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'1 Genesis

Gen1: God created all and mankind in his image, to rule over the earth.
Gen2: God gave man the garden in Eden. The man Adam was alone so God made a woman as his partner.

Gen3: The serpent deceived the woman; she and Adam ate from the tree. The earth became cursed, and God sent Adam and Eve out of the garden.

Gen4: Eve's sons made offerings to God. Only Abel's was acceptable, so Cain killed him. Abel's blood cried out and God sent Cain away.

Gen5: Adam's line was: Seth, Enosh, Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech and Noah. Noah's sons were Shem, Ham and Japheth.

Gen6: Humankind became evil. God told Noah to build an ark to be saved from the flood.

Gen7: Noah and his family went into the ark with two of each creature. It rained for forty days and forty nights and the earth was covered.

Gen8: The flood abated. When the earth was dry, Noah built an altar.

Gen9: God blessed Noah. Noah got drunk and cursed Ham's son Canaan.

Gen10: Japheth's line lived in the coastlands; Ham's included Nimrod and the Canaanites; Shem's lived in the East. These formed the nations.

Gen11: They built the tower of babel.. Shem's line included Abram who married Sarai.

Gen12: God told Abram, "Go. I will make you a great nation. You will be a blessing." In Egypt Abram lied about Sarai and Pharaoh was cursed.

Gen13: Abram journeyed with his nephew Lot. Their servants argued, so Lot went to Sodom, Abram to Canaan. God promised Abram the land.

Gen14: The kings went to war and took Lot captive. Abram rescued Lot. Melchizedek blessed Abram and Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Gen15: God promised Abram an heir and many descendants. Abram believed. He was told that they would be enslaved but would then return.

Gen16: Sarai told Abram to have children with Hagar. Hagar conceived, then ran away, but an angel sent her back. Hagar's son was Ishmael.

Gen17: God made a covenant with Abram and renamed him Abraham. He renamed Sarai Sarah and promised them a son. The men were circumcised.

Gen18: Three visitors came and said that Sarah would have a son next year. Sodom was very evil; Abraham pleaded with God for the city.

Gen19: Angels took Lot out of Sodom. The city was destroyed by fire and Lot's wife was turned to salt. His daughters had children for him.

Gen20: In Gerar Abraham said, "Sarah is my sister." King Abimelech took her but God warned him in a dream. He restored Sarah to Abraham.

Gen21: As promised, Sarah had a son: Isaac. She had Hagar and Ishmael sent away but God preserved them. Abraham and Abimelech made a treaty.

Gen22: God told Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. As Abraham obeyed, an angel stopped him. God provided a ram instead and blessed Abraham.

Gen23: Sarah died in Kiriath-arba. Abraham asked the Hittites for a burial site. He bought a cave from Ephron and buried Sarah there.

Gen24: Abraham met Rebekah by the well. She went back with him and married Isaac.

Gen25: Abraham died and was buried with Sarah. Isaac and Rebekah had twins: Esau and Jacob. Esau sold his birthright to Jacob for a meal.

Gen26: In Gerar Isaac lied about Rebekah. He grew so rich that Abimelech sent him away. He dug wells, and at Beersheba God blessed him.

Gen27: Rebekah and Jacob tricked Isaac into giving Jacob his blessing. Esau vowed revenge so Rebekah told Jacob to go to her brother Laban.

Gen28: Isaac sent Jacob to marry one of Laban's daughters. On the way Jacob dreamed of a ladder reaching to heaven and God blessed him.

Gen29: Jacob worked for Laban seven years to marry Rachel, but Laban gave him Leah and made him work seven more for Rachel. Leah had sons.

Gen30: Rachel's maid had sons for Jacob, then Leah's maid, then Leah. Finally Rachel had a son. Laban allowed Jacob flocks as wages to stay.

Gen31: God told Jacob to return home. Jacob left in secret and Rachel took Laban's idols. Laban chased Jacob but they made a treaty.

Gen32: Jacob heard that Esau was coming to meet him. He was afraid and sent gifts. That night he wrestled with a man who renamed him Israel.

Gen33: Esau and his men arrived. Jacob bowed down but Esau ran to embrace him. Jacob settled near Shechem and built an altar.

Gen34: Shechem raped Jacob's daughter and asked to marry her. Jacob's sons told him to circumcise his men, then Simeon and Levi killed them.

Gen35: Jacob went to Bethel and God renamed him Israel. They journeyed on. Rachel died having Israel's twelfth son. Isaac died in Hebron.

Gen36: Esau's sons were Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jalam and Korah. Esau and his family moved away to Seir. They became the Edomites.

Gen37: Joseph was Israel's favourite son. He had dreams and his brothers were jealous so they sold him. He was bought by Potiphar in Egypt.

Gen38: Judah's sons Er and Onan died, leaving Tamar a widow. Judah sent her away but she put on a veil and he slept with her. She had twins.

Gen39: Potiphar put Joseph in charge of his house. His wife tried to seduce Joseph, then lied about it, so Potiphar put Joseph in prison.

Gen40: Pharaoh put his cupbearer and baker in prison. Joseph interpreted their dreams. The cupbearer was restored but the baker was hanged.

Gen41: Pharaoh had a dream and called for Joseph to interpret it. The dream predicted a famine. Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of all Egypt.

Gen42: Joseph's brothers went to Egypt to buy grain but didn't recognise him. He kept Simeon in prison and sent the rest to fetch Benjamin.

Gen43: When the grain ran out, Joseph's brothers went back to Egypt with Benjamin. Joseph invited them to his house and gave them a feast.

Gen44: Joseph hid his cup in Benjamin's sack, then sent a steward after his brothers. Judah offered himself as a slave instead of Benjamin.

Gen45: Joseph told his brothers who he was. They were afraid, but he told them, "God sent me here." His brothers went to fetch their father.

Gen46: So Israel set out with all his household. God told him not to be afraid. Israel and all his family came to Egypt and Joseph met him.

Gen47: Pharaoh allowed Joseph's family to settle in Goshen. The famine continued and the Egyptians sold all they had to Pharaoh for food.

Gen48: Jacob became ill, so Joseph took his sons to see him. Jacob blessed Joseph's sons as his own, putting Ephraim ahead of Manasseh.

Gen49: Jacob gathered his sons and blessed each of them. He charged them to bury him with Abraham in the cave in Canaan, and then he died.

Gen50: Pharaoh allowed Joseph to go and bury Jacob. Before Joseph died, he said that God would lead his people back to the promised land.

2 Exodus

Ex1: The Israelites prospered in Egypt, but a new king arose and forced them into hard labour. He commanded that their baby boys be killed.

Ex2: Pharaoh's daughter found a Hebrew baby by the river. She named him Moses. When he grew up, Moses killed an Egyptian and fled to Midian.

Ex3: Moses saw a burning bush. God told him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Moses asked God his name and God said, "I am who I am."

Ex4: God gave Moses signs so that the people would listen. Moses was afraid, so God sent his brother Aaron to speak for him.

Ex5: Moses and Aaron told Pharaoh to let the Israelites go into the desert to worship. Pharaoh refused and increased their workload instead.

Ex6: God told Moses that he would lead the Israelites out of Egypt to the promised land. Aaron and Moses were from the tribe of Levi.

Ex7: Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh. Aaron's staff became a snake, then God turned the Nile to blood, but Pharaoh wouldn't listen.

Ex8: God sent a plague of frogs on Egypt. Pharaoh begged for relief but then hardened his heart. God sent gnats and then flies.

Ex9: God sent a plague on the livestock of Egypt, then boils and then hail. Pharaoh begged for relief but then his heart was hardened.

Ex10: God sent a plague of locusts. Pharaoh begged for relief but then his heart was hardened. God sent darkness for three days.

Ex11: God said that he would send one more plague, and then Pharaoh would let the Israelites go: all the firstborn Egyptians would die.

Ex12: God told the Israelites to take Passover. That night all the firstborn Egyptians were killed. Pharaoh told the Israelites to go.

Ex13: God told the Israelites to consecrate their firstborns to him. He guided them as a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night.

Ex14: Pharaoh's army caught the Israelites by the sea. God parted the waters and the Israelites crossed. The Egyptian army was drowned.

Ex15: The Israelites sang: "I will sing to God, for he has triumphed; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea." They camped at Elim.

Ex16: The Israelites grumbled to Moses that they had no food, so each day God provided quails and manna. They rested on the sabbath.

Ex17: God told Moses to strike a rock to provide water. Amalek attacked Israel, but as Moses held up his arms Joshua's army prevailed.

Ex18: Moses' father-in-law Jethro came and offered sacrifices to God. He suggested that Moses appoint leaders to help him judge the people.

Ex19: The Israelites camped near the mountain in Sinai. God spoke to Moses on the mountain and made his covenant with Israel.

Ex20: I am God your God. Honour God above everything. Keep the Sabbath. Honour your parents. Don't do wrong to your neighbours.

