went with the servants of Shelomoh to Ophir.
And they took from there
four hundred and fifty talents of gold.
And they brought it to the king, Shelomoh.

Chapter 9

9:1 And the queen of Sheba
heard of the fame *itself* **nx** of Shelomoh.
And she came to test Shelomoh *himself* **nx**
with difficult questions at Yerushalaim
with an exceedingly great company,
and camels carrying spices,
and gold to abundance, and precious stones.

And she came to Shelomoh.
And she spoke with him *of everything* **nx**
which had been within her heart.

9:2 And Shelomoh explained to her
all her words *themselves* **nx**.
And no matter was hidden from Shelomoh
which he did not make known to her.

9:3 And the queen of Sheba observed
the wisdom *itself* **nx** of Shelomoh,
and the house which he had built,
9:4 and the food of his table,
and the seating of his servants,
and the position of his ministers and their attire,
and his cupbearers and their attire,
and his olahs that he offered up
in the House of YAHWEH.
And there was no more breath in her.

ruach- breath or wind. We might say,
'Solomon took her breath away.'

9:5 And she said to the king,
"True was the word I had heard in my own land
concerning your words and concerning your wisdom.

9:6 But I did not believe their words until I came.
And my eyes have seen.
And behold!

Half of the greatness of your wisdom
had not been told to me.
You have added more
to the report which I had heard.

9:7 Happy are your men
and happy are these your servants
who are standing before your face continually
and hearing your wisdom *itself* **nx**!

9:8 “Being blessed is **YAHWEH**, your Elohim,
Who has delighted in you
for the sake of setting you upon His throne as king
for the sake of **YAHWEH**, your Elohim,
on account of your Elohim loving Yisra’el *itself* **nx**,
for the sake of establishing it to eternity.

And He has set you over them as king
for the sake of doing judgment and justice.”

9:9 And she gave to the king
one hundred and twenty talents of gold,
and spices to exceeding abundance,
and precious stones.

And there has not existed spices like those
which the queen of Sheba gave to King Shelomoh.

9:10 And the servants of Hiram
and the servants of Shelomoh,
who brought gold from Ophir,
also brought trees of algum and precious stones.

9:11 And the king made pathways
of the trees of the algum *themselves* **nx**
for The House of **YAHWEH**
and for the house of the king,
also lyres and harps for those singing.
And there had not been seen
anything like them before in the land of Yahudah.

9:12 And the king, Shelomoh,
gave to the queen of Sheba
everything *itself* **nx** she desired,
whatever she requested,
apart from what she had brought to the king.

And she turned around.
And she went to her own land,
she and her servants.

9:13 And the weight of gold
that came to Shelomoh in a year
was six hundred and sixty six talents of gold,
9:14 apart from that which the merchants
and those trading brought.

And all the kings of Arabia and governors of the land
were bringing gold and silver to Shelomoh.

9:15 And Shelomoh the king
made two hundred large shields of hammered gold,
six hundred pieces of hammered gold
went into one shield,
9:16 and three hundred bucklers of hammered gold,

three hundred pieces of gold went into one buckler.
And the king put them in
The House of The Forest of The Lebanon.

9:17 And the king made a great throne of ivory.

And he overlaid it with pure gold.

9:18 And there were six steps to the throne
and a footstool of gold

which were fastened to the throne.

And there were armrests on this side

and on that side beside the place of the seat.

And two lions were standing beside the armrests.

9:19 And twelve lions were standing there
on the six steps, on this side and on that side.

Nothing had been made like it for any kingdom.

9:20 And all the drinking vessels
of Shelomoh the king were of gold.

And all the vessels of The House
of The Forest of The Lebanon were of pure gold.

Silver was not considered as anything
in the days of Shelomoh.

9:21 Indeed, the ships for the king
went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram.
Once in three years the ships of Tarshish came,
carrying gold, and silver, ivory, apes, and peacocks.

9:22 And Shelomoh the king became greater
than all the kings of the earth for riches and wisdom.

9:23 And all the kings of the earth
were seeking the face *itself* nx of Shelomoh
for the sake of hearing his wisdom *itself* nx
which **YAHWEH** had put in his heart.

9:24 And each man was bringing his gift:
objects of silver, and objects of gold,
and garments of armor,
and spices, horses and mules,
the matter of a year according to a year.

9:25 And Shelomoh had four thousand stalls
of horses and chariots,
and twelve thousand horsemen.
And he stationed them in the cities of the chariot
and with the king at Yerushalaim.

9:26 And he ruled over all the kings
from The River even as far
as the land of the Philistines,
and as far as the border of Mitsraim.

9:27 And the king set the silver *itself* nx
in Yerushalaim like stones.
And the cedar trees *themselves* nx
he set like the sycamores
which are in The Shefelah,
to abundance.

9:28 And they were bringing horses
from Mitsraim to Shelomoh, and from all lands.

9:29 And the rest of the words of Shelomoh,

first and last, are they not written upon the scroll
of Nathan the prophet,
and in the prophecy of Ahiyah, the Shilonite,
and in the visions of Iddo, the seer,
concerning Yarob'am, son of Nebat?

9:30 And Shelomoh reigned at Yerushalaim
over all Yisra'el forty years.

9:31 And Shelomoh slept with his fathers.
And he was buried in The City of David, his father.
And Rehab'am, his son, reigned in his place.

Rehab'am, means enlargement of the people.

Chapter 10

10:1 And Rehab'am went to Shekem
because all Yisra'el had gone to Shekem
for the sake of causing he himself **תא** to reign.

10:2 And it was when Yarob'am,
son of Nebat, heard it.

And he *was* in Mitsraim where he had fled
from before the face of Shelomoh, the king.
And Yarob'am returned from Mitsraim.

Yarob'am means the people will contend.

10:3 And they sent.

And they called for him.

And Yarob'am and all Yisra'el came.

And they spoke to Rehab'am saying,

10:4 "Your father caused
our yoke itself **תא** to be difficult.

And now, ease up
from the difficult service of your father
and from the heavy yoke
which he has put upon us,
and we will serve you."

10:5 And he said to them,

"Three more days.

Then return to me."

And the people went.

10:6 And Rehab'am, the king,

consulted the elders themselves **תא**

who had been standing

before the face of Shelomoh, his father,

while he was alive saying,

"What do you yourselves **תא**
advise me to reply to these people a word?"

10:7 And they spoke to him saying,

"If you are good to these people

and will treat them favorably,

and will speak good words

then they will be servants to you all the days."

10:8 But he abandoned the advice itself **תא**

of the elders which they had given him.

And he consulted the young men themselves **תא**

who had grown up with he himself **תא**,

those standing before his face.

10:9 And he said to them,

"What do you yourselves **תא** give as advice?"

And *what* word shall we return
to these people themselves **תא**
who have spoken to me saying,
'Ease up from the yoke
which your father has put upon us?'

10:10 And the young men
who had grown up with he himself **תא**
spoke to he himself **תא** saying,
"Speak according to this to the people
who have spoken to you, saying,
'Your father caused
our yoke itself **תא** to be heavy.
But you yourself **תא**, cause it
to ease up from upon us!'

Thus you are to say to them,
'My little finger is thicker than my father's loins!
10:11 And now, my father
has caused a heavy yoke upon you.
But I myself, I will add upon more your yoke!
My father chastised you yourselves **תא** with whips.
But I myself, with scourges!' "

10:12 And Yarob'am and all the people
came to Rehab'am on the third day,
according to what the king had spoken saying,
"Return to me on the third day."

10:13 And the king answered them harshly.
And the king, Rehab'am, abandoned
the advice itself **תא** of the elders.

10:14 And he spoke to them
according to the counsel of the young men saying,
"My father caused your yoke itself **תא** to be heavy.
But I myself, I will add more to it!
My father chastised you yourselves **תא** with whips,
but I myself, with scourges!"

10:15 And the king
did not listen attentively to the people.
Indeed, the turn of events was from **YAHWEH**
in order for **YAHWEH** to establish His word itself **תא**
which He had spoken
by the hand of Ahiyah, the Shilonite,
to Yarob'am, son of Nebat.

10:16 And all Yisra'el *saw* that the king
had not listened attentively to them.
And the people returned
to the king himself **תא** saying,
"What portion have we with David?
And we have no inheritance
with the son of Yishai.
Each man to your tents, Yisra'el!
Now see to your own house, David!"

And all Yisra'el went to their tents.

10:17 But *some of* the children of Yisra'el
were dwelling in the cities of Yahudah.
And Rehab'am reigned over them.

10:18 Then the king, Rehab'am,

sent Hadoram *himself* נא,
who was over the forced labor.
And the children of Yisra'el threw stones upon him.
And he died.

And the king, Rehab'am, quickly mounted his chariot
for the sake of fleeing to Yerushalaim.

10:19 And Yisra'el has rebelled
against the house of David to this day.

Chapter 11

11:1 And Rehab'am came to Yerushalaim.
And he assembled the house of Yahudah *itself* נא
and Binyamin,
one hundred and eighty thousand having been chosen,
those making war, for the sake of fighting with Yisra'el
for the sake of returning them
to the kingdom *itself* נא, to Rehab'am.

11:2 And the word of YAHWEH existed
to Shemayah, a man of The Elohim, saying,
11:3 "Speak to Rehab'am, son of Shelomoh,
king of Yahudah, and to all Yisra'el
in Yahudah and Binyamin, saying,
11:4 'Thus said YAHWEH,
"You are not to up!
And you are not to fight with your kindred!
Return, each man to his house!
Indeed, this matter is from *Me Myself* נא!" ' "

And they listened attentively
to the words *themselves* נא of YAHWEH.
And they turned back from going against Yarob'am.

11:5 And Rehab'am dwelt in Yerushalaim.
And he built cities for a defense in Yahudah.
11:6 And he built Bet Lechem *itself* נא,
and Etam *itself* נא, and Tekoa *itself* נא,
11:7 and Bet Tzur *itself* נא,
and Soko *itself* נא, and Adullam *itself* נא,
11:8 and Gath *itself* נא, and Mareshah *itself* נא,
and Ziph *itself* נא,
11:9 and Adoraim *itself* נא,
and Lachish *itself* נא, and Azekah *itself* נא,
11:10 and Tzor'ah *itself* נא,
and Ayalon *itself* נא, and Hebron *itself* נא,
which are in Yahudah and in Binyamin,
cities of defense.

11:11 And he strengthened
the strongholds *themselves* נא.
And he put commanders in them,
and stores of food, and oil, and wine,
11:12 and shields, and spears in every city.
And strengthened them exceedingly greatly.
And Yahudah and Binyamin were his.

11:13 And the priests and the Levites
who were in all Yisra'el
took their stand against him by all their borders.

11:14 Indeed, the Levites abandoned
their open lands *themselves* נא

and their possessions.

And they went to Yahudah and Yerushalaim,
because Yarob'am and his sons
had excluded them
from serving as priests to YAHWEH.

11:15 And he established for himself
priests for the high places, and for the goats devils,
and the calf *idols* which he had made.

11:16 And after them (the Levites),
from all the tribes of Yisra'el,
those having set their hearts *themselves* תא
to seek YAHWEH *Himself* תא, The Elohim of Yisra'el,
came to Yerushalaim
for the sake of sacrificing to YAHWEH,
The Elohim of their fathers.

11:17 And they strengthened
the kingdom *itself* תא of Yahudah.
And they strengthened Rehab'am *himself* תא,
son of Shelomoh, for three years
because they walked in the way
of David and Shelomoh
for three years.

11:18 And Rehab'am took for himself as wife
Mahalath *herself* תא, the daughter of Yerimoth,
son of David,
and of Abihail, the daughter of Eliyab, son of Yishai.
Mahalath means sickness.

11:19 And she bore him sons:
Ye'ush *himself* תא, and Shemaryah *himself* תא,
and Zahan *himself* תא.

Ye'ush means hasty.
Shemaryah means YAH has protected.
Zahan means loathing.

11:20 And after her he took Ma'akah *herself* תא,
the granddaughter of Abshalom.
And she bore him Abiyah *himself* תא,
and Attai *himself* תא,
and Ziza *himself* תא, and Shelomit *herself* תא.

Ma'akah means depression.
Abshalom means peace of the father.
Abiyah means YAH is my father.
Attai means timely.
Ziza means prominent.
Shelomit means peaceableness.

11:21 And Rehab'am loved Ma'akah *herself* תא,
the granddaughter of Abshalom,
more than all his wives
and his concubines.
Indeed, he had taken eighteen wives and sixty concubines.
And he brought forth twenty eight sons
and sixty daughters.

11:22 And Rehab'am established
Abiyah *himself* תא,
son of Ma'akah, as chief,
to be ruler among his brothers,
for the sake of causing him to reign.

11:23 And he understood.

And he dispersed some of all his sons
to all the lands of Yahudah and Binyamin,
to all the cities of the defense.
And he gave to them provision to abundance.
And he requested a multitude of wives *for them*.

Chapter 12

12:1 And it was when Rehab'am
had established the kingdom.
And in his strength he abandoned
the Instruction *itself* **תנ** of YAHWEH,
and all Yisra'el with him.

12:2 And it was in the fifth year of King Rehab'am.
Shishak, king of Mitsraim,
came up against Yerushalaim,
because they had acted unfaithfully against YAHWEH,
12:3 with twelve hundred chariots,
and sixty thousand horsemen,
and people without number from Mitsraim:
the Lubim, the Sukkites and the Kushites.

12:4 And he captured
the cities *themselves* **תנ** of the defense
which belonged to Yahudah.
And he came as far as Yerushalaim.

12:5 And Shemayah, the prophet,
came to Rehab'am and the rulers of Yahudah
who had been gathered to Yerushalaim
from before the face of Shishak.
And he said to them, "Thus said YAHWEH,
'You *yourselves* **תנ** have abandoned Me *Myself* **תנ**.
And I *Myself* have also abandoned you *yourselves* **תנ**
into the hand of Shishak.'

12:6 And the rulers of Yisra'el and the king
humbled themselves.
And they said, "YAHWEH is just."

12:7 And when YAHWEH saw
that they had been humbled
the word of YAHWEH existed to Shemayah, saying,
"They have been humbled.
I will not destroy them.
And I will grant to them
according to a little deliverance.
And I will not pour out My wrath on Yerushalaim
by the hand of Shishak.
12:8 Indeed, they will be to him as servants.
And they will know My service
and the service of the kingdoms of the lands."

12:9 And Shishak, king of Mitsraim,
came up against Yerushalaim.
And he took the treasures *themselves* **תנ**
of the House of YAHWEH
and the treasures *themselves* **תנ**
of the house of the king.
He took *everything itself* **תנ**.
And he took the shields *themselves* **תנ** of the gold
which Shelomoh had made.

12:10 And Rehab'am the king
made shields of copper in their place.

And he gave accountability for them
into the hands of the runners of the guard,
those protecting the entrance to the house of the king.

12:11 And it existed, when the king entered
The House of YAHWEH those running carried them.
And they returned them the chamber of the guard.

12:12 And when he had been humbled
the wrath of YAHWEH turned back from him,
even for the sake of not destroying him completely.
And also, in Yahudah matters were good.

12:13 And Rehab'am the king
strengthened himself in Yerushalaim.
And Rehab'am was forty one years old at his reigning.
And he reigned seventeen years in Yerushalaim,
the city which YAHWEH had chosen
for the sake of placing there His name *itself* **nx**.

And the name of his mother was Na'amah,
the Ammonitess.

12:14 And he did that which is bad
because he did not prepare his heart
for the sake of seeking YAHWEH Himself **nx**.

12:15 And the words of Rehab'am,
the first and the last,
are they not written in the scroll
of Shemayah, the prophet,
and of Iddo, the seer, by his genealogies?

And there was fighting
between Rehab'am and Yarob'am
all the days.

12:16 And Rehab'am slept with his fathers.
And he was buried in The City of David.
And Abiyah, his son, reigned in his place.

