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of 251 Years
Throughout the Old Testament

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(Chronology and Family Trees)

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INTRODUCTION

We are all so certain there's nothing new that hasn't already been discovered about the Bible. It has been a best seller every year. Thousands of books about the Bible are in libraries and bookstores. They have greatly influenced our views regarding evolution and creation. We use them to speculate on the significance of first century events and the "time of the end". Nevertheless, this work is new and different.

Various states are now requiring schools to expose their students to biblical studies as a form of cultural appreciation. There is fear the next generation will be more ignorant about the Bible than all previous generations if we do not intervene. The following should help each of us relay the Bible story to our own grandkids:

Adam was created in the beginning of all 251-year eras. Noah was 502 (251×2) when Shem was born. Shem outlived the Flood 502 years and died 101 years before Joseph was born. By mixing two versions of the story, one could wrongly surmise that Noah was 251 at the Flood. Babel fell and the nations were divided when Peleg was born, 101 years after the Flood, 1757 (251×7) years after Adam, and Abraham was born 251 years after that. Life spans of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (175, 180, 147) totaled 502 years.

Joseph was born 251 years after Abraham and was 39 when his family entered Egypt. He would have been 251 if he had lived until the exodus, when they took his bones from Egypt. Strangely nothing is recorded after the second year until the 39th year in the wilderness. In the 39th year, Moses' brother and sister die, and this is 251 years after Joseph's family had entered Egypt.

In the 40th year, Moses conquered the east side of the Jordan river and died. Thus ends the story according to Moses, and Joshua takes over in crossing the Jordan.

We will investigate to find the pattern continuing after the death of Moses.

Ussher's Figures

Archbishop James Ussher published *The Annals of the World*, in 1650. It is a chronology back to Adam. He dated births, deaths and other events by counting the years AM (After Man), but he never discovered the 251-year pattern:

Shem was born when Noah was 502, and Shem continued to live for 502 years after the flood (pages 21 & 27).

1757 AM: Babel fell at the time Peleg was born (page 21).

2008 AM: Abraham was born (page 22).

2259 AM: Joseph was born (page 29).

2513 AM: The Exodus (page 39).

Now each of these numbers is divisible by 251 except 2513. It should be 2510 AM, but Ussher made a 3-year mistake for the period between Abraham and the exodus. He was correct in saying the exodus was 430 after Abraham's calling, but he was called before he was 75, before his father died in Haran (Acts 7:2-4). Joseph says Moses was born about 170 years after the birth of Joseph. So Joseph would have

been about 251 if he had lived until the exodus. Ussher himself said there were 40 years between the death of Levi and the birth of Moses. Levi was six years older than Joseph. In these views, Abraham would have been 72 + 430 years old, that is, 502, if he had lived until the exodus.

Moreover, other chronologists have used these same eras, and they are not some new way of manipulating the numbers to create a sensational, new scheme. Ezra evidently knew of the 251-year pattern for he and Samuel and Moses divided some of their books at the beginning or ending of a 251-year era. Nevertheless, the 251-year pattern has not been rediscovered until now.

This work is an update on Ussher's work of 1650 AD, which was an improvement on Eusebius' work of 325 AD, which was an improvement of Josephus' work of 70 AD, which was an improvement of Ezra's work of 539 BC. The Romans gave Josephus the books of the temple prior to burning the temple in 70 AD, which undoubtedly included the works of Ezra.

The good news is that, even though there are 39 books in the Old Testament, we need to read only nine to get a complete chronology from Genesis to Nehemiah, from the beginning to the end of the Old Testament.

1. **Genesis begins a 251-year era:** covers 2259 years (251 x 9) plus 110 years, until Joseph dies in Egypt. Joseph would have been 251 if he had lived until the exodus, when they carried his bones from Egypt. After 39 years in the wilderness, Israel left Kadesh 251 years after the time Joseph's family had entered Egypt in his 39th year. Aaron and Miriam (Moses' siblings) both died at Kadesh in the wilderness in the 39th year, and Moses died in the 40th year, after conquering the land east of the Jordan River.

It would be tempting to conclude that, since Moses wrote the first five books, he was the creator of the 251-year pattern. However, starting with Exodus, the pattern outlives Moses and continues to the era of Jerusalem and perhaps to the Assyrian Captivity of Israel. Several problems need to be addressed and solved, such as, viewing the judges and kings as being contemporary or consecutive with each other. The choices become obvious in this work.

2. **Exodus begins a 251-year era:** There were 6 generations from the exodus to David, 14 from Abraham to David.

3. **Joshua:** After 40 years in the wilderness, the book of Joshua continues the timeline. Joshua ruled for 7 years and the elders ruled for 36 years. Or Joshua ruled for 7 years and the elders ruled for 33 years. Josephus says Joshua and the elders ruled for 43 years.

4. **Judges:** (including the oppressions) lasted either 111 or 339 or 450 years depending on whether they were contemporary or consecutive. In Acts 13:20, Paul chooses the consecutive, 111 plus 339 version. I. Kings 6: 1 undoubtedly prefers the 339 years, and Matthew 1:17 (along with recent work of Kenneth Kitchen and Jack Finegan's *Handbook of Bible Chronology*) are compatible with the 111 years.

5. **I. Samuel:** The book of I. Samuel begins with the death of Eli and covers the reigns of Samuel, Saul and David (until David's 7th year) for a total of 57 years, until the beginning of I. Chronicles.

6. **I. Chronicles begins a 251-year era** either at the beginning or at the ending of the book. More research is needed. It covers the 33-year reign of David after capturing Jerusalem, until the 1st year of Solomon, until the beginning of II. Chronicles.

7. **II. Chronicles** covers the 1st year of Solomon and ends with the Assyrians capturing 10 of the 12 tribes of Israel, **251 years** after Solomon's 1st year, 33 years after the founding of Rome. It then covers David's dynasty and the house of Judah down to 539 BC, which ends their 70 years of subjection to Egypt and Babylon as their overlords, subjection which began with the death of king Josiah in 609. It ends with Cyrus conquering Babylon and making a decree to rebuild Jerusalem **and** its temple.

8. **Ezra** begins with the fall of Babylon and introduces Cyrus of Persia and Cyrus' decree (after 539 BC) to release the Jews to return from Babylon and Persia to rebuild their temple in Jerusalem. Ezra returns a second time in 515 BC, in the 7th year of Darius (Artaxerxes), for temple celebrations, and, according to Ussher, this event was in the same year Esther became Queen of Persia. The temple was completed in the previous year, in 516.

9. **Nehemiah** left Persia in the 20th year of Darius (in 502 BC) and repaired the wall of Jerusalem in less than a year. Thus ends the restoration of Jerusalem in **502 BC**. Nehemiah remained the governor of Jerusalem until the 32nd year of Darius, when he visited Persia. In his absence, a "man of sin" married a Levite daughter and made his residence in the temple... until Nehemiah's surprising return with vengeance. Thus ends the Old Testament with an introduction of John the Baptist who would eventually arrive to forewarn the Jews about the fragility of the era of the temple during its last days (Malachi 4:5; Matthew 3:4).

Why Read This Book?

This work reveals a 251-year pattern in the Old Testament, which has been hidden since the days of Ezra and contains over 60 tables and charts that prove the pattern and make it easy to recognize.

The Christian era has many parallels to significant events of the Old Testament eras. If one is not familiar with the eras of the Old Testament, he will not recognize where events of the Christian era are often a reflection of the previous eras, and, by lacking this insight, he may be prone to make foolish conjecture based upon wild, unfounded speculation.

THE MYSTERIOUS ERAS OF THE HEBREWS RESTORED
Alternative View of the Ages *by Floyd R. Cox*

This is the first of a series of alternative views, revolutionary new insights hidden in the boring portions of the Bible usually skipped. The eras are not new and are taken straight from the context of the Bible, but nobody seems to have associated them with a pattern:

Issue #1: The 251-Year Era of Creation

Issue #2: The 251-Year Era of Joseph

Issue #3: The 251-Year Era of the Exodus

Issue #4: The 251-Year Era of Jerusalem

Issue #5: Issue #5: 502 Years to the Restoration

However, my paper versions of this work just sit around waiting to die--too many limitations. Putting them in a digitized format means I am virtually giving away several years of research. Nevertheless, these concepts need to be planted on the net where they might germinate, grow and even outlive us. I would like to send you a free issue each month.

So many just read the Bible until they reach “the begets” (who beget whom) and come to a screeching halt. Big mistake! That’s where the first key to the mysterious design of the ages is hidden! Babel fell when Peleg was born! Jacob wanted to return home when Joseph was born! Joseph became the center of the story about entering and leaving Egypt (when his bones were carried from Egypt).

Please don’t be discouraged by the number of pages. (Select the View/Zoom as 100%.) Scroll down to see the charts and the underscored numbers in the Bible text. Or use the scroll bar on the right to see the summary chart on the last page.

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FROM ADAM TO JOSEPH

(251 Years x 9)

A. Genesis: From Adam to the Fall of Babel, 1757 Years (251 x 7)

1. ¹In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. ²And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. ³And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. ⁴And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. ⁵And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

^{6:}And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. ^{7:}And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. ^{8:}And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

^{9:}And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. ^{10:}And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. ^{11:}And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. ^{12:}And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. ^{13:}And the evening and the morning were the third day.

^{14:}And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: ^{15:}And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. ^{16:}And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. ^{17:}And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, ^{18:}And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. ^{19:}And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

^{20:}And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. ^{21:}And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. ^{22:}And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. ^{23:}And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

^{24:}And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. ^{25:}And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. ^{26:}And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. ^{27:}So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

^{28:}And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. ^{29:}And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. ^{30:}And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

³¹:And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

2. ¹:Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²:And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. ³:And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

⁴:These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵:And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground. ⁶:But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

⁷:And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

⁸:And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹:And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰:And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. ¹¹:The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; ¹²:And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone. ¹³:And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. ¹⁴:And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

¹⁵:And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. ¹⁶:And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: ¹⁷:But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

¹⁸:And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. ¹⁹:And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. ²⁰:And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. ²¹:And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; ²²:And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. ²³:And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. ²⁴:Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. ²⁵:And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

3. ¹:Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of

every tree of the garden? ^{2:}And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: ^{3:}But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. ^{4:}And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: ^{5:}For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. ^{6:}And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

^{7:}And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. ^{8:}And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. ^{9:}And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? ^{10:}And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. ^{11:}And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? ^{12:}And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

^{13:}And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

^{14:}And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: ^{15:}And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. ^{16:}Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

^{17:}And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; ^{18:}Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; ^{19:}In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. ^{20:}And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. ^{21:}Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

^{22:}And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: ^{23:}Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. ^{24:}So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

TABLE 1. 251-Year Pattern in Two Different Texts

<i>Masoreh Text (Preserved in the King James Version)</i>		<i>Samaritan Text</i>	
	<i>Age at son's birth</i>		<i>Age at son's birth</i>
Adam	130		130
Seth	105		105
Enos	90		90
Cainan	70		70
Mahalaleel	65		65
Jared	162		62
Enoch	65		65
Methuselah	187		67
Lamech	<u>182</u>		<u>53</u>
Noah born	1056		707
Noah's age at Flood	<u>600</u>	+251	<u>600</u>
Adam to Flood	1656		1307
			1056 + 251 = 1307

Comparative Chronology:

In the Masoreh text, the flood was in 1656.

In the Samaritan text, Noah's death was in 1657.

In the Greek Septuagint text, Noah's birth was in 1656.

NOTE: The Masorah text preserved in the King James Version dates Noah's birth as 1056 years AM (After Man). The Samaritan text says the Flood was in 1307 AM. So was Noah 251 at the Flood? Of course not. It is not safe to mix two different versions.

4. ¹:And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. ²:And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

³:And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. ⁴:And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: ⁵:But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. ⁶:And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? ⁷:If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

⁸:And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. ⁹:And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? ¹⁰:And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. ¹¹:And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath

opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; ¹²When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

¹³And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.

¹⁵And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

¹⁶And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

¹⁷And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch. ¹⁸And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech. ¹⁹And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. ²⁰And Adah bare Jubal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle. ²¹And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ. ²²And Zillah, she also bare Tubal-cain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah. ²³And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt. ²⁴If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.

²⁵And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. ²⁶And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

5. ¹This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; ²Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

130 ³And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth: ⁴And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters: ⁵And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

105 ⁶And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos: ⁷And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters: ⁸And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.

90 ⁹And Enos lived ninety years, and begat Cainan: ¹⁰And Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters: ¹¹And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years:

and he died.

70 ^{12:}And Cainan lived seventy years, and begat Mahalaleel: ^{13:}And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters: ^{14:}And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.

65 ^{15:}And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared: ^{16:}And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters: ^{17:}And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

162 ^{18:}And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch: ^{19:}And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: ^{20:}And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.

65 ^{21:}And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: ^{22:}And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: ^{23:}And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: ^{24:}And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

187 ^{25:}And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech: ^{26:}And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters: ^{27:}And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

182 ^{28:}And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a
1056 son: ^{29:}And he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us
yrs. from concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which
Adam to the LORD hath cursed. ^{30:}And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five
Noah's hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters: ^{31:}And all the
birth days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.

^{32:}And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

6. ^{1:}And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, ^{2:}That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. ^{3:}And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

^{4:}There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. ^{5:}And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

^{6:}And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. ^{7:}And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

⁸:But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. ⁹:These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. ¹⁰:And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹:The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²:And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. ¹³:And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

¹⁴:Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. ¹⁵:And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. ¹⁶:A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it. ¹⁷:And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

¹⁸:But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. ¹⁹:And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. ²⁰:Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive. ²¹:And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them. ²²:Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

7. ¹:And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. ²:Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female. ³:Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. ⁴:For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

⁵:And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

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⁶:And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. ⁷:And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. ⁸:Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth, ⁹:There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

¹⁰:And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. ¹¹:In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. ¹²:And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. ¹³:In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons

of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; ^{14:}They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort. ^{15:}And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. ^{16:}And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.

^{17:}And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth. ^{18:}And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. ^{19:}And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. ^{20:}Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

^{21:}And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: ^{22:}All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. ^{23:}And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark. ^{24:}And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

8. ^{1:}And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged; ^{2:}The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained; ^{3:}And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated. ^{4:}And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat. ^{5:}And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

^{6:}And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made: ^{7:}And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. ^{8:}Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground; ^{9:}But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark. ^{10:}And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; ^{11:}And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. ^{12:}And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.

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¹³:And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry. ¹⁴:And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

¹⁵:And God spake unto Noah, saying, ¹⁶:Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. ¹⁷:Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth. ¹⁸:And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: ¹⁹:Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

²⁰:And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

²¹:And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. ²²:While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

9. ¹:And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. ²:And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. ³:Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

⁴:But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. ⁵:And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. ⁶:Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man. ⁷:And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

⁸:And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, ⁹:And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; ¹⁰:And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth. ¹¹:And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. ¹²:And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: ¹³:I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴:And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: ¹⁵:And I will

remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. ^{16:}And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. ^{17:}And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

^{18:}And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan. ^{19:}These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.

^{20:}And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: ^{21:}And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. ^{22:}And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. ^{23:}And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness. ^{24:}And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. ^{25:}And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. ^{26:}And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. ^{27:}God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. ^{28:}And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. ^{29:}And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.

10. ^{1:}Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.

^{2:}The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. ^{3:}And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. ^{4:}And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. ^{5:}By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

^{6:}And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan. ^{7:}And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan. ^{8:}And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. ^{9:}He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. ^{10:}And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. ^{11:}Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah, ^{12:}And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same is a great city. ^{13:}And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, ^{14:}And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (out of whom came Philistim,) and Caphtorim. ^{15:}And Canaan begat Sidon his firstborn, and Heth, ^{16:}And the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite, ^{17:}And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, ^{18:}And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad. ^{19:}And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha.

TABLE 2. Adam to the Fall of Babel (Peleg's Birth)

		<i>Age at son's birth</i>
	Adam	130
	Seth	105
	Enos	90
	Cainan	70
	Mahalaleel	65
	Jared	162
	Enoch	65
	Methuselah	187
	Lamech	182
<u>Noah was 502 at Shem's birth</u>	<u>Noah</u>	502
<u>Shem died 502 yrs. after flood.</u>	<u>Shem</u>	100
(502 = 251 x 2)	Arphaxad	35
	Salah	30
	Eber	34
To Fall of Babel	Peleg	1757 = 251 x 7
(Peleg's Birth)		

^{20:}These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.

^{21:}Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder, even to him were children born. ^{22:}The children of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram. ^{23:}And the children of Aram; Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash. ^{24:}And Arphaxad begat Salah; and Salah begat Eber.

Yr. 1757 | ^{25:}And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.

^{26:}And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazar-maveth, and Jerah, ^{27:}And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, ^{28:}And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba, ^{29:}And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all these were the sons of Joktan. ^{30:}And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar a mount of the east. ^{31:}These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations. ^{32:}These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

B. Genesis: From Fall of Babel to the Birth of Abraham, 251 Years.

11. ^{1:}And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. ^{2:}And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. ^{3:}And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. ^{4:}And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. ^{5:}And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

TABLE 3. *Fall of Babel to Abraham's Birth, 251 Years*

Yrs. from Adam to Fall of Babel (Peleg's Birth) =	1757	= 251 x 7
	<i>Age at son's birth</i>	
	Peleg	30
	Reu	32
	Serug	30
	Nahor	29
	Terah	130
To Abraham's birth	2008	= 251 x 8

⁶And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. ⁷Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

⁸So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. ⁹Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Flood: 1656 +2 (2+500 = 502)	¹⁰ These are the generations of Shem: Shem was an <u>hundred years old</u> , and begat Arphaxad <u>two years after the flood</u> : ¹¹ And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad <u>five hundred years</u> , and begat sons and daughters.
<u>35</u> 1693	¹² And Arphaxad lived <u>five and thirty years</u> , and begat Salah: ¹³ And Arphaxad lived after he begat Salah four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters. ¹⁴ And Salah lived <u>thirty years</u> , and begat Eber:
<u>30</u> 1723	¹⁵ And Salah lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.
<u>34</u> 1757	¹⁶ And Eber lived <u>four and thirty years</u> , and begat Peleg: ¹⁷ And Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters. ¹⁸ And Peleg lived <u>thirty years</u> , and begat Reu: ¹⁹ And Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.
30	²⁰ And Reu lived <u>two and thirty years</u> , and begat Serug: ²¹ And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.
32	²² And Serug lived <u>thirty years</u> , and begat Nahor: ²³ And Serug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.
<u>29</u>	²⁴ And Nahor lived <u>nine and twenty years</u> , and begat Terah: ²⁵ And
Terah born 1878	Nahor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.

<p>70 for Abram + <u>60</u> 2008</p> <p>Note when: Terah = 205 Abram = <u>75</u> 130</p> <p>2008 (251 x 8) Abraham born</p> <p>Conjecture: <u>72</u> 2080</p> <p>Note when: Terah = 205 Abram = <u>-75</u> 130</p> <p>2008 <u>+75</u> Ussher's fig. 2083</p> <p><u>430</u> Ussher's 2513 exodus from Egypt</p>	<p>²⁶:And Terah lived <u>seventy years</u>, and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran.</p> <p>²⁷:Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot. ²⁸:And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees. ²⁹:And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah. ³⁰:But Sarai was barren; she had no child.</p> <p>³¹:And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and <u>they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees</u>, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.</p> <p>NOTE: Acts 7:2-4, "The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran {before he was 75}... when his father was dead, he removed him into this land wherein ye now dwell."</p> <p>³²:And the days of Terah were <u>two hundred and five years</u>: and Terah died in Haran.</p> <p>12. ¹:Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: ²:And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: ³:And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.</p> <p>⁴:So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was <u>seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran</u>.¹</p>
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C. Genesis: From the birth of Abraham to the birth of Joseph, 251 years.

⁵:And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came. ⁶:And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.

⁷:And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him. ⁸:And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent,

¹ Abraham departed from Haran to go to Canaan after his father died at the age of 205, when Abraham was 75. Abraham was born when his father was 130.

having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD. ^{9:}And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south. ^{10:}And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land.

^{11:}And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon: ^{12:}Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive. ^{13:}Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee. ^{14:}And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair. ^{15:}The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. ^{16:}And he entreated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels.

^{17:}And the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife. ^{18:}And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife? ^{19:}Why saidst thou, She is my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take her, and go thy way. ^{20:}And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

13. ^{1:}And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south. ^{2:}And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. ^{3:}And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai; ^{4:}Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

^{5:}And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. ^{6:}And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. ^{7:}And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land. ^{8:}And

Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. ^{9:}Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left. ^{10:}And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. ^{11:}Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. ^{12:}Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom. ^{13:}But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

^{14:}And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: ^{15:}For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to

thy seed for ever. ¹⁶:And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. ¹⁷:Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee. ¹⁸:Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

14. ¹:And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations; ²:That these made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar. ³:All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is the salt sea.

⁴:Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled. ⁵:And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim, ⁶:And the Horites in their mount Seir, unto El-paran, which is by the wilderness. ⁷:And they returned, and came to En-mishpat, which is Kadesh, and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites that dwelt in Hazezon-tamar.

⁸:And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (the same is Zoar;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim; ⁹:With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five.

¹⁰:And the vale of Siddim was full of slimepits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain.

¹¹:And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way. ¹²:And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed. ¹³:And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eschol, and brother of Aner: and these were confederate with Abram. ¹⁴:And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan. ¹⁵:And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus. ¹⁶:And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

¹⁷:And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale. ¹⁸:And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. ¹⁹:And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: ²⁰:And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

²¹:And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself. ²²:And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth, ²³:That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich: ²⁴:Save only that which the young men have

eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

15. ¹:After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

²:And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus? ³:And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. ⁴:And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. ⁵:And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. ⁶:And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness. ⁷:And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

⁸:And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? ⁹:And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. ¹⁰:And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not. ¹¹:And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹²:And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him. ¹³:And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

¹⁴:And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. ¹⁵:And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. ¹⁶:But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.

¹⁷:And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. ¹⁸:In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: ¹⁹:The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, ²⁰:And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, ²¹:And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

16. ¹:Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar. ²:And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai. ³:And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

⁴:And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes. ⁵:And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee. ⁶:But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee.

And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face. ⁷:And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to

Shur. ⁸:And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai. ⁹:And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands. ¹⁰:And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. ¹¹:And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction. ¹²:And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

¹³:And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?

¹⁴:Wherefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered.

¹⁵:And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael.

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17. ¹:And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. ²:And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. ³:And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, ⁴:As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. ⁵:Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. ⁶:And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. ⁷:And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. ⁸:And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

⁹:And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. ¹⁰:This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised. ¹¹:And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. ¹²:And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed. ¹³:He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴:And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

¹⁵:And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. ¹⁶:And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

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^{18:}And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee! ^{19:}And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. ^{20:}And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. ^{21:}But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year. ^{22:}And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

^{23:}And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.

2008 +99 2107	^{24:} And <u>Abraham was ninety</u> years old <u>and nine</u> , when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ^{25:} And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.
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^{26:}In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son. ^{27:}And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

18. ^{1:}And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; ^{2:}And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, ^{3:}And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: ^{4:}Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: ^{5:}And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said. ^{6:}And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth. ^{7:}And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it. ^{8:}And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

^{9:}And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. ^{10:}And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him. ^{11:}Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ^{12:}Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? ^{13:}And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? ^{14:}Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son. ^{15:}Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

^{16:}And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way. ^{17:}And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; ^{18:}Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ^{19:}For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

^{20:}And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; ^{21:}I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know. ^{22:}And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

^{23:}And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? ^{24:}Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? ^{25:}That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? ^{26:}And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

^{27:}And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes: ^{28:}Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it.

^{29:}And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake. ^{30:}And he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.

^{31:}And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there.

And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake. ^{32:}And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake. ^{33:}And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

19. ^{1:}And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; ^{2:}And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. ^{3:}And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

^{4:}But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: ^{5:}And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

⁶:And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, ⁷:And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. ⁸:Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

⁹:And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.

¹⁰:But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door. ¹¹:And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

¹²:And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place: ¹³:For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.

¹⁴:And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

¹⁵:And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. ¹⁶:And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

¹⁷:And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

¹⁸:And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord: ¹⁹:Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die: ²⁰:Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.

²¹:And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken. ²²:Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. ²³:The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

²⁴:Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; ²⁵:And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. ²⁶:But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

²⁷:And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD: ²⁸:And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.

²⁹:And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt. ³⁰:And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt

in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

³¹:And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth: ³²:Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. ³³:And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. ³⁴:And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our Father. ³⁵:And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. ³⁶:Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father. ³⁷:And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day. ³⁸:And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Benammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.

20. ¹:And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.

²:And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah. ³:But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife. ⁴:But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation? ⁵:Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this. ⁶:And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her. ⁷:Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.

⁸:Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid. ⁹:Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done. ¹⁰:And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing? ¹¹:And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake. ¹²:And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife. ¹³:And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt shew unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother.

¹⁴:And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and womenservants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife. ¹⁵:And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee. ¹⁶:And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, he is to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that are with thee, and with all other: thus she was

reproved. ¹⁷:So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children. ¹⁸:For the LORD had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife.

	21 ¹ :And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken. ² :For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. ³ :And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac. ⁴ :And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵ :And Abraham was an <u>hundred years old</u> , when his son Isaac was born unto him.
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⁶:And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me. ⁷:And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born him a son in his old age.

	⁸ :And <u>the child grew, and was weaned</u> : and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹ :And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking. ¹⁰ :Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.
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Note: Gen. 15:13-16 says Abraham's "seed" would be afflicted in a strange land 400 years and would return. Figures indicate this period began in 2110, when Ishmael returned to his mother's home near Egypt, 30 years after Abraham was called. According to Ussher's *Annals of the World* (pg. 26), Isaac was weaned in the year 2113, not 2110. His figures rely on Abraham being called at the age of 75, when he was at Haran, not 3 years previously, while he was in Ur.

¹¹:And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son. ¹²:And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called. ¹³:And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed.

¹⁴:And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. ¹⁵:And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs. ¹⁶:And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice, and wept. ¹⁷:And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is. ¹⁸:Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation.

¹⁹:And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink. ²⁰:And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer. ²¹:And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

²²:And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Phichol the chief captain of his host spake unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest: ²³:Now

therefore swear unto me here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: but according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned. ^{24:}And Abraham said, I will swear.

^{25:}And Abraham reprov'd Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away. ^{26:}And Abimelech said, I wot not who hath done this thing: neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it, but to day. ^{27:}And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant. ^{28:}And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves. ^{29:}And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What mean these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves? ^{30:}And he said, For these seven ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well. ^{31:}Wherefore he called that place Beer-sheba; because there they sware both of them. ^{32:}Thus they made a covenant at Beer-sheba: then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.

^{33:}And Abraham planted a grove in Beer-sheba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God. ^{34:}And Abraham sojourn'd in the Philistines' land many days.

22. ^{1:}And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. ^{2:}And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

^{3:}And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. ^{4:}Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. ^{5:}And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you, ^{6:}And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

^{7:}And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? ^{8:}And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. ^{9:}And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. ^{10:}And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

^{11:}And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. ^{12:}And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

^{13:}And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. ^{14:}And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh:

as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen. ^{15:}And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, ^{16:}And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: ^{17:}That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; ^{18:}And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

^{19:}So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba. ^{20:}And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, Milcah, she hath also born children unto thy brother Nahor; ^{21:}Huz his firstborn, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram, ^{22:}And Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel. ^{23:}And Bethuel begat Rebekah: these eight Milcah did bear to Nahor, Abraham's brother. ^{24:}And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, she bare also Tebah, and Gaham, and Thahash, and Maachah.

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^{2:}And Sarah died in Kirjath-arba; the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.

^{3:}And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spake unto the sons of Heth, saying, ^{4:}I am a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a burying place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight. ^{5:}And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him, ^{6:}Hear us, my lord: thou art a mighty prince among us: in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead.

^{7:}And Abraham stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, even to the children of Heth. ^{8:}And he communed with them, saying, If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight; hear me, and intreat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar, ^{9:}That he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which is in the end of his field; for as much money as it is worth he shall give it me for a possession of a buryingplace amongst you. ^{10:}And Ephron dwelt among the children of Heth: and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the audience of the children of Heth, even of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying, ^{11:}Nay, my lord, hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave that is therein, I give it thee; in the presence of the sons of my people give I it thee: bury thy dead.

TABLE 4. *Fall of Babel to Joseph's Birth, 251 Years x 2*

Yrs. from Adam to Fall of Babel 1757 = 251 x 7
(Peleg's Birth) =

<i>Age at son's birth</i>			
Peleg	30		
Reu	32		
Serug	30		
Nahor	29		
		After	Total

	Terah	130		son's	life
To Abraham's birth		2008	= 251 x 8	birth	span ²
	Abraham	100	.....>	75	175
	Isaac	60	.....>	120	180
	Jacob	91	.....>	<u>56</u>	<u>147</u>
To Joseph's birth		2259	= 251 x 9	251	502
					(251 x 2)

¹²:And Abraham bowed down himself before the people of the land. ¹³:And he spake unto Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, saying, But if thou wilt give it, I pray thee, hear me: I will give thee money for the field; take it of me, and I will bury my dead there. ¹⁴:And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him, ¹⁵:My lord, hearken unto me: the land is worth four hundred shekels of silver; what is that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead. ¹⁶:And

Abraham hearkened unto Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current money with the merchant. ¹⁷:And the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about, were made sure ¹⁸:Unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city.

¹⁹:And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre: the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan. ²⁰:And the field, and the cave that is therein, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a buryingplace by the sons of Heth.

24. ¹:And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. ²:And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh: ³:And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell: ⁴:But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

⁵:And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest? ⁶:And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again. ⁷:The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence. ⁸:And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again. ⁹:And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and sware to him concerning that matter.

² 175 = 5² x 7. 180 = 6² x 5. 147 = 7² x 3.

^{10:}And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor. ^{11:}And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water. ^{12:}And he said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham. ^{13:}Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: ^{14:}And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.

^{15:}And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. ^{16:}And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up. ^{17:}And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher. ^{18:}And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hastened, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. ^{19:}And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking. ^{20:}And she hastened, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels.

^{21:}And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not. ^{22:}And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold; ^{23:}And said, Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in? ^{24:}And she said unto him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor. ^{25:}She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in. ^{26:}And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD. ^{27:}And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.

^{28:}And the damsel ran, and told them of her mother's house these things. ^{29:}And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well. ^{30:}And it came to pass, when he saw the earring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well. ^{31:}And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the LORD; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels. ^{32:}And the man came into the house: and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that were with him.

^{33:}And there was set meat before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said, Speak on. ^{34:}And he said, I am Abraham's servant. ^{35:}And the LORD hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and

camels, and asses. ^{36:}And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath. ^{37:}And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell: ^{38:}But thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son. ^{39:}And I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not follow me. ^{40:}And he said unto me, The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house: ^{41:}Then shalt thou be clear from this my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give not thee one, thou shalt be clear from my oath.

^{42:}And I came this day unto the well, and said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my way which I go; ^{43:}Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink; ^{44:}And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: let the same be the woman whom the LORD hath appointed out for my master's son. ^{45:}And before I had done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew water: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee. ^{46:}And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank, and she made the camels drink also.

^{47:}And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter art thou? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put the earring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands. ^{48:}And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son.

^{49:}And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left. ^{50:}Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good. ^{51:}Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken.

^{52:}And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the LORD, bowing himself to the earth. ^{53:}And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things.

^{54:}And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master. ^{55:}And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go. ^{56:}And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master. ^{57:}And they said, We will call the damsel, and inquire at her mouth. ^{58:}And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go. ^{59:}And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men. ^{60:}And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them. ^{61:}And

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

⁶²:And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahai-roi; for he dwelt in the south country. ⁶³:And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming. ⁶⁴:And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel. ⁶⁵:For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself. ⁶⁶:And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done.

⁶⁷:And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

25. ¹:Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Keturah. ²:And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. ³:And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim. ⁴:And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Ephher, and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah.

⁵:And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac. ⁶:But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.

⁷:And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years. ⁸:Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people. ⁹:And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre; ¹⁰:The field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth: there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife.

¹¹:And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac dwelt by the well Lahai-roi.

¹²:Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham: ¹³:And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, ¹⁴:And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa, ¹⁵:Hadar, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah: ¹⁶:These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according to their nations.

2008	¹⁷ :And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died; and was gathered unto his people.
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¹⁸:And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that is before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria: and he died in the presence of all his brethren.

¹⁹:And these are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham begat Isaac: ²⁰:And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan-aram, the sister to Laban the Syrian. ²¹:And Isaac intreated the

LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. ^{22:}And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to inquire of the LORD. ^{23:}And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

^{24:}And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. ^{25:}And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.

2008	^{26:} And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was <u>threescore years</u> old when she bare them.
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^{27:}And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents. ^{28:}And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

^{29:}And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint: ^{30:}And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom. ^{31:}And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. ^{32:}And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me? ^{33:}And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob. ^{34:}Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.

26. ^{1:}And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.

^{2:}And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: ^{3:}Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; ^{4:}And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; ^{5:}Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

^{6:}And Isaac dwelt in Gerar: ^{7:}And the men of the place asked him of his wife; and he said, She is my sister: for he feared to say, She is my wife; lest, said he, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she was fair to look upon. ^{8:}And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife. ^{9:}And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she is thy wife: and how saidst thou, She is my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her. ^{10:}And Abimelech said, What is this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou shouldest have brought guiltiness upon us. ^{11:}And Abimelech charged all his people, saying, He that toucheth this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.

¹²Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him. ¹³And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: ¹⁴For he had possession of flocks, and possessions of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him. ¹⁵For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth. ¹⁶And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we.

¹⁷And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. ¹⁸And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them. ¹⁹And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water.

²⁰And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him. ²¹And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah. ²²And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

²³And he went up from thence to Beer-sheba. ²⁴And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.

²⁵And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well. ²⁶Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army. ²⁷And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you? ²⁸And they said, We saw certainly that the LORD was with thee: and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee; ²⁹That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou art now the blessed of the LORD.

³⁰And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink. ³¹And they rose up betimes in the morning, and sware one to another: and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace. ³²And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water. ³³And he called it Shebah: therefore the name of the city is Beer-sheba unto this day.

2008	³⁴ And Esau was <u>forty years old</u> when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite: ³⁵ Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.
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²⁷And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto

him, Behold, here am I. ²And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death: ³Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison; ⁴And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die.

⁵And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it. ⁶And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying, ⁷Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the LORD before my death. ⁸Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee. ⁹Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth: ¹⁰And thou shalt bring it to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death.

¹¹And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man: ¹²My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing. ¹³And his mother said unto him, Upon me be thy curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me them.

¹⁴And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother: and his mother made savoury meat, such as his father loved. ¹⁵And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son: ¹⁶And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck: ¹⁷And she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob. ¹⁸And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I; who art thou, my son? ¹⁹And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me. ²⁰And Isaac said unto his son, How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the LORD thy God brought it to me. ²¹And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not.

²²And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau. ²³And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him. ²⁴And he said, Art thou my very son Esau? And he said, I am.

²⁵And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought it near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank. ²⁶And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son. ²⁷And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed: ²⁸Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: ²⁹Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

³⁰And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. ³¹And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it

unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me. ^{32:}And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn Esau. ^{33:}And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed.

^{34:}And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father. ^{35:}And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing. ^{36:}And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me? ^{37:}And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son? ^{38:}And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.

^{39:}And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above; ^{40:}And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

^{41:}And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob. ^{42:}And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, purposing to kill thee.

^{43:}Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran; ^{44:}And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away; ^{45:} Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?

^{46:}And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

28. ^{1:}And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. ^{2:}Arise, go to Padan-aram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother. ^{3:}And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people; ^{4:}And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.

^{5:}And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padan-aram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

^{6:}When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padan-aram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan; ^{7:}And that Jacob obeyed his

father and his mother, and was gone to Padan-aram; ^{8:}And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father; ^{9:}Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

^{10:}And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. ^{11:}And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. ^{12:}And he dreamed, and beheld a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and beheld the angels of God ascending and descending on it. ^{13:}And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; ^{14:}And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ^{15:}And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

^{16:}And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not. ^{17:}And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. ^{18:}And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. ^{19:}And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first. ^{20:}And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, ^{21:}So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God: ^{22:}And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

^{29.} ^{1:}Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east. ^{2:}And he looked, and beheld a well in the field, and, lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone was upon the well's mouth. ^{3:}And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place.

^{4:}And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence be ye? And they said, Of Haran are we. ^{5:}And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know him. ^{6:}And he said unto them, Is he well? And they said, He is well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep. ^{7:}And he said, Lo, it is yet high day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go and feed them. ^{8:}And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and till they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep.

^{9:}And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep: for she kept them. ^{10:}And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. ^{11:}And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept. ^{12:}And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father.

¹³:And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things. ¹⁴:And Laban said to him, Surely thou art my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month.

¹⁵:And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what shall thy wages be? ¹⁶:And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷:Leah was tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured.

2008	¹⁸ :And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.
100	
60	
----- 77	
2245	

NOTE: Jacob was 91 when Joseph was born in Jacob's 14th year of serving Laban. This would make him 77 in the first year.

¹⁹:And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me.

²⁰:And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her. ²¹:And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her. ²²:And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.

²³:And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her. ²⁴:And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid for an handmaid. ²⁵:And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?

²⁶:And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.

2008	²⁷ :Fulfill her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years. ²⁸ :And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also.
100	
60	
----- 84	
2252	

NOTE: Jacob was 91 when Joseph was born in Jacob's 14th year of serving Laban. This would make him 77 in the first year.

³¹:And when the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren. ³²:And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband

will love me. ^{33:}And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard that I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon. ^{34:}And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi. ^{35:}And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing.

30. ^{1:}And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die. ^{2:}And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb? ^{3:}And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees that I may also have children by her. ^{4:}And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her. ^{5:}And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son. ^{6:}And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan. ^{7:}And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son. ^{8:}And Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali.

^{9:}When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife. ^{10:}And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a son. ^{11:}And Leah said, A troop cometh: and she called his name Gad. ^{12:}And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a second son. ^{13:}And Leah said, Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blessed: and she called his name Asher.

^{14:}And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes. ^{15:}And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to night for thy son's mandrakes. ^{16:}And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night. ^{17:}And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son. ^{18:}And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issachar. ^{19:}And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son. ^{20:}And Leah said, God hath endued me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun. ^{21:}And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah.

2008	|	^{22:} And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. ^{23:} And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach: ^{24:} And she called his name Joseph; and said,
100		
60		
91		← The LORD shall add to me another son.
2259		
251 x 9		251 yrs.

NOTE: Jacob was 91 when Joseph was born in Jacob's 14th year of serving Laban. This would make him 77 in the first year. (Notice: 100 + 60 + 91 = 251.)

NOTE: Ussher says on page 29 of his *Annals of the World*: “2259 AM (After Man)”, “God blessed Rachel and she bore Joseph at the end of his fourteen years of service. Jacob asked permission from Laban to return to his own country... Jacob was ninety-one years old when Joseph was born and consequently seventy-seven years old when he began to serve Leban.”

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^{25:}And it came to pass, when Rachel had born Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country. ^{26:}Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service which I have done thee.

^{27:}And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by experience that the LORD hath blessed me for thy sake. ^{28:}And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give it.

^{29:}And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy cattle was with me. ^{30:}For it was little which thou hadst before I came, and it is now increased unto a multitude; and the LORD hath blessed thee since my coming: and now when shall I provide for mine own house also?

^{31:}And he said, What shall I give thee?

And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me any thing: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep thy flock: ^{32:}I will pass through all thy flock to day, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and of such shall be my hire. ^{33:}So shall my righteousness answer for me in time to come, when it shall come for my hire before thy face: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me. ^{34:}And Laban said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word.

^{35:}And he removed that day the he goats that were ringstraked and spotted, and all the she goats that were speckled and spotted, and every one that had some white in it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave them into the hand of his sons. ^{36:}And he set three days' journey betwixt himself and Jacob: and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks. ^{37:}And Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chestnut tree; and pilled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods. ^{38:}And he set the rods which he had pilled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink. ^{39:}And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattle ringstraked, speckled, and spotted. ^{40:}And Jacob did separate the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the ringstraked, and all the brown in the flock of Laban; and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them not unto Laban's cattle. ^{41:}And it came to pass, whensoever the stronger cattle did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the cattle in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods. ^{42:}But when the cattle were feeble, he put them not in: so the feebler were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's. ^{43:}And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses.

31. ¹:And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's hath he gotten all this glory. ²:And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as before. ³:And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee. ⁴:And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock,

⁵:And said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before; but the God of my father hath been with me. ⁶:And ye know that with all my power I have served your father. ⁷:And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me. ⁸:If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the cattle bare speckled: and if he said thus, The ringstraked shall be thy hire; then bare all the cattle ringstraked. ⁹:Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me.

¹⁰:And it came to pass at the time that the cattle conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattle were ringstraked, speckled, and grised. ¹¹:And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I. ¹²:And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle are ringstraked, speckled, and grised: for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee. ¹³:I am the God of Bethel, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.

¹⁴:And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house? ¹⁵:Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money. ¹⁶:For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that is ours, and our children's: now then, whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do.

¹⁷:Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels; ¹⁸:And he carried away all his cattle, and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in Padan-aram, for to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan.

¹⁹:And Laban went to shear his sheep: and Rachel had stolen the images that were her father's. ²⁰:And Jacob stole away unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled.

TABLE 5-a. Abraham's Birth to Joseph's Birth, 251 Years

	Yrs. from father to son	After son's birth	Total life span ³
From Adam to Abraham's birth	2008 = 251 x 8		
Abraham	100	75	175
Isaac	60	120	180

³ 175 = 5² x 7. 180 = 6² x 5. 147 = 7² x 3.

$$\begin{array}{rcccl} & \text{Jacob} & \frac{91}{2259} & \longrightarrow & \frac{56}{251} & \frac{147}{502} \\ \text{From Abraham to Joseph's birth} & & = 251 \times 9 & & & (251 \times 2) \end{array}$$

²¹:So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over the river, and set his face toward the mount Gilead.

²²:And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled. ²³:And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and they overtook him in the mount Gilead. ²⁴:And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad. ²⁵:Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount: and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gilead.

²⁶:And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword? ²⁷:Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal away from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp?

²⁸:And hast not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? thou hast now done foolishly in so doing. ²⁹:It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

³⁰:And now, though thou wouldest needs be gone, because thou sore longedst after thy father's house, yet wherefore hast thou stolen my gods? ³¹:And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me. ³²:With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live: before our brethren discern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them.

³³:And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the two maidservants' tents; but he found them not. Then went he out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent. ³⁴:Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them.

TABLE 5-b. Abraham's Birth to Joseph's Birth

	<i>Age at son's birth</i>		<i>Years lived after son's birth</i>	<i>Total life span⁴</i>
Abraham	100	\longrightarrow	75	175
	$5^2 \times 4$		$5^2 \times 3$	$5^2 \times 7$
Isaac	60	\longrightarrow	120	180
	6×10		6×20	6×30
				$6^2 \times 5$

⁴ $175 = 5^2 \times 7$. $180 = 6^2 \times 5$. $147 = 7^2 \times 3$.

	Jacob	91	→	56	147
		<u>7 x 13</u>		<u>7 x 8</u>	7 x 21
					<u>7² x 3</u>
Years to Joseph's birth		251		251	502

And Laban searched all the tent, but found them not. ³⁵And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women is upon me. And he searched, but found not the images.

³⁶And Jacob was wroth, and chode with Laban: and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my trespass? what is my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me? ³⁷Whereas thou hast searched all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy household stuff? set it here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge betwixt us both.

³⁸This twenty years have I been with thee; thy ewes and thy she goats have not cast their young, and the rams of thy flock have I not eaten. ³⁹That which was torn of beasts I brought not unto thee; I bare the loss of it; of my hand didst thou require it, whether stolen by day, or stolen by night. ⁴⁰Thus I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes.

2008		⁴¹ Thus have I been twenty years in thy house; I served thee <u>fourteen</u> <u>years</u> for thy two daughters, and <u>six</u> <u>years</u> for thy cattle: and thou hast changed my wages ten times.
100		
60		
91		
----- 6		
2265		

251 yrs.

NOTE: Jacob was 91 when Joseph was born in Jacob's 14th year of serving Laban. This would make him 77 in the first year.

^{42:}Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked thee yesternight.

^{43:}And Laban answered and said unto Jacob, These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and these cattle are my cattle, and all that thou seest is mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children which they have born? ^{44:}Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee.

^{45:}And Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar. ^{46:}And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made an heap: and they did eat there upon the heap. ^{47:}And Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha: but Jacob called it Galeed. ^{48:}And Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed; ^{49:}And Mizpah; for he said, The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.

^{50:}If thou shalt afflict my daughters, or if thou shalt take other wives beside my daughters, no man is with us; see, God is witness betwixt me and thee.

^{51:}And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold this pillar, which I have cast betwixt me and thee; ^{52:}This heap be witness, and this pillar be witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou shalt not pass over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm. ^{53:}The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge betwixt us. And Jacob sware by the fear of his father Isaac.

^{54:}Then Jacob offered sacrifice upon the mount, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount. ^{55:}And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Laban departed, and returned unto his place.

32. ^{1:}And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. ^{2:}And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

^{3:}And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom. ^{4:}And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Esau; Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now: ^{5:}And I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and menservants, and womenservants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight.

^{6:}And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him. ^{7:}Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands; ^{8:}And said, If Esau come to the one company, and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape.

^{9:}And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee: ^{10:}I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands. ^{11:}Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the

mother with the children. ^{12:}And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

^{13:}And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which came to his hand a present for Esau his brother; ^{14:}Two hundred she goats, and twenty he goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams, ^{15:}Thirty milch camels with their colts, forty kine, and ten bulls, twenty she asses, and ten foals. ^{16:}And he delivered them into the hand of his servants, every drove by themselves; and said unto his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove.

^{17:}And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose art thou? and whither goest thou? and whose are these before thee? ^{18:}Then thou shalt say, They be thy servant Jacob's; it is a present sent unto my lord Esau: and, behold, also he is behind us. ^{19:}And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye find him. ^{20:}And say ye moreover, Behold, thy servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept of me.

^{21:}So went the present over before him: and himself lodged that night in the company. ^{22:}And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok. ^{23:}And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had.

^{24:}And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. ^{25:}And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. ^{26:}And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. ^{27:}And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. ^{28:}And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. ^{29:}And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. ^{30:}And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved. ^{31:}And as he passed over Peniel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh. ^{32:}Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

33. ^{1:} And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids.

^{2:}And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindermost.

^{3:}And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. ^{4:}And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept. ^{5:}And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who are those with thee? And he said, The children which God hath graciously given thy servant.

⁶:Then the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves. ⁷:And Leah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves.

⁸:And he said, What meanest thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, These are to find grace in the sight of my lord. ⁹:And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; keep that thou hast unto thyself. ¹⁰:And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me. ¹¹:Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it.

¹²:And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee. ¹³:And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that the children are tender, and the flocks and herds with young are with me: and if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die. ¹⁴:Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on softly, according as the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord unto Seir. ¹⁵:And Esau said, Let me now leave with thee some of the folk that are with me. And he said, What needeth it? let me find grace in the sight of my lord.

¹⁶:So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir. ¹⁷:And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built him an house, and made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called Succoth. ¹⁸:And Jacob came to Shalem, a city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan-aram; and pitched his tent before the city. ¹⁹:And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for an hundred pieces of money. ²⁰:And he erected there an altar, and called it El-elohe-Israel.

34. ¹:And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. ²:And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her. ³:And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel. ⁴:And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife.

⁵:And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come. ⁶:And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him. ⁷:And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.

⁸:And Hamor communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife. ⁹:And make ye marriages with us, and give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you. ¹⁰:And ye shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein. ¹¹:And Shechem said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find grace in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give. ¹²:Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife.

^{13:}And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dinah their sister: ^{14:}And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that were a reproach unto us: ^{15:}But in this will we consent unto you: If ye will be as we be, that every male of you be circumcised; ^{16:}Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people. ^{17:}But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone.

^{18:}And their words pleased Hamor, and Shechem Hamor's son. ^{19:}And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter: and he was more honourable than all the house of his father. ^{20:}And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying, ^{21:}These men are peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for the land, behold, it is large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters. ^{22:}Only herein will the men consent unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they are circumcised. ^{23:}Shall not their cattle and their substance and every beast of theirs be ours? only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us.

^{24:}And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city.

^{25:}And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males. ^{26:}And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out.

^{27:}The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because they had defiled their sister. ^{28:}They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses, and that which was in the city, and that which was in the field, ^{29:}And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives took they captive, and spoiled even all that was in the house.

^{30:}And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, Ye have troubled me to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and I being few in number, they shall gather themselves together against me, and slay me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house. ^{31:}And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with an harlot?

35. ^{1:}And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.

^{2:}Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments: ^{3:}And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.

^{4:}And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem. ^{5:}And they journeyed: and the terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob. ^{6:}So Jacob came to Luz,

which is in the land of Canaan, that is, Bethel, he and all the people that were with him. ⁷:And he built there an altar, and called the place El-beth-el: because there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother.

⁸:But Deborah Rebekah's nurse died, and she was buried beneath Bethel under an oak: and the name of it was called Allon-bachuth.

⁹:And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padan-aram, and blessed him. ¹⁰:And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel. ¹¹:And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins; ¹²:And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land. ¹³:And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him. ¹⁴:And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, even a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon. ¹⁵:And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Bethel.

¹⁶:And they journeyed from Bethel; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour. ¹⁷:And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also.

2008	¹⁸ :And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Ben-oni: but his father called him Benjamin. ¹⁹ :And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem. ²⁰ :And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.
100	
60	
91	
7	
2266	251 yrs.

NOTE: Jacob was 91 when Joseph was born in Jacob's 14th year of serving Laban. This would make him 77 in the first year.

²¹:And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Edar. ²²:And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard it.

Now the sons of Jacob were twelve: ²³:The sons of Leah; Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun: ²⁴:The sons of Rachel; Joseph, and Benjamin: ²⁵:And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid; Dan, and Naphtali: ²⁶:And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid; Gad, and Asher: these are the sons of Jacob, which were born to him in Padan-aram.

2008	²⁷ :And Jacob came unto Isaac his father unto Mamre, unto the city of Arbah, which is Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac sojourned. ²⁸ :And the days of Isaac were an <u>hundred and fourscore</u> years. ²⁹ :And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.
100	
60	
91	
29	
2288	251 yrs.

NOTE: Jacob was 91 when Joseph was born in Jacob's 14th year of serving Laban. This would make him 77 in the first year. Isaac died a year before Joseph stood

before Pharaoh.

36. ¹Now these are the generations of Esau, who is Edom. ²Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan; Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite; ³And Bashemath Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebajoth. ⁴And Adah bare to Esau Eliphaz; and Bashemath bare Reuel; ⁵And Aholibamah bare Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah: these are the sons of Esau, which were born unto him in the land of Canaan. ⁶And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the persons of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his substance, which he had got in the land of Canaan; and went into the country from the face of his brother Jacob. ⁷For their riches were more than that they might dwell together; and the land wherein they were strangers could not bear them because of their cattle. ⁸Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: Esau is Edom.

⁹And these are the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in mount Seir: ¹⁰These are the names of Esau's sons; Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Bashemath the wife of Esau. ¹¹And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz. ¹²And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bare to Eliphaz Amalek: these were the sons of Adah Esau's wife. ¹³And these are the sons of Reuel; Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah: these were the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife. ¹⁴And these were the sons of Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: and she bare to Esau Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah. ¹⁵These were dukes of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz the firstborn son of Esau; duke Teman, duke Omar, duke Zepho, duke Kenaz, ¹⁶Duke Korah, duke Gatam, and duke Amalek: these are the dukes that came of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these were the sons of Adah. ¹⁷And these are the sons of Reuel Esau's son; duke Nahath, duke Zerah, duke Shammah, duke Mizzah: these are the dukes that came of Reuel in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife. ¹⁸And these are the sons of Aholibamah Esau's wife; duke Jeush, duke Jaalam, duke Korah: these were the dukes that came of Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife. ¹⁹These are the sons of Esau, who is Edom, and these are their dukes. ²⁰These are the sons of Seir the Horite, who inhabited the land; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, ²¹And Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan: these are the dukes of the Horites, the children of Seir in the land of Edom. ²²And the children of Lotan were Hori and Hemam; and Lotan's sister was Timna. ²³And the children of Shobal were these; Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam. ²⁴And these are the children of Zibeon; both Ajah, and Anah: this was that Anah that found the mules in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father. ²⁵And the children of Anah were these; Dishon, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah. ²⁶And these are the children of Dishon; Hemdan, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran. ²⁷The children of Ezer are these; Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan. ²⁸The children of Dishan are these: Uz, and Aran. ²⁹These are the dukes that came of the Horites; duke Lotan, duke Shobal, duke Zibeon, duke Anah, ³⁰Duke Dishon, duke Ezer, duke Dishan: these are the dukes that came of Hori, among their dukes in the land of Seir.

³¹And these are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel.

³²:And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom: and the name of his city was Dinhabah. ³³:And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead. ³⁴:And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of Temani reigned in his stead. ³⁵:And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Avith.

³⁶:And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead. ³⁷:And Samlah died, and Saul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead. ³⁸:And Saul died, and Baalhanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead. ³⁹:And Baalhanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Pau; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

⁴⁰:And these are the names of the dukes that came of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names; duke Timnah, duke Alvah, duke Jetheth, ⁴¹:Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon, ⁴²:Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar, ⁴³:Duke Magdiel, duke Iram: these be the dukes of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession: he is Esau the father of the Edomites.

37. ¹:And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.

2008	² These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.
100	
60	
91	
17	
2276	251 yrs.

NOTE: Jacob was 91 when Joseph was born in Jacob's 14th year of serving Laban. Joseph was 17 when he was sold into Egypt

³:Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours. ⁴:And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

⁵:And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. ⁶:And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: ⁷:For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. ⁸:And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

⁹:And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. ¹⁰:And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? ¹¹:And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

^{12:}And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. ^{13:}And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I. ^{14:}And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again.

So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. ^{15:}And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou? ^{16:}And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks. ^{17:}And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan.

^{18:}And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him. ^{19:}And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh. ^{20:}Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams. ^{21:}And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him. ^{22:}And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.

^{23:}And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him; ^{24:}And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

^{25:}And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt. ^{26:}And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? ^{27:}Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content. ^{28:}Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

^{29:}And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes. ^{30:}And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go? ^{31:}And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood; ^{32:}And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no. ^{33:}And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces. ^{34:}And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. ^{35:}And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him. ^{36:}And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.

38. ^{1:}And it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah. ^{2:}And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name was Shuah; and he took her, and went in

unto her. ^{3:}And she conceived, and bare a son; and he called his name Er. ^{4:}And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she called his name Onan. ^{5:}And she yet again conceived, and bare a son; and called his name Shelah: and he was at Chezib, when she bare him.

^{6:}And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, whose name was Tamar. ^{7:}And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD slew him. ^{8:}And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother. ^{9:}And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother. ^{10:}And the thing which he did displeased the LORD: wherefore he slew him also. ^{11:}Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter in law, Remain a widow at thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown: for he said, Lest peradventure he die also, as his brethren did.

And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house. ^{12:}And in process of time the daughter of Shuah Judah's wife died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheepshearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

^{13:}And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold thy father in law goeth up to Timnath to shear his sheep. ^{14:}And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered her with a vail, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which is by the way to Timnath; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto him to wife.

^{15:}When Judah saw her, he thought her to be an harlot; because she had covered her face. ^{16:}And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee; (for he knew not that she was his daughter in law.) And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me? ^{17:}And he said, I will send thee a kid from the flock. And she said, Wilt thou give me a pledge, till thou send it? ^{18:}And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff that is in thine hand. And he gave it her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him.

^{19:}And she arose, and went away, and laid by her vail from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood. ^{20:}And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not. ^{21:}Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot, that was openly by the way side? And they said, There was no harlot in this place. ^{22:}And he returned to Judah, and said, I cannot find her; and also the men of the place said, that there was no harlot in this place. ^{23:}And Judah said, Let her take it to her, lest we be shamed: behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her.

^{24:}And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt.

^{25:}When she was brought forth, she sent to her father in law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose are these, the signet, and bracelets, and staff. ^{26:}And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more.

²⁷:And it came to pass in the time of her travail, that, behold, twins were in her womb. ²⁸:And it came to pass, when she travailed, that the one put out his hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first, ²⁹:And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out: and she said, How hast thou broken forth? this breach be upon thee: therefore his name was called Pharez. ³⁰:And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zarah.

39. ¹:And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither. ²:And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. ³:And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand. ⁴:And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.

⁵:And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field. ⁶:And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.

⁷:And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. ⁸:But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; ⁹:There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? ¹⁰:And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

¹¹:And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within. ¹²:And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out. ¹³:And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, ¹⁴:That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice: ¹⁵:And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out. ¹⁶:And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home. ¹⁷:And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me: ¹⁸:And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out.

¹⁹:And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled. ²⁰:And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.

²¹:But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. ²²:And the keeper of the prison committed to

Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it. ²³The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.

40. ¹And it came to pass after these things, that the butler of the king of Egypt and his baker had offended their lord the king of Egypt. ²And Pharaoh was wroth against two of his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers. ³And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound. ⁴And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them: and they continued a season in ward.

⁵And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which were bound in the prison. ⁶And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they were sad. ⁷And he asked Pharaoh's officers that were with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sadly to day? ⁸And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you.

⁹And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine was before me; ¹⁰And in the vine were three branches: and it was as though it budded, and her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes: ¹¹And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand. ¹²And Joseph said unto him, This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days: ¹³Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler. ¹⁴But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house: ¹⁵For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

¹⁶When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also was in my dream, and, behold, I had three white baskets on my head: ¹⁷And in the uppermost basket there was of all manner of bakemeats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head. ¹⁸And Joseph answered and said, This is the interpretation thereof: The three baskets are three days: ¹⁹Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.

²⁰And it came to pass the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants. ²¹And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand: ²²But he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them. ²³Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him.

41. ¹And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river. ²And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well

favoured kine and fatfleshed; and they fed in a meadow. ^{3:}And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and leanfleshed; and stood by the other kine upon the brink of the river. ^{4:}And the ill favoured and leanfleshed kine did eat up the seven well favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke. ^{5:}And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good. ^{6:}And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them. ^{7:}And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And

Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, it was a dream. ^{8:}And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

^{9:}Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day: ^{10:}Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in ward in the captain of the guard's house, both me and the chief baker: ^{11:}And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream. ^{12:}And there was there with us a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret. ^{13:}And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged.

^{14:}Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh. ^{15:}And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it. ^{16:}And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

^{17:}And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river: ^{18:}And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fatfleshed and well favoured; and they fed in a meadow: ^{19:}And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill favoured and leanfleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness: ^{20:}And the lean and the ill favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine: ^{21:}And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they were still ill favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke. ^{22:}And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good: ^{23:}And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them: ^{24:}And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears: and I told this unto the magicians; but there was none that could declare it to me.

^{25:}And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do. ^{26:}The seven good kine are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one. ^{27:}And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them are seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine. ^{28:}This is the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God is about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh. ^{29:}Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt: ^{30:}And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land; ^{31:}And the plenty shall not be known in the land

by reason of that famine following; for it shall be very grievous. ^{32:}And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

^{33:}Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. ^{34:}Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years. ^{35:}And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. ^{36:}And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

^{37:}And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants. ^{38:}And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is? ^{39:}And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: ^{40:}Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. ^{41:}And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. ^{42:}And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; ^{43:}And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt. ^{44:}And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

^{45:}And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-paaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt. ^{46:}And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt.

2008	^{2:} These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being <u>seventeen years</u>
100	<u>old</u> , was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons
60	of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph
91	brought unto his father their evil.
30	
2289	251 yrs.

NOTE: Jacob was 91 when Joseph was born in Jacob's 14th year of serving Laban. Joseph was 17 when sold into Egypt and 30 when he stood before Pharaoh.

NOTE: Ussher says on page 33 of his *Annals of the World*: "2385 AM (After Man)... Levi (Joseph's brother) died in Egypt when he was a hundred and thirty-seven years old (Ex 6:16) He was the grandfather on the mother's side to Moses and Aaron..."

And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. ^{47:}And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls. ^{48:}And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same. ^{49:}And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number.

^{50:}And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On bare unto him. ^{51:}And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house. ^{52:}And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

^{53:}And the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended. ^{54:}And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. ^{55:}And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do. ^{56:}And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt. ^{57:}And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn; because that the famine was so sore in all lands.

42. ^{1:}Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another? ^{2:}And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die. ^{3:}And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt. ^{4:}But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him. ^{5:}And the sons of Israel came to buy corn among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

^{6:}And Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth. ^{7:}And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food. ^{8:}And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.

^{9:}And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye are spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come. ^{10:}And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come. ^{11:}We are all one man's sons; we are true men, thy servants are no spies. ^{12:}And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye are come. ^{13:}And they said, Thy servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not. ^{14:}And Joseph said unto them, That is it that I spake unto you, saying, Ye are spies: ^{15:}Hereby ye shall be proved: By the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither. ^{16:}Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether there be any truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye are spies.

^{17:}And he put them all together into ward three days. ^{18:}And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live; for I fear God: ^{19:}If ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses: ^{20:}But bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die.

And they did so. ^{21:}And they said one to another, We are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not

hear; therefore is this distress come upon us. ^{22:}And Reuben answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required. ^{23:}And they knew not that Joseph understood them; for he spake unto them by an interpreter. ^{24:}And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes.

^{25:}Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them. ^{26:}And they laded their asses with the corn, and departed thence. ^{27:}And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the inn, he espied his money; for, behold, it was in his sack's mouth. ^{28:}And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; and, lo, it is even in my sack: and their heart failed them, and they were afraid, saying one to another, What is this that God hath done unto us?

^{29:}And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that befell unto them; saying, ^{30:}The man, who is the lord of the land, spake roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country. ^{31:}And we said unto him, We are true men; we are no spies: ^{32:}We be twelve brethren, sons of our father; one is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan. ^{33:}And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye are true men; leave one of your brethren here with me, and take food for the famine of your households, and be gone: ^{34:}And bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that ye are no spies, but that ye are true men: so will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffick in the land. ^{35:}And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack: and when both they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid. ^{36:}And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me. ^{37:}And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again.

^{38:}And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he is left alone: if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

43. ^{1:}And the famine was sore in the land. ^{2:}And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food. ^{3:}And Judah spake unto him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you. ^{4:}If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food: ^{5:}But if thou wilt not send him, we will not go down: for the man said unto us, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you.

^{6:}And Israel said, Wherefore dealt ye so ill with me, as to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother? ^{7:}And they said, The man asked us straitly of our state, and of our kindred, saying, Is your father yet alive? have ye another brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down? ^{8:}And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, and also our little ones. ^{9:}I will

be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever: ^{10:}For except we had lingered, surely now we had returned this second time.

^{11:}And their father Israel said unto them, If it must be so now, do this; take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds: ^{12:}And take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again in your hand; peradventure it was an oversight: ^{13:}Take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man: ^{14:}And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.

^{15:}And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph. ^{16:}And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring these men home, and slay, and make ready; for these men shall dine with me at noon. ^{17:}And the man did as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house.