Ex21: If you buy a Hebrew slave he shall go free in the seventh year. Whoever kills shall be put to death. Whoever injures shall compensate.

Ex22: Whoever steals shall make restitution. If a man sleeps with a virgin he shall marry her. You shall not oppress strangers or the poor.

Ex23: You shall not pervert justice. Each year you shall hold feasts. My angel will lead you and I will drive your enemies from the land.

Ex24: The people said, "All that God has spoken we will do", and they offered sacrifices. God told Moses to stay on the mountain.

Ex25: Tell the Israelites to make a sanctuary for me. Make an ark with a mercy seat and two cherubim. Make a table. Then make a lampstand.

Ex26: Make a tabernacle of fine linen. Make curtains of goats' hair to cover the tabernacle. Make boards of acacia wood and a linen veil.

Ex27: Make an altar of acacia wood with bronze utensils. Make a court for the tabernacle of fine linen hangings and bronze pillars.

Ex28: Set apart Aaron and his sons to minister as priests. Make a breastplate, an ephod, a robe, a tunic, a turban and a sash for them.

Ex29: Sacrifice a young bull and two rams to consecrate Aaron and his sons. Make daily sacrifices on the altar and I will dwell with Israel.

Ex30: Make an altar for burning incense. The Israelites shall each give half a shekel. Make a bronze laver. Make anointing oil and incense.

Ex31: I have filled Bezalel with the Spirit of God, with skill to make everything I have commanded. The seventh day is a Sabbath of rest.

Ex32: While Moses was away the people worshipped a golden calf. Moses pleaded with God for them, but then had three thousand killed.

Ex33: Moses set up a tent of meeting. He said to God, "Don't send us from here without your presence." God passed near to Moses.

Ex34: Moses made new tablets for the law. God spoke to him and made a covenant with Israel. When Moses returned his face was shining.

Ex35: Moses told the Israelites to keep the Sabbath. He called for craftsmen to make the tabernacle. The people gave gifts for the work.

Ex36: The people gave more than enough. The craftsmen made the curtains. Bezalel made the curtains, the boards, the veil and the pillars.

Ex37: Bezalel made the ark with its cherubim, the table, the lampstand and the incense altar. He made the anointing oil and the incense.

Ex38: Bezalel made the altar of burnt offering, the laver and the court. Ithamar kept an inventory of the gold, silver and bronze used.

Ex39: They made the ephod, breastplate, tunics, turban and sash for Aaron. Moses saw that it had all been made as God had commanded.

Ex40: Moses set up the tabernacle and brought the ark into it, as God had commanded. Then the glory of God filled the tabernacle.

Exodus

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Lev1: Whoever brings a burnt offering should slaughter a bull, a sheep, a goat or a bird. The priest shall burn it on the altar to God.

Lev2: A grain offering should be fine flour with oil and incense. The priest shall burn a portion. The rest belongs to Aaron and his sons.

Lev3: A peace offering should be from the herd or the flock. Slaughter it at the tabernacle. The priest shall burn it on the altar as food.

Lev4: If anyone sins unintentionally they should slaughter a bull, a goat or a lamb. The priest shall burn it to God to make atonement.

Lev5: When anyone sins with an oath or becomes unclean they should confess it and bring a sin offering. A guilt offering should be a ram.

Lev6: When anyone cheats a neighbour they should make restitution and bring a guilt offering. The fire on the altar shall never go out.

Lev7: The meat of a peace offering must be eaten within two days. Do not eat fat or blood. The wave offering belongs to Aaron and his sons.

Lev8: Moses gathered the people at the tabernacle. He made offerings on the altar and consecrated Aaron and his sons with oil and blood.

Lev9: Aaron brought a sin offering and a burnt offering to make atonement. The glory of God appeared and a fire consumed the offerings.

Lev10: Nadab and Abihu offered strange fire, so fire came from God and killed them. Aaron and his other sons stayed at the tabernacle.

Lev11: You may eat animals with cloven hooves that chew the cud, and fish with scales and fins. Anything that touches a carcass is unclean.

Lev12: A male child shall be circumcised on the eighth day. A woman who gives birth shall bring offerings after her days of purification.

Lev13: If anyone has leprosy the priest shall declare them unclean and they shall live outside the camp. A leprous garment shall be burned.

Lev14: If anyone is healed of leprosy they shall shave their hair and bring offerings. If a house has mildew the priest shall inspect it.

Lev15: When a man has a discharge he is unclean. When he ejaculates he is unclean until evening. When a woman has her period she is unclean.

Lev16: Once a year Aaron shall make atonement for the people. He shall bring one goat as a sin offering and release another as a scapegoat.

Lev17: Anyone who kills an animal and does not bring an offering is guilty. The life is in the blood and I have given it to make atonement.

Lev18: Don't have sex with a relative, a woman on her period, your neighbour's wife, another man or an animal. These things defile the land.

Lev19: Be holy. Keep my Sabbaths. Don't turn to idols. Love your neighbour as yourself. Don't mix livestock. Do no injustice. I am God.

Lev20: Anyone who worships Molech, curses their parents, commits adultery or has sex with a man shall be put to death. You shall be holy.

Lev21: A priest must not make himself unclean and must only marry a virgin. No descendant of Aaron with a defect may offer the offerings.

Lev22: A priest shall not eat the offerings if he is unclean. No outsider shall eat the offerings. Offerings must be animals without defect.

Lev23: Proclaim as feasts: Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits, fifty days later, the day of trumpets, the Day of Atonement and Booths.

Lev24: Aaron is to tend the lamps and set out the bread before God. An Israelite blasphemed so they took him outside and stoned him.

Lev25: Every seventh year the land shall rest. Every fiftieth year shall be a jubilee, when property shall be restored and slaves released.

Lev26: If you keep my laws I will give peace in the land and make you fruitful. If not I will scatter you, but I will not break my covenant.

Lev27: If anyone dedicates a person or land to God you shall make a valuation. A tithe of everything from the land belongs to God.

Leviticus

4 Numbers

Num1: God told Moses to count the Israelite armies. The number of men over twenty years old was 603,550. The Levites were not counted.

Num2: The Israelites shall camp around the tabernacle: Judah to the east, Reuben to the south, Ephraim to the west and Dan to the north.

Num3: The Levites are to assist Aaron. I have taken them in place of every firstborn. The number of Levites over one month old was 22,000.

Num4: The Kohathites are to carry the most holy things. The Gershonites are to carry the coverings. The Merarites are to carry the frame.

Num5: Anyone who sins shall make restitution and add a fifth. If a man suspects his wife of unfaithfulness he shall take her to the priest.

Num6: Anyone who makes a Nazirite vow shall not drink wine or cut their hair. Aaron's blessing shall be: "God bless you and keep you."

Num7: The leader of each tribe brought a grain offering, a burnt offering, a sin offering and peace offerings. Moses spoke with God.

Num8: Present the Levites as a wave offering to God and make atonement for them. I have set them apart to serve at the tent of meeting.

Num9: In the first month of the second year the Israelites kept the Passover. Whenever the cloud lifted from the tabernacle they journeyed.

Num10: Make two silver trumpets to direct the congregation. In the second month the cloud lifted and they set out as God had commanded.

Num11: The people grumbled that they had no meat. God was angry but he sent quails. He put his Spirit on seventy elders to help Moses.

Num12: Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses. God was angry and Miriam became leprosy. Moses prayed and after seven days she returned.

Num13: Moses sent men to spy out the land of Canaan. Caleb said, "Let us go up," but the others said that the inhabitants were too strong.

Num14: The people grumbled so God said that they would spend forty years in the wilderness. They went up to the land but were defeated.

Num15: There is one law for you and for strangers. Make an offering if you sin unintentionally. Anyone who sins defiantly shall be cut off.

Num16: Korah, Dathan and Abiram rose against Moses and Aaron. Moses said, "God will choose." The ground swallowed up those with Korah.

Num17: God told Moses to bring a staff from each tribal leader to the Tent of Meeting to stop the grumbling. Aaron's staff blossomed.

Num18: God told Aaron: "I have given you the Levites to work at the Tent of Meeting. Everything that is devoted to God is yours."

Num19: Burn a heifer outside the camp for the water of cleansing. Anyone who is unclean and does not cleanse themselves shall be cut off.

Num20: God told Moses to speak to a rock to produce water but he struck the rock. Edom refused Israel passage. Aaron died at Mount Hor.

Num21: The people grumbled so God sent snakes. Moses made a bronze snake and whoever looked at it lived. Israel defeated the Amorites.

Num22: Balak sent for Balaam to curse Israel. Balaam's donkey warned him. The Angel of God said, "Go, but speak only what I tell you."

Num23: God gave Balaam a word: "How can I curse whom God has not cursed?" Then at another place: "God their God is with Israel."

Num24: Balaam gave a word: "How lovely are your tents, O Jacob." Balak was angry. Balaam said: "A star and a sceptre shall rise in Israel."