Chapter 13

13:1 *It was* in the eighteenth year
of King Yarob'am.

And Abiyah reigned over Yahudah.

13:2 He reigned three years in Yerushalaim.
And his the name of his mother was Mikayah,
daughter of Uri'el, from Gib'ah.

And there was fighting
between Abiyah and Yarob'am.

13:3 And Abiyah joined the battle *itself* **nx**
with a force of mighty men of war,
four hundred thousand, men having been chosen.

And Yarob'am arranged against him for battle
with eight hundred thousand,
men having been chosen,
mighty men of strength.

13:4 And Abiyah stood
on top of Mount Tzemaraim
which is in the mountains of Ephraim.
And he said,

"Listen attentively to me,
Yarob'am and all Yisra'el!
13:5 Is it not for you to know
that YAHWEH, The Elohim of Yisra'el,
has given the dominion over Yisra'el
to David to eternity,
to him and to his sons, by a covenant of salt?

13:6 But Yarob'am, son of Nebat,
servant of Shelomoh, the son of David, has risen up.
And he has rebelled against his master.
13:7 And vain men have been gathered to him,
sons of worthlessness.
And they have strengthened themselves
against Rehab'am, son of Shelomoh.
But Rehab'am was young and tender of heart.
And he was not strong before their faces.

13:8 And now you yourselves **nx**
are saying to stand
before the faces of the kingdom of YAHWEH
which is in the hand of the sons of David.

And you yourselves **nx** are a great multitude.
And with you are the calves of gold
which Yarob'am has made for you as gods.

13:9 Have you not driven out
the priests *themselves* **nx** of YAHWEH,
the sons of Aharon *themselves* **nx** and the Levites,
and made for yourselves priests
like the peoples of the lands?
Anyone coming to consecrate himself
with a young bull and seven rams
then exists as a priest of what are not gods.

13:10 But we ourselves, YAHWEH is our Elohim!
And we have not abandoned Him.
And priests are ministering to YAHWEH,
the sons of Aharon and the Levites,
according to the work.

13:11 And they are turning into smoke
for YAHWEH morning by morning,
and evening by evening,
olahs and sweet incense.
And the showbread is upon the pure table.
And the lampstand of the gold with its lamps
are for the sake of burning every evening.
Indeed, we are protecting the duty itself **nx**
of YAHWEH, our Elohim.
But you yourselves **nx**
have abandoned He Himself **nx**!

13:12 And behold!
With us as Head is YAHWEH,
and His priests, and the trumpets,
the clamor of trumpets
for the sake of sounding the alarm against you.

Children of Yisra'el, do not fight against YAHWEH,
The Elohim of your fathers.
Indeed, you will not prosper!"

13:13 And Yarob'am had caused
an ambush *itself* **nx**

to go around behind them.
And they were before the faces of Yahudah.
And the ambush was from behind them.

13:14 And Yahudah turned around.
And behold!
The battle was toward their faces and behind *them*.
And they cried out to **YAHWEH**.
And the priests were sounding with the trumpets.
13:15 And the men of Yahudah shouted.
And it was as the men of Yahudah shouted.
And **YAHWEH** struck Yarob'am *himself* **nx**
and all Yisra'el before the faces
of Abiyah and Yahudah.

13:16 And the children of Yisra'el fled
from the faces Yahudah.
And **YAHWEH** gave them into their hand.

13:17 And Abiyah and his people
struck against them with a great slaughter.
And the slain from Yisra'el fell,
five hundred thousand men, having been chosen.

13:18 And the children of Yisra'el
were humbled at that time,
And the children of Yahudah prevailed
because they had relied on **YAHWEH**,
The Elohim of their fathers.

13:19 And Abiyah pursued after Yarob'am.
And he captured cities from him:
Bet El *itself* **nx** and its villages *themselves* **nx**,
and Yeshanah *itself* **nx**
and its villages *themselves* **nx**,
and Ephron *itself* **nx** and its villages.

13:20 And Yarob'am did not regain power again
in the days of Abiyah.

And **YAHWEH** struck him.
And he died.

13:21 And Abiyah grew strong.
And he took fourteen wives.
And he brought forth
twenty two sons and sixteen daughters.

13:22 And the rest of the words of Abiyah,
and his ways, and his sayings
are written in the account of the prophet, Iddo.

Chapter 14

14:1 (H 13.23) And Abiyah slept with his fathers.
And they buried he *himself* **nx** in The City of David.
And Asa, his son, reigned in his place.
In his days the land was quiet ten years.

Note: Chapter 14 begins here in the Hebrew text.

14:2 (H 14.1) And Asa did that which was good
and that which was right in the eyes
of **YAHWEH**, his Elohim.

14:3 (H 14.2) And he removed
the slaughter sites *themselves* **nx** of the foreigner,
and the high places.

And he broke in pieces
the sacred pillars *themselves* **תא**.
And he cut down the asherim *themselves* **תא**.

The sacred pillars served as idols. They were similar to what we may know as totem poles. The asherim were also a form of idol. Asherah was a Kena'anite goddess of fertility. These were typically poles found in a grove of trees.

14:4 (H 14.3) And he spoke to Yahudah
for the sake of seeking **YAHWEH** *Himself* **תא**,
The Elohim of their fathers,
and for the sake of doing
the Instructions and the directives.

14:5 (H 14.4) And he removed
the high places *themselves* **תא**
and the sacred pillars *themselves* **תא**
from all the cities of Yahudah.
And the kingdom was quiet before his face.

14:6 (H 14.5) And he built fortified cities
in Yahudah because the land had quiet.
And he had no fighting in those years
because **YAHWEH** had granted rest to him.

14:7 (H 14.6) And he said to Yahudah,
"Let us build these cities *themselves* **תא**.
And let us make walls, and towers, gates, and bars
while the land is still quiet before our faces
because we have sought **YAHWEH** *Himself* **תא**
our Elohim.
We have sought *Him*.
And He has given rest to us all around."

And they built.
And they prospered.

14:8 (H 14.7) And Asa had a force
carrying shields and spears:
from Yahudah, three hundred thousand,
and from Binyamin,
two hundred and eighty thousand,
carrying shields and drawing bows.
All of these were mighty men of strength.

14:9 (H 14.8) And Zerah, the Kushite,
came out against them
with a force of a million,
and three hundred chariots.
And he came as far as Mareshah.

14:10 (H 14.9) And Asa went out against him.
And they arranged for battle
in the Valley of Tzephathah at Mareshah.

14:11 (H 14.10) And Asa called
to **YAHWEH**, his Elohim.
And he said, "**YAHWEH**, it is nothing with You
to help among the many for those with no power.
Help us, **YAHWEH**, our Elohim!
Indeed, we have leaned upon You!
And in Your name
we have come against this multitude.

YAHWEH, You Yourself **nx** are our Elohim!
Do not let a mortal prevail against You!”

14:12 (H 14.11) And **YAHWEH** struck
the Kushites *themselves* **nx**
before the faces of Asa
and before the faces of Yahudah.
And the Kushites fled.

14:13 (H 14.12) And Asa
and the people who were with him
pursued them as far as Gerar.
And there fell from Kushites
until there was no recovery for them
because they had been broken
before the face of **YAHWEH**
and before the faces of His camp.

And they carried away exceedingly much spoil.

14:14 (H 14.13) And they struck
all the cities *themselves* **nx** around Gerar.

Indeed, the fear of **YAHWEH** had come upon them.

And they plundered all the cities *themselves* **nx**
because there was much spoil in them.

14:15 (H 14.14) And they also struck
the tents of the herds.
And they captured sheep to abundance,
and camels.
And they returned to Yerushalaim.

Chapter 15

15:1 And The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**
existed upon Azaryah, son of Oded.
15:2 And he went out before the face of Asa.
And he said to him, “Listen attentively, Asa,
and all Yahudah and Binyamin.
YAHWEH is with you as you are being with Him.
And if you seek Him He will be found by you.
But if you abandon Him
He will abandon you yourself **nx**.

15:3 Even many days
Yisra’el has been without The True Elohim,
and without a teaching priest,
and without Instruction.

15:4 But they turned back
on account of their distress
to **YAHWEH**, The Elohim of Yisra’el.
And they sought Him.
And He was found by them.

15:5 And in those days there was no shalom
for the one going out, nor for the one coming in.
Indeed, great disturbances
were on all those dwelling in the lands.

15:6 And they were beaten down,
nation by nation, and city by city.
Indeed, **YAHWEH** troubled them
with every distress.

15:7 But you yourself **nx**, be strong!
And do not let your hands be feeble
because there is a compensation for your work!"

15:8 And when Asa heard these words
and the prophecy of Oded, the prophet,
he strengthened himself.
And he caused the detestable things to pass over
out of all the land of Yahudah and Binyamin
and from the cities which he had captured
in the mountains of Ephraim.
And he restored
the slaughter site itself **nx** of YAHWEH
which was in front of the porch of YAHWEH.

15:9 And he assembled all Yahudah itself **nx**,
and Binyamin, and those sojourning with them
from Ephraim, and Menashe, and Shim'on.
Indeed, they had fallen to him from Yisra'el
to abundance at their seeing
that YAHWEH, his Elohim, was with him.

15:10 And they assembled at Yerushalaim
in the third month,
in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

15:11 And he sacrificed to YAHWEH on that day,
from the spoil which they had brought,
seven hundred bulls and seven thousand sheep.

15:12 And they entered into a covenant
for the sake of seeking YAHWEH Himself **nx**
The Elohim of their fathers,
with all their heart and with all their life.

15:13 And any who did not seek for YAHWEH,
The Elohim of Yisra'el, was to be put to death,
from small even to great, from man even to woman.

15:14 And they swore to YAHWEH with a loud voice,
with shouting, and with trumpets and with shofars.

15:15 And all Yahudah rejoiced concerning the oath.
Indeed, they had sworn with all their heart.
And with all their desire they had sought Him.
And He was found by them.
And YAHWEH gave rest to them all around.

15:16 And the king also removed Ma'akah,
the mother of Asa, from being queen
when she had made a horrible asherah pole.
And Asa cut down the horrid thing itself **nx**.
And he crushed it.
And he burned it by the wadi Kidron.

15:17 But the high places
were not removed from Yisra'el.
However, the heart of Asa was whole all his days.

15:18 And he brought in
the set apart things themselves **nx** of his father
and his set apart things to The House of YAHWEH,
silver and gold and utensils.

15:19 And no war existed until the thirty fifth year

of the reign of Asa.

Chapter 16

16:1 In the thirty sixth year of the reign of Asa, Ba'asha, king of Yisra'el, came up against Yahudah. And he built Ramah *itself* תא in order to permit no one to go out or to come in to Asa, king of Yahudah.

16:2 And Asa brought out silver and gold from the treasuries of The House of **YAHWEH** and the house of the king. And he sent to Ben-Hadad, king of Aram, who was dwelling in Damascus saying, 16:3 "*Let there be* a covenant between you and me, as there was between my father and your father. Behold!! I have sent to you silver and gold. Come! Break your covenant with Ba'asha *himself* תא, king of Yisra'el! Then he will withdraw from me."

16:4 And Ben-Hadad listened attentively to the king, Asa. And he sent the commanders *themselves* תא of the forces which were his against the cities of Yisra'el. And they struck lyon *itself* תא, and Dan *itself* תא, and Abel Maim *itself* תא, and all the storage cities *themselves* תא of Naphtali.

16:5 And it was as Ba'asha heard it. And he ceased from building Ramah *itself* תא. And he rested from his work *itself* תא.

16:6 And Asa the king took all Yahudah *itself* תא. And they carried away the stones *themselves* תא of Ramah, and the timber *itself* תא with which Ba'asha was building. And built with them Geba *itself* תא and The Mitzpah *itself* תא.

16:7 And at that time Hanani, the seer, came to Asa, king of Yahudah. And he said to him, "On account of your having leaned upon the king of Aram and not having leaned upon **YAHWEH**, your Elohim, for this reason the force of the king of Aram has escaped from your hand.

16:8 Were not the Kushites and the Lubim as a force to abundance of chariots and horsemen to exceeding abundance? But when you leaned upon **YAHWEH** He gave them into your hand.

16:9 Indeed, the eyes of **YAHWEH** are roaming to and fro in all the earth for the sake of strengthening he himself whose heart is whole toward Him. You have been foolish concerning this. Indeed, from now on you will have wars with you."

16:10 And Asa was enraged toward the seer.
And he put him in the house of the prison
because he was enraged with him concerning this.
And Asa oppressed some of the people
at that very time.

16:11 And behold!
The acts of Asa, the first and the last,
Behold! They are written upon the scroll
of the kings of Yahudah and Yisra'el.

16:12 And in the thirty ninth year of his reign
Asa was diseased in his feet
until his disease was severe.
But even with his disease
he had not sought **YAHWEH Himself** **תנ**,
but rather, with the physicians.

16:13 And Asa slept with his fathers.
And he died in the forty first year of his reign.
16:14 And they buried him in his own tomb
which he had made for himself in The City of David.
And they laid him in a bed which was filled with spices
and various kinds of ointments
mixed by the perfumer's work.
And they made for him an exceedingly great burning.

Chapter 17

17:1 And Yahoshaphat, his son, reigned in his place.
And he strengthened himself against Yisra'el.
17:2 And he put a force
in every fortified city of Yahudah.
And he set garrisons in the land of Yahudah
and in the cities of Ephraim which Asa, his father,
had captured.

17:3 And **YAHWEH** was with Yahoshaphat
because he walked in the former ways
of his father, David.

And he had not sought the Ba'als.
17:4 Indeed, he sought for The Elohim of his father.
And he walked in His directives,
and not according to the deeds of Yisra'el.

17:5 And **YAHWEH** established
the kingdom *itself* **תנ** in his hand.
And all Yahudah gave gifts to Yahoshaphat.
And there was for him riches and honor to abundance.

17:6 And his heart was lifted up
by the ways of **YAHWEH**.
And he again removed the high places *themselves* **תנ**
and the Asherim *themselves* **תנ** from Yahudah.

17:7 And in the third year of his reign
he sent for his rulers, Ben-Hayil, and Obadyah,
and Zekaryah, and Nethane'l, and Mikayah,
for the sake of teaching in the cities of Yahudah.

17:8 And with them *he sent* the Levites:
Shemayah, and Nethanyah, and Zebadyah,
and Asah'el, and Shemiramoth, and Yahonathan,
and Adoniyah, and Tobiyah, and Tobadoniyah,

the Levites,
and with them Elishama and Yahoram, the priests.

17:9 And they taught in Yahudah.
And with them was the scroll
of The Torah of **YAHWEH**.
And they went around into all the cities of Yahudah.
And they taught among the people.

17:10 And the fear of **YAHWEH**
existed upon all the kingdoms of the lands
which were all around Yahudah.
And they did not fight with Yahoshaphat.

17:11 And some of the Philistines
brought gifts to Yahoshaphat and a tribute of silver.
Even the Arabians brought him flocks,
seven thousand seven hundred rams
and seven thousand seven hundred male goats.

17:12 And Yahoshaphat went on.
And he became exceedingly great.
And he built fortresses and storage cities in Yahudah.

17:13 And there was much work for him
in the cities of Yahudah.

And men of war, mighty men of strength,
were in Yerushalaim.

17:14 And these were their numbers
by the house of their fathers:
for Yahudah, commanders of thousands:
Adnah the commander,
and with him three hundred thousand
mighty men of strength.

17:15 And next to him was
Yahohanan the commander,
and with him two hundred and eighty thousand;

17:16 and next to him was Amasyah,
son of Zikri, the one volunteering himself to **YAHWEH**,
and with him two hundred thousand
mighty men of strength.

17:17 And from Binyamin:
Elyada, a mighty man of strength,
and with him two hundred thousand men
armed with bow and shield;

17:18 and next to him was Yahozabad,
and with him one hundred and eighty thousand
prepared for battle.

17:19 These were the ones
serving the king himself **DN**,
besides those whom the king had put
in the fortified cities throughout all Yahudah.