^{18:}And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time are we brought in; that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our asses. ^{19:}And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they communed with him at the door of the house, ^{20:}And said, O sir, we came indeed down at the first time to buy food: ^{21:}And it came to pass, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, every man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand. ^{22:}And other money have we brought down in our hands to buy food: we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks.

^{23:}And he said, Peace be to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them. ^{24:}And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their asses provender. ^{25:}And they made ready the present against Joseph came at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there. ^{26:}And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth. ^{27:}And he asked them of their welfare, and said, Is your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? Is he yet alive? ^{28:}And they answered, Thy servant our father is in good health, he is yet alive. And they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance.

^{29:}And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, Is this your younger brother, of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son. ^{30:}And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother: and he sought where to weep; and he entered into his chamber, and wept there. ^{31:}And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread.

^{32:}And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination unto the Egyptians. ^{33:}And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his

youth: and the men marvelled one at another. ³⁴:And he took and sent messes unto them from before him: but Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him.

44. ¹:And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth. ²:And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his corn money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken. ³:As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses. ⁴:And when they were gone out of the city, and not yet far off, Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good? ⁵:Is not this it in which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he divineth? ye have done evil in so doing. ⁶:And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these same words. ⁷:And they said unto him, Wherefore saith my lord these words? God forbid that thy servants should do according to this thing: ⁸:Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of Canaan: how then should we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold? ⁹:With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, both let him die, and we also will be my lord's bondmen. ¹⁰:And he said, Now also let it be according unto your words; he with whom it is found shall be my servant; and ye shall be blameless.

¹¹:Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack. ¹²:And he searched, and began at the eldest, and left at the youngest: and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. ¹³:Then they rent their clothes, and laded every man his ass, and returned to the city. ¹⁴:And Judah and his brethren came to Joseph's house; for he was yet there: and they fell before him on the ground.

¹⁵:And Joseph said unto them, What deed is this that ye have done? wot ye not that such a man as I can certainly divine? ¹⁶:And Judah said, What shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants: behold, we are my lord's servants, both we, and he also with whom the cup is found. ¹⁷:And he said, God forbid that I should do so: but the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, get you up in peace unto your father.

¹⁸:Then Judah came near unto him, and said, Oh my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou art even as Pharaoh.

¹⁹:My lord asked his servants, saying, Have ye a father, or a brother? ²⁰:And we said unto my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him. ²¹:And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him. ²²:And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die. ²³:And thou saidst unto thy servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more. ²⁴:And it came to pass when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. ²⁵:And our father said, Go again, and buy us a little food. ²⁶:And we said, We cannot go

down: if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down: for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother be with us.

²⁷:And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two sons: ²⁸:And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since: ²⁹:And if ye take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave. ³⁰:Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad be not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life; ³¹:It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die: and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave. ³²:For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever. ³³:Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren. ³⁴:For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? lest peradventure I see the evil that shall come on my father.

45. ¹:Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren. ²:And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

³:And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. ⁴:And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. ⁵:Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life. ⁶:For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

⁷:And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. ⁸:So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

⁹:Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not: ¹⁰:And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast:

Yr. 2298 Jacob age 130 Joseph age 39 91 before 3 rd yr. of famine	¹¹ :And there will I nourish thee; for yet <u>there are five years of famine</u> ; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty. ¹² :And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you. ¹³ :And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither.
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NOTE: Ussher says on page 31 of his *Annals of the World*: "2297 AM (After Man)..."

Jacob sent ten of his sons into Egypt to buy grain.”

¹⁴:And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵:Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

TABLE 6. Israelites Enter Egypt
Jacob 130, Joseph 39

<i>Epoch</i>	<i>Joseph's Age</i>	<i>Jacob's Age</i>	<i>Year of Adam</i>
Before 1 st good year in Egypt	30	121	2289
Before 2 nd good year	31	122	2290
Before 3 rd good year	32	123	2291
Before 4 th good year	33	124	2292
Before 5 th good year	34	125	2293
Before 6 th good year	35	126	2294
Before 7 th good year	36	127	2295
Before 1 st bad year in Egypt	37	128	2296
Before 2 nd bad year	38	129	2297
Before 3rd bad year,	39	130	2298
Israelites enter Egypt			

¹⁶:And the fame thereof was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brethren are come: and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants. ¹⁷:And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan; ¹⁸:And take your father and your households, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land. ¹⁹:Now thou art commanded, this do ye; take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. ²⁰:Also regard not your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours.

²¹:And the children of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way. ²²:To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of raiment. ²³:And to his father he sent after this manner; ten asses laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she asses laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way. ²⁴:So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way.

²⁵:And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father, ²⁶:And told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not. ²⁷:And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived: ²⁸:And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

⁴⁶. ¹:And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac.

²:And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I. ³: And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation: ⁴:I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

⁵:And Jacob rose up from Beer-sheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. ⁶:And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him: ⁷:His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.

⁸:And these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn.

⁹:And the sons of Reuben; Hanoch, and Phallu, and Hezron, and Carmi. ¹⁰:And the sons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman. ¹¹:And the sons of Levi; Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. ¹²:And the sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Pharez, and Zerah: but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Pharez were Hezron and Hamul.

¹³:And the sons of Issachar; Tola, and Phuvah, and Job, and Shimron.

¹⁴:And the sons of Zebulun; Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel. ¹⁵:These be the sons of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob in Padan-aram, with his daughter Dinah: all the souls of his sons and his daughters were thirty and three.

¹⁶:And the sons of Gad; Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli. ¹⁷:And the sons of Asher; Jimnah, and Ishuah, and Isui, and Beriah, and Serah their sister: and the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel. ¹⁸:These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and these she bare unto Jacob, even sixteen souls.

¹⁹:The sons of Rachel Jacob's wife; Joseph, and Benjamin. ²⁰:And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, which Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On bare unto him.

²¹:And the sons of Benjamin were Belah, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rosh, Muppim, and Huppim, and Ard. ²²:These are the sons of Rachel, which were born to Jacob: all the souls were fourteen.

²³:And the sons of Dan; Hushim.

²⁴:And the sons of Naphtali; Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem. ²⁵:These are the sons of Bilhah, which Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and she bare these unto Jacob: all the souls were seven.

²⁶:All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls were threescore and six; ²⁷:And the sons of Joseph, which were born him in Egypt, were two souls: all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, were threescore and ten.

²⁸:And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph, to direct his face unto Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen. ²⁹:And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his

neck, and wept on his neck a good while. ³⁰:And Israel said unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou art yet alive.

³¹:And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father's house, I will go up, and shew Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brethren, and my father's house, which were in the land of Canaan, are come unto me; ³²:And the men are shepherds, for their trade hath been to feed cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have. ³³:And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation? ³⁴:That ye shall say, Thy servants' trade hath been about cattle from our youth even until now, both we, and also our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

47. ¹:Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen. ²:And he took some of his brethren, even five men, and presented them unto Pharaoh.

³:And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What is your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and also our fathers. ⁴:They said moreover unto Pharaoh, For to sojourn in the land are we come; for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks; for the famine is sore in the land of Canaan: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen. ⁵:And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee: ⁶:The land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou knowest any men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.

⁷:And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. ⁸:And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How old art thou? few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

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60	⁹ :And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an <u>hundred and thirty years</u> :
91	NOTE: Jacob was 91 when Joseph was born in Jacob's 14 th year of serving Laban. Joseph was 30 when he stood before Pharaoh, before the first year of plenty, 37 before the first year of drought, 39 before the third year of drought, when Jacob came to Egypt.
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¹⁰:And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

¹¹:And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. ¹²:And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to their families.

¹³:And there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very sore, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine. ¹⁴:And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. ¹⁵:And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the

Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth. ^{16:}And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail. ^{17:}And they brought their cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses: and he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year.

^{18:}When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide it from my lord, how that our money is spent; my lord also hath our herds of cattle; there is not ought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands: ^{19:}Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give us seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate.

^{20:}And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's. ^{21:}And as for the people, he removed them to cities from one end of the borders of Egypt even to the other end thereof. ^{22:}Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the priests had a portion assigned them of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them: wherefore they sold not their lands.

^{23:}Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is seed for you, and ye shall sow the land. ^{24:}And it shall come to pass in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth part unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones. ^{25:}And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants. ^{26:}And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt unto this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part; except the land of the priests only, which became not Pharaoh's.

^{27:}And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly. ^{28:}And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years. ^{29:}And the time drew nigh that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt: ^{30:}But I will lie with my fathers, and thou shalt carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their buryingplace. And he said, I will do as thou hast said. ^{31:}And he said, Swear unto me. And he sware unto him. And Israel bowed himself upon the bed's head.

48. ^{1:}And it came to pass after these things, that one told Joseph, Behold, thy father is sick: and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. ^{2:}And one told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee: and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed.

^{3:}And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, ^{4:}And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession. ^{5:}And now thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine. ^{6:}And thy issue, which thou

begettest after them, shall be thine, and shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance. ^{7:}And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when yet there was but a little way to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath; the same is Bethlehem.

^{8:}And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who are these? ^{9:}And Joseph said unto his father, They are my sons, whom God hath given me in this place. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them. ^{10:}Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near unto him; and he kissed them, and embraced them. ^{11:}And Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, God hath shewed me also thy seed. ^{12:}And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. ^{13:}And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near unto him. ^{14:}And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn. ^{15:}And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, ^{16:}The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

^{17:}And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. ^{18:}And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head. ^{19:}And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations. ^{20:}And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

^{21:}And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die: but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers. ^{22:}Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

49. ^{1:}And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days. ^{2:}Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.

^{3:}Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power: ^{4:}Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch.

^{5:}Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. ^{6:}O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall.

⁷Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

⁸Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. ⁹Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? ¹⁰The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. ¹¹Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: ¹²His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

¹³Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for an haven of ships; and his border shall be unto Zidon.

¹⁴Issachar is a strong ass couching down between two burdens: ¹⁵And he saw that rest was good, and the land that it was pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute.

¹⁶Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel. ¹⁷Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward. ¹⁸I have waited for thy salvation, O LORD.

¹⁹Gad, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last. ²⁰Out of Asher his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.

²¹Naphtali is a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words.

²²Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall: ²³The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him: ²⁴But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:) ²⁵Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb: ²⁶The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

²⁷Benjamin shall ravin as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.

²⁸All these are the twelve tribes of Israel: and this is it that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.

TABLE 7a. Three Different Texts From Noah to Abraham

	<i>Masoreh Text</i> <i>(Preserved in King James Version)</i>	<i>Samaritan Text</i>	<i>Book of Jubilees</i> <i>(Preserved With Dead Sea Scrolls)</i>
	<i>Age at son's birth</i>	<i>Age at son's birth</i>	<i>Age at son's birth</i>
Noah born	1056	707	707
Noah's age at Flood	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>
Adam to Flood	1656	1307	1307

Noah's birth to Abraham		Noah's birth to Abraham		Noah's birth to Abraham	
	1056		707		707
	<i>Age at son's birth</i>		<i>Age at son's birth</i>		<i>Age at son's birth</i>
Noah	502		502		502
Shem	100		100		100
Arphaxad	35		135		35
Salah	30		130		30
Eber	34		134		251
Peleg	30		130	Numbers are different:	30
Reu	32		132		32
Serug	251 30		130		251 57
Nahor	29	Nahor 79 ⁷ 29	29		62
Terah	<u>130</u>	Terah <u>70</u> <u>130</u>	<u>130</u>		<u>70</u>
To Abraham's birth	2008	2249 2259			1876
	(251 x 8)	(251 x 9)			(268 x 7)

⁷Chronologers often quote 2249 as the Samaritan years from Adam to Abraham's birth, which prefers the 70 years between Abraham and his father. The book of Jubilees also prefers the 70 years, but adds the missing 60 years to Serug and Nahor. In doing this, it preserves the 251 years from Peleg to Abraham as in the Masoreh text. If the Samaritan text originally copied the 29 and 130 from the Masoreh text, there would be 2259 years from Adam to Abraham (251 x 9).

²⁹:And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, ³⁰:In the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a possession of a buryingplace. ³¹:There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah. ³²:The purchase of the field and of the cave that is therein was from the children of Heth.

³³:And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people.

TABLE 7b. Samaritan Text From Adam to Abraham

Patriarch	Age at Son's Birth		Years Lived After Son's Birth (or Until the Flood)					Total Life Span			
Adam	130										930
Seth	105	105									912
Enos	90	90	90								905
Cainan	70	70	70	70							910
Mahalaleel	65	65	65	65	65						895
Jared	62	62	62	62	62	62					847
Enoch	65	65	65	65	65	65	65				365
Methuselah	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67			720
Lamech	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53		653
Noah	502	502	502	502	502	502	502	502	502		950
Shem	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	600
Flood	1307	1177	1072	982	912	847	785	720	653	600	98
Shem	2	Notes on Samaritan texts: In the Samaritan Text, Abraham was born in the 2259 th year of Adam, which is 251x9. This would not be the case if he were born when his father was 70 instead of 130.									
Arphaxad	135	The Samaritan Book of Joshua says, the cloud, which the Israelites followed for 40 years in the wilderness, "was lifted up on the first (day) of the first month, of the first year of Jubil (Jubilee) even from the beginning of the entering in of the children of Israel within the boundries of the assigned lands.									
Salah	130	And up to this time there had lapsed, of the days of the world as established by the law, <u>two thousand, seven hundred and ninety-four years</u> , and this reckoning is correct, which the learned know by chronological computations based upon the era of the flood"									
Eber	134										
Peleg	130										
Reu	132										
Serug	130										
Nahor*	29										
Abraham*	130										
	2259										

50. ¹:And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him. ²:And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel. ³:And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of those which are embalmed: and the Egyptians mourned for him threescore and ten days.

⁴:And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spake unto the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, ⁵:My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I have digged for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again. ⁶:And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear. ⁷:And Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, ⁸:And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen.

⁹:And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company. ¹⁰:And they came to the threshingfloor of Atad, which is beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days. ¹¹:And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called Abel-mizraim, which is beyond Jordan. ¹²:And his

sons did unto him according as he commanded them: ¹³For his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field for a possession of a buryingplace of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.

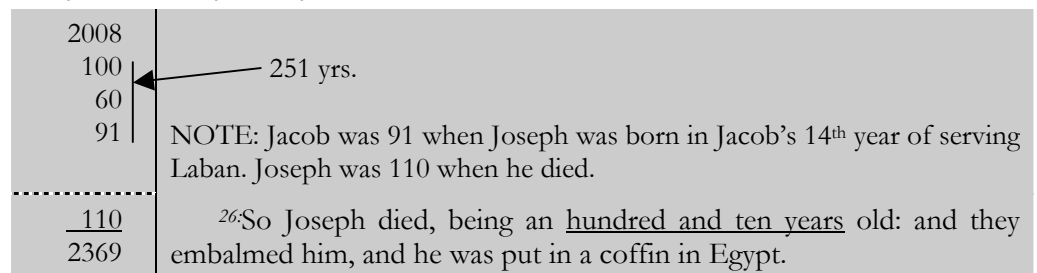
¹⁴:And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father. ¹⁵:And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him. ¹⁶:And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,

¹⁷:So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him. ¹⁸:And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants.

¹⁹:And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? ²⁰:But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. ²¹:Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

²²:And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years. ²³:And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation: the children also of Machir the son Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees.

²⁴:And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. ²⁵:And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, **God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.**



COMMENTARY On the First Century

There is a remarkable parallel between the Creation Story and the life of Christ:

1. The Tree of Life was promised to eventually be restored to mankind.
2. Christ is another Adam, the restored Tree of Life. Those grafted onto him live forever.
3. Christ said he is the light of the world. Combining the two images creates a Tree of Light or perhaps a burning bush.
4. In the New Jerusalem, there is the Lamb, the Temple, the Light, and leaves of a Tree of Life that heal the nations.

TABLE 7c. 251 Year Pattern in Two Different Texts

<i>Masoreh Text</i> (As in the King James Version)		<i>Samaritan Text</i>		<i>Annals of the World</i> by James Ussher Archbishop of Armagh	
Age at son's birth		Age at son's birth			
Adam	130	Adam	130	The 1st Age of the World 4004 BC	
Seth	105	Seth	105		
Enos	90	Enos	90		
Cainan	70	Cainan	70		
Mahalaleel	65	Mahalaleel	65		
Jared	162	Jared	62		
Enoch	65	Enoch	65		
Methuselah	187	Methuselah	67		
Lamech	<u>182</u>	Lamech	<u>53</u>		
Noah born	1056	Noah born	707		
Noah's age at Flood	<u>600</u>	Noah's age at Flood	<u>600</u>		
Adam to Flood	1656	Adam to Flood	1307 (1307 – 1056 = 251)		
Noah to Abraham		Noah to Abraham			The 2nd Age of the World
Age at son's birth		Age at son's birth		1657 (pg. 21)	
Noah	502	Noah	502		
Shem	100	Shem	100 (Shem was 100 when Noah was 602)		
Arphaxad	35	Arphaxad	135		
Salah	30	Salah	130		
Eber	34	Eber	134		
Peleg	30	Peleg	130		
Reu	32	Reu	132		
Serug	30	Serug	Some texts have: 130		
Nahor	29	Nahor	Nahor 79 29		
Terah	<u>130</u>	Terah	Terah <u>70</u> <u>130</u>		
To Abraham's Birth	2008 (251 x 8)	To Abraham's Birth	2259 (251 x 9)	2008 (pg. 22)	
Abraham	100	Abraham	100		
Isaac's birth	60	Isaac's birth	60		
Jacob's birth	<u>91</u>	Jacob's birth	<u>91</u>		
Joseph's birth	2259 (251 x 9)	Joseph's birth	2510 (251 x 10)	2259 (pg. 29)	
Abraham called in Ur	72	Abraham called in Ur	72	The 3rd Age of the World	
To the exodus	<u>430</u> 2510 (251 x 10)	To the exodus	<u>430</u> 2759 (251 x 11)		2083 (p. 25) (should be 2080)
				The 4th Age of the World	

THE MYSTERIOUS ERAS OF THE HEBREWS RESTORED
Alternative View of the Ages *by Floyd R. Cox*

Eventually, it became clear these insights do not belong to me. I merely discovered them. They actually belong to the Bible and are an integral, although hidden, part of the text! Once discovered, these concepts need to be planted on the net where they might germinate, grow and outlive all of us. Each month I want to distribute an alternative view of the ages taken straight from the Bible. It is a work in progress somewhat like a newsletter.

Issue #1: The 251-Year Era of Creation

Issue #2: The 251-Year Era of Joseph

Issue #3: The 251-Year Era of the Exodus

Issue #4: The 251-Year Era of Jerusalem

Issue #5: 502 Years to the Restoration

Putting these concepts in a digitized format means I am virtually giving away priceless nuggets gleaned from years of research. Hopefully some will have the ability to appreciate their value. Finding the key to the mysterious design of the ages requires a new branch of biblical archaeology! We must dig just as we would for other rare gems in places often overlooked... in the most boring portions of the Bible!

Babel fell when Peleg was born 251 sabbaticals after the "birth" of Adam! Abraham was born 251 years later. His grandson, Jacob, wanted to return home to begin a new era after Joseph was born! Joseph was born 251 years after Abraham. **This issue ends with the bones of Joseph returning home from Egypt** to be buried closer to his mother, Rachel.

The patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, were Joseph's family tree. Abraham would have been 251 at Joseph's birth. Joseph became a co-ruler and enabled his family to enter Egypt. Genesis ends with the death of Jacob and the promise that, after Joseph's death, there would be an exodus to carry his bones back home to Canaan. Joseph would have been 251 years old at the exodus if he had not died.

What was mutilated beyond recognition? A couple of keys had to be found. Joseph was 30 when he stood before Pharaoh, and Jacob was 130 when he entered Egypt in the 3rd year of drought. Israel left Egypt after 430 years, and yet Moses's mother was Joseph's niece.

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FROM JOSEPH TO THE EXODUS (251 Years)

A. Exodus: 1. ¹Now these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt; every man and his household came with Jacob. ²Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, ³Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, ⁴Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. ⁵And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt already. ⁶And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation.

**TABLE 8. *The 251-Year Pattern
From Adam to the Exodus***

<i>Epoch</i>	After Adam	
Creation of Adam	0	
Birth of Peleg (fall of Babel)	1757	251 x 7
Birth of Abraham	2008	251 x 8
Birth of Joseph	2259	251 x 9
Exodus	2510	251 x 10

⁷And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

⁸Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph. ⁹And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we: ¹⁰Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land.

NOTE:

Genesis ends with Joseph being born 251 years after the birth of Abraham, 502 years after the fall of Babylon, 2259 years after Adam, which is 251 x 9. Exodus begins 251 years after Joseph, 502 years after Abraham, 753 years after the fall of Babel, and 2510 years after Adam. Josephus says that Moses' birth (80 years before the exodus) was about 170 years after Joseph's birth (*Against Apion* 1.33 [299]). If so, the period from Joseph's birth to the Exodus was about 251 years (171 + 80 = 251). Genesis ends with Joseph dying in his fourth generation at the age of 110. He lived to see the children of his sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, of the third generation. Manasseh's grandsons were taught sitting on Joseph's lap. And we are told that the Israelites would leave Egypt in the fourth generation (Genesis 15:16).

The book of Exodus begins with the fourth generation and gives us very little information about the time spent in Egypt. Joseph's brother, Levi, begat Kohath and Jochebed, and Kohath's son, Amram, married his Aunt Jochebed (Exodus 6:20). Levi was already in Egypt when Jochebed was born, and she was the mother of Aaron, Moses and Miriam (Numbers 26:59). She breastfed Moses after the Pharaoh's daughter found him in a basket beside a river (Exodus 2:5-8).

¹¹:Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses. ¹²:But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel. ¹³:And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour: ¹⁴:And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.

¹⁵:And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah: ¹⁶:And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live. ¹⁷:But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive. ¹⁸:And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive? ¹⁹:And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them.

²⁰:Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty. ²¹:And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses. ²²:And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

2. ¹:And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. ²:And the woman conceived, and bare a son: ³:and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink. ⁴:And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.

TABLE 9a. From Levi's death to Moses *only 40 years!*

Levi entered Egypt at age:	45	—————	when Joseph was 39
Years Levi lived in Egypt (until age 137)	92	—————	until Joseph was 131
Years between Levi's death & Moses' birth	40	————	until Joseph would be 171
Years Moses lived before the exodus	80	———	until Joseph would be 251
Years the Israelites were in Egypt	212	—————	until Levi would be 257 in the year of exodus in the year of Adam, 2510 (251 x 10)

⁵:And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. ⁶:And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children.

⁷:Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? ⁸:And Pharaoh's daughter said to

her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother. ⁹:And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it.

¹⁰:And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

NOTE: Sources available show the Israelites were in Egypt 212 years instead of 215:

1. Num. 26:59: "Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom her mother bare in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister" (See Ex. 6:20). Moses was a son of Joseph's niece.
2. Archbishop Ussher, in his *Annals of the World* (page 34), says, "**Forty years** after the death of her father Levi, Jochebed bore Moses to Amram her nephew and husband." This means Levi would have been 257 and Joseph would have been 251 if they had lived until the exodus). Levi was at least six years older than Joseph as in the following table (See **TABLE 9b**. On page 33, Ussher says, "Levi died in Egypt when he was 137 years old. He was the grandfather on the mother's side to Moses and Aaron and great grandfather on the father's side... Amram, the son of Kohath, married Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, his own aunt."
3. Josephus says Moses' birth (80 years before the exodus) was about 170 years after Joseph's birth, but, here again, no source is quoted (*Against Apion* 1.33 [299]). If there were 171 years, instead of 170, again Joseph's birth is 251 years before the Exodus (171 + 80 = 251).
4. Matthew 1:17: Of the 14 generations from Abraham to David, four were in Egypt (Gen. 15:16).

TABLE 9b. Levi to Joseph: At least 6 Years

Year of Adam	MONTHS AFTER LEVI	OFFSPRING OF JACOB	
1.		Reuben	Genesis 29:32
2.		Simeon	Genesis 29:33
3. 2253		Levi	Genesis 29:34
4.	9 mo.	Judah	Genesis 29:35
5.	18 mo.	Dan	Genesis 30: 6
6.	27 mo.	Naphtali	Genesis 30: 8
7.	36 mo. = 3 yrs.	Gad	Genesis 30: 11
8.	45 mo.	Asher	Genesis 30: 13
9.	54 mo.	Issachar	Genesis 30: 18
10.	63 mo.	Zebulun	Genesis 30: 20
11. 2259	72 mo.	Joseph & Dinah	Genesis 30: 21-24

NOTE: This chart demonstrates that, if births are consecutive as in the story (instead of being contemporary with other siblings), Joseph was born at least six years after the birth of Levi.

TABLE 9c. Israelites Enter Egypt: *Jacob 130, Joseph 39*

<i>Epoch</i>	<i>Joseph's Age</i>	<i>Jacob's Age</i>	Year of Adam
Before 1 st good year in Egypt	30	121	2289
Before 2 nd good year	31	122	2290
Before 3 rd good year	32	123	2291
Before 4 th good year	33	124	2292
Before 5 th good year	34	125	2293
Before 6 th good year	35	126	2294
Before 7 th good year	36	127	2295
Before 1 st bad year in Egypt	37	128	2296
Before 2 nd bad year	38	129	2297
Before 3rd bad year, Israelites enter Egypt	39	130	2298

NOTE:**The Gap Between Joseph to the Exodus (39 + 212 yrs. in Egypt = 251 Years):**

Genesis ends with Joseph being born 251 years after the birth of Abraham, 502 years after the fall of Babylon, 2259 years after Adam, which is 251×9 . Joseph's family comes to Egypt before the third year of famine in Egypt, when he is 39 and when his father is 130. Moreover, evidence shows the exodus from Egypt was 2510 years after Adam, 753 years after the fall of Babel, 502 years after the birth of Abraham and 251 years after the birth of Joseph.

How long were they in Egypt prior to the exodus? The gap between Genesis and Exodus seems to have been glossed over perhaps to hide the 2510 years and the 251-year pattern.

Years in the gap are missing, and every chronologist simply comes up with his or her own scheme. Their figures differ according to which source they prefer:

1. Genesis 15:13: Abraham's "seed" were to become strangers in a land that was not theirs and would be mistreated 400 years.

2. Exodus 12:40: Israelites left Egypt after 430 years.

3. Genesis 15:16: Abraham's "seed" would return to their own land in the fourth generation.

At least four references actually list the four generations in Egypt. Joseph lived to see his third generation and continued being around to tutor his fourth generation (Machir's children) sitting on his lap (Genesis 50:23).

Joseph's brother, Levi, begat Kohath and Jochebed, and Kohath's son, Amram, married his Aunt Jochebed (Exodus 6:20) and gave birth to Moses.

Levi was already in Egypt when Jochebed was born, and she was the mother of Aaron, Moses and Miriam (Numbers 26:59). She breastfed Moses after the Pharaoh's daughter found him in a basket beside a river (Exodus 2:5-8).

Therefore, we find either three or four generations from Levi to the Exodus: 1. Levi, 2. Jochebed, 3. Amram and 4. Moses, and Moses was 80 at the exodus. Archbishop Ussher says there were 40 years between Levi's death and the birth of Moses. Where did he find this 40 years? The source is still hidden somewhere. Why would Moses leave out the actual time from Levi to Moses?

¹¹:And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. ¹²:And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. ¹³:And when he went out the

second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow? ^{14:}And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.

^{15:}Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.

^{16:}Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters: and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. ^{17:}And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

^{18:}And when they came to Reuel their father, he said, How is it that ye are come so soon to day? ^{19:}And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew water enough for us, and watered the flock.

^{20:}And he said unto his daughters, And where is he? why is it that ye have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread. ^{21:}And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter. ^{22:}And she bare him a son, and he called his name Gershom: for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land.

^{23:}And it came to pass in process of time, that **the king of Egypt died:** and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. ^{24:}And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. ^{25:}And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them.

3. ^{1:}Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. ^{2:}And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. ^{3:}And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

^{4:}And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. ^{5:}And he said, Here am I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. ^{6:}Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

^{7:}And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; ^{8:}And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ^{9:}Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. ^{10:}Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest **bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.**

^{11:}And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? ^{12:}And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

^{13:}And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? ^{14:}And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. ^{15:}And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

^{16:}Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt: ^{17:}And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey. ^{18:}And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God. ^{19:}And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand. ^{20:}And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go. ^{21:}And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty: ^{22:}But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.

4. ^{1:}And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.

^{2:}And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. ^{3:}And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. ^{4:}And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand: ^{5:}That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.

^{6:}And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow. ^{7:}And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh. ^{8:}And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

^{9:}And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon

the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land.

¹⁰:And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. ¹¹:And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD? ¹²:Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

¹³:And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send. ¹⁴:And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart. ¹⁵:And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do. ¹⁶:And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God. ¹⁷:And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.

¹⁸:And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.

¹⁹:And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life.

²⁰:And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand. ²¹:And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.

²²:And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn: ²³:And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn.

²⁴:And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD met him, and sought to kill him. ²⁵:Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband art thou to me. ²⁶:So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband thou art, because of the circumcision.

²⁷:And the LORD said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him. ²⁸:And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him. ²⁹:And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel: ³⁰:And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.

³¹:And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

5. ¹:And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the

wilderness. ²And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go. ³And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.

⁴And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, let the people from their works? get you unto your burdens. ⁵And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now are many, and ye make them rest from their burdens. ⁶And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying, ⁷Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves. ⁸And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish ought thereof: for they be idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our God. ⁹Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein; and let them not regard vain words.

¹⁰And the taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying, Thus saith Pharaoh, I will not give you straw. ¹¹Go ye, get you straw where ye can find it: yet not ought of your work shall be diminished. ¹²So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw. ¹³And the taskmasters hasted them, saying, Fulfill your works, your daily tasks, as when there was straw. ¹⁴And the officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and to day, as heretofore?

¹⁵Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried unto Pharaoh, saying, Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy servants? ¹⁶There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, Make brick: and, behold, thy servants are beaten; but the fault is in thine own people.

¹⁷But he said, Ye are idle, ye are idle: therefore ye say, Let us go and do sacrifice to the LORD. ¹⁸Go therefore now, and work; for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the tale of bricks.

¹⁹And the officers of the children of Israel did see that they were in evil case, after it was said, Ye shall not diminish ought from your bricks of your daily task. ²⁰And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh: ²¹And they said unto them, The LORD look upon you, and judge; because ye have made our savour to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us.

²²And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Lord, wherefore hast thou so evil entreated this people? why is it that thou hast sent me? ²³For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast thou delivered thy people at all.

6. ¹Then the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land. ²And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD: ³And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

⁴:And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers. ⁵:And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant.

⁶:Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: ⁷:And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. ⁸:And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I am the LORD. ⁹:And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: but they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.

TABLE 9. From Joseph to Moses: Only 3 or 4 Generations!

		Age at death	
Levi (yrs. before in Egypt)	45	(Joseph was 39)	
(yrs. after in Egypt)	92	+45 yrs. before in Egypt ⁵	137
Kohath			133
Amram m: Amram	40	Levi's death to Moses	137
Moses	80	Moses' age at the exodus	
	212	= Yrs. in Egypt	
	257	= 251 st year of Joseph	

Num. 26:59: "Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom her mother bare in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister" (See Ex. 6:20). Ussher says on page 34 of *The Annals of the World*, "Forty years after the death of her father Levi, Jochebed bore Moses to Amram her nephew and husband." This means Levi would have been 257 and Joseph would have been 251 if they had lived until the exodus.

¹⁰:And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ¹¹:Go in, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land. ¹²:And Moses spake before the

⁵ **NOTE:** Levi was the third son born to Jacob while Jacob served Laban for seven years, and Joseph was the eleventh son born to Jacob during those seven years. If Joseph was 39 when his family came to Egypt, Ruben, the oldest brother, was probably about 47; Simeon was about 46, and Levi was about 45. Before going into Egypt, Kohath was already born (Genesis 46), and Judah had sons old enough to marry (Genesis 38).

LORD, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who am of uncircumcised lips? ^{13:}And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, and gave them a charge unto the children of Israel, and unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

^{14:}These be the heads of their fathers' houses: The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel; Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi: these be the families of Reuben. ^{15:}And the sons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman: these are the families of Simeon. And these are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari: and the years of the life of Levi were an hundred thirty and seven years. ^{17:}The sons of Gershon; Libni, and Shimi, according to their families. ^{18:}And the sons of Kohath; Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel: and the years of the life of Kohath were an hundred thirty and three years. ^{19:}And the sons of Merari; Mahali and Mushi: these are the families of Levi according to their generations.

^{20:}And Amram took him Jochebed his father's sister to wife; and she bare him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of Amram were an hundred and thirty and seven years.

^{21:}And the sons of Izhar; Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri. ^{22:}And the sons of Uzziel; Mishael, and Elzaphan, and Zithri.

^{23:}And Aaron took him Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab, sister of Naashon, to wife; and she bare him Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. ^{24:}And the sons of Korah; Assir, and Elkanah, and Abiasaph: these are the families of the Korhites.

^{25:}And Eleazar Aaron's son took him one of the daughters of Putiel to wife; and she bare him Phinehas: these are the heads of the fathers of the Levites according to their families.

^{26:}These are that Aaron and Moses, to whom the LORD said, Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their armies. ^{27:}These are they which spake to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Israel from Egypt: these are that Moses and Aaron.

^{28:}And it came to pass on the day when the LORD spake unto Moses in the land of Egypt, ^{29:}That the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, I am the LORD: speak thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say unto thee.

^{30:}And Moses said before the LORD, Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh hearken unto me?

7. ^{1:}And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.

^{2:}Thou shalt speak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land. ^{3:}And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt. ^{4:}But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. ^{5:}And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.

^{6:}And Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded them, so did

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they. ^{7:}And Moses was fourscore years old, and Aaron fourscore and three years old, when they spake unto Pharaoh.

^{8:}And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, ^{9:}When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent.

^{10:}And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent. ^{11:}Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. ^{12:}For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

^{13:}And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said. ^{14:}And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go.

^{15:}Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink against he come; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand. ^{16:}And thou shalt say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear. ^{17:}Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood. ^{18:}And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall lothe to drink of the water of the river.

^{19:}And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone. ^{20:}And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. ^{21:}And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

^{22:}And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the LORD had said. ^{23:}And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also. ^{24:}And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river.

^{25:}And seven days were fulfilled, after that the LORD had smitten the river.

8. ^{1:}And the LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me. ^{2:}And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs: ^{3:}And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into thine house, and into thy bedchamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people,

and into thine ovens, and into thy kneadingtroughs: ^{4:}And the frogs shall come up both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants.

^{5:}And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt. ^{6:}And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt.

^{7:}And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.

^{8:}Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Intreat the LORD, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the LORD.

^{9:}And Moses said unto Pharaoh, Glory over me: when shall I intreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, to destroy the frogs from thee and thy houses, that they may remain in the river only? ^{10:}And he said, To morrow. And he said, Be it according to thy word: that thou mayest know that there is none like unto the LORD our God. ^{11:}And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people; they shall remain in the river only.

^{12:}And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh: and Moses cried unto the LORD because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharaoh. ^{13:}And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields. ^{14:}And they gathered them together upon heaps: and the land stank.

^{15:}But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said. ^{16:}And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt. ^{17:}And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man, and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

^{18:}And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast. ^{19:}Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

^{20:}And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me. ^{21:}Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are. ^{22:}And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. ^{23:}And I will put a division between my people and thy people: to morrow shall this sign be.

^{24:}And the LORD did so; and there came a grievous swarm of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of flies.

^{25:}And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land. ^{26:}And Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the

abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us? ^{27:}We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as he shall command us. ^{28:}And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: intreat for me.

^{29:}And Moses said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will intreat the LORD that the swarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, to morrow: but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD.

^{30:}And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD. ^{31:}And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one.

^{32:}And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.

9. ^{1:}Then the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. ^{2:}For if thou refuse to let them go, and wilt hold them still, ^{3:}Behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: there shall be a very grievous murrain. ^{4:}And the LORD shall sever between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all that is the children's of Israel. ^{5:}And the LORD appointed a set time, saying, To morrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land.

^{6:}And the LORD did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one. ^{7:}And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead.

And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

^{8:}And the LORD said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh. ^{9:}And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt.

^{10:}And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast. ^{11:}And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians.

^{12:}And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken unto Moses.

^{13:}And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. ^{14:}For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth. ^{15:}For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth. ^{16:}And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power; and that my name

may be declared throughout all the earth. ^{17:}As yet exaltest thou thyself against my people, that thou wilt not let them go?

^{18:}Behold, to morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now. ^{19:}Send therefore now, and gather thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the field; for upon every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.

^{20:}He that feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses: ^{21:}And he that regarded not the word of the LORD left his servants and his cattle in the field.

^{22:}And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt. ^{23:}And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. ^{24:}So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

^{25:}And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field. ^{26:}Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail.

^{27:}And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the LORD is righteous, and I and my people are wicked. ^{28:}Intreat the LORD (for it is enough) that there be no more mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.

^{29:}And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the LORD; and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know how that the earth is the LORD's. ^{30:}But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear the LORD God. ^{31:}And the flax and the barley was smitten: for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was balled. ^{32:}But the wheat and the rie were not smitten: for they were not grown up. ^{33:}And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands unto the LORD: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth. ^{34:}And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants.

^{35:}And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel go; as the LORD had spoken by Moses.

10. ^{1:}And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these my signs before him: ^{2:}And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I am the LORD.

^{3:}And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me. ^{4:}Else, if thou refuse to let my people go,

behold, to morrow will I bring the locusts into thy coast: ⁵And they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field: ⁶And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day.

And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh. ⁷And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed?

⁸And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God: but who are they that shall go? ⁹And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto the LORD. ¹⁰And he said unto them, Let the LORD be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look to it; for evil is before you. ¹¹Not so: go now ye that are men, and serve the LORD; for that ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

¹²And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, even all that the hail hath left. ¹³And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all that night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts. ¹⁴And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous were they; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such.

¹⁵For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt.

¹⁶Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you. ¹⁷Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and intreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death only.

¹⁸And he went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD. ¹⁹And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them into the Red sea; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt.

²⁰But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go. ²¹And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt.

TABLE 11. Foreshadow of a Second Exodus Found in Revelation

First Exodus

1. First time of plagues & refusal...	5. Fifth time of plagues & refusal...
a.) A rod changed into a serpent.	a.) Locusts cover the land.

<p>b.) The Nile river changed into blood. c.) Frogs cover the land. Pharaoh withdraws his promise to free the Israelites after Moses removes the frogs.</p> <p>2. Second time of plagues & refusal... a.) Lice covers the land. b.) Flies cover the land. Pharaoh withdraws his promise to free the Israelites after Moses removes the flies.</p> <p>3. Third time of plagues & refusal... a.) Murrain on domestic animals covers the land. b.) Murrain spares Israelite animals. Pharaoh withdraws his promise to free the Israelites after Moses removes the murrain.</p> <p>4. Fourth time of plagues & refusal... a.) Boils on man and beast cover the land. b.) Pestilence covers the land. c.) Large hailstones and lightening cover the land. Pharaoh withdraws his promise to free the Israelites after Moses removes the boils, pestilence and hailstones.</p>	<p>Pharaoh withdraws his promise to free the Israelites after Moses removes the locusts.</p> <p>6. Sixth time of plagues & refusal... a.) Darkness covers the land. b.) The Israelites continued to have light. Pharaoh withdraws his promise to free the Israelites after Moses removes the darkness.</p> <p>7. Seventh time of plagues & refusal... a.) Death of all Egyptian firstborn. b.) Israelite firstborn spared. Pharaoh tries to withdraw his promise to free the Israelites after Moses removes his people to the Red Sea.</p> <p>Hebrews 10:4 says they were all baptized in the sea. Josephus says the Pharaoh drowned at daybreak.</p> <p>Ex. 15:1: Everyone sings the song of Moses about deliverance (See Rev. 15:3).</p>
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²²:And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days: ²³:They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

²⁴:And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you. ²⁵:And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God. ²⁶:Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither.

²⁷:But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.

²⁸:And Pharaoh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in that day thou seest my face thou shalt die.

²⁹:And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well, I will see thy face again no more.

11. ¹:And the LORD said unto Moses, Yet will I bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether.

²:Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold. ³:And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people.

⁴:And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt: ⁵:And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts. ⁶:And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more. ⁷:But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel. ⁸:And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee: and after that I will go out.

And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger. ⁹:And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you; that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.

¹⁰:And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

12. ¹:And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, ²:This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

³:Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: ⁴:And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵:Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:

⁶:And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. ⁷:And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. ⁸:And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹:Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. ¹⁰:And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

¹¹:And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD's passover. ¹²:For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt,

both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. ^{13:}And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

^{14:}And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever. ^{15:}Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

^{16:}And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you.

^{17:}And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever. ^{18:}In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even. ^{19:}Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land. ^{20:}Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

^{21:}Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover. ^{22:}And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

**TABLE 12. 430 Years
From Abraham's Calling to the Exodus**

<i>Epoch</i>	<i>Years</i>
Abraham's Birth	0
Abraham's Calling in Ur Before Reaching Haran ⁶	72
Yrs. To the Exodus	<u>430</u> ⁷
Total	502 251 x 2

The Greek Septuagint says, "430 years in Canaan and in Egypt". Other scriptures show that Moses' mother was Levi's daughter. It is unlikely they were in Egypt 430 years.

⁶ Acts. 7:2.

⁷ Exodus 12:40.

**TABLE 13. 2510 Years
From Adam to the Exodus**

<i>Epoch</i>	<i>After Adam</i>	
Abraham's Birth (Yr. of Adam)	2008	251 x 8
Abraham's Calling in Ur Before Reaching Haran ⁸	72	
Yrs. to the Exodus	<u>430</u>	⁹
Total	2510	251 x 10

NOTE: It is believed that Abraham was called to leave Mesopotamia and go to Canaan 430 years before the exodus. Acts 7:2 says that Abraham was called before he was 75, before his father died in Haran.

NOTE: Ussher says on page 39 of his *Annals of the World*: “**2513 AM** (After Man)... calculates the date of the Passover in 1491 (BC) as being “On the fifteenth day of the month, Tuesday, May 5, at midnight...” He says the Israelites crossed the Red Sea that year on the 21st day, “on the last day of the feast of Unleavened Bread.”

²³For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

²⁴And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever.

²⁵And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. ²⁶And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? ²⁷That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses.

And the people bowed the head and worshipped. ²⁸And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

²⁹And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.

³⁰And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead. ³¹And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said. ³²Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also.

³³And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men. ³⁴And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneadingtroughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders. ³⁵And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: ³⁶And the

⁸ Acts. 7:2.

⁹ Exodus 12:40.

LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians.

^{37:}And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children. ^{38:}And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle.

^{39:}And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.

430 yrs. ^{40:}Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.

^{41:}And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

^{42:}It is a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations.

^{43:}And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof. ^{44:}But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof. ^{45:}A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof. ^{46:}In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof. ^{47:}All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.

^{48:}And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof. ^{49:}One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.

^{50:}Thus did all the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they. ^{51:}And it came to pass the selfsame day, that the LORD did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

13. ^{1:}And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ^{1:}Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine.

^{3:}And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten. ^{4:}This day came ye out in the month Abib. ^{5:}And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt keep this service in this month. ^{6:}Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day shall be a feast to the LORD.

TABLE 14. 251 Years

From Abraham's Birth to the Exodus

<i>Epoch</i>	<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Epoch</i>	<i>Yrs.</i>
Abraham's Birth (Yr. of Adam)	0	Abraham's Birth to Joseph's Birth	251
Abraham's Calling in Ur Before Reaching Haran ¹⁰	72		
Yrs. to the Exodus	<u>430</u>	¹¹ Joseph's Birth to the Exodus	<u>251</u>
Total	502		502

⁷Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters.

⁸And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which the LORD did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt. ⁹And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORD's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt. ¹⁰Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year.

¹¹And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee, ¹²That thou shalt set apart unto the LORD all that openeth the matrix, and every firstling that cometh of a beast which thou hast; the males shall be the LORD's. ¹³And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck: and all the firstborn of man among thy children shalt thou redeem.

¹⁴And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What is this? that thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand the LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage: ¹⁵And it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that the LORD slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of beast: therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all that openeth the matrix, being males; but all the firstborn of my children I redeem. And it shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt.

¹⁷And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt: ¹⁸But God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁹And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you. ²⁰And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness. ²¹And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: ²²He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

¹⁰ Acts. 7:2 says that Abraham was called before he was 75, before his father died in Haran.

¹¹ Antiq. II-15-1: Josephus says they reached the Red sea on the third day.

14. ¹:And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ²:Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baal-zephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea. ³:For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in.

⁴:And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD. And they did so.

⁵:And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us? ⁶:And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him: ⁷:And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them. ⁸:And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel went out with an high hand. ⁹:But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon.

¹⁰:And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. ¹¹:And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? ¹²:Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.

¹³:And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. ¹⁴:The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

¹⁵:And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: ¹⁶:But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

¹⁷:And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. ¹⁸:And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

¹⁹:And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: ²⁰:And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.

²¹:And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. ²²:And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

^{23:}And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. ^{24:}And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, ^{25:}And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

^{26:}And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. ^{27:}And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

^{28:}And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the **host of Pharaoh** that came into the sea after them; **there remained not so much as one** of them. ^{29:}But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

^{30:}Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore. ^{31:}And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

15. ^{1:}Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. ^{2:}The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

^{3:}The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name. ^{4:}Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea. ^{5:}The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone. ^{6:}Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

^{7:}And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble. ^{8:}And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

**TABLE 15. *From the Exodus to the day of Pentecost
When the "Church in the Wilderness" was Founded***

SUN MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT

11	12	13	14 Passover	15 Exodus Egypt 1 st day Camp: Succoth Num. 33:3	16 Num. 33:5 2 nd day Camp at Etham	17 Num. 33:3 3 rd day Camp at Red sea
18 Pharaoh drowns	19	20	21	22	23	24
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1 3 rd Month	2	3	4	5 Reach Mt. Sinai Seventh Week (Exodus 19:1, 11)	6 1 st day	7 2 nd day
8 3 rd day Pentecost Ten Commandments	9	10	11	12	13	14
Exodus parallels the 3 days and 3 nights Christ was in the tomb. “I would not that you should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud and all passed through the sea; and were baptized unto Moses... they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ” (I. Cor. 10:1-4). (See also Romans 6:3-6.)						

NOTE:¹² Ussher says on page 39 of his *Annals of the World*: “**2513** AM (After Man)... calculates the date of the Passover in 1491 (BC) as being “On the fifteenth day of the month (Tuesday, May 5, at midnight...” He says the Israelites crossed the Red Sea that year on the 21st day, “on the last day of the feast of Unleavened Bread.” On page 45, Ussher says Ramesses Miamun (who commanded the infant Hebrews to be drowned after Moses was born) was the father of Amenophis, the father of Egyptus, also called Ramesses, and Harmais, also called Danaus. “Amenophis was that Pharaoh who died in the Red Sea with his armies”.

Josephus says they reached the Red Sea on the third day and crossed over during the next night. Of course Passovers differ according to the year chosen for the exodus. Josephus says the Pharaoh of the exodus was Ahmose who drove out the Hyksos from Egypt (about 1594 BC, 590 years before the era of Jerusalem).

⁹The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them. ¹⁰Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters. ¹¹Who

¹² The Israelites reached the wilderness of Sin on Friday, the 15th of the second month where instructions were given for collecting manna during the following week.¹² They had reached Mt. Sinai in the third month, on the same weekday in which they had left Egypt (Ex. 19:1), and they were to be ready on the third day, on Sunday, on the day of Pentecost, for God to appear on Mt. Sinai (Ex. 19:11, 15, 16).

is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

^{12:}Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them. ^{13:}Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation. ^{14:}The people shall hear, and be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina.

^{15:}Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.

^{16:}Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased.

^{17:}Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established. ^{18:}The LORD shall reign for ever and ever.

^{19:}For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea.

^{20:}And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. ^{21:}And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

^{22:}So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water. ^{23:}And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah. ^{24:}And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

^{25:}And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them, ^{26:}And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

^{27:}And they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

16. ^{1:}And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month¹³ after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

¹³ If the Israelites observed the Passover on a Wednesday, after sunset, and left Egypt the next morning, on Thursday, before sunrise, on the 15th day of the first month, then the 15th day of the second month would have been on a Saturday. This being the case, the manna would have begun the next morning, on Sunday, the first day of the week. The sixth day of manna would have been the preparation day for the weekly Sabbath. This becomes evidence that weeks were in existence when the Commandments given at Sinai.

^{2:}And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: ^{3:}And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

^{4:}Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, **I will rain bread from heaven for you**; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no. ^{5:}And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

^{6:}And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of Egypt: ^{7:}And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and what are we, that ye murmur against us? ^{8:}And Moses said, This shall be, when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against the LORD.

^{9:}And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the LORD: for he hath heard your murmurings. ^{10:}And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

^{11:}And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ^{12:}I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God.

^{13:}And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host. ^{14:}And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground. ^{15:}And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.

^{16:}This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons; take ye every man for them which are in his tents. ^{17:}And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less. ^{18:}And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating. ^{19:}And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning.

^{20:}Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them. ^{21:}And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.

^{22:}And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. ^{23:}And he said unto them, This is that which the LORD hath said, To morrow is the rest of the

holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.

^{24:}And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein. ^{25:}And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day is a sabbath unto the LORD: to day ye shall not find it in the field.

^{26:}Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

^{27:}And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none. ^{28:}And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws? ^{29:}See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. ^{30:}So the people rested on the seventh day.

^{31:}And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. ^{32:}And Moses said, This is the thing which the LORD commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt. ^{33:}And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations. ^{34:}As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept.

40 years ^{35:}And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan. ^{36:}Now an omer is the tenth part of an ephah.

17. ^{1:}And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink. ^{2:}Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD? ^{3:}And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?

^{4:}And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me. ^{5:}And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go. ^{6:}Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink.

And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. ^{7:}And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

^{8:}Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. ^{9:}And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.

¹⁰So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. ¹¹And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. ¹²But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. ¹³And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. ¹⁴And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

¹⁵And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi: ¹⁶For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

18. ¹When Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father in law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, and that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt; ²Then Jethro, Moses' father in law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back, ³And her two sons; of which the name of the one was Gershom; for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land: ⁴And the name of the other was Eliezer; for the God of my father, said he, was mine help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh: ⁵And Jethro, Moses' father in law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God: ⁶And he said unto Moses, I thy father in law Jethro am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two sons with her.

⁷And Moses went out to meet his father in law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other of their welfare; and they came into the tent. ⁸And Moses told his father in law all that the LORD had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, and all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and how the LORD delivered them.

⁹And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians. ¹⁰And Jethro said, Blessed be the LORD, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. ¹¹Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them. ¹²And Jethro, Moses' father in law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father in law before God.

¹³And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening. ¹⁴And when Moses' father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even? ¹⁵And Moses said unto his father in law, Because the people come unto me to inquire of God: ¹⁶When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make them know the statutes of God, and his laws.

¹⁷And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good. ¹⁸Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone. ¹⁹Hearken now unto

my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to Godward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God: ^{20:}And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.

^{21:}Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens: ^{22:}And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee. ^{23:}If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.

^{24:}So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in law, and did all that he had said. And ^{25:}Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. ^{26:}And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves. ^{27:}And Moses let his father in law depart; and he went his way into his own land.

19. ^{1:}In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. ^{2:}For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.

^{3:}And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; ^{4:}Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. ^{5:}Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: ^{6:}And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.

These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. ^{7:}And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him. ^{8:}And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do.

And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD. ^{9:}And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD. ^{10:}And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes, ^{11:}And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

^{12:}And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death: ^{13:}There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.

^{14:}And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes. ^{15:}And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not at your wives.

^{16:}And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. ^{17:}And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. ^{18:}And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. ^{19:}And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.

^{20:}And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up. ^{21:}And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish. ^{22:}And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them.

^{23:}And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it. ^{24:}And the LORD said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the LORD, lest he break forth upon them. ^{25:}So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them.

20. ^{1:}And God spake all these words, saying, ^{2:}I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

^{3:}Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

^{4:}Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: ^{5:}Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; ^{6:}And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

^{7:}Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

^{8:}Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. ^{9:}Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: ^{10:}But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: ^{11:}For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

^{12:}Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

^{13:}Thou shalt not kill.

^{14:}Thou shalt not commit adultery.

^{15:}Thou shalt not steal.

¹⁶Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

¹⁷Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

¹⁸And all the people saw the thunders, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. ¹⁹And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. ²⁰And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

²¹And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

²²And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. ²³Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold. ²⁴An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee. ²⁵And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it.

²⁶Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.

21. ¹Now these are the judgments which thou shalt set before them. ²If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.

³If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he were married, then his wife shall go out with him. ⁴If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself. ⁵And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free: ⁶Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever. ⁷And if a man sell his daughter to be a maidservant, she shall not go out as the menservants do.

**TABLE 16. From the Exodus to the day of Pentecost
When the "Church in the Wilderness" was Founded**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
11	12	13	14 Passover	15 Exodus 1 st day Num. 33:3 Camp at Succoth	16 2 nd day Camp at Etham	17 3 rd day ¹⁴ Camp at Red sea
18 Pharaoh drowns¹⁵	19	20	21	22	23	24

¹⁴ Num. 33:3, 5.

25	26	27	28	29	30	2 nd Month
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 ¹⁶ Instructions on manna
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Sabbath
F i r s t S e v e n D a y s o f M a n n a						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1 3 rd Month	2	3	4	Seventh Week Reached Mt. Sinai	1 st day	2 nd day
8 ¹⁷ 7 th week Pentecos t	9	10	11	12	13	14

NOTE: After the first Passover in Egypt, Israel reached the Red Sea on the third day of escaping (according to Josephus), and they went through the sea during that Saturday night and the Pharaoh drowned at the moment of sunrise on Sunday morning.

Likewise, Christ became the Passover and died on the Passover. His tomb was found empty at the moment of sunrise on Sunday morning becoming the “firstfruits of many brethren” to cross the spiritual “Red Sea” before the spiritual “day of Pentecost”.

Easter was a month early in 2008. The rabbinic society observed it on Sunday, April 20, after the Passover, which occurred on Saturday, the 19th, but it is referred to as the "wave sheaf offering", not Easter. The wave sheaf is an offering of the first of the firstfruits of the spring harvest.

⁸If she please not her master, who hath betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed: to sell her unto a strange nation he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her.

⁹And if he have betrothed her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters. ¹⁰If he take him another wife; her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage, shall he not diminish. ¹¹And if he do not these three unto her, then shall she go out free without money. ¹²He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death.

¹³And if a man lie not in wait, but God deliver him into his hand; then I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee. ¹⁴But if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbour, to slay him with guile; thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die. ¹⁵And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.

¹⁵ Exodus 14: 24 & 27: The Pharaoh died at sunrise.

¹⁶ Ex. 16:1; 19:1, 11

¹⁷ The Israelites reached the wilderness of Sin on Friday, the 15th of the second month, where instructions were given for collecting manna during the following week.¹⁷ They had reached Mt. Sinai in the third month, on the same weekday in which they had left Egypt (Ex. 19:1), and they were to be ready on the third day, on Sunday, on the day of Pentecost, for God to appear on Mt. Sinai (Ex. 19:11, 15, 16).

¹⁶:And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.

¹⁷:And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.

¹⁸:And if men strive together, and one smite another with a stone, or with his fist, and he die not, but keepeth his bed: ¹⁹:If he rise again, and walk abroad upon his staff, then shall he that smote him be quit: only he shall pay for the loss of his time, and shall cause him to be thoroughly healed. ²⁰:And if a man smite his servant, or his maid, with a rod, and he die under his hand; he shall be surely punished. ²¹:Notwithstanding, if he continue a day or two, he shall not be punished: for he is his money.

²²:If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. ²³:And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life, ²⁴:Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, ²⁵:Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

²⁶:And if a man smite the eye of his servant, or the eye of his maid, that it perish; he shall let him go free for his eye's sake. ²⁷:And if he smite out his manservant's tooth, or his maidservant's tooth; he shall let him go free for his tooth's sake.

²⁸:If an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die: then the ox shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be quit.

²⁹:But if the ox were wont to push with his horn in time past, and it hath been testified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but that he hath killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and his owner also shall be put to death.

³⁰:If there be laid on him a sum of money, then he shall give for the ransom of his life whatsoever is laid upon him. ³¹:Whether he have gored a son, or have gored a daughter, according to this judgment shall it be done unto him. ³²:If the ox shall push a manservant or a maidservant; he shall give unto their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

³³:And if a man shall open a pit, or if a man shall dig a pit, and not cover it, and an ox or an ass fall therein; ³⁴:The owner of the pit shall make it good, and give money unto the owner of them; and the dead beast shall be his. ³⁵:And if one man's ox hurt another's, that he die; then they shall sell the live ox, and divide the money of it; and the dead ox also they shall divide.

³⁶:Or if it be known that the ox hath used to push in time past, and his owner hath not kept him in; he shall surely pay ox for ox; and the dead shall be his own.

22. ¹:If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep.

²:If a thief be found breaking up, and be smitten that he die, there shall no blood be shed for him. ³:If the sun be risen upon him, there shall be blood shed for him; for he should make full restitution; if he have nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft. ⁴:If the theft be certainly found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep; he shall restore double. ⁵:If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall put in his beast, and shall feed in another man's field; of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard, shall he make restitution.

⁶If fire break out, and catch in thorns, so that the stacks of corn, or the standing corn, or the field, be consumed therewith; he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution.

⁷If a man shall deliver unto his neighbour money or stuff to keep, and it be stolen out of the man's house; if the thief be found, let him pay double. ⁸If the thief be not found, then the master of the house shall be brought unto the judges, to see whether he have put his hand unto his neighbour's goods.

⁹For all manner of trespass, whether it be for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, or for any manner of lost thing, which another challengeth to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges; and whom the judges shall condemn, he shall pay double unto his neighbour.

¹⁰If a man deliver unto his neighbour an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast, to keep; and it die, or be hurt, or driven away, no man seeing it: ¹¹Then shall an oath of the LORD be between them both, that he hath not put his hand unto his neighbour's goods; and the owner of it shall accept thereof, and he shall not make it good. ¹²And if it be stolen from him, he shall make restitution unto the owner thereof. ¹³If it be torn in pieces, then let him bring it for witness, and he shall not make good that which was torn.

¹⁴And if a man borrow ought of his neighbour, and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof being not with it, he shall surely make it good. ¹⁵But if the owner thereof be with it, he shall not make it good: if it be an hired thing, it came for his hire.

¹⁶And if a man entice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with her, he shall surely endow her to be his wife. ¹⁷If her father utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

¹⁸Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.

¹⁹Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death.

²⁰He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed. ²¹Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. ²²Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child. ²³If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry; ²⁴And my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

²⁵If thou lend money to any of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury. ²⁶If thou at all take thy neighbour's raiment to pledge, thou shalt deliver it unto him by that the sun goeth down: ²⁷For that is his covering only, it is his raiment for his skin: wherein shall he sleep? and it shall come to pass, when he crieth unto me, that I will hear; for I am gracious.

²⁸Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people.

²⁹Thou shalt not delay to offer the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors: the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto me. ³⁰Likewise shalt thou do with thine oxen, and with thy sheep: seven days it shall be with his dam; on the eighth day thou shalt give it me. ³¹And ye shall be holy men unto me: neither shall ye eat any flesh that is torn of beasts in the field; ye shall cast it to the dogs.

23. ¹Thou shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness. ²Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou

speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment: ³Neither shalt thou countenance a poor man in his cause. ⁴If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again. ⁵If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, and wouldest forbear to help him, thou shalt surely help with him. ⁶Thou shalt not wrest the judgment of thy poor in his cause.

⁷Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked. ⁸And thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous. ⁹Also thou shalt not oppress a stranger: for ye know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

¹⁰And six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the fruits thereof: ¹¹But the seventh year thou shalt let it rest and lie still; that the poor of thy people may eat: and what they leave the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard, and with thy oliveyard. ¹²Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed.

¹³And in all things that I have said unto you be circumspect: and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.

¹⁴Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year. ¹⁵Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:) ¹⁶And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field. ¹⁷Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord GOD. ¹⁸Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the fat of my sacrifice remain until the morning.

¹⁹The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God.

Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

²⁰Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. ²¹Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him. ²²But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. ²³For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.

²⁴Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images. ²⁵And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. ²⁶There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfill. ²⁷I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee. ²⁸And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee. ²⁹I will not drive

them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee.

³⁰By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land. ³¹And I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee. ³²Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. ³³They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee.

24. ¹And he said unto Moses, Come up unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off. ²And Moses alone shall come near the LORD: but they shall not come nigh; neither shall the people go up with him.

³And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the LORD hath said will we do.

⁴And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD. ⁶And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

⁷And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient. ⁸And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

⁹Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: ¹⁰And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. ¹¹And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.

¹²And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them. ¹³And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God. ¹⁴And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them.

¹⁵And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount. ¹⁶And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. ¹⁸And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

25. ¹And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ²Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering. ³And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver,

and brass, ⁴:And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, ⁵:And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood, ⁶:Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense, ⁷:Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate.

⁸:And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. ⁹:According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

¹⁰:And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about. ¹¹:And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four corners thereof; and two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it. ¹²:And thou shalt make staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold. ¹³:And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them. ¹⁵:The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it.

¹⁶:And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee. ¹⁷:And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

¹⁸:And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. ¹⁹:And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof. ²⁰:And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be. ²¹:And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee.

²²:And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

²³:Thou shalt also make a table of shittim wood: two cubits shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. ²⁴:And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about. ²⁵:And thou shalt make unto it a border of an hand breadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about. ²⁶:And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that are on the four feet thereof. ²⁷:Over against the border shall the rings be for places of the staves to bear the table. ²⁸:And thou shalt make the staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be borne with them. ²⁹:And thou shalt make the dishes thereof, and spoons thereof, and covers thereof, and bowls thereof, to cover withal: of pure gold shalt thou make them. ³⁰:And thou shalt set upon the table shewbread before me always.

³¹:And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same. ³²:And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the

other side: ³³Three bowls made like unto almonds, with a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, with a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick. ³⁴And in the candlestick shall be four bowls made like unto almonds, with their knops and their flowers. ³⁵And there shall be a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick. ³⁶Their knops and their branches shall be of the same: all it shall be one beaten work of pure gold. ³⁷And thou shalt make the seven lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it. ³⁸And the tongs thereof, and the snuffdishes thereof, shall be of pure gold.

³⁹Of a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels. ⁴⁰And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.

26. ¹Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them. ²The length of one curtain shall be eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and every one of the curtains shall have one measure. ³The five curtains shall be coupled together one to another; and other five curtains shall be coupled one to another. ⁴And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling; and likewise shalt thou make in the uttermost edge of another curtain, in the coupling of the second. ⁵Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that is in the coupling of the second; that the loops may take hold one of another. ⁶And thou shalt make fifty taches of gold, and couple the curtains together with the taches: and it shall be one tabernacle. ⁷And thou shalt make curtains of goats' hair to be a covering upon the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make. ⁸The length of one curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and the eleven curtains shall be all of one measure. ⁹And thou shalt couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shalt double the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tabernacle. ¹⁰And thou shalt make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain that is outmost in the coupling, and fifty loops in the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second. ¹¹And thou shalt make fifty taches of brass, and put the taches into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one.