Num25: The people were unfaithful with Moabite women and worshipped their gods. Phinehas killed one couple and God commended his zeal.

Num26: God told Moses and Eleazar to take a census. There were 601,730 fighting men and 23,000 Levites. Only Joshua and Caleb remained.

Num27: The daughters of Zelophehad were given an inheritance. God told Moses that he was to die. Moses commissioned Joshua as leader.

Num28: Bring offerings each morning and evening, on the Sabbath and on the first of the month. Celebrate Passover and the Feast of Weeks.

Num29: In the seventh month on first day sound the trumpets; on the tenth day make atonement; on the fifteenth day celebrate for seven days.

Num30: When a man makes a vow he must not break his word. When a woman makes a vow it shall stand unless her father or husband forbids it.

Num31: God told Moses to take vengeance on the Midianites. The Israelites killed the men, burned their cities and divided the spoils.

Num32: Reuben and Gad asked to settle in Gilead. Moses agreed if they helped to conquer the land, so Reuben, Gad and Manasseh built cities.

Num33: The Israelites journeyed from Egypt. In the fortieth year Aaron died. They camped by the Jordan and God said, "Take the land."

Num34: Your borders in Canaan shall be Edom, the Great Sea, Mount Hor and the Jordan. Eleazar and Joshua shall divide the land among you.

Num35: You shall give cities to the Levites. Appoint cities of refuge for anyone who has killed accidentally. A murderer shall be put to death.

Num36: The clan of Gilead asked about Zelophehad's daughters. Moses said, "Daughters who inherit land must marry within their own tribe."

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Dt1: The words of Moses: We journeyed from Horeb. You would not go up to take the land, so God said, "This generation will not see it."

Dt2: We went into the wilderness. Thirty-eight years passed, then God told us to cross by Moab. He delivered Sihon the Amorite to us.

Dt3: God delivered Og of Bashan to us. I gave Gilead to Reuben, Gad and Manasseh. God said that I would not cross into the land.

Dt4: Now, Israel, hear the commandments and obey them. You heard God speak from the fire. Take care not to make idols. God is God.

Dt5: God made his covenant with us: Have no other gods; Keep the Sabbath; Honour your parents. You shall do all that he has commanded.

Dt6: Hear, O Israel: God our God is one. Love God with all your heart, soul and strength. Teach your children these commandments.

Dt7: Make no treaty with the nations of the land. You are a holy people, God has chosen you. He will drive out the nations before you.

Dt8: God led you in the wilderness and tested you. He is bringing you into a good land. Do not forget God or you shall perish.

Dt9: It is not for your righteousness that you will occupy the land. You rebelled and made the calf so I broke the tablets of the covenant.

Dt10: God wrote on new tablets. What does God ask? That you fear him, walk in his ways, love him, serve him and keep his commands.

Dt11: You have seen all that God has done. Keep these commands so that you may live long in the land. There is a blessing and a curse.

Dt12: Destroy the high places where the nations worship their gods. You shall bring your offerings at the place that God will choose.

Dt13: If a prophet or anyone else entices you away from God they must be put to death. If a town has turned away it must be destroyed.

Dt14: You may eat animals with cloven hooves that chew the cud. Bring a tithe from your fields to eat before God and for the Levites.

Dt15: Every seven years you shall cancel debts. Hebrew slaves shall go free in the seventh year. Set apart every firstborn male animal.

Dt16: Celebrate the Passover in the month of Abib. Celebrate the Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Booths. Appoint judges in all your towns.

Dt17: Anyone who breaks the covenant shall be put to death. Go to the priests with hard decisions. Appoint the king that God chooses.

Dt18: The priests shall eat the offerings made by fire. You shall not practise divination. God will raise up a prophet from among you.

Dt19: Set aside three cities so that anyone who kills accidentally may flee there. A matter must be established by two or three witnesses.

Dt20: When you go to war, do not be afraid; God is with you. As you go to attack a city, offer terms, except to the cities of the land.

Dt21: If a dead body is found, the city elders must cleanse the guilt. Give your eldest son his portion. A rebellious son shall be stoned.

Dt22: If you find your neighbour's ox you shall return it. If a man falsely claims that his new wife was not a virgin he shall be punished.

Dt23: No Ammonite shall enter the assembly of God. When you go out to war the camp must be holy. Be careful to do what you have vowed.

Dt24: If a man divorces his wife he must not remarry her. Do not withhold wages. Leave the gleanings of your harvest for widows and orphans.

Dt25: A judge may give up to forty lashes. If a man dies and has no son, his brother shall marry his widow. You shall have honest weights.

Dt26: Bring the firstfruits of the land to God. Bring a tithe in the third year and say to God, "Look down and bless your people."

Dt27: Write the law on large stones. The Levites will say, "Cursed is anyone who does not keep the law," and the people will reply, "Amen."

Dt28: If you obey God he will bless you above all nations; if not, you will be cursed and God will send a nation to destroy you.

Dt29: You have seen all that God has done so keep this covenant. If you break it the land will be cursed and God will uproot you.

Dt30: When you return to God he will have compassion; he will circumcise your heart. I have set before you life and death. Choose life.

Dt31: Joshua will cross ahead of you. Read the law every seven years. God said, "The people will turn away. Write a song as a witness."

Dt32: Ascribe greatness to our God! God's portion is his people; They turned away so he spurned them; But he will provide atonement.

Dt33: Moses blessed Israel before his death: Let Reuben live; bless Levi's work; Joseph's land is blessed. The eternal God is your refuge.

Dt34: Moses climbed Mount Nebo. There God showed him the promised land. Then Moses died. No prophet has arisen in Israel like Moses.

6 Joshua

Josh1: God said to Joshua, "Arise, cross into the land. Be strong and courageous." So Joshua told the officers to prepare provisions.

Josh2: Joshua sent two spies to Jericho. A prostitute called Rahab hid them, so they promised to spare her family. They reported to Joshua.

Josh3: The Israelites camped by the Jordan. When the priests carrying the ark reached the river it stopped, so Israel crossed on dry ground.

Josh4: God told Joshua to set up memorial stones from the Jordan. When the priests brought the ark up to the bank the waters returned.

Josh5: God told Joshua to circumcise the men. They called the place Gilgal. Joshua met the commander of God's army and bowed down.

Josh6: God said that the army should march around Jericho. On the seventh day they shouted and the walls fell. They destroyed the city.

Josh7: Achan took some banned items. When the army went against Ai they were defeated. God identified Achan and the people stoned him.

Josh8: God told Joshua to take the army against Ai. They set up an ambush and destroyed the city. Joshua read out the book of the law.

7 Judges

Jgs1: Judah defeated the Canaanites and took Jerusalem. Joseph put Bethel to the sword. But the Canaanites were not driven out completely.

Jgs2: After Joshua's generation died the Israelites served Baals. God sold them to their enemies but raised up judges to deliver them.

Jgs3: After Othniel died the Israelites did evil. King Eglon defeated them. God raised up Ehud who thrust a sword into Eglon's belly.

Jgs4: Jabin and Sisera oppressed Israel. Deborah sent Barak against them and God routed them. Jael drove a peg through Sisera's head.

Jgs5: Deborah and Barak sang: "When leaders lead and people are willing, praise God! Blessed is Jael; Let your enemies perish, O LORD!"

Jgs6: God gave the Israelites to Midian. The angel of God told Gideon to save Israel and gave him a sign. Gideon gathered an army.

Jgs7: God told Gideon to send away all but 300 men. The 300 crept into the Midianite camp. They blew trumpets and the Midianites fled.

Jgs8: Gideon defeated Zebah and Zalmunna and punished Succoth and Penuel. He refused to rule Israel. When Gideon died Israel served Baals.

Jgs9: Abimelech killed his brothers and ruled over Israel. Gaal rose against him. Abimelech destroyed Shechem but was killed by a millstone.

Jgs10: Again the Israelites did evil. God sold them to the Philistines and the Ammonites. They cried out and put aside foreign gods.

Jgs11: Jephthah vowed to sacrifice whatever came out to meet him if he defeated the Ammonites. His daughter met him so he sacrificed her.

Jgs12: The Ephraimites attacked Jephthah. Jephthah and the Gileadites defeated them and caught survivors by making them say 'Shibboleth'.

Jgs13: God gave Israel to the Philistines. The angel of God told Manoah's wife that she would conceive. She named her son Samson.

Jgs14: Samson took a Philistine wife. He killed a lion and bees made honey in the carcass. He posed a riddle but his wife explained it.

Jgs15: Samson's wife married another man so Samson burned the Philistine crops. The Israelites bound him. He killed a thousand Philistines.

Jgs16: Samson loved Delilah. She had his hair shaved so he lost his strength and was captured. He died pulling down the Philistine temple.

8 Ruth

Ruth1: Naomi, an Ephraimite, lived in Moab. Her husband and two sons died so she returned to Bethlehem with her daughter-in-law, Ruth.