Chapter 18

18:1 And there was for Yahoshaphat
riches and honor to abundance.
And he allied himself to Ahab by marriage.

18:2 And at the end of many years
he went down to visit Ahab at Shomeron.
And Ahab sacrificed sheep and oxen
to abundance for him
and for the people who were with him.
And he provoked him
for the sake of going up with him

against Ramot Gil'ad.

18:3 And Ahab, king of Yisra'el,
said to Yahoshaphat, king of Yahudah,
"Will you go with me to Ramot Gil'ad?"

And he said to him,
"I am as you are, and my people as your people,
even with you in battle."

18:4 And Yahoshaphat said to the king of Yisra'el,
"Please request today
the word *itself* **נא** of **YAHWEH**."

18:5 And the king of Yisra'el
assembled the prophets *themselves* **נא**,
four hundred men.
And he said to them,
"Do we go to Ramot Gil'ad to battle, or do I refrain?"
And they said, "Go up!
And **YAHWEH** will give it into the king's hand."

18:6 And Yahoshaphat said,
"Is there no longer here a prophet of **YAHWEH**
so that we may inquire from *He himself* **נא**?"

18:7 And the king of Yisra'el said to Yahoshaphat,
"There is still one man
for the sake of inquiring of **YAHWEH** *Himself* **נא**,
from *He Himself* **נא**.
But I myself have hated him because he himself
does not prophesy good concerning me.
Indeed, all his days *are* for what is bad.
He is Mikayah, the son of Imla."

And Yahoshaphat said,
"Let not the king speak thus!"

18:8 And the king of Yisra'el
called to one of his officers.
And he said, "Hurry, Mikayah, son of Imla!"

18:9 And the king of Yisra'el and Yahoshaphat,
the king of Yahudah, sat,
each on his throne clothed in robes.
And they were sitting on a threshing floor
at the entrance gate of Shomeron.
And all the prophets themselves were prophesying
before their faces.

18:10 And Tzidkiyah, son of Kena'anah,
had made horns of iron for himself.
And he said, "Thus said **YAHWEH**,
'With these you will gore *Aram itself* **נא**
until they are destroyed.' "

18:11 And all the prophets were prophesying
according to this saying,
"Go up to Ramot Gil'ad and prosper.
And **YAHWEH** will give it into the hand of the king."

18:12 And the messenger who had gone
to call Mikayah spoke to him saying,
"Behold! The words of the prophets
of one mouth are good toward the king.
Please let your word be like one of them.

And you are to speak good.”

18:13 And Mikayah said,
“By the life of **YAHWEH**,
whatever *itself* **nx** my Elohim says,
that *itself* **nx** I will speak.”

18:14 And he came to the king.
And the king said to him,
“Mikayah, do we go to Ramot Gil'ad to battle
or do we refrain?”
And he said, “Go, and prosper!
And they will be given into your hand!”

18:15 And the king said to him,
“How many times have I myself
caused you to swear that you will not say to me
anything except the truth
in the name of **YAHWEH**?”

18:16 And he said,
“I saw all Yisra'el *itself* **nx** scattered on the mountains
like sheep which have no shepherd.
And **YAHWEH** said, ‘There is no master for these.
Let each man return to his house in peace.’ ”

18:17 And the king of Yisra'el said to Yahoshaphat,
“Did I not say to you that he himself
would not prophesy good concerning me,
but rather for what is bad?”

18:18 Then he (Mikayah) said,
“Therefore listen attentively to the word of **YAHWEH**!
I saw **YAHWEH** *Himself* **nx** sitting on His throne.
And all the assembly of The Heavens
were standing on His right and His left.

18:19 And **YAHWEH** said,
‘Who will deceive Ahab *himself* **nx**, king of Yisra'el,
so that he will go up and fall at Ramot Gil'ad?’
And one said this and another said that.

18:20 And an *evil* nature came forward.
And he stood before the face of **YAHWEH**.
And he said, ‘I myself will deceive him.’
YAHWEH said to him, ‘How?’

18:21 “And he said, ‘I will go out.
And I will be as a breath of lying
in the mouth of all his prophets.’

And He said, ‘Deceive him. And also prevail.
Go out and do so!’

18:22 “And now behold!
YAHWEH has put a breath of lying
in the mouth of these prophets of yours.
And **YAHWEH** has spoken evil concerning you.”

18:23 And Tzidkiyah, son of Kena'annah,
approached.
And he struck Mikayah *himself* **nx** on the cheek.
And he said,
“Which way did the breath of **YAHWEH**
pass over from me *myself* **nx**”

to speak to you yourself nx?”

18:24 And Mikayah said, “Behold!
You will be seeing *it* on that day
when you go into an inner room
for the sake of being hidden!”

18:25 Then the king of Yisra’el said,
“Take Mikayah himself nx.
And return him to Amon, governor of the city,
and to Yo’ash, son of the king.

18:26 And you are to say, ‘Thus said the king,
“Place this one in the house of the prison.
And feed him with bread of affliction
and water of affliction until I return in peace!” ’ ”

18:27 And Mikayah said,
“If you return, return in peace,
YAHWEH has not spoken by me.”
And he said, “Listen attentively, all you people!”

18:28 And the king of Yisra’el
and Yahoshaphat, king of Yahudah,
went up to Ramot Gil’ad.

18:29 And the king of Yisra’el
said to Yahoshaphat,
“I will disguise myself.
And I will go into battle.
But you yourself nx, put on your robes.”

And the king of Yisra’el disguised himself.
And they went into battle.

18:30 And the king of Aram had commanded
the commanders themselves nx of the chariots
who were with him, saying,
“You are not to fight with the small themselves nx
or the great themselves nx,
but only with the king himself nx of Yisra’el.”

18:31 And it was as the commanders
of the chariots were observing
Yahoshaphat himself nx.
And they said, “*It is* the king of Yisra’el!”
And they turned around against him
for the sake of fighting.
And Yahoshaphat cried out.
And **YAHWEH** helped him.
And **YAHWEH** enticed them away from him.

18:32 And it was as the commanders
of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Yisra’el.
And they turned back from pursuing him.

18:33 And a man drew with a bow in his innocence.
And he struck the king himself nx of Yisra’el
between the joints of his armor.

And he said to the driver *of his chariot*,
“Turn around with your hand
and cause me to come out from the battle!
Indeed, I have been wounded.”

18:34 And the battle increased nx on that day.

And the king of Yisra'el
had been stood up in the chariot
in front Aram until the evening.
And he died at the time of the coming in of the sun.

Chapter 19

19:1 And Yahoshaphat, king of Yahudah,
returned to his house in peace, to Yerushalaim.

19:2 And Yahu, son of Hanani, the seer,
went out before his face.

And he said to the king, to Yahoshaphat,
"Is it for you to love to help the morally wrong
and those hating YAHWEH?
Even on account of this wrath is upon you
from the face of YAHWEH.

19:3 However, good words are found with you
because you have removed the Asherahs
from the land.
And you have prepared your heart
for the sake of seeking YAHWEH."

19:4 And Yahoshaphat dwelt in Yerushalaim.
And he turned back.
And he went out again among the people
from Be'ersheba to the hill country of Ephraim.
And he caused them to return to YAHWEH,
The Elohim of their fathers.

19:5 And he established judges in the land
in all the fortified cities of Yahudah, city by city.

19:6 And he said to those judging,
"Observe what you yourselves **nx** are doing!
Indeed, you do not judge
for the sake of a human being.
Indeed, *it is* for the sake of YAHWEH.
And He *is* with you in the matter of judgment.

19:7 And now may the reverence of YAHWEH
be upon you.
Keep watch! And act!
Indeed, there is no moral wrong
with YAHWEH, our Elohim,
nor respect of persons, nor taking of bribes."

19:8 And also in Yerushalaim
Yahoshaphat established
some of the Levites and the priests,
and some of the heads of the fathers of Yisra'el
for the sake of the judgment of YAHWEH
and for the sake of disputes.

And they returned to Yerushalaim.

19:9 And he charged them saying,
"Thus you are to do in the reverence of YAHWEH,
with faithfulness and with a whole heart.

19:10 And every dispute which comes to you
from your kindred, those dwelling in their cities,
between blood and blood,
between Instruction for directive, for rules,
or for regulations,
and you have warned they themselves **nx**,
then they will not act unfaithfully against YAHWEH

nor will wrath exist upon you and upon your kindred.
Do according to this and you will not be guilty.

19:11 And behold!
Amaryah, the head priest, is over you
for all matters of YAHWEH,
And Zebadyah, son of Yishma'el,
the ruler of the house of Yahudah,
for all the matters of the king.

And the officers of the Levites are before your faces.
Be strong! And act!
And YAHWEH will be with the good.”

Chapter 20

20:1 And it was after this.
The children of Mo'ab and the children of Ammon,
and with them some of the Meunites,
came against Yahoshaphat for battle.

20:2 And they came.
And they reported to Yahoshaphat saying,
“A great multitude is coming against you
from beyond the sea, from Aram.
And behold!
They are in Hatzatzon Tamar.” This is En Gedi.

20:3 And Yahoshaphat was afraid.
And he set his face *itself* **nx**
for the sake of seeking toward YAHWEH.
And he proclaimed a fast within all Yahudah.

20:4 And Yahudah assembled
for the sake of seeking from YAHWEH.
Even from all the cities of Yahudah they had come
for the sake of seeking YAHWEH Himself **nx**.

20:5 And Yahoshaphat stood
with the assembly of Yahudah and Yerushalaim,
in The House of YAHWEH,
in front of the new courtyard.

20:6 And he said, “YAHWEH,
The Elohim of our fathers,
are not *You Yourself* **nx** He,
The Elohim in The Heavens?
And *You Yourself* **nx** are ruling
among all the kingdoms of the nations?
And in Your hand is power and might.
And no one can stand himself against You?

20:7 Are not *You Yourself* **nx** our Elohim?
You have caused to be driven out
those themselves **nx** dwelling in this land
from before the faces of Your people, Yisra'el.
And You have given it to the seed of Abraham,
whom You were loving, to eternity.

20:8 And they have dwelt in it.
And they have built for You in it
a Set Apart Place for Your name saying,
20:9 'If what is bad comes upon us,
the sword of judgment, or pestilence, or famine,
we will stand before this House, even before Your face,
because Your name is in this House.
And we will cry out to You because of our affliction.
And You will listen attentively.
And you will deliver us.'

20:10 And now, behold!
The children of Ammon and Mo'ab, and Mount Se'ir,
whom You did not grant to Yisra'el
to invade against them
at their coming from the land of Mitsraim,
(Indeed they turned aside from them
and did not destroy them.)

20:11 even behold!
They are repaying against us by coming
for the sake of driving us out from Your possession
which You have given us to inherit.

20:12 Our Elohim, will You not judge them?
Indeed, there is no power in us
before the faces of this great multitude,
those coming against us.
And we ourselves do not know what to do.
Indeed, our eyes are upon You.”

20:13 And all Yahudah was standing
before the face of **YAHWEH**,
even their little ones, their wives, and their children.

20:14 And The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**
existed upon Yahazi'el, son of Zekaryah,
son of Benayah, son of Ye'i'el, son of Mattanyah,
a Levite of the sons of Asaph,
in the midst of the assembly.

20:15 And he said, “Pay attention, all Yahudah,
and those dwelling in Yerushalaim,
and the king, Yahoshaphat!
Thus said **YAHWEH** to you,
'You yourselves **nx** are not to be afraid,
nor are you to be discouraged
by the faces of this great multitude.
Indeed, the battle is not yours!
It belongs to **YAHWEH**.

20:16 Tomorrow, go down against them!
Behold!
They are coming up by the ascent of Tzitz.
And you will find they themselves **nx**
at the end of the wadi
before the Wilderness of Yeru'el.

20:17 It is not for you to be fighting in this.
Station yourselves!
Stand still and observe the deliverance itself **nx**
of **YAHWEH** with you, Yahudah and Yerushalaim!
Do not be afraid!
And do not be discouraged!
Tomorrow go out against them!
Even **YAHWEH** is with you!”

20:18 And Yahoshaphat bowed his head
with his face toward the ground.
And all Yahudah and those dwelling in Yerushalaim
fell to their faces *before* **YAHWEH**,
for the sake of worshipping toward **YAHWEH**.

20:19 And the Levites
from the children of the Kohathites
and from the children of the Korahites
stood up for the sake of praising **YAHWEH**,

The Elohim of Yisra'el,
with an exceedingly loud voice.

20:20 And they rose early in the morning.
And they went forth to the Wilderness of Tekoa.
And as they were going forth Yahoshaphat had stood.
And he said, "Listen attentively to me, Yahudah,
and those dwelling in Yerushalaim!
Trust in **YAHWEH**, your Elohim!
And be faithful!
Trust in His prophets and prosper!"

20:21 And he had consulted with the people.
And he appointed those
who were to be singing to **YAHWEH**,
and who were giving praise
for the beauty of being set-apart
as they were going out before the faces
of those having been armed.
And they were saying,
"Give thanks to **YAHWEH**!
Indeed, His kindness is to eternity!"

20:22 And at the time they began
the singing and the praise
YAHWEH was setting ambushes
against the children of Ammon, Mo'ab,
and Mount Se'ir,
those having come against Yahudah.
And they were struck.

20:23 And the children of Ammon and Mo'ab
stood up against those dwelling at Mount Se'ir
for the sake of devoting them to destruction,
even for the sake of annihilating them.

And when they had made an end
of those dwelling at Mt. Se'ir
they helped to destroy one another.

20:24 And Yahudah had come to the lookout
for the wilderness.
And they looked toward the multitude.
And behold!
Their corpses were falling to the ground.
And none escaped.

20:25 And Yahoshaphat and his people came
for the sake of plundering their spoil *itself* **nx**.
And they found among them riches to abundance
and corpses, and desirable equipment.
And they stripped off for themselves
more than they could carry away.
And they were three days
plundering the spoil *itself* **nx**
because it was great.

20:26 And on the fourth day they assembled
at The Valley of Berakah.
Indeed, there they blessed **YAHWEH Himself **nx****.
On account of this the name *itself* **nx** of that place
was called The Valley of Berakah to this day.

20:27 And they turned back,
every man of Yahudah and Yerushalaim.

And Yahoshaphat was at the head of them,
for the sake of returning to Yerushalaim with joy
because YAHWEH had caused them to rejoice
because of their adversaries.

20:28 And they came to Yerushalaim
with harps and lyres and trumpets,
to The House of YAHWEH.

20:29 And the dread of YAHWEH
was on all the kingdoms of the lands
as they were hearing that YAHWEH had fought
against the adversaries of Yisra'el.

20:30 And the kingdom of Yahoshaphat was tranquil.
And his Elohim caused rest for him all around.

20:31 And Yahoshaphat reigned over Yahudah
when he was thirty five years old.
And he reigned twenty five years in Yerushalaim.
And his mother's name was Azubah, daughter of Shilhi.

20:32 And he walked in the way of his father, Asa.
And he did not turn aside from it,
for the sake of doing what was right
in the eyes of YAHWEH.

20:33 However, the high places
had not been removed.
And the people had still not prepared their hearts
for the sake of The Elohim of their fathers.

20:34 And the rest of the words of Yahoshaphat,
the first and the last, behold!
They are written upon the scroll
of Yahu, son of Hanani,
which has been brought up upon the scroll
of the kings of Yisra'el.

20:35 And after this Yahoshaphat, king of Yahudah,
joined himself with Ahazyah, king of Yisra'el.
He did wrong by doing so.

20:36 And he joined with him
for the sake of making ships
to go to Tarshish.
And they made the ships in Etzyon Geber.

20:37 And Eli'ezer, son of Dodavah,
from Mareshah, prophesied
against Yahoshaphat, saying,
"On account of your joining yourself with Ahazyah
YAHWEH has broken your works *themselves* **nx**."
And the ships were broken.
And they were not able to go to Tarshish.