¹²And the remnant that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth, shall hang over the backside of the tabernacle. ¹³And a cubit on the one side, and a cubit on the other side of that which remaineth in the length of the curtains of the tent, it shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, to cover it.

¹⁴And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above of badgers' skins. ¹⁵And thou shalt make boards for the tabernacle of shittim wood standing up. ¹⁶Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half shall be the breadth of one board. ¹⁷Two tenons shall there be in one board, set in order one against another: thus shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle. ¹⁸And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the south side southward. ¹⁹And thou shalt make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two

sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons. ^{20:}And for the second side of the tabernacle on the north side there shall be twenty boards: ^{21:}And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. ^{22:}And for the sides of the tabernacle westward thou shalt make six boards. ^{23:}And two boards shalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides. ^{24:}And they shall be coupled together beneath, and they shall be coupled together above the head of it unto one ring: thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners. ^{25:}And they shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. ^{26:}And thou shalt make bars of shittim wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, ^{27:}And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the two sides westward. ^{28:}And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall reach from end to end. ^{29:}And thou shalt overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold for places for the bars: and thou shalt overlay the bars with gold.

^{30:}And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which was shewed thee in the mount. ^{31:}And thou shalt make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made: ^{32:}And thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of shittim wood overlaid with gold: their hooks shall be of gold, upon the four sockets of silver. ^{33:}And thou shalt hang up the veil under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the veil the ark of the testimony: and the veil shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy. ^{34:}And thou shalt put the mercy seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy place. ^{35:}And thou shalt set the table without the veil, and the candlestick over against the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south: and thou shalt put the table on the north side. ^{36:}And thou shalt make an hanging for the door of the tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework. ^{37:}And thou shalt make for the hanging five pillars of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, and their hooks shall be of gold: and thou shalt cast five sockets of brass for them.

27. ^{1:}And thou shalt make an altar of shittim wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be foursquare: and the height thereof shall be three cubits. ^{2:}And thou shalt make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof: his horns shall be of the same: and thou shalt overlay it with brass. ^{3:}And thou shalt make his pans to receive his ashes, and his shovels, and his basons, and his fleshhooks, and his firepans: all the vessels thereof thou shalt make of brass. ^{4:}And thou shalt make for it a grate of network of brass; and upon the net shalt thou make four brasen rings in the four corners thereof. ^{5:}And thou shalt put it under the compass of the altar beneath, that the net may be even to the midst of the altar. ^{6:}And thou shalt make staves for the altar, staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with brass. ^{7:}And the staves shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall be upon the two sides of the altar, to bear it. ^{8:}Hollow with boards shalt thou make it: as it was shewed thee in the mount, so shall they make it.

^{9:}And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward there shall be hangings for the court of fine twined linen of an hundred cubits long for one side: ^{10:}And the twenty pillars thereof and their twenty sockets shall be of brass; the

hooks of the pillars and their fillets shall be of silver. ¹¹:And likewise for the north side in length there shall be hangings of an hundred cubits long, and his twenty pillars and their twenty sockets of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver. ¹²:And for the breadth of the court on the west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits: their pillars ten, and their sockets ten. ¹³:And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward shall be fifty cubits. ¹⁴:The hangings of one side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three. ¹⁵:And on the other side shall be hangings fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three. ¹⁶:And for the gate of the court shall be an hanging of twenty cubits, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework: and their pillars shall be four, and their sockets four. ¹⁷:All the pillars round about the court shall be filleted with silver; their hooks shall be of silver, and their sockets of brass.

¹⁸:The length of the court shall be an hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty every where, and the height five cubits of fine twined linen, and their sockets of brass. ¹⁹:All the vessels of the tabernacle in all the service thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court, shall be of brass.

²⁰:And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always. ²¹:In the tabernacle of the congregation without the vail, which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the LORD: it shall be a statute for ever unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel.

28. ¹:And take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.

²:And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty. ³:And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. ⁴:And these are the garments which they shall make; a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a brodered coat, a mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. ⁵:And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.

⁶:And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue, and of purple, of scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cunning work. ⁷:It shall have the two shoulderpieces thereof joined at the two edges thereof; and so it shall be joined together. ⁸:And the curious girdle of the ephod, which is upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work thereof; even of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. ⁹:And thou shalt take two onyx stones, and grave on them the names of the children of Israel: ¹⁰:Six of their names on one stone, and the other six names of the rest on the other stone, according to their birth. ¹¹:With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Israel: thou shalt make them to be set in ouches of gold. ¹²:And thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulders of the ephod for stones of memorial unto the children of Israel: and Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD upon his two shoulders for a memorial.

¹³:And thou shalt make ouches of gold; ¹⁴:And two chains of pure gold at the ends; of wreathen work shalt thou make them, and fasten the wreathen chains to the ouches. ¹⁵:And thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment with cunning work; after the work of the ephod thou shalt make it; of gold, of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine twined linen, shalt thou make it. ¹⁶:Foursquare it shall be being doubled; a span shall be the length thereof, and a span shall be the breadth thereof.

¹⁷:And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, even four rows of stones: the first row shall be a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this shall be the first row. ¹⁸:And the second row shall be an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond. ¹⁹:And the third row a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst. ²⁰:And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their inclosings. ²¹:And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes.

²²:And thou shalt make upon the breastplate chains at the ends of wreathen work of pure gold. ²³:And thou shalt make upon the breastplate two rings of gold, and shalt put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate. ²⁴:And thou shalt put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings which are on the ends of the breastplate. ²⁵:And the other two ends of the two wreathen chains thou shalt fasten in the two ouches, and put them on the shoulderpieces of the ephod before it. ²⁶:And thou shalt make two rings of gold, and thou shalt put them upon the two ends of the breastplate in the border thereof, which is in the side of the ephod inward. ²⁷:And two other rings of gold thou shalt make, and shalt put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the forepart thereof, over against the other coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod. ²⁸:And they shall bind the breastplate by the rings thereof unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it may be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breastplate be not loosed from the ephod. ²⁹:And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually.

³⁰:And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before the LORD: and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually. ³¹:And thou shalt make the robe of the ephod all of blue. ³²:And there shall be an hole in the top of it, in the midst thereof: it shall have a binding of woven work round about the hole of it, as it were the hole of an habergeon, that it be not rent. ³³:And beneath upon the hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the hem thereof; and bells of gold between them round about: ³⁴:golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about.

³⁵:And it shall be upon Aaron to minister: and his sound shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy place before the LORD, and when he cometh out, that he die not. ³⁶:And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD. ³⁷:And thou shalt put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be. ³⁸:And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children

of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

³⁹:And thou shalt embroider the coat of fine linen, and thou shalt make the mitre of fine linen, and thou shalt make the girdle of needlework. ⁴⁰:And for Aaron's sons thou shalt make coats, and thou shalt make for them girdles, and bonnets shalt thou make for them, for glory and for beauty. ⁴¹:And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office. ⁴²:And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach: ⁴³:And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the holy place; that they bear not iniquity, and die: it shall be a statute for ever unto him and his seed after him.

29. ¹:And this is the thing that thou shalt do unto them to hallow them, to minister unto me in the priest's office: Take one young bullock, and two rams without blemish, ²:And unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened tempered with oil, and wafers unleavened anointed with oil: of wheaten flour shalt thou make them.

³:And thou shalt put them into one basket, and bring them in the basket, with the bullock and the two rams. ⁴:And Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shalt wash them with water.

⁵:And thou shalt take the garments, and put upon Aaron the coat, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the curious girdle of the ephod: ⁶:And thou shalt put the mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the mitre. ⁷:Then shalt thou take the anointing oil, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him. ⁸:And thou shalt bring his sons, and put coats upon them. ⁹:And thou shalt gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and put the bonnets on them: and the priest's office shall be theirs for a perpetual statute: and thou shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons.

¹⁰:And thou shalt cause a bullock to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the bullock. ¹¹:And thou shalt kill the bullock before the LORD, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹²:And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put it upon the horns of the altar with thy finger, and pour all the blood beside the bottom of the altar. ¹³:And thou shalt take all the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul that is above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and burn them upon the altar. ¹⁴:But the flesh of the bullock, and his skin, and his dung, shalt thou burn with fire without the camp: it is a sin offering.

¹⁵:Thou shalt also take one ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram. ¹⁶:And thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take his blood, and sprinkle it round about upon the altar. ¹⁷:And thou shalt cut the ram in pieces, and wash the inwards of him, and his legs, and put them unto his pieces, and unto his head. ¹⁸:And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon the altar: it is a burnt offering unto the LORD: it is a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

¹⁹:And thou shalt take the other ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram. ²⁰:Then shalt thou kill the ram, and take of his blood, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.

²¹:And thou shalt take of the blood that is upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him: and he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him. ²²:Also thou shalt take of the ram the fat and the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and the right shoulder; for it is a ram of consecration: ²³:And one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that is before the LORD: ²⁴:And thou shalt put all in the hands of Aaron, and in the hands of his sons; and shalt wave them for a wave offering before the LORD.

²⁵:And thou shalt receive them of their hands, and burn them upon the altar for a burnt offering, for a sweet savour before the LORD: it is an offering made by fire unto the LORD. ²⁶:And thou shalt take the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration, and wave it for a wave offering before the LORD: and it shall be thy part. ²⁷:And thou shalt sanctify the breast of the wave offering, and the shoulder of the heave offering, which is waved, and which is heaved up, of the ram of the consecration, even of that which is for Aaron, and of that which is for his sons: ²⁸:And it shall be Aaron's and his sons' by a statute for ever from the children of Israel: for it is an heave offering: and it shall be an heave offering from the children of Israel of the sacrifice of their peace offerings, even their heave offering unto the LORD.

²⁹:And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons' after him, to be anointed therein, and to be consecrated in them. ³⁰:And that son that is priest in his stead shall put them on seven days, when he cometh into the tabernacle of the congregation to minister in the holy place.

³¹:And thou shalt take the ram of the consecration, and seethe his flesh in the holy place. ³²:And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ³³:And they shall eat those things wherewith the atonement was made, to consecrate and to sanctify them: but a stranger shall not eat thereof, because they are holy. ³⁴:And if ought of the flesh of the consecrations, or of the bread, remain unto the morning, then thou shalt burn the remainder with fire: it shall not be eaten, because it is holy. ³⁵:And thus shalt thou do unto Aaron, and to his sons, according to all things which I have commanded thee: seven days shalt thou consecrate them.

³⁶:And thou shalt offer every day a bullock for a sin offering for atonement: and thou shalt cleanse the altar, when thou hast made an atonement for it, and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it. ³⁷:Seven days thou shalt make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it; and it shall be an altar most holy: whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy.

³⁸:Now this is that which thou shalt offer upon the altar; two lambs of the first year day by day continually. ³⁹:The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou shalt offer at even: ⁴⁰:And with the one lamb a tenth deal of flour mingled

with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oil; and the fourth part of an hin of wine for a drink offering. ^{41:}And the other lamb thou shalt offer at even, and shalt do thereto according to the meat offering of the morning, and according to the drink offering thereof, for a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD. ^{42:}This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD: where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee.

^{43:}And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory. ^{44:}And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office. ^{45:}And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God. ^{46:}And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: I am the LORD their God.

30. ^{1:}And thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: of shittim wood shalt thou make it. ^{2:}A cubit shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof; foursquare shall it be: and two cubits shall be the height thereof: the horns thereof shall be of the same. ^{3:}And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, the top thereof, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns thereof; and thou shalt make unto it a crown of gold round about. ^{4:}And two golden rings shalt thou make to it under the crown of it, by the two corners thereof, upon the two sides of it shalt thou make it; and they shall be for places for the staves to bear it withal. ^{5:}And thou shalt make the staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold. ^{6:}And thou shalt put it before the vail that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with thee.

^{7:}And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning: when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it. ^{8:}And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations. ^{9:}Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon, nor burnt sacrifice, nor meat offering; neither shall ye pour drink offering thereon.

^{10:}And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it is most holy unto the LORD.

^{11:}And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ^{12:}When thou takest the sum of the children of Israel after their number, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the LORD, when thou numberest them; that there be no plague among them, when thou numberest them. ^{13:}This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: (a shekel is twenty gerahs:) an half shekel shall be the offering of the LORD. ^{14:}Every one that passeth among them that are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto the LORD. ^{15:}The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when they give an offering unto the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls. ^{16:}And thou shalt take the atonement money of the children of Israel, and shalt appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; that it may be a memorial unto the children of Israel before the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.

^{17:}And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ^{18:}Thou shalt also make a laver of brass, and his foot also of brass, to wash withal: and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein. ^{19:}For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat: ^{20:}When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD: ^{21:}So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

^{22:}Moreover the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ^{23:}Take thou also unto thee principal spices, of pure myrrh five hundred shekels, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty shekels, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty shekels, ^{24:}And of cassia five hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of oil olive an hin: ^{25:}And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an holy anointing oil. ^{26:}And thou shalt anoint the tabernacle of the congregation therewith, and the ark of the testimony, ^{27:}And the table and all his vessels, and the candlestick and his vessels, and the altar of incense, ^{28:}And the altar of burnt offering with all his vessels, and the laver and his foot. ^{29:}And thou shalt sanctify them, that they may be most holy: whatsoever toucheth them shall be holy.

^{30:}And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office. ^{31:}And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations. ^{32:}Upon man's flesh shall it not be poured, neither shall ye make any other like it, after the composition of it: it is holy, and it shall be holy unto you. ^{33:}Whosoever compoundeth any like it, or whosoever putteth any of it upon a stranger, shall even be cut off from his people.

^{34:}And the LORD said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; these sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like weight: ^{35:}And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure and holy: ^{36:}And thou shalt beat some of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will meet with thee: it shall be unto you most holy. ^{37:}And as for the perfume which thou shalt make, ye shall not make to yourselves according to the composition thereof: it shall be unto thee holy for the LORD. ^{38:}Whosoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereto, shall even be cut off from his people.

31. ^{1:}And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ^{2:}See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: ^{3:}And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, ^{4:}To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, ^{5:}And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship. ^{6:}And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee; ^{7:}The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture

of the tabernacle, ⁸:And the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense, ⁹:And the altar of burnt offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot, ¹⁰:And the cloths of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office, ¹¹:And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.

¹²:And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ¹³:Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you. ¹⁴:Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. ¹⁵:Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. ¹⁶:Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. ¹⁷:It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

¹⁸:And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

32. ¹:And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

²:And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. ³:And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. ⁴:And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. ⁵:And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the LORD. ⁶:And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

⁷:And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: ⁷:They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. ⁸:And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: ¹⁰:Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation. ¹¹:And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? ¹²:Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them

out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. ^{13:}Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.

^{14:}And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

^{15:}And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written. ^{16:}And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

^{17:}And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, There is a noise of war in the camp. ^{18:}And he said, It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome: but the noise of them that sing do I hear.

^{19:}And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount. ^{20:}And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strawed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it.

^{21:}And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them? ^{22:}And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they are set on mischief. ^{23:}For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. ^{24:}And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.

^{25:}And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies:) ^{26:}Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the LORD's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him. ^{27:}And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour.

^{28:}And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. ^{29:}For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves to day to the LORD, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.

^{30:}And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin. ^{31:}And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. ^{32:}Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

^{33:}And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book. ^{34:}Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I

have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them. ³⁵:And the LORD plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

33. ¹:And the LORD said unto Moses, Depart, and go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I swear unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it: ²:And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: ³:Unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiffnecked people: lest I consume thee in the way.

⁴:And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on him his ornaments. ⁵:For the LORD had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye are a stiffnecked people: I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee. ⁶:And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by the mount Horeb.

⁷:And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, that every one which sought the LORD went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp. ⁸:And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, that all the people rose up, and stood every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle.

⁹:And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with Moses. ¹⁰:And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door. ¹¹:And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle. ¹²:And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight. ¹³:Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.

¹⁴:And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. ¹⁵:And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. ¹⁶:For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.

¹⁷:And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name. ¹⁸:And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. ¹⁹:And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. ²⁰:And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.

²¹:And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: ²²:And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: ²³:And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

34. ¹:And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest. ²:And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount. ³:And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount. ⁴:And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone. ⁵:And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. ⁶:And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, ⁷:Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

⁸:And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped. ⁹:And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us; for it is a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance.

¹⁰:And he said, Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people among which thou art shall see the work of the LORD: for it is a terrible thing that I will do with thee.

¹¹:Observe thou that which I command thee this day: behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite. ¹²:Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee: ¹³:But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves: ¹⁴:For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God: ¹⁵:Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice; ¹⁶:And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods. ¹⁷:Thou shalt make thee no molten gods.

¹⁸:The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt.

¹⁹:All that openeth the matrix is mine; and every firstling among thy cattle, whether ox or sheep, that is male. ²⁰:But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem him not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the firstborn of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before me empty.

²¹Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest. ²²And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end. ²³Thrice in the year shall all your men children appear before the Lord GOD, the God of Israel.

²⁴For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the LORD thy God thrice in the year.

²⁵Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left unto the morning.

²⁶The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the LORD thy God.

Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

²⁷And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.

²⁸And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

²⁹And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him. ³⁰And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.

³¹And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them. ³²And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai. ³³And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face. ³⁴But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded. ³⁵And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

³⁵ ¹And Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said unto them, These are the words which the LORD hath commanded, that ye should do them.

²Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the LORD: whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death. ³Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day.

⁴And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the LORD commanded, saying, ⁵Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass, ⁶And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, ⁷And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood, ⁸And oil for the light, and spices for anointing oil, and for the sweet incense, ⁹And onyx stones, and stones to be set for the ephod, and for the breastplate. ¹⁰And every wise

hearted among you shall come, and make all that the LORD hath commanded; ¹¹The tabernacle, his tent, and his covering, his taches, and his boards, his bars, his pillars, and his sockets, ¹²The ark, and the staves thereof, with the mercy seat, and the vail of the covering, ¹³The table, and his staves, and all his vessels, and the shewbread, ¹⁴The candlestick also for the light, and his furniture, and his lamps, with the oil for the light, ¹⁵And the incense altar, and his staves, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the door at the entering in of the tabernacle, ¹⁶The altar of burnt offering, with his brasen grate, his staves, and all his vessels, the laver and his foot, ¹⁷The hangings of the court, his pillars, and their sockets, and the hanging for the door of the court, ¹⁸The pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords, ¹⁹The cloths of service, to do service in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office.

²⁰And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. ²¹And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the LORD's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments. ²²And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered offered an offering of gold unto the LORD. ²³And every man, with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, and red skins of rams, and badgers' skins, brought them. ²⁴Every one that did offer an offering of silver and brass brought the LORD's offering: and every man, with whom was found shittim wood for any work of the service, brought it. ²⁵And all the women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen. ²⁶And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats' hair. ²⁷And the rulers brought onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breastplate; ²⁸And spice, and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense.

²⁹The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the LORD, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.

³⁰And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the LORD hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; ³¹And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship; ³²And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, ³³And in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work. ³⁴And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. ³⁵Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.

36. ¹Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded. ²And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart the LORD had

put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it: ^{3:}And they received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it withal.

And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning. ^{4:}And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made; ^{5:}And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the LORD commanded to make. ^{6:}And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary.

So the people were restrained from bringing. ^{7:}For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much. ^{8:}And every wise hearted man among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle made ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work made he them. ^{9:}The length of one curtain was twenty and eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: the curtains were all of one size. ^{10:}And he coupled the five curtains one unto another: and the other five curtains he coupled one unto another. ^{11:}And he made loops of blue on the edge of one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling: likewise he made in the uttermost side of another curtain, in the coupling of the second. ^{12:}Fifty loops made he in one curtain, and fifty loops made he in the edge of the curtain which was in the coupling of the second: the loops held one curtain to another. ^{13:}And he made fifty taches of gold, and coupled the curtains one unto another with the taches: so it became one tabernacle. ^{14:}And he made curtains of goats' hair for the tent over the tabernacle: eleven curtains he made them. ^{15:}The length of one curtain was thirty cubits, and four cubits was the breadth of one curtain: the eleven curtains were of one size. ^{16:}And he coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves. ^{17:}And he made fifty loops upon the uttermost edge of the curtain in the coupling, and fifty loops made he upon the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second. ^{18:}And he made fifty taches of brass to couple the tent together, that it might be one.

^{19:}And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of badgers' skins above that. ^{20:}And he made boards for the tabernacle of shittim wood, standing up. ^{21:}The length of a board was ten cubits, and the breadth of a board one cubit and a half. ^{22:}One board had two tenons, equally distant one from another: thus did he make for all the boards of the tabernacle. ^{23:}And he made boards for the tabernacle; twenty boards for the south side southward: ^{24:}And forty sockets of silver he made under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.

^{25:}And for the other side of the tabernacle, which is toward the north corner, he made twenty boards, ^{26:}And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. ^{27:}And for the sides of the tabernacle westward he made six boards. ^{28:}And two boards made he for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides. ^{29:}And they were coupled beneath, and coupled together at the head thereof, to one ring: thus he did to both of them in both the corners. ^{30:}And there were eight boards; and their sockets were sixteen sockets of silver, under every board two sockets. ^{31:}And he made bars of shittim wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, ^{32:}And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five

bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the sides westward. ^{33:}And he made the middle bar to shoot through the boards from the one end to the other. ^{34:}And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings of gold to be places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold. ^{35:}And he made a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: with cherubims made he it of cunning work. ^{36:}And he made thereunto four pillars of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold: their hooks were of gold; and he cast for them four sockets of silver. ^{37:}And he made an hanging for the tabernacle door of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, of needlework; ^{38:}And the five pillars of it with their hooks: and he overlaid their chapters and their fillets with gold: but their five sockets were of brass.

37. ^{1:}And Bezaleel made the ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half was the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it: ^{2:}And he overlaid it with pure gold within and without, and made a crown of gold to it round about. ^{3:}And he cast for it four rings of gold, to be set by the four corners of it; even two rings upon the one side of it, and two rings upon the other side of it. ^{4:}And he made staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold. ^{5:}And he put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, to bear the ark. ^{6:}And he made the mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half was the length thereof, and one cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

^{7:}And he made two cherubims of gold, beaten out of one piece made he them, on the two ends of the mercy seat; ^{8:}One cherub on the end on this side, and another cherub on the other end on that side: out of the mercy seat made he the cherubims on the two ends thereof. ^{9:}And the cherubims spread out their wings on high, and covered with their wings over the mercy seat, with their faces one to another; even to the mercy seatward were the faces of the cherubims.

^{10:}And he made the table of shittim wood: two cubits was the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof: ^{11:}And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made thereunto a crown of gold round about. ^{12:}Also he made thereunto a border of an handbreadth round about; and made a crown of gold for the border thereof round about. ^{13:}And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings upon the four corners that were in the four feet thereof. ^{14:}Over against the border were the rings, the places for the staves to bear the table. ^{15:}And he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold, to bear the table. ^{16:}And he made the vessels which were upon the table, his dishes, and his spoons, and his bowls, and his covers to cover withal, of pure gold.

^{17:}And he made the candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work made he the candlestick; his shaft, and his branch, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, were of the same: ^{18:}And six branches going out of the sides thereof; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side thereof, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side thereof: ^{19:}Three bowls made after the fashion of almonds in one branch, a knop and a flower; and three bowls made like almonds in another branch, a knop and a flower: so throughout the six branches going out of the candlestick. ^{20:}And in the candlestick were four bowls made like almonds, his knops, and his flowers: ^{21:}And a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and

a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches going out of it. ²²Their knops and their branches were of the same: all of it was one beaten work of pure gold. ²³And he made his seven lamps, and his snuffers, and his snuffdishes, of pure gold. ²⁴Of a talent of pure gold made he it, and all the vessels thereof. ²⁵And he made the incense altar of shittim wood: the length of it was a cubit, and the breadth of it a cubit; it was foursquare; and two cubits was the height of it; the horns thereof were of the same. ²⁶And he overlaid it with pure gold, both the top of it, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns of it: also he made unto it a crown of gold round about. ²⁷And he made two rings of gold for it under the crown thereof, by the two corners of it, upon the two sides thereof, to be places for the staves to bear it withal. ²⁸And he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold.

²⁹And he made the holy anointing oil, and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the apothecary.

38. ¹And he made the altar of burnt offering of shittim wood: five cubits was the length thereof, and five cubits the breadth thereof; it was foursquare; and three cubits the height thereof. ²And he made the horns thereof on the four corners of it; the horns thereof were of the same: and he overlaid it with brass.

³And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basons, and the fleshhooks, and the firepans: all the vessels thereof made he of brass. ⁴And he made for the altar a brasen grate of network under the compass thereof beneath unto the midst of it. ⁵And he cast four rings for the four ends of the grate of brass, to be places for the staves. ⁶And he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with brass. ⁷And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, to bear it withal; he made the altar hollow with boards.

⁸And he made the laver of brass, and the foot of it of brass, of the lookingglasses of the women assembling, which assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁹And he made the court: on the south side southward the hangings of the court were of fine twined linen, an hundred cubits: ¹⁰Their pillars were twenty, and their brasen sockets twenty; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets were of silver. ¹¹And for the north side the hangings were an hundred cubits, their pillars were twenty, and their sockets of brass twenty; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver.

¹²And for the west side were hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver. ¹³And for the east side eastward fifty cubits. ¹⁴The hangings of the one side of the gate were fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three. ¹⁵And for the other side of the court gate, on this hand and that hand, were hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three. ¹⁶All the hangings of the court round about were of fine twined linen.

¹⁷And the sockets for the pillars were of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver; and the overlaying of their chapters of silver; and all the pillars of the court were filleted with silver. ¹⁸And the hanging for the gate of the court was needlework, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: and twenty cubits was the length, and the height in the breadth was five cubits, answerable to the hangings of the court. ¹⁹And their pillars were four, and their sockets of brass four; their hooks of

silver, and the overlaying of their chapiters and their fillets of silver. ^{20:}And all the pins of the tabernacle, and of the court round about, were of brass.

^{21:}This is the sum of the tabernacle, even of the tabernacle of testimony, as it was counted, according to the commandment of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, son to Aaron the priest. ^{22:}And Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD commanded Moses. ^{23:}And with him was Aholiab, son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a cunning workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and fine linen.

^{24:}All the gold that was occupied for the work in all the work of the holy place, even the gold of the offering, was twenty and nine talents, and seven hundred and thirty shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary. ^{25:}And the silver of them that were numbered of the congregation was an hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and threescore and fifteen shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary: ^{26:}A bekah for every man, that is, half a shekel, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for every one that went to be numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty men. ^{27:}And of the hundred talents of silver were cast the sockets of the sanctuary, and the sockets of the vail; an hundred sockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a socket. ^{28:}And of the thousand seven hundred seventy and five shekels he made hooks for the pillars, and overlaid their chapiters, and filleted them. ^{29:}And the brass of the offering was seventy talents, and two thousand and four hundred shekels. ^{30:}And therewith he made the sockets to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the brasen altar, and the brasen grate for it, and all the vessels of the altar, ^{31:}And the sockets of the court round about, and the sockets of the court gate, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the court round about.

39. ^{1:}And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made cloths of service, to do service in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as the LORD commanded Moses. ^{2:}And he made the ephod of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. ^{3:}And they did beat the gold into thin plates, and cut it into wires, to work it in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, with cunning work. ^{4:}They made shoulderpieces for it, to couple it together: by the two edges was it coupled together.

^{5:}And the curious girdle of his ephod, that was upon it, was of the same, according to the work thereof; of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; as the LORD commanded Moses. ^{6:}And they wrought onyx stones inclosed in ouches of gold, graven, as signets are graven, with the names of the children of Israel. ^{7:}And he put them on the shoulders of the ephod, that they should be stones for a memorial to the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses.

^{8:}And he made the breastplate of cunning work, like the work of the ephod; of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. ^{9:}It was foursquare; they made the breastplate double: a span was the length thereof, and a span the breadth thereof, being doubled. ^{10:}And they set in it four rows of stones: the first row was a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this was the first row. ^{11:}And the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond. ^{12:}And the third row, a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst. ^{13:}And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper: they were inclosed in ouches of gold in their

inclosings. ^{14:}And the stones were according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet, every one with his name, according to the twelve tribes.

^{15:}And they made upon the breastplate chains at the ends, of wreathen work of pure gold. ^{16:}And they made two ouches of gold, and two gold rings; and put the two rings in the two ends of the breastplate. ^{17:}And they put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate. ^{18:}And the two ends of the two wreathen chains they fastened in the two ouches, and put them on the shoulderpieces of the ephod, before it. ^{19:}And they made two rings of gold, and put them on the two ends of the breastplate, upon the border of it, which was on the side of the ephod inward. ^{20:}And they made two other golden rings, and put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the forepart of it, over against the other coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod. ^{21:}And they did bind the breastplate by his rings unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it might be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breastplate might not be loosed from the ephod; as the LORD commanded Moses.

^{22:}And he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue. ^{23:}And there was an hole in the midst of the robe, as the hole of an habergeon, with a band round about the hole, that it should not rend. ^{24:}And they made upon the hems of the robe pomegranates of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and twined linen.

^{25:}And they made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the hem of the robe, round about between the pomegranates; ^{26:}A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, round about the hem of the robe to minister in; as the LORD commanded Moses. ^{27:}And they made coats of fine linen of woven work for Aaron, and for his sons, ^{28:}And a mitre of fine linen, and goodly bonnets of fine linen, and linen breeches of fine twined linen, ^{29:}And a girdle of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, of needlework; as the LORD commanded Moses.

^{30:}And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, like to the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD. ^{31:}And they tied unto it a lace of blue, to fasten it on high upon the mitre; as the LORD commanded Moses.

^{32:}Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation finished: and the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they. ^{33:}And they brought the tabernacle unto Moses, the tent, and all his furniture, his taches, his boards, his bars, and his pillars, and his sockets, ^{34:}And the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of badgers' skins, and the vail of the covering, ^{35:}The ark of the testimony, and the staves thereof, and the mercy seat, ^{36:}The table, and all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread, ^{37:}The pure candlestick, with the lamps thereof, even with the lamps to be set in order, and all the vessels thereof, and the oil for light, ^{38:}And the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the tabernacle door, ^{39:}The brasen altar, and his grate of brass, his staves, and all his vessels, the laver and his foot, ^{40:}The hangings of the court, his pillars, and his sockets, and the hanging for the court gate, his cords, and his pins, and all the vessels of the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of the congregation, ^{41:}The cloths of service to do service in the holy place, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to

minister in the priest's office. ^{42:}According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work. ^{43:}And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they have done it as the LORD had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them.

40. ^{1:}And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ^{2:}On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. ^{3:}And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and cover the ark with the vail. ^{4:}And thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it; and thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and light the lamps thereof. ^{5:}And thou shalt set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of the testimony, and put the hanging of the door to the tabernacle. ^{6:}And thou shalt set the altar of the burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. ^{7:}And thou shalt set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and shalt put water therein. ^{8:}And thou shalt set up the court round about, and hang up the hanging at the court gate.

^{9:}And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy. ^{10:}And thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt offering, and all his vessels, and sanctify the altar: and it shall be an altar most holy. ^{11:}And thou shalt anoint the laver and his foot, and sanctify it.

^{12:}And thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water. ^{13:}And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. ^{14:}And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them with coats: ^{15:}And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.

^{16:}Thus did Moses: according to all that the LORD commanded him, so did he.

2510 ^{17:}And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first
+1 day of the month, that the tabernacle was reared up.
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^{18:}And Moses reared up the tabernacle, and fastened his sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up his pillars. ^{19:}And he spread abroad the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it; as the LORD commanded Moses. ^{20:}And he took and put the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy seat above upon the ark: ^{21:}And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the vail of the covering, and covered the ark of the testimony; as the LORD commanded Moses. ^{22:}And he put the table in the tent of the congregation, upon the side of the tabernacle northward, without the vail.

^{23:}And he set the bread in order upon it before the LORD; as the LORD had commanded Moses. ^{24:}And he put the candlestick in the tent of the congregation, over against the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward. ^{25:}And he lighted the lamps before the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses. ^{26:}And he put the golden altar in the tent of the congregation before the vail: ^{27:}And he burnt sweet incense thereon; as

the LORD commanded Moses. ^{28:}And he set up the hanging at the door of the tabernacle.

^{29:}And he put the altar of burnt offering by the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation, and offered upon it the burnt offering and the meat offering; as the LORD commanded Moses.

^{30:}And he set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wash withal. ^{31:}And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat: ^{32:}When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; as the LORD commanded Moses.

^{33:}And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate.

So Moses finished the work.

^{34:}Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ^{35:}And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

^{36:}And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys: ^{37:}But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up. ^{38:}For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

TABLE 17. Comparison Between 251-Year System & Rabbinical System
The Missing 62 Years to the Exodus

	<i>Age at son's birth</i>		
	<i>251-Year System</i>	<i>Rabbinical System</i>	
Adam	130	130	3761 BC
Seth	105	105	
Enos	90	90	
Cainan	70	70	
Mahalaleel	65	65	
Jared	162	162	
Enoch	65	65	1757
Methuselah	187	187	
Lamech	182	182	
Noah	502	502	
Shem (born 98 yrs. before the flood)	100	100	
Arphaxad (born 2 yrs. after the flood)	35	35	
Salah	30	30	
Eber	34	34	
Peleg	30	30	
Reu	32	32	
Serug	30	30	251
Nahor	29	29	191 yrs
Terah	130	70	-60 =
Abraham born	2008	1948	(2008 - 60 = 1948)
Abraham	100	100	
Isaac	2108	2048	-60 =
Jacob			
Judah			
Pherez	502 yrs.	500 yrs	
Hezron			
Ram			
Amminidab			
Nashon (Prince at the exodus)	2510	2448	(2510 - 62 = 2448) = 1313 BC

¹⁸ NOTE: The rabbinic tradition omits 60 years between Abraham and his father. The tradition is that Abraham was born when his father was 70. Instead, his father died in Haran at the age of 205 (Gen. 11:32), at the time Abraham left Haran at the age of 75 to go to Canaan (Gen. 12:4). Therefore, Abraham was actually born when his father was 130. Rabbinic tradition says the exodus was 400 years after Isaac's birth. However, if Abraham were born 502 years before the exodus, then Isaac would have been 402 before the exodus. The exodus was 400 years after Isaac was weaned, 400 years after Ishmael was sent back to Egypt with his mother, Hagar, 430 years after the calling of Abraham.

TABLE 18. Adam to the Exodus, 2510 Years (251 x 10)

		<i>Age at son's birth</i>			
	Adam	130			
	Seth	105			
	Enos	90			
	Cainan	70			
	Mahalaleel	65			
	Jared	162			
	Enoch	65			
	Methuselah	187			
	Lamech	182			
<u>Noah was 502 at Shem's birth</u>	<u>Noah</u>	502			
<u>Shem died 502 yrs. after flood.</u>	<u>Shem</u>	100			
(502 = 251 x 2)	Arphaxad	35			
	Salah	30			
	Eber	34			
To Fall of Babel (Peleg's Birth)	Peleg	1757	= 251 x 7		
	<i>Age at son's birth</i>				
	Peleg	30			
	Reu	32			
	Serug	30			
	Nahor	29			
	Terah	130			
To Abraham's birth		2008	= 251 x 8	After son's birth	Total life span ¹⁹
	Abraham	100	.....>	75	175
	Isaac	60	.....>	120	180
	Jacob	91	.....>	<u>56</u>	<u>147</u>
To Joseph's birth		2259	= 251 x 9	251	502 (251 x 2)

<i>Epoch</i>	<i>Yrs.</i>	Epoch	<i>Yrs.</i>
Abraham's Birth (Yr. of Adam)	0	Abraham's Birth to Joseph's Birth	251
Abraham's Calling in Ur Before Reaching Haran ²⁰	72		
Yrs. to the Exodus	<u>430</u>	²¹ Joseph's Birth to the Exodus	<u>251</u>
Total	502		502

¹⁹NOTE: 175 = 5² x 7. 180 = 6² x 5. 147 = 7² x 3.
²⁰ Acts. 7:2.
²¹ Exodus 12:40.

**TABLE 19. Details of the 251-Year System
Rabbinical Systems Cuts 2 More Years**

<i>Epoch</i>	<i>251-Year</i>		<i>Rabbinic</i>	
	<i>Year of Creation</i>	<i>Deviation</i>	<i>Yr. of Creation</i>	
Creation of Adam	1		1	
Flood	1656		1656	
Birth of Peleg (fall of Babel)	1757			
Birth of Abraham	2008	-60 =	1948	
Birth of Isaac	2108	-60 =	2048	] 400
Birth of Joseph	2259	-60 =	2199	
	502 yrs.	402 yrs. ²²		
Exodus	2510	-62 ²³ =	2448	

TABLE 20. Two Traditions From Adam to the Entry into Canaan

	<i>Masoretic Text / Samaritan Text</i>	
From Adam to Abraham's birth	2008	2259
	<u>251</u>	<u>251</u>
From Adam to Joseph's birth	2259	2510
	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>
From Adam to Joseph's Reign	2289	2540
	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
From Adam to Israelites Entry into Egypt	2298	2549
	<u>212</u>	<u>205</u>
From Adam to the Exodus	2510	2754
	<u>40</u>	<u>40</u>
From Adam to the 40 th year in the Wilderness	2550	2794

*Note: The Masoreh text says Jacob was 130 when he entered Egypt, Joseph was 39. Therefore, Joseph was born when Jacob was 91. Notice that $130 - 39 = 91$. The Samaritan figures indicate the Israelites were in Egypt and the wilderness 245 years (half of 490 years) while the Masoretic text indicates 252 years.

By changing Nahor to 79 (instead of 29) and by changing Abraham to 70 (instead of 130), the Samaritans were able to reduce the birth of Abraham from 2259 to 2249. This would also reduce the entry into Egypt from 2549 to 2539 and to expand the time in Egypt to 215 years, half of the 430 years stated in Exodus 12:40. Notice that these few changes remove all traces of the original, 251-year pattern. Evidently, the Samaritans were more interested in the 7-year and Jubilee pattern.

²² Since "Abraham's seed", was to be sent into Egypt 400 years, and, since this was foretold prior to the birth of Isaac, this 400 years probably began when Ishmael was ousted from Abraham's house, when Isaac was weaned at the age of two, when Abraham was 102, 30 years after Abraham was called out of Ur.

²³ At the exodus, the 251-year system is 62 years greater than the rabbinic system, which has Abraham being born when his father was 70 instead of 130.

TABLE 21. 251 Year Pattern in Two Different Texts

<i>King James Version</i>		<i>Samaritan Text</i>		
	<i>Age at son's birth</i>		<i>Age at son's birth</i>	
Adam	130	Adam	130	
Seth	105	Seth	105	
Enos	90	Enos	90	
Cainan	70	Cainan	70	
Mahalaleel	65	Mahalaleel	65	
Jared	162	Jared	62	
Enoch	65	Enoch	65	
Methuselah	187	Methuselah	67	
Lamech	<u>182</u>	Lamech	<u>53</u>	
Noah born	1056	Noah born	707	
Noah's age at Flood	<u>600</u>	Noah's age at Flood	<u>600</u>	
Adam to Flood	1656	Adam to Flood	1307	1307 – 1056 = 251
Noah to Abraham		Noah to Abraham		
	<i>Age at son's birth</i>		<i>Age at son's birth</i>	
Noah	502	Noah	502	
Shem	100	Shem	100	Shem was 100, Noah was 602
Arphaxad	35	Arphaxad	135	when Arphaxad was born . ²⁴
Salah	30	Salah	130	
Eber	34	Eber	134	
Peleg	30	Peleg	130	
Reu	32	Reu	132	
Serug	30	Serug	130	
Nahor	29	Nahor	29	
Terah	<u>130</u>	Terah	<u>130</u>	
To Abraham's Birth	2008	To Abraham's Birth	2259	
	(251 x 8)		(251 x 9)	

By mixing information from two different sources, one could state that Noah was 251 years old at the flood. One text dates his birth as 1056 years after Adam. Another dates the Flood as 1307 years after Adam. The difference is 251. It's not safe to mix sources.

²⁴ Gen 11:2.

From Levi's death to Moses *only 40 years!*

Levi entered Egypt at age:	45 -----	when Joseph was 39
Years Levi lived in Egypt (until age 137)	92 -----	until Joseph was 131
Years between Levi's death & Moses' birth	40 -----	until Joseph would be 171
Years Moses lived before the exodus	80 ----	until Joseph would be 251
Years the Israelites were in Egypt	212 -----	until Levi would be 257 in the year of exodus in the year of Adam, 2510 (251 x 10)

NOTE: Sources available show the Israelites were in Egypt 212 years instead of 215:

1. Num. 26:59: "Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom her mother bare in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister" (See Ex. 6:20). Moses was a son of Joseph's niece.
2. Archbishop Ussher, in his *Annals of the World* (page 34), says, "**Forty years** after the death of her father Levi, Jochebed bore Moses to Amram her nephew and husband." This means Levi would have been 257 and Joseph would have been 251 if they had lived until the exodus). Levi was at least six years older than Joseph as in the following table (See **TABLE 9b**. On page 33, Ussher says, "Levi died in Egypt when he was 137 years old. He was the grandfather on the mother's side to Moses and Aaron and great grandfather on the father's side... Amram, the son of Kohath, married Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, his own aunt."
3. Josephus says Moses' birth (80 years before the exodus) was about 170 years after Joseph's birth, but, here again, no source is quoted (*Against Apion* 1.33 [299]). If there were 171 years, instead of 170, again Joseph's birth is 251 years before the Exodus (171 + 80 = 251).
4. Matthew 1:17: Of the 14 generations from Abraham to David, four were in Egypt (Gen. 15:16).

Levi to Joseph: At least 6 Years

Year of Adam	MONTHS AFTER LEVI	OFFSPRING OF JACOB	
1.		Reuben	Genesis 29:32
2.		Simeon	Genesis 29:33
3. 2253		Levi	Genesis 29:34
4.	9 mo.	Judah	Genesis 29:35
5.	18 mo.	Dan	Genesis 30: 6
6.	27 mo.	Naphtali	Genesis 30: 8
7.	36 mo. = 3 yrs.	Gad	Genesis 30: 11
8.	45 mo.	6 yrs. Asher	Genesis 30: 13
9.	54 mo.	Issachar	Genesis 30: 18
10.	63 mo.	Zebulun	Genesis 30: 20
11. 2259	72 mo.	Joseph & Dinah	Genesis 30: 21-24

NOTE: This chart demonstrates that, if births are consecutive as in the story (instead of being contemporary with other siblings), Joseph was born at least six years after the birth of Levi.

COMMENTARY
On the First Century

There is a remarkable parallel between the story of Joseph and the life of Christ:

1. Joseph was 30 when he began to reign with Pharaoh after interpreting his dream. David was 30 when he began to reign for 33 years with a temporary tabernacle, before the permanent temple was built. Christ began his mission at the age of about 30 and died at the age of about 33. Joseph would have been 251 if he had lived until the exodus.
2. The exodus, the plagues, the Passover lamb, sparing the firstborn, crossing the Red Sea, the serpent on a stake, water from a rock, all occurred after Joseph's death, when his bones were carried forth from Egypt. Likewise, Christ is the lamb, the serpent on a stake taking away the sting of death, the water from a rock, the manna from heaven. He passed through the Red Sea, and, after three days, stretched forth his rod, and death that pursued him, his last enemy, was finally conquered. On the 50th day (Pentecost) the law was written on clay tablets. On the 50th day, the law was again written, this time on the spiritual tablets of our hearts.
3. That age of being in Egypt did not end until they had been in the wilderness 39 years, 251 years after they had entered Egypt. Likewise, the temple era did not end until 70 AD, 39 years after the Crucifixion. Joshua and his priests with their seven trumpets began to surround Jericho on the same month and weekday as when the Roman armies surrounded Jerusalem in 70 AD.

Obviously, this is a major revision of the work of Ussher of 1650, which revised the work of Eusebius of 324 AD, which revised the work of Josephus of 70 AD, which reflects the work of Ezra of 539 BC. (Josephus had obtained the books stored in the temple when it was burned in 70 AD.) With access to all these books, I wonder if they ever decided whether or not Christ's Y-chromosome was passed to him through the house of Levi, the house of Judah or through the house of God. Levites replaced the firstborn, and they were the priesthood, not the house of Judah. However, before Levi Abraham tithed to Melchizedek, a king and priest of (Jeru)salem.

TABLE 22. *Gap Between Joseph and the Exodus, 251 Years?*

Rabbinical System 251-Yr. System

		<i>Age at son's birth</i>		
Adam	3761 BC	130	130	
Seth		105	105	
Enos		90	90	
Cainan		70	70	
Mahalaleel		65	65	
Jared		162	162	
Enoch		65	65	
Methuselah		187	187	
Lamech		182	182	
Noah age 602 two yrs. after the flood		502	502	
Shem age 100 two yrs. after the flood		100	100	
Arphaxad born 2 yrs. after the flood		35	35	
Salah		30	30	
Eber		34	34	
Peleg born		1757	1757	(251 x 7)
Peleg		30	30	
Reu		32	32	
Serug		30	30	
Nahor		29	29	
Terah		70	130	
Abraham		1948	2008	+60 = (251 x 8)
Abraham			100	
Isaac			60	
Jacob			91	
Judah (brother of Joseph)				(251 x 9)
Pherez			GAP	
Hezron				
Ram				
Amminidab				
Nashon (Prince at the exodus)	1313 BC	2448	2510	500 yrs. +62 = (251 x 10) ²⁵
Exodus				

NOTE: Some versions (which accept the 502 years between Abraham and the exodus) say there were 50 jubilees, (half of 4900), 2450 years from Adam to the exodus.

THE MYSTERIOUS ERAS OF THE HEBREWS RESTORED
Alternative View of the Ages by Floyd R. Cox

²⁵ As we will see in the next issue, the exodus was about 251 years before the time of David and Solomon. This dating is supported by Jack Finegan in his *Handbook of Biblical Chronology* when he says the exodus was about 40 years prior to the 5th year of Merneptah (son of Rameses II) and is supported by Kenneth Kitchen when he associates the exodus with the death of a son of Rameses II in 1262 BC. Others say there were 479 years from the exodus to Solomon. That debate comes next!

Eventually, it became clear that the eras of the Hebrews should remain in their proper context and are not of any private interpretation or private ownership. They actually belong to the Bible as an integral, although sometimes hidden, part of the text. The pattern becomes obvious (once it comes to our attention) even though it has become mutilated and abused beyond recognition and needs to be restored.

This issue covers the **251-years from God's covenant with Israel to His covenant with David**, that is, Moses' 40 years in the wilderness, the years of Joshua, the elders, the Judges, Samuel and Saul and ends with David's capture of Jerusalem after his seventh year. Scholars debate whether this period should be **251 or 479 or 590 Years**, and we find examples of each belief in the first century. This period will indicate whether or not we are presently nearing the end of 6,000 years after Adam as suggested by Archbishop James Ussher.

What is mutilated beyond recognition? The era of Jerusalem has been confused with the era of the temple. How?

1. Rabbinic tradition only allows 20 years from Eli to David's 7th year, but Josephus says there were 57. Rabbinic tradition has 57 years from Eli to Solomon's 4th year, when the temple was founded.

2. For the period of the Judges prior to Samuel, Saul and David, one version selects only the 339 years of Judges (I Kings 6:1). One version selects both the 339 years of Judges and the 111 years of oppressions (Acts 13:20). One version selects only the 111 years of oppressions (Matt. 1:17).

3. The book of Joshua does not say how long the elders ruled after Joshua's first 7 years. However, Josephus says Joshua and the elders ruled 43 years.

The above $43 + 111 + 57 = 211 + 40$ in the wilderness = 251 years to David's 7th year.

However, we may decide that Joshua and the elders overlapped the judges about 36 years. After all, Joshua killed Jabin, king of Hazor, and yet Jabin was killed in the time of the Judges. Perhaps Joshua overlapped the judges. If they overlapped 36 years, perhaps we can move these 36 years down to the time David conquered Jerusalem and ruled 33 years before Solomon, and the 36 years would end in the fourth year of Solomon at the founding of the temple. If we move nothing, then Jerusalem was conquered 251 years (6 generations) after the exodus.

Perhaps the elders overlapped the judges 33 years, and the 251 years would end in Solomon's first year. We have some evidence to guide us on which to choose.

Once restored, these "alternative views" of the ages should be planted on the net where they might outlive us all. This is a work in progress somewhat like a newsletter:

Issue #1: The 251-Year Era of Creation

Issue #2: The 251-Year Era of Joseph

Issue #3: The 251-Year Era of the Exodus

Issue #4: The 251-Year Era of Jerusalem

Issue #5: The 502 Years to the Restoration

Putting these concepts in a digitized format means I am virtually giving away priceless nuggets gleaned from years of research. Hopefully, some will have the ability to appreciate their value.

For a preview of this Issue #3, select the View/Zoom as 100% and scroll down to see the summary chart on the last page. Or just scan the charts on each page. FRCox

FROM EXODUS TO THE ERA OF JERUSALEM

NOTE: 590, 479 or 251 Years?

1. The Greek Jews (referring to the Septuagint text) included both the Judges and Oppressions during the time of the Judges and they concluded there were 590 year from the exodus to the temple including 450 years of Judges and Oppressions (Acts 13:20).

2. Eusebius (325 AD) says there were 479 years; so he evidently selected only the 228 years of Judges with the 111 years of Oppressions included within this context.

3. Kenneth Kitchen and Jack Finnegan prefer the third option of selecting about 251 years to the temple, which, in essence, is about like choosing only the 111 years of Oppressions with the Judges included within this context.

A. The Book of Joshua: From the Death of Moses to the Death of Joshua.

1. ¹:Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, ²:Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

³:Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. ⁴:From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

⁵:There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. ⁶:Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

⁷:Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

⁸:This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. ⁹:Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

¹⁰:Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, ¹¹:Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it.

¹²:And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying, Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land. ¹⁴:Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them;

TABLE 23. 251 Years in Egypt and in the Wilderness

<i>Israelites' History</i>	<i>Year of Joseph's Birth</i>	<i>Years After Entering Egypt</i>	<i>Year of Moses' Birth</i>
Entry Into Egypt (Jacob was 130)	39	0	0
Exodus from Egypt	251	212	80
	39	39	39
Last Year in Kadeshbarnea (the 39 th Year in the Wilderness ²⁶)	290	251	119
Moses Conquers East Side of Jordan (in the 40 th Year) ²⁷ and dies.	291	252	120
Joshua Conquers West Side of Jordan (in the 41 st Year)	292	253	

NOTE: The Israelites entered Egypt after Joseph turned 39. They left Egypt after 212 years and were in the wilderness until after 39 years, 251 years since entering Egypt. In the 40th year, Moses conquered the east side of the Jordan River.

¹⁵:Until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as he hath given you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sunrising.

¹⁶:And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go. ¹⁷:According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses. ¹⁸:Whosoever he be that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage.

2. ¹:And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there.

²⁶ Deuteronomy 2:14 says the Israelites were in Kadeshbarnea (in the wilderness) 38 years. They entered Kadeshbarnea in their second year in the wilderness (Numbers 1:1).

²⁷ In the *Samaritan Book of Joshua*, Moses conquers the land east of the Jordan in a Sabbatical year, and Joshua conquers the land west of the Jordan in one year, in a Jubilee year, which occurs after every 49th year.

TABLE 24. The Days of the Weeks & Months When Jericho was Surrounded

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 41 ST yr. ²⁸ 1 st month 7 yrs. begin	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Circumcism next to Jericho	11	12	13 Passover	14 Israelites at Jericho
15 Wave Sheaf Jericho Surrounded	16	17 Seven Seven	18 days of	19 Unleavened	20 Bread	21 Jericho Falls

TABLE 24 represents a tradition that the Israelites entered the promised land in the first year of the seven-year cycle, the first year of the jubilee cycle, the 41st year after the Exodus. The Israelites crossed the Jordan river on the 10th day of the first month. They observed the Passover on the 14th, which tradition says fell on a Saturday that year, and they would have eaten the Passover symbols after sundown, assuming they were available. After sunrise, on Sunday, the 15th, they ate the barley and other grain, the “firstfruits” of the land, after the priests first made an offering of the first of the firstfruits. From then on the manna ceased which they had eaten for 40 years. It ceased on Sunday, the same weekday in which they had crossed the Red sea before sunrise, when the Pharaoh drowned. The tradition implies they went around Jericho the first time on that Sunday, the 15th, and the walls of Jericho fell down on the seventh day, the 21st, when they blew the seven trumpets.

²⁸ *The Book of Jubilees*, Chapter 15, says, “And the cloud was lifted up on the first (day) of the first month, of the first year of the first period of seven years of the Jubil (Jubilee) even from the beginning of the entering in of the children of Israel...”

**TABLE 25. Variations of the Three Core Traditions²⁹
(450-339-111 Years For the Judges and Oppressions)**

	<i>Figures of Josephus</i>	<i>Figures of Eusebius</i>	<i>James Ussher</i>	<i>6-Generations to David</i>
			Year After Adam	
Exodus to Moses' Death	40		2513-2553 40	40
Moses' death to Joshua's Death	7		2553-2561 8	7
Joshua's Death to Elders' Deaths	36		2561-2591 30	36
	83		78	83
OPPRESSIONS				
Cushan	8		2591	8
Moabites	18			18
Jabin	20			20
Midianites	7			7
Ammonites	18			18
Philistines	40			40
	111			111
JUDGES				
Othniel	40	40	40	
Ehud	80	80	80	
Shamgar	0 (1)	0	0	
Deborah	40	40	40	
Gideon	40	40	40	
Abimelech	3	3	297 yrs 3	
Tola (in some copies)	5.7.5 Omitted 23	22	23	
Jair	22	22	22	
Jephthah	6	6	6	
Ibsan	7	7	7	
Elon	10 ?	Omitted 0	10	
Abdon (in some copies?)	5.7.15 Omitted 8	8	8	
Samson	20	20	20	
Eli	12 years with Samuel 40	40	2848-2488 40	
	339	328	339	
Total Years of Judges (see Acts 13:20)	450	328	339	111

NOTE: In Ussher's chronology, the 111 years of oppressions are squeezed in with the 339 years of judges. However, he still manages to remove another 42 years from the 339 to make the period only 297 years. He then subtracts 5 years from the 43 years of Joshua and the elders. Moses dies in 2553, and Joshua dies in 2561 and the first oppression is in 2591.

Basic Background From Judges to Samuel.

Three Versions of Chronology for the Judges.

The period of the Judges is often criticized because there are 40 years of rest after the Cushan Oppression, 40 years of rest after the Canaanite Oppression, 40 years of rest after the Midianite Oppression and two periods of 40 years of rest after the Moabite Oppression. These are followed by 40 years of Philistine Oppression (in the time of Eli's 40 years), 40 years of Saul, 40 years of David and 40 years of Solomon. Prior to the Judges, Moses ruled for 40 years, until Joshua.

However, these are a distraction in our search for the original 251-year epoch from Moses to David. We can delete many of these 40-year periods by considering that the oppressions were in different parts of Canaan, and one followed another. Each Judge was chosen to fight an oppressor in only one part, and then they had rest for 40 years in that part of Canaan. Samuel and Saul replaced the Judges by fighting the oppressors on every side.

“And when they forgot the LORD their God, he sold them into the hands of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab... And the LORD sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and the LORD delivered you on every side” (I Sam. 12:9-11). Compare I Sam. 14:47.

The 450-year system is supported by Acts 13:19-20 when it says, **“...(God) divided their land by lot. And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of 450 years, until Samuel the prophet.” Africanus and Jewish scholars of Alexandria had supported this view.**

The second view (where we select only the Judges and omit the oppressions) should undoubtedly say, “...(God) divided their land by lot. And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of 479 years, until Samuel the prophet.”

The third view (where we select only the oppressions and omit the Judges) should undoubtedly say, “...(God) divided their land by lot. And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of 111 years, until Samuel the prophet.”

B. The Book of Judges.

1. ¹:Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the children of Israel asked the LORD, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them?

²:And the LORD said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.

³:And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him. ⁴:And Judah went up; and the LORD delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites

into their hand: and they slew of them in Bezek ten thousand men. ⁵:And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek: and they fought against him, and they slew the Canaanites and the Perizzites.

⁶:But Adoni-bezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes. ⁷:And Adoni-bezek said, Threescore and ten kings, having their thumbs

and their great toes cut off, gathered their meat under my table: as I have done, so God hath requited me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.

⁸:Now the children of Judah had fought against Jerusalem, and had taken it, and smitten it

with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire. ^{9:} And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites, that dwelt in the mountain, and in the south, and in the valley. ^{10:} And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwelt in Hebron: (now the name of Hebron before was Kirjath-arba:) and they slew Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmi.

^{11:} And from thence he went against the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before was Kirjath-sepher: ^{12:} And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife.

^{13:} And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.

NOTE: After Joshua 13 (when Caleb was 85), Joshua (at Gilgal) distributed land west of the Jordan to Judah (including Caleb), Joseph (Ephraim & Manasseh). Then Joshua moves to Shiloh and distributes land to Benjamin, Simeon & Dan. Judges, chapter 1, seems to revert back to the time of Joshua 15 and the battles of Caleb and Othniel (the first Judge) to capture Debir (Joshua 15:16-17 & Judges 1:12). These are included among the cities conquered in Joshua's first seven years west of the Jordan (Josh. 12:7-24). This view seems to omit the next 33 years of elders until Joshua's death.

^{14:} And it came to pass, when she came to him, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted from off her ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wilt thou? ^{15:} And she said unto him, Give me a blessing: for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the nether springs.

^{16:} And the children of the Kenite, Moses' father in law, went up out of the city of palm trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which lieth in the south of Arad; and they went and dwelt among the people.

^{17:} And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. And the name of the city was called Hormah. ^{18:} Also Judah took Gaza with the coast thereof, and Askelon with the coast thereof, and Ekron with the coast thereof.

^{19:} And the LORD was with Judah; and he drove out the inhabitants of the mountain; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron. ^{20:} And they gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses said: and he expelled thence the three sons of Anak.

^{21:} And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day. ^{22:} And the house of Joseph, they also went up against Bethel: and the LORD was with them. ^{23:} And the house of Joseph sent to descry Bethel. (Now the name of the city before was Luz.) ^{24:} And the spies saw a man come forth out of the city, and they said unto him, Shew us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and we will shew thee mercy. ^{25:} And when he shewed them the entrance into the city, they smote the city with the edge of the sword; but they let go the man and all his family. ^{26:} And the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called the name thereof Luz: which is the name thereof unto this day.

^{27:} Neither did Manasseh drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shean and her towns, nor Taanach and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns: but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

TABLE 26. Ussher's Chronology: Time When Caleb was Ages 40 to 85 (Joshua 14:7-10)

<i>Ussher's Yrs. After Adam</i>	<i>Year of the Exodus</i>	<i>Caleb's Age</i>	<i>Joshua's Age</i>	<i>Event</i>
2514	2	40	63	Joshua 14:7 says Caleb was 40 when he scouted Canaan in the 2 nd year in the wilderness (Num. 10:11, 12; 13:1).
2551	39	77	98	The Israelites left Kadesh-barnea after being there 38 years (Deut. 2:14).
2552	40	78	101	Moses conquers land east of Jordan and gives it to 2½ tribes in the 40 th year (Deut. 1:3; 2:7).
Yr. After Entry				
2553	1	79	102	Joshua leads the Israelites to Gilgal, in Canaan, on the 10 th day of the 1 st month in the 41 st year (Josh. 4:19).
2554	2	80	103	
2555	3	81	104	
2556	4	82	105	
2557	5	83	106	
2558	6	84	107	
2559	7	85	108	
2560	(129 x 7 after the Flood)		109	1 st Sabbatical: At Gilgal , Joshua gives inheritance to Caleb's tribe, Judah, and to Joseph's tribe while Caleb is 85 (Joshua 14:6-10). At Shiloh , Joshua gives inheritance first to Benjamin and then to the remaining six tribes (18:1). Joshua ends his distribution in chapter 22 by sending 2½ tribes from Shiloh to possess their new land east of the Jordan (22:9).
2561 +30	9 +30		110 +30	Joshua dies Joshua "was old" in chapter 13:1, and he was "waxed old" in chapter 23:1. In chapter 24:1 Joshua makes a covenant at Shechem & dies at age 110 in verse 33. Joseph's bones are buried in Ephraim in verse 25, and Eleazar, Aaron's son, dies in verse 33
2591	39		140	Elders die (these were under age 20 at the exodus.)
<u>8</u> 2599	<u>8</u> 47		<u>8</u> 148	1st oppression under Cushan for 8 years. Othniel defeats Cushan after 8 yrs. (after first oppression lasting 8 yrs).

NOTE: If **Judges 1:20** immediately follows **Joshua 14:13**, then the above 33 years of the elders until Joshua's death are not necessary. However, notice also how each book naturally begins and ends. Genesis ends with the bones of Joseph being left in Egypt. Exodus begins with his bones being carried from Egypt. At the exodus, Joseph would have been 251 and Abraham would have been 502 when they carried Joseph from Egypt. These dates are not based upon the tabernacle or

the temple!

^{28:} And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out.

^{29:} Neither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them. ^{30:} Neither did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol; but the Canaanites dwelt among them, and became tributaries.

^{31:} Neither did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Accho, nor the inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Ahlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Helbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehob: ^{32:} But the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: for they did not drive them out.

^{33:} Neither did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, nor the inhabitants of Beth-anath; but he dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and of Beth-anath became tributaries unto them.

^{34:} And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountain: for they would not suffer them to come down to the valley: ^{35:} But the Amorites would dwell in mount Heres in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim: yet the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed, so that they became tributaries.

^{36:} And the coast of the Amorites was from the going up to Akrabbim, from the rock, and upward.

2. ^{1:} And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you. ^{2:} And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this? ^{3:} Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you.

^{4:} And it came to pass, when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. ^{5:} And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the LORD.

^{6:} And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land. ^{7:} And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel.

^{8:} And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old. ^{9:} And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash. ^{10:} And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

^{11:} And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim: ^{12:} And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger.

^{13:} And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth. ^{14:} And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies. ^{15:} Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed.

^{16:}Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. ^{18:}And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; but they did not so.

^{18:}And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the LORD because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.

^{19:}And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they returned, and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way. ^{20:}And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice; ^{21:}I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died: ^{22:}That through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not. ^{23:}Therefore the LORD left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua.

3. ^{1:}Now these are the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan; ^{2:}Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof; ^{3:}Namely, five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-hermon unto the entering in of Hamath.

^{4:}And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses. ^{5:}And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites: ^{6:}And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods.

^{7:}And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgat the LORD their God, and served Baalim and the groves. ^{8:}Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Chushan-rishathaim eight years.