Ruth2: Naomi had a rich relative named Boaz. Ruth went to glean in his fields. Boaz gave her food and told his men to leave grain for her.

Ruth3: Naomi told Ruth to go and sleep at Boaz's feet. When Boaz awoke, Ruth said, "You are my kinsman." Boaz said that he would marry her.

Ruth4: Boaz settled the inheritance with another kinsman and married Ruth. Ruth bore a son, Obed. Obed was father of Jesse, father of David.

9 1 Samuel

1Sam1: Hannah had no children. She cried out to God, "Remember your servant." She bore a son, Samuel, and took him to Eli the priest.

1Sam2: Hannah prayed, "God humbles and lifts up." Eli's sons did evil but Samuel served God. A prophet condemned the house of Eli.

1Sam3: God called Samuel. Eli told Samuel to answer, "Speak, LORD." God told Samuel that he was about to judge the house of Eli.

1Sam4: The Israelites were defeated by the Philistines and Eli's sons were killed. When Eli heard that the ark had been captured, he died.

1Sam5: The Philistines put the ark in their temple. Their god fell on his face before it. The city became cursed so they sent the ark away.

1Sam6: The Philistines sent the ark away with guilt offerings. The people of Beth Shemesh found it and rejoiced but some were struck down.

1Sam7: The ark was taken to Kiriyat-jearim. The Philistines attacked Israel. Samuel cried out to God and the Israelites defeated them.

1Sam8: The elders of Israel asked Samuel to appoint a king. Samuel warned them what it would mean. God told Samuel to give them a king.

1Sam9: Saul went looking for his father's donkeys. God told Samuel to anoint him ruler of Israel. Samuel invited Saul to eat with him.

1Sam10: Samuel anointed Saul and gave him signs. The Spirit of God came upon Saul and he prophesied. Saul was chosen to rule the Israelites.

1Sam11: The Ammonites attacked Jabesh-gilead. Saul gathered the Israelites and defeated the Ammonites. The people made Saul king at Gilgal.

1Sam12: Samuel said, "God brought your fathers out of Egypt. Now he has given you the king you asked for. Fear God and serve him."

1Sam13: The Philistines encamped at Michmash. Saul made offerings to God by himself. Samuel told Saul that his kingdom would not last.

1Sam14: Saul's son Jonathan went against the Philistines and routed them. Saul made an oath that no one should eat but Jonathan was spared.

1Sam15: God told Saul to destroy Amalek but Saul spared King Agag. Samuel told Saul that God had rejected him. Samuel killed Agag.

1Sam16: God sent Samuel to anoint Jesse's son David as king. The Spirit came upon David. Saul sent for David to play the harp for him.

1Sam17: A Philistine champion named Goliath challenged the Israelites. David killed Goliath with a sling and a stone. The Philistines fled.

1Sam18: Jonathan loved David. Saul set David over the army but became jealous and tried to kill him. David married Saul's daughter Michal.

1Sam19: Jonathan warned David about Saul. David escaped and fled to Samuel. Saul went after David but the Spirit of God made him prophesy.

1Sam20: David and Jonathan agreed a sign. Saul was angry with Jonathan when David was not at the feast. Jonathan told David, "Go quickly!"

1Sam21: Ahimelech the priest gave David consecrated bread and Goliath's sword. David fled to King Achish of Gath and pretended he was mad.

1Sam22: About four hundred men joined David. Saul ordered that all the priests be killed because they helped David. Only Abiathar escaped.

1Sam23: David and his men saved Keilah from the Philistines. Saul came to Keilah so David escaped. Saul gave chase but he was called away.

1Sam24: Saul went after David. David cut off a piece of Saul's robe but spared his life. Saul wept and said, "You shall surely be king."

1Sam25: Samuel died. Nabal insulted David so his wife Abigail pleaded for restraint. God struck Nabal dead and David married Abigail.

1Sam26: Saul came after David. David took Saul's spear and jug while he slept but spared his life. David called out and Saul blessed him.

1Sam27: David lived among the Philistines to escape Saul. King Achish gave him Ziklag. David secretly raided the land while he lived there.

1Sam28: The Philistines gathered for war. Saul asked a medium to call Samuel. Samuel said, "God will hand you over to the Philistines."

1Sam29: David and his men marched with Achish. The Philistine commanders said, "He will turn against us," so Achish told David to go back.

1Sam30: The Amalekites had raided Ziklag. God told David to pursue them. David and his men rescued the women and divided the spoils.

1Sam31: The Philistines fought Israel. Saul's sons were killed. Saul was badly wounded so he fell on his sword. The Israelites fled.

10 1Kings

1Kgs1: David was very old. His son Adonijah exalted himself as king. When David heard he told Zadok and Nathan to anoint Solomon as king.

1Kgs2: David charged Solomon to keep the law and to punish Joab and Shimei. Then David died. Solomon had Adonijah, Joab and Shimei executed.

1Kgs3: Solomon married Pharaoh's daughter. He asked God for discernment. Two women came before him and he judged between them wisely.

1Kgs4: Solomon had officials and twelve governors. He ruled from the River to the land of Egypt. Men of all nations came to hear his wisdom.

1Kgs5: Solomon sent to King Hiram: "I will build a house for God. Cut down cedars for me." The workers prepared the timber and stones.

1Kgs6: Solomon built the temple. God said, "If you walk in my ways I will dwell with Israel." Solomon overlaid the temple with gold.

1Kgs7: Solomon built his own house. Hiram made pillars, the sea and utensils for the temple of bronze. Solomon made the furniture of gold.

1Kgs8: The priests brought the ark into the temple. Solomon said, "O LORD, if anyone prays toward this place then hear from heaven and act."

1Kgs9: God said to Solomon, "If you walk in my ways I will establish your throne." Solomon did not make slaves of the sons of Israel.

1Kgs10: The queen of Sheba came to test Solomon. She gave him gold, spices and precious stones. Solomon excelled all the kings of the earth.

1Kgs11: Solomon had many wives and turned to other gods. Ahijah told Jeroboam that God would give him ten of the tribes. Solomon died.

1Kgs12: Rehoboam refused to reduce the labour demands on Israel. So all Israel except Judah made Jeroboam king. Jeroboam made golden calves.

1Kgs13: A man of God cried out against Jeroboam's altar. He disobeyed God by eating at an old prophet's house and was killed by a lion.

1Kgs14: Ahijah told Jeroboam's wife: "God says, 'I will sweep away the house of Jeroboam.'" Rehoboam ruled Judah and Judah did evil.

1Kgs15: Abijam ruled Judah and was not devoted to God. Asa ruled and did right. Nadab ruled Israel and did evil. Baasha killed Nadab.

1Kgs16: Elah ruled Israel and did evil. Zimri killed Elah but Israel made Omri king. Omri did evil. Ahab ruled and began to worship Baal.

1Kgs17: Elijah told Ahab, "There will be no rain." Elijah stayed with a widow in Zarephath. The widow's son died but God revived him.

1Kgs18: Elijah went to Ahab and challenged the prophets of Baal. Baal gave no answer but God answered Elijah with fire. Then rain fell.

1Kgs19: Elijah fled from Jezebel. At Horeb there was a wind, an earthquake and a fire; then God spoke. Elijah put his mantle on Elisha.

11 2Kings

2Kgs1: Ahaziah consulted Baal-zebub. Elijah said that he would die. Ahaziah sent men to Elijah but they were consumed by fire. Ahaziah died.

2Kgs2: Elisha followed Elijah. A chariot of fire appeared and Elijah went up to heaven. Elisha took Elijah's mantle and divided the waters.

2Kgs3: Israel, Judah and Edom went to fight Moab. Elisha said, "God will send water and give you Moab." The Moabites were defeated.

2Kgs4: Elisha told a Shunammite woman that she would have a son. The child died but Elisha revived him. Elisha cleansed the food at Gilgal.

2Kgs5: Naaman of Aram was a leper. Elisha told him to wash in the Jordan and he was healed. Gehazi asked for a gift and became leprous.

2Kgs6: The king of Aram sent an army to capture Elisha but God blinded them. Ben-hadad besieged Samaria and there was a great famine.

2Kgs7: Elisha prophesied an end to the famine. Four lepers went and found that the Arameans had fled. The people plundered the Aramean camp.

2Kgs8: Elisha told Hazael that he would rule Aram. Hazael killed Ben-hadad. Jehoram ruled Judah and did evil. Ahaziah ruled and did evil.

2Kgs9: Elisha sent a prophet to anoint Jehu. Jehu killed Joram and Ahaziah. Eunuchs threw Jezebel out of the window and dogs ate her body.

2Kgs10: Jehu sent a letter and had Ahab's sons killed. He killed Ahaziah's brothers and all the worshippers of Baal. Hazael defeated Israel.

2Kgs11: Athaliah destroyed the royal family but Jehosheba hid Joash. Jehoiada had the army proclaim Joash as king and put Athaliah to death.