Chapter 21

21:1 And Yahoshaphat slept with his fathers.
And he was buried with his fathers
in The City of David.
And Yahoram, his son, reigned in his place.

21:2 And he had brothers, the sons of Yahoshaphat:
Azaryah, and Yehi'el, and Zekaryah, and Azaryah,
and Miyka'el, and Shephatyah.

All these were sons of Yahoshaphat, king of Yisra'el.

21:3 And their father gave to them many gifts
of silver and of gold and of precious things,
with the fortified cities in Yahudah.
But the kingdom itself הוא he had given to Yahoram
because he *was* the firstborn.

21:4 And Yahoram rose up
over the kingdom of his father.
And he strengthened himself.
And he killed all his brothers themselves הוא
with the sword,
and also some of the rulers of Yisra'el.

21:5 Yahoram was thirty two years old
at his reigning.
And he reigned eight years in Yerushalaim.

21:6 And he walked according to the way
of the kings of Yisra'el,
like the house of Ahab had done,
because he had the daughter of Ahab as a wife.
And he did what was bad in the eyes of **YAHWEH**.

21:7 But **YAHWEH** was not willing
to destroy the house itself הוא of David
on account of the covenant
which He had cut with David,
and on account of what He had said
for the sake of giving a lamp to him and to his sons
all the days.

21:8 In his days the Edomites revolted
from under the hand of Yahudah.
And they caused a king to reign over them.

21:9 And Yahoram passed over with his leaders
and all his chariots with him.
And it existed *that* he rose at night.
And he struck the Edomites themselves הוא
those surrounding against him,
even the commanders themselves הוא of the chariots.

21:10 And the Edomites have revolted
from under the hand of Yahudah to this day.

Then Libnah revolted from under his hand at that time
because he had abandoned **YAHWEH Himself** הוא,
The Elohim of his fathers.

21:11 He had also had made high places
in the mountains of Yahudah.
And he had caused those themselves הוא
who were dwelling in Yerushalaim to commit adultery.
And he caused Yahudah itself הוא to be driven away.

21:12 And a letter came to him
from Eliyah, the prophet, saying,
Thus said **YAHWEH**, The Elohim of David, your father,
under Whom you have not walked
according to the ways of Yahoshaphat, your father,
nor according to the ways of Asa, king of Yahudah.
21:13 But you have walked according to the way
of the kings of Yisra'el

and have caused Yahudah itself **nx**
and those dwelling in Yerushalaim itself **nx**
to commit adultery,
like the adulteries of the house of Ahab,
and you have also killed your brothers themselves **nx**,
of the household of your father,
those better than you,

21:14 Behold!

YAHWEH is going to strike a great blow
among your people,
and among your children, and among your wives,
and among all your possessions,
21:15 and you yourself **nx** with great diseases,
with a sickness of your bowels
until your bowels come out
because of the sickness day after day.”

21:16 And **YAHWEH** stirred up against Yahoram
the breath itself **nx** of the Philistines
and the Arabians who were next to the Kushites.

21:17 And they came up into Yahudah.
And they broke it open.
And they captured all the possessions themselves **nx**,
those being found for the house of the king,
and also his sons and his wives.
And not a son remained to him except Yaho'ahaz,
the youngest of his sons.

21:18 And after all this
YAHWEH struck him in his bowels
with a disease for which there is no cure.

21:19 And it existed for days beyond days.
And at the end two years his bowels came out
because of his sickness.
And he died on account of great diseases.
And his people did not make a burning for him
like the burning for his fathers.

21:20 He was thirty two years old at his reigning.
And he reigned eight years in Yerushalaim.
And he went with no pleasure.
And they buried him in The City of David,
but not in the tombs of the kings.

Chapter 22

22:1 And those dwelling in Yerushalaim
caused Ahazyah himself **nx**, his youngest son,
to reign in his place,
because all of the eldest
had been killed by the raiding band,
those coming with the Arabians to the camp.
And Ahazyah, son of Yahoram, king of Yahudah, reigned.

22:2 Ahazyah was forty two years old at his reigning.
And he reigned one year in Yerushalaim.
And his mother's name was Athalyah,
rand-daughter of Omri.

22:3 He also walked in the ways
of the house of Ahab,
because his mother was his counselor
for the sake of causing him to do wrong.

22:4 And he did what is bad
in the eyes of **YAHWEH**
like the house of Ahab.
Indeed, they existed as his counselors
after the death of his father as destruction for him.
22:5 He also walked according to their counsel.
And he went with Yahoram himself **nx**,
son of Ahab, king of Yisra'el,
to battle against Haza'el, king of Aram, at Ramot Gil'ad.
And the Arameans struck Yahoram himself **nx**.
22:6 And he turned back
for the sake of healing himself at Yizre'el
because of the wounds with which he had been struck
as he was fighting Haza'el himself **nx**, king of Aram.

And Azaryah, son of Yahoram, king of Yahudah,
went down for the sake of seeing Yahoram himself **nx**,
son of Ahab, at Yizre'el, because he was weak.

22:7 And the destruction of Ahazyah
was from **YAHWEH** for his coming to Yahoram.
And at his coming he had gone out with Yahoram
against Yahu, son of Nimshi,
whom **YAHWEH** had anointed
for the sake of cutting off the house itself **nx** of Ahab.

22:8 And it was as Yahu
was executing judgment on the house of Ahab.
And he found the rulers themselves **nx** of Yahudah
and the sons of the brothers of Ahazyah
who served Ahazyah.
And he killed them.

22:9 And he searched for Ahazyah himself **nx**.
And they captured him.
And he had hidden himself in Shomeron.
And they brought him to Yahu.
And they put him to death.
And they buried him because they said,
"He is the son of Yahoshaphat,
who had sought **YAHWEH Himself** **nx**
with all his heart."

And there was none in the house of Ahazyah
to retain strength for the sake of the kingdom.

22:10 And Athalyah, the mother of Ahazyah,
saw that her son was dead.
And she rose up.
And she destroyed all the offspring themselves **nx**
of the kingdom of the house of Yahudah.

22:11 But Yahoshab'ath, daughter of the king,
took Yo'ash himself **nx**, son of Ahazyah.
And she took he himself **nx** by stealth
from among the sons of the king,
those having been killed.
And she put he himself **nx**
and his wet-nurse herself **nx** in an inner chamber.
And Yahoshab'ath, daughter of King Yahoram,
the wife of Yahoyada the priest,
because she was the sister of Ahazyah,
concealed him from the face of Athalyah.

And he was not put to death.
22:12 And they themselves **nx** concealed themselves
in the House of **YAHWEH** six years.
And Athalyah was reigning over the land.

Chapter 23

23:1 And in the seventh year
Yahoyada strengthened himself.
And he took the commanders themselves **nx**
of the hundreds to Azaryah, son of Yeroham,
and to Yishma'el son of Yahohanan,
and to Azaryah, son of Obed,
and to Ma'aseyah himself **nx**, son of Adayah,
and to Elishaphat himself **nx**, son of Zikri,
into a covenant with him.

23:2 And they went about in Yahudah.
And they assembled the Levites themselves **nx**
from all the cities of Yahudah
and the heads of the fathers of Yisra'el.
And they went to Yerushalaim.

23:3 And the entire assembly cut a covenant
in The House of **YAHWEH** with the king.
And he said to them,
"Behold! The son of the king is to reign,
according to what **YAHWEH** has said
concerning the sons of David.

23:4 This is the word which you are to do.
The third part from you
of the priests and of the Levites
is to be coming in on The Sabbath
as gatekeepers of the thresholds,
23:5 and a third part at the house of the king,
and a third part at The Gate of The Foundation.
And all the people *will be* in the courtyards
of The House of **YAHWEH**.

23:6 And no one is to come into
The House of **YAHWEH**
except the priests and those of the Levites
who are ministering.
They may go in because they are set apart.
And all the people
are to protect the duty of **YAHWEH**.

23:7 And the Levites are to surround
the king himself **nx**
all around, each man.
And his weapons *are to be* in his hand.
And the one coming into The House
is to be put to death.
And you are to be with the king himself **nx**
at his coming in and at his going out."

23:8 And the Levites and all Yahudah
did according to everything
which Yahoyada, the priest, had directed.
And each man took his men themselves **nx**,
those coming in on the Sabbath,
with those going out on the Sabbath,
because Yahoyada, the priest,
had not dismissed the divisions themselves **nx**.

23:9 And Yahoyada, the priest,
gave to the commanders of the hundreds
the spears *themselves* nx
and the small shields *themselves* nx
and the large shields *themselves* nx
which had belonged to King David
that were in The House of YAHWEH.

23:10 And he stationed
all the people *themselves* nx,
even each man *with* his weapon in his hand,
from the right side of The House
to the left side of The House,
by the altar and by The House,
beside the king, all around.

23:11 And they brought out
the son of the king *himself* nx.
And they set upon him the crown *itself* nx
and The Testimony *itself* nx.
And they caused he *himself* nx to reign.

And Yahoyada and his sons anointed him.
And they said, "May the king live!"

23:12 And Athalyah heard
the sound *itself* nx of the people,
those running, and those praising
the king *himself* nx.

And she went to the people
in The House of YAHWEH,

23:13 And she looked.

And behold!

The king was standing beside his column
at the entrance.

And the commanders and the trumpets
were beside the king.
And all the people of the land
were rejoicing, and sounding on trumpets,
and those singing, with instruments of the music,
even those knowing *how* for the sake of praise.

And Athalyah tore her garments *themselves* nx.
And she said, "Treason! Treason!"

23:14 And Yahoyada, the priest,
brought out the commanders *themselves* nx
of the hundreds
those having been appointed over the force.
And he said to them,
"Take her out from between the ranks.
And the one following after her
you are to put to death with the sword!"

Indeed, the priest had said,
"Do not kill her in The House of YAHWEH."

23:15 And they placed hands on her.
And she went to the entrance of The Horse Gate
of the house of the king.
And they put her to death there.

23:16 And Yahoyada cut a covenant
between himself and all the people and the king

for the sake of being as a people for YAHWEH.

23:17 And all the people went
to the house of The Ba'al.
And they tore it down.

And its slaughter sites *themselves* תא
and its images *themselves* תא
they smashed to pieces.

And Mattan *himself* תא, priest of The Ba'al,
they killed before of the slaughter sites.

23:18 And Yahoyada placed
the accountabilities of The House of YAHWEH
in the hand of the priests,
the Levites whom David had separated
for The House of YAHWEH
for the sake of offering up the olahs of YAHWEH,
as it has been written in The Torah of Moshe,
with rejoicing and with singing, by the hands of David.

23:19 And he stood the gatekeepers
beside the gates of The House of YAHWEH.
And no one was to come in
who was defiled in any manner.

23:20 And he took
the commanders *themselves* תא of the hundreds,
and the nobles *themselves* תא,
and the governors *themselves* תא of the people,
and all the people *themselves* תא of the land.
And he brought down the king *himself* תא
from The House of YAHWEH.
And they went into The Upper Gate
to the house of the king.
And they sat the king *himself* תא
upon the throne of the kingdom.

23:21 And all the people of the land rejoiced.
And the city had rest,
And Athalyah *herself* תא had been killed with a sword.

Chapter 24

24:1 Yo'ash was seven years old at his reigning.
And he reigned forty years in Yerushalaim.
And the name of his mother was Tzibyah,
from Be'ersheba.

24:2 And Yo'ash did what was right
in the eyes of YAHWEH
all the days of Yahoyada, the priest.

24:3 And Yahoyada took for him two wives.
And he brought forth sons and daughters.

24:4 And it was after this.
Yo'ash had it upon his heart
to restore The House *itself* תא of YAHWEH.

24:5 And he gathered the priests *themselves* תא
and the Levites.

And he said to them,
"Go out to the cities of Yahudah.
And gather from all Yisra'el silver
for the sake of repairing
The House *itself* תא of your Elohim,

enough from year by year.
And you *yourselves* **הנ** are to hurry the matter.”
But the Levites did not hurry.

24:6 And the king called for Yahoyada, the head.
And he said to him,
“Why have you not required it concerning the Levites
for the sake of bringing in
from Yahudah and from Yerushalaim
the levy *itself* **הנ** of Moshe, servant of YAHWEH
and of the assembly of Yisra’el,
for The Tent of The Testimony?”

24:7 Indeed, the sons of Athalyah,
the wicked woman,
had broken into The House *itself* **הנ** of YAHWEH.
And also, all the set apart things
of the House of YAHWEH
they had prepared for the Ba'als.

24:8 And the king spoke.
And they made one chest.
And they set it outside,
at the gate of The House of YAHWEH.

24:9 And they announced it
in Yahudah and in Yerushalaim
for the sake of bringing to YAHWEH
the levy that Moshe, servant of The Elohim,
had set upon Yisra’el in the wilderness.

24:10 And all the rulers and all the people rejoiced.
And they brought *it*.
And they threw it into the chest
until it was completed.

24:11 And it was at the time
the chest *itself* **הנ** was brought
to the official of the king by the hand of the Levites.
And when they saw that much of the silver had come
the scribe of the king
and the officer of the great priest came.
And they emptied the chest *itself* **הנ**.
And they picked it up it.
And they returned it to its place.
Thus they did for it day by day.
And they gathered a silver to abundance.

24:12 And the king and Yahoyada gave it
to those doing the work of service
of The House of YAHWEH.
And it existed that they were hiring
hewers of stone and craftsmen
for the sake of restoring The House of YAHWEH,
and also craftsmen of iron and copper
for the sake of strengthening
The House *itself* **הנ** of YAHWEH.

24:13 And those doing the work worked.
And the work of restoration progressed in their hands.
And they caused The House *itself* **הנ** of YAHWEH
to be established concerning its proper form.
And they strengthened it.

24:14 And when they had finished

they brought the rest of the silver
before the faces of the king and Yahoyada.
And they made utensils
from it for The House of YAHWEH;
utensils for the service and for offering up,
and ladles and vessels of gold and silver.

And the offering up of olahs existed
in the House of YAHWEH continually
all the days of Yahoyada.

24:15 And Yahoyada was old and full of days.
And he died *being*
one hundred and thirty years at his dying.

24:16 And they buried him in The City of David
among the kings
because he had done good in Yisra'el,
and with YAHWEH and His house.

24:17 And after the death of Yahoyada
the rulers of Yahudah came.
And they prostrated themselves toward the king.
And the king listened attentively to them.

24:18 And they abandoned
The House *itself* nx of YAHWEH,
The Elohim of their fathers.
And they served the Asherim *themselves* nx
and the idols *themselves* nx.

And wrath existed against Yahudah and Yerushalaim
on account of this unfaithful act.

24:19 And He sent prophets among them
for the sake of causing them to return to YAHWEH.
And they testified against them.
But they did not listen.

24:20 And The Divine Nature of YAHWEH
existed upon Zekaryah *himself* nx,
son of Yahoyada, the priest,
who stood up from beside the people.
And he said to them,
"Thus said YAHWEH,
'Why are you yourselves nx passing over
the directives *themselves* nx of YAHWEH?
But you will not be caused to prosper!
Because you have abandoned YAHWEH *Himself* nx
He has abandoned you yourselves nx.'"

24:21 And they conspired against him.
And they stoned him with stones
at the command of the king
in the courtyard of The House of YAHWEH.

24:22 And Yo'ash the king
did not remember the kindness
which Yahoyada, his father, had done with him.
And he killed his son *himself* nx.
And as he was dying he said,
"YAHWEH sees!
And He will require it!"

24:23 And it was at the turn of the year.
And the forces of Aram came up against him.

And they came to Yahudah and Yerushalaim.
And they destroyed all the rulers themselves תא
of the people from among the people.
And they sent all their spoil to the king of Damascus.

24:24 Indeed, the forces of Aram
had come with a few men.
But **YAHWEH** gave into their hand
an exceedingly great force
because they had abandoned
YAHWEH Himself תא, The Elohim of their fathers.
And they executed judgments for Yo'ash himself תא.