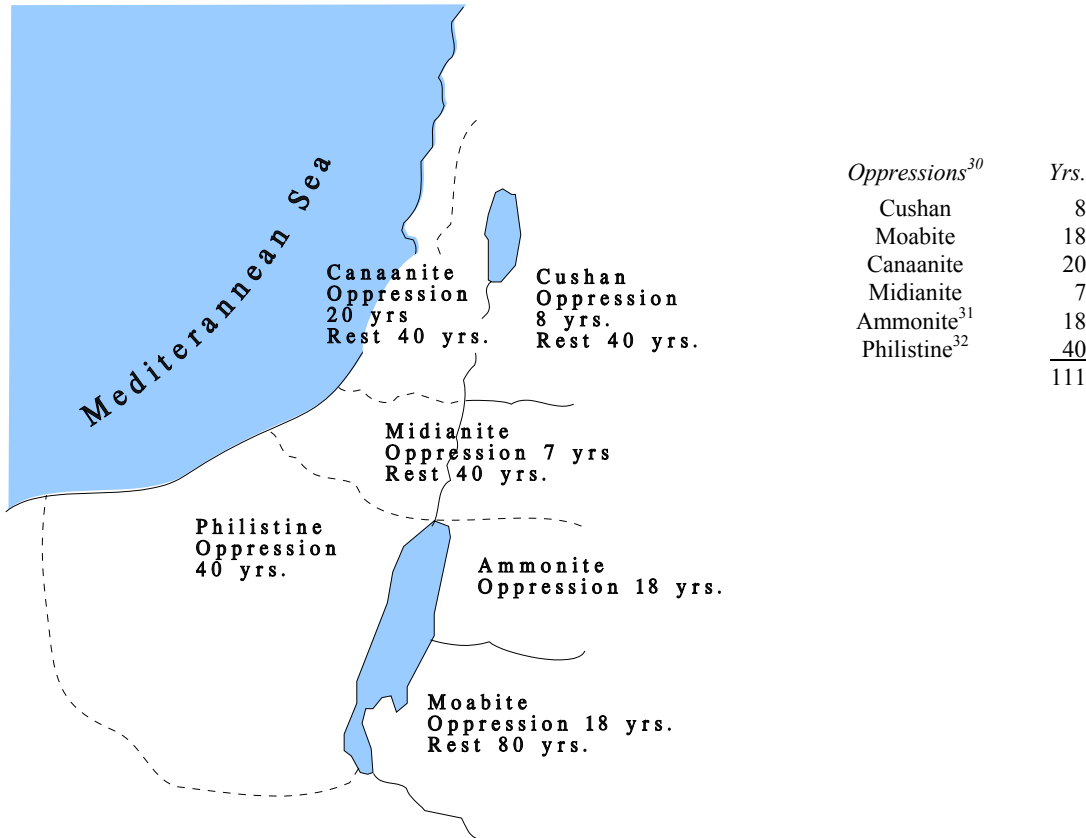
^{9:}And when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, even Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. ^{10:}And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel, and went out to war: and the LORD delivered Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed against Chushan-rishathaim. ^{11:}And the land had rest forty years.

And Othniel the son of Kenaz died. ^{12:}And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD.

^{13:}And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and possessed the city of palm trees. ^{14:}So the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

¹⁵But when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a man lefthanded: and by him the children of Israel sent a present unto Eglon the king of Moab.

TABLE 27. Locations of the Six Oppressions



^{16:}But Ehud made him a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length; and he did gird it under his raiment upon his right thigh. ^{17:}And he brought the present unto Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon was a very fat man.

^{18:}And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bare the present. ^{19:}But he himself turned again from the quarries that were by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king: who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him. ^{20:}And Ehud came unto him; and he was sitting in a summer parlour, which he had for himself alone. And Ehud said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of his seat. ^{21:}And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly: ^{22:}And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the dirt came out. ^{23:}Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them.

^{24:}When he was gone out, his servants came; and when they saw that, behold, the doors of the parlour were locked, they said, Surely he covereth his feet in his summer chamber. ^{25:}And they tarried till they were ashamed: and, behold, he opened not the doors of the parlour; therefore they took a key, and opened them: and, behold, their lord was fallen down

dead on the earth. ^{26:}And Ehud escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped unto Seirath. ^{27:}And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mount, and he before them. ^{28:}And he said unto them, Follow after me: for the LORD hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over. ^{29:}And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all lusty, and all men of valour; and there escaped not a man. ^{30:}So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel.

And the land had rest fourscore years. ^{31:}And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, which slew of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox goad: and he also delivered Israel.

4. ^{1:}And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, when Ehud was dead.

^{2:}And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host was Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles.

^{3:}And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

^{4:}And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time. ^{5:}And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.

^{6:}And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh-naphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun? ^{7:}And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand.

^{8:}And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go. ^{9:}And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.

And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh. ^{10:}And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and he went up with ten thousand men at his feet: and Deborah went up with him.

^{11:}Now Heber the Kenite, which was of the children of Hobab the father in law of Moses, had severed himself from the Kenites, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zaanaim, which is by Kedesh. ^{12:}And they shewed Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to mount Tabor. ^{13:}And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles unto the river of Kishon.

^{14:}And Deborah said unto Barak, Up; for this is the day in which the LORD hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: is not the LORD gone out before thee?

So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him. ^{15:}And the LORD discomfited Sisera, and all his chariots, and all his host, with the edge of the sword before Barak; so that Sisera lighted down off his chariot, and fled away on his feet. ^{16:}But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword; and there was not a man left.

^{17:}Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.

¹⁸: And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a mantle.

¹⁹: And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him. ²⁰: Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man doth come and inquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No.

²¹: Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died. ²²: And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail was in his temples.

²³: So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel. ²⁴: And the hand of the children of Israel prospered, and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

5. ¹: Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying, ²: Praise ye the LORD for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves.

³: Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, even I, will sing unto the LORD; I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel. ⁴: LORD, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water.

⁵: The mountains melted from before the LORD, even that Sinai from before the LORD God of Israel.

⁶: In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied, and the travellers walked through byways.

⁷: The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I Deborah arose, that I arose a mother in Israel.

⁸: They chose new gods; then was war in the gates: was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel?

⁹: My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the LORD.

¹⁰: Speak, ye that ride on white asses, ye that sit in judgment, and walk by the way. ¹¹: They that are delivered from the noise of archers in the places of drawing water, there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the LORD, even the righteous acts toward the inhabitants of his villages in Israel: then shall the people of the LORD go down to the gates.

¹²: Awake, awake, Deborah: awake, awake, utter a song: arise, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam. ¹³: Then he made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles among the people: the LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.

¹⁴: Out of Ephraim was there a root of them against Amalek; after thee, Benjamin, among thy people; out of Machir came down governors, and out of Zebulun they that handle the pen of the writer.

¹⁵: And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah; even Issachar, and also Barak: he was sent on foot into the valley.

For the divisions of Reuben there were great thoughts of heart. ¹⁶: Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds, to hear the bleatings of the flocks?

For the divisions of Reuben there were great searchings of heart.

¹⁷: Gilead abode beyond Jordan: and why did Dan remain in ships?

Asher continued on the sea shore, and abode in his breaches.

^{18:}Zebulun and Naphtali were a people that jeopardated their lives unto the death in the high places of the field.

^{19:}The kings came and fought, then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo; they took no gain of money. ^{20:}They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera. ^{21:}The river of Kishon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kishon.

O my soul, thou hast trodden down strength. ^{22:}Then were the horsehoofs broken by the means of the pransings, the pransings of their mighty ones.

^{23:}Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the LORD, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.

^{24:}Blessed above women shall Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite be, blessed shall she be above women in the tent. ^{25:}He asked water, and she gave him milk; she brought forth butter in a lordly dish. ^{26:}She put her hand to the nail, and her right hand to the workmen's hammer; and with the hammer she smote Sisera, she smote off his head, when she had pierced and stricken through his temples.

^{27:}At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down: at her feet he bowed, he fell: where he bowed, there he fell down dead.

^{28:}The mother of Sisera looked out at a window, and cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot so long in coming? why tarry the wheels of his chariots?

^{29:}Her wise ladies answered her, yea, she returned answer to herself, ^{30:}Have they not sped? have they not divided the prey; to every man a damsel or two; to Sisera a prey of divers colours, a prey of divers colours of needlework, of divers colours of needlework on both sides, meet for the necks of them that take the spoil?

^{31:}So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might.

And the land had rest forty years.

7 Yrs.	6. ^{1:} And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian <u>seven years</u> .
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^{2:}And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel: and because of the Midianites the children of Israel made them the dens which are in the mountains, and caves, and strong holds.

^{3:}And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them; ^{4:}And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass. ^{5:}For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude; for both they and their camels were without number: and they entered into the land to destroy it.

^{6:}And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites; and the children of Israel cried unto the LORD. ^{7:}And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD because of the Midianites, ^{8:}That the LORD sent a prophet unto the children of Israel, which said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage; ^{9:}And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land; ^{10:}And I said unto you, I am the LORD your God; fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice.

^{11:}And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abi-ezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. ^{12:}And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

^{13:}And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.

^{14:}And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee? ^{15:}And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house. ^{16:}And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.

^{17:}And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me a sign that thou talkest with me. ^{18:}Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set it before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again.

^{19:}And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him under the oak, and presented it. ^{20:}And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so. ^{21:}Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.

^{22:}And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face. ^{23:}And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die. ^{24:}Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovah-shalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites.

^{25:}And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that is by it: ^{26:}And build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down.

^{27:}Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had said unto him: and so it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night.

^{28:}And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove was cut down that was by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar that was built. ^{29:}And they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they inquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing. ^{30:}Then the men of the city said unto Joash, Bring out thy son, that he may die: because he hath cast down the altar of Baal, and because he hath cut down the grove that was by it.

^{31:}And Joash said unto all that stood against him, Will ye plead for Baal? will ye save him? he that will plead for him, let him be put to death whilst it is yet morning: if he be a god, let him plead for himself, because one hath cast down his altar.

^{32:}Therefore on that day he called him Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal plead against him, because he hath thrown down his altar.

^{33:}Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel.

^{34:}But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and Abi-ezer was gathered after him. ^{35:}And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh; who also was gathered after him: and he sent messengers unto Asher, and unto Zebulun, and unto Naphtali; and they came up to meet them.

^{36:}And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said, ^{37:}Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; and if the dew be on the fleece only, and it be dry upon all the earth beside, then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said. ^{38:}And it was so: for he rose up early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water.

^{39:}And Gideon said unto God, Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew. ^{40:}And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

7. ^{1:}Then Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, and all the people that were with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Harod: so that the host of the Midianites were on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

^{2:}And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me. ^{3:}Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.

^{4:}And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.

^{5:}So he brought down the people unto the water: and the LORD said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink. ^{6:}And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.

^{7:}And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place. ^{8:}So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all the rest of Israel every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men: and the host of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

^{9:}And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto the host; for I have delivered it into thine hand. ^{10:}But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phurah thy servant down to the host: ^{11:}And thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shall thine hands be strengthened to go down unto the host.

Then went he down with Phurah his servant unto the outside of the armed men that were in the host. ^{12:}And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude.

^{13:}And when Gideon was come, behold, there was a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along. ^{14:}And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel: for into his hand hath God delivered Midian, and all the host.

^{15:}And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, and returned into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the LORD hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian. ^{16:}And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers.

^{17:}And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so shall ye do. ^{18:}When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.

^{19:}So Gideon, and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands. ^{20:}And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal: and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.

^{21:}And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled. ^{22:}And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the LORD set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host: and the host fled to Beth-shittah in Zererath, and to the border of Abel-meholah, unto Tabbath.

^{23:}And the men of Israel gathered themselves together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, and pursued after the Midianites.

^{24:}And Gideon sent messengers throughout all mount Ephraim, saying, Come down against the Midianites, and take before them the waters unto Beth-barah and Jordan. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and took the waters unto Beth-barah and Jordan.

^{25:}And they took two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb; and they slew Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the winepress of Zeeb, and pursued Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side Jordan.

8. ^{1:}And the men of Ephraim said unto him, Why hast thou served us thus, that thou calledst us not, when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites? And they did chide with him sharply.

^{2:}And he said unto them, What have I done now in comparison of you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abi-ezer? ^{3:}God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to do in comparison of you?

Then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said that. ^{4:}And Gideon came to Jordan, and passed over, he, and the three hundred men that were with him, faint, yet pursuing them.

^{5:}And he said unto the men of Succoth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me; for they be faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian.

^{6:}And the princes of Succoth said, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thine army? ^{7:}And Gideon said, Therefore when the LORD hath delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into mine hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers.

^{8:}And he went up thence to Penuel, and spake unto them likewise: and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered him. ^{9:}And he spake also unto the men of Penuel, saying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.

^{10:}Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their hosts with them, about fifteen thousand men, all that were left of all the hosts of the children of the east: for there fell an hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword. ^{11:}And Gideon went up by the way of them that dwelt in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah, and smote the host: for the host was secure. ^{12:}And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued after them, and took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and discomfited all the host.

^{13:}And Gideon the son of Joash returned from battle before the sun was up, ^{14:}And caught a young man of the men of Succoth, and inquired of him: and he described unto him the princes of Succoth, and the elders thereof, even threescore and seventeen men.

^{15:}And he came unto the men of Succoth, and said, Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, with whom ye did upbraid me, saying, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thy men that are weary?

^{16:}And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he taught the men of Succoth. ^{17:}And he beat down the tower of Penuel, and slew the men of the city.

^{18:}Then said he unto Zebah and Zalmunna, What manner of men were they whom ye slew at Tabor? And they answered, As thou art, so were they; each one resembled the children of a king. ^{19:}And he said, They were my brethren, even the sons of my mother: as the LORD liveth, if ye had saved them alive, I would not slay you.

^{20:}And he said unto Jether his firstborn, Up, and slay them. But the youth drew not his sword: for he feared, because he was yet a youth. ^{21:}Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall upon us: for as the man is, so is his strength. And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah and Zalmunna, and took away the ornaments that were on their camels' necks.

^{22:}Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son's son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Midian. ^{23:}And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the LORD shall rule over you.

^{24:}And Gideon said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that ye would give me every man the earrings of his prey. (For they had golden earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.) ^{25:}And they answered, We will willingly give them. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein every man the earrings of his prey. ^{26:}And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred shekels of gold; beside ornaments, and collars, and purple raiment that was on the kings of Midian, and beside the chains that were about their camels' necks.

^{27:}And Gideon made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, even in Ophrah: and all Israel went thither a whoring after it: which thing became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house.

^{28:}Thus was Midian subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more. And the country was in quietness forty years in the days of Gideon.

^{29:}And Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and dwelt in his own house. ^{30:}And Gideon had threescore and ten sons of his body begotten: for he had many wives. ^{31:}And his concubine that was in Shechem, she also bare him a son, whose name he called Abimelech. ^{32:}And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites.

^{33:}And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring after Baalim, and made Baal-berith their god. ^{34:}And the children of Israel remembered not the LORD their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side: ^{35:}Neither shewed they kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, namely, Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shewed unto Israel.

9. ^{1:}And Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem unto his mother's brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying,

^{10:}Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, Whether is better for you, either that all the sons of Jerubbaal, which are threescore and ten persons, reign over you, or that one reign over you? remember also that I am your bone and your flesh.

^{3:}And his mother's brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words: and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech; for they said, He is our brother. ^{4:}And they gave him threescore and ten pieces of silver out of the house of Baal-berith, wherewith Abimelech hired vain and light persons, which followed him.

^{5:}And he went unto his father's house at Ophrah, and slew his brethren the sons of Jerubbaal, being threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: notwithstanding yet Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himself. ^{6:}And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo, and went, and made Abimelech king, by the plain of the pillar that was in Shechem.

^{7:}And when they told it to Jotham, he went and stood in the top of mount Gerizim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of Shechem, that God may hearken unto you.

^{8:}The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, Reign thou over us. ^{9:}But the olive tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they honour God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

^{10:}And the trees said to the fig tree, Come thou, and reign over us. ^{11:}But the fig tree said unto them, Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees?

^{12:}Then said the trees unto the vine, Come thou, and reign over us. ^{13:}And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

^{14:}Then said all the trees unto the bramble, Come thou, and reign over us. ^{15:}And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, then come and put your trust in my shadow: and if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon.

^{16:}Now therefore, if ye have done truly and sincerely, in that ye have made Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done unto him according to the deserving of his hands; ^{17:}(For my father fought for you, and adventured his life far, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian: ^{18:}And ye are risen up against my

father's house this day, and have slain his sons, threescore and ten persons, upon one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his maidservant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your brother;)

¹⁹:If ye then have dealt truly and sincerely with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, then rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you: ²⁰:But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, and the house of Millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and devour Abimelech.

**TABLE 28. Three Basic Systems of Chronology
From Joshua to Samuel**

<i>Epoch</i>	<i>111-yr. System</i>	<i>339-yr. System</i>	<i>450-yr. System</i>	
OPPRESSIONS				
Cushan	8		8	
Moabites	18		18	
Jabin	20		20	
Midianites	7		7	
Ammonites	18		18	
Philistines	40		40	
	111		111	
JUDGES				
Othniel		40 rest	40	
Ehud	The 111-year system allows the judges to rule during the times of oppression and/or during the times of rest as in the 40 years of Philistine oppression in the time of Samson and Eli.	80 rest	80	
Shamgar		0 rest	0	
Deborah		40 rest	40	<i>111</i>
Gideon		40 rest	40	<i>339</i>
Abimelech		3 reign	3	<i>450</i>
Tola		23 reign	23	<i>Acts 13:20</i>
Jair		22 reign	22	
Jephthah		6 reign	6	
Ibsan		7 reign	7	
Elon		10 reign	10	
Abdon		8 reign	8	
Samson		20	20	<i>Judges 16:31</i>
Eli		40	40	<i>I Sam. 4:18</i>
		111	339	450	^{33}

The 450 year system was supported by Acts 13:20 and by the Greek Jews of Alexandria. The 339-year system is supported by I Kings 6:1 and is found in the chronography of Archbishop Ussher. The 111-year system is more compatible with recent views that the exodus was about 40 years before Pharaoh Merneptah, son of Ramesses II. The 111-year system allows the judges to rule during the times of oppression and/or during the times of rest as in the 40 years of the Philistine oppression in the time of Samson and Eli.

^{21:} And Jotham ran away, and fled, and went to Beer, and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his brother. ^{22:} When Abimelech had reigned three years over Israel, ^{23:} Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech: ^{24:} That the cruelty done to the threescore and ten sons of Jerubbaal might come, and their blood be laid upon Abimelech their brother, which slew them; and upon the men of Shechem, which aided him in the killing of his brethren.

^{25:} And the men of Shechem set liers in wait for him in the top of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them: and it was told Abimelech. ^{26:} And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brethren, and went over to Shechem: and the men of Shechem put their confidence in him. ^{27:} And they went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards, and trode the grapes, and made merry, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and cursed Abimelech. ^{28:} And Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? is not he the son of Jerubbaal? and Zebul his officer? serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem: for why should we serve him? ^{29:} And would

to God this people were under my hand! then would I remove Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, Increase thine army, and come out.

^{30:}And when Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger was kindled. ^{31:}And he sent messengers unto Abimelech privily, saying, Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brethren be come to Shechem; and, behold, they fortify the city against thee. ^{32:}Now therefore up by night, thou and the people that is with thee, and lie in wait in the field: ^{33:}And it shall be, that in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, thou shalt rise early, and set upon the city: and, behold, when he and the people that is with him come out against thee, then mayest thou do to them as thou shalt find occasion.

^{34:}And Abimelech rose up, and all the people that were with him, by night, and they laid wait against Shechem in four companies. ^{35:}And Gaal the son of Ebed went out, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and Abimelech rose up, and the people that were with him, from lying in wait. ^{36:}And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold, there come people down from the top of the mountains. And Zebul said unto him, Thou seest the shadow of the mountains as if they were men. ^{37:}And Gaal spake again and said, See there come people down by the middle of the land, and another company come along by the plain of Meonenim.

^{38:}Then said Zebul unto him, Where is now thy mouth, wherewith thou saidst, Who is Abimelech, that we should serve him? is not this the people that thou hast despised? go out, I pray now, and fight with them. ^{39:}And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech. ^{40:}And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him, and many were overthrown and wounded, even unto the entering of the gate. ^{41:}And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah: and Zebul thrust out Gaal and his brethren, that they should not dwell in Shechem.

^{42:}And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people went out into the field; and they told Abimelech. ^{43:}And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and laid wait in the field, and looked, and, behold, the people were come forth out of the city; and he rose up against them, and smote them. ^{44:}And Abimelech, and the company that was with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and the two other companies ran upon all the people that were in the fields, and slew them. ^{45:}And Abimelech fought against the city all that day; and he took the city, and slew the people that was therein, and beat down the city, and sowed it with salt.

^{46:}And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard that, they entered into an hold of the house of the god Berith. ^{47:}And it was told Abimelech, that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together.

^{48:}And Abimelech gat him up to mount Zalmon, he and all the people that were with him; and Abimelech took an axe in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it, and laid it on his shoulder, and said unto the people that were with him, What ye have seen me do, make haste, and do as I have done.

^{49:}And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put them to the hold, and set the hold on fire upon them; so that all the men of the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women.

^{50:}Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez, and took it. ^{51:}But there was a strong tower within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut it to them, and gat them up to the top of the tower.

^{52:}And Abimelech came unto the tower, and fought against it, and went hard unto the door of the tower to burn it with fire. ^{53:}And a certain woman cast a piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's head, and all to brake his skull. ^{54:}Then he called hastily unto the young man his armourbearer, and said unto him, Draw thy sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, A woman slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died.

^{55:}And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man unto his place. ^{56:}Thus God rendered the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren: ^{57:}And all the evil of the men of Shechem did God render upon their heads: and upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

10. ^{1:}And after Abimelech there arose to defend Israel Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in mount Ephraim. ^{2:}And he judged Israel twenty and three years, and died, and was buried in Shamir.

^{3:}And after him arose Jair, a Gileadite, and judged Israel twenty and two years. ^{4:}And he had thirty sons that rode on thirty ass colts, and they had thirty cities, which are called Havoth-jair unto this day, which are in the land of Gilead. ^{5:}And Jair died, and was buried in Camon.

^{6:}And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroath, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsook the LORD, and served not him.

^{7:}And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon.

18 Yrs. ^{8:}And that year they vexed and oppressed the children of Israel: eighteen years, all the children of Israel that were on the other side Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.

^{9:}Moreover the children of Ammon passed over Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was sore distressed.

^{10:}And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, saying, We have sinned against thee, both because we have forsaken our God, and also served Baalim.

^{11:}And the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Did not I deliver you from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines?

^{12:}The Zidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites, did oppress you; and ye cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand. ^{13:}Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other gods: wherefore I will deliver you no more. ^{14:}Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation.

^{15:}And the children of Israel said unto the LORD, We have sinned: do thou unto us whatsoever seemeth good unto thee; deliver us only, we pray thee, this day. ^{16:}And they put away the strange gods from among them, and served the LORD: and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.

^{17:}Then the children of Ammon were gathered together, and encamped in Gilead. And the children of Israel assembled themselves together, and encamped in Mizpeh. ^{18:}And the people and princes of Gilead said one to another, What man is he that will begin to fight against the children of Ammon? he shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

11. ^{1:}Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valour, and he was the son of an harlot: and Gilead begat **Jephthah**.

^{2:}And Gilead's wife bare him sons; and his wife's sons grew up, and they thrust out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou art the son of a strange woman.

^{3:}Then Jephthah fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and there were gathered vain men to Jephthah, and went out with him. ^{4:}And it came to pass in process of time, that the children of Ammon made war against Israel.

TABLE 29.
Six Generations from the Exodus to David³⁴
14 Generations From Abraham

NOTE: In Matthew 1:17, there were 14 generations from Abraham to David. Nashon, the ninth generation, was a prince of Judah at the Exodus. What is reasonable time from Nashon to David, 251, 479 or 590 years?

		1. Abraham	
		2. Isaac	
		3. Jacob	
		4. Judah	Joseph
		5. Pherez	Manasseh
			Machir
		6. Hezron	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> m:² dau of Machir Gilead </div>
		7. Ram <i>I Chron. 2:9, 18</i>	Segub
		8. Amminadab	↓
			<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <u>Jair</u> <u>Jephthah</u> </div>
			<i>Numbers 1:7; I Chron. 2:10</i> <i>Matthew 1:5</i> <i>Ruth 4:13 Ruth 4:17</i>
Aaron		1. 9. Nashon (Exodus)	
Ithmar	<i>Ex. 40:15</i>	2. 10. Salmon (Entry)	
Eli	<i>I Sam. 2:27-28</i>	3. 11. Boaz	
Phinehas	<i>I Sam. 4:19</i>	4. 12. Obed	
Ahitub	<i>I Sam. 4:21; 14:3</i>	5. 13. Jesse	
Ahimelech	<i>I Sam. 14:3; 22:11</i>	6. 14. David	
	<i>Ruth 4:20-22</i>		<i>Ruth 4:13-22;</i>
	<i>I Chron. 2:11-15;</i>		<i>I Chron. 2:3-15;</i>
	<i>Matthew 1:4-6;</i>	<u>6 Generations</u>	<i>Matthew 1:2-6;</i>
	<i>Luke 3:31-32</i>	<u>14 Generations</u>	<i>Luke 3:31-34</i>

^{5:} And it was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob: ^{6:} And they said unto Jephthah, Come, and be our captain, that we may fight with the children of Ammon.

^{7:} And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, Did not ye hate me, and expel me out of my father's house? and why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress?

^{8:} And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Therefore we turn again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight against the children of Ammon, and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead. ^{9:} And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, If ye bring me home again to fight against the children of Ammon, and the LORD deliver them before me, shall I be your head? ^{10:} And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, The LORD be witness between us, if we do not so according to thy words.

^{11:} Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and captain over them: and Jephthah uttered all his words before the LORD in Mizpeh.

^{12:} And Jephthah sent messengers unto the king of the children of Ammon, saying, What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come against me to fight in my land? ^{13:} And the king of the children of Ammon answered unto the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land, when they came up out of Egypt³⁵, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and unto Jordan: now therefore restore those lands again peaceably.

^{14:} And Jephthah sent messengers again unto the king of the children of Ammon: ^{15:} And said unto him, Thus saith Jephthah, Israel took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the

children of Ammon: ^{16:}But when Israel came up from Egypt, and walked through the wilderness unto the Red sea, and came to Kadesh; ^{17:}Then Israel sent messengers unto the king of Edom, saying, Let me, I pray thee, pass through thy land: but the king of Edom would not hearken thereto. And in like manner they sent unto the king of Moab: but he would not consent: and Israel abode in Kadesh.

^{18:}Then they went along through the wilderness, and compassed the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the land of Moab, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, but came not within the border of Moab: for Arnon was the border of Moab. ^{19:}And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon; and Israel said unto him, Let us pass, we pray thee, through thy land into my place. ^{20:}But Sihon trusted not Israel to pass through his coast: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and pitched in Jahaz, and fought against Israel. ^{21:}And the LORD God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they smote them: so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country. ^{22:}And they possessed all the coasts of the Amorites, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and from the wilderness even unto Jordan.

^{23:}So now the LORD God of Israel hath dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel, and shouldst thou possess it? ^{24:}Wilt not thou possess that which Chemosh thy god giveth thee to possess? So whomsoever the LORD our God shall drive out from before us, them will we possess.

^{25:}And now art thou any thing better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? did he ever strive against Israel, or did he ever fight against them,

300 Yrs. ^{26:}While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and her towns, and in Aroer and her towns, and in all the cities that be along by the coasts of Arnon, three hundred years? why therefore did ye not recover them within that time?

NOTE: This 300 years (since Moses defeats Moab) clashes with the fact that Moses and Aaron's grandsons were still living at the end of the Judges. It clashes with the fact there were only six generations from Nashon at the exodus until David, and his genealogy is in four places with no gaps. Evidently, this scribe agreed with the scribe who placed 479 years between the exodus and the founding of the temple (I Kings 6:1).

^{27:}Wherefore I have not sinned against thee, but thou doest me wrong to war against me: the LORD the Judge be judge this day between the children of Israel and the children of Ammon.

^{28:}Howbeit the king of the children of Ammon hearkened not unto the words of Jephthah which he sent him. ^{29:}Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over unto the children of Ammon.

^{30:}And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands, ^{31:}Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD's, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.

^{32:}So Jephthah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them; and the LORD delivered them into his hands. ^{33:}And he smote them from Aroer, even till thou come to Minnith, even twenty cities, and unto the plain of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.

^{34:}And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter. ^{35:}And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said,

Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and I cannot go back.

^{37:}And she said unto him, My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the LORD, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as the LORD hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, even of the children of Ammon. ^{38:}And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my fellows. And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months: and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains. ^{39:}And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man.

And it was a custom in Israel, ^{40:}That the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.

12. ^{1:}And the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and went northward, and said unto Jephthah, Wherefore passedst thou over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire.

^{2:}And Jephthah said unto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, ye delivered me not out of their hands. ^{3:}And when I saw that ye delivered me not, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and the LORD delivered them into my hand: wherefore then are ye come up unto me this day, to fight against me?

^{4:}Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim, because they said, Ye Gileadites are fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites, and among the Manassites.

^{5:}And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was so, that when those Ephraimites which were escaped said, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead said unto him, Art thou an Ephraimite? If he said, Nay; ^{6:}Then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth: and he said Sibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce it right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand.

^{7:}And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in one of the cities of Gilead.

^{8:}And after him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel. ^{9:}And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, whom he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years. ^{10:}Then died Ibzan, and was buried at Bethlehem.

^{11:}And after him Elon, a Zebulonite, judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten years. ^{12:}And Elon the Zebulonite died, and was buried in Aijalon in the country of Zebulun.

^{13:}And after him Abdon the son of Hillel, a Pirathonite, judged Israel. ^{14:}And he had forty sons and thirty nephews, that rode on threescore and ten ass colts: and he judged Israel eight years. ^{15:}And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.

40 Yrs. | 13. ^{1:}And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

^{2:}And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not. ^{3:}And the angel of the LORD appeared unto

the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.

⁴:Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing: ⁵:For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

NOTE: Six Oppressions of Israel:

1. CUSHAN

(Judges 3:8) ...the people of Israel served Cushan-rishathaim **eight years**. (Judges 3:11) ...So the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

2. MOAB (Judges 3:14) ...Israel served Eglon the king of Moab **eighteen years**. (Judges 3:30) So Moab was subdued... And the land had rest for eighty years.

3. JABIN (Judges 4:3) "...**twenty years** he mightily oppressed the children of Israel. Then the people of Israel cried to the LORD for help... (Judges 5:31) And the land had rest for forty years.

4. MIDIAN (Judges 6:1) ...the LORD gave them into the hand of Midian **seven years**. (Judges 8:28) ...And the land had rest forty years in the days of Gideon. (Judges 9:22) Abimelech ruled over Israel three years. (Judges 10:2) Tola judged Israel twenty-three years. Then he died, and was buried at Shamir. (Judges 10:3) After him arose Jair the Gileadite, who judged Israel twenty-two years.

5. AMMON (Judges 10:8) ...crushed and oppressed the children of Israel that year. For **eighteen years** they oppressed all the people of Israel that were beyond the Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.

(Judges 11:26) While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and its villages, and in Aroer and its villages, and in all the cities that are on the banks of the Arnon, three hundred years, why did you not recover them within that time? (Judges 12:7) Jephthah judged Israel **six years**. Then Jephthah the Gileadite died, and was buried in his city in Gilead. (Judges 12:9) Ibzan... judged Israel seven years. (Judges 12:11) After him Elon the Zebulunite judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten years. (Judges 12:14) Abdon (Bedan)... judged Israel eight years.

6. PHILISTINES (Judges 13:1) ...the LORD gave them into the hand of the Philistines for **forty years**. (Judges 15:20) Samson... judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years. (1st Samuel 4:18) Eli... (when the ark was taken) died: for he was an old man (age 98) and heavy. And he had judged Israel **40 years**.

These six periods of oppression equal 111 years.

^{6:}Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name:

^{7:}But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean thing: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death. ^{8:}Then Manoah intreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

^{9:}And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her. ^{10:}And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the other day.

^{11:}And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am. ^{12:}And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?

^{13:}And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware. ^{14:}She may not eat of any thing that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing: all that I commanded her let her observe.

^{15:}And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee. ^{16:}And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he was an angel of the LORD. ^{17:}And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour?

^{18:}And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret? ^{19:}So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD: and the angel did wondrously; and Manoah and his wife looked on.

^{20:}For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground. ^{21:}But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was an angel of the LORD.

^{22:}And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God. ^{23:}But his wife said unto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would he have shewed us all these things, nor would as at this time have told us such things as these.

^{24:}And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him. ^{25:}And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

14. ^{1:}And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines. ^{2:}And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife.

^{3:}Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines?

And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well. ^{4:}But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

^{5:}Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him. ^{6:}And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

^{7:}And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well.

^{8:}And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcase of the lion: and, behold, there was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcase of the lion. ^{9:}And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcase of the lion.

^{10:}So his father went down unto the woman: and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do. ^{11:}And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

^{12:}And Samson said unto them, I will now put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can certainly declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty sheets and thirty change of garments: ^{13:}But if ye cannot declare it me, then shall ye give me thirty sheets and thirty change of garments.

^{14:}And they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it. And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness.

And they could not in three days expound the riddle. ^{15:}And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson's wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire: have ye called us to take that we have? is it not so?

^{16:}And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told it me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told it my father nor my mother, and shall I tell it thee?

^{17:}And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore upon him: and she told the riddle to the children of her people.

^{18:}And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey? and what is stronger than a lion?

And he said unto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle. ^{19:}And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle.

And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house. ^{20:}But Samson's wife was given to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.

15. ^{1:}But it came to pass within a while after, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to go in. ^{2:}And her father said, I verily thought that thou hadst utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to thy companion: is not her younger sister fairer than she? take her, I pray thee, instead of her.

^{3:}And Samson said concerning them, Now shall I be more blameless than the Philistines, though I do them a displeasure. ^{4:}And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between two tails. ^{5:}And when he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn, with the vineyards and olives.

^{6:}Then the Philistines said, Who hath done this? And they answered, Samson, the son in law of the Timnite, because he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And the Philistines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire.

^{7:}And Samson said unto them, Though ye have done this, yet will I be avenged of you, and after that I will cease. ^{8:}And he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went down and dwelt in the top of the rock Etam.

^{9:}Then the Philistines went up, and pitched in Judah, and spread themselves in Lehi. ^{10:}And the men of Judah said, Why are ye come up against us? And they answered, To bind Samson are we come up, to do to him as he hath done to us.

^{11:}Then three thousand men of Judah went to the top of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines are rulers over us? what is this that thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, As they did unto me, so have I done unto them.

^{12:}And they said unto him, We are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said unto them, Swear unto me, that ye will not fall upon me yourselves. ^{13:}And they spake unto him, saying, No; but we will bind thee fast, and deliver thee into their hand: but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock.

^{14:}And when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands. ^{15:}And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith. ^{16:}And Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass have I slain a thousand men. ^{17:}And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking, that he cast away the jawbone out of his hand, and called that place Ramath-lehi.

^{18:}And he was sore athirst, and called on the LORD, and said, Thou hast given this great deliverance into the hand of thy servant: and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised? ^{19:}But God clave an hollow place that was in the jaw, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived: wherefore he called the name thereof En-hakkore, which is in Lehi unto this day.

^{20:}And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

16. ^{1:}Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her.

^{2:}And it was told the Gazites, saying, Samson is come hither. And they compassed him in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying, In the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him.

^{3:}And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that is before Hebron.

^{4:}And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. ^{5:}And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail

against him, that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver.

^{6:}And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee. ^{7:}And Samson said unto her, If they bind me with seven green withs that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man. ^{8:}Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green withs which had not been dried, and she bound him with them.

^{9:}Now there were men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And she said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he brake the withs, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire.

So his strength was not known. ^{10:}And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound. ^{11:}And he said unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that never were occupied, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

^{12:}Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And there were liers in wait abiding in the chamber. And he brake them from off his arms like a thread.

^{13:}And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web.

^{14:}And she fastened it with the pin, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web.

^{15:}And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth. ^{16:}And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death; ^{17:}That he told her all his heart, and said unto her. There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.

^{18:}And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand. ^{19:}And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

^{20:}And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.

^{21:}But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

^{22:}Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.

^{23:}Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand. ^{24:}And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us.

^{25:}And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.

^{26:}And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them. ^{27:}Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport.

^{28:}And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

^{29:}And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left. ^{30:}And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life.

^{31:}Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the burying place of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.

17. ^{14:}And there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name was Micah. ^{2:}And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred shekels of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst, and spakest of also in mine ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it.

And his mother said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my son. ^{3:}And when he had restored the eleven hundred shekels of silver to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the silver unto the LORD from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it unto thee. ^{4:}Yet he restored the money unto his mother; and his mother took two hundred shekels of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and they were in the house of Micah.

^{5:}And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest.

^{6:}In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

^{7:}And there was a young man out of Bethlehemjudah of the family of Judah, who was a Levite, and he sojourned there. ^{8:}And the man departed out of the city from Bethlehemjudah to sojourn where he could find a place: and he came to mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he journeyed.

^{9:}And Micah said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I am a Levite of Bethlehemjudah, and I go to sojourn where I may find a place. ^{10:}And Micah said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten shekels of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals.

So the Levite went in. ^{11:}And the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was unto him as one of his sons. ^{12:}And Micah consecrated the Levite; and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah. ^{13:}Then said Micah, Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to my priest.

18. ^{1:}In those days there was no king in Israel: and in those days the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day all their inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Israel.

^{2:}And the children of Dan sent of their family five men from their coasts, men of valour, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said unto them, Go, search the land: who when they came to mount Ephraim, to the house of Micah, they lodged there.

^{3:}When they were by the house of Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Levite: and they turned in thither, and said unto him, Who brought thee hither? and what makest thou in this place? and what hast thou here? ^{4:}And he said unto them, Thus and thus dealeth Micah with me, and hath hired me, and I am his priest.

^{5:}And they said unto him, Ask counsel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous. ^{6:}And the priest said unto them, Go in peace: before the LORD is your way wherein ye go.

^{7:}Then the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people that were therein, how they dwelt careless, after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure; and there was no magistrate in the land, that might put them to shame in any thing; and they were far from the Zidonians, and had no business with any man.

^{8:}And they came unto their brethren to Zorah and Eshtaol: and their brethren said unto them, What say ye? ^{9:}And they said, Arise, that we may go up against them: for we have seen the land, and, behold, it is very good: and are ye still? be not slothful to go, and to enter to possess the land. ^{10:}When ye go, ye shall come unto a people secure, and to a large land: for God hath given it into your hands; a place where there is no want of any thing that is in the earth.

^{11:}And there went from thence of the family of the Danites, out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men appointed with weapons of war. ^{12:}And they went up, and pitched in Kirjath-jearim, in Judah: wherefore they called that place Mahaneh-dan unto this day: behold, it is behind Kirjath-jearim.

^{13:}And they passed thence unto mount Ephraim, and came unto the house of Micah. ^{14:}Then answered the five men that went to spy out the country of Laish, and said unto their brethren, Do ye know that there is in these houses an ephod, and teraphim, and a graven image, and a molten image? now therefore consider what ye have to do.

^{15:}And they turned thitherward, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, even unto the house of Micah, and saluted him. ^{16:}And the six hundred men appointed with their weapons of war, which were of the children of Dan, stood by the entering of the gate. ^{17:}And the five men that went to spy out the land went up, and came in thither, and took the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image: and the priest stood in the entering of the gate with the six hundred men that were appointed with weapons of war. ^{18:}And these went into Micah's house, and fetched the carved image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image.

Then said the priest unto them, What do ye? ^{19:}And they said unto him, Hold thy peace, lay thine hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest: is it better for thee to be a priest unto the house of one man, or that thou be a priest unto a tribe and a family in Israel?

^{20:}And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people. ^{21:}So they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the cattle and the carriage before them.

^{22:}And when they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men that were in the houses near to Micah's house were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan. ^{23:}And they cried unto the children of Dan. And they turned their faces, and said unto Micah, What aileth thee, that thou comest with such a company? ^{24:}And he said, Ye have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and ye are gone away: and what have I more? and what is this that ye say unto me, What aileth thee?

^{25:}And the children of Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest angry fellows run upon thee, and thou lose thy life, with the lives of thy household. And the children of Dan went their way: and when Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back unto his house.

^{27:}And they took the things which Micah had made, and the priest which he had, and came unto Laish, unto a people that were at quiet and secure: and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire. ^{28:}And there was no deliverer, because it was far from Zidon, and they had no business with any man; and it was in the valley that lieth by Beth-rehob.

And they built a city, and dwelt therein. ^{29:}And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto Israel: howbeit the name of the city was Laish at the first.

^{30:}And the children of Dan set up the graven image: and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh,³⁶ he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land.

(NOTE: Proper translation shows this Jonathan being a grandson of Moses, not Manasseh. This supports the shorter tradition of 251 years to David, instead of the 300 years to Jephthah.)

^{31:}And they set them up Micah's graven image, which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

19. ^{1:}And it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the side of mount Ephraim, who took to him a concubine out of Bethlehemjudah.

^{2:}And his concubine played the whore against him, and went away from him unto her father's house to Bethlehemjudah, and was there four whole months. ^{3:}And her husband arose, and went after her, to speak friendly unto her, and to bring her again, having his servant with him, and a couple of asses: and she brought him into her father's house: and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him.

^{4:}And his father in law, the damsel's father, retained him; and he abode with him three days: so they did eat and drink, and lodged there.

^{5:}And it came to pass on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose up to depart: and the damsel's father said unto his son in law, Comfort thine heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward go your way. ^{6:}And they sat down, and did eat and drink both of them together: for the damsel's father had said unto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thine heart be merry. And when the man rose up to depart, his father in law urged him: therefore he lodged there again.

^{8:}And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart: and the damsel's father said, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And they tarried until afternoon, and they did eat both of them. ^{9:}And when the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father in law, the damsel's father, said unto him, Behold, now the day draweth toward

evening, I pray you tarry all night: behold, the day groweth to an end, lodge here, that thine heart may be merry; and to morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest go home.

^{10:}But the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came over against Jebus, which is Jerusalem; and there were with him two asses saddled, his concubine also was with him. ^{11:}And when they were by Jebus, the day was far spent; and the servant said unto his master, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn in into this city of the Jebusites, and lodge in it. ^{12:}And his master said unto him, We will not turn aside hither into the city of a stranger, that is not of the children of Israel; we will pass over to Gibeah. ^{13:}And he said unto his servant, Come, and let us draw near to one of these places to lodge all night, in Gibeah, or in Ramah.

^{14:}And they passed on and went their way; and the sun went down upon them when they were by Gibeah, which belongeth to Benjamin. ^{15:}And they turned aside thither, to go in and to lodge in Gibeah: and when he went in, he sat him down in a street of the city: for there was no man that took them into his house to lodging. ^{16:}And, behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field at even, which was also of mount Ephraim; and he sojourned in Gibeah: but the men of the place were Benjamites.

^{17:}And when he had lifted up his eyes, he saw a wayfaring man in the street of the city: and the old man said, Whither goest thou? and whence comest thou? ^{18:}And he said unto him, We are passing from Bethlehemjudah toward the side of mount Ephraim; from thence am I: and I went to Bethlehemjudah, but I am now going to the house of the LORD; and there is no man that receiveth me to house. ^{19:}Yet there is both straw and provender for our asses; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for thy handmaid, and for the young man which is with thy servants: there is no want of any thing.

^{20:}And the old man said, Peace be with thee; howsoever let all thy wants lie upon me; only lodge not in the street. ^{21:}So he brought him into his house, and gave provender unto the asses: and they washed their feet, and did eat and drink.

^{22:}Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Belial, beset the house round about, and beat at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him.

^{23:}And the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, Nay, my brethren, nay, I pray you, do not so wickedly; seeing that this man is come into mine house, do not this folly.

^{24:}Behold, here is my daughter a maiden, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth good unto you: but unto this man do not so vile a thing. ^{25:}But the men would not hearken to him: so the man took his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abused her all the night until the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her go.

^{26:}Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her lord was, till it was light.

^{27:}And her lord rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go his way: and, behold, the woman his concubine was fallen down at the door of the house, and her hands were upon the threshold. ^{28:}And he said unto her, Up, and let us be going. But none answered.

Then the man took her up upon an ass, and the man rose up, and gat him unto his place.

^{29:}And when he was come into his house, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, together with her bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her into all the coasts of Israel. ^{30:}And it was so, that all that saw it said, There was no such deed done nor seen from

the day that the children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt unto this day: consider of it, take advice, and speak your minds.

20. ^{1:}Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead, unto the LORD in Mizpeh. ^{2:}And the chief of all the people, even of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that drew sword. ^{73:}(Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone up to Mizpeh.)

Then said the children of Israel, Tell us, how was this wickedness?

^{4:}And the Levite, the husband of the woman that was slain, answered and said, I came into Gibeah that belongeth to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge. ^{5:}And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round about upon me by night, and thought to have slain me: and my concubine have they forced, that she is dead. ^{6:}And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel: for they have committed lewdness and folly in Israel. ^{7:}Behold, ye are all children of Israel; give here your advice and counsel.

^{8:}And all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any of us go to his tent, neither will we any of us turn into his house. ^{9:}But now this shall be the thing which we will do to Gibeah; we will go up by lot against it; ^{10:}And we will take ten men of an hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and an hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch victual for the people, that they may do, when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they have wrought in Israel.

^{11:}So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together as one man.

^{12:}And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness is this that is done among you? ^{13:}Now therefore deliver us the men, the children of Belial, which are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel.

^{14:}But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel: But the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities unto Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel.

^{15:}And the children of Benjamin were numbered at that time out of the cities twenty and six thousand men that drew sword, beside the inhabitants of Gibeah, which were numbered seven hundred chosen men. ^{16:}Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men lefthanded; every one could sling stones at an hair breadth, and not miss.

^{17:}And the men of Israel, beside Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand men that drew sword: all these were men of war. ^{18:}And the children of Israel arose, and went up to the house of God, and asked counsel of God, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the children of Benjamin?

And the LORD said, Judah shall go up first. ^{19:}And the children of Israel rose up in the morning, and encamped against Gibeah. ^{20:}And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin; and the men of Israel put themselves in array to fight against them at Gibeah. ^{21:}And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and destroyed down to the ground of the Israelites that day twenty and two thousand men.

^{22:}And the people the men of Israel encouraged themselves, and set their battle again in array in the place where they put themselves in array the first day. ^{23:}(And the children of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until even, and asked counsel of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up again to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother? And the LORD said, Go up against him.)

^{24:} And the children of Israel came near against the children of Benjamin the second day.

^{25:} And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of the children of Israel again eighteen thousand men; all these drew the sword.

^{26:} Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of God, and wept, and sat there before the LORD, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. ^{27:} And the children of Israel inquired of the LORD, (for the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days,

^{28:} And Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, ³⁷ stood before it in those days,) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the LORD said, Go up; for to morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.

(NOTE: Phinehas was a grandson of Aaron, Moses' brother. This supports the shorter tradition of 251 years to David, instead of the 300 years to Jephthah.)

^{29:} And Israel set liers in wait round about Gibeah. ^{30:} And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other times. ^{31:} And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, and were drawn away from the city; and they began to smite of the people, and kill, as at other times, in the highways, of which one goeth up to the house of God, and the other to Gibeah in the field, about thirty men of Israel. ^{32:} And the children of Benjamin said, They are smitten down before us, as at the first.

But the children of Israel said, Let us flee, and draw them from the city unto the highways. ^{33:} And all the men of Israel rose up out of their place, and put themselves in array at Baal-tamar: and the liers in wait of Israel came forth out of their places, even out of the meadows of Gibeah. ^{34:} And there came against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle was sore: but they knew not that evil was near them.

^{35:} And the LORD smote Benjamin before Israel: and the children of Israel destroyed of the Benjamites that day twenty and five thousand and an hundred men: ³⁸ all these drew the sword.

^{36:} So the children of Benjamin saw that they were smitten: for the men of Israel gave place to the Benjamites, because they trusted unto the liers in wait which they had set beside Gibeah. ^{37:} And the liers in wait hasted, and rushed upon Gibeah; and the liers in wait drew themselves along, and smote all the city with the edge of the sword.

^{38:} Now there was an appointed sign between the men of Israel and the liers in wait, that they should make a great flame with smoke rise up out of the city. ^{39:} And when the men of Israel retired in the battle, Benjamin began to smite and kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons: for they said, Surely they are smitten down before us, as in the first battle.

^{40:} But when the flame began to arise up out of the city with a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked behind them, and, behold, the flame of the city ascended up to heaven.

^{41:} And when the men of Israel turned again, the men of Benjamin were amazed: for they saw that evil was come upon them. ^{42:} Therefore they turned their backs before the men of Israel unto the way of the wilderness; but the battle overtook them; and them which came out of the cities they destroyed in the midst of them.

^{43:} Thus they inclosed the Benjamites round about, and chased them, and trode them down with ease over against Gibeah toward the sunrising. ^{44:} And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men; all these were men of valour. ^{45:} And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men; and pursued hard after them unto Gidom, and slew two thousand men of them.

^{46:}So that all which fell that day of Benjamin were twenty and five thousand men that drew the sword; all these were men of valour. ^{47:}But six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness unto the rock Rimmon, and abode in the rock Rimmon four months. ^{48:}And the men of Israel turned again upon the children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword, as well the men of every city, as the beast, and all that came to hand: also they set on fire all the cities that they came to.

21. ^{1:}Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpeh, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Benjamin to wife.

^{2:}And the people came to the house of God, and abode there till even before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept sore; ^{3:}And said, O LORD God of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel, that there should be to day one tribe lacking in Israel?

^{4:}And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. ^{5:}And the children of Israel said, Who is there among all the tribes of Israel that came not up with the congregation unto the LORD? For they had made a great oath concerning him that came not up to the LORD to Mizpeh, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

^{6:}And the children of Israel repented them for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day. ^{7:}How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing we have sworn by the LORD that we will not give them of our daughters to wives?

^{8:}And they said, What one is there of the tribes of Israel that came not up to Mizpeh to the LORD? And, behold, there came none to the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the assembly. ^{9:}For the people were numbered, and, behold, there were none of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead there.

^{10:}And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the valiantest, and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children. ^{11:}And this is the thing that ye shall do, Ye shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman that hath lain by man.

^{12:}And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead four hundred young virgins, that had known no man by lying with any male: and they brought them unto the camp to Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan. ^{13:}And the whole congregation sent some to speak to the children of Benjamin that were in the rock Rimmon, and to call peaceably unto them.

^{14:}And Benjamin came again at that time; and they gave them wives which they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh-gilead: and yet so they sufficed them not. ^{15:}And the people repented them for Benjamin, because that the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

^{16:}Then the elders of the congregation said, How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin? ^{17:}And they said, There must be an inheritance for them that be escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe be not destroyed out of Israel. ^{18:}Howbeit we may not give them wives of our daughters: for the children of Israel have sworn, saying, Cursed be he that giveth a wife to Benjamin.

^{19:}Then they said, Behold, there is a feast of the LORD in Shiloh yearly in a place which is on the north side of Bethel, on the east side of the highway that goeth up from Bethel to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah.

NOTE: The Ark was still at Shiloh until the 40th year of Eli when it was stolen by the Philistines (1st Sam. 1:3; 5:17-18).

^{20:}Therefore they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards; ^{21:}And see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin.

^{22:}And it shall be, when their fathers or their brethren come unto us to complain, that we will say unto them, Be favourable unto them for our sakes: because we reserved not to each man his wife in the war: for ye did not give unto them at this time, that ye should be guilty.

^{23:}And the children of Benjamin did so, and took them wives, according to their number, of them that danced, whom they caught: and they went and returned unto their inheritance, and repaired the cities, and dwelt in them.

^{24:}And the children of Israel departed thence at that time, every man to his tribe and to his family, and they went out from thence every man to his inheritance.

^{25:}In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

C. The Book of Ruth During the Judges

1. ^{1:}Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehemjudah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons. ^{2:}And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehemjudah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.

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^{12:}And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this young woman.

NOTE: Pharez was the great-great grandfather of Nashon (Boaz's grandfather).

^{13:}So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son. ^{14:}And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the LORD, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel. ^{15:}And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him.

^{16:}And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it.

^{17:}And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

^{18:}Now these are the generations of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron, ^{19:}And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab, ^{20:}And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon, ^{21:}And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed, ^{22:}And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

TABLE 30. Six Generations from the Exodus to David³⁹

<i>6 Generations from the Nashon to David: Ruth 4:20-22; I Chron. 2:11-15; Matthew 1:4-6; Luke 3:31-32</i>		<i>14 Generations from Abraham to David: Ruth 4:13-22; I Chron. 2:3-15; Matthew 1:2- 6; Luke 3:31-34</i>	
Aaron	1.	9. Nashon (of the Exodus⁴⁰)	<i>Numbers 1:7; I Chron. 2:10</i>
Ithmar <i>Ex. 40:15</i>	2.	10. Salmon (of the Entry⁴¹)	<i>Matthew 1:5</i>
Eli <i>I Sam. 2:27-28</i>	3.	11. Boaz (married Ruth)	<i>Ruth 4:13</i>
Phinehas <i>I Sam. 4:19</i>	4.	12. Obed (Ruth's son)	<i>Ruth 4:17</i>
Ahitub <i>I Sam. 4:21; 14:3</i>	5.	13. Jessee (Ruth's grandson)	
Ahimelech <i>I Sam. 14:3; 22:11</i>	6.	14. David⁴² (Ruth's g-grandson)	

D. The First Book of Samuel

1. ¹Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite: ²And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

³And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh.

And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there.

TABLE 31. Samuel's Missing Years

	<i>Years</i>	<i>David's Age</i>	<i>Reference in I Samuel</i>
Eli judges Israel	40		4:18
Ark taken, Samuel rules alone	20		7:12-13
Philistines subdued until Samuel is old	18		8:1
Saul wars with Philistines until his death	12	18-30	13:1; 14:52
David rules in Hebron	7	30-37	28:3
David brings ark into Jerusalem in his 8 th yr.	57		

Josephus says Samuel reigned with Eli 12 years and 18 years with Saul. At first glance this seems to imply that Saul was king immediately after Eli. In Acts 13:21 Saul reined 40 years.

He was undoubtedly over the armies of all Israel for 18 years before he was king. Likewise, Abner was able to lead the armies of all Israel to follow Saul's son or to follow David. David was anointed to become king as a lad of about 18-20. The years of Saul's reign were probably glossed over because the 251-year epoch from the exodus to David was common knowledge in ancient times as has already been indicated.

Samuel defeated the Philistines and had peace until his sons were old enough to rule in his place, but the Israelites preferred to have a king, and they were given Saul. Saul was rejected after he had reigned only two years, and David was anointed to become the next king about 12 years before he actually became the king.

Using these figures, David captured Jerusalem and brought in the ark 57 years after the end of the Judges, after the death of Eli. These figures, along with the period of Joshua and the 111 years of oppressions, gives us 251 years for the epoch from the exodus to David.

^{4:}And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: ^{5:}But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb.

^{6:}And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb. ^{7:}And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.

^{8:}Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?

^{9:}So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD. ^{10:}And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.

^{11:}And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

^{12:}And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth. ^{13:}Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.

^{14:}And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.

^{15:}And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD. ^{16:}Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.

^{17:}Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

^{18:}And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.

^{19:}And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her.

^{20:}Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD.

^{21:}And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. ^{22:}But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever.

^{23:}And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him. ^{24:}And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child was young.

^{25:}And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli. ^{26:}And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD.

^{27:}For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:

^{28:}Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

2. ^{1:} And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. ^{2:} There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God. ^{3:} Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. ^{4:} The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength. ^{5:} They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble.

^{6:} The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. ^{7:} The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. ^{8:} He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and he hath set the world upon them.

^{9:} He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. ^{10:} The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

^{11:} And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child did minister unto the LORD before Eli the priest.

^{12:} Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD. ^{13:} And the priests' custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand; ^{14:} And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither.

^{15:} Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw.

^{16:} And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, Nay; but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force.

^{17:} Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

^{18:} But Samuel ministered before the LORD, being a child, girded with a linen ephod. ^{19:} Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

^{20:} And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home. ^{21:} And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters.

And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

^{22:} Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ^{23:} And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.

^{24:} Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD's people to transgress.

^{25:} If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him?

Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

^{26:} And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men. ^{27:} And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house? ^{28:} And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?

^{29:} Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people?

^{30:} Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

^{31:} Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house. ^{32:} And thou shalt see an enemy in my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever. ^{33:} And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine altar, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age.

^{34:} And this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them. ^{35:} And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever.

^{36:} And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left in thine house shall come and crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

3. ^{1:} And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision.

^{2:} And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see; ^{3:} And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep; ^{4:} That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I.

^{5:} And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down. ^{6:} And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

^{7:} Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him. ^{8:} And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me.

And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child. ^{9:} Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth.

So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ^{10:} And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

^{11:} And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle. ^{12:} In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end. ^{13:} For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because

his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not. ^{14:}And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

^{15:}And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision. ^{16:}Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I. ^{17:}And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee.

^{18:}And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.

^{19:}And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. ^{20:}And all Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the LORD.

^{21:}And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

4. ^{1:}And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Eben-ezer: and the Philistines pitched in Aphek. ^{2:}And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men.

^{3:}And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to day before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

^{4:}So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth between the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God. ^{5:}And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.

^{6:}And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What meaneth the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp. ^{7:}And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore. ^{8:}Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

^{9:}Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men, and fight. ^{10:}And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen.

^{11:}And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain. ^{12:}And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head. ^{13:}And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God.

And when the man came into the city, and told it, all the city cried out. ^{14:}And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What meaneth the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli. ^{15:}Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were

dim, that he could not see. ^{16:}And the man said unto Eli, I am he that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he said, What is there done, my son?

^{17:}And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken.

40 yrs.

^{18:}And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

^{19:}And his daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, near to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her. ^{20:}And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard it. ^{21:}And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband. ^{22:}And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

5. ^{1:}And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Eben-ezer unto Ashdod. ^{2:}When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

^{3:}And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again.

^{4:}And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him. ^{5:}Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day.

^{6:}But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, even Ashdod and the coasts thereof. ^{7:}And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god.

^{8:}They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel about thither.

^{9:}And it was so, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts.

^{10:}Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people.

^{11:}So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to his own place, that it slay us not, and our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.

^{12:}And the men that died not were smitten with the emerods: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

6. ^{1:}And the ark of the LORD was in the country of the Philistines seven months. ^{2:}And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the LORD? tell us wherewith we shall send it to his place.

^{3:}And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a trespass offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you.

^{4:}Then said they, What shall be the trespass offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines: for one plague was on you all, and on your lords. ^{5:}Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.

^{6:}Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed?

^{7:}Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them: ^{8:}And take the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him for a trespass offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go. ^{9:}And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Beth-shemesh, then he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that is not his hand that smote us; it was a chance that happened to us.

^{10:}And the men did so; and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home: ^{11:}And they laid the ark of the LORD upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their emerods.

^{12:}And the kine took the straight way to the way of Beth-shemesh, and went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them unto the border of Beth-shemesh.

^{13:}And they of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it. ^{14:}And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Beth-shemite, and stood there, where there was a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt offering unto the LORD.

^{15:}And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great stone: and the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the LORD.

^{16:}And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen it, they returned to Ekron the same day. ^{17:}And these are the golden emerods which the Philistines returned for a trespass offering unto the LORD; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one;

^{18:}And the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both of fenced cities, and of country villages, even unto the great stone of Abel, whereon they set down the ark of the LORD: which stone remaineth unto this day in the field of Joshua, the Beth-shemite.

^{19:}And he smote the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter.

^{20:} And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? and to whom shall he go up from us?

^{21:} And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have brought again the ark of the LORD; come ye down, and fetch it up to you.

7. ^{1:} And the men of Kirjath-jearim came, and fetched up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

20 yrs. ^{2:} And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kirjath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD. **NOTE: Rabbinic tradition has 20 years from Eli to David' seventh year, when he brought the Ark from the house of Abenadab to Jerusalem. This overlooks the time Saul borrowed the Ark in Sam. 12:18 and undoubtedly returned it before David's time.**

^{3:} And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

^{4:} Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only.

^{5:} And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD.

^{6:} And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

^{7:} And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

^{8:} And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines. ^{9:} And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly unto the LORD: and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD heard him.

^{10:} And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel. ^{11:} And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until they came under Beth-car.

^{12:} Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Eben-ezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us. ^{12:} So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Israel: and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

^{14:} And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the coasts thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

^{15:} And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. ^{16:} And he went from year to year in circuit to Bethel, and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places. ^{18:} And his return was to Ramah; for there was his house; and there he judged Israel; and there he built an altar unto the LORD.

8. ^{1:} And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. ^{2:} Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: they were judges in Beer-sheba. ^{3:} And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

^{4:} Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, ^{5:} And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

^{6:} But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD. ^{7:} And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them. ^{8:} According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.

^{9:} Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them. ^{10:} And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king. ^{11:} And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots. ^{12:} And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and will set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots. ^{13:} And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be bakers. ^{14:} And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants. ^{15:} And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants. ^{16:} And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work. ^{17:} He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants.

^{18:} And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day.

^{19:} Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; ^{20:} That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles. ^{21:} And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD. ^{22:} And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

9. ^{1:} Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power. ^{2:} And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people.

^{3:} And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses. ^{4:} And he passed through mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha, but they found them not: then they passed through the land of Shalim, and there they were not: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found them not.

^{5:}And when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that was with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father leave caring for the asses, and take thought for us.

^{6:}And he said unto him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go.

^{7:}Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God: what have we? ^{8:}And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver: that will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way.

^{9:}(Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.) ^{10:}Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go.

So they went unto the city where the man of God was. ^{11:}And as they went up the hill to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here? ^{12:}And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, he is before you: make haste now, for he came to day to the city; for there is a sacrifice of the people to day in the high place: ^{13:}As soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; and afterwards they eat that be bidden.

Now therefore get you up; for about this time ye shall find him. ^{14:}And they went up into the city: and when they were come into the city, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to go up to the high place.

^{15:}Now the LORD had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying, ^{16:}To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him to be captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me.

^{17:}And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall reign over my people. ^{18:}Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house is. ^{19:}And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the seer: go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to day, and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that is in thine heart.

^{20:}And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And on whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not on thee, and on all thy father's house? ^{21:}And Saul answered and said, Am not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou so to me?

^{22:}And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which were about thirty persons.

^{23:}And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee. ^{24:}And the cook took up the shoulder, and that which was upon it, and set it before Saul.

And Samuel said, Behold that which is left! set it before thee, and eat: for unto this time hath it been kept for thee since I said, I have invited the people.

So Saul did eat with Samuel that day. ^{25:}And when they were come down from the high place into the city, Samuel communed with Saul upon the top of the house. ^{26:}And they arose early: and it came to pass about the spring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the

house, saying, Up, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad. ^{27:}And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou still a while, that I may shew thee the word of God.

10. ^{1:}Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?

^{2:}When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I do for my son?

^{3:}Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Bethel, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine: ^{4:}And they will salute thee, and give thee two loaves of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands.

^{5:}After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy:

^{6:}And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

^{7:}And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee. ^{8:}And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do.

^{9:}And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day. ^{10:}And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. ^{11:}And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?

^{12:}And one of the same place answered and said, But who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets?

^{13:}And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place. ^{14:}And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses: and when we saw that they were no where, we came to Samuel.

^{15:}And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you. ^{16:}And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

^{17:}And Samuel called the people together unto the LORD to Mizpeh; ^{18:}And said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed you: ^{19:}And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, Nay, but set a king over us.

Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands. ^{20:}And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken.

^{21:}When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found. ^{22:}Therefore they inquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come thither. And the LORD answered, Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff. ^{23:}And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward. ^{24:}And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people?

And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king. ^{25:}Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the LORD. ^{26:}And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house. And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched. ^{26:}But the children of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no presents. But he held his peace.

11. ^{1:}Then Nahash the Ammonite came up, and encamped against Jabesh-gilead: and all the men of Jabesh said unto Nahash, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee. ^{2:}And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this condition will I make a covenant with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it for a reproach upon all Israel. ^{3:}And the elders of Jabesh said unto him, Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers unto all the coasts of Israel: and then, if there be no man to save us, we will come out to thee.