2Kgs12: Joash ruled in Jerusalem and did what was right. The priests collected money to repair the temple. Joash was killed by his servants.

2Kgs13: Jehoahaz ruled Israel and they were oppressed by Hazael. Jehoash ruled and Elisha told him to strike the ground. Then Elisha died.

2Kgs14: Amaziah ruled Judah and did right. He challenged Jehoash but Judah were defeated. Jeroboam ruled Israel and restored the borders.

2Kgs15: Azariah and Jotham ruled Judah and did what was right. Zechariah, Shallum, Menahem, Pekahiah and Pekah ruled Israel and did evil.

2Kgs16: Ahaz ruled Judah and did evil. Aram and Israel attacked Judah so Ahaz sent a tribute to the king of Assyria. Ahaz set up an altar.

2Kgs17: Hoshea ruled Israel. The king of Assyria invaded and settled the land. This happened because the Israelites rejected the covenant.

2Kgs18: Hezekiah ruled Judah and did right. The Assyrians surrounded Jerusalem. Rabshakeh said, "Don't listen to Hezekiah. Come out to me."

2Kgs19: Hezekiah prayed, "O LORD, save us." Isaiah said, "God says: I will defend the city." That night the Assyrians were struck dead.

2Kgs20: Hezekiah was sick but God extended his life. Envoys came from Babylon. Isaiah told Hezekiah, "Everything will be taken away."

2Kgs21: Manasseh ruled in Jerusalem and did evil. God said, "I will bring disaster on Jerusalem and Judah." Amon ruled and did evil.

2Kgs22: Josiah ruled and did right. He had the law read out and tore his robes. Huldah said, "God says: You will be buried in peace."

2Kgs23: Josiah destroyed the altars and high places and held Passover. He was killed in battle. Jehoahaz and Jehoiakim ruled and did evil.

2Kgs24: God sent raiders against Judah. Jehoiachin ruled and Nebuchadnezzar took all Jerusalem captive. Zedekiah ruled and did evil.

2Kgs25: Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem. Nebuzaradan burned the temple and took the people into exile. Evil-merodach released Jehoiachin.

12 1Chronicles

1Chr1: Adam, Seth, Noah, Shem, Eber, Abraham; Abraham's sons were Isaac and Ishmael; Isaac's sons were Esau and Israel. Kings ruled in Edom.

1Chr2: Judah's line led to Obed, Jesse and David. Caleb was son of Hezron; Jerahmeel was firstborn of Hezron. Caleb's line were the Kenites.

1Chr3: David had six sons at Hebron, four by Bathshua and nine others. Solomon's line led to Jeconiah, and then to the sons of Elioenai.

1Chr4: Reiah's sons were the Zorathites; God blessed Jabez; Shelah's sons worked for the king. Simeon's line went to Gedor to seek pasture.

1Chr5: Reuben lost his birthright; his sons lived in Gilead. The sons of Gad and the sons of Manasseh lived in Bashan until the captivity.

1Chr6: Levi's sons were Gershon, Kohath and Merari. The musicians were Heman and Asaph. Aaron's sons made offerings. They were given cities.

1Chr7: Issachar's sons were 87,000. Benjamin's sons were Bela, Beker and Jediael. Ephraim's line led to Joshua. Asher's sons were 26,000.

1Chr8: Benjamin was father of Bela, Ashbel, Aharah, Nohah and Rapha; Ner's line was Kish, Saul, Jonathan; the sons of Ulam were mighty men.

1Chr9: Jerusalem was resettled by Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim and Manasseh; there were priests and Levite gatekeepers. Kish was father of Saul.

1Chr10: The Philistines fought Israel and Saul fell on his sword. The Israelites fled. Saul died for his unfaithfulness against God.

1Chr11: The elders anointed David king. David's mighty men included the three who brought him water from Bethlehem. Abishai led the thirty.

1Chr12: Benjaminites and Gadites went over to David at Ziklag. David made them officers. People kept coming until there was a great army.

1Chr13: David said, "Let us bring the ark back." As they carried the ark Uzzah steadied it and was struck down. David took it to Obed-edom.

1Chr14: David had more children. The Philistines attacked; David inquired of God and when he heard marching in the trees he defeated them.

1Chr15: David told the Levites to carry the ark. Heman, Asaph and Ethan were the musicians. The ark was brought into the city of David.

1Chr16: They made offerings and David appointed singers. "Give thanks to God; He is greatly to be praised!" Asaph ministered each day.

1Chr17: God said to Nathan, "Tell David: I will establish your house; your son will build my house." David prayed, "Who am I, O LORD?"

1Chr18: David defeated the Philistines, the Moabites, King Hadadezer, the Arameans and the Edomites. He reigned over Israel with justice.

1Chr19: The King of Ammon humiliated David's servants and hired the Arameans for war. Joab defeated them and David defeated King Hadadezer.

1Chr20: Joab besieged Rabbah and David took the plunder. War broke out with the Philistines and David and his men killed the giants.

1Chr21: Satan led David to count the Israelites. God sent a plague and a destroying angel. David bought Ornan's field and made offerings.

1Chr22: David told Solomon: "God has said that you will build his temple. I have provided materials." He ordered the leaders to help.

1Chr23: David made Solomon king over Israel. He organised the Levites into the sons of Gershon, Kohath and Merari to serve in the temple.

1Chr24: The sons of Aaron were priests. David organised the sons of Eleazar and Ithamar by lot. The rest of the Levites also cast lots.

1Chr25: The sons of Asaph, Heman and Jeduthun prophesied with music. 288 were trained in singing to God. They cast lots for duties.

1Chr26: The sons of Obed-edom, Meshelemiah and Hosah were gatekeepers. Ahijah, Zetham, Joel, Shubael and Shalomith oversaw the treasures.

1Chr27: Divisions of 24,000 men were on duty month by month. There was a chief officer over each tribe. Joab was the commander of the army.

1Chr28: David assembled the leaders and said, "God has chosen Solomon to build his house." He gave Solomon the plans for the temple.

1Chr29: The leaders gave offerings. David prayed, "Yours is the kingdom, O LORD. Of your own have we given you." David died at an old age.

13 2Chronicles

2Chr1: Solomon made offerings. God said, "What shall I give you?" Solomon said, "Wisdom to rule this people." So Solomon ruled over Israel.

2Chr2: Solomon sent to King Hiram: "Send me cedars and a craftsman for the temple." Hiram replied, "God has given David a wise son."

2Chr3: Solomon started work on the temple. He built the portico, the main hall, the Most Holy Place, two cherubim, the veil and two pillars.

2Chr4: Solomon made an altar, the Sea, ten lavers, ten lampstands, ten tables and the courts for the temple. Huram made the furnishings.

2Chr5: The priests brought the ark into the Most Holy Place. The singers praised God and the glory of God filled the temple.

2Chr6: Solomon said, "God has kept his promise." He prayed, "O LORD, if anyone prays toward this place then hear from heaven and act."

2Chr7: Fire came from heaven and the Israelites worshipped. God said to Solomon, "If you walk in my ways I will establish your throne."

2Chr8: Solomon built cities. He did not make slaves of the Israelites. He appointed the divisions of priests and Levites to their duties.

2Chr9: The queen of Sheba came to test Solomon and gave him gold and spices. Solomon excelled all the kings of the earth. Then he died.

2Chr10: Jeroboam and all Israel asked Rehoboam to reduce the labour demands. He refused.

Rehoboam still ruled Judah but Israel rebelled.

2Chr11: God told Rehoboam not to attack Jeroboam. All the Levites came to Judah because Jeroboam set up idols. Rehoboam had sons.

2Chr12: Rehoboam was unfaithful to God so Shishak attacked Jerusalem. Rehoboam humbled himself and the anger of God turned away.

2Chr13: Abijah became king of Judah. He drew up battle lines against Jeroboam and said, "God is our God". God routed Jeroboam.

2Chr14: Asa became king. He did right in the sight of God. Zerah the Ethiopian brought an army against Judah but God routed them.

2Chr15: Azariah said to Asa, "God is with you when you are with Him. Do not give up." The people made a covenant to seek God.

2Chr16: Baasha fortified Ramah so Asa made a treaty with Ben-hadad. Hanani said, "You relied on Aram not God." Asa became ill and died.

2Chr17: Jehoshaphat became king and was devoted to God. He sent his officials to teach the law. He grew greater and built fortresses.

2Chr18: Ahab and Jehoshaphat planned for war. Micaiah said, "I saw Israel scattered. Your prophets are lying." Ahab was killed in battle.

2Chr19: Jehoshaphat returned to Jerusalem. He appointed judges and said to them, "Judge carefully, for with God there is no injustice."

2Chr20: An army came against Jehoshaphat so he sought God. Jahaziel said, "The battle is not yours but God's." God set ambushes.

2Chr21: Jehoram ruled and did evil. Elijah wrote saying, "God will send a plague." God struck Jehoram with a disease and he died.