24:25 And when they had gone from him,
(Indeed, they had abandoned he himself תא
with great diseases.)
his own servants conspired against him
on account of the blood
of the sons of Yahoyada, the priest.
And they murdered him upon his own bed.
And he died.
And they buried him in The City of David.
But they did not bury him in the tombs of the kings.

24:26 And these are those
who conspired themselves against him:
Zabad, son of Shim'ath, the Ammonitess,
and Yahozabad, son of Shimrith, the Mo'abitess.

24:27 And of his sons,
and the greatness of the utterances concerning him,
and the restoring of The House of **YAHWEH**,
behold, they are written in the record
of the scroll of the kings.

And Amatzyah, his son, reigned in his place.

Chapter 25

25:1 Amatzyah reigned at twenty five years of age.
And he reigned twenty nine years in Yerushalaim.
And the name of his mother was Yahoaddan,
from of Yerushalaim.

25:2 And he did what was right
in the eyes of **YAHWEH**,
but not with a whole heart.

25:3 And it was when he
had strengthened the kingdom.
And he killed his servants themselves תא,
those having struck the king himself תא, his father.

25:4 But their children themselves תא
he did not have put to death
because he did according to what has been written
in The Torah, in the Book of Moshe,
in which **YAHWEH** had directed saying,
"Fathers are not to be put to death
on account of their children.
And children are not to be put to death
on account of their fathers.
Indeed, each man is to be put to death
according to his own offense."

25:5 And Amatzyah assembled Yahudah itself תא.

And he established them
by the houses of the fathers
by commanders of the thousands
and by commanders of the hundreds,
for all Yahudah and Binyamin.

And he numbered them
from twenty years old and upward.
And he found of them three hundred thousand
having been chosen, going forth to the assembly,
handling spear and shield.

25:6 And he hired from Yisra'el
one hundred thousand mighty men of strength
with one hundred talents of silver.

25:7 But a man of The Elohim
had come him saying,
"King, the assembly of Yisra'el
is not to go with you,
because YAHWEH is not with Yisra'el,
all the children of Ephraim.

25:8 Indeed, if you yourself **nx** go, do it!
Be strong for battle!
*However, YAHWEH will cause you to fall
before the the faces of the adversary.
Indeed, there is power with YAHWEH
to help or to cause to stumble."*

25:9 And Amatzyah said
to the man of The Elohim,
"But what is to be done about the hundred talents
which I have given to the army of Yisra'el?"

And the man of Elohim said,
"There is more with YAHWEH
for the sake of giving to you than this."

25:10 And Amatzyah separated them for the army
who had come to him from Ephraim
for the sake of going to their place.
And their anger flared up exceedingly at Yahudah.
And they returned to their place in fierce anger.

25:11 And Amatzyah strengthened himself.
And he led forth his people *themselves* **nx**.
And he went to The Valley of Salt.
And he struck of the sons of Se'ir *themselves* **nx**
ten thousand.

25:12 And the sons of Yahudah
captured ten thousand alive.
And they brought them to the top of the rock.
And they threw them down from the top of the rock.
And all of them were burst to pieces.

25:13 And the sons of the army
which Amatzyah had caused to return
from going with him to war,
even they, raided in the cities of Yahudah
from Shomeron even as far as Bet Horon.
And they struck three thousand from them.
And they looted much plunder.

25:14 And it was after Amatzyah came
from striking the Edomites *themselves* **תא**.

And he brought the gods *themselves* **תא**
of the children of Se'ir.
And he set them up for himself as gods.
And he prostrated himself before their faces.
And he burned incense to them.

25:15 And the anger of **YAHWEH**
flared up against Amatzyah.
And He sent to him a prophet.
And he said to him,
"Why have you sought the gods *themselves* **תא**
of the people which did not deliver
their people *themselves* **תא** from your hand?"

25:16 And it was as he was talking to him.
And the king said to him,
"Have we set you as the counselor to the king?
Stop! Why should they strike you?"

And the prophet stopped.
And he said,
"I have known that **YAHWEH**
has counseled to destroy you
because you have done this
and you have not listened attentively to my counsel."

25:17 And Amatzyah, king of Yahudah, took counsel.
And he sent to Yo'ash son of Yaho'ahaz,
son of Yahu, king of Yisra'el, saying,
"Come! We will look at *each other's* faces!"

25:18 And Yo'ash, king of Yisra'el,
sent to Amatzyah, king of Yahudah, saying,
"The thistle which *was* in Lebanon
sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon saying,
'Give your daughter *herself* **תא** to my son as wife.'
And a wild animal that was in Lebanon passed over.
And it trampled the thistle *itself* **תא**.

25:19 You have said,
'Behold! I have struck *Edom itself* **תא**!
And your heart has been lifted up
for the sake of boasting.
Now, stay at home!
Why should you stir yourself up
on account of what is bad and fall,
you *yourself* **תא** and Yahudah with you?"

25:20 But Amatzyah did not listen attentively
because it was from **YAHWEH** Himself
for the sake of giving them into their hand
because they had sought
the gods *themselves* **תא** of Edom.

25:21 And Yo'ash, king of Yisra'el, went up.
And they saw faces,
he and Amatzyah, king of Yahudah,
at Bet Shemesh, which belongs to Yahudah.

25:22 And Yahudah was struck
before the faces of Yisra'el.
And each man fled to his tents.

25:23 And Amatzyah himself **nx** king of Yahudah,
son of Yo'ash, son of Yahoahaz,
captured Yo'ash, king of Yisra'el, at Bet Shemesh.
And he brought him to Yerushalaim.
And he broke down on the wall of Yerushalaim
from The Gate of Ephraim to The Corner Gate,
four hundred cubits.

25:24 And he took all the gold and the silver,
and all the vessels themselves **nx** that were found
in The House of YAHWEH with Obed Edom,
and the treasures themselves **nx**
of the house of the king,
and the children themselves **nx** of the hostages.
And he returned to Shomeron.

25:25 And Amatzyah, son of Yo'ash,
king of Yahudah,
lived fifteen years after the death of Yo'ash,
son of Yaho'ahaz,
king of Yisra'el.

25:26 And the rest of the words of Amatzyah,
the first and the last, behold!
Are they not written on the scroll
of the kings of Yahudah and Yisra'el?

25:27 And *it was* from the time
when Amatzyah *turned aside*
from following YAHWEH.
And they conspired against him at Yerushalaim.
And he fled to Lachish.
And they sent after him to Lachish.
And they put him to death there.
25:28 And they carried him on horses.
And they buried he himself **nx** with his fathers
in a city of Yahudah.

Chapter 26

26:1 And all the people of Yahudah
took Uzziyah himself **nx**.
And he was sixteen years old.
And they caused he himself **nx** to reign
in place of his father, Amatzyah.

26:2 He built 'Elot itself **nx**.
And he returned it to Yahudah
after the king slept with his fathers.

26:3 Uzziyah was sixteen years old at his reigning.
And he reigned fifty two years in Yerushalaim.
And his mother's name
was Yekolyah, from Yerushalaim.

Uzziyah means YAH is my strength.
Yekolyah means YAH is able.

26:4 And he did what is right
in the eyes of YAHWEH,
according to all that his father Amatzyah had done.

26:5 And he existed as one seeking YAHWEH
in the days of Zekaryah,
the one having understanding
in visions of YAHWEH.

And in the days of his seeking
YAHWEH *Himself* **הוא**
YAHWEH caused him to prosper.

26:6 And he went out.
And he fought against the Philistines.
And he broke down the wall *itself* **הוא** of Gath,
and the wall *itself* **הוא** of Yabneh,
and the wall *itself* **הוא** of Ashdod.
And he built cities at Ashdod
and among the Philistines.

26:7 And **YAHWEH** helped him
against the Philistines
and against the Arabians,
those dwelling in Gur Ba'al, and the Meunites.

26:8 And the Ammonites gave tribute to Uzziyah.
And his name went as far as the entrance to Mitsraim
because he strengthened himself greatly.

26:9 And Uzziyah built towers in Yerushalaim
at The Corner Gate, and at The Valley Gate,
and at the corner buttress.
And he strengthened them.

26:10 And he built towers in the wilderness.
And he dug many wells
because he had much livestock,
both in The Shefelah and in the plain,
farmers and vinedressers
in the mountains and in Carmel,
because he was one loving the soil.

26:11 And Uzziyah had an assembly
of those making war,
going out to war as divisions
according to the number of their reckoning
by the hand of Ye'i'el, the scribe,
and Ma'aseyah, the record keeper,
under the hand of Hananyah,
from the commanders of the king.

26:12 The entire number of the heads of the fathers
of the mighty men of strength
was two thousand six hundred.

26:13 And under their hand
was a force of three hundred
and seven thousand five hundred,
those making war with mighty power
for the sake of helping the king against the adversary.

26:14 And Uzziyah prepared for them,
for the entire assembly, shields, and spears,
and helmets, and body armor, and bows,
and to the stones of the slings.

26:15 And he made devices in Yerushalaim,
devised by inventors for the sake of existing
upon the towers and at the corners,
for the sake of shooting arrows and large stones.
And his name spread out very far
because he had been extraordinarily helped
until he was strong.

26:16 But when he was strong
his heart was lifted up
until it was causing destruction.
And he acted unfaithfully
against YAHWEH, his Elohim.
And he went into The Temple of YAHWEH
for the sake of burning incense
on the slaughter site of the incense.

26:17 And Azaryah, the priest, went in after him.
And with him were eighty priests of YAHWEH,
sons of strength.

26:18 And they stood up against Uzziyah, the king.
And they said to him,
"It is not for you, Uzziyah,
to turn incense into smoke for YAHWEH.

Indeed *it is* for the priests, the sons of Aharon,
those who have been set apart
for the sake of turning incense into smoke!

Go out from The Set Apart Place!
Indeed you have acted unfaithfully!
And *it is* not an honor for you
from YAHWEH, The Elohim."

26:19 And Uzziyah was enraged.
And in his hand was a censer
for the sake of burning incense.
And *it was* as he was raging against the priests.
And leprosy broke out on his forehead
before the faces of the priests
in The House of YAHWEH
beside the slaughter site of the incense.

26:20 And Azaryah, the chief priest,
and all the priests looked at him.
And behold!
He was leprous in his forehead.
And they hurried him from there.
And he also hurried to go out
because YAHWEH had struck him.

26:21 And Uzziyah the king
was a leper until the day of his death.
And he dwelt in the separate house of a leper
because he had been cut off
from The House of YAHWEH.

And Yotam, his son, was over the house of the king,
judging the people *themselves* ~~nx~~ of the land.

26:22 And the rest of the words of Uzziyah,
the first and the last, are written by
Yeshayah, son of Amotz, the prophet.

26:23 And Uzziyah slept with his fathers.
And they buried he himself ~~nx~~ with his fathers
in a field of burial which was for kings
because they said, "He is a leper."
And Yotam, his son, reigned in his place.

Chapter 27

27:1 Yotam was twenty five years old at his reigning.
And he reigned sixteen years in Yerushalaim.
And his mother's name was Yerushah,
daughter of Tzadok.

27:2 And he did what *is* right
in the eyes of YAHWEH,
according to all that his father, Uzziyah, had done.
However, he did not go into
The Temple of YAHWEH.

But the people were still acting corruptly.

27:3 He built The Upper Gate *itself* nn
of The House of YAHWEH.
and he built much of the wall of Ophel.
27:4 And he built cities in the mountains of Yahudah.
And in the forests he built fortresses and towers.

27:5 And he fought with the king of the Ammonites.
And he prevailed over them.
And the children of Ammon gave to him
in that year one hundred talents of silver,
and ten thousand kors of wheat,
and of barley ten thousand.

This is what the children of Ammon returned to him,
also in the second and third years.

27:6 And Yotam strengthened himself
because he had established his ways
before the face of YAHWEH, his Elohim.

27:7 And the rest of the words of Yotam,
even all his battles and his ways, behold!
They are written on the scroll
of the kings of Yisra'el and Yahudah.

27:8 He was twenty-five years old at his reigning.
And he reigned sixteen years in Yerushalaim.

27:9 And Yotam slept with his fathers.
And they buried he *himself* nn in The City of David.
And his son, Ahaz, reigned in his place.

Chapter 28

28:1 Ahaz was twenty years old at his reigning.
And he reigned sixteen years in Yerushalaim.
And he did not do what was right
in the eyes of YAHWEH,
like David, his father.

28:2 and walked according to the ways
of the kings of Yisra'el.
And he even made images for the Ba'als.

28:3 And he himself turned incense into smoke
in the valley of The Son of Hinnom.
And he caused his children themselves nn
to be burned in fire
according to the detestable acts of the nations
whom YAHWEH had driven out
from before the faces of the children of Yisra'el,

28:4 And he sacrificed,
and he turned incense to smoke
at the high places, and on the hills,
and under every green tree.

28:5 And **YAHWEH**, his Elohim,
gave him into the hand of the king of Aram.
And they struck against him.
And they took from them many captives.
And they brought them to Damascus.

And he had also been given into the hand
of the king of Yisra'el.
And he had struck against him with a great slaughter.

28:6 And Pekah, son of Remalyah,
killed one hundred and twenty thousand in Yahudah
in one day, all of them men of strength,
on account of their abandoning **YAHWEH Himself** **nx**,
The Elohim of their fathers.

28:7 And Zikri, a mighty man of Ephraim,
killed **Ma'aseyah himself** **nx**, son of the king,
and **Azrikam himself** **nx**, ruler of the household,
and **Elkanah himself** **nx**, second to the king.

28:8 And the children of Yisra'el
took captive from their kindred
two hundred thousand women, sons, and daughters.
And they also took much spoil from them.
And they brought the spoil *itself* **nx** to Shomeron.

28:9 And there existed a prophet of **YAHWEH**.
Oded *was* his name.
And he went out before the faces of the assembly,
those coming to Shomeron.
And he said to them, "Behold!
On account of the wrath **YAHWEH**,
The Elohim of your fathers, against Yahudah,
He has given them into your hand.
But you have killed them in a rage
that reaches up to The Heavens.

28:10 And now you yourselves **nx** are speaking
for the sake of subjugating the children
of Yahudah and Yerushalaim
as male and female slaves for yourselves.

But is there not with you yourselves **nx**
guilt towards **YAHWEH**, your Elohim?

28:11 And now, listen attentively to me
and cause the captives to return
whom you have taken captive from your kindred
because the burning anger of **YAHWEH**
is against you!"

28:12 And men from the heads
of the children of Ephraim,
Azaryah, son of Yahohanan,
Berekyah, son of Meshillemoth,
and Yahizkiyah, son of Shallum,
and Amasa, son of Hadlai,
stood up against those coming from the assembly.
28:13 And they said to them,

“You are not to bring
the captives *themselves* **nx** here!
Indeed, it is as guilt to YAHWEH concerning us.
You yourselves **nx** are speaking
for the sake of adding to our offenses
and our unfaithful acts.
Indeed, our guilt is great!
And fierce anger is against Yisra’el.”

28:14 And those having been armed
abandoned the captives *themselves* **nx**
and the spoil *itself* **nx** before the faces of the rulers
and all the assembly.

28:15 And the men stood up
who had been designated by name.
And they took hold of the captives.
And all who were naked among them
they clothed from the spoil.
And they clothed them.
And they put sandals on their feet.
And they caused them to eat.
And they caused them to drink.
And they anointed them.
And they led on asses everyone being weak.

And they brought them to Yericho,
the city of palm trees,
to their kindred.
And they returned to Shomeron.

28:16 At that time Ahaz, the king,
sent to the kings of Ashshur
for the sake of being a help to him.

28:17 And the Edomites had come.
And they had struck against Yahudah.
And they had taken captives.

28:18 And the Philistines had invaded
against the cities of The Shefelah
and The Negev of Yahudah.