^{4:}Then came the messengers to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voices, and wept. ^{5:}And, behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field; and Saul said, What aileth the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of the men of Jabesh.

^{6:}And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly. ^{7:}And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen.

And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent. ^{8:}And when he numbered them in Bezek, the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

^{9:}And they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, To morrow, by that time the sun be hot, ye shall have help. And the messengers came and shewed it to the men of Jabesh; and they were glad. ^{10:}Therefore the men of Jabesh said, To morrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth good unto you.

^{11:}And it was so on the morrow, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the host in the morning watch, and slew the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they which remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

^{12:}And the people said unto Samuel, Who is he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death. ^{13:}And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to day the LORD hath wrought salvation in Israel.

^{14:}Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there. ^{15:}And all the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

12. ^{1:}And Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you. ^{2:}And now, behold, the king walketh before you: and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons are with you: and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day. ^{3:}Behold, here I am: witness against me before the LORD, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.

^{4:}And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any man's hand.

^{5:}And he said unto them, The LORD is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that ye have not found ought in my hand. And they answered, He is witness. ^{6:}And Samuel said unto the people, It is the LORD that advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt.

^{7:}Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the LORD of all the righteous acts of the LORD, which he did to you and to your fathers. ^{8:}When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried unto the LORD, then the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place.

^{9:}And when they forgot the LORD their God, he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them.

^{10:}And they cried unto the LORD, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served Baalim and Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee.

^{11:}And the LORD sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelled safe.

^{12:}And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when the LORD your God was your king.

^{13:}Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have desired! and, behold, the LORD hath set a king over you.

^{14:}If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the LORD your God: ^{15:}But if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as it was against your fathers.

^{16:}Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which the LORD will do before your eyes. ^{17:}Is it not wheat harvest to day? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king. ^{18:}So Samuel called unto the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

^{19:}And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king. ^{20:}And Samuel

said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart; ^{21:}And turn ye not aside: for then should ye go after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain.

^{22:}For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people. ^{23:}Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way: ^{24:}Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.

^{25:}But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

13. ^{1:}Saul reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over Israel, ^{2:}Saul chose him three thousand men of Israel; whereof two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in mount Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.

^{3:}And Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that was in Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear. ^{4:}And all Israel heard say that Saul had smitten a garrison of the Philistines, and that Israel also was had in abomination with the Philistines.

And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal. ^{5:}And the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the sea shore in multitude: and they came up, and pitched in Michmash, eastward from Beth-aven.

^{6:}When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits. ^{7:}And some of the Hebrews went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead.

As for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling. ^{8:}And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him.

^{9:}And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering. ^{10:}And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him.

^{11:}And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash; ^{12:}Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering.

^{13:}And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.

^{14:}But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.

^{15:}And Samuel arose, and gat him up from Gilgal unto Gibeah of Benjamin.

And Saul numbered the people that were present with him, about six hundred men. ^{16:}And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people that were present with them, abode in Gibeah of Benjamin: but the Philistines encamped in Michmash.

^{17:}And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned unto the way that leadeth to Ophrah, unto the land of Shual: ^{18:}And another company turned the way to Beth-horon: and another company turned to the way of the border that looketh to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

^{19:}Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears: ^{20:}But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his axe, and his mattock. ^{21:}Yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goads. ^{22:}So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found.

^{23:}And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.

14. ^{1:}Now it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that is on the other side. But he told not his father. ^{2:}And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which is in Migron: and the people that were with him were about six hundred men; ^{3:}And Ahiah, the son of Ahitub, I-chabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD's priest in Shiloh, wearing an ephod.

And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone. ^{4:}And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines' garrison, there was a sharp rock on the one side and a sharp rock on the other side: and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. ^{5:}The forefront of the one was situate northward over against Michmash, and the other southward over against Gibeah.

^{6:}And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few.

^{7:}And his armourbearer said unto him, Do all that is in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart. ^{8:}Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over unto these men, and we will discover ourselves unto them.

^{9:}If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them. ^{10:}But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for the LORD hath delivered them into our hand: and this shall be a sign unto us.

^{11:}And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves. ^{12:}And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armourbearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing.

And Jonathan said unto his armourbearer, Come up after me: for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Israel. ^{13:}And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armourbearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armourbearer slew after him.

^{14:}And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armourbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were an half acre of land, which a yoke of oxen might plow. ^{15:}And there was trembling in the host, in the field, and among all the people: the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled, and the earth quaked: so it was a very great trembling.

^{16:}And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down one another.

^{17:}Then said Saul unto the people that were with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armourbearer were not there.

^{18:}And Saul said unto Ahiah, Bring hither the ark of God. For the ark of God was at that time with the children of Israel.

NOTE: The Ark was taken to the house of Abinadab when it was stolen from Eli, when Eli died in his 40th year. It was taken from the house of Abinadab to Jerusalem when he captured Jerusalem, in his eighth year. Perhaps Saul borrowed the Ark after it had been at the house of Abinadab 20 years (1st Sam. 7:2). This supports the 251 years to the era of Jerusalem.

^{19:}And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the noise that was in the host of the Philistines went on and increased: and Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand.

^{20:}And Saul and all the people that were with him assembled themselves, and they came to the battle: and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, and there was a very great discomfiture. ^{21:}Moreover the Hebrews that were with the Philistines before that time, which went up with them into the camp from the country round about, even they also turned to be with the Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan. ^{22:}Likewise all the men of Israel which had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle.

^{23:}So the LORD saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over unto Beth-aven. ^{24:}And the men of Israel were distressed that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the people tasted any food. ^{25:}And all they of the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground. ^{26:}And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath.

^{27:}But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in an honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened. ^{28:}Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food this day. And the people were faint.

^{29:}Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey. ^{30:}How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines? ^{31:}And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon: and the people were very faint.

^{32:}And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the ground: and the people did eat them with the blood. ^{33:}Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against the LORD, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, Ye have transgressed: roll a great stone unto me this day. ^{34:}And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people, and say unto them, Bring me hither every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay them here, and eat; and sin not against the LORD in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and slew them there.

^{35:}And Saul built an altar unto the LORD: the same was the first altar that he built unto the LORD. ^{36:}And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and spoil them

until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee.

Then said the priest, Let us draw near hither unto God. ^{37:}And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Israel? But he answered him not that day. ^{38:}And Saul said, Draw ye near hither, all the chief of the people: and know and see wherein this sin hath been this day. ^{39:}For, as the LORD liveth, which saveth Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But there was not a man among all the people that answered him. ^{40:}Then said he unto all Israel, Be ye on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side. And the people said unto Saul, Do what seemeth good unto thee. ^{41:}Therefore Saul said unto the LORD God of Israel, Give a perfect lot.

^{42:}And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the people escaped. And Saul said, Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken. ^{43:}Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done.

And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in mine hand, and, lo, I must die. ^{44:}And Saul answered, God do so and more also: for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan. ^{45:}And the people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? God forbid: as the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not.

^{46:}Then Saul went up from following the Philistines: and the Philistines went to their own place.

^{47:}So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and whithersoever he turned himself, he vexed them. ^{48:}And he gathered an host, and smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them.

^{49:}Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchi-shua: and the names of his two daughters were these; the name of the firstborn Merab, and the name of the younger Michal: ^{50:}And the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz: and the name of the captain of his host was Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle. ^{51:}And Kish was the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.

^{52:}And there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him.

15. ^{1:}Samuel also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.

^{2:}Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt.

^{3:}Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass. ^{4:}And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah.

^{5:}And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley. ^{6:}And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

^{7:}And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt. ^{8:}And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

^{9:}But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

^{10:}Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying, ^{11:}It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments.

And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night. ^{12:}And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.

^{13:}And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD. ^{14:}And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? ^{15:}And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.

^{16:}Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on. ^{17:}And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel?

^{18:}And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed. ^{19:}Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?

^{20:}And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

^{21:}But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.

^{22:}And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. ^{23:}For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

^{24:}And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. ^{25:}Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD.

^{26:}And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. ^{27:}And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent. ^{28:}And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou.

^{29:}And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent. ^{30:}Then he said, I have sinned: yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God.

^{31:}So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD.

^{32:}Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past. ^{33:}And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

^{34:}Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul.

^{35:}And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

16. ^{1:}And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

^{2:}And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD. ^{3:}And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee.

^{4:}And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably? ^{5:}And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.

And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. ^{6:}And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.

^{7:}But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

^{8:}Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. ^{9:}Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. ^{10:}Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

^{11:}And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. ^{12:}And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to.

And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he. ^{13:}Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward.

So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. ^{14:}But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him. ^{15:}And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. ^{16:}Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.

^{17:}And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me. ^{18:}Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him.

¹⁹:Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, which is with the sheep. ²⁰:And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent them by David his son unto Saul. ²¹:And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer. ²²:And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight.

²³:And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

17. ¹:Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim.

²:And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines. ³:And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them.

⁴:And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ⁵:And he had an helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass. ⁶:And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders. ⁷:And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.

⁸:And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. ⁹:If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us. ¹⁰:And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.

¹¹:When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

¹²:Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Beth-lehem-judah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men for an old man in the days of Saul. ¹³:And the three eldest sons of Jesse went and followed Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. ¹⁴:And David was the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul.

¹⁵:But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem. ¹⁶:And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

¹⁷:And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren; ¹⁸:And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.

¹⁹:Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. ²⁰:And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle. ²¹:For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, army against army. ²²:And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren.

^{23:}And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard them. ^{24:}And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid.

^{25:}And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel.

^{26:}And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God? ^{27:}And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.

^{28:}And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.

^{29:}And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause? ^{30:}And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner.

^{31:}And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him.

^{32:}And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. ^{33:}And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

^{34:}And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: ^{35:}And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. ^{36:}Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. ^{37:}David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.

^{38:}And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee. And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail. ^{39:}And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him.

^{40:}And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine. ^{41:}And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him.

^{42:}And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. ^{43:}And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ^{44:}And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

^{45:}Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. ^{46:}This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and

I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. ^{47:}And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.

^{48:}And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. ^{49:}And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

^{50:}So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. ^{51:}Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

^{52:}And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron. ^{53:}And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents.

^{54:}And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

^{55:}And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son is this youth? And Abner said, As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell. ^{56:}And the king said, Inquire thou whose son the stripling is. ^{57:}And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. ^{58:}And Saul said to him, Whose son art thou, thou young man? And David answered, I am the son of thy servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.

18. ^{1:}And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. ^{2:}And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house. ^{3:}Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. ^{4:}And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

^{5:}And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

^{6:}And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick. ^{7:}And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.

^{8:}And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom? ^{9:}And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

^{10:}And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand. ^{11:}And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite

David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice. ^{12:}And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.

^{13:}Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people. ^{14:}And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD was with him. ^{15:}Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.

^{16:}But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them. ^{17:}And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD's battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him.

^{18:}And David said unto Saul, Who am I? and what is my life, or my father's family in Israel, that I should be son in law to the king?

^{19:}But it came to pass at the time when Merab Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto Adriel the Meholathite to wife. ^{20:}And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him. ^{21:}And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him.

Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son in law in the one of the twain. ^{22:}And Saul commanded his servants, saying, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law. ^{23:}And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you a light thing to be a king's son in law, seeing that I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed?

^{24:}And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spake David. ^{25:}And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

^{26:}And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law: and the days were not expired. ^{27:}Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.

^{28:}And Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal Saul's daughter loved him. ^{29:}And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually.

^{30:}Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by.

19. ^{1:}And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David. ^{2:}But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself: ^{3:}And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

^{4:}And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to theeward very good: ^{5:}For he did put his life in his hand, and

slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?

^{6:}And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain. ^{7:}And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

^{8:}And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him.

^{9:}And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand. ^{10:}And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.

^{11:}Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain. ^{12:}So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped. ^{13:}And Michal took an image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster, and covered it with a cloth. ^{14:}And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick. ^{15:}And Saul sent the messengers again to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him. ^{16:}And when the messengers were come in, behold, there was an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster.

^{17:}And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?

^{18:}So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth. ^{19:}And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah. ^{20:}And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

^{21:}And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise.

And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.

^{22:}Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah. ^{23:}And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. ^{24:}And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?

20. ^{1:}And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?

^{2:}And he said unto him, God forbid; thou shalt not die: behold, my father will do nothing either great or small, but that he will shew it me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is not so.

^{3:}And David sware moreover, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death.

^{4:}Then said Jonathan unto David, Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee.

^{5:}And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to morrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even. ^{6:}If thy father at all miss me, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Bethlehem his city: for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family. ^{7:}If he say thus, It is well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, then be sure that evil is determined by him.

^{8:}Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the LORD with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldst thou bring me to thy father?

^{9:}And Jonathan said, Far be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee? ^{10:}Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what if thy father answer thee roughly?

^{11:}And Jonathan said unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field. ^{12:}And Jonathan said unto David, O LORD God of Israel, when I have sounded my father about to morrow any time, or the third day, and, behold, if there be good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and shew it thee; ^{13:}The LORD do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father to do thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the LORD be with thee, as he hath been with my father.

^{14:}And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the kindness of the LORD, that I die not: ^{15:}But also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth. ^{16:}So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, Let the LORD even require it at the hand of David's enemies. ^{17:}And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

^{18:}Then Jonathan said to David, To morrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty. ^{19:}And when thou hast stayed three days, then thou shalt go down quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself when the business was in hand, and shalt remain by the stone Ezel. ^{20:}And I will shoot three arrows on the side thereof, as though I shot at a mark. ^{21:}And, behold, I will send a lad, saying, Go, find out the arrows. If I expressly say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows are on this side of thee, take them; then come thou: for there is peace to thee, and no hurt; as the LORD liveth. ^{22:}But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows are beyond thee; go thy way: for the LORD hath sent thee away.

^{23:}And as touching the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the LORD be between thee and me for ever.

^{24:}So David hid himself in the field: and when the new moon was come, the king sat him down to eat meat. ^{25:}And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, even upon a seat by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place was empty. ^{26:}Nevertheless Saul spake not any thing that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he is not clean; surely he is not clean.

^{27:}And it came to pass on the morrow, which was the second day of the month, that David's place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday, nor to day? ^{28:}And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Bethlehem: ^{29:}And he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me to be there:

and now, if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he cometh not unto the king's table.

^{30:}Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness? ^{31:}For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die.

^{32:}And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done? ^{33:}And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David. ^{34:}So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

^{35:}And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him. ^{36:}And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him. ^{37:}And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee? ^{38:}And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master. ^{39:}But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter. ^{40:}And Jonathan gave his artillery unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry them to the city.

^{41:}And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded. ^{42:}And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

21. ^{1:}Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why art thou alone, and no man with thee?

^{2:}And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed my servants to such and such a place.

^{3:}Now therefore what is under thine hand? give me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or what there is present.

^{4:}And the priest answered David, and said, There is no common bread under mine hand, but there is hallowed bread; if the young men have kept themselves at least from women.

^{5:}And David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women have been kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in a manner common, yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel.

^{6:}So the priest gave him hallowed bread: for there was no bread there but the shewbread, that was taken from before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.

^{7:}Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name was Doeg, an Edomite, the chiefest of the herdmen that belonged to Saul. ^{8:}And David said unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste.

^{9:}And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it: for there is no other save that here.

And David said, There is none like that; give it me. ^{10:}And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.

^{11:}And the servants of Achish said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands? ^{12:}And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

^{13:}And he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard. ^{14:}Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man is mad: wherefore then have ye brought him to me? ^{15:}Have I need of mad men, that ye have brought this fellow to play the mad man in my presence? shall this fellow come into my house?

22. ^{1:}David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him. ^{2:}And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

^{3:}And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, till I know what God will do for me. ^{4:}And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the hold.

^{5:}And the prophet Gad said unto David, Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hareth. ^{6:}When Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men that were with him, (now Saul abode in Gibeah under a tree in Ramah, having his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing about him;)

^{7:}Then Saul said unto his servants that stood about him, Hear now, ye Benjamites; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, and make you all captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds; ^{8:}That all of you have conspired against me, and there is none that sheweth me that my son hath made a league with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

^{9:}Then answered Doeg the Edomite, which was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. ^{10:}And he inquired of the LORD for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

^{11:}Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests that were in Nob: and they came all of them to the king. ^{12:}And Saul said, Hear now, thou son of Ahitub. And he answered, Here I am, my lord. ^{13:}And Saul said unto him, Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast inquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

^{14:}Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who is so faithful among all thy servants as David, which is the king's son in law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house? ^{15:}Did I then begin to inquire of God for him? be it far from me: let not the

king impute any thing unto his servant, nor to all the house of my father: for thy servant knew nothing of all this, less or more.

^{16:}And the king said, Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy father's house.

^{17:}And the king said unto the footmen that stood about him, Turn, and slay the priests of the LORD; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not shew it to me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the LORD.

^{18:}And the king said to Doeg, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod. ^{19:}And Nob, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword. ^{20:}And one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David. ^{21:}And Abiathar shewed David that Saul had slain the LORD's priests.

^{22:}And David said unto Abiathar, I knew it that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul: I have occasioned the death of all the persons of thy father's house. ^{23:}Abide thou with me, fear not: for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: but with me thou shalt be in safeguard.

23. ^{1:}Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshingfloors. ^{2:}Therefore David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah. And ^{3:}David's men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines? ^{4:}Then David inquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand.

^{5:}So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

^{6:}And it came to pass, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, that he came down with an ephod in his hand.

^{7:}And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And Saul said, God hath delivered him into mine hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars. ^{8:}And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men.

^{9:}And David knew that Saul secretly practised mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod. ^{10:}Then said David, O LORD God of Israel, thy servant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake. ^{11:}Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down. ^{12:}Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, They will deliver thee up.

^{13:}Then David and his men, which were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbore to go forth. ^{14:}And David abode in the wilderness in strong holds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph.

And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand. ^{15:}And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life: and David was in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood. ^{16:}And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God. ^{17:}And he said unto him, Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth.

^{18:}And they two made a covenant before the LORD: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

^{19:}Then came up the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself with us in strong holds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the south of Jeshimon? ^{20:}Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire of thy soul to come down; and our part shall be to deliver him into the king's hand. ^{21:}And Saul said, Blessed be ye of the LORD; for ye have compassion on me. ^{22:}Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and see his place where his haunt is, and who hath seen him there: for it is told me that he dealeth very subtilly. ^{23:}See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Judah.

^{24:}And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the plain on the south of Jeshimon. ^{25:}Saul also and his men went to seek him. And they told David: wherefore he came down into a rock, and abode in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard that, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon. ^{26:}And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them.

^{27:}But there came a messenger unto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come; for the Philistines have invaded the land. ^{28:}Wherefore Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines: therefore they called that place Sela-hammahlekoth.

^{29:}And David went up from thence, and dwelt in strong holds at En-gedi.

24. ^{2:}And it came to pass, when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of En-gedi.

^{2:}Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats. ^{3:}And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave. ^{4:}And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee.

Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily. ^{5:}And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt. ^{6:}And he said unto his men, The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the LORD's anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD.

^{7:}So David stayed his servants with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. But Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on his way. ^{8:}David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himself. ^{9:}And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt?

¹⁰: Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and some bade me kill thee: but mine eye spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the LORD's anointed. ¹¹: Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee; yet thou huntest my soul to take it. ¹²: The LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee. ¹³: As saith the proverb of the ancients, Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be upon thee. ¹⁴: After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea. ¹⁵: The LORD therefore be judge, and judge between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of thine hand.

¹⁶: And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept. ¹⁷: And he said to David, Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil. ¹⁸: And thou hast shewed this day how that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the LORD had delivered me into thine hand, thou killedst me not. ¹⁹: For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore the LORD reward thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day. ²⁰: And now, behold, I know well that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand. ²¹: Swear now therefore unto me by the LORD, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's house.

²²: And David sware unto Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the hold.

25. ¹: And Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran. ²: And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.

³: Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb. ⁴: And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did shear his sheep.

⁵: And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name: ⁶: And thus shall ye say to him that liveth in prosperity, Peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast. ⁷: And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there ought missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel. ⁸: Ask thy young men, and they will shew thee. Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David.

⁹: And when David's young men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and ceased. ¹⁰: And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master. ¹¹: Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men, whom I know not whence they be?

^{12:}So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings. ^{13:}And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff.

^{14:}But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he railed on them. ^{15:}But the men were very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields: ^{16:}They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep. ^{17:}Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he is such a son of Belial, that a man cannot speak to him.

^{18:}Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses. And she said unto her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nabal.

^{20:}And it was so, as she rode on the ass, that she came down by the covert of the hill, and, behold, David and his men came down against her; and she met them. ^{21:}Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained unto him: and he hath requited me evil for good. ^{22:}So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that pertain to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.

^{23:}And when Abigail saw David, she hastened, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, ^{24:}And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid. ^{25:}Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.

^{26:}Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath withholden thee from coming to shed blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal. ^{27:}And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord. ^{28:}I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the LORD, and evil hath not been found in thee all thy days. ^{29:}Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as out of the middle of a sling.

^{30:}And it shall come to pass, when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel; ^{31:}That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.

^{32:}And David said to Abigail, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me: ^{33:}And blessed be thy advice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand. ^{34:}For in very deed, as the LORD God of Israel liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hastened and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall. ^{35:}So David received of her hand that

which she had brought him, and said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person.

^{36:}And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light. ^{37:}But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became as a stone. ^{38:}And it came to pass about ten days after, that the LORD smote Nabal, that he died.

^{39:}And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his servant from evil: for the LORD hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head, And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife. ^{40:}And when the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto her, saying, David sent us unto thee to take thee to him to wife.

^{41:}And she arose, and bowed herself on her face to the earth, and said, Behold, let thine handmaid be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord. ^{42:}And Abigail hasted, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that went after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife.

^{43:}David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they were also both of them his wives.

^{44:}But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, which was of Gallim.

26. ^{2:}And the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon? ^{2:}Then Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

^{3:}And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon, by the way. But David abode in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness. ^{4:}David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul was come in very deed. ^{5:}And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched: and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host: and Saul lay in the trench, and the people pitched round about him.

^{6:}Then answered David and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruah, brother to Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with thee. ^{7:}So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster: but Abner and the people lay round about him.

^{8:}Then said Abishai to David, God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not smite him the second time. ^{9:}And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless?

^{10:}David said furthermore, As the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish. ^{11:}The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go. ^{12:}So David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's bolster; and they gat them away, and no man saw it, nor

knew it, neither awaked: for they were all asleep; because a deep sleep from the LORD was fallen upon them.

^{13:}Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of an hill afar off; a great space being between them: ^{14:}And David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, Abner? Then Abner answered and said, Who art thou that criest to the king?

^{15:}And David said to Abner, Art not thou a valiant man? and who is like to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord. ^{16:}This thing is not good that thou hast done. As the LORD liveth, ye are worthy to die, because ye have not kept your master, the LORD's anointed. And now see where the king's spear is, and the cruse of water that was at his bolster.

^{17:}And Saul knew David's voice, and said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And David said, It is my voice, my lord, O king. ^{18:}And he said, Wherefore doth my lord thus pursue after his servant? for what have I done? or what evil is in mine hand? ^{19:}Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If the LORD have stirred thee up against me, let him accept an offering: but if they be the children of men, cursed be they before the LORD; for they have driven me out this day from abiding in the inheritance of the LORD, saying, Go, serve other gods. ^{20:}Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the LORD: for the king of Israel is come out to seek a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the mountains.

^{21:}Then said Saul, I have sinned: return, my son David: for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.

^{22:}And David answered and said, Behold the king's spear! and let one of the young men come over and fetch it. ^{23:}The LORD render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness: for the LORD delivered thee into my hand to day, but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed. ^{24:}And, behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes, so let my life be much set by in the eyes of the LORD, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation.

^{25:}Then Saul said to David, Blessed be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great things, and also shalt still prevail.

So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

27. ^{1:}And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand.

^{2:}And David arose, and he passed over with the six hundred men that were with him unto Achish, the son of Maach, king of Gath. ^{3:}And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, even David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's wife.

^{4:}And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him.

^{5:}And David said unto Achish, If I have now found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee? ^{6:}Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day: wherefore Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day. ^{7:}And the time that David dwelt in the country of the Philistines was a full year and four months.

⁸:And David and his men went up, and invaded the Geshurites, and the Gezrites, and the Amalekites: for those nations were of old the inhabitants of the land, as thou goest to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt. ⁹:And David smote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel, and returned, and came to Achish.

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

28. ¹:And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men. ²:And David said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever.

³:Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land. ⁴:And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa. ⁵:And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.

⁶:And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams nor by Urim, nor by prophets. ⁷:Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.

⁸:And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee. ⁹:And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?

¹⁰:And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing. ¹¹:Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel. ¹²:And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul. ¹³:And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? ¹⁴:And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth. And he said unto her, What form is he of?

And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself. ¹⁵:And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.

¹⁶:Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy? ¹⁷:And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by

me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David: ^{18:}Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day.

^{19:}Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

^{20:}Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.

^{21:}And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me. ^{22:}Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy way. ^{23:}But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, compelled him; and he hearkened unto their voice.

So he arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed. ^{24:}And the woman had a fat calf in the house; and she hasted, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded it, and did bake unleavened bread thereof: ^{25:}And she brought it before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.

29. ^{1:}Now the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek: and the Israelites pitched by a fountain which is in Jezreel. ^{2:}And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands: but David and his men passed on in the rereward with Achish.

^{3:}Then said the princes of the Philistines, What do these Hebrews here? And Achish said unto the princes of the Philistines, Is not this David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, which hath been with me these days, or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell unto me unto this day?

^{4:}And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he be an adversary to us: for wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his master? should it not be with the heads of these men? ^{5:}Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

^{6:}Then Achish called David, and said unto him, Surely, as the LORD liveth, thou hast been upright, and thy going out and thy coming in with me in the host is good in my sight: for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: nevertheless the lords favour thee not. ^{7:}Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou displease not the lords of the Philistines.

^{8:}And David said unto Achish, But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant so long as I have been with thee unto this day, that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king? ^{9:}And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou art good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle. ^{10:}Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with thy master's servants that are come with thee: and as soon as ye be up early in the morning, and have light, depart.

¹¹: So David and his men rose up early to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

30. ¹: And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; ²: And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way.

³: So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives. ⁴: Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. ⁵: And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. ⁶: And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

⁷: And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David. ⁸: And David inquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

⁹: So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed. ¹⁰: But David pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor. ¹¹: And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water; ¹²: And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights.

¹³: And David said unto him, To whom belondest thou? and whence art thou? And he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick. ¹⁴: We made an invasion upon the south of the Cherethites, and upon the coast which belongeth to Judah, and upon the south of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire.

¹⁵: And David said to him, Canst thou bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company. ¹⁶: And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah. ¹⁷: And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled.

¹⁸: And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives. ¹⁹: And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: David recovered all. And ²⁰: David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drave before those other cattle, and said, This is David's spoil.

²¹: And David came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him: and when David came near to the people, he saluted them.

^{22:}Then answered all the wicked men and men of Belial, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them ought of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away, and depart. ^{23:}Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the LORD hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand. ^{24:}For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike.

^{25:}And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.

^{26:}And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD; ^{27:}To them which were in Bethel, and to them which were in south Ramoth, and to them which were in Jattir, ^{28:}And to them which were in Aroer, and to them which were in Siphmoth, and to them which were in Eshtemoa, ^{29:}And to them which were in Rachal, and to them which were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to them which were in the cities of the Kenites, ^{30:}And to them which were in Hormah, and to them which were in Chor-ashan, and to them which were in Athach, ^{31:}And to them which were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.

31. ^{1:}Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa. ^{2:}And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, Saul's sons.

^{3:}And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers. ^{4:}Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

^{5:}And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him.

^{6:}So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together.

NOTE: David had reigned contemporary with Saul five years (2nd Sam. 2:10-11) and with Ishbosheth (son of Saul) for two years (2nd Sam. 4:8; 5:3-6). Then David captured Jerusalem after his 7th year.

^{7:}And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

^{8:}And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa. ^{9:}And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish it in the house of their idols, and among the people. ^{10:}And they put his armour in the house of Ashtaroath: and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan.

^{11:}And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul; ^{12:}All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there.

^{13:}And they took their bones, and buried them under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

E: Second Samuel: From Samuel to David.

1. ^{1:}Now it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in Ziklag; ^{2:}It came even to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance.

^{3:}And David said unto him, From whence comest thou? And he said unto him, Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped. ^{4:}And David said unto him, How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battle, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also.

^{5:}And David said unto the young man that told him, How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his son be dead? ^{6:}And the young man that told him said, As I happened by chance upon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him. ^{7:}And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto me. And I answered, Here am I. ^{8:}And he said unto me, Who art thou? And I answered him, I am an Amalekite. ^{9:}And he said unto me again, Stand, I pray thee, upon me, and slay me: for anguish is come upon me, because my life is yet whole in me. ^{10:}So I stood upon him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord.

^{11:}Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that were with him: ^{12:}And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword.

^{13:}And David said unto the young man that told him, Whence art thou? And he answered, I am the son of a stranger, an Amalekite. ^{14:}And David said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the LORD's anointed? ^{15:}And David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, and fall upon him. And he smote him that he died. ^{16:}And David said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the LORD's anointed.

^{17:}And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son ^{18:}(Also he bade them teach the children of Judah the use of the bow: behold, it is written in the book of Jasher.) ^{19:}The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places: how are the mighty fallen! ^{20:}Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon; lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

^{21:}Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, as though he had not been anointed with oil. ^{22:}From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not empty. ^{23:}Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided: they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.

^{24:}Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with other delights, who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel. ^{25:}How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, thou was slain in thine high places. ^{26:}I am distressed for thee, my

brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

^{27:}How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

2. ^{1:}And it came to pass after this, that David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron.

^{2:}So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail Nabal's wife the Carmelite. ^{3:}And his men that were with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron. ^{4:}And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.

And they told David, saying, That the men of Jabesh-gilead were they that buried Saul. ^{5:}And David sent messengers unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said unto them, Blessed be ye of the LORD, that ye have shewed this kindness unto your lord, even unto Saul, and have buried him. ^{6:}And now the LORD shew kindness and truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing.

^{7:}Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.

^{8:}But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, took Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim; ^{9:}And made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel.

^{10:}Ish-bosheth Saul's son was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years.

2 yrs. | But the house of Judah followed David. ^{11:}And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.
7 yrs. |

^{12:}And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon. ^{13:}And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out, and met together by the pool of Gibeon: and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool. ^{14:}And Abner said to Joab, Let the young men now arise, and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise.

^{15:}Then there arose and went over by number twelve of Benjamin, which pertained to Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David.

^{16:}And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and thrust his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together: wherefore that place was called Helkath-hazzurim, which is in Gibeon. ^{17:}And there was a very sore battle that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David.

^{18:}And there were three sons of Zeruiah there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel was as light of foot as a wild roe. ^{19:}And Asahel pursued after Abner; and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner. ^{20:}Then Abner looked behind him, and said, Art thou Asahel? And he answered, I am. ^{21:}And Abner said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his armour. But Asahel would not turn aside from following of him. ^{22:}And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother? ^{23:}Howbeit he refused to turn aside: wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him under the fifth rib, that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place: and it came to pass, that as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still.

^{24:}Joab also and Abishai pursued after Abner: and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that lieth before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.

^{25:}And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, and became one troop, and stood on the top of an hill.

^{26:}Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall the sword devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren? ^{27:}And Joab said, As God liveth, unless thou hadst spoken, surely then in the morning the people had gone up every one from following his brother. ^{28:}So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more.

^{29:}And Abner and his men walked all that night through the plain, and passed over Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and they came to Mahanaim. ^{30:}And Joab returned from following Abner: and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of David's servants nineteen men and Asahel. ^{31:}But the servants of David had smitten of Benjamin, and of Abner's men, so that three hundred and threescore men died. ^{32:}And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which was in Bethlehem.

And Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at break of day.

3. ^{1:}Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

^{2:}And unto David were sons born in Hebron: and his firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; ^{3:}And his second, Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; ^{4:}And the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital; ^{5:}And the sixth, Ithream, by Eglah David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.

^{6:}And it came to pass, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner made himself strong for the house of Saul. ^{7:}And Saul had a concubine, whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah: and Ish-bosheth said to Abner, Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my father's concubine?

^{8:}Then was Abner very wroth for the words of Ish-bosheth, and said, Am I a dog's head, which against Judah do shew kindness this day unto the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of David, that thou chargest me to day with a fault concerning this woman?

^{9:}So do God to Abner, and more also, except, as the LORD hath sworn to David, even so I do to him; ^{10:}To translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beer-sheba.

^{11:}And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him.

^{12:}And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, Whose is the land? saying also, Make thy league with me, and, behold, my hand shall be with thee, to bring about all Israel unto thee.

^{13:}And he said, Well; I will make a league with thee: but one thing I require of thee, that is, Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face. ^{14:}And David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth Saul's son, saying, Deliver me my wife Michal, which I espoused to me for an hundred foreskins of the Philistines.

^{15:}And Ish-bosheth sent, and took her from her husband, even from Phaltiel the son of Laish. ^{16:}And her husband went with her along weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then said Abner unto him, Go, return. And he returned.

^{17:}And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, Ye sought for David in times past to be king over you: ^{18:}Now then do it: for the LORD hath spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies. ^{19:}And Abner also spake in the ears of Benjamin: and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel, and that seemed good to the whole house of Benjamin.

^{20:}So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him. And David made Abner and the men that were with him a feast. ^{21:}And Abner said unto David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel unto my lord the king, that they may make a league with thee, and that thou mayest reign over all that thine heart desireth. And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace.

^{22:}And, Behold, the servants of David and Joab came from pursuing a troop, and brought in a great spoil with them: but Abner was not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace. ^{23:}When Joab and all the host that was with him were come, they told Joab, saying, Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace. ^{24:}Then Joab came to the king, and said, What hast thou done? behold, Abner came unto thee; why is it that thou hast sent him away, and he is quite gone? ^{25:}Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in, and to know all that thou doest.

^{26:}And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, which brought him again from the well of Sirah: but David knew it not. ^{27:}And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there under the fifth rib, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother.

^{28:}And afterward when David heard it, he said, I and my kingdom are guiltless before the LORD for ever from the blood of Abner the son of Ner: ^{29:}Let it rest on the head of Joab, and on all his father's house; and let there not fail from the house of Joab one that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staff, or that falleth on the sword, or that lacketh bread. ^{30:}So Joab and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had slain their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

^{31:}And David said to Joab, and to all the people that were with him, Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David himself followed the bier. ^{32:}And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept. ^{33:}And the king lamented over Abner, and said, Died Abner as a fool dieth? ^{34:}Thy hands were not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters: as a man falleth before wicked men, so fellest thou. And all the people wept again over him. ^{35:}And when all the people came to cause David to eat meat while it was yet day, David sware, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or ought else, till the sun be down.

^{36:}And all the people took notice of it, and it pleased them: as whatsoever the king did pleased all the people. ^{37:}For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner. ^{38:}And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel? ^{39:}And I am this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruiah be too hard for me: the LORD shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.

4. ¹: And when Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled. ²: And Saul's son had two men that were captains of bands: the name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon a Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin: (for Beeroth also was reckoned to Benjamin: ³: And the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and were sojourners there until this day.) ⁴: And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son that was lame of his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth.

⁵: And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ish-bosheth, who lay on a bed at noon. ⁶: And they came thither into the midst of the house, as though they would have fetched wheat; and they smote him under the fifth rib: and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped. ⁷: For when they came into the house, he lay on his bed in his bedchamber, and they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and gat them away through the plain all night. ⁸: And they brought the head of Ish-bosheth unto David to Hebron, and said to the king, Behold the head of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul thine enemy, which sought thy life; and the LORD hath avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed.

⁹: And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them, As the LORD liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity, ¹⁰: When one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, who thought that I would have given him a reward for his tidings: ¹¹: How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed? shall I not therefore now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth?

¹²: And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth, and buried it in the sepulchre of Abner in Hebron.

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

³: So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel.

7	⁴ : David was <u>thirty years</u> old when he began to reign, and he reigned <u>forty years</u> .
<u>33</u>	⁵ : In Hebron he reigned over Judah <u>seven years and six months</u> : and in Jerusalem
40 yrs.	he reigned <u>thirty and three years</u> over all Israel and Judah.

⁶: And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, David cannot come in hither. ⁷: Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David.

⁸: And David said on that day, Whosoever getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind, that are hated of David's soul, he shall be chief and captain. Wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house. ⁹: So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward.

¹⁰: And David went on, and grew great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him.

^{11:}And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David an house. ^{12:}And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake. ^{13:}And David took him more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David.

^{14:}And these be the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, ^{15:}Ibhar also, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia, ^{16:}And Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphalet.

^{17:}But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the hold. ^{18:}The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

^{19:}And David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand. ^{20:}And David came to Baal-perazim, and David smote them there, and said, The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Baal-perazim. ^{21:}And there they left their images, and David and his men burned them.

^{22:}And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. ^{23:}And when David inquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; but fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees. ^{24:}And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines. ^{25:}And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer.

6. ^{1:}Again, David gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.

^{2:}And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubims.

^{3:}And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart. ^{4:}And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark.

^{5:}And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

^{6:}And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. ^{7:}And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God.

^{8:}And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place Perez-uzzah to this day. ^{9:}And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me?

^{10:}So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David: but David carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. ^{11:}And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obed-edom, and all his household.

^{12:}And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness.

^{13:}And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings. ^{14:}And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod.

^{15:}So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. ^{16:}And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. ^{17:}And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

^{18:}And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts. ^{19:}And he dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine.

So all the people departed every one to his house.

^{20:}Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself!

^{21:}And David said unto Michal, It was before the LORD, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD.

^{22:}And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour.

^{23:}Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.

7. ^{1:}And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies;

^{2:}That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. ^{3:}And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the LORD is with thee.

^{4:}And it came to pass that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying, ^{5:}Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in? ^{6:}Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.

^{7:}In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar?

^{8:}Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel: ^{9:}And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are

in the earth. ^{10:}Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime, ^{11:}And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies.

Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house. ^{12:}And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. ^{13:}He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

NOTE: David built a temporary tabernacle (separate from the one built by Moses)

and resided there for 33 years. His son, Solomon, ruled three years and founded a permanent temple in his fourth year.

^{14:}I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: ^{15:}But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. ^{16:}And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

^{17:}According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David. ^{18:}Then went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, Who am I, O Lord GOD? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

^{19:}And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord GOD? ^{20:}And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, Lord GOD, knowest thy servant. ^{21:}For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know them. ^{22:}Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

^{23:}And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods?

^{24:}For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become their God. ^{25:}And now, O LORD God, the word that **thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish it for ever**, and do as thou hast said. ^{26:}And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee. ^{27:}For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee. ^{28:}And now, O Lord GOD, thou art that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant:

^{29:}Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken it: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

NOTE: 2nd Samuel 8-24 covers the remainder of David's 33 years in Jerusalem while he buys a threshingfloor and gathers funds and materials for his son, Solomon, to build the temple after David's death. The story continues in 1st Chronicles 10:1.

TABLE 32. Two Dates for Exodus During the 16th, 18th, 19th Dynasties (Josephus Restored)⁴³

<i>Rameses</i> 16 th Dynasty	<u>Theban</u> 18 th Dynasty	<i>Rameses</i> 19 th Dynasty
<i>of Avaris</i>	<i>of Thebes</i>	<i>of Avaris</i>
	(Ahmose)	Exodus of Hyksos From Egypt
	Tethmosis	25 1594-69
	Amenhotep I	0
	Thutmose I	13 1569-56
	Thutmose II	20 1556-36
	Hashepswe	21 1536-15
	Thutmose III	12 1515-03
	Amenhotpe II	25 1503-78
	Thutmose IV	9 1478-69
	Amenhotpe III	30 1469-39
	Amenhotpe IV	36 1439-03
	Acenchres	12 1403-91
	Rathotis	9 1391-82
	Achencheres	12 1382-70
	Acenchres	12 1370-58
	Armais (Horemheb)	Armais 40 yrs 1358-18
		Rameses I 1 1317-16
		Seti I 26 1316-90
		Rameses II 66 1290-24
		Rameses' marriage 1256
		Exodus 1255
		Merneptah's 5 th yr 1219
		Seti & Armais (Egyptus & Danaus) 1201
		Ark brought into Jerusalem 1004
393	375	590
		339
		251 years

NOTE: Scholars of Alexandria, Josephus, and Jewish Christians had confused the exodus with the time Ahmose (the first ruler Dynasty 18) ousted the Hyksos rulers of Egypt 339 years prior to the exodus 590 years prior to the temple. This would explain why Josephus said Tethmosis (Ahmose) ousted the Israelites (See Josephus, *Against Apion* 1.15, the 393 yrs.). The years of Armais (Horemheb) are not found in inscriptions or monuments, but Josephus gives him 4 years, whereas 40 years fit much better. The 393 years are mentioned in Josephus three times: *Against Apion* 1.16 (16), (231), 2.2 (16).

In contrast to this, Ussher says they crossed the Red Sea that year on the 21st day, “on the last day of the feast of Unleavened Bread.” On page 45, Ussher says Ramesses Miamun (who commanded the Hebrew infants to be drowned after Moses was born) was the father of Amenophis, the father of Egyptus, also called Ramesses, and Harmais, also called Danaus. “Amenophis was that Pharaoh who died in the Red Sea with his armies”.

However, Josephus says they reached the Red Sea on the third day and crossed over during the next night. Of course Passovers differ according to the year chosen for the exodus. Josephus says the Pharaoh of the exodus was Ahmose who drove out the Hyksos from Egypt (about 1594 BC, 590 years before the era of the temple).

TABLE 34. Compared With the Rabbinic System

The rabbinic system has 40 yrs. From Eli to the temple based upon I Sam. 6:2 but ignores I Sam. 12:18 when Saul borrowed the Ark from Abinadab (and undoubtedly returned it).

	251-yr. System	Rabbinic System	590-yr. System
PRIOR TO THE OPPRESSIONS			
Exodus & Wilderness	40	40	40
Joshua	Joshua 13:29	7 41 st – 47 th Yr.	25
Elders rule	36	18	18
	83	83	83
OPPRESSIONS			
Cushan	8	0	8
Moabites	18	0	18
Jabin	20	0	20
Midianites	7	0	7
Ammonites	18	0	18
Philistines	40	0	40
	111	00	111
JUDGES			
Othniel		The 479-year system	40
Ehud		allows the oppressions	80
Shamgar		to be during the times	0
Deborah		of the judges as in the	40
Gideon	The 251-year system allows	31 years of Jephthah.	40
Abimelech	the judges to rule during the		3
Tola	times of oppression and/or		45
Jair	during the times of rest as in		22
Jephthah	the 40 years of Philistine	6 | 31	6
Ibsan	oppression in the time of	7 |	7
Elon	Samson and Eli.	10 |	10
Abdon		8 |	8
Samson		20	20
Eli		40	40
	00	339	339
KINGS			
Samuel alone and fighting Philistines	20	I Sam. 7:2	10
Samuel alone, peace with Philistines	18	I Sam. 7:13; 8:1	18
Saul wars with Philistines	12	I Sam. 14:52	22
David contemporary with Saul	5	II Sam. 2:10,11	5
David contemporary with Ishbosheth	2	II Sam. 4:8; 5:3-6	2
<u>Jerusalem conquered in David's 8th year</u>		I Chron. 11:3-4	
	57		57
		I Sam. 7:2	
		II Sam. 6:2-3	
TOTALS to Era of Jerusalem	251		590
David in Jerusalem		33	
<u>Solomon until temple is founded</u>		4	
		37	
TOTALS from the exodus to the Era of Solomon's Temple		479	

NOTE: In TABLE 35, the 251-year system allows the judges to rule during the times of oppression and/or during the times of rest as in the 40 years of Philistine oppression in the time of Samson and Eli. Likewise in TABLE 34, for the Ammonite oppression, rabbinic chronology lists Jephthah as having 31 years and ignores Ibzan, Elon and Abdon. These altogether (along with Jephthah) do add up to 31 years. This is evidence the 18-year Ammonite oppression has been excluded and not counted. Jair is included in Tola's 45 years, and the Midianite 7-year oppression is ignored.

TABLE 35. From the Exodus to Entering Jerusalem, 251 Years							
<i>Josh. 11-15 Jud. 1,2,3</i>	<i>Jud. 3</i>	<i>Josh. 11 Jud. 4,5</i>	<i>Josh. 18 Jud. 6-10</i>	<i>Jud. 10-12</i>	<i>Jud. 3:31; 13:21</i>	<i>Ruth 1:1 1 Sam. 1-14</i>	<i>BC</i>
Exodus						Wilderness 40	1255-1215
						Conquering the land 25 ⁴⁶	1215-1190
						Interim 18	1190-1172
Aram 8						8	1172-1164
Othniel	Moab 18					18	1164-1146
Rest 40	Ehud	Hazor 20				20	1146-1126
	Rest 80	Barak &	Midian 7		251 yrs.	111 yrs.	1126-1119
		Deborah	Gideon 40	Ammon 18		7	1119-1101
		Rest 40	Abimelech 3	Jephthah 6		18	1101-1061
251 yrs.			Tola 23	Ibzan 7		Philistines 40 Eli 40	
			Jair 22	Elon 10			
				Abdon 8		Samuel alone 38	1061-1023
					Acts 13:20	Samuel & Saul 12	1023-1011
						David 7	1011- 1004
David's 8th yr. Jerusalem captured							251

Note: There has been some confusion over David's 8th year (1004 BC) and Solomon's 12th year (also 1004 BC). Ussher has Solomon bringing the Ark into Jerusalem to his new temple in his 12th year, in **1004 BC**. Today's improved figures have David bringing the Ark into Jerusalem to his new tabernacle in **1004 BC**.

The confusion may stem from the undefined period of Joshua and the elders after Joshua's death. Josephus allows 25 years for Joshua (Antiquities 5.1.29) and another 18 years prior to the 1st Oppression (6.5.4) making the period of Joshua consist of 43 years. This is equal to 7 yrs. of Joshua and 36 years of elders after Joshua.

TABLE 36. From the Exodus to the Temple in Solomon's 4th Yr.

	251-yr. System		479-yr. System		590-yr. System	
AFTER THE EXODUS						
Exodus & Wilderness 1255-1215 BC	40		Joshua 13:29	40		40
Joshua (7 + 18)	25	7		25	7	25
Interim	18	36		18	36	18
	83	83 ⁴⁷	Move 36 yrs	83	83 ⁴⁸	83
OPPRESSIONS						
Cushan	8					8
Moabites	18					18
Jabin	20	<u>Joshua still alive?</u>	<u>Joshua still alive?</u>	20	<u>Joshua still alive?</u>	20
Midianites	7					7
Ammonites	18					18
Philistines	40					40
		111 ⁴⁹		000		111
JUDGES						
Othniel				40		40
Ehud				80		80
Shamgar						
Deborah				40		40
Gideon				40		40
Abimelech				3		3
Tola				23		23
Jair				22		22
Jephthah				6		6
Ibsan				7		7
Elon				10		10
Abdon				8		8
Samson				20		20
Eli				40		40
		000		339		339
KINGS						
Samuel Alone 20, peace with Philistines 18 yrs.	20			20		20
Samuel & Saul, war with Philistines	18			18		18
David rules in Hebron	12			12		12
	7			7		7
Ark brought to Jerusalem 1004 BC	57		Acts 13:21 I Kings 2:11	57	Acts 13:21 I Kings 2:11	57
To Solomon's 4 th year 968 BC	36			36		36
TOTALS	251		+ 228 =	479	+ 111 =	590

NOTE: It is likely that Solomon's 4th year begins the next 251 years:

1. According to the figures of Ussher and a clear statement by Eusebius, the 4th year of Solomon begins the next 502 years of the 1st temple.
2. This means the 2nd temple was built in the 2nd year of Darius, in 520 BC, 502 years after the 1st temple was founded.
3. Josephus, Eusebius and Ussher all end the period from the exodus in the 4th year of Solomon. Josephus loosely follows the 590-years rather than the 479-year tradition for the period to the temple.

TABLE 37. From the Exodus to Solomon's 1st Yr.

	251-yr. System		479-yr. System		590-yr. System	
AFTER THE EXODUS						
Exodus & Wilderness 1255-1215 BC	40		Joshua 13:29	40		40
Joshua (7 + 18)	25	7		25	7	25
Interim	18	33		18	33	18
	83	80		83	80	83
			Move 33 yrs			
OPPRESSIONS						
Cushan	8					8
Moabites	18					18
Jabin	20	<u>Joshua still alive?</u>	Joshua still alive?	20	<u>Joshua still alive?</u>	20
Midianites	7					7
Ammonites	18					18
Philistines	40					40
		111		000		111
JUDGES						
Othniel				40		40
Ehud				80		80
Shamgar						
Deborah			The 251-year system allows	40		40
Gideon			the judges to rule during the	40		40
Abimelech			times of oppression and/or	3		3
Tola			during the times of rest as in	23		23
Jair			the 40 years of Philistine	22		22
Jephthah			oppression in the time of	6		6
Ibsan			Samson and Eli.	7		7
Elon				10		10
Abdon				8		8
Samson				20		20
Eli				40		40
		000		339		339
KINGS						
Samuel Alone 20,	20			20		20
peace with Philistines 18 yrs.	18			18		18
Samuel & Saul, war with Philistines	12			12		12
David rules in Hebron	7			7		7
Ark brought to Jerusalem 1004 BC	57		Acts 13:21	57	Acts 13:21	57
To Solomon's 1st year 968 BC	33		I Kings 2:11	33	I Kings 2:11	33
		251		479		590
TOTALS			+ 228 =		+ 111 =	

NOTE: It is likely that Solomon's 1st year begins the next 251 years:
 1. 2nd Samuel ends and 1st Kings & 2nd Chronicles begin with the 1st year of Solomon.
 2. The Assyrian Captivity of Israel's 10 tribes happens 251 years after the 1st year of Solomon.

**TABLE 38. Variations of the Three Core Traditions: 450-339-111 yrs.
(for the Period of Judges and Oppressions)**

	<i>Figures of Josephus</i>	<i>Figures of Eusebius</i>	<i>James Ussher</i> Year After Adam	<i>6-Generations to David</i>
Exodus to Moses' Death	40		2513-2553 40	40
Moses' death to Joshua's Death	7		2553-2561 8	7
Joshua's Death to Elders' Deaths	36		2561-2591 30	36
	83		78	83
OPPRESSIONS				
Cushan	8		2591	8
Moabites	18			18
Jabin	20			20
Midianites	7			7
Ammonites	18			18
Philistines	40			40
	111			111
JUDGES				
Othniel	40	40	40	
Ehud	80	80	80	
Shamgar	0 (1)	0	0	
Deborah	40	40	40	
Gideon	40	40	40	
Abimelech	3	3	297 yrs 3	
Tola (in some copies)	5.7.5 Omitted 22	<u>22</u>	23	
Jair	22	22	22	
Jephthah	6	6	6	
Ibsan	7	7	7	
Elon	10 ?	Omitted 0	10	
Abdon (in some copies?)	5.7.15 Omitted 8	8	8	
Samson	20	20	20	
Eli	12 years with Samuel 40	40	2848-2888 40	
	339	328	339	
Total Years of Judges (see Acts 13:20)	450	328	339	111
KINGS				
			71 yrs	
			to 2908 20	
			to 2922 14 Extra yrs.	
			to 2940 18	
			to 2952 12	
			to 2959 7	
Ark brought to Jerusalem			71	
To Solomon's 4th year			to 2959 33	
TOTALS			479	

NOTE: In Ussher's chronology, the 111 years of oppressions are squeezed in with the 339 years of judges. However, he still manages to remove another 42 years from the 339 to make the period only 297 years. He then subtracts 5 years from the 43 years of Joshua and the elders. Moses dies in 2553, and Joshua dies in 2561 and the first oppression is in 2591.

COMMENTARY

On the First Century

There is a remarkable parallel between the story of the Exodus and the life of Christ. Some of it was introduced in the previous Issue #2.

1. Pharaoh tried to kill all the firstborn, including Moses. King Herod tried to kill all the newborn, including Christ.
2. The exodus, the plagues, the Passover lamb, sparing the firstborn, crossing the Red Sea, the serpent on a stake, water from a rock, all occurred after Joseph's death, when his bones were to be carried forth from Egypt. Likewise, Christ passed through the Red Sea, and, after three days, stretched forth his rod, and death that pursued him, his last enemy, was finally conquered. Christ is the lamb, the serpent on a stake taking away the sting of death. They were all baptized in the Red Sea, and we are buried and raised with Christ. He is the rock that provided water, and he fed multitudes by dividing and multiplying bread from the earth and spoke of the manna from heaven. On the 50th day (Pentecost) the law was written on clay tablets. On the 50th day, the law was again written, this time on the spiritual tablets of our hearts.
3. That age of being in Egypt did not end until they had been in the wilderness 39 years, 251 years after they had entered Egypt. Likewise, the temple era did not end until 70 AD, 39 years after the Crucifixion. They crossed over the Jordan with Joshua in the 41st year. Joshua and his priests with their seven trumpets began to surround Jericho on the Passover, on the same month and weekday as when the Roman armies surrounded Jerusalem on the Passover, in 70 AD. It was the end of an age, the end of an era!

TABLE 39. From the Exodus to the Era of Jerusalem in David's 7th Yr.

	251-yr. System		479-yr. System		590-yr. System	
AFTER THE EXODUS						
Exodus & Wilderness 1255-1215 BC	40		Joshua 13:29	40		40
Joshua (7 + 18)	25	7		25	7	25
Interim	<u>18</u>	<u>36</u>		<u>18</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>18</u>
	83	83 ⁵³		83	83 ⁵⁴	83
OPPRESSIONS						
Cushan	8					8
Moabites	18					18
Jabin	20					20
Midianites	7					7
Ammonites	18					18
Philistines	40					40
	111 ⁵⁵			000		111
JUDGES						
Othniel			The 479-year system	40		40
Ehud			allows the oppressions	80		80
Shamgar			to be during the times			
Deborah	The 251-year system allows		of the judges as in the	40		40
Gideon	the judges to rule during the		31 years of Jephthah.	40		40
Abimelech	times of oppressions and/or			3	450 yrs.	3
Tola	during the times of rest as in			23	<i>Acts 13:21</i>	23
Jair	the 40 years of the Philistine			22		22
Jephthah	oppression in the time of			6 | 31		6
Ibsan	Samson and Eli.			7 |		7
Elon				10 |		10
Abdon				8 |		8
Samson				20		20
Eli				40		40
	000			339		339
KINGS						
Samuel Alone 20,	20			20		20
peace with Philistines 18 yrs.	18			18		18
Samuel & Saul, war with Philistines	12		Acts 13:21	12	Acts 13:21	12
David rules in Hebron	7		I Kings 2:11	7	I Kings 2:11	7
Ark brought to Jerusalem 1004 BC	57			57		57
TOTALS	251	+ 228 =		479	+ 111 =	590

NOTE: It is likely that David's 8th year begins the next 251 years:

1. 2nd Samuel and 1st Chronicles both begin with David's 33-year reign in Jerusalem.
2. There were 36 years of Joshua and the elders prior to the 1st oppression.
3. David brought the Ark into Jerusalem in 1004 BC (251 x 4).
4. Rome was founded in 753 BC, in the 251st year of the era of Jerusalem.
5. Nehemiah completed the restoration of Jerusalem in 502 BC, 502 years after 1004 BC.
6. Ussher's chronology has Solomon bringing the Ark to Jerusalem in 1004 BC, his 12th year.

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It also becomes clear that some have become “Spiritual Levites” with full authority to handle the Ark, the scrolls and the manna housed within the Ark.

Without proper authority, the 251-year pattern becomes abused and mutilated beyond recognition. What is mutilated? We must select or reject the 33 years of elders after Joshua. We must select or reject the 33 years between David and Solomon (the time covered by 1st Chronicles) as part of the 251 years. For the period of the Judges, one version of the Bible selects only the 339 years of Judges. One version selects both the Judges and the 111 years of Oppressions.

This issue covers the 251-year pattern in the writings of Archbishop James Ussher of 1650 AD who “improved” the version of Eusebius of 324 AD, who “improved” the version of Josephus, a Levite of 70 AD. Eusebius says the first temple period was 502 years, that is, 251 x 2! However, recent scholars say there were about 251 years from Solomon’s first year until the Assyrian Captivity of Israel in 721 BC!

Obviously Ussher, Eusebius and Josephus never possessed the tools available today. Therefore, they merely added the number of years each king ruled without overlapping the co-rulers. The Hebrew kings after Solomon actually overlapped each other about 43 years!

The reality is that the eras of the Hebrews should remain in their proper context and is not of any private interpretation or private ownership. They actually belong to the Bible as an integral, although sometimes hidden, part of the text! The pattern becomes obvious (once it comes to our attention) even though the pattern has become mutilated and abused beyond recognition and needs to be restored.

What is mutilated beyond recognition? The era of Jerusalem has become confused with the era of the temple! Both seem to be associated with a 251-year pattern of their own.

Once restored, these “alternative views” of the ages should be planted on the net where they might outlive us all. This is a work in progress somewhat like a newsletter:

Issue #1: The 251-Year Era of Creation

Issue #2: The 251-Year Era of Joseph

Issue #3: The 251-Year Era of the Exodus

Issue #4: The 251-Year Era of Jerusalem

Issue #5: 502 Years to the Restoration

Putting these concepts in a digitized format means I am virtually giving away priceless nuggets gleaned from years of research. Hopefully, some will have the ability to appreciate their value.

Don’t be discouraged by the number of pages. (Select the View/Zoom as 100%.) Scroll down to see the charts and the underscored numbers in the Bible text. Or use the scroll bar on the right to see the summary chart on the last page. FRCox

A. The Book of I Chronicles. The Era of Jerusalem to David's Death, 33 years.

10. ¹:Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.

²:And the Philistines followed hard after Saul, and after his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul. ³:And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him, and he was wounded of the archers.

⁴:Then said Saul to his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. So Saul took a sword, and fell upon it. ⁵:And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise on the sword, and died.

⁶:So Saul died, and his three sons, and all his house died together.

⁷:And when all the men of Israel that were in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, then they forsook their cities, and fled: and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

⁸:And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen in mount Gilboa. ⁹:And when they had stripped him, they took his head, and his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry tidings unto their idols, and to the people. ¹⁰:And they put his armour in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon.

¹¹:And when all Jabesh-gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul,

¹²:They arose, all the valiant men, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

¹³:So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to inquire of it; ¹⁴:And inquired not of the LORD: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.

11. ¹:Then all Israel gathered themselves to David unto Hebron, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. ²:And moreover in time past, even when Saul was king, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD thy God said unto thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be ruler over my people Israel, and thou shalt be ruler over my people Israel.

³:Therefore came all the elders of Israel to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD by Samuel.

⁴:And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which is Jebus; where the Jebusites were, the inhabitants of the land. ⁵:And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come hither. Nevertheless David took the castle of Zion, which is the city of David.

⁶:And David said, Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain. So Joab the son of Zeruiah went first up, and was chief.

⁷:And David dwelt in the castle; therefore they called it the city of David. ⁸:And he built the city round about, even from Millo round about: and Joab repaired the rest of the city.

⁹:So David waxed greater and greater: for the LORD of hosts was with him.

¹⁰:These also are the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom, and with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel.

TABLE 39. Eusebius' False 502-Year Period of the First Temple⁵⁶(In this version, Solomon brings the Ark into his new temple in 1004 BC.)

KINGS OF JUDAH AFTER TEMPLE IS FOUNDED		Figures of Archbishop James Ussher	
Solomon's fourth year	1 Kings 11:42	(Ussher: 2992 of Adam)	BC 1012 36
Rehoboam	1 Kings 14:21	Ussher: 3029 of Adam =	975 17
Abijah	1 Kings 15:2	Ussher: 3046 of Adam =	958 3
Asa	1 Kings 15:10	Ussher: 3049 of Adam =	955 41
Jehoshaphat	1 Kings 22:42	Ussher: 3090 of Adam =	914 25
Jehoram (Joram)	2 Kings 8:17	Ussher: 3115 of Adam =	889 8
Ahaziah	2 Kings 8:26	Ussher: 3123 of Adam =	881 1
Athaliah	2 Kings 11:3	Ussher: 3124 of Adam =	885 6
Joash	2 Kings 12:2	Ussher: 3130 of Adam =	879 40
Amaziah	2 Kings 14:2	Ussher: 3170 of Adam =	839 29
Uzziah	2 Kings 15:2	Ussher: 3199 of Adam =	810 52
Jotham	2 Kings 15:32	Ussher: 3251 of Adam =	758 16
Ahaz	2 Kings 16:2	Ussher: 3262 of Adam =	742 16
Hezekiah's 1 st yr.	2 Kings 18:2	Ussher: 3278 of Adam =	726 6
Hezekiah's 6 th yr. Assyrian captivity	17:1	Ussher: 3283 of Adam =	721
			296
After 6 th yr. of Hezekiah (After Assyrian Captivity)			721 23
Manasseh	2 Kings 22:2		698 55
Amon	2 Kings 21:19		643 2
Josiah	2 Kings 22:1		641 31
Jehoahaz	2 Kings 23:31	Ussher: 3394 of Adam =	610 3 mo
Jehoiakim	2 Kings 23:36	Ussher: 3395 of Adam =	610 11
Jehoiachin	2 Kings 24:8	Ussher: 3405 of Adam =	599 3 ⁵⁷
Zedekiah	2 Kings 24:11	Ussher: 3414 of Adam =	596 11
Temple burned 11 th yr.		Ussher: 3425 of Adam =	585
			136
2 Chronicles 36:21		Babylonian Captivity	432
		Ussher: 3489 of Adam =	515 70
		Without a temple	
		Total period of 1 st temple	502
		Temple is finished, Ussher: 3489 of Adam =	515

502 yrs. =
251 x 2

NOTE: Eusebius' Chronicle of 324 AD contained the years of various rulers down to the Nicean Council of 324 AD and the rule of Constantine. In his "first book", page 123, he says: "... **from Solomon and the first building of the temple until the second year of Darius and the rebuilding of the temple, is 502 years.**" "From that time [the reign of Darius] onwards, the Jews remained without their own kings."

^{11:}And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had; Jashobeam, and Hachmonite, the chief of the captains: he lifted up his spear against three hundred slain by him at one time. ^{12:}And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one of the three mighties. ^{13:}He was with David at Pas-dammim, and there the Philistines were

gathered together to battle, where was a parcel of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines. ^{14:}And they set themselves in the midst of that parcel, and delivered it, and slew the Philistines; and the LORD saved them by a great deliverance.

^{15:}Now three of the thirty captains went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the host of the Philistines encamped in the valley of Rephaim. ^{16:}And David was then in the hold, and the Philistines' garrison was then at Bethlehem.

^{17:}And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, that is at the gate!

^{18:}And the three brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: but David would not drink of it, but poured it out to the LORD, ^{19:}And said, My God forbid it me, that I should do this thing: shall I drink the blood of these men that have put their lives in jeopardy? for with the jeopardy of their lives they brought it. Therefore he would not drink it.