2Chr22: The people made Ahaziah king. He did evil and was killed by Jehu. Athaliah destroyed the royal family but Jehoshabeath hid Joash.

2Chr23: Jehoiada gathered the Levites and anointed the king's son as king. Athaliah was killed. The people tore down the temple of Baal.

2Chr24: Joash ruled and did right while Jehoiada lived. The priests collected money to repair the temple. Joash was killed by his servants.

2Chr25: Amaziah ruled in Jerusalem. After he slaughtered the Edomites he bowed down to their gods. He challenged Jehoash and was defeated.

2Chr26: The people made Uzziah king. He did right and became powerful. But he went to burn incense on the altar and was struck with leprosy.

2Chr27: Jotham became king and did right in the sight of God. He built fortresses in the hills and conquered the Ammonites.

2Chr28: Ahaz became king. He made idols, so God gave him to Aram and Israel. He shut God's temple and sacrificed to other gods.

2Chr29: Hezekiah became king and did right. He told the Levites to cleanse the temple. He assembled the officials and they made offerings.

2Chr30: Hezekiah sent couriers throughout Judah and Israel saying, "Return to God." Many gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover.

2Chr31: Hezekiah assigned the priests and Levites to their duties. The Israelites gave a tithe. Conaniah was in charge of the offerings.

2Chr32: Sennacherib besieged Judah. Hezekiah and Isaiah cried out to God and the Assyrians were struck dead. Hezekiah had great riches.

2Chr33: Manasseh became king. He did much evil and was captured by the Assyrians. Then he sought God. Amon became king and did evil.

2Chr34: Josiah became king. He repaired the temple and had the law read out. Huldah said, "God says: You will be buried in peace."

2Chr35: Josiah celebrated the Passover. He appointed priests to their duties and provided offerings. Then he attacked Neco and was killed.

14 Ezra

Ezr1: Cyrus said, "Let God's people go up to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple." He gave the articles from the temple to Sheshbazzar.

Ezr2: The exiles returned to Judah with Zerubbabel. A total of 42,360 people returned. The heads of families gave offerings for the temple.

Ezr3: The Israelites made regular offerings. When the builders laid the foundation of the temple, the Levites sang praise to God.

Ezr4: Enemies hindered the work in Judah. Rehum wrote to Artaxerxes: "Jerusalem is a rebellious city." So Artaxerxes stopped the building.
Ezr5: Zerubbabel began to build the temple. Tattenai wrote to Darius: "The elders say that Cyrus issued a decree to rebuild this temple."
Ezr6: Darius issued a decree: "The cost of the temple shall come from the treasury." The temple was completed and the Israelites celebrated.
Ezr7: Ezra went up to Jerusalem to teach the law. Artaxerxes wrote: "I decree that whatever Ezra needs shall be done." So I was encouraged.
Ezr8: I assembled the family heads from Babylon and gave the gifts for the temple to the Levites. We came to Jerusalem and made offerings.
Ezr9: The leaders told me that the people had taken foreign wives. I tore my robe and prayed, "O God, we have forsaken your commandments."
Ezr10: The Israelites wept. They all assembled and Ezra said, "Separate from your foreign wives." The family heads investigated the matter.
15 Nehemiah
Neh1: The words of Nehemiah: Men from Judah said, "The wall of Jerusalem is broken down." I prayed, "O LORD, give me favour with the king."
Neh2: The king granted my request to go and rebuild Jerusalem. Sanballat was displeased. I inspected the walls and said, "Let us rebuild."
Neh3: The priests rebuilt the Sheep Gate, the Tekoites made repairs, Jedaiah repaired opposite his house, Meremoth repaired another section.
Neh4: Sanballat ridiculed us and plotted to attack Jerusalem. So we prayed and posted a guard. The builders carried swords as they worked.
Neh5: The people cried out, "We have to borrow to get grain." I told the nobles, "Let us stop exacting usury." I did not take my allowance.
Neh6: Sanballat and Tobiah sent for me to do me harm. I replied, "Why should I come?" The wall was finished and our enemies were afraid.
Neh7: I gave Hanani and Hananiah charge over Jerusalem. I registered the nobles, rulers and people by genealogy. The assembly was 42,360.
Neh8: The people gathered and Ezra read from the law. Nehemiah said, "This day is holy. Do not mourn." The people held the Feast of Booths.
Neh9: The Israelites confessed. The Levites said, "LORD, you brought our fathers out of Egypt. They rebelled but you did not forsake them."
Neh10: The leaders sealed a covenant. The people made an oath: "We will not marry foreigners. We will bring the offerings for the temple."
Neh11: The leaders and one in ten of the people lived in Jerusalem. There were descendants of Judah and of Benjamin, priests and Levites.
Neh12: All the Levites and leaders gathered to dedicate the wall. They made offerings and rejoiced. Men were appointed over the storerooms.
Neh13: I cleared Tobiah out of the temple. I confronted those who profaned the Sabbath and who married foreign women. Remember me, O God.

16 Esther

Est1: King Ahasuerus gave a feast for all his officials. Queen Vashti refused to come to him, so the wise men advised him to replace her.
Est2: Mordecai raised Esther. She was taken into the king's harem and was chosen as queen. Mordecai told Esther of a plot against the king.
Est3: Ahasuerus promoted Haman, but Mordecai would not bow to him. Haman asked to destroy the Jews. The king gave his seal for the decree.
Est4: Mordecai asked Esther to plead with the king. Esther said, "Hold a fast. I will go to the king against the law, and if I die, I die."
Est5: Esther won favour with the king. She said, "Let the king and Haman come to a feast tomorrow." Haman built a gallows to hang Mordecai.
Est6: That night the king read about the plot against him. Haman came to ask about hanging Mordecai. The king told Haman to honour Mordecai.
Est7: At the feast, the king asked Esther, "What is your request?" She said, "My people have been sold by Haman." The king had Haman hanged.
Est8: The king gave his ring to Mordecai. Mordecai sent letters to the provinces allowing the Jews to defend themselves. The Jews rejoiced.
Est9: On the day of the king's decree, the Jews destroyed their enemies. Mordecai wrote to all the Jews and established the Feast of Purim.
Est10: Mordecai the Jew was second only to King Ahasuerus.
17 Job
Job1: Job was blameless. God allowed Satan to test him. Job's servants and children were killed. He tore his robes and worshipped.
Job2: Satan struck Job with boils. Job's wife told him to curse God. But Job did not sin. Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar came to comfort him.
Job3: Job said, "Curse the day I was born! Why did I not die at birth? Why is light given to him who suffers? I have no rest, only turmoil."
Job4: Eliphaz said, "Will you become impatient? When did the innocent ever perish? I heard a voice: 'Can a man be more righteous than God'?"
Job5: "Who will answer you? Man is born to trouble. As for me, I would seek God. Do not despise his discipline. He wounds, but he binds up."
Job6: Job said, "My misery would outweigh the sand of the seas! You have proved no help. Show me how I have been wrong! Would I lie to you?"
Job7: "O God, my life is but a breath! Therefore I will speak out. What is man, that you examine him? Why have you set me as your target?"
Job8: Bildad said, "Does God pervert justice? Learn from past generations. He will not reject the blameless, nor will he uphold evildoers."
Job9: Job said, "How can a man dispute with God? His power is vast! But he destroys the innocent. If only there were a mediator between us!"
Job10: "God, why do you reject the work of your hands? You know that I am not guilty! Why did you bring me out of the womb? Leave me alone."
Job11: Zophar said, "Should your babble go unanswered? God exacts less than your guilt deserves! Reach out to him and you will find hope."

Job12: Job said, "Who does not know all these things? With God are wisdom and power. He brings darkness into light. He destroys nations."

Job13: "I want to argue my case with God. Be quiet and I will speak. Though he slay me, I will hope in him. God, why do you hide your face?"

Job14: "Man is like a fleeting shadow. If a tree is cut down, it will sprout again, but will a man live again? You overpower him forever."

Job15: Eliphaz said, "Your own mouth condemns you! Why do you turn against God? The wicked will be like a vine stripped of unripe grapes."

Job16: Job said, "You're miserable comforters! God has torn me and shattered me. But my prayer is pure. Even now, my advocate is on high!"

Job17: "My spirit is broken. He has made me a byword. But come again all of you! I will not find a wise man among you. Where is my hope?"

Job18: Bildad said, "Why are we stupid in your sight? Indeed, the light of the wicked goes out. His roots dry up and his branches wither."

Job19: Job said, "How long will you torment me? God counts me as an enemy. My closest friends abhor me. But I know that my redeemer lives!"

Job20: Zophar said, "My understanding inspires me to answer. The triumph of the wicked is short. His food will turn sour in his stomach."

Job21: Job said, "Listen to me. Why do the wicked grow mighty? How often do they have trouble? Who repays them? Your answers are empty!"