And they had captured *Bet Shemesh itself* **nx**,
and *Ayalon itself* **nx**, and *Gederoth itself* **nx**,
and *Soko itself* **nx** and its villages,
and *Timnah itself* **nx** and its villages,
and *Gimzo itself* **nx** and its villages.
And they had settled there.

28:19 Indeed, YAHWEH had humbled
Yahudah *itself* **nx**
on account of Ahaz, king of Yisra’el,
because he had caused Yahudah to be loose,
even acting unfaithfully against YAHWEH.

28:20 But Tiglath-Pileser, king of Ashshur,
had come against him.

And he caused distress for him.

And he did not strengthen him,

28:21 although Ahaz had taken a portion
of the treasures of

The House *itself* **nx** of YAHWEH,
and the house *itself* **nx** of the king, and from the rulers,
and he had given it to the king of Ashshur.
But he was not a help for him.

28:22 And in the time of his being distressed
King Ahaz acted unfaithfully even more
against YAHWEH,
King Ahaz himself.

28:23 And he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus,
those striking him, saying,
"Indeed, the gods of the kings of Aram
are helping they themselves תא.
I will sacrifice to them.
And they will help me."

But they existed for him for the sake of causing him
and all Yisra'el to stumble.

28:24 And Ahaz gathered
the furnishings themselves תא
of The House of YAHWEH.

And he cut in pieces the furnishings themselves תא
of The House of YAHWEH.

And he shut the doors themselves תא
of The House of YAHWEH.

And he made for himself slaughter sites
on every corner in Yerushalaim.

28:25 And in every city and town of Yahudah
he made high places
for the sake of turning incense
into smoke to other gods.
And he provoked to anger YAHWEH Himself תא,
The Elohim of his fathers.

28:26 And the rest of his words and all his ways,
from the first to the last, behold!
They are written on the scroll
of the kings of Yahudah and Yisra'el.

28:27 And Ahaz slept with his fathers.
And they buried him in the city, in Yerushalaim.
Indeed, they did not bring him to the tombs
of the kings of Yisra'el.
And Hizkiyah, his son, reigned in his place.

Chapter 29

29:1 Hizkiyah was twenty five years old
at his reigning.
And he reigned twenty nine years in Yerushalaim.
And his mother's name was Abiyah,
daughter of Zekaryah.

29:2 And he did what was right
in the eyes of YAHWEH,
according to all that his father David had done.

29:3 In the first year of his reign, in the first month,
he opened the doors themselves תא
of The House of YAHWEH.
And he repaired them.

29:4 And he brought in the priests themselves תא
and the Levites themselves תא.
And he gathered them at the eastern square.

29:5 And he said to them,
"Listen attentively to me, Levites!
Now set yourselves apart!
And set apart The House *itself* nx of YAHWEH,
The Elohim of your fathers.
And bring out the defilement *itself* nx
from The Set Apart Place.

The term used for defilement here is *nidda*. This term is normally associated with menstrual impurity. It's usage connotes a particularly disdainful type of impurity.

29:6 Indeed, our fathers have acted unfaithfully.
And they have done what is bad
in the eyes of YAHWEH, our Elohim.
And they have abandoned Him.
And they have turned around their faces
from The Dwelling Place of YAHWEH,
and have given their backs.

29:7 Also, they have shut the doors of the porch.
And they have extinguished the lamps *themselves* nx.
And they have not turned incense into smoke.
And they have not offered up olahs
in The Set Apart Place to The Elohim of Yisra'el.

29:8 And the rage of YAHWEH
is upon Yahudah and Yerushalaim.
And He has given them up
to trembling, to ruin, and to derision
according to what you yourselves nx
are seeing with your own eyes.

29:9 And behold!
Our fathers have fallen by the sword.
And our sons, and our daughters,
and our wives are in captivity on account of this.

29:10 Now, it is within my heart
to cut a covenant with YAHWEH,
The Elohim of Yisra'el,
Then He will turn back from us His fierce anger.

29:11 Now, my sons, do not be negligent!
Indeed, YAHWEH has chosen you
for the sake of standing before His face,
for the sake of ministering to Him,
and for the sake of being ministers for Him
and turning incense to smoke."

29:12 And the Levites rose up;
Mahath, son of Amasai, and Yo'el, son of Azaryah,
from the sons of the Kohathites;
and from the sons of Merari:
Kish, son of Abdi, and Azaryah, son of Yahallel'el;
and from the Gershonites:
Yo'ah, son of Zimmah, and Eden, son of Yo'ah;
29:13 and from the sons of Elitsaphan:
Shimri and Ye'i'el;
and of the sons of Asaph:
Zekaryah and Mattanyah;
29:14 and from the sons of Heman:
Yehi'el and Shim'i;
and from the sons of Yeduthun:
Shemayah and Uzzi'el.

29:15 And they gathered
their kindred *themselves* nx.
And they set themselves apart.
And they went at the command of the king,
according to the words of YAHWEH,
to cleanse The House of YAHWEH.

29:16 And the priests went to the inner part
of The House of YAHWEH for the sake of purifying it.
And the brought out all the defilement *itself* nx
which they found in The Temple of YAHWEH
to the courtyard of The House of YAHWEH.
And the Levites received it
for the sake of taking it outside to the wadi Kidron.

29:17 And they began on the first day
of the first month to set it apart.
And on the eighth day of the month
they came to the porch of YAHWEH.
And they set apart The House *itself* nx of YAHWEH
in eight days.
And on the sixteenth day
of the first month they finished.

29:18 And they went in to Hizkiyah, the king.
And they said, "We have purified
everything *itself* nx of The House of YAHWEH,
and the slaughter site *itself* nx of the olahs,
and all its utensils *themselves* nx,
and the table *itself* nx of the showbread,
and all its utensils *themselves* nx.

29:19 And all the furnishings *themselves* nx
which King Ahaz, in his reign, had pushed aside
on account of his unfaithful act
we have prepared and set apart.
And behold!
They are before the slaughter site of YAHWEH."

29:20 And Hizkiyah, the king, rose up early.
And he gathered the rulers *themselves* nx of the city.
And they went up to The House of YAHWEH.

29:21 And they brought seven bulls,
and seven rams, and seven lambs,
and seven male goats as an offense offering
on account of of the kingdom,
on account of The Set Apart Place,
and on account of Yahudah.

And he spoke to the sons of Aharon, the priests,
for the sake of offering them up
on the slaughter site of YAHWEH.

29:22 And they slaughtered the bulls.
And the priests received the blood *itself* nx.
And they sprinkled the slaughter site.
And they slaughtered the rams.
And they sprinkled the blood on the slaughter site.
And they slaughtered the lambs.
And they sprinkled the blood on the slaughter site.

29:23 And they brought out
the male goats *themselves* nx
of the offense offering

before the faces of king and the assembly.
And they laid their hands upon them.

29:24 and the priests slaughtered them.
And they made reconciliation
with the blood *itself* **nx** on the slaughter site
for the sake of making an atonement
on account of all Yisra'el.
Indeed, the king said the olah
and the offense offering is for all Yisra'el.

29:25 And he stationed the Levites themselves **nx**
in The House of **YAHWEH**
with cymbals, with harps, and with lyres,
according to the directive of David,
and of Gad, the seer of the king,
and of Nathan the prophet.
Indeed, the directive was by the hand of **YAHWEH**,
by the hand of His prophets.

29:26 And the Levites stood
with the instruments of David,
and the priests with the trumpets.

29:27 And Hizkiyah said to offer up the olah
on the slaughter site.

And as the olah had begun
the singing to **YAHWEH** began,
and the trumpets,
and upon instruments of David, king of Yisra'el.

29:28 And all the assembly was worshipping.
And the singers *were* singing.
And the trumpeters *were* sounding.
Everything *was being done* until the completion of the olah.

29:29 And at the completion of the olah
the king bowed down
and all who were present with he himself **nx**.
And they worshipped.

29:30 And King Hizkiyah and the rulers
spoke to the Levites
for the sake of giving praise to **YAHWEH**
according to the words of David
and of Asaph, the seer.
And they gave praises with joyfulness.
And they bowed their heads.
And they worshipped.

29:31 And Hizkiyah responded.
And he said, "Now that you
have been consecrated to **YAHWEH**, come near!
And bring sacrifices and thank offerings
to The House of **YAHWEH**!"

And the assembly brought in
sacrifices and thank offerings.
And all who were willing of heart brought olahs.

29:32 And the number of the olahs
which the assembly had brought
was seventy bulls, one hundred rams,
two hundred lambs for an olah to **YAHWEH**,

all of these.

29:33 And the set apart gifts were six hundred bulls
and three thousand sheep.

29:34 However, the priests existed as too few.
And they were unable to skin
all the olahs themselves **nx**.
And their kindred, the Levites, helped them
until the work was completed,
and until the other priests had set themselves apart
because the Levites *had been* more upright of heart
for the sake of setting themselves apart
than the priests.

29:35 And there were also olahs to abundance,
with the fat of the shelem offerings
and with the drink offerings for each olah.

And the service of the House of **YAHWEH**
was re-established.

29:36 And Hizkiyah and all the people rejoiced
that **YAHWEH** had prepared the people.
Indeed, with suddenness the matter had existed.

Chapter 30

30:1 And Hizkiyah sent to all Yisra'el and Yahudah.
And he also had written letters
to Ephraim and Menashe,
for the sake of coming to the House of **YAHWEH**
at Yerushalaim
for the sake of doing The Passover to **YAHWEH**,
The Elohim of Yisra'el.

30:2 And the king, and his rulers,
and all the assembly at Yerushalaim
had taken counsel
for the sake of doing The Passover
in the second month.

30:3 Indeed, they were not able to do it
at its appointed time
because the priests had not set themselves apart
to what was enough.
And the people had not been gathered to Yerushalaim.

30:4 And the matter seemed right
in the eyes of the king
and in the eyes of all the assembly.

30:5 And they established the matter,
for the sake of passing over into all Yisra'el,
from Be'ersheba, even as far as Dan,
to come for the sake of doing
The Passover to **YAHWEH**,
The Elohim of Yisra'el, at Yerushalaim
because they had not done it for a long time
according to what had been written.

30:6 And the runners went out with letters
from the king and his rulers
into all Yisra'el and Yahudah,
even with the command of the king saying
"Children of Yisra'el, return to **YAHWEH**,

The Elohim of Abraham, Yitzhak, and Yisra'el!
Then He will return to the remnant
of those who have escaped
from the hand of the kings of Ashshur.

30:7 And do not be like your fathers
or like your kindred
who acted unfaithfully against YAHWEH,
The Elohim of their fathers.
Then He gave them up to ruin
according to what you yourselves **תא** are seeing.

30:8 Now, do not stiffen your neck like your fathers.
Give the hand to YAHWEH.
And come to His Set Apart Place
which He has set apart to eternity.
And serve YAHWEH Himself **תא**, your Elohim!

Then He will turn back from you His fierce anger.

30:9 Indeed, if you will return to YAHWEH
your kindred and your children will have compassion
before the faces of their captors,
even for the sake of returning to this land.

Indeed, YAHWEH, your Elohim,
shows favor and is compassionate.
And he will not turn His face away from you
if you turn back to Him.”

30:10 And the runners were passing over
from city to city in the land of Ephraim and Menashe,
and as far as Zebulun.
But they were laughing at them and mocking at them.

30:11 However, men from Asher,
and from Menashe and from Zebulun
humbled themselves.
And they came to Yerushalaim.

30:12 The hand of YAHWEH was also on Yahudah
for the sake of giving to them a united heart
for the sake of doing the directive
of the king and the rulers,
according to the word of YAHWEH.

30:13 And many people
had been gathered to Yerushalaim
for the sake of doing
The Festival of Unleavened Bread *itself* **תא**
in the second month, an exceedingly great assembly.

30:14 And they rose up.
And they removed the slaughter sites themselves **תא**
which were in Yerushalaim.
And all the slaughter sites of incense themselves **תא**
they removed.
And they threw them into the wadi Kidron.

30:15 And they slaughtered The Passover
on the fourteenth day of the second month.

And the priests and the Levites had been humiliated.
And they set themselves apart.
And they brought the olahs to the House of YAHWEH.

30:16 And they stood in their place according to their regulations. According to the Torah of Moshe, the man of The Elohim, the priests sprinkled the blood itself **nx** from the hand of the Levites.

30:17 Indeed, many *were* in the assembly who had not set themselves apart.

And the Levites were over the slaughter of The Passover *lamb*s for all those not undefiled for the sake of setting them apart to **YAHWEH**.

30:18 Indeed, a multitude of the people, many from Ephraim and Menashe, Yissaskar and Zebulun had not undefiled themselves when they had eaten The Passover itself **nx**, contrary to what has been written.

Indeed, Hizkiyah himself prayed for them saying, "**YAHWEH**, He Who is good, provide atonement on behalf 30:19 of everyone whose heart has been prepared for the sake of seeking The Elohim, **YAHWEH**, The Elohim of his fathers, but he is not undefiled according to the purification of The Set Apart Place."

30:20 And **YAHWEH** listened attentively to Hizkiyah. And He healed the people themselves **nx**.

30:21 And the children of Yisra'el, those being found in Yerushalaim, did The Festival of Unleavened Bread itself **nx** seven days, with great joy.

And the Levites and the priests were giving praise to **YAHWEH** day by day with mighty instruments, to **YAHWEH**.

30:22 And Hizkiyah spoke to the heart of all the Levites, those having understanding, good knowledge of **YAHWEH**. And they ate that which was appointed itself **nx** seven days, sacrificing shelem offerings and giving thanks to **YAHWEH**, The Elohim of their fathers.

30:23 And all the assembly took counsel for the sake of doing it another seven days. And they did it another seven days with joy.

30:24 Indeed, Hizkiyah, king of Yahudah, raised for the assembly a thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep. And the rulers raised for the assembly a thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep. And priests to abundance set themselves apart.

30:25 And all the assembly of Yahudah rejoiced, and the priests and Levites, and all the assembly, those having come from Yisra'el, and the sojourners, those having come from the land of Yisra'el

and those dwelling in Yahudah.

30:26 And great joy existed in Yerushalaim.
Indeed, from the days of Shelomoh,
son of David, the king of Yisra'el,
nothing like of this *had been* in Yerushalaim.

30:27 And the priests, the Levites, stood up.
And they blessed the people *themselves* תנ.
And according to their sound *it* was heard.
And their prayer went up
to The Set Apart Dwelling place, to The Heaven.

Chapter 31

31:1 And at the completion of all this all Yisra'el,
those having been found,
went out to the cities of Yahudah.
And they smashed in pieces the sacred columns.
And they cut down the Asherim.
And they tore down the high places *themselves* תנ
and the slaughter sites *themselves* תנ
from all Yahudah, and Binyamin,
and in Ephraim and Menashe to completion.

And all the children of Yisra'el
returned to their own cities,
each man to his possession.

31:2 And Hizkiyah established
the divisions *themselves* תנ
of the priests and of the Levites within their divisions,
each man according to the order of his service
for the priests, and for Levites,
for olahs, and for shelem offerings,
for the sake of ministering
and for the sake of giving thanks,
and for the sake of praising
in the gates of the tents of **YAHWEH**.

31:3 And the king appointed
a portion of his possessions
for the olahs, for the morning and evening olahs,
and the olahs for the Sabbaths,
and for the New Moons,
and for the appointed times,
according to what has been written
in the Torah of **YAHWEH**.

31:4 And he spoke to the people,
those dwelling in Yerushalaim,
for the sake of giving a portion
to the priests and the Levites
in order that they are strengthened
according to The Torah of **YAHWEH**.

31:5 And as the word was spreading
the abundance of the children of Yisra'el,
the first fruits of grain, wine, and oil and honey,
and all the increase of the field, and the tithe
they brought in, everything to abundance.

31:6 And the children of Yisra'el and Yahudah,
those dwelling in the cities of Yahudah,
even they brought in the tithe of cattle and sheep.
and a tithe of the set apart things,

those being set apart to YAHWEH, their Elohim.
And they gave heaps, heaps.