These things did these three mightiest. ^{20:}And Abishai the brother of Joab, he was chief of the three: for lifting up his spear against three hundred, he slew them, and had a name among the three. ^{21:}Of the three, he was more honourable than the two; for he was their captain: howbeit he attained not to the first three. ^{22:}Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done many acts; he slew two lionlike men of Moab: also he went down and slew a lion in a pit in a snowy day. ^{23:}And he slew an Egyptian, a man of great stature, five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear.

^{24:}These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among the three mighties. ^{25:}Behold, he was honourable among the thirty, but attained not to the first three: and David set him over his guard.

^{26:}Also the valiant men of the armies were, Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, ^{27:}Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite, ^{28:}Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abi-ezer the Antothite, ^{29:}Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite, ^{30:}Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite, ^{31:}Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah, that pertained to the children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite, ^{32:}Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite, ^{33:}Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite, ^{34:}The sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shage the Hararite, ^{35:}Ahiam the son of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphal the son of Ur, ^{36:}Hepher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite, ^{37:}Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son of Ezbai, ^{38:}Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Haggeri, ^{39:}Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armourbearer of Joab the son of Zeruah, ^{40:}Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, ^{41:}Uriah the Hittite, Zabab the son of Ahlai, ^{42:}Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a captain of the Reubenites, and thirty with him, ^{43:}Hanan the son of Maachah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite, ^{44:}Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jehiel the sons of Hothan the Aroerite, ^{45:}Jediael the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite, ^{46:}Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite, ^{47:}Eliel, and Obed, and Jasiel the Mesobaite.

12. ^{1:}Now these are they that came to David to Ziklag, while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish: and they were among the mighty men, helpers of the war. ^{2:}They were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in hurling stones and shooting arrows out of a bow, even of Saul's brethren of Benjamin. ^{3:}The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; and Berachah, and Jehu the Antothite, ^{4:}And Ismaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Josabad the Gederathite, ^{5:}Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the

Haruphite, ⁶Elkanah, and Jesiah, and Azareel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korhites, ⁷And Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

⁸And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David into the hold to the wilderness men of might, and men of war fit for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were as swift as the roes upon the mountains; ⁹Ezer the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third, ¹⁰Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth, ¹¹Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh, ¹²Johanah the eighth, Elzabad the ninth, ¹³Jeremiah the tenth, Machbanai the eleventh. ¹⁴These were of the sons of Gad, captains of the host: one of the least was over an hundred, and the greatest over a thousand.

¹⁵These are they that went over Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all his banks; and they put to flight all them of the valleys, both toward the east, and toward the west.

¹⁶And there came of the children of Benjamin and Judah to the hold unto David. ¹⁷And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart shall be knit unto you: but if ye be come to betray me to mine enemies, seeing there is no wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it.

¹⁸Then the spirit came upon Amasai, who was chief of the captains, and he said, Thine are we, David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.

¹⁹And there fell some of Manasseh to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle: but they helped them not: for the lords of the Philistines upon advisement sent him away, saying, He will fall to his master Saul to the jeopardy of our heads. ²⁰As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediahel, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai, captains of the thousands that were of Manasseh. ²¹And they helped David against the band of the rovers: for they were all mighty men of valour, and were captains in the host.

²²For at that time day by day there came to David to help him, until it was a great host, like the host of God. ²³And these are the numbers of the bands that were ready armed to the war, and came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD.

²⁴The children of Judah that bare shield and spear were six thousand and eight hundred, ready armed to the war. ²⁵Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valour for the war, seven thousand and one hundred. ²⁶Of the children of Levi four thousand and six hundred. ²⁷And Jehoiada was the leader of the Aaronites, and with him were three thousand and seven hundred; ²⁸And Zadok, a young man mighty of valour, and of his father's house twenty and two captains. ²⁹And of the children of Benjamin, the kindred of Saul, three thousand: for hitherto the greatest part of them had kept the ward of the house of Saul. ³⁰And of the children of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valour, famous throughout the house of their fathers. ³¹And of the half tribe of Manasse eighteen thousand, which were expressed by name, to come and make David king. ³²And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment. ³³Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, which could keep rank: they were not of double heart. ³⁴And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear thirty and seven thousand. ³⁵And of the Danites expert in war twenty and eight thousand and six hundred. ³⁶And of Asher, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, forty thousand.

^{37:}And on the other side of Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half tribe of Manasseh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, an hundred and twenty thousand.

^{38:}All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king.

^{39:}And there they were with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them. ^{40:}Moreover they that were nigh them, even unto Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, and meat, meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly: for there was joy in Israel.

13. ^{1:}And David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, and with every leader. ^{2:}And David said unto all the congregation of Israel, If it seem good unto you, and that it be of the LORD our God, let us send abroad unto our brethren every where, that are left in all the land of Israel, and with them also to the priests and Levites which are in their cities and suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us:

^{3:}And let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we inquired not at it in the days of Saul. ^{4:}And all the congregation said that they would do so: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. ^{5:}So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt even unto the entering of Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim.

^{6:}And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, that is, to Kirjath-jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the LORD, that dwelleth between the cherubims, whose name is called on it. ^{7:}And they carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drave the cart.

^{8:}And David and all Israel played before God with all their might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

^{9:}And when they came unto the threshingfloor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled. ^{10:}And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God. ^{11:}And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzza: wherefore that place is called Perez-uzza to this day. ^{12:}And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God home to me?

^{13:}So David brought not the ark home to himself to the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. ^{14:}And the ark of God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his house three months. And the LORD blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that he had.

14. ^{1:}Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timber of cedars, with masons and carpenters, to build him an house. ^{2:}And David perceived that the LORD had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel.

^{3:}And David took more wives at Jerusalem: and David begat more sons and daughters.

^{4:}Now these are the names of his children which he had in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, ^{5:}And Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpalet, ^{6:}And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, ^{7:}And Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphalet.

^{8:}And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard of it, and went out against them. ^{9:}And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. ^{10:}And David inquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into mine

hand? And the LORD said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand. ^{11:} So they came up to Baal-perazim; and David smote them there. Then David said, God hath broken in upon mine enemies by mine hand like the breaking forth of waters: therefore they called the name of that place Baal-perazim. ^{12:} And when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire.

^{13:} And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad in the valley. ^{14:} Therefore David inquired again of God; and God said unto him, Go not up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees. ^{15:} And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines.

^{16:} David therefore did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gazer.

^{17:} And the fame of David went out into all lands; and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

15. ^{1:} And David made him houses in the city of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent.

^{2:} Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath the LORD chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for ever.

^{3:} And David gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD unto his place, which he had prepared for it.

TABLE 40. Samuel's Missing 37 Years

<i>Event</i>	<i>Years in Josephus</i>	<i>Years in Rabbinic Figures</i>
Eli judges Israel	40	4:18
Ark taken, Samuel rules alone	20	7:12-13
Philistines subdued until Samuel is old	18	8:1
Saul (war on Philistines 12)	12	13:1; 14:52
David rules in Hebron (Saul's war on Philistines 6)	7	28:3
David brings ark into Jerusalem in his 8th yr.	57	20
David rules in Jerusalem 33 years.		33
Solomon founds the temple--		4
in his fourth year.		57

NOTE: Rabbinic tradition says the Ark was at the house of Abinadab 20 years before David brought it from there into Jerusalem. Obviously, the shortened version extends the era of the exodus 37 years, to the founding of the temple. With the numbers in Josephus, the 590 years from the exodus **should** end 37 years earlier than the founding of the temple. Nevertheless, Josephus says the 590-year version does end with the temple.

There has been some confusion over David's 8th year (1004 BC) and Solomon's 12th year (also 1004 BC). Ussher has Solomon bringing the Ark into Jerusalem to his new temple in his 12th year, in **1004 BC**. Today's improved figures have David bringing the Ark into Jerusalem to his new tabernacle in **1004 BC**.

^{4:} And David assembled the children of Aaron, and the Levites: ^{5:} Of the sons of Kohath; Uriel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twenty: ^{6:} Of the sons of Merari; Asaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred and twenty: ^{7:} Of the sons of Gershom; Joel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and thirty: ^{8:} Of the sons of Elizaphan; Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred: ^{9:} Of the sons of Hebron; Eliel the chief, and his brethren fourscore: ^{10:} Of the sons of Uzziel; Amminadab the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twelve.

^{11:} And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab, ^{12:} And said unto them, Ye are the chief of the fathers of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel unto the place that I have prepared for it. ^{13:} For because ye did it not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order.

^{14:} So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel. ^{15:} And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of the LORD.

^{16:} And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.

^{17:} So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, Ethan the son of Kushaiah; ^{18:} And with them their brethren of the second degree, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the porters. ^{19:} So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were appointed to sound with cymbals of brass; ^{20:} And Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries on Alamoth; ^{21:} And Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps on the Sheminith to excel. ^{22:} And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was for song: he instructed about the song, because he was skilful. ^{23:} And Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark. ^{24:} And Shebaniah, and Jehoshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obed-edom and Jehiah were doorkeepers for the ark.

^{25:} So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of Obed-edom with joy.

^{26:} And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bullocks and seven rams. ^{27:} And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers: David also had upon him an ephod of linen.

^{28:} Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.

^{29:} And it came to pass, as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw king David dancing and playing: and she despised him in her heart.

16. ^{1:} So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God.

^{2:} And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD. ^{3:} And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine.

^{4:}And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel: ^{5:}Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-edom: and Jeiel with psalteries and with harps; but Asaph made a sound with cymbals; ^{6:}Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

^{7:}Then on that day David delivered first this psalm to thank the LORD into the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

^{8:}Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people. ^{9:}Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works. ^{10:}Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. ^{11:}Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually. ^{12:}Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth; ^{13:}O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

^{14:}He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. ^{15:}Be ye mindful always of his covenant; the word which he commanded to a thousand generations; ^{16:}Even of the covenant which he made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac; ^{17:}And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant, ^{18:}Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance;

^{19:}When ye were but few, even a few, and strangers in it. ^{20:}And when they went from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another people; ^{21:}He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproveth kings for their sakes, ^{22:}Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

^{23:}Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation. ^{24:}Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations. ^{25:}For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods. ^{26:}For all the gods of the people are idols: but the LORD made the heavens. ^{27:}Glory and honour are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place.

^{28:}Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. ^{29:}Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

^{30:}Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved. ^{31:}Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, The LORD reigneth. ^{32:}Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein. ^{33:}Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the LORD, because he cometh to judge the earth.

^{34:}O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever. ^{35:}And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise. ^{36:}Blessed be the LORD God of Israel for ever and ever.

And all the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD.

^{37:}So he left there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required: ^{38:}And Obed-edom with their brethren, threescore and eight; Obed-edom also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah to be porters:

^{39:}And Zadok the priest, and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the LORD in the high place that was at Gibeon⁵⁸, ^{40:}To offer burnt offerings unto the LORD upon the altar of the burnt offering continually morning and evening, and to do according to all that is written in the law of the LORD, which he commanded Israel;

^{41:}And with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were expressed by name, to give thanks to the LORD, because his mercy endureth for ever; ^{42:}And with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those that should make a sound, and with musical instruments of God. And the sons of Jeduthun were porters.

^{43:}And all the people departed every man to his house: and David returned to bless his house.

17. ^{1:}Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD remaineth under curtains.

^{2:}Then Nathan said unto David, Do all that is in thine heart; for God is with thee.

^{3:}And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying,

^{4:}Go and tell David my servant, Thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in: ^{5:}For I have not dwelt in an house since the day that I brought up Israel unto this day; but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another. ^{6:}Wheresoever I have walked with all Israel, spake I a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me an house of cedars?

^{7:}Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, even from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be ruler over my people Israel: ^{8:}And I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that are in the earth. ^{9:}Also I will ordain a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning, ^{10:}And since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. Moreover I will subdue all thine enemies.

Furthermore I tell thee that the LORD will build thee an house. ^{11:}And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom. ^{12:}He shall build me an house, and I will stablish his throne for ever.

^{13:}I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee: ^{14:}But I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore.

^{15:}According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

^{16:}And David the king came and sat before the LORD, and said, Who am I, O LORD God, and what is mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? ^{17:}And yet this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; for thou hast also spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O LORD God.

^{18:}What can David speak more to thee for the honour of thy servant? for thou knowest thy servant. ^{19:}O LORD, for thy servant's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all this greatness, in making known all these great things. ^{20:}O LORD, there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

^{21:}And what one nation in the earth is like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem to be his own people, to make thee a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out nations from before thy people, whom thou hast redeemed out of Egypt? ^{22:}For thy people Israel didst thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, LORD, becamest their God.

^{23:}Therefore now, LORD, let the thing that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant and concerning his house be established for ever, and do as thou hast said. ^{24:}Let it even be established, that thy name may be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel: and let the house of David thy servant be established before

thee. ²⁵For thou, O my God, hast told thy servant that thou wilt build him an house: therefore thy servant hath found in his heart to pray before thee. ²⁶And now, LORD, thou art God, and hast promised this goodness unto thy servant: ²⁷Now therefore let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may be before thee for ever: for thou blessest, O LORD, and it shall be blessed for ever.

18. ¹Now after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and her towns out of the hand of the Philistines. ²And he smote Moab; and the Moabites became David's servants, and brought gifts. ³And David smote Hadarezer king of Zobah unto Hamath, as he went to stablish his dominion by the river Euphrates.

⁴And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: David also houghed all the chariot horses, but reserved of them an hundred chariots.

⁵And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadarezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men. ⁶Then David put garrisons in Syria-damascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, and brought gifts. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

⁷And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. ⁸Likewise from Tibhath, and from Chun, cities of Hadarezer, brought David very much brass, wherewith Solomon made the brasen sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brass.

⁹Now when Tou king of Hamath heard how David had smitten all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah; ¹⁰He sent Hadoram his son to king David, to inquire of his welfare, and to congratulate him, because he had fought against Hadarezer, and smitten him; (for Hadarezer had war with Tou;) and with him all manner of vessels of gold and silver and brass. ¹¹Them also king David dedicated unto the LORD, with the silver and the gold that he brought from all these nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

¹²Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah slew of the Edomites in the valley of salt eighteen thousand. ¹³And he put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became David's servants. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

¹⁴So David reigned over all Israel, and executed judgment and justice among all his people.

¹⁵And Joab the son Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, recorder. ¹⁶And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and Shavsha was scribe;

¹⁷And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David were chief about the king.

19. ¹Now it came to pass after this, that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead. ²And David said, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father shewed kindness to me. And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father.

So the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him. ³But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee for to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land? ⁴Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the midst hard by their buttocks, and sent them away.

^{5:}Then there went certain, and told David how the men were served. And he sent to meet them: for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return.

^{6:}And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of Syria-maachah, and out of Zobah. ^{7:}So they hired thirty and two thousand chariots, and the king of Maachah and his people; who came and pitched before Medeba. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle.

^{8:}And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men. ^{9:}And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array before the gate of the city: and the kings that were come were by themselves in the field.

^{10:}Now when Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose out of all the choice of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians. ^{11:}And the rest of the people he delivered unto the hand of Abishai his brother, and they set themselves in array against the children of Ammon.

^{12:}And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will help thee.

^{13:}Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God: and let the LORD do that which is good in his sight.

^{14:}So Joab and the people that were with him drew nigh before the Syrians unto the battle; and they fled before him.

^{15:}And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city.

Then Joab came to Jerusalem.

^{16:}And when the Syrians saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Syrians that were beyond the river: and Shophach the captain of the host of Hadarezer went before them.

^{17:}And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel, and passed over Jordan, and came upon them, and set the battle in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought with him. ^{18:}But the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand men which fought in chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the host.

^{19:}And when the servants of Hadarezer saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they made peace with David, and became his servants: neither would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

20. ^{1:}And it came to pass, that after the year was expired, at the time that kings go out to battle, Joab led forth the power of the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem. And Joab smote Rabbah, and destroyed it.

^{2:}And David took the crown of their king from off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there were precious stones in it; and it was set upon David's head: and he brought also exceeding much spoil out of the city.

^{3:}And he brought out the people that were in it, and cut them with saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes. Even so dealt David with all the cities of the children of Ammon.

And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

^{4:}And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at Gezer with the Philistines; at which time Sibbechaj the Hushathite slew Sippai, that was of the children of the giant: and they were subdued. ^{5:}And there was war again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of

Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear staff was like a weaver's beam.
^{6:}And yet again there was war at Gath, where was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six on each hand, and six on each foot: and he also was the son of the giant.

^{7:}But when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea David's brother slew him.
^{8:}These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

21. ^{1:}And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel. ^{2:}And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beer-sheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know it.

^{3:}And Joab answered, The LORD make his people an hundred times so many more as they be: but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel?

^{4:}Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem. ^{5:}And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people unto David.

And all they of Israel were a thousand thousand and an hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah was four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword. ^{6:}But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them: for the king's word was abominable to Joab.

^{7:}And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel. ^{8:}And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

^{9:}And the LORD spake unto Gad, David's seer, saying, ^{10:}Go and tell David, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three things: choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee.

^{11:}So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Choose thee ^{12:}Either three years' famine; or three months to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or else three days the sword of the LORD, even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me.

^{13:}And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of the LORD; for very great are his mercies: but let me not fall into the hand of man.

^{14:}So the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men.

^{15:}And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.

^{16:}And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. ^{17:}And David said unto God, Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but as for these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my father's house; but not on thy people, that they should be plagued.

^{18:}Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.

^{19:}And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the name of the LORD.

^{20:}And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat. ^{21:}And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw

David, and went out of the threshingfloor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground.

^{22:}Then David said to Ornan, Grant me the place of this threshingfloor, that I may build an altar therein unto the LORD: thou shalt grant it me for the full price: that the plague may be stayed from the people.

^{23:}And Ornan said unto David, Take it to thee, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes: lo, I give thee the oxen also for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meat offering; I give it all.

^{24:}And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings without cost.

^{25:}So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight. ^{26:}And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the LORD; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering.

^{27:}And the LORD commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof. ^{28:}At that time when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. ^{29:}For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt offering, were at that season in the high place at Gibeon.

^{30:}But David could not go before it to inquire of God: for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the LORD.

22. ^{1:}Then David said, This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of the burnt offering for Israel.

^{2:}And David commanded to gather together the strangers that were in the land of Israel; and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God. ^{3:}And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and brass in abundance without weight; ^{4:}Also cedar trees in abundance: for the Zidonians and they of Tyre brought much cedar wood to David.

^{5:}And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be builded for the LORD must be exceeding magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

^{6:}Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build an house for the LORD God of Israel. ^{7:}And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God:

^{8:}But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight.

^{9:}Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days. ^{10:}He shall build an house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.

^{11:}Now, my son, the LORD be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the LORD thy God, as he hath said of thee. ^{12:}Only the LORD give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the LORD thy God. ^{13:}Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed.

¹⁴Now, behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the LORD an hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver; and of brass and iron without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto. ¹⁵Moreover there are workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work. ¹⁶Of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, there is no number.

Arise therefore, and be doing, and the LORD be with thee.

¹⁷David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying, ¹⁸Is not the LORD your God with you? and hath he not given you rest on every side? for he hath given the inhabitants of the land into mine hand; and the land is subdued before the LORD, and before his people.

¹⁹Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD.

23. ¹So when David was old and full of days, he made Solomon his son king over Israel. ²And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites.

³Now the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty years and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight thousand. ⁴Of which, twenty and four thousand were to set forward the work of the house of the LORD; and six thousand were officers and judges: ⁵Moreover four thousand were porters; and four thousand praised the LORD with the instruments which I made, said David, to praise therewith.

⁶And David divided them into courses among the sons of Levi, namely, Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. ⁷Of the Gershonites were, Laadan, and Shimei. ⁸The sons of Laadan; the chief was Jehiel, and Zetham, and Joel, three. ⁹The sons of Shimei; Shelomith, and Haziël, and Haran, three. These were the chief of the fathers of Laadan. ¹⁰And the sons of Shimei were, Jahath, Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah. These four were the sons of Shimei. ¹¹And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second: but Jeush and Beriah had not many sons; therefore they were in one reckoning, according to their father's house. ¹²The sons of Kohath; Amram, Ishar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four. ¹³The sons of Amram; Aaron and Moses: and Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name for ever.

¹⁴Now concerning Moses the man of God, his sons were named of the tribe of Levi.

¹⁵The sons of Moses were, Gershom, and Eliezer.

¹⁶Of the sons of Gershom, Shebuel was the chief. ¹⁷And the sons of Eliezer were, Rehabiah the chief. And Eliezer had none other sons; but the sons of Rehabiah were very many. ¹⁸Of the sons of Izhar; Shelomith the chief. ¹⁹Of the sons of Hebron; Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. ²⁰Of the sons of Uzziel; Michah the first, and Jesiah the second. ²¹The sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. The sons of Mahli; Eleazar, and Kish.

²²And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters: and their brethren the sons of Kish took them. ²³The sons of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth, three.

²⁴These were the sons of Levi after the house of their fathers; even the chief of the fathers, as they were counted by number of names by their polls, that did the work for the service of the house of the LORD, from the age of twenty years and upward.

²⁵For David said, The LORD God of Israel hath given rest unto his people, that they may dwell in Jerusalem for ever: ²⁶And also unto the Levites; they shall no more carry the tabernacle, nor any vessels of it for the service thereof. ²⁷For by the last words of David the Levites were numbered from twenty years old and above: ²⁸Because their office was to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts, and in the

chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the service of the house of God; ^{29:}Both for the shewbread, and for the fine flour for meat offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for that which is baked in the pan, and for that which is fried, and for all manner of measure and size; ^{30:}And to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at even; ^{31:}And to offer all burnt sacrifices unto the LORD in the sabbaths, in the new moons, and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order commanded unto them, continually before the LORD: ^{32:}And that they should keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brethren, in the service of the house of the LORD.

24. ^{1:}Now these are the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. ^{2:}But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priest's office.

^{3:}And David distributed them, both Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their service. ^{4:}And there were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar; and thus were they divided. Among the sons of Eleazar there were sixteen chief men of the house of their fathers, and eight among the sons of Ithamar according to the house of their fathers.

^{5:}Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for the governors of the sanctuary, and governors of the house of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar.

^{6:}And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel the scribe, one of the Levites, wrote them before the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and before the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites: one principal household being taken for Eleazar, and one taken for Ithamar.

^{7:}Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah, ^{8:}The third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim, ^{9:}The fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin, ^{10:}The seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah, ^{11:}The ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah, ^{12:}The eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim, ^{13:}The thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeah, ^{14:}The fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer, ^{15:}The seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Aphses, ^{16:}The nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel, ^{17:}The one and twentieth to Jachin, the two and twentieth to Gamul, ^{18:}The three and twentieth to Delaiah, the four and twentieth to Maaziah.

^{19:}These were the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of the LORD, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

^{20:}And the rest of the sons of Levi were these: Of the sons of Amram; Shubael: of the sons of Shubael; Jehdeiah. ^{21:}Concerning Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, the first was Isshiah. ^{22:}Of the Izharites; Shelomoth: of the sons of Shelomoth; Jahath. ^{23:}And the sons of Hebron; Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth. ^{24:}Of the sons of Uzziel; Michah: of the sons of Michah; Shamir. ^{25:}The brother of Michah was Isshiah: of the sons of Isshiah; Zechariah. ^{26:}The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi: the sons of Jaaziah; Beno. ^{27:}The sons of Merari by Jaaziah; Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri. ^{28:}Of Mahli came Eleazar, who had no sons. ^{29:}Concerning Kish: the son of Kish was Jerahmeel. ^{30:}The sons also of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites after the house of their fathers. ^{31:}These likewise cast lots over against their brethren the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites, even the principal fathers over against their younger brethren.

25. ¹Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen according to their service was: ²Of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asarelah, the sons of Asaph under the hands of Asaph, which prophesied according to the order of the king.

³Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise the LORD. ⁴Of Heman: the sons of Heman; Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth:

⁵All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. ⁶All these were under the hands of their father for song in the house of the LORD, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God, according to the king's order to Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman.

⁷So the number of them, with their brethren that were instructed in the songs of the LORD, even all that were cunning, was two hundred fourscore and eight. (NOTE: 144 x 2.)

⁸And they cast lots, ward against ward, as well the small as the great, the teacher as the scholar. 99:

Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph: the second to Gedaliah, who with his brethren and sons were twelve: ¹⁰The third to Zaccur, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: ¹¹The fourth to Izri, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: ¹²The fifth to Nethaniah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: ¹³The sixth to Bukkiah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: ¹⁴The seventh to Jesharelah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: ¹⁵The eighth to Jeshaiiah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: ¹⁶The ninth to Mattaniah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: ¹⁷The tenth to Shimei, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: ¹⁸The eleventh to Azareel, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: ¹⁹The twelfth to Hashabiah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: ²⁰The thirteenth to Shubael, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: ²¹The fourteenth to Mattithiah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: ²²The fifteenth to Jeremoth, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: ²³The sixteenth to Hananiah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: ²⁴The seventeenth to Joshbekashah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: ²⁵The eighteenth to Hanani, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: ²⁶The nineteenth to Mallothi, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: ²⁷The twentieth to Eliathah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: ²⁸The one and twentieth to Hothir, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: ²⁹The two and twentieth to Giddalti, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: ³⁰The three and twentieth to Mahazioth, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: ³¹The four and twentieth to Romamti-ezer, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.

26. ¹Concerning the divisions of the porters: Of the Korhites was Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph. ²And the sons of Meshelemiah were, Zechariah the firstborn, Jediahel the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, ³Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Elioenai the seventh. ⁴Moreover the sons of Obed-edom were, Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth, ⁵Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth: for God blessed him. ⁶Also unto Shemaiah his son were sons born, that ruled throughout the house of their father: for they were mighty men of valour. ⁷The sons of Shemaiah; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brethren were strong men, Elihu, and Semachiah. ⁸All these of the sons of Obed-edom: they and their sons and their brethren, able men for strength for the service, were

threescore and two of Obed-edom. ^{9:}And Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, strong men, eighteen.

^{10:}Also Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons; Simri the chief, (for though he was not the firstborn, yet his father made him the chief;) ^{11:}Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth: all the sons and brethren of Hosah were thirteen.

^{12:}Among these were the divisions of the porters, even among the chief men, having wards one against another, to minister in the house of the LORD.

^{13:}And they cast lots, as well the small as the great, according to the house of their fathers, for every gate. ^{14:}And the lot eastward fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counsellor, they cast lots; and his lot came out northward. ^{15:}To Obed-edom southward; and to his sons the house of Asuppim. ^{16:}To Shuppim and Hosah the lot came forth westward, with the gate Shallecheth, by the causeway of the going up, ward against ward. ^{17:}Eastward were six Levites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and toward Asuppim two and two. ^{18:}At Parbar westward, four at the causeway, and two at Parbar. ^{19:}These are the divisions of the porters among the sons of Kore, and among the sons of Merari. ^{20:}And of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasures of the house of God, and over the treasures of the dedicated things.

^{21:}As concerning the sons of Laadan; the sons of the Gershonite Laadan, chief fathers, even of Laadan the Gershonite, were Jehieli. ^{22:}The sons of Jehieli; Zetham, and Joel his brother, which were over the treasures of the house of the LORD. ^{23:}Of the Amramites, and the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites: ^{24:}And Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was ruler of the treasures.

^{25:}And his brethren by Eliezer; Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son. ^{26:}Which Shelomith and his brethren were over all the treasures of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the chief fathers, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the host, had dedicated. ^{27:}Out of the spoils won in battles did they dedicate to maintain the house of the LORD. ^{28:}And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah, had dedicated; and whosoever had dedicated any thing, it was under the hand of Shelomith, and of his brethren.

^{29:}Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges. ^{30:}And of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valour, a thousand and seven hundred, were officers among them of Israel on this side Jordan westward in all the business of the LORD, and in the service of the king. ^{31:}Among the Hebronites was Jerijah the chief, even among the Hebronites, according to the generations of his fathers.

In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valour at Jazer of Gilead. ^{32:}And his brethren, men of valour, were two thousand and seven hundred chief fathers, whom king David made rulers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God, and affairs of the king.

27. ^{1:}Now the children of Israel after their number, to wit, the chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that served the king in any matter of the courses, which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, of every course were twenty and four thousand.

^{2:}Over the first course for the first month was Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. ^{3:}Of the children of Perez was the chief of all the captains of the host for the first month. ^{4:}And over the course of the second month was Dodai an Ahohite, and of his course was Mikloth also the ruler: in his course likewise were twenty

and four thousand. ^{5:}The third captain of the host for the third month was Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, a chief priest: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

^{6:}This is that Benaiah, who was mighty among the thirty, and above the thirty: and in his course was Ammizabad his son. ^{7:}The fourth captain for the fourth month was Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. ^{8:}The fifth captain for the fifth month was Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. ^{9:}The sixth captain for the sixth month was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. ^{10:}The seventh captain for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. ^{11:}The eighth captain for the eighth month was Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

^{12:}The ninth captain for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anetothite, of the Benjamites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. ^{13:}The tenth captain for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

^{14:}The eleventh captain for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. ^{15:}The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. ^{16:}Furthermore over the tribes of Israel: the ruler of the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri: of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maachah: ^{17:}Of the Levites, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel: of the Aaronites, Zadok: ^{18:}Of Judah, Elihu, one of the brethren of David: of Issachar, Omri the son of Michael: ^{19:}Of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah: of Naphtali, Jerimoth the son of Azriel: ^{20:}Of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah: of the half tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiiah: ^{21:}Of the half tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah: of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner: ^{22:}Of Dan, Azareel the son of Jeroham. These were the princes of the tribes of Israel.

^{23:}But David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under: because the LORD had said he would increase Israel like to the stars of the heavens.

^{24:}Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but he finished not, because there fell wrath for it against Israel; neither was the number put in the account of the chronicles of king David. ^{25:}And over the king's treasures was Azmaveth the son of Adiel: and over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the castles, was Jehonathan the son of Uzziyah: ^{26:}And over them that did the work of the field for tillage of the ground was Ezri the son of Chelub:

^{27:}And over the vineyards was Shimei the Ramathite: over the increase of the vineyards for the wine cellars was Zabdi the Shiphmite: ^{28:}And over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the low plains was Baal-hanan the Gederite: and over the cellars of oil was Joash: ^{29:}And over the herds that fed in Sharon was Shitrai the Sharonite: and over the herds that were in the valleys was Shaphat the son of Adlai:

^{30:}Over the camels also was Obil the Ishmaelite: and over the asses was Jehdeiah the Meronothite: ^{31:}And over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagerite. All these were the rulers of the substance which was king David's. ^{32:}Also Jonathan David's uncle was a counsellor, a wise man, and a scribe: and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons: ^{33:}And Ahithophel was the king's counsellor: and Hushai the Archite was the king's companion: ^{34:}And after Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar: and the general of the king's army was Joab.

28. ^{1:}And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and

possession of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem.

^{2:}Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: As for me, I had in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building: ^{3:}But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou hast been a man of war, and hast shed blood.

^{4:}Howbeit the LORD God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever: for he hath chosen Judah to be the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he liked me to make me king over all Israel:

^{5:}And of all my sons, (for the LORD hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel. ^{6:}And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. ^{7:}Moreover I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my commandments and my judgments, as at this day.

^{8:}Now therefore in the sight of all Israel the congregation of the LORD, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the LORD your God: that ye may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for your children after you for ever. ^{9:}And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

^{10:}Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it. ^{11:}Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat, ^{12:}And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the dedicated things: ^{13:}Also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD.

^{14:}He gave of gold by weight for things of gold, for all instruments of all manner of service; silver also for all instruments of silver by weight, for all instruments of every kind of service:

^{15:}Even the weight for the candlesticks of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every candlestick, and for the lamps thereof: and for the candlesticks of silver by weight, both for the candlestick, and also for the lamps thereof, according to the use of every candlestick.

^{16:}And by weight he gave gold for the tables of shewbread, for every table; and likewise silver for the tables of silver: ^{17:}Also pure gold for the fleshhooks, and the bowls, and the cups: and for the golden basons he gave gold by weight for every bason; and likewise silver by weight for every bason of silver: ^{18:}And for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubims, that spread out their wings, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

^{19:}All this, said David, the LORD made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern. ^{20:}And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

^{21:}And, behold, the courses of the priests and the Levites, even they shall be with thee for all the service of the house of God: and there shall be with thee for all manner of

workmanship every willing skilful man, for any manner of service: also the princes and all the people will be wholly at thy commandment.

29. ¹Furthermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God.

²Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistening stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.

TABLE 41. From the Exodus to Solomon's 1st Yr.

	251-yr. System		479-yr. System		590-yr. System	
AFTER THE EXODUS						
Exodus & Wilderness 1255-1215 BC	40		Joshua 13:29	40		40
Joshua (7 + 18)	25	7		25	7	25
Interim	18	33		18	33	18
	83	80		83	80	83
			59 Move 33 yrs			60
OPPRESSIONS						
Cushan	8					8
Moabites	18					18
Jabin	20	<u>Joshua still alive?</u>	Joshua still alive?	20	<u>Joshua still alive?</u>	20
Midianites	7					7
Ammonites	18					18
Philistines	40					40
		111	61		000	111
JUDGES						
Othniel				40		40
Ehud				80		80
Shamgar						
Deborah				40		40
Gideon				40		40
Abimelech				3		3
Tola				23		23
Jair				22		22
Jephthah				6		6
Ibsan				7		7
Elon				10		10
Abdon				8		8
Samson				20		20
Eli				40		40
		000		339		339
KINGS						
Samuel Alone 20,	20			20		20
peace with Philistines 18 yrs.	18			18		18
Samuel & Saul, war with Philistines	12			12	Acts 13:21	12
David rules in Hebron	7			7	I Kings 2:11	7
Ark brought to Jerusalem 1004 BC	57			57		57
To Solomon's 1 st year 968 BC	33			33		33
TOTALS	251		+ 228 =	479	+ 111 =	590

TABLE 42. From Solomon's 1st Year to the Assyrian Captivity, 251 Years⁶²

<i>Yr. of Solomon</i>	<i>Era of Solomon BC</i>	JUDAH			ISRAEL			REFERENCE
1 ∞∞	971 ∞∞	< Solomon's 1 st Yr.						
217	755	49	Uzziah	Jereboam	41	10	Menahem	2 Kings
218	754	50				1	Pekahiah	15:23
219 ¹	753	51	Era of Rome			2		
220 ²	752	52			1	Pekah	15:27	
221 ³	751	1	Jotham		2			15:32-33
222 ⁴	750	2			3			
223 ⁵	749	3			4			
224 ⁶	748	4			5			
225 ⁷	747	5			6			
226 ⁸	746	6			7			
227 ⁹	745	7			8			
228 ¹⁰	744	8			9			
229 ¹¹	743	9			10			
230 ¹²	742	10	1		11			2 Kings
231 ¹³	741	11	2	Ahaz	12			15:32
232 ¹⁴	740	12	3		13	1	Zechariah 6 mo.	15:8, 17
233 ¹⁵	739	13	4		14	1	(Shallum 1 mo.)	15:13
234 ¹⁶	738	14	5		15		Pekah's sole rule	
235 ¹⁷	737	15	6		16			
236 ¹⁸	736	16	7	Sole reign	17			16:1-2
237 ¹⁹	735	-	8		18			
238 ²⁰	734	-	9		19			
239 ²¹	733	-	10		20			15:27
240 ²²	732	20	11	Tiglath-pileser III	Pekah's death		(Fall of Damascus)	15:29-30
241 ²³	731	12					Hoshea	17:1
242 ²⁴	730	13				1		
243 ²⁵	729	14				2		
244 ²⁶	728	15				3		16:2,20
245 ²⁷	727	16	1	Hezekiah		4		
246 ²⁸	726		2			5		
247 ²⁹	725		3			6		18:9
248 ³⁰	724		4			7		
249 ³¹	723		5			8	Shalmaneser V	17:1,6
250 ³²	722		6			9	Hoshea's death	18:9,10
251 ³³	721	Assyrian Captivity (Sargon I)			251st year from Solomon's 1st yr. of reign			

This chart is evidence that the Hebrew kings did not always reign consecutively. While Jotham and Ahaz reined over Judah, Pekah and Zechariah were ruling over Israel.

³:Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,

^{4:}Even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses withal: ^{5:}The gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?

^{6:}Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly, ^{7:}And gave for the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drams, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. ^{8:}And they with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of the LORD, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. ^{9:}Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

^{10:}Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. ^{11:}Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. ^{12:}Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. ^{13:}Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. ^{14:}But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. ^{15:}For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. ^{16:}O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own.

^{17:}I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee. ^{18:}O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee: ^{19:}And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision.

^{20:}And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the LORD, and the king. ^{21:}And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings unto the LORD, on the morrow after that day, even a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel:

^{22:}And did eat and drink before the LORD on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him unto the LORD to be the chief governor, and Zadok to be priest.

^{23:}Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him.

^{24:}And all the princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king David, submitted themselves unto Solomon the king. ^{25:}And the LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

^{26:}Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. ^{27:}And the time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

^{28:} And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead. ^{29:} Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer, ^{30:} With all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the countries.

B. The Book of II Chronicles.

From the Era of Solomon to the Era of the Captivity, 251 Years.

1. ^{1:} And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the LORD his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly.

^{2:} Then Solomon spake unto all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the chief of the fathers.

^{3:} So Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon: for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness.

^{4:} But the ark of God had David brought up from Kirjath-jearim to the place which David had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.

^{5:} Moreover the brasen altar, that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of the LORD: and Solomon and the congregation sought unto it.

^{6:} And Solomon went up thither to the brasen altar before the LORD, which was at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt offerings upon it.

^{7:} In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee.

^{8:} And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast shewed great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me to reign in his stead. ^{9:} Now, O LORD God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. ^{10:} Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great?

^{11:} And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king: ^{12:} Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.

^{13:} Then Solomon came from his journey to the high place that was at Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Israel.

^{14:} And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

^{15:} And the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem as plenteous as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycamore trees that are in the vale for abundance. ^{16:} And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

TABLE 43. *From the Exodus to the Temple in Solomon's 4th Yr.*

	251-yr. System		479-yr. System		590-yr. System	
AFTER THE EXODUS						
Exodus & Wilderness 1255-1215 BC	40		Joshua 13:29	40		40
Joshua (7 + 18)	25	7		25	7	25
Interim	18	36		18	36	18
	83	83	Move 36 yrs	83	83	83
OPPRESSIONS						
Cushan	8					8
Moabites	18					18
Jabin	20	<u>Joshua still alive?</u>	Joshua still alive?	20	<u>Joshua still alive?</u>	20
Midianites	7					7
Ammonites	18					18
Philistines	40					40
	111	⁶⁵		000		111
JUDGES						
Othniel				40		40
Ehud				80		80
Shamgar						
Deborah	The 251-year system allows			40		40
Gideon	the judges to rule during the			40		40
Abimelech	times of oppression and/or			3		3
Tola	during the times of rest as in			23		23
Jair	the 40 years of Philistine			22		22
Jephthah	oppression in the time of			6		6
Ibsan	Samson and Eli.			7		7
Elon				10		10
Abdon				8		8
Samson				20		20
Eli				40		40
	000			339		339
KINGS						
Samuel Alone 20,	20			20		20
peace with Philistines 18 yrs.	18			18		18
Samuel & Saul, war with Philistines	12		Acts 13:21	12	Acts 13:21	12
David rules in Hebron	7		I Kings 2:11	7	I Kings 2:11	7
Ark brought to Jerusalem 1004 BC	57			57		57
To Solomon's 4 th year 968 BC	36			36		36
TOTALS	251	+ 228 =		479	+ 111 =	590

¹⁷: And they fetched up, and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so brought they out horses for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, by their means.

2. ¹: And Solomon determined to build an house for the name of the LORD, and an house for his kingdom. ²: And Solomon told out threescore and ten thousand men to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand to hew in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them.

^{3:}And Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him an house to dwell therein, even so deal with me.

^{4:}Behold, I build an house to the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the LORD our God. This is an ordinance for ever to Israel. ^{5:}And the house which I build is great: for great is our God above all gods. ^{6:}But who is able to build him an house, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain him? who am I then, that I should build him an house, save only to burn sacrifice before him?

^{7:}Send me now therefore a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that can skill to grave with the cunning men that are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father did provide. ^{8:}Send me also cedar trees, fir trees, and algum trees, out of Lebanon: for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon; and, behold, my servants shall be with thy servants, ^{9:}Even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I am about to build shall be wonderful great. ^{10:}And, behold, I will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.

^{11:}Then Hiram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the LORD hath loved his people, he hath made thee king over them. ^{12:}Hiram said moreover, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, that might build an house for the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.

^{13:}And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, of Hiram my father's, ^{14:}The son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father. ^{15:}Now therefore the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto his servants:

^{16:}And we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as thou shalt need: and we will bring it to thee in floats by sea to Joppa; and thou shall carry it up to Jerusalem.

^{17:}And Solomon numbered all the strangers that were in the land of Israel, after the numbering wherewith David his father had numbered them; and they were found an hundred and fifty thousand and three thousand and six hundred. ^{18:}And he set threescore and ten thousand of them to be bearers of burdens, and fourscore thousand to be hewers in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people a work.

NOTE: The 479-year system is mentioned in I Kings 6:4, but it seems strange that it is not also included in 2nd Chronicles 3:2 (written by Ezra). Moreover, the Jewish Christians of Alexandria preferred the 590-year system (and the 450-years for the Judges as in Acts 13:19-21).

It is a mystery as to where Josephus and Eusebius received their figures for the Interim period after Joshua. They both differ. Josephus adds 36 years to the initial 7 years (=43):

1. By allowing 7 + 18 years for Joshua (*Antiquities* 5.1.29).

2. By allowing another 18 years prior to the first oppression (6.5.4).

Thus the period (of Joshua and the Interim) consists of 43 years, instead of 7.

By allowing 36 years for the elders after Joshua's first seven, the three systems **should all end in the 7th year of David**, when he conquered Jerusalem and brought in the ark 590 years after the exodus.

According to the ages listed for Caleb from the exodus to Joshua's distribution of the land to the tribes, the events in the book of Joshua seem to take place in 7 years. The remainder of Joshua's life may overlap the events in the book of Judges. Joshua killed **Jabin king of Canaan**, all his sons and everything that breathed, and yet, in Judges 4:24, "...the children of Israel (in Deborah's time) prospered and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed **Jabin king of Canaan**." The Jabin of Joshua's time appears to be the same Jabin of Deborah's time. This would allow the 36 years of Joshua and the elders to be moved downward to the time after David's seventh year and would prolong the 479 years until after David's 33 years and Solomon's fourth year.

In this view, the three systems could also end in Solomon's first. If the elders after Joshua ruled 33 years instead of 36 (after conquering the land), these 33 years could be removed and inserted after David's seventh year. Nevertheless, Josephus ends the 590 years (from the exodus), and Eusebius ends the 479 years (from the exodus) with the founding of the temple in Solomon's fourth year.

TABLE 44. Caleb's Age Until His Inheritance (Joshua 14:7-10)

<i>Year After Exodus</i>	<i>Caleb's Age</i>	<i>Event</i>
2	40	Joshua 14:7 says Caleb was 40 when he scouted Canaan in the 2 nd year in the wilderness (Num. 10:11, 12; 13:1).
39	77	The Israelites left Kadesh-barnea after being there 38 years (Deut. 2:14).
40	78	Moses conquers land east of Jordan and gives it to 2½ tribes in the 40 th year (Deut. 1:3; 2:7).
<i>Year After Entry</i>		
1	79	Joshua leads the Israelites to Gilgal, in Canaan, on the 10 th day of the 1 st month in the 41 st year (Josh. 4:19).
2	80	
3	81	
4	82	
5	83	
6	84	
7	85	Camping in Gilgal, Joshua gives inheritance to Caleb's tribe, Judah, and to Joseph's tribe while Caleb is 85 (14:6-10). Camping in Shiloh, Joshua gives inheritance first to Benjamin and then to the remaining six tribes (18:1). Joshua ends his distribution in chapter 22 by sending 2½ tribes from Shiloh to possess their new land east of the Jordan (22:9). Joshua "was old" in chapter 13:1, and he was "waxed old" in chapter 23:1. In chapter 24:1 Joshua makes a covenant at Shechem & dies at age 110 in verse 33. Joseph's bones are buried in Ephraim in verse 25, and Eleazar, Aaron's son, dies in verse 33.

3. ^{1:}Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the LORD appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.

^{2:}And he began to build in the second day of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.⁶⁶

^{3:}Now these are the things wherein Solomon was instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure was threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits. ^{4:}And the porch that was in the front of the house, the length of it was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height was an hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold. ^{5:}And the greater house he cieled with fir

tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm trees and chains. ⁶:And he garnished the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold was gold of Parvaim.

**TABLE 45. Overlapping Between Joshua and Judges
The Seven Years of Joshua with Caleb**

<i>Quotes From Joshua</i>	<i>Quotes From Judges</i>
14:7, 10, 15	1:1, 10-13, 20
When Caleb scouted the land of Canaan in the second year of the exodus, he was 40 (Joshua 14:7).	
<u>After Caleb was 85</u> , he conquered Hebron and Arba's three sons (Anakims).	<u>After the death of Joshua</u> , Caleb conquered Hebron and the three sons of Anak.
24:28-31	2:6-9
28. "So Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.	6. "And when Joshua had let the people go the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land.
29. "And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died being 110 years old.	8. "And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died being 110 years old.
30. "And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnathserah, which is in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash.	9. "And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnathserah, which is in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash.
31. "And all Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, and which had known all the works of the Lord, that he had done for Israel."	7. "And all Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen the great works of the Lord, that he did for Israel.

⁷:He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and graved cherubims on the walls.

⁸:And he made the most holy house, the length whereof was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to six hundred talents. ⁹:And the weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold. ¹⁰:And in the most holy house he made two cherubims of image work, and overlaid them with gold.

¹¹:And the wings of the cherubims were twenty cubits long: one wing of the one cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was likewise five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub. ¹²:And one wing of the other cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was five cubits also, joining to the wing of the other cherub. ¹³:The wings of these cherubims spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces were inward.

¹⁴:And he made the vail of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and wrought cherubims thereon.

^{15:}Also he made before the house two pillars of thirty and five cubits high, and the chapter that was on the top of each of them was five cubits.

^{16:}And he made chains, as in the oracle, and put them on the heads of the pillars; and made an hundred pomegranates, and put them on the chains. ^{17:}And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.

4. ^{1:}Moreover he made an altar of brass, twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof. ^{2:}Also he made a molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and five cubits the height thereof; and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about. ^{3:}And under it was the similitude of oxen, which did compass it round about: ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about. Two rows of oxen were cast, when it was cast. ^{4:}It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward. ^{5:}And the thickness of it was an handbreadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies; and it received and held three thousand baths.

^{6:}He made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them: such things as they offered for the burnt offering they washed in them; but the sea was for the priests to wash in.

^{7:}And he made ten candlesticks of gold according to their form, and set them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.

^{8:}He made also ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left.

And he made an hundred basons of gold.

^{9:}Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with brass. ^{10:}And he set the sea on the right side of the east end, over against the south.

^{11:}And Hiram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basons.

And Hiram finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of God; ^{12:}To wit, the two pillars, and the pommels, and the chapters which were on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two pommels of the chapters which were on the top of the pillars; ^{13:}And four hundred pomegranates on the two wreaths; two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two pommels of the chapters which were upon the pillars. ^{14:}He made also bases, and lavers made he upon the bases; ^{15:}One sea, and twelve oxen under it. ^{16:}The pots also, and the shovels, and the fleshhooks, and all their instruments, did Hiram his father make to king Solomon for the house of the LORD of bright brass. ^{17:}In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredathah.

^{18:}Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the brass could not be found out. ^{19:}And Solomon made all the vessels that were for the house of God, the golden altar also, and the tables whereon the shewbread was set; ^{20:}Moreover the candlesticks with their lamps, that they should burn after the manner before the oracle, of pure gold; ^{21:}And the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, made he of gold, and that perfect gold; ^{22:}And the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the censers, of pure gold: and the entry of the house, the inner doors thereof for the most holy place, and the doors of the house of the temple, were of gold.

5. ^{1:}Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished: and Solomon brought in all the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God.

^{2:}Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.

^{3:}Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the feast which was in the seventh month. ^{4:}And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark.

^{5:}And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, these did the priests and the Levites bring up.

^{6:}Also king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

^{7:}And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, to the oracle of the house, into the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubims: ^{8:}For the cherubims spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.

Note: There has been some confusion over David's 8th year (1004 BC) and Solomon's 12th year (also 1004 BC). Ussher has Solomon bringing the Ark into Jerusalem to his new temple in his 12th year, in **1004 BC**. Today's improved figures have David bringing the Ark into Jerusalem to his new tabernacle also in **1004 BC**.

^{9:}And they drew out the staves of the ark, that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen without. And there it is unto this day.

^{10:}There was nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put therein at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

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

6. ^{1:}Then said Solomon, The LORD hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. ^{2:}But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever.

^{3:}And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole congregation of Israel: and all the congregation of Israel stood. ^{4:}And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who hath with his hands fulfilled that which he spake with his mouth to my father David, saying, ^{5:}Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build an house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be a ruler over my people Israel: ^{6:}But I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and have chosen David to be over my people Israel.

^{7:}Now it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. ^{8:}But the LORD said to David my father, Forasmuch as it was in thine heart to build an house for my name, thou didst well in that it was in thine heart: ^{9:}Notwithstanding thou shalt not build the house; but thy son which shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my name.

^{10:}The LORD therefore hath performed his word that he hath spoken: for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. ^{11:}And in it have I put the ark, wherein is the covenant of the LORD, that he made with the children of Israel.

^{12:}And he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands:

^{13:}For Solomon had made a brasen scaffold, of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven,

^{14:}And said, O LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and shewest mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts: ^{15:}Thou which hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him; and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day. ^{16:}Now therefore, O LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel; yet so that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before me. ^{17:}Now then, O LORD God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy servant David.

^{18:}But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built!

^{19:}Have respect therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee: ^{20:}That thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant prayeth toward this place.

^{21:}Hearken therefore unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall make toward this place: hear thou from thy dwelling place, even from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive. ^{22:}If a man sin against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to make him swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house; ^{23:}Then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, by requiting the wicked, by recompensing his way upon his own head; and by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness.

^{24:}And if thy people Israel be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall return and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house; ^{25:}Then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers.

^{26:}When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; yet if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them; ^{27:}Then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way, wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance.

^{28:}If there be dearth in the land, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillers; if their enemies besiege them in the cities of their land; whatsoever sore or whatsoever sickness there be: ^{29:}Then what prayer or what supplication soever shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Israel, when every one shall know his own sore and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house: ^{30:}Then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou only knowest the hearts of men:)

^{31:}That they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways, so long as they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

^{32:}Moreover concerning the stranger, which is not of thy people Israel, but is come from a far country for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched out arm; if they come and pray in this house; ^{33:}Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as doth thy people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built is called by thy name.

^{34:}If thy people go out to war against their enemies by the way that thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name; ^{35:}Then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

^{36:}If they sin against thee, (for there is no man which sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before their enemies, and they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near; ^{37:}Yet if they bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly; ^{38:}If they return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name: ^{39:}Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee.

^{40:}Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

^{41:}Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.

^{42:}O LORD God, turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember the mercies of David thy servant.

7. ^{1:}Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house. ^{2:}And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house. ^{3:}And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

^{4:}Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD. ^{5:}And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

^{6:}And the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also with instruments of musick of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, because his mercy endureth for ever, when David praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.

^{7:}Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brasen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat.

^{8:}Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt. ^{9:}And in the

eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. ^{10:} And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the LORD had shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

^{11:} Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

^{12:} And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. ^{13:} If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; ^{14:} If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. ^{15:} Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place. ^{16:} For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

^{17:} And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments; ^{18:} Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel.

^{19:} But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; ^{20:} Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations. ^{21:} And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house? ^{22:} And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

8. ^{1:} And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of the LORD, and his own house, ^{2:} That the cities which Hiram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there.

^{3:} And Solomon went to Hamath-zobah, and prevailed against it. ^{4:} And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store cities, which he built in Hamath. ^{5:} Also he built Beth-horon the upper, and Beth-horon the nether, fenced cities, with walls, gates, and bars;

^{6:} And Baalath, and all the store cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

^{7:} As for all the people that were left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which were not of Israel, ^{8:} But of their children, who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not, them did Solomon make to pay tribute until this day.

^{9:} But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work; but they were men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen. ^{10:} And these were the chief of king Solomon's officers, even two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people.

^{11:} And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because the places are holy, whereunto the ark of the LORD hath come.

^{12:}Then Solomon offered burnt offerings unto the LORD on the altar of the LORD, which he had built before the porch, ^{13:}Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, even in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles.

^{14:}And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required: the porters also by their courses at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded. ^{15:}And they departed not from the commandment of the king unto the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures.

^{16:}Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished. So the house of the LORD was perfected.

^{17:}Then went Solomon to Ezion-geber, and to Eloth, at the sea side in the land of Edom.

^{18:}And Hiram sent him by the hands of his servants ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; and they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and took thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought them to king Solomon.

9. ^{1:}And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great company, and camels that bare spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

^{2:}And Solomon told her all her questions: and there was nothing hid from Solomon which he told her not. ^{3:}And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, ^{4:}And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went up into the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.

^{5:}And she said to the king, It was a true report which I heard in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy wisdom: ^{6:}Howbeit I believed not their words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the one half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me: for thou exceedest the fame that I heard. ^{7:}Happy are thy men, and happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom. ^{8:}Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, to be king for the LORD thy God: because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and justice.

^{9:}And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon.

^{10:}And the servants also of Hiram, and the servants of Solomon, which brought gold from Ophir, brought algum trees and precious stones. ^{11:}And the king made of the algum trees terraces to the house of the LORD, and to the king's palace, and harps and psalteries for singers: and there were none such seen before in the land of Judah.

^{12:}And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which she had brought unto the king. So she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her servants.

^{13:}Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and threescore and six talents of gold; ^{14:}Beside that which chapmen and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

^{15:}And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of beaten gold went to one target. ^{16:}And three hundred shields made he of beaten gold: three hundred shekels of gold went to one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

¹⁷Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. ¹⁸And there were six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne, and stays on each side of the sitting place, and two lions standing by the stays: ¹⁹And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps. There was not the like made in any kingdom. ²⁰And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold: none were of silver; it was not any thing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

²¹For the king's ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram: every three years once came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks. ²²And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom. ²³And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart. ²⁴And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, harness, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

²⁵And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

²⁶And he reigned over all the kings from the river even unto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt.

²⁷And the king made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycamore trees that are in the low plains in abundance. ²⁸And they brought unto Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

²⁹Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

³⁰And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years. ³¹And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

10. ¹And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for to Shechem were all Israel come to make him king.

²And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of Solomon the king, heard it, that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt.

³And they sent and called him. So Jeroboam and all Israel came and spake to Rehoboam, saying, ⁴Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease thou somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee.

⁵And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.

⁶And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye me to return answer to this people?

⁷And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants for ever.

⁸But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood before him. ⁹And he said unto them, What advice give ye that we may return answer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us? ¹⁰And the young men that were brought up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer the people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it somewhat lighter for us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.

¹¹For whereas my father put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

^{12:}So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come again to me on the third day. ^{13:}And the king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men, ^{14:}And answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. ^{15:}So the king hearkened not unto the people: for the cause was of God, that the LORD might perform his word, which he spake by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

^{16:}And when all Israel saw that the king would not hearken unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? and we have none inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to your tents, O Israel: and now, David, see to thine own house. So all Israel went to their tents.

^{17:}But as for the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. ^{18:}Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram that was over the tribute; and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. But king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. ^{19:}And Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

11. ^{1:}And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he gathered of the house of Judah and Benjamin an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam.

^{2:}But the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, ^{3:}Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying, ^{4:}Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren: return every man to his house: for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of the LORD, and returned from going against Jeroboam.

^{5:}And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defence in Judah. ^{6:}He built even Bethlehem, and Etam, and Tekoa, ^{7:}And Beth-zur, and Shoco, and Adullam, ^{8:}And Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph, ^{9:}And Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah, ^{10:}And Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which are in Judah and in Benjamin fenced cities. ^{11:}And he fortified the strong holds, and put captains in them, and store of victual, and of oil and wine. ^{12:}And in every several city he put shields and spears, and made them exceeding strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side. ^{13:}And the priests and the Levites that were in all Israel resorted to him out of all their coasts.

^{14:}For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office unto the LORD: ^{15:}And he ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made.

^{16:}And after them out of all the tribes of Israel such as set their hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the LORD God of their fathers. ^{17:}So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon.

^{18:}And Rehoboam took him Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David to wife, and Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse; ^{19:}Which bare him children; Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zaham. ^{20:}And after her he took Maachah the daughter of Absalom; which bare him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith. ^{21:}And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines: (for he took eighteen wives, and threescore concubines; and begat twenty and eight sons, and threescore daughters.)

^{22:}And Rehoboam made Abijah the son of Maachah the chief, to be ruler among his brethren: for he thought to make him king. ^{23:}And he dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his

children throughout all the countries of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city: and he gave them victual in abundance. And he desired many wives.

TABLE 46. From Solomon to Ahab

BC		JUDAH	ISRAEL		REFERENCE
1	971	<i>Solomon's first year</i>			
<i>VV</i>	<i>VV</i>	<i>VVVV</i>			
40	932	<i>Solomon's 40th year</i>			
41	931	1 Rehoboam	1	Jereboam	1 Kings 11:42
42	930	2	2		14:25
43	929	3	3		
44	928	4	4		
45	927	5	5		
46	926	6	6		
47	925	7	7		
48	924	8	8		
49	923	9	9		
50	922	10	10		
51	921	11	11		
52	920	12	12		
53	919	13	13		
54	918	14	14		
55	917	15	15		
56	916	16	16		
57	915	17	17		
58	914	1 Abijah (Abijam)	18		
59	913	2	19		
60	912	3	20		
61	911	1 Asa	21		1 Kings 15:9
62	910	2	22		
63	909	3	1	Nadab	
64	908	4	2	1 Baasha	
65	907	5		2	
66	906	6		3	
67	905	7		4	
68	904	8		5	
69	903	9		6	
70	902	10		7	
71	901	11		8	
72	900	12		9	
73	899	13		10	
74	898	14		11	
75	897	15		12	
76	896	16		13	
77	895	17		14	
78	894	18		15	
79	893	19		16	
80	892	20		17	
81	891	21		18	
82	890	22		19	
83	889	23		20	
84	888	24		21	
85	887	25 Asa		22 Baasha	1 Kings
86	886	26	Elah	1 23	16:8
87	885	27		2 24	1 Zimri 7 days
88	884	28	Omri	1	1 Tibni
89	883	29		2	
90	882	30		3	
91	881	31		4	Sole reign
92	880	32		5	1 Kings
93	879	33		6	16:22-23
94	878	34		7	
95	877	35		8	
96	876	36		9	
97	875	37		10	
98	874	38		11	
99	873	39		12 1 Ahab	1 Kings 16:29

100	872	40	2	
101	871	41	3	
102	870	1	Jehoshaphat	4

1 Kings 22:41

12. ¹:And it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the LORD, and all Israel with him.

²:And it came to pass, that in the fifth year of king Rehoboam Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had transgressed against the LORD, ³:With twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen: and the people were without number that came with him out of Egypt; the Lubims, the Sukkiims, and the Ethiopians.

⁴:And he took the fenced cities which pertained to Judah, and came to Jerusalem.

⁵:Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Judah, that were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak.

⁶:Whereupon the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The LORD is righteous. ⁷:And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves; therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance; and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. ⁸:Nevertheless they shall be his servants; that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.

⁹:So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he took all: he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made. ¹⁰:Instead of which king Rehoboam made shields of brass, and committed them to the hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the entrance of the king's house. ¹¹:And when the king entered into the house of the LORD, the guard came and fetched them, and brought them again into the guard chamber.

¹²:And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the LORD turned from him that he would not destroy him altogether: and also in Judah things went well.

¹³:So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: for Rehoboam was one and forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess. ¹⁴:And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the LORD.

¹⁵:Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer concerning genealogies? And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. ¹⁶:And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David: and Abijah his son reigned in his stead.

13. ¹:Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah. ²:He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

³:And Abijah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, being mighty men of valour.

⁴:And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which is in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, thou Jeroboam, and all Israel; ⁵:Ought ye not to know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt? ⁶:Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and hath rebelled against his lord. ⁷:And there are gathered unto him vain men, the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them. ⁸:And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David; and ye be a great multitude, and there are with you golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods.

⁹:Have ye not cast out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the nations of other lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a priest of them that are no gods. ¹⁰:But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the LORD, are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites wait upon their business: ¹¹:And they burn unto the LORD every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the shewbread also set they in order upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the LORD our God; but ye have forsaken him. ¹²:And, behold, God himself is with us for our captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.

¹³:But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambushment was behind them. ¹⁴:And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind: and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.

¹⁵:Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. ¹⁶:And the children of Israel fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand. ¹⁷:And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men. ¹⁸:Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD God of their fathers.

¹⁹:And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Bethel with the towns thereof, and Jeshnah with the towns thereof, and Ephraim with the towns thereof. ²⁰:Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah: and the LORD struck him, and he died.

²¹:But Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters. ²²:And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, are written in the story of the prophet Iddo.

14. ¹:So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years.

²:And Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God: ³:For he took away the altars of the strange gods, and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves: ⁴:And commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment. ⁵:Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the images: and the kingdom was quiet before him. ⁶:And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the LORD had given him rest.

⁷:Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about them walls, and towers, gates, and bars, while the land is yet before us; because we have sought the LORD our God, we have sought him, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered.

⁸:And Asa had an army of men that bare targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these were mighty men of valour.

⁹:And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and came unto Mareshah. ¹⁰:Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

¹¹:And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for

we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou art our God; let not man prevail against thee.

^{12:}So the LORD smote the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled. ^{13:}And Asa and the people that were with him pursued them unto Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before the LORD, and before his host; and they carried away very much spoil.

^{14:}And they smote all the cities round about Gerar; for the fear of the LORD came upon them: and they spoiled all the cities; for there was exceeding much spoil in them. ^{15:}They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

15. ^{1:}And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded: ^{2:}And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

^{3:}Now for a long season Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. ^{4:}But when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them. ^{5:}And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries. ^{6:}And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity. ^{7:}Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.

^{8:}And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the LORD, that was before the porch of the LORD. ^{9:}And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God was with him.

^{10:}So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

^{11:}And they offered unto the LORD the same time, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep. ^{12:}And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul; ^{13:}That whosoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. ^{14:}And they sware unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets. ^{15:}And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the LORD gave them rest round about.

^{16:}And also concerning Maachah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove: and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped it, and burnt it at the brook Kidron. ^{17:}But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.

^{18:}And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels.

^{19:}And there was no more war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.