Job22: Eliphaz said, "Is not your wickedness great? You withheld bread from the hungry. Is not God high? Submit to him and be at peace."

Job23: Job said, "If only I knew where to find God! When he has tested me, I shall come forth as gold. But he does whatever he pleases."

Job24: "The wounded cry out, but God charges no one with wrong. Some rebel against the light; they are exalted a while, and then are gone."

Job25: Bildad said, "Dominion and awe belong to God. Who can be righteous before him? Even the stars are not pure in his sight!"

Job26: Job said, "How you have helped the weak! Sheol is naked to God. The pillars of heaven tremble. These are the fringes of his ways!"

Job27: "My heart does not reproach me. Let my enemy be as the wicked! His many sons are for the sword. The wind sweeps him from his place."

Job28: "There is a mine for silver, but where is wisdom found? It is hidden from the eyes of all living. The fear of God is wisdom!"

Job29: "Oh, for the days when God watched over me! When I took my seat in the square. I was father to the needy and comforted the mourners."

Job30: "But now younger men mock me. They do not hesitate to spit at me. God has cast me into the mire. When I expected good, evil came."

Job31: "Does God not see my ways? Have I lied? Have I refused to help the poor? Have I put my trust in money? Let the Almighty answer me!"

Job32: Elihu was angry with Job and his three friends. He said, "I am young, but it is not only the old who are wise. I will have my say."

Job33: "Job, please listen to my words. God does speak, perhaps in a dream or through pain. He does this to deliver a person from the pit."

Job34: "It is unthinkable that God would do wrong. Can one who hates justice govern? God shows no partiality. Job speaks like the wicked!"

Job35: "Even if you are righteous, what do you give to God? He does not answer because of the pride of evil men. You must wait for him!"

Job36: "I have more to say on God's behalf. He is mighty but does not despise any. Who is a teacher like him? Remember to extol his work!"

Job37: "God thunders with his voice. By the breath of God, ice is made. Do you know his wondrous works? He is great in power and justice!"

Job38: Then God said, "I will question you. Where were you when I founded the earth? Who enclosed the sea? Can you bind the Pleiades?"

Job39: "Do you mark when the deer is born? Will the wild ox serve you? Do you give the horse his might? Does the hawk fly by your wisdom?"

Job40: Job said, "I have no answer." God said, "Will you condemn me? Behold now, Behemoth, which I made. Can anyone pierce his nose?"

Job41: "Can you catch Leviathan with a hook? Everything under heaven is mine. His breath sets coals ablaze. He is king over all the proud."

Job42: Job said, "I repent in ashes." God said to Eliphaz, "You have not spoken rightly of me, as Job has." He restored Job's fortunes.

18 Psalms

Ps1: Blessed is the man who does not walk with the wicked, whose delight is in the law of God. He is like a tree planted by the water.

Ps2: Why do the rulers plot against God and his anointed? God laughs! He said to me, "You are my son." O kings, fear God!

Ps3: O LORD, how many are my foes! But you are a shield around me. You have broken the teeth of the wicked. Salvation belongs to God!

Ps4: Answer me when I call, O God! O people, how long will you seek lies? Put your trust in God! O LORD, you make me sleep in safety.

Ps5: Hear my cry, O LORD! You hate all evildoers. Lead me in righteousness because of my enemies. Let all who take refuge in you rejoice!

Ps6: Be merciful to me, O LORD! My soul is in anguish. I flood my bed with tears. Depart from me, you evildoers! God has heard my cry.

Ps7: O LORD, save me from all who pursue me. Arise in judgement! God has prepared his weapons against the wicked. I will praise God!

Ps8: O LORD, how majestic is your name in all the earth! What is man that you care for him? Yet you have crowned him with glory and honour.

Ps9: I will praise you, O LORD! You have rebuked the nations. God will judge the world with justice. The needy will not be forgotten.

Ps10: O LORD, why do you stand far off? The wicked man hunts the weak. He says, "God will never see." O God, break the arm of the wicked!

Ps11: In God I take refuge. How can you say, "Flee like a bird"? God hates the wicked. God is righteous and loves justice.

Ps12: Help, O LORD, for the godly are no more. Everyone lies. "I will protect the weak," says God. The words of God are pure.

Ps13: How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? Look on me and answer! Give light to my eyes. But I will trust in your unfailing love.

Ps14: The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." There is no one who does good. Will evildoers never learn? God is with the righteous.

Ps15: LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? He whose walk is blameless, who does not slander, who keeps his oath even when it hurts.

Ps16: Protect me, O God! I have no good besides you. God is my portion. I will not be shaken. In your presence is fullness of joy!

Ps17: Hear a just cause, O LORD. My steps have held to your paths. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. Deliver my life from the wicked.

Ps18: God is my rock. I called and he thundered from heaven. He rescued me from my enemy. I will praise you among the nations, O LORD!

Ps19: The heavens declare the glory of God. The law of God is perfect, making wise the simple. May my words be pleasing to you, O LORD.

Ps20: May God answer you in the day of trouble! May he remember your offerings. God saves his anointed. We rise up and stand firm!

Ps21: O LORD, the king rejoices in your strength! You set a crown upon his head. You will destroy your enemies. We will praise your power!

Ps22: My God, why have you forsaken me? I am despised. They have pierced my hands. You have answered me! The nations will worship God!

Ps23: God is my shepherd. He leads me in paths of righteousness. I will fear no evil. I will dwell in the house of God forever.

Ps24: The earth is God's! He who has a pure heart will receive blessing. Lift up your heads, O gates! The King of glory shall come in.

Ps25: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. Show me your ways, teach me your paths. Be gracious to me, forgive my sins. I take refuge in you.

Ps26: Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked with integrity. I do not sit with deceitful men. I love the place where your glory dwells.

Ps27: God is my light and my salvation. My heart will not fear. I will seek your face, O LORD; do not forsake me! Wait for God.

Ps28: To you I cry, O LORD my rock. Repay the wicked according to their works! God is my shield. He is the strength of his people.

Ps29: Ascribe to God glory! The voice of God is over the waters. The voice of God shakes the wilderness. God is king!

Ps30: I will exalt you, O LORD, for you spared me from going down to the pit. I cried to you for mercy. You turned my mourning into dancing.

Ps31: In you, O LORD, I seek refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit. Deliver me from my enemies. Praise God for his steadfast love!

Ps32: Blessed are those whose sins are forgiven. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away. You surround me with glad cries of deliverance!

Ps33: Rejoice in God! Make melody, play skilfully. Let all the earth fear God. His eye is on those who hope in his steadfast love.

Ps34: O magnify God with me! I sought him and he answered. Taste and see that God is good. He is close to the brokenhearted.

Ps35: O LORD, fight against those who fight against me! Then I will rejoice. They repay evil for good. Vindicate me in your righteousness!

Ps36: The wicked flatter themselves. Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens. In your light we see light. There the evildoers lie fallen.

Ps37: Do not be envious of evildoers, for they will fade like the grass. The righteous will inherit the earth. God is their stronghold.

Ps38: O LORD, your arrows have pierced me! My guilt has overwhelmed me. My strength fails me. I confess my sin. Do not forsake me, my God!

Ps39: When I was silent, my anguish increased. O LORD, what is the measure of my days? My hope is in you. Deliver me from my transgressions.

Ps40: I waited patiently for God. He drew me up from the pit. I delight to do your will, O God. My heart fails me, but you are my help.

Ps41: Blessed are those who consider the weak. My enemies say, "When will he die?" They gather slander. But you, O LORD, have upheld me.

Ps42: As the deer pants for water, so my soul longs for you, O God. Your waves break over me. Why are you downcast, O my soul? Hope in God.

Ps43: Vindicate me, O God. Why have you rejected me? Send forth your light and your truth. Why are you downcast, O my soul? Hope in God.

Ps44: O God, our fathers have told us how you drove out the nations. But now you have sold your people. Awake, O Lord! Rise up and help us.

Ps45: My heart overflows with verses for the king. Your God has anointed you with gladness. All glorious is the princess in her chamber.

Ps46: God is our refuge. We will not fear, though the earth give way. The nations rage, kingdoms fall. "Be still and know that I am God."

Ps47: Clap your hands, you nations. How awesome is God Most High! Sing praises to our God, sing praises. He is king of all the earth.

Ps48: Great is God, and greatly to be praised! The joy of the whole earth is Mount Zion. O God, we ponder your love in your temple.

Ps49: Hear this, all peoples! Man in his pomp will not endure. He is like the beasts that perish. But God will ransom my soul from Sheol.

Ps50: The Mighty One, God God speaks: "I will not accept bulls and goats. For you hate discipline. Offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving."

Ps51: Have mercy on me, O God! Cleanse me from my sin. Do not cast me away from your presence. A broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

Ps52: Why do you boast of evil, O mighty man? Surely God will bring you down to ruin. But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.

Ps53: The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." There is no one who does good. Will evildoers never learn? God has rejected them.