31:7 In the third month they began
to lay the foundation of the heaps.
And in the seventh month they finished.

31:8 And Hizkiyah and the rulers came.
And they saw the heaps themselves nx.
And they blessed YAHWEH *Himself* nx
and His people *themselves* nx, Yisra'el.

31:9 And Hizkiyah inquired
with the priests and the Levites
concerning the heaps.

31:10 And Azaryah, the chief priest
from the house of Tzadok answered him.
And he said,
"From the beginning of the bringing
of the elevated gifts to The House of YAHWEH
we have been eating, even to satisfaction.
And there remains to abundance
because YAHWEH has blessed
His people themselves nx.
And that which is remaining is this multitude itself nx

31:11 And Hizkiyah told them
to prepare chambers in The House of YAHWEH.
And they prepared *them*.

31:12 And they brought in
the elevated gifts themselves nx,
and the tithes,
and the set apart things with faithfulness.

And Konanyah, the Levite, was ruler over them.
And Shim'l, his brother, was the next.

31:13 And Yehi'el, and Azazyah,
and Nahat, and Asah'el, and Yerimot,
and Yoza'bad, and Eli'el, and Yismakyah,
and Mahath, and Benayah were overseers
by the hand of Konanyah, and Shim'l, his brother,
according to the appointment of Hizkiyah, the king,
and Azaryah, the ruler of The House of YAHWEH.

31:14 And Kore, son of Yimnah, the Levite,
the keeper of The East Gate,
was over the voluntary offerings of YAHWEH
for the sake of distributing
the elevated offerings of YAHWEH
and the most set apart things.

31:15 And under his hand
were Eden, and Minyamin,
and Yahshua, and Shemayah,
Amaryah, and Shekanyah,
in the cities of the priests
for the sake of giving with faithfulness
to their kindred according to divisions,
with the great as with the small.

31:16 Apart from their genealogies
those males from three years old and upward

to all of those entering The House of YAHWEH
they gave a portion day by day for their service
according to their duties,
according to their divisions,
31:17 and to the priests themselves **תנ**,
those having enrolled themselves by genealogy
by the house of their father,
and to the Levites from twenty years old upward
according to their duties, according to their divisions,
31:18 and to all those having enrolled themselves
by genealogy with their little ones, and their wives,
their sons and daughters, to the entire assembly
because with their faithfulness
they set themselves apart with set-apartness.

31:19 And for the sons of Aharon,
the priests in the fields
of the open land of their cities,
in each and every city
were men who had been called by name
for the sake of giving portions
to all the males among the priests,
and to all those who had enrolled themselves
by genealogies among the Levites.

31:20 And Hizkiyah did this in all Yahudah.
And he did what was good,
and what was right,
and what was faithful
before the face YAHWEH, his Elohim.

31:21 And in every work that he began
in the service of The House of YAHWEH,
and in The Torah, and in the directive
was for the sake of seeking his Elohim
with all his heart.
He did *this*.
And he prospered.

Chapter 32

32:1 After these matters and this faithfulness,
Sancherib, king of Ashshur came.
And he entered Yahudah.
And he encamped against the fortified cities.
And he spoke for the sake
of breaking them open to him.

32:2 And Hizkiyah saw that Sancherib had come,
and his face was toward war against Yerushalaim,

32:3 and he took counsel
with his rulers and his mighty men
for the sake of stopping up the waters themselves **תנ**
of the springs which were outside the city.
And they helped him.

32:4 And many people had been assembled.
And they stopped up all the springs themselves **תנ**
and the stream itself **תנ** that was running
in the midst of the land saying,
“Why should the kings of Ashshur
come and find much water?”

32:5 And he strengthened himself.
And he built all the wall itself **תנ**

that had been broken.

And he caused it to go up to the towers.

And to the outside of the wall was another.

And he strengthened The Millo *itself* תנ,

The City of David.

And he made weapons to abundance and shields.

32:6 And he set commanders of war over the people.

And he assembled them to him

to the open space at the city gate.

And he spoke to their heart saying,

32:7 "Be strong and courageous!

Do not be afraid.

And do not be discouraged

before the face of the king of Ashshur

nor before the faces

of all the multitude that is with him.

Indeed, with us there are more than with him!

32:8 With him is an arm of flesh.

But with us is **YAHWEH**, our Elohim,

for the sake of helping us,

and for the sake of fighting our battles!"

And the people leaned upon the words

of Hizkiyah, king of Yahudah.

32:9 After this Sancherib, king of Ashshur,

sent his servants to Yerushalaim,

(But he himself was at Lachish

and all his power with him.)

to Hizkiyah, king of Yahudah,

and to all Yahudah who were in Yerushalaim, saying,

32:10 "Thus said Sancherib, king of Ashshur,

'On what are you yourselves תנ trusting

and remaining with a siege against Yerushalaim?

32:11 Is not Hizkiyah persuading you yourselves תנ

to give you yourselves תנ up

for the sake of dying by famine and by thirst saying,

"**YAHWEH**, our Elohim, will deliver us

from the hand of the king of Ashshur"?

32:12 'Has not Hizkiyah himself

removed his high places *themselves* תנ

and his slaughter sites *themselves* תנ,

and spoken to Yahudah and Yerushalaim saying,

"You are to prostrate yourselves

before one slaughter site.

And upon it you are to turn incense into smoke."?

32:13 Do you not know

what I myself and my fathers

have done to all the peoples of the lands?

Were the gods of the nations of those lands able?

Have they been able to deliver

their lands *themselves* תנ from my hand?

32:14 Who among all the gods of the nations,

those which my fathers devoted to destruction,

who was able to deliver his people *themselves* תנ

from my hand that your Elohim might be able

to deliver you yourselves תנ from my hand?

32:15 And now, do not let Hizkiyah

deceive you yourselves תנ

nor persuade you yourself **nx** according to this,
nor cause you to trust in Him
because no god of any nation or kingdom
is able to deliver his people from my hand
or from the hand of my fathers.

Also indeed, your Elohim,
will not deliver you yourself **nx**
from my hand!"

32:16 And his servants spoke even more
against **YAHWEH**, The Elohim,
and against Hizkiyah, His servant.

32:17 And he wrote letters
for the sake of defaming **YAHWEH**,
The Elohim of Yisra'el,
and for the sake of speaking against Him saying,
"As the gods of the nations of the lands
which have not delivered their people from my hand,
according to this, The Elohim of Hizkiyah
will not deliver His people from my hand."

32:18 And they called out with a loud voice
in the language of Yahudah
to the people of Yerushalaim who were on the wall
for the sake of frightening them
and for the sake of causing them to tremble,
in order to capture the city itself **nx**.

32:19 And they spoke against
The Elohim of Yerushalaim
as against the gods of the peoples of the earth,
the work of the hands of the human being.

32:20 And King Hizkiyah,
and Yeshayah, son of Amotz, the prophet,
prayed concerning this.
And they cried out to The Heavens.

32:21 And **YAHWEH** sent a messenger.
And he cut down every mighty man of strength,
and the ruler, and the commanders
in the camp of the king of Ashshur.
And he returned with shame of face to his own land.
And he went into the house of his gods.
And some of his offspring of his own loins
caused him to fall there by the sword.

32:22 And **YAHWEH** delivered
Hizkiyah himself **nx**
and those themselves **nx** dwelling in Yerushalaim
from the hand of Sancherib, king of Ashshur,
and from the hand of everyone.
And He guided them all around.

32:23 And many brought offerings to **YAHWEH**
at Yerushalaim,
and precious things to Hizkiyah, king of Yahudah.
And he was exalted in the eyes
of all the nations from then on.

32:24 In those very days
Hizkiyah had been sick,
to the point of death.

And he prayed to **YAHWEH**.
And He spoke to him.
And He gave a sign to him.

32:25 But Hizkiyah did not respond
according to the good concerning to him
because his heart was lifted up.
And wrath existed against him
and against Yahudah and Yerushalaim.

32:26 Then Hizkiyah humbled himself
on account of the pride of his heart,
he himself and those dwelling in Yerushalaim.
And the wrath of **YAHWEH** did not come upon them
in the days of Hizkiyah.

32:27 And there existed for Hizkiyah
exceedingly much riches and honor.
And he made treasuries for himself,
treasuries for silver, and for gold,
and for precious stones,
and for spices, and for shields,
and for all the desirable things,
32:28 and storehouses for the increase of grain,
and new wine, and oil,
and stalls for all kinds of livestock,
and folds for flocks.

32:29 And he made cities for himself,
and possessions of of flocks and herds to abundance
because **YAHWEH** had given to him much property.

32:30 And Hizkiyah himself had stopped up
the uppermost sources *themselves* **nx**
of the waters of Gihon
and directed them to the west side
of The City of David.
And Hizkiyah prospered in all his work.

32:31 However according to this,
on account of the envoys of the rulers of Babel
who had been sent to inquire of him
concerning the wonder that had been done in the land
YAHWEH abandoned him for the sake of testing him,
for the sake of knowing everything in his heart.

32:32 And the rest of the words of Hizkiyah
and his kindness, behold!
They are written in the vision
of Yeshayah, the prophet,
son of Amotz, on the scroll of the kings
of Yahudah and Yisra'el.

32:33 And Hizkiyah slept with his fathers.
And they buried him
in the upper tombs of the sons of David.
And all Yahudah and the inhabitants of Yerushalaim
honored him at his death.
And Menashe, his son, reigned in his place.

Chapter 33

33:1 Menashe was twelve years old at his reigning.
and he reigned fifty five years in Yerushalaim.

33:2 And he did what is bad
in the eyes of YAHWEH,
according to the detestable things of the nations
which YAHWEH had driven out
from before the faces of the children of Yisra'el.

33:3 And he turned back.
And he built the high places *themselves* **תנ**
which Hizkiyah, his father, had broken down.
And he erected slaughter sites for the Ba'als.
And he made Asherah *poles*.
And bowed himself down
to all the assembly of the skies.
And he served *they themselves* **תנ**.

33:4 And he built slaughter sites
in The House of YAHWEH,
of which YAHWEH had said,
"My name will be In Yerushalaim to eternity."

33:5 And he built slaughter sites
for all the assembly of the skies
in the two courtyards of The House of YAHWEH.

33:6 And he himself caused
his children *themselves* **תנ**
to pass over into fire
in the Valley of The Son of Hinnom.

And he practised fortune telling
And he practised divination and sorcery.
And he consulted mediums and wizards.
He multiplied the doing of what is bad
in the eyes of YAHWEH,
for the sake of provoking Him to anger.

33:7 And he placed a carved image *itself* **תנ**
of the idol which he had made
in The House of YAHWEH,
of which YAHWEH had said to David
and to Shelomoh, his son,
"In this House and in Yerushalaim,
which I have chosen from all the tribes of Yisra'el,
I will put My name *itself* **תנ** to eternity!

33:8 And I will not again remove
a foot *itself* **תנ** of Yisra'el from upon the soil
which I have established for the sake of your fathers,
if only they will keep watch for the sake of doing
everything *itself* **תנ** which I have given
as direction to them,
to all The Instruction, and the rules,
and the regulations,
by the hand of Moshe."

33:9 And Menashe caused Yahudah *itself* **תנ**
and those dwelling in Yerushalaim to go astray
for the sake of doing more evil
than the nations which YAHWEH
had destroyed from before the faces
of the children of Yisra'el.

33:10 And YAHWEH spoke to Menashe
and to his people.
But they did not pay attention.

33:11 Then **YAHWEH** brought against them
the commanders *themselves* **וְנָסְרוּ**
of the assembly of the king of Ashshur.
And they captured Menashe *himself* **וְנָסְרוּ** with hooks.
And they bound him with copper shackles.
And they caused him walk to Babel.

33:12 And when he was in distress
he sought the face *itself* **וְנָסְרוּ** of **YAHWEH**, his Elohim.
And he humbled himself exceedingly
before the face of The Elohim of his fathers,
33:13 And he prayed to Him.
And He was entreated by him
And He listened attentively to his request for favor.
And He caused him to return to Yerushalaim,
to his kingdom.

Then Menashe knew that **YAHWEH**,
He Himself, is The Elohim.

33:14 And after this he built a wall
outside by The City of David
on the west at Gihon, in the wadi,
and to the entrance of The Fish Gate.
And it went round to Ophel.
And he caused it to be exceedingly high.
And he placed commanders of the force
in all the fortified cities of Yahudah.

33:15 And he removed
the foreign gods *themselves* **וְנָסְרוּ**
and the carved image *itself* **וְנָסְרוּ**
from The House of **YAHWEH**,
and all the slaughter sites which he had built
on the mount of The House of **YAHWEH**
and in Yerushalaim.
And he threw them out of the city.

33:16 And he re-established
the slaughter site *itself* **וְנָסְרוּ** of **YAHWEH**.
And he sacrificed shelem offerings
and thank offerings on it.
And he spoke to Yahudah
for the sake serving **YAHWEH** *Himself* **וְנָסְרוּ**,
The Elohim of Yisra'el.

33:17 However, the people were still sacrificing
at the high places,
but only to **YAHWEH**, their Elohim.

33:18 And the rest of the words of Menashe,
his prayer to his Elohim,
and the words of the seers,
those speaking to him in the name of **YAHWEH**,
The Elohim of Yisra'el, behold!
They are written on the scroll of the kings of Yisra'el.

33:19 And his prayer, and his plea for favor,
and all his offenses, and his unfaithful acts,
and the places on which he built high places
and stood up the Asherim and the carved images
before he had been humbled, behold!
They have been written with the words of the seers.

33:20 And Menashe slept with his fathers.

And they buried him in his own house.
And his son, Amon, reigned in his place.

33:21 Amon was twenty two years old
at his reigning.
And he reigned two years in Yerushalaim.

33:22 And he did what is bad
in the eyes of YAHWEH
like his father, Menashe, had done.

And Amon sacrificed to all the carved images
which his father, Menashe, had made.
And he served them.

33:23 And he did not humble himself
before the face of YAHWEH
as his father, Menashe, had humbled himself.
Indeed, Amon acted unfaithfully more and more.

33:24 And his servants conspired against him.
And they killed him in his own house.

33:25 But the people of the land struck
all those themselves **nx**
who had conspired against King Amon.
And the people of the land caused Yoshiyah, his son,
to reign in his place.

Chapter 34

34:1 Yoshiyah was eight years old at his reigning.
And he reigned thirty one years in Yerushalaim.

34:2 And he did what was right
in the eyes of YAHWEH.
And he walked in the ways of David, his father.
And he did not turn aside, right or left.

34:3 And in the eighth year of his reigning,
and he was still young,
he began to seek for The Elohim of David, his father.

And in the twelfth year he began
to purify Yahudah itself **nx** and Yerushalaim
from the high places, and the Asherim,
and the carved images, and the molten images.

34:4 And they broke down
the slaughter sites themselves **nx** of the Ba'als.
And the sun pillars
which were above them he had cut down.
And the Asherim, and the carved images,
and the molten images he had them break in pieces.
And they crushed them to powder before his face.
And he scattered it upon the graves
of those sacrificing to them.

34:5 And the bones of the priests
he had burned on their slaughter sites.
And he purified Yahudah itself **nx**
and Yerushalaim itself **nx**.

34:6 and in the cities of Menashe,
and Ephraim, and Shim'on, as far as Naphtali,
in the mountain of their houses all around.

34:7 And he broke down

the slaughter sites *themselves* תנ
and the Asherim *themselves* תנ.

And the carved images had crushed into dust.
And all the sun pillars he had cut down
in all the land of Yisra'el.
And he returned to Yerushalaim.

34:8 And in the eighteenth year of his reign,
for the sake of purifying the land and The House,
he sent Shaphan *himself* תנ, son of Atzalyah,
and Ma'aseyah *himself* תנ, ruler of the city,
and Yo'ah *himself* תנ, son of Yo'ahaz, the recorder,
for the sake of having repaired
The House *itself* תנ of YAHWEH, his Elohim.