16. ^{1:}In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

²:Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent to Ben-hadad king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,
³:There is a league between me and thee, as there was between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

TABLE 47. From Ahab to Joash

	BC	JUDAH	ISRAEL	REFERENCE
1	971	<i>Solomon's first year</i>		
∞∞	∞∞	∞∞∞		
85	887	25 Asa	22 Baasha	1 Kings
86	886	26 Elah	1 23	16:8
87	885	27	2 24	16:15
88	884	28 Omri	1 1 Tibni	
89	883	29	2 2	
90	882	30	3 3	1 Kings
91	881	31	4	16:22-23
92	880	32	5	
93	879	33	6	
94	878	34	7	
95	877	35	8	
96	876	36	9	
97	875	37	10	
98	874	38	11	
99	873	39	12 1 Ahab	1 Kings 16:29
100	872	40	2	
101	871	41	3	
102	870	1 Jehoshaphat	4	1 Kings 22:41
103	869	2	5	
104	868	3	6	
105	867	4	7	
106	866	5	8	
107	865	6	9	
108	864	7	10	
109	863	8	11	
110	862	9	12	
111	861	10	13	
112	860	11	14	
113	859	12	15	
114	858	13	16	
115	857	14	17	
116	856	15	18	
117	855	16	19	
118	854	17	20 1 Ahaziah	1 Kings 22:51
119	853	18 (Shalmaneser's 6 th yr.)	21 2	
120	852	19	22 1 Jehoram	2 Kings 3:1
121	851	20	2	
122	850	21	3	
123	849	22	4	
124	848	23	5	
125	847	24 1 Joram	6	
126	846	25 2 dual reign	7 sole reign	2 Kings 1:17
127	845	3	8	
128	844	4	9	
129	843	5	10	
130	842	6 Ahaziah 1 yr.	11	2 Kings 9:29
131	841	7 (Shalmaneser's 18 th yr.)	12	8:25
132	840	1 8 Athaliah	1 Jehu	
133	839	2	2	

134	838	3		3	
135	837	4		4	
136	836	5		5	
137	835	6		6	
138	834		1	Joash	7

2 Kings 12:1

^{4:}And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the store cities of Naphtali. ^{5:}And it came to pass, when Baasha heard it, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease.

^{6:}Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.

^{7:}And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand.

^{8:}Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand.

^{9:}For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

^{10:}Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of the people the same time.

^{11:}And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

^{12:}And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians. ^{13:}And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign. ^{14:}And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and divers kinds of spices prepared by the apothecaries' art: and they made a very great burning for him.

17. ^{1:}And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel. ^{2:}And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken. ^{3:}And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto Baalim; ^{4:}But sought to the LORD God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel. ^{5:}Therefore the LORD stablished the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance.

^{6:}And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the LORD: moreover he took away the high places and groves out of Judah. ^{7:}Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, even to Ben-hail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Michaiiah, to teach in the cities of Judah. ^{8:}And with them he sent Levites, even Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, priests. ^{9:}And they taught in Judah, and had the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

^{10:}And the fear of the LORD fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.

^{11:}Also some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and tribute silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he goats.

^{12:}And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store. ^{13:}And he had much business in the cities of Judah: and the men of war, mighty men of valour, were in Jerusalem.

^{14:}And these are the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers: Of Judah, the captains of thousands; Adnah the chief, and with him mighty men of valour three hundred thousand. ^{15:}And next to him was Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand. ^{16:}And next him was Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself unto the LORD; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valour. ^{17:}And of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of valour, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred thousand. ^{18:}And next him was Jehozabad, and with him an hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for the war.

^{19:}These waited on the king, beside those whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.

^{18:} ^{1:}Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab. ^{2:}And after certain years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that he had with him, and persuaded him to go up with him to Ramoth-gilead.

^{3:}And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he answered him, I am as thou art, and my people as thy people; and we will be with thee in the war.

^{4:}And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Inquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day. ^{5:}Therefore the king of Israel gathered together of prophets four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver it into the king's hand.

^{6:}But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might inquire of him? ^{7:}And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, by whom we may inquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil: the same is Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so. ^{8:}And the king of Israel called for one of his officers, and said, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla.

^{9:}And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat either of them on his throne, clothed in their robes, and they sat in a void place at the entering in of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

^{10:}And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the LORD, With these thou shalt push Syria until they be consumed. ^{11:}And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

^{12:}And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one assent; let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speak thou good.

^{13:}And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, even what my God saith, that will I speak. ^{14:}And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up, and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand.

^{15:}And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the LORD?

^{16:}Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return therefore every man to his house in peace. ^{17:}And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would not prophesy good unto me, but evil?

^{18:} Again he said, Therefore hear the word of the LORD; I saw the LORD sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left.

^{19:} And the LORD said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner. ^{20:} Then there came out a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? ^{21:} And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And the LORD said, Thou shalt entice him, and thou shalt also prevail: go out, and do even so.

^{22:} Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil against thee.

^{23:} Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and smote Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee? ^{24:} And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself.

^{25:} Then the king of Israel said, Take ye Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son; ^{26:} And say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace.

^{27:} And Micaiah said, If thou certainly return in peace, then hath not the LORD spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, all ye people.

^{28:} So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. ^{29:} And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and will go to the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went to the battle.

^{30:} Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that were with him, saying, Fight ye not with small or great, save only with the king of Israel. ^{31:} And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It is the king of Israel. Therefore they compassed about him to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him; and God moved them to depart from him. ^{32:} For it came to pass, that, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again from pursuing him.

^{33:} And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: therefore he said to his chariot man, Turn thine hand, that thou mayest carry me out of the host; for I am wounded. ^{34:} And the battle increased that day: howbeit the king of Israel stayed himself up in his chariot against the Syrians until the even: and about the time of the sun going down he died.

19. ^{1:} And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem. ^{2:} And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the LORD.

^{3:} Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.

^{4:} And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again through the people from Beer-sheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the LORD God of their fathers.

^{5:} And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city, ^{6:} And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the LORD, who is with you in the judgment. ^{7:} Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

⁸:Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set of the Levites, and of the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of the LORD, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem.

⁹:And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

¹⁰:And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against the LORD, and so wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not trespass.

¹¹:And, behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of the LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the Levites shall be officers before you. Deal courageously, and the LORD shall be with the good.

20. ¹:It came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them other beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.

²:Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they be Hazazon-tamar, which is En-gedi.

³:And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. ⁴:And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

⁵:And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court,

⁶:And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee? ⁷:Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever? ⁸:And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying, ⁹:If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.

¹⁰:And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not; ¹¹:Behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit. ¹²:O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.

¹³:And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children. ¹⁴:Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation; ¹⁵:And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. ¹⁶:To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.

¹⁷:Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.

^{18:} And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD. ^{19:} And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

^{20:} And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

^{21:} And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever.

^{22:} And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten. ^{23:} For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another. ^{24:} And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.

^{25:} And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

^{26:} And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed the LORD: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah, unto this day.

^{27:} Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies. ^{28:} And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the LORD.

^{29:} And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel. ^{30:} So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet: for his God gave him rest round about.

^{31:} And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah: he was thirty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

^{32:} And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and departed not from it, doing that which was right in the sight of the LORD. ^{33:} Howbeit the high places were not taken away: for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers.

^{34:} Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Jehu the son of Hanani, who is mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel. ^{35:} And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly: ^{36:} And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Ezion-geber. ^{37:} Then Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah, the LORD hath broken thy works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

21. ^{1:} Now Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

^{2:} And he had brethren the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah: all these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel.

^{3:}And their father gave them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram; because he was the firstborn.

^{4:}Now when Jehoram was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself, and slew all his brethren with the sword, and divers also of the princes of Israel. ^{5:}Jehoram was thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. ^{6:}And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab: for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he wrought that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD.

^{7:}Howbeit the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a light to him and to his sons for ever.

^{8:}In his days the Edomites revolted from under the dominion of Judah, and made themselves a king. ^{9:}Then Jehoram went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him in, and the captains of the chariots. ^{10:}So the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. The same time also did Libnah revolt from under his hand; because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers.

^{11:}Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit fornication, and compelled Judah thereto.

^{12:}And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah, ^{13:}But hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, which were better than thyself: ^{14:}Behold, with a great plague will the LORD smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods: ^{15:}And thou shalt have great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day.

^{16:}Moreover the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that were near the Ethiopians: ^{17:}And they came up into Judah, and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.

^{18:}And after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease. ^{19:}And it came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.

^{20:}Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired. Howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

22. ^{1:}And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his stead: for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned. ^{2:}Forty and two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Athaliah the daughter of Omri.

^{3:}He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly. ^{4:}Wherefore he did evil in the sight of the LORD like the house of Ahab: for they were his counsellors after the death of his father to his destruction. ^{5:}He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians smote Joram. ^{6:}And he returned to be healed in Jezreel because of the wounds which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.

And Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick. ⁷And the destruction of Ahaziah was of God by coming to Joram: for when he was come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab. ⁸And it came to pass, that, when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of Ahaziah, that ministered to Ahaziah, he slew them.

TABLE 48. From Joash to Uzziah

BC		JUDAH	ISRAEL	REFERENCE
1	971	<i>Solomon's first year</i>		
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130	842	6 Ahaziah 1 yr.	11	2 Kings 9:29
131	841	7 (Shalmaneser's 18 th yr.)	12	8:25
132	840	1 8 Athaliah	1	Jehu
133	839	2	2	
134	838	3	3	
135	837	4	4	
136	836	5	5	
137	835	6	6	
138	834	1 <i>Joash</i>	7	2 Kings 12:1
139	833	2	8	
140	832	3	9	
141	831	4	10	
142	830	5	11	
143	829	6	12	
144	828	7	13	
145	827	8	14	
146	826	9	15	
147	825	10	16	
148	824	11	17	
149	823	12	18	
150	822	13	19	
151	821	14	20	
152	820	15	21	
153	819	16	22	
154	818	17	23	
155	817	18	24	
156	816	19	25	
157	815	20	26	
158	814	21	27	
159	813	22	28	2 Kings 13:1
160	812	23	1	Jehoahaz
161	811	24	2	
162	810	25	3	
163	809	26	4	
164	808	27	5	
165	807	28	6	
166	806	29	7	
167	805	30	8	
168	804	31	9	
169	803	32 1 Uzziah (Azariah)	10	
170	802	33 2	11	
171	801	34 3	12	
172	800	35 4	13	
173	799	36 5	14	2 Kings 13:10
174	798	37 6	15 1	Jehoash
175	797	1 38 7 Amaziah	16 2	14:1
176	796	2 39 8	17 3	
177	795	3 40 9	1 4	Jereboam
178	794	4 10	2 5	
179	793	5 11	3 6	
180	792	6 12	4 7	
181	791	7 13	5 8	
182	790	8 14	6 9	
183	789	9 15	7 10	

⁹:And he sought Ahaziah: and they caught him, (for he was hid in Samaria,) and brought him to Jehu: and when they had slain him, they buried him: Because, said they, he is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD with all his heart. So the house of Ahaziah had no power to keep still the kingdom.

¹⁰:But when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah.

¹¹:But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bedchamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not. ¹²:And he was with them hid in the house of God six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

23. ¹:And in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him. ²:And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. ³:And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD hath said of the sons of David.

⁴:This is the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you entering on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, shall be porters of the doors; ⁵:And a third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people shall be in the courts of the house of the LORD. ⁶:But let none come into the house of the LORD, save the priests, and they that minister of the Levites; they shall go in, for they are holy: but all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD.

⁷:And the Levites shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whosoever else cometh into the house, he shall be put to death: but be ye with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out.

⁸:So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go out on the sabbath: for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the courses. ⁹:Moreover Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and bucklers, and shields, that had been king David's, which were in the house of God. ¹⁰:And he set all the people, every man having his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, by the king round about.

¹¹:Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and gave him the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, God save the king.

¹²:Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the LORD: ¹³:And she looked, and, behold, the king stood at his pillar at the entering in, and the princes and the trumpets by the king: and all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded with trumpets, also the singers with instruments of musick, and such as taught to sing praise.

Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, Treason, Treason.

¹⁴:Then Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth of the ranges: and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Slay her not in the house of the LORD. ¹⁵:So they laid hands on her; and when she was come to the entering of the horse gate by the king's house, they slew her there.

^{16:} And Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be the LORD's people.

^{17:} Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

^{18:} Also Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house of the LORD by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as it was ordained by David. ^{19:} And he set the porters at the gates of the house of the LORD, that none which was unclean in any thing should enter in. ^{20:} And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of the LORD: and they came through the high gate into the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom.

^{21:} And all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was quiet, after that they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

24. ^{1:} Joash was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Zibiah of Beer-sheba. ^{2:} And Joash did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

^{3:} And Jehoiada took for him two wives; and he begat sons and daughters.

^{4:} And it came to pass after this, that Joash was minded to repair the house of the LORD.

^{5:} And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter.

Howbeit the Levites hastened it not. ^{6:} And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, according to the commandment of Moses the servant of the LORD, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness? ^{7:} For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD did they bestow upon Baalim.

^{8:} And at the king's commandment they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the LORD. ^{9:} And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to the LORD the collection that Moses the servant of God laid upon Israel in the wilderness. ^{10:} And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end. ^{11:} Now it came to pass, that at what time the chest was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.

^{12:} And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend the house of the LORD. ^{13:} So the workmen wrought, and the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God in his state, and strengthened it. ^{14:} And when they had finished it, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, whereof were made vessels for the house of the LORD, even vessels to minister, and to offer withal, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver.

And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoiada. ^{15:} But Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of days when he died; an hundred and thirty years old was he when he died. ^{16:} And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house.

^{17:}Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king hearkened unto them. ^{18:}And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass.

^{19:}Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear. ^{20:}And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you.

^{21:}And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of the LORD. ^{22:}Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, The LORD look upon it, and require it.

^{23:}And it came to pass at the end of the year, that the host of Syria came up against him: and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of Damascus. ^{24:}For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men, and the LORD delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers. So they executed judgment against Joash. ^{25:}And when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases,) his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died: and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings.

^{26:}And these are they that conspired against him; Zabad the son of Shimeath an Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith a Moabitess.

^{27:}Now concerning his sons, and the greatness of the burdens laid upon him, and the repairing of the house of God, behold, they are written in the story of the book of the kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

25. ^{1:}Amaziah was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. ^{2:}And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart.

^{3:}Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was established to him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father. ^{4:}But he slew not their children, but did as it is written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.

^{5:}Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of their fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice men, able to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield.

^{6:}He hired also an hundred thousand mighty men of valour out of Israel for an hundred talents of silver.

^{7:}But there came a man of God to him, saying, O king, let not the army of Israel go with thee; for the LORD is not with Israel, to wit, with all the children of Ephraim. ^{8:}But if thou wilt go, do it, be strong for the battle: God shall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power to help, and to cast down.

^{9:}And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The LORD is able to give thee much more than this.

¹⁰:Then Amaziah separated them, to wit, the army that was come to him out of Ephraim, to go home again: wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.

TABLE 49. From Uzziah to Pekah and Jotham

BC		JUDAH		ISRAEL		REFERENCE
1	971	<i>Solomon's first year</i>				
<i>∞∞</i>	<i>∞∞</i>		<i>∞∞∞</i>	<i>∞∞</i>		
169	803	32	1 Uzziah (Azariah)	10		
170	802	33	2	11		
171	801	34	3	12		
172	800	35	4	13		
173	799	36	5	14		
174	798	37	6	15	1	Jehoash 2 Kings 13:10
175	797	1	38	7	2	Amaziah 14:1
176	796	2	39	8	3	
177	795	3	40	9	1	Jereboam 14:16
178	794	4	10	2	5	
179	793	5	11	3	6	
180	792	6	12	4	7	
181	791	7	13	5	8	
182	790	8	14	6	9	
183	789	9	15	7	10	
184	788	10	16	8	11	
185	787	11	17	9	12	
186	786	12	18	10	13	
187	785	13	19	11	14	
188	784	14	20	12	15	
189	783	15	21	13	16	Sole reign 2 Kings 13:10; 14:23
190	782	16	22	14		
191	781	17	23	15		
192	780	18	24	16		
193	779	19	25	17		
194	778	20	26	18		
195	777	21	27	19		
196	776	22	28	20		
197	775	23	29	21		
198	774	24	30	22		
199	773	25	31	23		
200	772	26	32	24		
201	771	27	33	25		
202	770	28	34	26		
203	769	29	35	Sole reign	27	14:2; 15:1,17
204	768		36	28		
205	767		37	29		
206	766		38	30		
207	765		39	31		Menahem 2 Kings 15:17
208	764		40	32	1	
209	763		41	33	2	
210	762		42	34	3	
211	761		43	35	4	
212	760		44	36	5	
213	759		45	37	6	
214	758		46	38	7	
215	757		47	39	8	
216	756		48	40	9	
217	755		49	41	10	
218	754		50	1		Pekahiah 2 Kings 15:23
219 ¹	753		51	Era of Rome	2	
220 ²	752		52		1	Pekah 15:27
221 ³	751	1	Jotham		2	15:32-33

^{11:} And Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand. ^{12:} And other ten thousand left alive did the children of Judah carry away captive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, that they all were broken in pieces.

^{13:} But the soldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Beth-horon, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.

^{14:} Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them.

^{15:} Wherefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of thine hand?

^{16:} And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that the king said unto him, Art thou made of the king's counsel? forbear; why shouldest thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbare, and said, I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel.

^{17:} Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us see one another in the face. ^{18:} And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle.

^{19:} Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten the Edomites; and thine heart lifteth thee up to boast: abide now at home; why shouldest thou meddle to thine hurt, that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and Judah with thee?

^{20:} But Amaziah would not hear; for it came of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of their enemies, because they sought after the gods of Edom.

^{21:} So Joash the king of Israel went up; and they saw one another in the face, both he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Beth-shemesh, which belongeth to Judah. ^{22:} And Judah was put to the worse before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent.

^{23:} And Joash the king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth-shemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits. ^{24:} And he took all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

^{25:} And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years. ^{26:} Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, are they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel?

^{27:} Now after the time that Amaziah did turn away from following the LORD they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent to Lachish after him, and slew him there. ^{28:} And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.

26. ^{1:} Then all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah. ^{2:} He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers. ^{3:} Sixteen years old was Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

^{4:} And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah did. ^{5:} And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper.

TABLE 50. From Pekah and Jotham to the Assyrian Captivity⁶⁷

	BC	JUDAH	ISRAEL	REFERENCE
1	971	<i>Solomon's first year</i>		
<i>∞∞</i>	<i>∞∞</i>	<i>∞∞∞</i>	<i>∞∞ ∞∞</i>	
217	755	49 Uzziah Jereboam	41 10	Menahem
218	754	50	1	Pekahiah
219	753	51 Era of Rome	2	
220	752	52	1	Pekah
221	751	1 Jotham	2	
222	750	2	3	
223	749	3	4	
224	748	4	5	
225	747	5	6	
226	746	6	7	
227	745	7	8	
228	744	8	9	
229	743	9	10	
230	742	10 1	11	2 Kings
231	741	11 2 Ahaz	12	15:32
232	740	12 3	13 1	Zechariah 6 mo.
233	739	13 4	14 1	(Shallum 1 mo.)
234	738	14 5	15	Pekah's sole rule
235	737	15 6	16	
236	736	16 7 Sole reign	17	
237	735	- 8	18	
238	734	- 9	19	
239	733	- 10	20	
240	732	20 11 Tiglath-pileser III	Pekah's death	(Fall of Damascus)
241	731	12		Hoshea
242	730	13	1	
243	729	14	2	
244	728	15	3	
245	727	16 1 Hezekiah	4	16:2,20
246	726	2	5	
247	725	3	6	18:9
248	724	4	7	
249	723	5	8	Shalmaneser V
250	722	6	9	Hoshea's death
251	721	Assyrian Captivity (Sargon I)	251st year from Solomon's 1st yr. of reign	

⁶:And he went forth and warred against the Philistines, and brake down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities about Ashdod, and among the Philistines. ⁷:And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwelt in Gur-baal, and the Mehunims. ⁸:And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name spread abroad even to the entering in of Egypt; for he strengthened himself exceedingly.

⁹:Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them. ¹⁰:Also he built towers in the desert, and digged many wells: for he had much cattle, both in the low country, and in the plains: husbandmen also, and vine dressers in the mountains, and in Carmel: for he loved husbandry.

¹¹:Moreover Uzziah had an host of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains. ¹²:The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valour were two thousand and six hundred. ¹³:And

under their hand was an army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy.

^{14:}And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the host shields, and spears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and slings to cast stones. ^{15:}And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.

^{16:}But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense. ^{17:}And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the LORD, that were valiant men: ^{18:}And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, It appertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thine honour from the LORD God.

^{19:}Then Uzziah was wroth, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar. ^{20:}And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence; yea, himself hastened also to go out, because the LORD had smitten him. ^{21:}And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

^{22:}Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, did Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, write. ^{23:}So Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which belonged to the kings; for they said, He is a leper: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

27. ^{1:}Jotham was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.

^{2:}And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah did: howbeit he entered not into the temple of the LORD. And the people did yet corruptly. ^{3:}He built the high gate of the house of the LORD, and on the wall of Ophel he built much. ^{4:}Moreover he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers.

^{5:}He fought also with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year an hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him, both the second year, and the third.

^{6:}So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God. ^{7:}Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

^{8:}He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. ^{9:}And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

28. ^{1:}Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: but he did not that which was right in the sight of the LORD, like David his father: ^{2:}For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for Baalim. ^{3:}Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD had cast out before the children

of Israel. ^{4:}He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

^{5:}Wherefore the LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they smote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought them to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter.

^{6:}For Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah an hundred and twenty thousand in one day, which were all valiant men; because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers.

^{7:}And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah that was next to the king. ^{8:}And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.

^{9:}But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded: and he went out before the host that came to Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, because the LORD God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage that reacheth up unto heaven.

^{10:}And now ye purpose to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem for bondmen and bondwomen unto you: but are there not with you, even with you, sins against the LORD your God?

^{11:}Now hear me therefore, and deliver the captives again, which ye have taken captive of your brethren: for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.

^{12:}Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against them that came from the war, ^{13:}And said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the captives hither: for whereas we have offended against the LORD already, ye intend to add more to our sins and to our trespass: for our trespass is great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.

^{14:}So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the congregation. ^{15:}And the men which were expressed by name rose up, and took the captives,

and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brethren: then they returned to Samaria.

^{16:}At that time did king Ahaz send unto the kings of Assyria to help him. ^{17:}For again the Edomites had come and smitten Judah, and carried away captives. ^{18:}The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the low country, and of the south of Judah, and had taken Bethshemesh, and Ajalon, and Gederoth, and Shocho with the villages thereof, and Timnah with the villages thereof, Gimzo also and the villages thereof: and they dwelt there. ^{19:}For the LORD brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he made Judah naked, and transgressed sore against the LORD.

^{20:}And Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came unto him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not. ^{21:}For Ahaz took away a portion out of the house of the LORD, and out of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave it unto the king of Assyria: but he helped him not.

^{22:}And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against the LORD: this is that king Ahaz. ^{23:}For he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, therefore will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel.

^{24:}And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and he made

him altars in every corner of Jerusalem. ^{25:}And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.

^{26:}Now the rest of his acts and of all his ways, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. ^{27:}And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem: but they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

29. ^{1:}Hezekiah began to reign when he was five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.

^{2:}And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done. ^{3:}He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them. ^{4:}And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street, ^{5:}And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place. ^{6:}For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and turned their backs. ^{7:}Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place unto the God of Israel. ^{8:}Wherefore the wrath of the LORD was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see with your eyes. ^{9:}For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this.

^{10:}Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us. ^{11:}My sons, be not now negligent: for the LORD hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and burn incense.

^{12:}Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites: and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehalelel: and of the Gershonites; Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah: ^{13:}And of the sons of Elizaphan; Shimri, and Jeiel: and of the sons of Asaph; Zechariah, and Mattaniah: ^{14:}And of the sons of Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei: and of the sons of Jeduthun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel.

^{15:}And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD.

^{16:}And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad into the brook Kidron.

^{17:}Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the LORD: so they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.

^{18:}Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread table, with all the vessels thereof. ^{19:}Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they are before the altar of the LORD.

^{20:}Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD. ^{21:}And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer them on the altar of the LORD.

^{22:}So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar: likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar. ^{23:}And they brought forth the he goats for the sin offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon them: ^{24:}And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be made for all Israel.

^{25:}And he set the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for so was the commandment of the LORD by his prophets. ^{26:}And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. ^{27:}And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar.

And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began also with the trumpets, and with the instruments ordained by David king of Israel. ^{28:}And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: and all this continued until the burnt offering was finished. ^{29:}And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves, and worshipped.

^{30:}Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the LORD with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.

^{31:}Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the LORD, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a free heart burnt offerings. ^{32:}And the number of the burnt offerings, which the congregation brought, was threescore and ten bullocks, an hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: all these were for a burnt offering to the LORD.

^{33:}And the consecrated things were six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep. ^{34:}But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt offerings: wherefore their brethren the Levites did help them, till the work was ended, and until the other priests had sanctified themselves: for the Levites were more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests. ^{35:}And also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and the drink offerings for every burnt offering.

So the service of the house of the LORD was set in order. ^{36:}And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was done suddenly.

30. ^{1:}And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel. ^{2:}For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second month.

^{3:}For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem. ^{4:}And the thing pleased the king and all the congregation. ^{5:}So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done it of a long time in such sort as it was written.

^{6:}So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria.

^{7:}And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against the LORD God of their fathers, who therefore gave them up to desolation, as ye see. ^{8:}Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you. ^{9:}For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the LORD your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him.

^{10:}So the posts passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them. ^{11:}Nevertheless divers of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem. ^{12:}Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of the LORD.

^{13:}And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation. ^{14:}And they arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the brook Kidron. ^{15:}Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in the burnt offerings into the house of the LORD. ^{16:}And they stood in their place after their manner, according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood, which they received of the hand of the Levites. ^{17:}For there were many in the congregation that were not sanctified: therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passovers for every one that was not clean, to sanctify them unto the LORD.

^{18:}For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good LORD pardon every one ^{19:}That prepareth his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary. ^{20:}And the LORD hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people. ^{21:}And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, singing with loud instruments unto the LORD.

^{22:}And Hezekiah spake comfortably unto all the Levites that taught the good knowledge of the LORD: and they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings, and making confession to the LORD God of their fathers. ^{23:}And the whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven days: and they kept other seven days with gladness.

^{24:}For Hezekiah king of Judah did give to the congregation a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves. ^{25:}And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced.

^{26:}So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem.

^{27:}Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy dwelling place, even unto heaven.

31. ^{1:}Now when all this was finished, all Israel that were present went out to the cities of Judah, and brake the images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they

had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities.

^{2:}And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the LORD.

^{3:}He appointed also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, to wit, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as it is written in the law of the LORD. ^{4:}Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the LORD.

^{5:}And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the fields; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly.

^{6:}And concerning the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things which were consecrated unto the LORD their God, and laid them by heaps.

^{7:}In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month. ^{8:}And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD, and his people Israel. ^{9:}Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps. ^{10:}And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the LORD hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store.

^{11:}Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the house of the LORD; and they prepared them, ^{12:}And brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully: over which Cononiah the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his brother was the next. ^{13:}And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eiel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, were overseers under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God. ^{14:}And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the porter toward the east, was over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of the LORD, and the most holy things.

^{15:}And next him were Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in their set office, to give to their brethren by courses, as well to the great as to the small: ^{16:}Beside their genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, even unto every one that entereth into the house of the LORD, his daily portion for their service in their charges according to their courses; ^{17:}Both to the genealogy of the priests by the house of their fathers, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their charges by their courses; ^{18:}And to the genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: for in their set office they sanctified themselves in holiness: ^{19:}Also of the sons of Aaron the priests, which were in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every several city, the men that were expressed by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all that were reckoned by genealogies among the Levites.

^{20:}And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and wrought that which was good and right and truth before the LORD his God. ^{21:}And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.

32. ¹: After these things, and the establishment thereof, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself. ²: And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem, ³: He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which were without the city: and they did help him.

⁴: So there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water? ⁵: Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised it up to the towers, and another wall without, and repaired Millo in the city of David, and made darts and shields in abundance.

⁶: And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and spake comfortably to them, saying, ⁷: Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him: ⁸: With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

⁹: After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (but he himself laid siege against Lachish, and all his power with him,) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that were at Jerusalem, saying, ¹⁰: Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide in the siege in Jerusalem? ¹¹: Doth not Hezekiah persuade you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The LORD our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria? ¹²: Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it?

¹³: Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of other lands? were the gods of the nations of those lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of mine hand?

¹⁴: Who was there among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand? ¹⁵: Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand?

¹⁶: And his servants spake yet more against the LORD God, and against his servant Hezekiah. ¹⁷: He wrote also letters to rail on the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of other lands have not delivered their people out of mine hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of mine hand.

¹⁸: Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' speech unto the people of Jerusalem that were on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city.

¹⁹: And they spake against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth, which were the work of the hands of man.

²⁰: And for this cause Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven. ²¹: And the LORD sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword. ²²: Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all other, and guided them on every side.

²³: And many brought gifts unto the LORD to Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah: so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.

^{24:}In those days Hezekiah was sick to the death, and prayed unto the LORD: and he spake unto him, and he gave him a sign.

^{25:}But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit done unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.

^{26:}Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

^{27:}And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour: and he made himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of pleasant jewels; ^{28:}Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks. ^{29:}Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: for God had given him substance very much.

^{30:}This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper watercourse of Gihon, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works.

^{31:}Howbeit in the business of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to inquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.

^{32:}Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his goodness, behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, and in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. ^{33:}And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the chiefest of the sepulchres of the sons of David: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honour at his death. And Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

33. ^{1:}Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem: ^{2:}But did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, like unto the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel. ^{3:}For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim, and made groves, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. ^{4:}Also he built altars in the house of the LORD, whereof the LORD had said, In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever. ^{5:}And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.

^{6:}And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

^{7:}And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever: ^{8:}Neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.

^{9:}So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel.

^{10:}And the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken.

^{11:}Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

^{12:}And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, ^{13:}And prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him,

and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God.

¹⁴: Now after this he built a wall without the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish gate, and compassed about Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah.

¹⁵: And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city. ¹⁶: And he repaired the altar of the LORD, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel.

¹⁷: Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, yet unto the LORD their God only.

¹⁸: Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel. ¹⁹: His prayer also, and how God was intreated of him, and all his sin, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they are written among the sayings of the seers.

²⁰: So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

²¹: Amon was two and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in Jerusalem. ²²: But he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as did Manasseh his father: for Amon sacrificed unto all the carved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them; ²³: And humbled not himself before the LORD, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but Amon trespassed more and more.

²⁴: And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his own house. ²⁵: But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

TABLE 51. 251-Year System Compared with Rabbinic System

Epoch	251-Year System		Rabbinic System	
	BC		BC	
Exodus	1255	} 251 yrs.	1312	} ⁶⁸
Entry into Canaan	1215		1272	
David brings Ark into Jerusalem ⁶⁹	1004		868	
First temple founded	968		833	479 yrs.
Temple completed				
Founding of Rome	753			
Josiah finds temple scroll	623		457	
First temple burned	587	← -166 yrs. =	421	
First year of Cyrus	539	-166 yrs. =	363	
Second year of Darius	520	-166 yrs. =	354	< Interpreted
Seventh year of Artaxerxes	457			as the last Darius
First year of Alexander	333			

NOTE: Notice that the rendering of the Hebrew kings in a consecutive manner adds about 43 years to actual chronology of the kings. **Therefore: 1255-43 = 1312.**

34. ^{1:}Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years.

^{2:}And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined neither to the right hand, nor to the left. ^{3:}For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images. ^{4:}And they brake down the altars of Baalim in his presence; and the images, that were on high above them, he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust of them, and strowed it upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them.

^{5:}And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem. ^{6:}And so did he in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, with their mattocks round about.

^{7:}And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the graven images into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

^{8:}Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God.

^{9:}And when they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin; and they returned to Jerusalem.

^{10:}And they put it in the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of the LORD, and they gave it to the workmen that wrought in the house of the LORD, to repair and amend the house: ^{11:}Even to the artificers and builders gave they it, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.

^{12:}And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them were Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set it forward; and other of the Levites, all that could skill of instruments of musick. ^{13:}Also they were over the bearers of burdens, and were overseers of all that wrought the work in any manner of service: and of the Levites there were scribes, and officers, and porters.

^{14:}And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found a book of the law of the LORD given by Moses. ^{15:}And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan. ^{16:}And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was committed to thy servants, they do it.

^{17:}And they have gathered together the money that was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen.

^{18:}Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath given me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. ^{19:}And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes.

^{20:}And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying, ^{21:}Go, inquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all that is written in this book.

^{22:}And Hilkiah, and they that the king had appointed, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college:) and they spake to her to that effect.

^{23:}And she answered them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell ye the man that sent you to me, ^{24:}Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah: ^{25:}Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched.

^{26:}And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel concerning the words which thou hast heard; ^{27:}Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard thee also, saith the LORD.

^{28:}Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.

^{29:}Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. ^{30:}And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the LORD.

^{31:}And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.

^{32:}And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand to it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

^{33:}And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serve, even to serve the LORD their God. And all his days they departed not from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.

35. ^{1:}Moreover Josiah kept a passover unto the LORD in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month. ^{2:}And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the LORD,

^{3:}And said unto the Levites that taught all Israel, which were holy unto the LORD, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel did build; it shall not be a burden upon your shoulders: serve now the LORD your God, and his people Israel,

^{4:}And prepare yourselves by the houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son. ^{5:}And stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your brethren the people, and after the division of the families of the Levites.

^{6:}So kill the passover, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brethren, that they may do according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses. ^{7:}And Josiah gave to the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all for the passover offerings, for all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks: these were of the king's substance.

^{8:}And his princes gave willingly unto the people, to the priests, and to the Levites: Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the

passover offerings two thousand and six hundred small cattle, and three hundred oxen.
^{9:}Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his brethren, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave unto the Levites for passover offerings five thousand small cattle, and five hundred oxen.

^{10:}So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their courses, according to the king's commandment.

TABLE 52. From the Exodus to the Assyrian Captivity(This version takes 33 yrs. from Joshua & elders and moves the 33 yrs. down to after David's 7th year.)

Time Period	251-yr. System		479-yr. System		590-yr. System
PRIOR TO THE OPPRESSIONS					
Exodus & Wilderness	40	Joshua 13:29	40		40
Conquering the land	7		7		7
Interim	(33)		(33)		(33)
	47		47		47
OPPRESSIONS					
Cushan	8				8
Moabites	18				18
Jabin	20				20
Midianites	7				7
Ammonites	18				18
Philistines	40				40
	111				111
JUDGES					
Othniel			40		40
Ehud			80		80
Shamgar			0		0
Deborah			40	111	40
Gideon			40	<u>339</u>	3
Abimelech			3	450	23
Tola		33 yrs. moved to after David's 7 yrs.	23	Acts 13:20	22
Jair			22		22
Jephthah			6		6
Ibsan			7		7
Elon			10		10
Abdon			8		8
Samson			20		20
Eli			40		40
	111		339		339
KINGS					
Samuel 20, peace with Philistines	18		38		38
Samuel with Saul, war on Philistines	12	Acts 13:21	12	Acts 13:21	12
David (Saul's war with Philistines)	6	1 Kings 2:11	7	1 Kings 2:11	7
Solomon's 1st year (971 BC)	33		33		33
	93		93		93
TOTALS from exodus to temple	251	+ 228 =	479	+ 111 =	590
Assyrian Captivity of Israel	251	721 BC	251		251

¹¹: And they killed the passover, and the priests sprinkled the blood from their hands, and the Levites flayed them. ¹²: And they removed the burnt offerings, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto the LORD, as it is written in the book of Moses. And so did they with the oxen.

¹³: And they roasted the passover with fire according to the ordinance: but the other holy offerings sod they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and divided them speedily among all the people.

¹⁴: And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests: because the priests the sons of Aaron were busied in offering of burnt offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron. ¹⁵: And the singers the sons of Asaph were in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph,

and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the porters waited at every gate; they might not depart from their service; for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.

^{16:}So all the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of the LORD, according to the commandment of king Josiah.

^{17:}And the children of Israel that were present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days. ^{18:}And there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

^{19:}In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was this passover kept.

^{20:}After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Carchemish by Euphrates: and Josiah went out against him. ^{21:}But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? I come not against thee this day, but against the house wherewith I have war: for God commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from meddling with God, who is with me, that he destroy thee not.

^{22:}Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo. ^{23:}And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Have me away; for I am sore wounded. ^{24:}His servants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried in one of the sepulchres of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

^{25:}And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah: and all the singing men and the singing women spake of Josiah in their lamentations to this day, and made them an ordinance in Israel: and, behold, they are written in the lamentations.

^{26:}Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his goodness, according to that which was written in the law of the LORD, ^{27:}And his deeds, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

36. ^{1:}Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem. ^{2:}Jehoahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem.

^{3:}And the king of Egypt put him down at Jerusalem, and condemned the land in an hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. ^{4:}And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

^{5:}Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God.

^{6:}Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon. ^{7:}Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon. ^{8:}Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

^{9:}Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD.

^{10:}And when the year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of the LORD, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem. ^{11:}Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

^{12:}And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God, and humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of the LORD. ^{13:}And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Israel. ^{14:}Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem.

^{15:}And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: ^{16:}But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy. ^{17:}Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand.

^{18:}And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon.

^{19:}And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.

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years

^{20:}And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: ^{21:}To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

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^{22:}Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, ^{23:}Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? The LORD his God be with him, and let him go up.

C. The Book of Ezra.

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^{5:}Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem. ^{6:}And all they that were about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, beside all that was willingly offered.

COMMENTARY

On the First Century

There is a remarkable contrast between the Sabbatical calendar used in David's temple and the Jewish lunar-solar calendar preserved by the Pharisees:

Obscure Time Units Restored:

Priestly Cycle: After David conquered Jerusalem and brought in the Ark, he divided the priests into 24 houses, which served for 24 weeks. In Revelation, there are 24 elders before the throne. The priest serving during a particular week was replaced at noon on the seventh day, on Saturday. After finishing the 24 courses, they rotated and served for another 24 weeks. There were 4 weeks left at the end of the year in which the first four priests of the 24 served for a third term until the end of 52 weeks. After 6 years, all 24 courses served 13 times. This cycle implies that the priests used a sabbatical calendar rather than the lunar-solar calendar.

364-day Sabbatical Calendar: The Jubilee Calendar, in the Book of Enoch, allows weeks of each year to always begin on Sunday and end on Saturday. Because there are 13 weeks per season, each season is allowed to begin on Sunday and end on Saturday.

A week of days is not based upon astronomy, but needs to be kept in season. 52 weeks lack 1.2421988 days in completing a year. To add the extra .24219 days, the sabbatical calendar chooses to add a week in 28 years instead of adding a day every four years, seven times in 28 years. Moreover, a week is needed every seven years to make up for the difference between 364 and 365 days each year. Seven years would consist of 364 weeks but needs to have 365.24219 weeks; so one week needs to be added every seven years.

Without corrections every 7 and 28 years, the gap widens to 52 weeks (i.e., 365.24219 days) in 294.028 years (in six jubilees).

Eras of 294 and 251 Years: There appears to be an interrelationship between the 251-year pattern and the jubilee cycle: $251 + 49 = 300$. $502 + 98 = 600$. $43 + 251 = 294$ (6 jubilees). The sabbatical prior to the destruction of Jerusalem (in Jeremiah 34) was in 588 BC (294×2).

Moons and Months: 12 months (one solar year) are 365.2421 days, but 12 moons (one lunar year) are 354.379056 days. 10.8631 days separate the lunar from the solar every year. In the second year the gap widens to 21.7262 days. In 33.5 years, the gap widens to 364 days, i.e., 52 weeks.

18-Year Eclipse Cycle: To keep the lunar-solar calendar in line with the equinoxes and solstices, 7 extra moons need to be added about every 3 years during each 19-years period. 235 moons (6939.6675 days) equal 19 years (6939.60161 days). Over a period of 2,000 years, the gap between 19 years and 235 moons widens to about 8 days. However, the sun, moon and earth become aligned with each other in a cycle of 18 years and a few extra days. The extra days are calculated by subtracting 29.5305 days from 6939.6675 days (one moon from 235 moons). The cycle is not based upon 235 moons but, instead, is based on the 235th new moon. So it is referred to as an 18-year cycle.

9 to 15-Hour Days / Four Seasons: The statement, “Are there not twelve hours in a day” (John 11:9) was made at about the time of the Spring equinox (March 21), when days and nights are equal as they are at the fall equinox (September 21). At the winter solstice (December 21) days shrink to about nine hours and expand to over 15 hours at the summer solstice (June 21). However, there would always be 12 hours in every day if this statement were referring to water clocks, star clocks and sand clocks, which were available in the first century. In this view, each sunrise or sunset could be associated with an hour on the clocks just as we do this today. The ninth hour, as today, would be 3 o’clock pm.

9-Month Cycle: Some have associated the gestation period with a 9-month lunar cycle. From this comes much speculation about Christ being conceived at the spring equinox (about March 21) and being born 9 months later at the winter solstice, about December 21. Others prefer the conception being in about December 21 and the birth being in during the fall festivals, near the fall equinox. Others prefer the conception being in the fall and the birth being near the spring Passover, which is near the spring equinox, at the same time in which he later died.

365.25-day Calendar: Adding a day every 4 years (to make each year 365.25 days) or adding a week every 28 years (to make each year 365.25 days) results in having **an extra day on the calendar** every 128 years. This causes the spring equinox and the four seasons to arrive one day earlier every 128 years **on the calendar**. This is corrected by not adding a leap day every 128th year or by not adding a leap week every $128 \times 7 (=896)$ years.

In the first century, the spring equinox was on March 25, and the winter Solstice was on December 25. In 1752, the equinox had drifted to March 21st, but it was still on March 25 on our calendars; so the calendar was corrected in that year.

The Context of 1 AD:

1 AD was regarded as the beginning of a new era of some kind because several eras merged at that time:

1. The era of the founding of Rome was 753 years (251 x 3). It was actually 749 years before Christ’s birth, which was at one time dated as 1 AD.

2. The sabbatical observed in Jeremiah 34 was in 588 BC, the year before Jerusalem was destroyed. 588 years equal 12 jubilees. This cycle does not fit the one observed by the Jews during the second temple. 588 solar years equal 606 lunar years.

3. The Catholic tradition begins their 50-year jubilees (not 49 years apart) in 1 AD.

4. The Easter Cycle begins in 1 AD and consists of 532 years. This is a multiple of 4 years, 7 years and 19 years but does not account for the small gap that widens every 19 years.

5. The four-year Olympic Cycle of 776 BC was repeated in 1 AD.

For these reasons, 1 AD this was a convenient place to start the Christian era, but it wasn't identified as such until Dionysus, in about 532 AD.

Perhaps we don't know when Christ was born, but perhaps this could be the very reason December 25 and 1 AD were chosen in the first place. It was the best place to start, and the Christian era seems to have a far deeper, more symbolic meaning when we view it in its proper context.

Christ is the first of the spring harvest of grain used for our daily bread. Fall included a special day when the high priest went behind the temple veil with a blood offering. This is the time of the harvest of grapes for making wine, but this was fulfilled in the spring, once and for all.

TABLE 53. 251 Years from Solomon's First Year to the Assyrian Captivity⁷³

<i>Yr. of Solomon</i>	<i>Era of Solomon BC</i>	JUDAH		ISRAEL		REFERENCE	
1	971						
217	755	49	Uzziah Jereboam	41	10	Menahem	2 Kings
218	754	50		1		Pekahiah	15:23
219 ¹	753	51	Era of Rome		2		
220 ²	752	52		1		Pekah	15:27
221 ³	751	1	Jotham	2			15:32-33
222 ⁴	750	2		3			
223 ⁵	749	3		4			
224 ⁶	748	4		5			
225 ⁷	747	5		6			
226 ⁸	746	6		7			
227 ⁹	745	7		8			
228 ¹⁰	744	8		9			
229 ¹¹	743	9		10			
230 ¹²	742	10	1	11			2 Kings
231 ¹³	741	11	2 Ahaz	12			15:32
232 ¹⁴	740	12	3	13	1	Zechariah 6 mo.	15:8, 17
233 ¹⁵	739	13	4	14	1	(Shallum 1 mo.)	15:13
234 ¹⁶	738	14	5	15		Pekah's sole rule	
235 ¹⁷	737	15	6	16			
236 ¹⁸	736	16	7 Sole reign	17			16:1-2
237 ¹⁹	735	-	8	18			
238 ²⁰	734	-	9	19			
239 ²¹	733	-	10	20			15:27
240 ²²	732	20	11 Tiglath-pileser III			Pekah's death (Fall of Damascus)	15:29-30
241 ²³	731		12			Hoshea	17:1
242 ²⁴	730		13		1		
243 ²⁵	729		14		2		
244 ²⁶	728		15		3		16:2,20
245 ²⁷	727		16 1 Hezekiah		4		
246 ²⁸	726		2		5		
247 ²⁹	725		3		6		18:9
248 ³⁰	724		4		7		
249 ³¹	723		5		8	Shalmaneser V	17:1,6
250 ³²	722		6		9	Hoshea's death	18:9,10
251 ³³	721	Assyrian Captivity (Sargon I)		251 st year from Solomon's 1 st yr. of reign			

This chart is evidence that the Hebrew kings did not always reign consecutively for 251 years. While Jotham and Ahaz reigned over Judah, Pekah and Zechariah were ruling over Israel.

THE MYSTERIOUS ERAS OF THE HEBREWS RESTORED
Alternative View of the Ages *by Floyd R. Cox*

It also becomes clear that some have become “Spiritual Levites” with full authority to handle the Ark, the scrolls and the manna housed within the Ark.

Without proper authority, the 251-year pattern becomes abused and mutilated beyond recognition.

This issue continues the 251-year pattern in the writings of Archbishop James Ussher of 1650 AD who improved the version of Eusebius of 324 AD, who improved the version of Josephus, a Levite of 70 AD.

Obviously, Ussher, Eusebius and Josephus never possessed the tools available today. They merely added the number of years each king ruled without any overlapping co-rulers. The Hebrew kings after Solomon actually overlapped each other about 43 years!

What is mutilated beyond recognition? The era of Jerusalem has become confused with the era of the temple! Both seem to be associated with a 251-year pattern of their own.

Once restored, these “alternative views” of the ages should be planted on the net where they might outlive us all. This is a work in progress somewhat like a newsletter:

Issue #1: The 251-Year Era of Creation

Issue #2: The 251-Year Era of Joseph

Issue #3: The 251-Year Era of the Exodus

Issue #4: The 251-Year Era of Jerusalem

Issue #5: 502 Years to the Restoration.

Issue #6: Obscure Time Units Restored.

This issue continues with Ezra’s writings of Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther (after returning from Babylon) and takes us down to the end of the Old Testament, in 502 BC, to the 502nd year of the era of Jerusalem, the 20th year of Darius/Artaxerxes. Within this period we find Jeremiah’s 70 years, Daniel’s 70 weeks and the restored context of Esther, Queen of all Persia.

Putting these concepts in a digitized format means I am virtually giving away priceless nuggets gleaned from years of research. Hopefully, some will have the ability to appreciate their value.

For a preview of Issue #5, select the View/Zoom as 100% and scroll down to see the summary chart on the last page. Also scan the charts on each page. FRCox

ERA OF JERUSALEM 1004 BC (Captivity in 721 to the Restoration in 502 BC)

A. 2nd Chronicles

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1. ^{1:}Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, ^{2:}Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. ^{3:}Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up

to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem. ^{4:}And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.

^{5:}Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem. ^{6:}And all they that were about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, beside all that was willingly offered.

^{7:}Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods; ^{8:}Even those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them unto Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah.

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

TABLE 54.

The 251-Year Pattern After David

				BC	Yrs. of Reign
Era of Jerusalem		251 Yrs.	33 Yrs.	1004	
Death of David				971	
Era of Solomon		251 Yrs.			
Era of Rome ⁷⁴				753	
Hezekiah' 6 th year			33 Yrs.	720	
Era of Israel's Captivity					
Hezekiah		251 Yrs.		720-697	23
Manasseh				697-642	55
Amon				642-640	2
Josiah				640-608	32
Jehoiahaz				608-608	3 mo.
Jehoiakim (Eliakim)				608-597	11
Zedekiah (Temple Burned)				597-587	11
Jerusalem's Wall Restored				502	85

2. ¹Now these are the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those which had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and came again unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city; ²Which came with Zerubbabel: Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah,⁷⁵ Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah.

The number of the men of the people of Israel: ³The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two. ⁴The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.

⁵The children of Arah, seven hundred seventy and five. ⁶The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve. ⁷The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. ⁸The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five. ⁹The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore. ¹⁰The children of Bani, six hundred forty and two. ¹¹The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and three. ¹²The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty and two. ¹³The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six. ¹⁴The children of Bigvai, two thousand fifty and six. ¹⁵The children of Adin, four hundred fifty and four.

TABLE 55. Jerusalem Captured in 133rd Year of Israel's Captivity

BC	<i>Kings of Israel</i>	<i>Kings of Judah</i>	<i>II Kings</i>
722	Hoshea's 9 th yr.	721 = Hezekiah's 6 th yr.	17:1, 6; 18:9-10
		720 = Hezekiah's 7 th year = <u>Era of Assyrian Captivity</u>	
	Sennacherib invades Jerusalem (not 3 rd campaign)	713 = Hezekiah's 14 th yr.	His life extended 18:13
		698 = Hezekiah's 29 th	15 yrs. Isa. 36:1; 38:5 18:2
		697 = Manasseh's 1 st yr.	
		642 = Manasseh's 55 th yr.	
		640 = Amon's 2 nd yr.	
		609 = Josiah's 31 st yr.	
		609 = Jehoahaz's 3 mo.	
		598 = Jehoiakim's 11 th yr.	
		598 = Jehoiachin's 3 mo.	
	Nebuchednezzar's 19 th yr.	= Zedekiah's 11 th yr.	18:1
587	Jerusalem burned	587	

TABLE 56.
The Stories of Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther Overlap
and End in 502 BC (251 x 2)

BC	<i>Events in Jerusalem</i>	<i>Estimated Ages of</i> <i>Ezra, Nehemiah and Mordecai</i>
598	Mordecai, Nehemiah, and Jehoiachin taken to Babylon	20 ⁷⁶
586	Temple burned	32
539	Decree to rebuild the temple	79
539	Mordecai, Zerubbabel, Ezra, & Joshua return to Jerusalem ⁷⁷	79
529	Work to restore temple stopped by Cambyses (Artaxerxes)	89
520	Work to restore temple resumed by Darius (Artaxerxes)	98
519	Contest for a new Queen of Persia	99
518	End of 70 years without temple ⁷⁸	100
516	Temple finished in Jerusalem	102
515	Esther marries king of Persia	103
515	Ezra leaves Persia again in the 7 th of Darius "Artaxerxes"	103
502	Walls of Jerusalem repaired in the 20th of Darius "Artaxerxes"	116

Some confusion stems from several kings of Persia, such as Cambyses and Darius, who were also called "Artaxerxes", or "Great Xerxes". This chart illustrates how the stories of Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther were within the lifetime of those captured by Nebuchednezzar in 598 BC.

This chart presents a reality check, the probability that Ezra, Nehemiah and Mordecai (Esther's first cousin) would be much too old to have lived in the following reigns of Xerxes and Artaxerxes Longimanus.

TABLE 57. *Dynasty of Nabopollaser Updated*

	(a) ⁷⁹		(b)	
Ashurbanipal	21	651-630	22	654-632
Ashur-etillu-ilani	4	630-626	3	632-629
Nabopollaser	21	626-605	21	629-608
Nebuchednezzar	43	605-562	43	608-565
Amel-Merodach	2	562-560	2	565-563
Neriglissar	4	560-556	4	563-559
Labashi-Marduk	9 mo.	555	9 mo.	559
Nabonidus	6	555-549	9	558-549
Nabonidus	<u>11</u>	549-539	<u>11</u>	549-539
	112		115	
	+9 mo.		+9 mo.	

Conventional chronology stemming from Berossus places Nebuchednezzar in 605 to 562 BC. However, according to two copies of a memorial of Nabonidus's mother, he may have reigned from 608 to 565. This would harmonize with Ussher's 70 years between 590 and 520 for the destruction of Jerusalem and would provide a basis for II Chronicles 36:20-22, where it is stated that Jerusalem would lie desolate for 70 years, from the time of Nebuchednezzar to the first year of Cyrus in 539.

TABLE 58. *Ptolemy's Kings of Persia*

<i>Yrs. of Reign</i>	<i>Kings of Persia</i>	<i>BC</i>	NOTES:
	Cyrus reigns with Darius	538	
	Cyrus sole-ruler	537	Ezra first returns
	Cambyses	529	
	Pseudo-Smerdis (Cambyses' brother)	7 mo.	
	Darius Hystaspes	521	
	7 th yr of Darius	515	Ezra's second returns
	20 th yr of Darius	502	Nehemiah first returns
	Xerxes	485	
	Artabanus	7 mo.	
	Artaxerxes Longimanus	464	Nehemiah first returns?
	Xerxes II	2 mo.	

¹⁶The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight. ¹⁷The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three. ¹⁸The children of Jorah, an hundred and twelve. ¹⁹The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three. ²⁰The children of Gibbar, ninety and five. ²¹The children of Bethlehem, an hundred twenty and three. ²²The men of Netophah, fifty and six. ²³The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight. ²⁴The children of Azmaveth, forty and two. ²⁵The children of Kirjath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty and three. ²⁶The children of Ramah and Geba, six hundred twenty and one.

²⁷The men of Michmas, an hundred twenty and two. ²⁸The men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred twenty and three. ²⁹The children of Nebo, fifty and two. ³⁰The children of Magbish, an hundred fifty and six. ³¹The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. ³²The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty. ³³The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and five. ³⁴The children of

Jericho, three hundred forty and five. ^{35:}The children of Senaah, three thousand and six hundred and thirty. ^{36:}The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.

^{37:}The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two. ^{38:}The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven. ^{39:}The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen. ^{40:}The Levites: the children of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the children of Hodaviah, seventy and four. ^{41:}The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred twenty and eight. ^{42:}The children of the porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, in all an hundred thirty and nine. ^{43:}The Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth, ^{44:}The children of Keros, the children of Siaha, the children of Padon, ^{45:}The children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub, ^{46:}The children of Hagab, the children of Shalmal, the children of Hanan, ^{47:}The children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of Reaiah, ^{48:}The children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam, ^{49:}The children of Uzza, the children of Paseah, the children of Besai, ^{50:}The children of Asnah, the children of Mehunim, the children of Nephusim, ^{51:}The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur, ^{52:}The children of Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha, ^{53:}The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Thamah, ^{54:}The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha. ^{55:}The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Peruda, ^{56:}The children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel, ^{57:}The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Ami. ^{58:}All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred ninety and two. ^{59:}And these were they which went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsa, Cherub, Addan, and Immer: but they could not shew their father's house, and their seed, whether they were of Israel: ^{60:}The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred fifty and two. ^{61:}And of the children of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai; which took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name: ^{61:}These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood. ^{63:}And the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and with Thummim.

^{64:}The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore, ^{65:}Beside their servants and their maids, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and there were among them two hundred singing men and singing women.

^{66:}Their horses were seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five; ^{67:}Their camels, four hundred thirty and five; their asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

^{68:}And some of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the house of the LORD which is at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in his place: ^{69:}They gave after their ability unto the treasure of the work threescore and one thousand drams of gold, and five thousand pound of silver, and one hundred priests' garments.

^{70:}So the priests, and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

The Era of Jerusalem, 502 Years

The Assyrian Captivity to the Restoration in Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther

A. Introduction. The Gap between 2nd Chronicles and Ezra.

A series of ten 251-year epochs of Moses begin with Adam and cover 2,510 years, all the way to the Exodus. Since there were 251 years from the exodus to David (in one of the three prevailing traditions), I became curious to see if the pattern would continue after David, during the time of the kings.

The figures of Josephus, Eusebius and Ussher indicate there were 502 years from the founding of the first temple to 720 BC, when Darius starts rebuilding the temple. But in these figures the kings were consecutive. When the kings have overlapping reigns, they end with the Assyrian Captivity of Israel!

What would be the next great epoch, and would it immediately follow the eleven 251-year epochs from Adam to David? What would be 12th and 13th epochs?

This becomes a mystery because, until recently, we have been unable to reconcile the years of the kings of Judah when comparing them with the years of the kings of Israel down to the captivity. Here again, it becomes next to impossible to map out our destination if we don't know where we are. The solution to this period is hidden in the 251-year pattern, but nobody has found it until now! Therefore, every scholar today invents his or her own solution.

3. ¹And when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem.

²Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God.

³And they set the altar upon his bases; for fear was upon them because of the people of those countries: and they offered burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD, even burnt offerings morning and evening.

⁴They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required; ⁵And afterward offered the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of the LORD that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto the LORD.

⁶From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD. But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid.

⁷They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

⁸Now in the **second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month,** began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the LORD.

⁹Then stood Jeshua with his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad,

with their sons and their brethren the Levites. ¹⁰:And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel. ¹¹:And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

¹²:But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy: ¹³:So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

Insert on Daniel 9

Digression to Daniel's 70 Weeks

Daniel 9. ¹:In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans; ²:In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem. ³:And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplication, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

⁴:And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; ⁵:We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments: ⁶:Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. ⁷:O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee. ⁸:O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee. ⁹:To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; ¹⁰:Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

¹¹:Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him. ¹²:And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.

¹³:As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth. ¹⁴:Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.

¹⁵:And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

¹⁶:O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us.

¹⁷:Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. ¹⁸:O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. ¹⁹:O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

²⁰:And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God; ²¹:Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

²²:And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. ²³:At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision. ²⁴:Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

²⁵:Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

²⁶:And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

²⁷:And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

10. ¹:In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, but the time appointed was long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

²:In those days I Daniel was mourning **three full weeks**. ³:I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

⁴:And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel; ⁵:Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: ⁶:His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

⁷:And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. ⁸:Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength. ⁹:Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I

heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

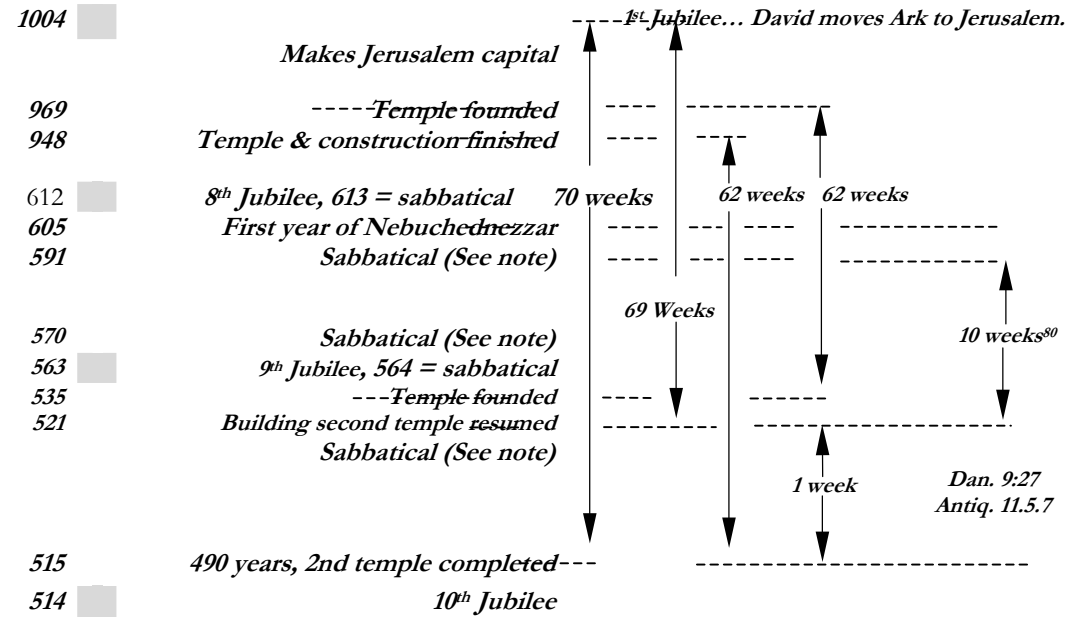
¹⁰:And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. ¹¹:And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.

¹²:Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. ¹³:But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me **one and twenty days**: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

NOTE: 70 weeks, in Daniel 9, are often rendered as 70 weeks, i.e., 70 sabbaticals of 7 years each. This would make a total of 490 years in 70 sabbaticals. However, the same words are used for “3 weeks” in Daniel 10, which are interpreted in verse 10:13 as being 21 days, not 21 years! Most importantly, Daniel 9 speaks of the end of 70 years of the Jews being removed from Jerusalem and when they would return to rebuild the foundation of another temple. It speaks of the destruction of Jerusalem and the commandment to rebuild Jerusalem (verse 25). The desolator was destroyed 49 years after the Sabbatical observed in 588 BC (Jeremiah 34).

NOTE: Ussher, in *The Annals of the World*, page 117, says, “Darius the Mede, son of Ahasuerus (or Cyaxares, the son of Hystages), took over the kingdom which Cyrus had conquered (in 539) and given to him... When Cyrus had set everything in order at Babylon, he returned through Media into Persia to his father Cambyses and Mandane, his mother...” “537 BC. After Cyrus’ father Cambyses died in Persia, Cyaxares in Media held all the empire of the east. It was from this year... reckoned the beginning of the seven years of Cyrus reign... the Bible reckoned this as the first year and stated that it was in this year that Cyrus, king of Persia, made that famous edict of his... This was the year which marked the end of the seventy years of the Babylonian captivity... He gave permission for all Jews living anywhere in his empire to return to their own country.”

**TABLE 59. SABBATICALS DEFINED BY USSHER (Reconstructed & Updated)
David's Dynasty in Jerusalem 490 Years Prior to the Second Temple (Dan. 9:25)**



NOTE: 591 & 521 BC are sabbaticals according to Ussher's reckoning. (All sabbaticals BC are divisible by 7 with a remainder of 3.)

NOTE: The following table illustrates the 70 weeks, in Daniel 9, between Cyrus' Decree to rebuild the temple (prior to Daniel 9) and when it was actually founded (after Daniel 9). These are 70 literal weeks, not 490 years! Darius captures Babylon during her celebration, while she is drinking from vessels she had taken from Jerusalem's temple (Rev. 17:4-5). This festival was at the same time as the Jewish feast of Tabernacles. The 70 weeks begin with winter solstice and end 16.5 months later, near Passover, with the founding of Jerusalem's second temple. This marks the beginning point of rebuilding.