34:9 And they went to Hilkiyah, the great priest.
And they gave the silver *itself* תנ
which had been brought to The House of YAHWEH
which the Levites had collected,
those keeping watch of the doors,
from the hand of Menashe and Ephraim,
and from all the remnant of Yisra'el,
and from all of Yahudah and Binyamin,
and those dwelling Yerushalaim.

34:10 And they gave it into the hands
of those doing the work,
those having oversight in The House of YAHWEH.
And they gave it *itself* תנ to the workmen
who were working in The House of YAHWEH
for the sake of repairing
and for the sake of strengthening The House.

34:11 And they gave it
to the craftsmen and to the builders
for the sake of buying hewn stone and timber
for couplings and for beams
for the houses *themselves* תנ
which the kings of Yahudah had destroyed.

34:12 And the men were doing the work
with faithfulness according to the task.
And over them were overseers,
Yahath and Obadyah of the Levites,
from the sons of Merari,
and Zekaryah and Meshullam
from the sons of the Kohathites
for the sake of overseeing, and the Levites,
everyone having understanding
with instruments of music,

34:13 and over those carrying burdens,
and overseers for everyone doing work
in any kind of service.
And from the Levites *there were* scribes,
and officers, and gatekeepers.

34:14 And when they brought out the silver *itself* תנ,
that which had been brought into
the House of YAHWEH,
Hilkiyah, the priest, found
The Scroll *itself* תנ of The Torah of YAHWEH,
by the hand of Moshe.

34:15 And Hilkiyah responded.
And he said to Shaphan, the scribe,

"I have found The Scroll of The Torah
in The House of YAHWEH."
And Hilkiyah gave The Scroll *itself* **nx** to Shaphan.

34:16 And Shaphan brought
The Scroll *itself* **nx** to the king.
And he returned word again
to the king *himself* **nx** saying,
"All that has been given into the hand of your servants
they are doing.

34:17 And they have poured out the silver *itself* **nx**,
that which had been found in The House of YAHWEH.
And they have given it into the hands
of those being overseers
and into the hands of those doing the work."

34:18 And Shaphan the scribe
informed the king saying,
"A scroll has been given to me
by Hilkiyah, the priest."
And Shaphan read with it
before the face of the king.

34:19 And it was as the king
was listening attentively
to the words *themselves* **nx** of The Torah.
And he tore his garments *themselves* **nx**.

34:20 And the king commanded
Kilkiyah *himself* **nx**,
Ahikam *himself* **nx**, son of Shaphan,
and Abdon *himself* **nx**, son of Miykah,
and Shaphan *himself* **nx**, the scribe,
and Asayah *himself* **nx**, a servant of the king, saying,

34:21 "Go! Inquire of YAHWEH *Himself* **nx**
on behalf of me and on behalf of those remaining
in Yisra'el and in Yahudah
concerning the words of the scroll
which has been found.
Indeed, great is the wrath of YAHWEH
which has been poured out on us
on account of our fathers not having protected
the word *itself* **nx** of YAHWEH
for the sake of doing according to
all that has been written upon this scroll."

34:22 And Kilkiyah and those who were of the king
went to Huldah, the prophetess, wife of Shallum,
son of Tokahat, son of Hasrah,
the one keeping the wardrobe.
And she was dwelling in Yerushalaim
in the Second Quarter.
And they spoke to her according to this.

34:23 And she said to them,
"Thus said YAHWEH, The Elohim of Yisra'el,
'Say to the man who sent you *yourselves* **nx** to Me,

34:24 "Thus said YAHWEH,
'Behold!
I am bringing evil upon this place
and on its inhabitants,
all the curses *themselves* **nx**,
those having been written upon the scroll
which they have read out loud

before face of the king of Yahudah,
34:25 because of how they have abandoned Me,
and have turned incense into smoke
for the sake of other gods
for the sake of provoking Me to anger
with all the works of their hands.

And I will pour out My wrath on this place.
And it will not be quenched! ” ’

34:26 And to the king of Yahudah,
the one sending you yourselves **תא**
for the sake of inquiring with YAHWEH,
thus you are to say to him,
‘Thus said YAHWEH, The Elohim of Yisra’el,
Whose words you have heard,
34:27 “Because your heart was tender,
and you humbled yourself
before the face of YAHWEH
as you were hearing His words themselves **תא**
against this place and against those dwelling in it,
and you were humble before My face,
and you tore your garments themselves **תא**,
and you wept before My face,
I also, I Myself, have listened attentively!”
- A declaration of YAHWEH. -

34:28 Behold!
I am gathering you to your fathers.
And you will be gathered to your grave in shalom.
And your eyes will not see
according to all the evil which I Myself am bringing
against this place and against those dwelling in it.” ’

And they returned word to the king himself **תא**.

34:29 And the king sent.
And he gathered all the elders themselves **תא**
of Yahudah and Yerushalaim.

34:30 And the king went up
to the House of YAHWEH,
and all the men of Yahudah
and the inhabitants of Yerushalaim,
and the priests, and the Levites,
and all the people, from great even to small.

And he read in their hearing
all the words themselves **תא**
of The Scroll of The Covenant,
that having been found in The House of YAHWEH.

34:31 And the king stood in his place.
And he cut The Covenant itself **תא**
before the face of YAHWEH
for the sake of walking after YAHWEH,
and for the sake of protecting
His directives themselves **תא**
and His testimonies, and His rules
with all his heart and all his life,
for the sake of doing the words themselves **תא**
of The Covenant,
those having been written on this scroll.

**Note: Lest you miss this, this is a complete renewal of
The Covenant of Sinai.**

34:32 And he caused to stand
all those *themselves* nx having been found
in Yerushalaim and Binyamin.

And those dwelling in Yerushalaim
did according to The Covenant of YAHWEH,
The Elohim of their fathers.

34:33 And Yoshiyah removed
all the detestable things *themselves* nx
from all the lands
that belonged to the children of Yisra'el.
And he caused all those *themselves* nx
who had been found in Yisra'el
to serve YAHWEH *Himself* nx, their Elohim.

All his days they did not turn aside
from following YAHWEH,
The Elohim of their fathers.

Chapter 35

35:1 And Yoshiyah prepared a Passover
in Yerushalaim to YAHWEH.
And they slaughtered The Passover
on the fourteenth day of the first month.

35:2 And he stationed the priests over their duties.
And he strengthened them for the service
of The House of YAHWEH.

35:3 And he said to the Levites,
those causing understanding for all Yisra'el,
those set apart to YAHWEH,
"Put The Set Apart Chest *itself* nx
in The House which Shelomoh, son of David,
king of Yisra'el, built.
It is no longer a burden for you upon the shoulders.
Now, serve YAHWEH *Himself* nx, your Elohim,
and His people *themselves* nx, Yisra'el.

35:4 And prepare by the houses of the fathers
according to your divisions by the writing of David,
king of Yisra'el, and by the writing
of Shelomoh his son.

35:5 And stand in The Set Apart Place,
by divisions, the houses of the fathers
for your kindred, the children of the people,
and a division of the house
of the fathers for the Levites,

35:6 and slaughter The Passover.

And set yourselves apart.
And prepare for your kindred, for the sake of doing
according to the word of YAHWEH
by the hand of Moshe."

35:7 And Yoshiyah raised
for the children of the people
a flock of lambs and kids of the goats
everything for The Passover sacrifices
for for all those having been found
to the number of thirty thousand,
and three thousand bulls

from the king's possessions.

35:8 And his rulers willingly raised
for the people, for the priests, and for the Levites.

Hilkiyah, and Zekaryah, and Yehi'el,
rulers of The House of YAHWEH,
gave to the priests for The Passover sacrifices
two thousand six hundred *lambs*,
and three hundred bulls.

35:9 And Konanyah, and Shemayah
and Netan'el, his brothers,
and Hashabiyah, and Ye'i'el, and Yozabad,
rulers of the Levites,
gave to the Levites for The Passover sacrifices
five thousand *lambs*, and five hundred bulls.

35:10 And the service was prepared.
And the priests stood in their places,
and the Levites in their divisions
according to the command of the king,

35:11 And they slaughtered The Passover.
And the priests sprinkled from their hands.
And the Levites were skinning.

35:12 And they removed the olahs
for the sake of giving them to the divisions
of the houses of the fathers
for the people to bring near to YAHWEH
according to what is written in the Book of Moshe,
and likewise with the bulls.

35:13 And they roasted The Passover in fire
according to the regulation.
And the set apart things they boiled
in pots, and in cauldrons, and in pans.
And brought them quickly
to all children of the people.

35:14 And afterward they prepared
for themselves and for the priests,
because the priests, the sons of Aharon,
were offering the olahs and the fat until night.

And the Levites prepared for themselves
and for the priests, the sons of Aharon.

35:15 And those singing, the sons of Asaph,
were in their places according to the command
of David, and Asaph, and Heman,
and Yeduthun, the seer of the king.
And the gatekeepers for each gate,
it was not for them to leave their service,
because their kindred, the Levites,
had prepared for them.

35:16 And all the service of YAHWEH
was prepared on that day,
for the sake of doing The Passover
and to offer up olahs
on the slaughter site of YAHWEH
according to the command of the king, Yoshiyah.

35:17 And those having been found

of the children of Yisra'el
made The Passover itself **nx** at that time,
and The Festival of Unleavened Bread itself **nx**
for seven days.

35:18 And a Passover like it
had not been done in Yisra'el
from the days of Shemu'el, the prophet.

And none of the kings of Yisra'el
had made such a Passover
like what Yoshiyah had done,
and the priests, and the Levites,
and all Yahudah and Yisra'el,
those having been found,
and those dwelling in Yerushalaim.

35:19 In the eighteenth year
of the kingdom of Yoshiyah
this Passover was done.

35:20 After all this when Yoshiyah had prepared
The House itself **nx**,
Nekho, king of Mitsraim, came up
for the sake of fighting against KarKemish,
beside The Euphrates.
And Yoshiyah went out to encounter him.

35:21 And he sent messengers to him saying,
"What is it to me and to you, king of Yahudah?
It does not concern you, you yourself **nx**, this day,
but rather *it is* against the house of my fighting.
And **YAHWEH** had told me to make haste.
Desist from **YAHWEH**, who is with me,
Then He, will not He destroy you."

35:22 But Yoshiyah did not turn his face from him.
Indeed, he disguised himself
for the sake of fighting against him.
And he did not listen attentively
to the words of Nekho
from the mouth of **YAHWEH**.
And he went for the sake of fighting
into The Valley of Megiddo.

35:23 And the archers shot at King Yoshiyah.
And the king said to his servants,
"Cause me to pass over!
Indeed, I have been wounded exceedingly!"

35:24 And his servants caused him to pass over
from the chariot.
And they put him in a second chariot that was his
And they went with him to Yerushalaim.
And he died.
And he was buried in one of the tombs of his fathers.
And all Yahudah and Yerushalaim
were mourning themselves over Yoshiyah.

35:25 And Yirmeyah was lamenting for Yoshiyah.

And all the men singing with their lamentations
and the women singing
speak of Yoshiyah until this day.
And they made it a rule within Yisra'el.

And behold!
They have been written in The Lamentations.

35:26 And the rest of the words of Yoshiyah,
and his kindnesses
according to what has been written
in The Torah of YAHWEH,
35:27 and his words,
from the first to the last, behold!
They are written on the scroll
of the kings of Yisra'el and Yahudah.

Chapter 36

36:1 And the people of the land
took Yaho'ahaz himself **nx**, son of Yoshiyah.
And they caused him to reign in place of his father
in Yerushalaim.

36:2 Yaho'ahaz was twenty three years old
at his reigning.
And he reigned three months in Yerushalaim.

36:3 And the king of Mitsraim
turned him aside in Yerushalaim.
And he imposed on the land itself **nx**
a levy of one hundred talents
of silver and a talent of gold.

36:4 And the king of Mitsraim caused his brother,
Elyakim himself **nx**, to reign
over Yahudah and Yerushalaim.
And changed his name itself **nx** to Yahoyakim.

And Yaho'ahaz himself **nx**, his brother, Nekho took.
And he brought him to Mitsraim.

36:5 Yahoyakim was twenty five years old
at his reigning.
And he reigned eleven years in Yerushalaim.
And he did what is bad in the eyes
of YAHWEH, his Elohim.

36:6 Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel,
came up against him.
And he bound him in copper shackles
to cause him to go to Babel.
36:7 And Nebukadnetzar brought some of the utensils
from The House of YAHWEH to Babel.
And he set them in his temple at Babel.

36:8 And the rest of the words of Yahoyakim,
the detestable things which he had done,
and what was found against him, behold!
They have been written on the scroll
of the kings of Yisra'el and Yahudah.

And Yahoyakin, his son, reigned in his place.
36:9 Yahoyakin was eight years old at his reigning.
And he reigned in Yerushalaim
three months and ten days.
And he did what is bad in the eyes of YAHWEH.

36:10 And at the turn of the year
Nebukadnetzar the king sent.
And he brought him to Babel

with precious utensils from The House of YAHWEH.

And he caused Tzidkiyah *himself* נח,
Yahoyakim's brother, to reign
over Yahudah and Yerushalaim.

36:11 Tzidkiyah was twenty one years old
at his reigning.
And he reigned eleven years in Yerushalaim.

36:12 And he did what is bad
in the eyes of YAHWEH, his Elohim.
He had not been humbled
before the face of Yirmeyah, the prophet,
by the mouth of YAHWEH.

36:13 And also, he rebelled
against King Nebukadnetzar
who had caused him to swear by YAHWEH.
And he stiffened *his neck itself* נח,
And he hardened *his heart itself* נח
from turning back to YAHWEH, The Elohim of Yisra'el.

36:14 Also, all the rulers of the priests
and the people acted unfaithfully more and more,
according to all the detestable things of the nations,.
And they defiled The House *itself* נח of YAHWEH
which He had set apart in Yerushalaim.

36:15 And YAHWEH, The Elohim of their fathers,
sent to them by the hand of His messengers,
rising up early and sending them,
because He had compassion upon His people
and upon His dwelling place.

36:16 But they were mocking
against the messengers of YAHWEH.
And they were dishonoring His words.
And they were scoffing at His prophets
until the wrath of YAHWEH
rose up against His people
until there was no healing.

36:17 And He brought against them
the king himself נח of the Kasdim.
And he killed their young men with the sword
in The House of their Set Apart Place.
And he had no pity
concerning a young man or a virgin,
or the aged or the infirm.
He gave everything into his hand.

36:18 And all the furnishings
from The House of YAHWEH,
the great and the small,
and the treasures of The House of YAHWEH,
and the treasures of the king and of his rulers,
everything, he brought to Babel.

36:19 And they burned
The House itself נח of YAHWEH.
And they tore down
the wall itself נח of Yerushalaim.
And all its fortresses they burned with fire.
And they all its desirable things they destroyed.

36:20 And those who escaped from the sword
he exiled to Babel.

And they existed as slaves to him and to his sons
until the reigning of the kingdom of Persia

36:21 for the sake of fulfilling
the word of **YAHWEH** by the mouth of Yirmeyah,
until the land had enjoyed
her Sabbaths *themselves* **תנ**.

All the days she was desolated she rested
for the sake of fulfilling seventy years.

36:22 And in the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia,
for the sake of completing the word of **YAHWEH**
by the mouth of Yirmeyah,

YAHWEH stirred up *the breath itself* **תנ**
of Cyrus, king of Persia.

And he passed over, by voice, a proclamation
into all his kingdom.

And he also put it in writing saying,

36:23 "Thus said Cyrus, king of Persia,
'YAHWEH, The Elohim of The Heavens,
has given to me all the kingdoms of the earth.

And He Himself has charged me
to build for Him a house in Yerushalaim,
which is in Yahudah.

Whoever is among you from all His people,
may **YAHWEH**, his Elohim be with him.

And let him go up! "