**TABLE 3. The Last 70 Weeks to the End of 70 Years of Desolation:
From Cyrus' Decree to Rebuild Jerusalem to the Founding the Temple**

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
19	Sep 27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3	October 539 BC
moons	4	Atonement	6	7	8	9	Tabernacles ⁸⁷	7 th month (full moon)
▼	11	Darius captures Babylon	15	16 ⁸²	17			Oct 12/Tishrei 16
	18	19	20	21	22	23	8 th New Moon	
	25	26	Equinox	28	Cyrus enters Babylon ⁸³	30		Oct 29/Cheshvan 3
	Nov 1	2	3 ⁸⁴	4	5	6	7	
	8	Full Moon	10	11	12	13	14	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	22	9 th New Mo	24	25	26	27	28	9 th month (moon)
	29	30	Dec 1	2	3	4	5	
	6	7	8	Full	10	11	12	
70	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
weeks	20	21	22	10 th New	24	25	26	10 th month (moon)
▼	Solstice	28	29	30	31	Jan 1	2	Jan. 538 B C
1	Cyrus' Decree to Rebuild Jerusalem and Her Temple							
2	3	4	5	6	Full	8	9	
3	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
4	17	18	19	20	11 th New	22	23	11 th month (moon)
5	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
6	31	Feb 1	2	3	4	5	Full	
7	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
8	14	15	16	17	18	19	12 th New Mo	12 th month (moon)
9	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
10	28	Mar 1	2	3	4	5	6	
11	Full	8	9	10	11	12	13	
12	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
13	21	22	1 st Mo	24	25	26	Equinox	1 st month (moon) & Cyrus' Yr. 2
14	28	29	30	31	Apr 1	2	3	
15	4	Passover	6	7	8	9	10	
16	(Easter)		13	14	15	16	17	
17	18	19	2 nd New	21	22	23	24	2 nd month (moon)
18	25	26	27	28	29	30	May 1	
19	2		4	Full	6	7	8	
20	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
21	16	17	18	19	3 rd New	21	22	3 rd month (moon)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
23	30	31	Jun 1	2	Full	4	5	Pentecost
24	6	7	8	7	8	9	10	
25	13	14	15	16	17	4 th New	19	4 th month (moon)
26	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	Solstice	28	29	30	Jly 1	Full	3	
28	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
29	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
30	5 th New	19	20	21	22	23	24	5 th month (moon)
31	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
32	Full Aug 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
33	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
34	15	6 th New	17	18	19	20	21	6 th month (moon)
35	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
36	29	Full	31	Sep 1	2	3	4	
37	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
38	12	13	14	7 th New	16	17	18	7 th (moon) Alter built ⁸⁵
39	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Sacrifices Restored
40	26	Equinox	28	Full	30	Oct 1	2	First Feast of Tabernacles Week
41	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	

42	10	11	12	13	8 th New	15	16	8 th month (moon)
43	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
44	24	25	26	27	28	Full	30	
45	31	Nov 1	2	3	4	5	6	9 th month (moon)
46	7	8	9	10	11	9 th New	13	
47	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
48	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
49	Full	29	30	Dec 1	2	3	4	
50	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
51	10 th New Moon	13	14	15	16	17	18	10 th month (moon)
52	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
53	26	Solstice	28	29	30	31	Jan 1	Jan. 537 BC
54	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
55	9	11 th New	11	12	13	14	15	11 th month (moon)
56	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
57	23	24	25	Full	27	28	29	
58	30	31	Feb 1	2	3	4	5	
59	6	7	8	12 th New	10	11	12	12 th month (moon)
60	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
61	20	21	22	23	24	Full	26	
62	(62 weeks)	28	29	Mar 1	2	3	4	New Solar Year
63	5	6	7	8	9	13 th -1 st	11	13 th moon Jerusalem
64	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	1 st moon in Babylon
65	19	20	21	22	23	24	Full	
66	26	Equinox	28	29	30	31	Apr 1	Cyrus' yr. 3
67	2	3	4	5	6	7	1 st - 2 nd	1 st moon Jerusalem
68	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	2 nd moon in Babylon
69	9	10	11	12	13	Passover	15	
70	Easter	17	18	19 ⁸⁶	20	21	22	Passover Week
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	Daniel fasted in Babylon

24th day: Temple Founded, Apr. 16, 537

Until 24th day, 1st month

Problem: The day in which the temple was founded is not given but has been immortalized in the following dates:

24th day of the 1st month, 3rd year of Cyrus, Daniel ends 3 weeks (21 days) of fasting (Dan. 10:1-4).

24th? day of the 2nd month, 2nd year of their arrival at the temple site, they began to build (Ezra 3:8).

The work was forced to cease until the second year of Darius II (Ezra 4:24).

24th day of the 9th month, 2nd yr. of Darius II, even from the {same} day that the foundation of the

Lord's temple was laid (in the time of Cyrus, Haggai 2:15-18).

24th day of the 9th month, 2nd year of Darius II, Haggai was called (Hag. 2:10, 20).

24th day of the 11th month, 2nd year of Darius II, Zechariah was called (Zech. 1:7).

Note: There seems to be a connection between the end of Daniel's fast in Babylon, which ended on the 24th day of the "1st month" and the founding of the temple in the days of Cyrus, possibly also on the 24th day of the 2nd month in Jerusalem. Perhaps the 13th month was inserted differently in Babylon.

**TABLE 61a. Seventy Years Captivity to Cyrus
& Ussher's Sabbatical in 590 BC**

Years After:		Conventional Sabbaticals BC		Ussher's Sabbaticals BC	
Shem's Birth	98	2207-2109	98	2446-2348	
Flood	854	2109-1255	$854 + 3 = 587$	2348-1491	
Exodus	294	1255-961	$479 + 8 = 485$	1491-1004	
Temple Completed	371	6 jubilees 961-590	$961 + 43 = 1004$	485 yrs. 1004-590	
Sabbaticals in:	(Jeremiah 34)	588	$588 + 3 = 591$	591	
Nebuchednezzar	25	587-562	25	590-565	
Amel-Merodach	2	562-560	49	2	565-563
Neriglissar	4	560-556	4	4	563-559
Labashi-Marduk	9 mo.	555	9 mo.	9 mo.	558
Nabonidus	6	555-549	9	9	558-549
Nabonidus	<u>11</u>	549-539	<u>11</u>	549-539	
	66	9 mo.	(Dan. 9:2) 69	9 mo.	
Sabbaticals in:		539		542	
Sabbaticals in:		518		520	

Conventional chronology stemming from Berossus places Nebuchednezzar in 605 to 562 BC. However, according to two copies of a memorial of Nabonidus's mother, he may have reigned from 608 to 565. This would harmonize with Ussher's 70 years between 590 and 520 for the destruction of Jerusalem and would provide a basis for II Chronicles 36:20-22, where it is stated that Jerusalem would lie desolate for 70 years, from the time of Nebuchednezzar to the first year of Cyrus in 539.

TABLE 61b. Dynasty of Nabopollaser Updated

	(a)		(b)	
Ashurbanipal	21	651-630	22	654-632
Ashur-etillu-ilani	4	630-626	3	632-629
Nabopollaser	21	626-605	21	629-608
Nebuchednezzar	43	605-562	43	608-565
Amel-Merodach	2	562-560	2	565-563
Neriglissar	4	560-556	4	563-559
Labashi-Marduk	9 mo.	555	9 mo.	559
Nabonidus	6	555-549	9	558-549
Nabonidus	<u>11</u>	549-539	<u>11</u>	549-539
	112		115	
	+9 mo.		+9 mo.	

NOTE: A plate left as a memorial of Nabonidus' mother gives the same figures as Berossus has preserved for us. She says she was born in the first year of Ashurbanipal and died the sixth year of her son, Nabonidus. However, after listing her figures, she says they add up to 104 years, instead of 101 years, to her son's 6th year.

In 1956 another memorial was found, and each number was present. This time the sum of the figures to her son's 9th year equal 104 years. If this is correct, the figures of Berossus are off three years. This would place the captivity of Jerusalem after Nebuchednezzar's 18th year, after 590 instead of after 587. Perhaps it is not a coincidence that Ussher places the destruction in 590, 70 years before the Jews returned in 520. This would also place the first year of Cyrus 69 years and 9 months after Nebuchednezzar's first year as in II Chronicles 36:20. Perhaps this allows us to harmonize the Sabbaticals before the temple was burned (as in Jeremiah 34) and the Sabbaticals after the temple was burned.

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4. ¹Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the LORD God of Israel; ²Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye do; and we do sacrifice unto him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assur, which brought us up hither.

³But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel, said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the LORD God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us.

⁴Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building, ⁵And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

⁶And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they unto him an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem. ⁷And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their companions, unto Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter was written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue.

⁸Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king in this sort: ⁹Then wrote Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions; the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Susanchites, the Dehavites, and the Elamites, ¹⁰And the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Asnappar brought over, and set in the cities of Samaria, and the rest that are on this side the river, and at such a time. ¹¹This is the copy of the letter that they sent unto him, even unto Artaxerxes⁸⁷ the king; Thy servants the men on this side the river, and at such a time.

¹²Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up from thee to us are come unto Jerusalem, building the rebellious and the bad city, and have set up the walls thereof, and joined the foundations. ¹³Be it known now unto the king, that, if this city be builded, and the walls set up again, then will they not pay toll, tribute, and custom, and so thou shalt endamage the revenue of the kings. ¹⁴Now because we have maintenance from the king's palace, and it was not meet for us to see the king's dishonour, therefore have we sent and certified the king; ¹⁵That search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know that this city is a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time: for which cause was this city destroyed. ¹⁶We

certify the king that, if this city be builded again, and the walls thereof set up, by this means thou shalt have no portion on this side the river.

¹⁷Then sent the king an answer unto Rehum the chancellor, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their companions that dwell in Samaria, and unto the rest beyond the river,

Peace, and at such a time. ¹⁸The letter which ye sent unto us hath been plainly read before me. ¹⁹And I commanded, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath made insurrection against kings, and that rebellion and sedition have been made therein. ²⁰There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, which have ruled over all countries beyond the river; and toll, tribute, and custom, was paid unto them. ²¹Give ye now commandment to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until another commandment shall be given from me. ²²Take heed now that ye fail not to do this: why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?

²³Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power.

²⁴Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

5. ¹Then the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, even unto them.

²Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem: and with them were the prophets of God helping them.

³At the same time came to them Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shethar-boznai, and their companions, and said thus unto them, Who hath commanded you to build this house, and to make up this wall?

⁴Then said we unto them after this manner, What are the names of the men that make this building?

⁵But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, that they could not cause them to cease, till the matter came to Darius: and then they returned answer by letter concerning this matter.

⁶The copy of the letter that Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shethar-boznai, and his companions the Apharsachites, which were on this side the river, sent unto Darius the king: ⁷They sent a letter unto him, wherein was written thus;

Unto Darius the king, all peace. ⁸Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is builded with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands. ⁹Then asked we those elders, and said unto them thus, Who commanded you to build this house, and to make up these walls? ¹⁰We asked their names also, to certify thee, that we might write the names of the men that were the chief of them.

¹¹And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was builded these many years ago, which a great king of Israel builded and set up. ¹²But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon.

¹³But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon the same king Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God. ¹⁴And the vessels also of gold and silver of the house

of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that was in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto one, whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor; ¹⁵And said unto him, Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be builded in his place. ¹⁶Then came the same Sheshbazzar, and laid the foundation of the house of God which is in Jerusalem: and since that time even until now hath it been in building, and yet it is not finished.

¹⁷Now therefore, if it seem good to the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure house, which is there at Babylon, whether it be so, that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

6. ¹Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon. ²And there was found at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein was a record thus written:

³In the first year of Cyrus the king the same Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof threescore cubits; ⁴With three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber: and let the expences be given out of the king's house: ⁵And also let the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and brought again unto the temple which is at Jerusalem, every one to his place, and place them in the house of God.

⁶Now therefore, Tatnai, governor beyond the river, Shethar-boznai, and your companions the Apharsachites, which are beyond the river, be ye far from thence: ⁷Let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in his place.

⁸Moreover I made a decree what ye shall do to the elders of these Jews for the building of this house of God: that of the king's goods, even of the tribute beyond the river, forthwith expences be given unto these men, that they be not hindered. ⁹And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the appointment of the priests which are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail: ¹⁰That they may offer sacrifices of sweet savours unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons.

¹¹Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, let him be hanged thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this. ¹²And the God that hath caused his name to dwell there destroy all kings and people, that shall put to their hand to alter and to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with speed.

¹³Then Tatnai, governor on this side the river, Shethar-boznai, and their companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, so they did speedily.

¹⁴And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

¹⁵:And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

¹⁶:And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy, ¹⁷:And offered at the dedication of this house of God an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel. ¹⁸:And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses.

¹⁹:And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth day of the first month. ²⁰:For the priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them were pure, and killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves. ²¹:And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat, ²²:And kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the LORD had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

7. ¹:Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes⁸⁸ king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, ²The son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, ³The son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth, ⁴The son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, ⁵The son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest:

⁶:This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him.

⁷:And there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king. ⁸:And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king. ⁹:For upon the first day of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him. ¹⁰:For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

¹¹:Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, even a scribe of the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of his statutes to Israel.

¹²:Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace, and at such a time. ¹³:I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee. ¹⁴:Forasmuch as thou art sent of the king, and of his seven counsellors, to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which is in thine hand;

¹⁵:And to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem, ¹⁶:And all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem:

**TABLE 62. Context of the Story of Ezra
Ezra's Age During Each King of Persia**

Year of Reign	Kings of Persia	BC	Ezra's Age	
	Nebuchednezzar takes Mordecai to Babylon	598	20? ⁸⁹	Ezra 2:1
	Cyrus reigns with Darius	538	80	Ezra 2:2
	Cyrus sole-ruler	536	82	
	Cambyses (Artaxerxes) ⁹⁰	529	89	
	Psuedo-Smerdis (Cambyses' brother)	7 mo.	89	
1	Darius Hystaspes (Artaxerxes)⁹¹	521	97	
3	Contest for new Queen of Persia	519	99	Est. 1:3
6	The temple was completed	516	102	Ezra 6:15
7	Ezra left Babylon for Jerusalem	515	103	Ezra 7:8
12	Mordecai given royal apparel	510	108	Est. 3:7
	Xerxes	485	133	
	Artabanus	7 mo.	133	
	Artaxerxes Longimanus	464	154	
	Xerxes II	2 mo.	154	

^{17:}That thou mayest buy speedily with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meat offerings and their drink offerings, and offer them upon the altar of the house of your God which is in Jerusalem.

^{18:}And whatsoever shall seem good to thee, and to thy brethren, to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do after the will of your God. ^{19:}The vessels also that are given thee for the service of the house of thy God, those deliver thou before the God of Jerusalem. ^{20:}And whatsoever more shall be needful for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow it out of the king's treasure house.

^{21:}And I, even I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers which are beyond the river, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily, ^{22:}Unto an hundred talents of silver, and to an hundred measures of wheat, and to an hundred baths of wine, and to an hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much.

^{23:}Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven: for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons? ^{24:}Also we certify you, that touching any of the priests and Levites, singers, porters, Nethinims, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them.

^{25:}And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that is in thine hand, set magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that are beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God; and teach ye them that know them not. ^{26:}And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether it be unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

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

8. ¹These are now the chief of their fathers, and this is the genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king.

²Of the sons of Phinehas; Gershom: of the sons of Ithamar; Daniel: of the sons of David; Hattush. ³Of the sons of Shechaniah, of the sons of Pharosh; Zechariah: and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males an hundred and fifty. ⁴Of the sons of Pahath-moab; Elihoenai the son of Zeremiah, and with him two hundred males. ⁵Of the sons of Shechaniah; the son of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males. ⁶Of the sons also of Adin; Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males. ⁷And of the sons of Elam; Jeshaiiah the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy males. ⁸And of the sons of Shephatiah; Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him fourscore males. ⁹Of the sons of Joab; Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males. ¹⁰And of the sons of Shelomith; the son of Josiphiah, and with him an hundred and threescore males. ¹¹And of the sons of Bebai; Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty and eight males. ¹²And of the sons of Azgad; Johanan the son of Hakkatan, and with him an hundred and ten males. ¹³And of the last sons of Adonikam, whose names are these, Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and with them threescore males. ¹⁴Of the sons also of Bigvai; Uthai, and Zabbud, and with them seventy males.

¹⁵And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava; and there abode we in tents three days: and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the sons of Levi. ¹⁶Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men; also for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, men of understanding. ¹⁷And I sent them with commandment unto Iddo the chief at the place Casiphia, and I told them what they should say unto Iddo, and to his brethren the Nethinims, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring unto us ministers for the house of our God.

¹⁸And by the good hand of our God upon us they brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel; and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brethren, eighteen; ¹⁹And Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiiah of the sons of Merari, his brethren and their sons, twenty; ²⁰Also of the Nethinims, whom David and the princes had appointed for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethinims: all of them were expressed by name.

²¹Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance. ²²For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him. ²³So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was intreated of us.

²⁴Then I separated twelve of the chief of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them, ²⁵And weighed unto them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, even the offering of the house of our God, which the king, and his counsellors, and his lords, and all Israel there present, had offered: ²⁶I even weighed unto their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels an hundred talents, and of gold an hundred talents; ²⁷Also twenty basons of gold, of a thousand drams; and two vessels of fine copper, precious as gold.

^{28:}And I said unto them, Ye are holy unto the LORD; the vessels are holy also; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering unto the LORD God of your fathers.

^{29:}Watch ye, and keep them, until ye weigh them before the chief of the priests and the Levites, and chief of the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the LORD.

^{30:}So took the priests and the Levites the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem unto the house of our God. ^{31:}Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way.

^{32:}And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days. ^{33:}Now on the fourth day was the silver and the gold and the vessels weighed in the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest; and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them was Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, Levites; ^{34:}By number and by weight of every one: and all the weight was written at that time.

^{35:}Also the children of those that had been carried away, which were come out of the captivity, offered burnt offerings unto the God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs, twelve he goats for a sin offering: all this was a burnt offering unto the LORD. ^{36:}And they delivered the king's commissions unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors on this side the river: and they furthered the people, and the house of God.

9. ^{1:}Now when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. ^{2:}For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass.

^{3:}And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished.

^{4:}Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and I sat astonished until the evening sacrifice. ^{5:}And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my heaviness; and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the LORD my God.

^{6:}And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens.

^{7:}Since the days of our fathers have we been in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as it is this day. ^{8:}And now for a little space grace hath been shewed from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage. ^{9:}For we were bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. ^{10:}And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments, ^{11:}Which thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto

which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land with the filthiness of the people of the lands, with their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their uncleanness. ¹²Now therefore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever: that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever. ¹³And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such deliverance as this; ¹⁴Should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? wouldst not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping? ¹⁵O LORD God of Israel, thou art righteous: for we remain yet escaped, as it is this day: behold, we are before thee in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before thee because of this.

10. ¹Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore. ²And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing.

³Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law. ⁴Arise; for this matter belongeth unto thee: we also will be with thee: be of good courage, and do it.

⁵Then arose Ezra, and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they should do according to this word. And they sware.

⁶Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib: and when he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water: for he mourned because of the transgression of them that had been carried away. ⁷And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jerusalem; ⁸And that whosoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be forfeited, and himself separated from the congregation of those that had been carried away.

⁹Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within three days. It was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month; and all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of this matter, and for the great rain.

¹⁰And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel. ¹¹Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives.

¹²Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do. ¹³But the people are many, and it is a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand without, neither is this a work of one day or two: for we are many that have transgressed in this thing. ¹⁴Let now our rulers of all the congregation stand, and let all them which have taken strange wives in our cities come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, until the fierce wrath of our God for this matter be turned from us.

¹⁵:Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah were employed about this matter: and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them. ¹⁶:And the children of the captivity did so.

And Ezra the priest, with certain chief of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by their names, were separated, and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter. ¹⁷:And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month.

¹⁸:And among the sons of the priests there were found that had taken strange wives: namely, of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren; Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah. ¹⁹:And they gave their hands that they would put away their wives; and being guilty, they offered a ram of the flock for their trespass. ²⁰:And of the sons of Immer; Hanani, and Zebadiah. ²¹:And of the sons of Harim; Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziiah. ²²:And of the sons of Pashur; Elieoenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasa. ²³:Also of the Levites; Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah, (the same is Kelita,) Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer. ²⁴:Of the singers also; Eliashib: and of the porters; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri. ²⁵:Moreover of Israel: of the sons of Parosh; Ramiah, and Jeziah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah. ²⁶:And of the sons of Elam; Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah. ²⁷:And of the sons of Zattu; Elieoenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza. ²⁸:Of the sons also of Bebai; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai. ²⁹:And of the sons of Bani; Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, and Ramoth. ³⁰:And of the sons of Pahath-moab; Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh. ³¹:And of the sons of Harim; Eliezer, Ishijah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon, ³²:Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah. ³³:Of the sons of Hashum; Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei. ³⁴:Of the sons of Bani; Maadai, Amram, and Uel, ³⁵:Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh, ³⁶:Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib, ³⁷:Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau, ³⁸:And Bani, and Binnui, Shimei, ³⁹:And Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah, ⁴⁰:Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai, ⁴¹:Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah, ⁴²:Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph. ⁴³:Of the sons of Nebo; Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah. ⁴⁴:All these had taken strange wives: and some of them had wives by whom they had children.

C. The Book of Nehemiah. Restoration of Jerusalem's Wall, 502 BC (251 x 2).

1. ¹: The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace, ²:That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.

³:And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.

⁴:And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven, ⁵:And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments: ⁶:Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned. ⁷:We have dealt very corruptly against

thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.

⁸Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations: ⁹But if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.

¹⁰Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand. ¹¹O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

2. ¹And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence.

²Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart.

Then I was very sore afraid, ³And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?

⁴Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

⁵And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it. ⁶And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.

⁷Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah; ⁸And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

⁹Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me. ¹⁰When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

¹¹So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days. ¹²And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither was there any beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon. ¹³And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.

¹⁴Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool: but there was no place for the beast that was under me to pass. ¹⁵Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and so returned. ¹⁶And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work.

¹⁷Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach. ¹⁸Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

¹⁹But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king?

²⁰Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

3. ¹Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they builded the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even unto the tower of Meah they sanctified it, unto the tower of Hananeel. ²And next unto him builded the men of Jericho. And next to them builded Zaccur the son of Imri. ³But the fish gate did the sons of Hassenaah build, who also laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof. ⁴And next unto them repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz. And next unto them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel. And next unto them repaired Zadok the son of Baana. ⁵And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord.

⁶Moreover the old gate repaired Jehoiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah; they laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, and the locks thereof, and the bars thereof. ⁷And next unto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, unto the throne of the governor on this side the river. ⁸Next unto him repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths. Next unto him also repaired Hananiah the son of one of the apothecaries, and they fortified Jerusalem unto the broad wall. ⁹And next unto them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem. ¹⁰And next unto them repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, even over against his house. And next unto him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabniah. ¹¹Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahath-moab, repaired the other piece, and the tower of the furnaces. ¹²And next unto him repaired Shallum the son of Haloresh, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters. ¹³The valley gate repaired Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoah; they built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and a thousand cubits on the wall unto the dung gate. ¹⁴But the dung gate repaired Malchiah the son of Rechab, the ruler of part of Beth-haccerem; he built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

¹⁵But the gate of the fountain repaired Shallun the son of Col-hozeh, the ruler of part of Mizpah; he built it, and covered it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of the pool of Siloah by the king's garden, and unto the stairs that go down from the city of David. ¹⁶After him repaired Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of the half part of Beth-zur, unto the place over against the sepulchres of David, and to the pool that was made, and unto the house of the mighty. ¹⁷After him repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani. Next unto him repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of the half part of Keilah, in his part. ¹⁸After him repaired their brethren, Bavai the son of Henadad, the ruler of the half part of Keilah. ¹⁹And next to him repaired Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, another piece over against the going up to the armoury at the turning of the wall. ²⁰After him Baruch the son of Zabbai

earnestly repaired the other piece, from the turning of the wall unto the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest.

²¹:After him repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah the son of Koz another piece, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib. ²²:And after him repaired the priests, the men of the plain. ²³:After him repaired Benjamin and Hashub over against their house. After him repaired Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah by his house. ²⁴:After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad another piece, from the house of Azariah unto the turning of the wall, even unto the corner.

²⁵:Palal the son of Uzai, over against the turning of the wall, and the tower which lieth out from the king's high house, that was by the court of the prison. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh. ²⁶:Moreover the Nethinims dwelt in Ophel, unto the place over against the water gate toward the east, and the tower that lieth out. ²⁷:After them the Tekoites repaired another piece, over against the great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of Ophel.

²⁸:From above the horse gate repaired the priests, every one over against his house. ²⁹:After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his house. After him repaired also Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the east gate. ³⁰:After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, another piece. After him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah over against his chamber. ³¹:After him repaired Malchiah the goldsmith's son unto the place of the Nethinims, and of the merchants, over against the gate Miphkad, and to the going up of the corner.

³²:And between the going up of the corner unto the sheep gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

4. ¹:But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews. ²:And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?

³:Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.

⁴:Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity: ⁵:And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders.

⁶:So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

⁷:But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth, ⁸:And conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it.

⁹:Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them. ¹⁰:And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall. ¹¹:And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come in the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease. ¹²:And it came to pass, that when the Jews which dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times, From all places whence ye shall return unto us they will be upon you.

¹³:Therefore set I in the lower places behind the wall, and on the higher places, I even set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

**TABLE 63. Context of the Story of Nehemiah
Nehemiah's Age During Each King of Persia**

Year of Reign	Kings of Persia	BC	Nehemiah's Age	
	Nebuchednezzar takes Mordecai to Babylon	598	20 ² ⁹²	Ezra 2:1
	Cyrus reigns with Darius	538	80	Ezra 2:2
	Cyrus sole-ruler	536	82	
	Cambyses (Artaxerxes) ⁹³	529	89	
	Pseudo-Smerdis (Cambyses' brother)	7 mo.	89	
1	Darius Hystaspes (Artaxerxes)⁹⁴	521	97	
3	Contest for new Queen in Persia	519	99	Est. 1:3
6	The temple was completed	516	102	Ezra 6:15
7	Ezra left Babylon for Jerusalem	515	103	Ezra 7:8
12	Mordecai given royal apparel in Persia	510	108	Est. 3:7
20	Nehemiah left Persia for Jerusalem ⁹⁵	502	116	Neh. 5:14
	Xerxes	485	133	
	Artabanus	7 mo.	133	
	Artaxerxes Longimanus	464	154	
	Xerxes II	2 mo.	154	

¹⁴:And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

¹⁵:And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work. ¹⁶:And it came to pass from that time forth, that the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah.

¹⁷:They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon. ¹⁸:For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me.

¹⁹:And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another.

²⁰:In what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us. ²¹:So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared.

²²:Likewise at the same time said I unto the people, Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and labour on the day. ²³:So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which

followed me, none of us put off our clothes, saying that every one put them off for washing.

TABLE 64. 251-Year System Compared with Rabbinic System

<i>Epoch</i>	<i>251-Year System</i>	<i>Rabbinic System</i>
	<i>BC</i>	<i>BC</i>
Exodus	1255	1313
Entry into Canaan	1215	1272
David brings Ark into Jerusalem ⁹⁷	1004	868
First temple founded	968	832
Founding of Rome	753	
Exile of ten tribes	721	573
Josiah finds temple scroll	623	458
First temple burned	587	422
Second temple built ⁹⁹	517	352
Walls of Jerusalem Repaired	502	

5. ¹:And there was a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brethren the Jews. ²For there were that said, We, our sons, and our daughters, are many: therefore we take up corn for them, that we may eat, and live.

³Some also there were that said, We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might buy corn, because of the dearth. ⁴There were also that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute, and that upon our lands and vineyards. ⁵Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children: and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters are brought unto bondage already: neither is it in our power to redeem them; for other men have our lands and vineyards.

⁶And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words. ⁷Then I consulted with myself, and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brother. And I set a great assembly against them. ⁸And I said unto them, We after our ability have redeemed our brethren the Jews, which were sold unto the heathen; and will ye even sell your brethren? or shall they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found nothing to answer.

⁹Also I said, It is not good that ye do: ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the heathen our enemies? ¹⁰I likewise, and my brethren, and my servants, might exact of them money and corn: I pray you, let us leave off this usury. ¹¹Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the the hundredth part of the money, and of the corn, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them.

¹²Then said they, We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do as thou sayest. Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they should do according to this promise. ¹³Also I shook my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labour, that performeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and emptied.

¹⁵But the former governors that had been before me were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, beside forty shekels of silver; yea, even their servants bare rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the fear of God.

¹⁶Yea, also I continued in the work of this wall, neither bought we any land: and all my servants were gathered thither unto the work.

And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the LORD. And the people did according to this promise. ¹⁴Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year¹⁰⁰ of Artaxerxes the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor. ¹⁷Moreover there were at my table an hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, beside those that came unto us from among the heathen that are about us.

¹⁸Now that which was prepared for me daily was one ox and six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this required not I the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people.

¹⁹Think upon me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people.

6. ¹Now it came to pass, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;) ²That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief. ³And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?

⁴Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner. ⁵Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand;

⁶Wherein was written, It is reported among the heathen, and Gashmu saith it, that thou and the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these words.

⁷And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, There is a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together.

⁸Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart. ⁹For they all made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands.

¹⁰Afterward I came unto the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who was shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee.

¹¹And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who is there, that, being as I am, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in. ¹²And, lo, I perceived that God had not sent him; but that he pronounced this prophecy against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

¹³Therefore was he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and that they might have matter for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

¹⁴My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

¹⁵So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days.

¹⁶And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.

¹⁷:Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters unto Tobiah, and the letters of Tobiah came unto them. ¹⁸:For there were many in Judah sworn unto him, because he was the son in law of Shechaniah the son of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah. ¹⁹:Also they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

7. ¹:Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed, ²:That I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem: for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many.

³:And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the doors, and bar them: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and every one to be over against his house.

⁴:Now the city was large and great: but the people were few therein, and the houses were not builded. ⁵:And my God put into mine heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And I found a register of the genealogy of them which came up at the first, and found written therein,

⁶:These are the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity, of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his city; ⁷:Who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah.

The number, I say, of the men of the people of Israel was this; ⁸:The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two. ⁹:The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two. ¹⁰:The children of Arah, six hundred fifty and two. ¹¹:The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred and eighteen. ¹²:The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. ¹³:The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five. ¹⁴:The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore. ¹⁵:The children of Binnui, six hundred forty and eight. ¹⁶:The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and eight. ¹⁷:The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty and two. ¹⁸:The children of Adonikam, six hundred threescore and seven. ¹⁹:The children of Bigvai, two thousand threescore and seven. ²⁰:The children of Adin, six hundred fifty and five. ²¹:The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight. ²²:The children of Hashum, three hundred twenty and eight. ²³:The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and four. ²⁴:The children of Hariph, an hundred and twelve. ²⁵:The children of Gibeon, ninety and five. ²⁶:The men of Bethlehem and Netophah, an hundred fourscore and eight. ²⁷:The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight. ²⁸:The men of Beth-azmaveth, forty and two. ²⁹:The men of Kirjath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty and three. ³⁰:The men of Ramah and Geba, six hundred twenty and one. ³¹:The men of Michmas, an hundred and twenty and two. ³²:The men of Bethel and Ai, an hundred twenty and three. ³³:The men of the other Nebo, fifty and two. ³⁴:The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. ³⁵:The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty. ³⁶:The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five. ³⁷:The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and one. ³⁸:The children of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty. ³⁹:The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three. ⁴⁰:The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two. ⁴¹:The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven. ⁴²:The children of Harim, a thousand and

seventeen. ^{43:}The Levites: the children of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, and of the children of Hodevah, seventy and four. ^{44:}The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred forty and eight. ^{45:}The porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, an hundred thirty and eight. ^{46:}The Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Hashupha, the children of Tabbaoth, ^{47:}The children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children of Padon, ^{48:}The children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, the children of Shalmal, ^{49:}The children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, ^{50:}The children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, ^{51:}The children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Phaseah, ^{52:}The children of Besai, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephishesim, ^{53:}The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur, ^{54:}The children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha, ^{55:}The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Tamah, ^{56:}The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha. ^{57:}The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida, ^{58:}The children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel, ^{59:}The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Amon. ^{60:}All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred ninety and two. ^{61:} And these were they which went up also from Telmelah, Telhahasha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer: but they could not shew their father's house, nor their seed, whether they were of Israel. ^{62:}The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred forty and two. ^{63:}And of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai, which took one of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name. ^{64:}These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood. ^{65:}And the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim. ^{66:}The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore, ^{67:}Beside their manservants and their maidservants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred forty and five singing men and singing women.

^{68:}Their horses, seven hundred thirty and six: their mules, two hundred forty and five: ^{69:}Their camels, four hundred thirty and five: six thousand seven hundred and twenty asses.

^{70:}And some of the chief of the fathers gave unto the work. The Tirshatha gave to the treasure a thousand drams of gold, fifty basons, five hundred and thirty priests' garments. ^{71:}And some of the chief of the fathers gave to the treasure of the work twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand and two hundred pound of silver. ^{72:}And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand pound of silver, and threescore and seven priests' garments.

^{73:}So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Nethinims, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities; and when the seventh month came, the children of Israel were in their cities.

8. ^{1:}And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel.

^{2:}And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. ^{3:}And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the

morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law. ⁴And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiyah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up: ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁷Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people stood in their place. ⁸So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the LORD your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law.

¹⁰Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength. ¹¹So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved.

¹²And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

¹³And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law. ¹⁴And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month: ¹⁵And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written.

¹⁶So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim. ¹⁷And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness.

¹⁸Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.

9. ¹Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them. ²And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers. ³And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God.

⁴Then stood up upon the stairs, of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto the LORD their God. ⁵Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, Stand up and bless the LORD your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

⁶Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee. ⁷Thou art the LORD the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham; ⁸And foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give it, I say, to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou art righteous: ⁹And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red sea; ¹⁰And shewedst signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land: for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them. So didst thou get thee a name, as it is this day. ¹¹And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters. ¹²Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go. ¹³Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments: ¹⁴And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant: ¹⁵And gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them.

¹⁶But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments, ¹⁷And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not. ¹⁸Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations; ¹⁹Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go. ²⁰Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and witheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.

²¹Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not.

²²Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and nations, and didst divide them into corners: so they possessed the land of Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan. ²³Their children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it. ²⁴So the children went in and possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gavest them into their hands, with their kings, and the people of the land, that they might do with them as they would. ²⁵And they took strong cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all goods, wells digged, vineyards, and oliveyards,

and fruit trees in abundance: so they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness.

^{26:}Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets which testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations.

^{27:}Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies. ^{28:}But after they had rest, they did evil again before thee: therefore leftest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and many times didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies; ^{29:}And testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, (which if a man do, he shall live in them;) and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear.

^{30:}Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.

^{31:}Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou art a gracious and merciful God. ^{32:}Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not all the trouble seem little before thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day. ^{33:}Howbeit thou art just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly:

^{34:}Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testify against them. ^{35:}For they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works.

^{36:}Behold, we are servants this day, and for the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we are servants in it: ^{37:}And it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: also they have dominion over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress. ^{38:}And because of all this we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, Levites, and priests, seal unto it.

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

^{28:}And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, and all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding; ^{29:}They clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes; ^{30:}And that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons:

^{31:}And if the people of the land bring ware or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy it of them on the sabbath, or on the holy day: and that we would leave the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.

^{32:}Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God; ^{33:}For the shewbread, and for the continual meat offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God.

^{34:}And we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of the LORD our God, as it is written in the law: ^{35:}And to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the LORD:

^{36:}Also the firstborn of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God: ^{37:}And that we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage.

^{38:}And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house. ^{39:}For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God.

11. ^{1:}And the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts to dwell in other cities. ^{2:}And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

^{3:}Now these are the chief of the province that dwelt in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his possession in their cities, to wit, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants. ^{4:}And at Jerusalem dwelt certain of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin. Of the children of Judah; Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalaleel, of the children of Perez; ^{5:}And Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Col-hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni. ^{6:}All the sons of Perez that dwelt at Jerusalem were four hundred threescore and eight valiant men. ^{7:}And these are the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jesaiah. ^{8:}And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred twenty and eight. ^{9:}And Joel the son of Zichri was their

overseer: and Judah the son of Senuah was second over the city. ¹⁰:Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin.

¹¹:Seraiah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, was the ruler of the house of God.

¹²:And their brethren that did the work of the house were eight hundred twenty and two: and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchiah, ¹³:And his brethren, chief of the fathers, two hundred forty and two: and Amashai the son of Azareel, the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer, ¹⁴:And their brethren, mighty men of valour, an hundred twenty and eight: and their overseer was Zabdiel, the son of one of the great men. ¹⁵:Also of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni; ¹⁶:And Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chief of the Levites, had the oversight of the outward business of the house of God. ¹⁷:And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, was the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer: and Bakkukiah the second among his brethren, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun. ¹⁸:All the Levites in the holy city were two hundred fourscore and four.

¹⁹:Moreover the porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren that kept the gates, were an hundred seventy and two. ²⁰:And the residue of Israel, of the priests, and the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance.

²¹:But the Nethinims dwelt in Ophel: and Ziha and Gispah were over the Nethinims. ²²:The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha. Of the sons of Asaph, the singers were over the business of the house of God. ²³:For it was the king's commandment concerning them, that a certain portion should be for the singers, due for every day.

²⁴:And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabeel, of the children of Zerach the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people. ²⁵:And for the villages, with their fields, some of the children of Judah dwelt at Kirjath-arba, and in the villages thereof, and at Dibon, and in the villages thereof, and at Jekabzeel, and in the villages thereof, ²⁶:And at Jeshua, and at Moladah, and at Beth-pheret, ²⁷:And at Hazar-shual, and at Beer-sheba, and in the villages thereof, ²⁸:And at Ziklag, and at Mekonah, and in the villages thereof, ²⁹:And at En-rimmon, and at Zareah, and at Jarmuth, ³⁰:Zanoah, Adullam, and in their villages, at Lachish, and the fields thereof, at Azekah, and in the villages thereof. And they dwelt from Beer-sheba unto the valley of Hinnom. ³¹:The children also of Benjamin from Geba dwelt at Michmash, and Aija, and Bethel, and in their villages, ³²:And at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah, ³³:Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim, ³⁴:Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat, ³⁵:Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftsmen. ³⁶:And of the Levites were divisions in Judah, and in Benjamin.

12. ¹:Now these are the priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra, ²:Amariah, Malluch, Hattush, ³:Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth, ⁴:Iddo, Ginnetho, Abijah, ⁵:Miamin, Maadiah, Bilgah, ⁶:Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jediah, ⁷:Sallu, Amok, Hilkiyah, Jedaiah. These were the chief of the priests and of their brethren in the days of Jeshua. ⁸:Moreover the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, which was over the thanksgiving, he and his brethren. ⁹:Also Bakkukiah and Unni, their brethren, were over against them in the watches. ¹⁰:And Jeshua begat Joiakim, Joiakim also begat Eliashib, and Eliashib begat Joiada, ¹¹:And Joiada begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jaddua. ¹²:And in the days of Joiakim were priests, the chief of the fathers: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah; ¹³:Of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan; ¹⁴:Of Melicu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah,

Joseph; ¹⁵:Of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai; ¹⁶:Of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam; ¹⁷:Of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai; ¹⁸:Of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan; ¹⁹:And of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi; ²⁰:Of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber; ²¹:Of Hilkiyah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethaneel.

²²:The Levites in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, were recorded chief of the fathers: also the priests, to the reign of Darius the Persian. ²³:The sons of Levi, the chief of the fathers, were written in the book of the chronicles, even until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib.

²⁴:And the chief of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over against them, to praise and to give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, ward over against ward. ²⁵:Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, were porters keeping the ward at the thresholds of the gates.

²⁶:These were in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.

²⁷:And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries, and with harps.

²⁸:And the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain country round about Jerusalem, and from the villages of Netophathi; ²⁹:Also from the house of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for the singers had builded them villages round about Jerusalem. ³⁰:And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, and purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.

³¹:Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great companies of them that gave thanks, whereof one went on the right hand upon the wall toward the dung gate: ³²:And after them went Hoshaiah, and half of the princes of Judah, ³³:And Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam, ³⁴:Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah, ³⁵:And certain of the priests' sons with trumpets; namely, Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph: ³⁶:And his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azarael, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God, and Ezra the scribe before them.

³⁷:And at the fountain gate, which was over against them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the house of David, even unto the water gate eastward.

³⁸:And the other company of them that gave thanks went over against them, and I after them, and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond the tower of the furnaces even unto the broad wall; ³⁹:And from above the gate of Ephraim, and above the old gate, and above the fish gate, and the tower of Hananeel, and the tower of Meah, even unto the sheep gate: and they stood still in the prison gate.

⁴⁰:So stood the two companies of them that gave thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me: ⁴¹:And the priests; Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets; ⁴²:And Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer.

⁴³:Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

⁴⁴:And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites that waited.

⁴⁵:And both the singers and the porters kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, according to the commandment of David, and of Solomon his son.

⁴⁶:For in the days of David and Asaph of old there were chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God.

⁴⁷:And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, every day his portion: and they sanctified holy things unto the Levites; and the Levites sanctified them unto the children of Aaron.

13. ¹:On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God for ever; ²:Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.

³:Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.

⁴:And before this, Eliashib the priest, having the oversight of the chamber of the house of our God, was allied unto Tobiah: ⁵:And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded to be given to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and the offerings of the priests.

⁶:But in all this time was not I at Jerusalem: for in the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon came I unto the king, and after certain days obtained I leave of the king:

⁷:And I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God. ⁸:And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of Tobiah out of the chamber.

⁹:Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers: and thither brought I again the vessels of the house of God, with the meat offering and the frankincense. ¹⁰:And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field.

NOTE:

Religious leaders explain that, the time of the end, the end of the ages, “will not come until ‘that man of sin’ first stands in the holy place and sets in the temple” (2nd Thessalonians 2:3-8). This did happen in the time of Nehemiah, at his “time of the end”, the end of the Old Testament. His ‘man of sin’ was cast out by the brightness of Nehemiah’s unexpected return from Persia. Perhaps Paul thought this was dual for his own day, while the temple was still standing.

Religious leaders conclude from this that, since there's no temple now, it must be rebuilt! Never mind that the temple was still standing when Paul made this statement. Never mind that Christ said the men of Jerusalem were responsible for killing all the prophets since righteous Abel. Meanwhile, fanatics claim to bring peace while creating strife over tearing down the Mosque, which is now on the temple mount... all this strife over one dubious Scripture!

^{11:}Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place.

^{12:}Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries. ^{13:}And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah: and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah: for they were counted faithful, and their office was to distribute unto their brethren.

^{14:}Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof. ^{15:}In those days saw I in Judah some treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals. ^{16:}There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. ^{17:}Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? ^{18:}Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath. ^{19:}And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day.

^{20:}So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice. ^{21:}Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? if ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on the sabbath. ^{22:}And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.

^{23:}In those days also saw I Jews that had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab: ^{24:}And their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people. ^{25:}And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves. ^{26:}Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin. ^{27:}Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God in marrying strange wives?

^{28:}And one of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was son in law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chased him from me.

^{29:}Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites. ^{30:}Thus cleansed I them from all strangers, and appointed the wards of the priests and the Levites, every one in his

business; ³¹:And for the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the firstfruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.

D. The Book of Esther.

¹:Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, (this is Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, over an hundred and seven and twenty provinces;) ²:That in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the palace,

³:In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him: ⁴:When he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty many days, even an hundred and fourscore days.

⁵:And when these days were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace; ⁶:Where were white, green, and blue, hangings, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the beds were of gold and silver, upon a pavement of red, and blue, and white, and black, marble.

⁷:And they gave them drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and royal wine in abundance, according to the state of the king. ⁸:And the drinking was according to the law; none did compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure.

⁹:Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which belonged to king Ahasuerus.

¹⁰:On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king, ¹¹:To bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she was fair to look on. ¹²:But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by his chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him. ¹³:Then the king said to the wise men, which knew the times, (for so was the king's manner toward all that knew law and judgment: ¹⁴:And the next unto him was Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, which saw the king's face, and which sat the first in the kingdom;)

¹⁵:What shall we do unto the queen Vashti according to law, because she hath not performed the commandment of the king Ahasuerus by the chamberlains?

¹⁶:And Memucan answered before the king and the princes, Vashti the queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the people that are in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus. ¹⁷:For this deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not. ¹⁸:Likewise shall the ladies of Persia and Media say this day unto all the king's princes, which have heard of the deed of the queen. Thus shall there arise too much contempt and wrath.

**TABLE 66. Context of the Story of Mordecai and Esther
Mordecai's Age During Each King of Persia**

Year of	Kings of Persia	BC	Mordecai's
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Reign		Age	
	Nebuchednezzar takes Mordecai to Babylon	598	20? ¹⁰¹
	Cyrus reigns with Darius	538	80
	Cyrus sole-ruler	536	82
	Cambyses	529	89
	Psuedo-Smerdis (Cambyses' brother)	7 mo.	89
1	Darius Hystaspes	521	97
3	Contest for new Queen	519	99 Est. 1:3
6	Esther prepares for marriage	516	102 Est. 2:12
7	Esther marries king of Persia ¹⁰²	515	103 Est. 2:16
12	Mordecai given royal apparel	510	108 Est. 3:7
20	Jerusalem's wall repaired	502	116
	Xerxes	485	133
	Artabanus	7 mo.	133
	Artaxerxes Longimanus	464	154
	Xerxes II	2 mo.	154

¹⁹If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she. ²⁰And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great,) all the wives shall give to their husbands honour, both to great and small.

²¹And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Memucan: ²²For he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and that it should be published according to the language of every people.

2. ¹After these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was appeased, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her.

²Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king: ³And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women unto the custody of Hege the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given them: ⁴And let the maiden which pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so.

⁵Now in Shushan the palace there was a certain Jew, whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite; ⁶Who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away. ⁷And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter.

⁸So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also unto the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women. ⁹And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with such things as belonged to her, and seven maidens, which were meet to be given her, out of the king's house: and he preferred her and her maids unto the best place of the house of the women.

¹⁰Esther had not shewed her people nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her that she should not shew it.

¹¹And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women's house, to know how Esther did, and what should become of her.

¹²Now when every maid's turn was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been twelve months, according to the manner of the women, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, to wit, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours, and with other things for the purifying of the women;) ¹³Then thus came every maiden unto the king; whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house.

¹⁴In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's chamberlain, which kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she were called by name.

¹⁵Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

¹⁶So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. ¹⁷And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.

¹⁸Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, even Esther's feast; and he made a release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king.

¹⁹And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai sat in the king's gate. ²⁰Esther had not yet shewed her kindred nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him. ²¹In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus. ²²And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told it unto Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king thereof in Mordecai's name. ²³And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.

3. ¹After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were with him. ²And all the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, bowed, and revered Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence. ³Then the king's servants, which were in the king's gate, said unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king's commandment?

⁴Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters would stand: for he had told them that he was a Jew. ⁵And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath. ⁶And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai.

⁷In the first month, that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that is, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, to the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar.

⁸And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it is not for the king's profit to suffer them. ⁹If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed: and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring it into the king's treasuries.

¹⁰And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' enemy. ¹¹And the king said unto Haman, The silver is given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee.

¹²Then were the king's scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors that were over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring.

¹³And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey. ¹⁴The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, that they should be ready against that day. ¹⁵The posts went out, being hastened by the king's commandment, and the decree was given in Shushan the palace.

And the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city Shushan was perplexed.

4. ¹When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry; ²And came even before the king's gate: for none might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. ³And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

⁴So Esther's maids and her chamberlains came and told it her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received it not. ⁵Then called Esther for Hatach, one of the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to know what it was, and why it was.

⁶So Hatach went forth to Mordecai unto the street of the city, which was before the king's gate. ⁷And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them. ⁸Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to shew it unto Esther, and to declare it unto her, and to

charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people.

⁹:And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai. ¹⁰:Again Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai; ¹¹:All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.

¹²:And they told to Mordecai Esther's words. ¹³:Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. ¹⁴:For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

¹⁵:Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer, ¹⁶:Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.

¹⁷:So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

5. ¹:Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house.

²:And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre.

³:Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what is thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom. ⁴:And Esther answered, If it seem good unto the king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him. ⁵:Then the king said, Cause Haman to make haste, that he may do as Esther hath said. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

⁶:And the king said unto Esther at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed. ⁷:Then answered Esther, and said, My petition and my request is; ⁸:If I have found favour in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do tomorrow as the king hath said.

⁹:Then went Haman forth that day joyful and with a glad heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation against Mordecai. ¹⁰:Nevertheless Haman refrained himself: and when he came home, he sent and called for his friends, and Zeresh his wife. ¹¹:And Haman told them of the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all the things wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king.

¹²:Haman said moreover, Yea, Esther the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and to morrow am I invited unto her also with the king. ¹³:Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate.

¹³Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and tomorrow speak thou unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made.

6. ¹On that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king. ²And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.

³And the king said, What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him. ⁴And the king said, Who is in the court? Now Haman was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him. ⁵And the king's servants said unto him, Behold, Haman standeth in the court¹⁰³. And the king said, Let him come in.

⁶So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour? Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself? ⁷And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delighteth to honour, ⁸Let the royal apparel be brought which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head: ⁹And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man withal whom the king delighteth to honour, and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

¹⁰Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou has spoken.

¹¹Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

¹²And Mordecai came again to the king's gate. But Haman hastened to his house mourning, and having his head covered. ¹³And Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends every thing that had befallen him.

Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him, If Mordecai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him. ¹⁴And while they were yet talking with him, came the king's chamberlains, and hastened to bring Haman unto the banquet that Esther had prepared.

7. ¹So the king and Haman came to banquet with Esther the queen. ²And the king said again unto Esther on the second day at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? and it shall be performed, even to the half of the kingdom.

³Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request: ⁴For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not countervail the king's damage.

⁵Then the king Ahasuerus answered and said unto Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is he, that durst presume in his heart to do so?

⁶And Esther said, The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen.

⁷And the king arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath went into the palace garden: and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king.

⁸Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon the bed whereon Esther was. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

⁹And Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, said before the king, Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, who had spoken good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman.

Then the king said, Hang him thereon. ¹⁰So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.

8. ¹On that day did the king Ahasuerus give the house of Haman the Jews' enemy unto Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told what he was unto her. ²And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it unto Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

³And Esther spake yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews.

⁴Then the king held out the golden sceptre toward Esther. So Esther arose, and stood before the king, ⁵And said, If it please the king, and if I have found favour in his sight, and the thing seem right before the king, and I be pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse the letters devised by Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews which are in all the king's provinces: ⁶For how can I endure to see the evil that shall come unto my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?

⁷Then the king Ahasuerus said unto Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews. ⁸Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse.

⁹Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that is, the month Sivan, on the three and twentieth day thereof; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces which are from India unto Ethiopia, an hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language. ¹⁰And he wrote in the king Ahasuerus' name, and sealed it with the king's ring, and sent letters by posts on horseback, and riders on mules, camels, and young dromedaries:

¹¹Wherein the king granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, both little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey, ¹²Upon one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, namely, upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar.

¹³The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies.

¹⁴So the posts that rode upon mules and camels went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment. And the decree was given at Shushan the palace.

¹⁵And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad. ¹⁶The Jews had light, and gladness, and joy, and honour. ¹⁷And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

9. ¹Now in the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them;)

²The Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them fell upon all people. ³And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants, and the deputies, and officers of the king, helped the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them. ⁴For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Mordecai waxed greater and greater.

⁵Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto those that hated them. ⁶And in Shushan the palace the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men. ⁷And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha, ⁸And Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha, ⁹And Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha, ¹⁰The ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, slew they; but on the spoil laid they not their hand.

¹¹On that day the number of those that were slain in Shushan the palace was brought before the king. ¹²And the king said unto Esther the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace, and the ten sons of Haman; what have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? now what is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: or what is thy request further? and it shall be done.

¹³Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews which are in Shushan to do tomorrow also according unto this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows.

¹⁴And the king commanded it so to be done: and the decree was given at Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons.

¹⁵For the Jews that were in Shushan gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and slew three hundred men at Shushan; but on the prey they laid not their hand. ¹⁶But the other Jews that were in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of their foes seventy and five thousand, but they laid not their hands on the prey, ¹⁷On the thirteenth day of the month Adar; and on the fourteenth day of the same rested they, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. ¹⁸But the Jews that were at Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth day thereof; and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth day¹⁰⁴ of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

¹⁹:Therefore the Jews of the villages, that dwelt in the unwalled towns, made the fourteenth day of the month Adar a day of gladness and feasting, and a good day, and of sending portions one to another.

²⁰:And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters unto all the Jews that were in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, both nigh and far, ²¹:To stablish this among them, that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly, ²²:As the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.

²³:And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written unto them; ²⁴:Because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, the lot, to consume them, and to destroy them;

²⁵:But when Esther came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.

²⁶:Wherefore they called these days Purim after the name of Pur. Therefore for all the words of this letter, and of that which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come unto them,

²⁷:The Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their appointed time every year; ²⁸:And that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and that these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them perish from their seed.

²⁹:Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority, to confirm this second letter of Purim. ³⁰:And he sent the letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, with words of peace and truth, ³¹:To confirm these days of Purim in their times appointed, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had enjoined them, and as they had decreed for themselves and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and their cry. ³²:And the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book.

10. ¹:And the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon the land, and upon the isles of the sea. ²:And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto the king advanced him, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia? ³:For Mordecai the Jew was next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

TABLE 67. *Old Things and New Things*¹⁰⁵

Old Things	Mat. 13:52	New Things	Mat. 13:52
Tree of Good and Evil	Gen. 3:20; Rom. 3:20.	Tree of Life	Jn. 15:1-5; Gen. 3:15.
Jerusalem Below	Gal. 4:25	Jerusalem Above	Gal. 4:26
Mt. Sinai Below	Gal. 4:25	Mt. Sinai Above	Gal. 4:25, 26; Heb. 12:18-22.

Old Covenant	Heb. 8:8, 13	New Covenant	Heb. 8:6, 8, 13; Gal. 4:24
Old Testament	Heb. 9:15; 12:24	New Testament	I Cor. 3:6
Law on Stones	II Cor. 3:3	Law in the Heart	II Cor. 3:3
Curse of Law	Gal. 3:10, 18	Grace	Rom. 6:14
Moses	Ex. 3:11; Deut. 18:15, 18	One Greater than Moses	Jn. 4:12; 8:53 Lk. 11:31, 32
First Exodus	Exodus 12:41	Second Exodus	Rev. 18:4
First Baptism	I Cor. 10:2	Second Baptism	I Cor. 10:2
First Pentecost	Exodus 19:1-20:1	Second Pentecost	Acts 2:1
Serpent on a Stake	Num. 21:9	Christ on the Cross	Jn. 3:14
Old Commandment	Exodus 20:1;	New Commandment	Jn. 13:34; I Jn. 2:8
Manna	Ex. 16:35	New Manna	Jn. 6:31, 49, 58
Leavened Bread	Mat. 16:6	Unleavened Bread	I Cor. 5:8
Wilderness Church	Acts 7:38	1st Century Church	Acts 2:37-42
Hired Shepherds	Jn. 10:5	True Shepherd	Jn. 10:4
Anti-Christians	II Jn. 7; I Jn. 2:18-22; 4:3	Christians	Acts 11:26
Jew	Acts 7:38; Rom. 3:2	Not Jews or Gentiles	Col. 3:11
Adam	I Cor. 15:45	Second Adam	Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10; I Cor. 15:45
Old Creature	Gal. 6:15	New Creature	I Cor. 5:17
Old Wine Skins	Mk. 2:22	New Wine Skins	Mat. 9:17
Old Wine	Lk. 6:39	New Wine	Jn. 2:10; Acts 2:13
Flesh	Gal. 4:29	Spirit	Gal. 4:29; Jn. 3:6
Fruits of Flesh	Col. 3:5-9	Fruits of Spirit	Col 3:5-9
Hagar	Gal:4:25	Sarah	Gal. 4:26
Ishmael	Gal. 4:30	Isaac	Gal. 4:28
Bond Servants	Gal. 4:25, 30	Free Woman	Gal. 4:26; I Cor. 7:22
Former Rain	James 5:7; Deut. 11:14	Latter Rain	Jer. 5:24; Hos. 6:3; Joel 2:23
Moons & Seasons	Isa. 1:13, 14; Col. 2:8	Eternity	Col. 2:16-20; 3:1
Darkness	Jn. 3:19	Light	Jn. 3:21
Old Garment	Mat. 9:16	New Garment	Lk. 5:36-39
Soiled Garment	II Pet. 2:13; Jude 23	Spotless Garment	Eph. 5:27; Heb. 9:14
Clean Exterior	Mat. 23:25-28	Clean Interior	Mat. 23:26
The Dead	Mat. 8:22	The Resurrected	Eph. 2:6; Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:4-6
Earthly	I Cor. 15:47-49	Heavenly	Jn. 3:12
Evil Heart	Mat. 15:19	Pure Heart	Mat. 5:8
Law of Tithing	Mal. 3:10-12	Law of Giving	II Cor. 9:6-7; Lk. 6:38; I Cor. 9:14-15.
Blind	Mat. 15:14	Sight	Jn. 14:26; 16:13
Goats	Mat. 25:33	Sheep	Mat. 25:33
Tares	Mat. 13:25	Wheat	Mat: 13:25

TABLE 68. Sequence of Events in Ezra, Nehemiah & Esther down to 502 BC

<i>Year of King</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Date BC</i>	<i>King's Name</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Reference</i>
2	6	520	Darius	2 nd year of Darius Artaxerxes	Haggai 1:1
2	8	520	Darius		Zechariah 1:1

2	9	520	Darius		Haggai 2:10
3	?	519	Ahasuerus	Contest for new queen	Esther 1:1-5
4	9	518	Darius		Zechariah 7:1
6	?	516	Ahasuerus	Esther preparing for marriage	Esther 2:8-16
6	12	516	Artaxerxes	Temple finished	Ezra 6:15
7	1	515	Artaxerxes	7th year of Darius Artaxerxes	Ezra 7:9
7	5	515	Artaxerxes	Ezra arrives at Jerusalem	Ezra 7:9
7	10	515	Ahasuerus	Esther becomes queen ¹⁰⁶	Esther 2:16-18
8?	1	514	Artaxerxes		Ezra 10:17
12	1	510	Ahasuerus		Esther 3:7
20	1	502	Artaxerxes	Sabbatical year of release ¹⁰⁷	Nehemiah 2:1; 5:11
20	1	502	Artaxerxes	Wall of Jerusalem rebuilt	Nehemiah 2:1; 6:15; 7:1

Ussher, in *The Annals of the World*:

Page 126: “521 BC: This was the third sabbatical held by the Jews after their return from Babylon.” Page 128: “518 BC: In the fourth year of Darius... concerning the appointed fast to be held to commemorate the day of the destruction of the city of Jerusalem and the temple... which they had held for seventy years (587-518)...

“515 BC: ...the sixth year of Darius on the third day of the twelfth month called Adar, the temple was completed... On the fourteenth day of the first month, they joyfully celebrated the first Passover in the second temple...

“In the seventh year of Ahasuerus’ reign... He put the crown of the kingdom upon her head and made her queen in Vashti’s stead. From this I gather that Vashti was Atossa... Hadassah was another name given to Esther and sounds much like Atossa.

“...514 BC: The Nineteenth Jubilee.”

COMMENTARY

On the First Century

Example of Conjecture: An army of 200 million that crosses the Euphrates.

An army in Revelation 9:16 consists of 200,000 thousand. That is 200 million. If a person jumps to a conclusion this is a future army formed in China that will invade Israel, that person becomes a good example of modern-day sons of Korah claiming to be Levites, or

modern-day sons of Uzza who dare touch the ark that houses the books of Moses and the manna. Some have mishandled and mutilated the Word beyond recognition. This is an unnerving insult to the Chinese who are among those called into the New Covenant along with all nations.

There is possibly an alternative view. Another explanation could be that John the revelator could see the armies of God coming from the east along with (perhaps) a type of Cyrus. There are several reasons for this belief:

1. II. Kings 6:1: “The Lord opened the eyes of the young man (as Elisha had asked); and he saw: and behold the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.”

2. Hundreds of years in advance, God said he would dry up the Euphrates before his servant, Cyrus, to enable his armies to enter and capture Babylon (Isaiah 44:27 to 45:4).

3. When Cyrus entered Babylon, a hand was seen reaching into our dimension in the Babylon’s banquet room writing on a wall. “In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Caldeans slain.” That hand, although not flesh, is associated with Cyrus’ entry into Babylon.

4. Christ asked if his disciples believed the Father could send 12 legions of angels to spare him from being killed (Matt. 26:53).

5. Revelation 5:11 shows 100 million angels round about God’s throne saying the Lamb is worthy to receive power, and the 24 elders cast their crowns before his throne.

6. The 200 million in Revelation are associated with four angels with their armies bound up against in the great river Euphrates (Rev. 9:14).

7. Revelation is about leaving Egypt, Sodom and Babylon and about the fall of Babylon the Great.

On Being Presumptuous About a Third Temple

Several examples over the years of have emerged where Christians put a spin on the Bible to prepare others for a future when all nations will return to Jerusalem to be taught by “Spiritual Levites” in a third temple.

1. A recent book entitled, *The Bible Code*, claims that every letter in the five books of Moses (Genesis to Deuteronomy) has been perfectly preserved in the Hebrew Masoreh version of the Bible. This belief also claims it has a numeric code which, when deciphered, reveals people and events of today. Sold lots of copies. Made big headlines. Inspired many debates. Never mind that the Masoreh version they use, only consisted of Hebrew consonants (without any vowels) until about 300 AD. However, “the code” requires that the unwritten vowels have been preserved verbally as perfectly as the consonants have been perfectly in the written form. They claim both the consonants and vowels have been perfectly preserved. The “code” also requires that we must go to the Hebrews to check it out. Even Christians must return to the Jews. Who supplied the vowels and where did they get them?

2. A fundamentalist once told me he thought dinosaur bones were created in the first six days of Creation (4004 BC) along with everything else 6,000 years ago. He said God might have done this just to test our faith, to see if we would remain faithful to his King James Bible.

3. A religious leader once said that the temple described in Ezekiel 40 to 48 was not meant for the Jews held captive in Babylon at the time. The belief is that is a third temple for our modern day. He quoted Zechariah 14 where it says that all nations will come up to Jerusalem and ask how to serve God and keep the feast of Tabernacles. Never mind the verses where it speaks of sacrificial offerings and fleshpots in the temple, the verses he had

skipped. Probably sounded a bit too anti-Christian. Should this reference become preferred over others that say the sacrifices have been cut off once and for all?

4. He told me that, in 539 BC, in the first year of Darius, the prophet Daniel (in his chapter 9) foretold what would happen in 70 sabbaticals (consisting of 490 years), and that, for some reason, they didn't begin until 458 BC. Christ would be crucified in the middle of the last week of seven years, and the last half of that week (3½ years) would be postponed for 2,000 years! See the book titled, *Left Behind*. Sold lots of copies. Made big headlines.

5. Another view is that the last 3½ years were postponed 40 years because Daniel 9 speaks of Jerusalem being destroyed and is quoted by Christ concerning 70 AD (Mathew 24:15 and Luke 21:20) saying, "This generation shall not pass until all these things be fulfilled" (Mat. 24:34). "Not one stone of this temple will be left upon another." (Mat. 24:2; Luke 19:44). This sounds like the end of the temple age, not a third temple 2,000 years later.

The message of John the Baptist was about God cleansing his threshing floor (where his temple was built) and burning the chaff. Christ added that this would fulfill all things written by the prophets (Luke 21:22). This sounds like the end of the temple era in the first century.

So, will Zionism eventually replace Christianity? Is the Christian's present job to pass their baton onto the Jews?

6. A minister once told me, "If this is God's world, I don't want anything to do with it. Look at all the evil and corruption and greed."

I suppose Daniel could have told Nebuchednezzar the same thing, but he answered that God sets up and puts down even the gentile kings. Never mind the belief that Christ was given power over all demons, all flesh and all things during the first century and that all the world did receive the gospel. Never mind the belief that Christ, after ascending to a heavenly dimension, has no need of a temple for "...the Lord almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it" (Rev. 21:22).

TABLE 69.
The 251-Year Pattern After David

				Yrs. of Reign				
David moves Ark								
To Jerusalem				251 Yrs.	33 Yrs.	1004		
Death of David /							971	
Solomon Crowned								
Rome				251 Yrs.	33 Yrs.			
Founded ¹⁰⁸							753	
Hezekiah' 6 th year						720		
(Assyrian Captivity of Israel)								
Hezekiah				753 Yrs.		720-697	23	
Manasseh						697-642	55	
Amon						642-640	2	
Josiah						640-608	32	
Jehoiakim					753 Yrs.		608-597	11
Zedekiah (Temple Burned)							597-587	11
Jerusalem's Wall Restored							502 Yrs.	502 BC
End of about 1260 Years								
Since Exodus (Rev. 12)					33 Yrs.	AD		
						33-34 AD		