Ps54: Save me, O God! For strangers have risen against me. God is my helper. He will repay my enemies. I will praise your name, O LORD!

Ps55: Give ear to my prayer, O God. My heart is in anguish. It is my equal, my friend who rises against me! Cast your burden on God.

Ps56: Be gracious to me, O God, for my enemies trample on me. Are my tears not in your book? In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust.

Ps57: Be merciful to me, O God. I am in the midst of lions. My heart is steadfast, for great is your love. Be exalted above the heavens!

Ps58: Do you rulers judge justly? No, you mete out violence. O God, break their teeth! The righteous will rejoice when they see vengeance.

Ps59: Deliver me from my enemies, O God. Each evening they return, howling like dogs. Destroy them in wrath! You, O God, are my fortress.

Ps60: O God, you have rejected us, broken us. Now restore us! God has promised: "Judah is my sceptre." O grant us help against the enemy!

Ps61: Hear my cry, O God! Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. Prolong the life of the king. So I will ever sing praise to your name.

Ps62: My soul waits for God alone. He alone is my rock and my salvation. Trust in him at all times, O people. Power and love belong to God.

Ps63: O God, you are my God. My soul thirsts for you. Your love is better than life. My lips will sing your praise. Liars will be silenced.

Ps64: Hear me, O God! Hide me from the plots of the wicked, who ambush the blameless. God will bring them to ruin. Let the upright be glad!

Ps65: Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion. By awesome deeds you answer us. You silence the roaring seas. You crown the year with abundance.

Ps66: Shout for joy to God! Come and see what he has done. He has not let our feet slip. I will make an offering. God has heard my prayer.

Ps67: May God be gracious to us, and make his face to shine upon us. Let the peoples praise you, O God! The earth has yielded its increase.

Ps68: Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered! Kings and armies flee. Our God is a God who saves. Sing to him, O kingdoms of the earth!

Ps69: Save me, O God! I endure scorn for your sake. Rescue me from the mire. My foes are all known to you. Let your salvation protect me!

Ps70: Make haste to help me, O God! May those who seek my life be put to shame. May all who seek you rejoice. O LORD, do not delay.

Ps71: In you, O LORD, I take refuge. Do not forsake me when my strength fails. I will tell of your righteousness. I will praise you, O God.

Ps72: Give the king your justice, O God. May he defend the cause of the poor. May all kings fall down before him. Blessed be God!

Ps73: Surely God is good to the pure in heart. I envied the wicked until I saw their end. They are swept away. God is my portion forever.

Ps74: O God, why have you rejected us? Foes have defiled your sanctuary. How long will they mock? You are king from of old. Rise up, O God!

Ps75: We give thanks to you, O God. "I say to the boastful, 'Do not boast.'" God is the judge. The wicked will drain the dregs of his cup.

Ps76: God is known in Judah. You are glorious, more majestic than the mountains. The earth feared and was still when God arose to judgement.

Ps77: In the day of trouble I sought God. Has he withdrawn his compassion? You are the God of wonders. Your path led through the sea.

Ps78: God worked miracles in Egypt. He brought his people to the holy land. They rebelled and he rejected them. He chose David to tend them.

Ps79: O God, the nations have invaded and shed blood like water. How long, O LORD? Save us for your name's sake. Make your vengeance known!

Ps80: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel! How long will you be angry? Restore us, O God. Watch over the vine that you planted. Restore us, O God.

Ps81: Sing aloud to God our strength. I hear a voice: "I am God. Oh, that my people would listen to me! I would subdue their enemies."

Ps82: God judges among the gods: "How long will you judge unjustly? Defend the weak. You are all gods, but you shall die." Arise, O God!

Ps83: O God, do not keep silent! Your enemies make plans against your people. Edom, Moab, Amalek and Philistia. Let them be put to shame.

Ps84: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD! A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. For God is a sun and shield.

Ps85: O LORD, you forgave the iniquity of your people. Restore us again! Surely his salvation is at hand. Love and faithfulness will meet.

Ps86: Hear, O LORD, and answer me. Save your servant! You alone are God. I will glorify your name forever. Show me a sign of your favour.

Ps87: Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God. God will write in the register of the peoples: "This one was born in Zion."

Ps88: O LORD, day and night I cry out to you. You have put me in the darkest depths. Do the dead rise up to praise you? I am in despair.

Ps89: I will sing of the mercies of God. You said, "I will establish the throne of David forever." O Lord, where is your love of old?

Ps90: Lord, you have been our dwelling place. All our days pass away under your wrath. Return, O LORD! Have compassion on your servants!

Ps91: I will say of God, "My refuge and my fortress." His faithfulness will be your shield. He will command his angels to guard you.

Ps92: It is good to give thanks to God. How great are your works! Your enemies shall perish. The righteous flourish in your courts.

Ps93: God reigns! Your throne is established from of old. God is mightier than the sea. Holiness adorns your house forever.

Ps94: O LORD, God of vengeance, shine forth! How long will the wicked exult? God will not reject his people. He will repay the corrupt.

Ps95: Oh come, let us sing to God! He is the King above all gods. Oh come, let us worship and bow down! Do not harden your hearts.

Ps96: Sing to God! Declare his glory among the nations. Worship God in holy splendour. He will judge the world in righteousness.

Ps97: God reigns, let the earth rejoice! Fire goes before him. The heavens declare his righteousness. Give thanks to his holy name!

Ps98: Sing to God! He has remembered his steadfast love. Make a joyful noise before the King. He will judge the world in righteousness.

Ps99: God reigns, let the nations tremble! The King loves justice. He spoke from the pillar of cloud. God our God is holy!

Ps100: Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Know that God is God. Enter his courts with praise. For his love endures forever.

Ps101: I will sing of justice, O LORD. I will walk with integrity. My eyes will be on the faithful of the land. I will destroy the wicked.

Ps102: Hear my prayer, O LORD; I wither away like grass. You sit enthroned forever. The heavens will perish, but your years have no end.

Ps103: Bless God, O my soul. He forgives all your iniquity. He has compassion on those who fear him. Bless God, all his works!

Ps104: O LORD, you are very great. You set the earth on its foundations. All your creatures look to you for food. Bless God, O my soul!

Ps105: Give thanks to God! He has remembered his covenant. He sent Moses to perform signs. He brought his people out of Egypt with joy.

Ps106: God is good! We have sinned like our fathers. They forgot their God. They served idols. But God remembered his covenant.

Ps107: Oh give thanks to God! Let the redeemed say so. He brought them out of darkness. He stilled the storm. He raises up the needy.

Ps108: My heart is steadfast, O God. Your love is great above the heavens. God has spoken: "Judah is my sceptre." Help us against the enemy!

Ps109: Do not be silent, O God. For wicked mouths speak against me. May his name be blotted out! Let curses come upon him! Help me, O LORD.

Ps110: God says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand. You are a priest in the order of Melchizedek." God will judge the nations.

Ps111: Praise God! Great are his works. He is ever mindful of his covenant. All his precepts are sure. His praise endures forever.

Ps112: Blessed are those who fear God. Their righteousness endures forever. They are not afraid of evil tidings. The wicked melt away.

Ps113: Praise God! Blessed be the name of God forever. He is exalted over all the nations. He lifts the needy from the ash heap.

Ps114: When Israel came out of Egypt, Judah became God's sanctuary. The sea looked and fled. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God.

Ps115: Not to us, O LORD, but to your name give glory. Idols have eyes, but they cannot see. O Israel, trust in God. He will bless us.

Ps116: I love God, for he heard my cry. When I was brought low, he saved me. What can I give for all his goodness? I will keep my vows.

Ps117: Praise God! For great is his love towards us.

Ps118: Give thanks to God; for his love endures forever! The nations surrounded me; I cut them off! God has become my salvation.

Ps119: Blessed are those who walk in the law of God. Teach me your decrees. I love your commands. Deliver me according to your promise.

Ps120: In my distress I cry to God. Deliver me from a deceitful tongue. Woe to me! Too long have I lived among those who hate peace.

Ps121: I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from God. He who keeps you will not slumber. God will keep you from all evil.

Ps122: I was glad when they said, "Let us go to the house of God!" The tribes go up to give thanks. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Ps123: As the eyes of servants look to their master, so our eyes look to God. Have mercy on us! For we have endured much contempt.

Ps124: If God had not been on our side, attackers would have swallowed us alive. We have escaped. Our help is in the name of God.

Ps125: Those who trust in God are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved. Do good, O LORD, to those who are good. Peace be upon Israel.

Ps126: When God brought back the captives, we were like dreamers. He has done great things. Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy.

Ps127: Unless God builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Children are a heritage from God, the fruit of the womb a reward.

Ps128: Blessed are all who fear God. You will eat the fruit of your labour. May God bless you from Zion all the days of your life.

Ps129: They have greatly oppressed me from my youth. But God has cut the cords of the wicked. May all who hate Zion be put to shame!

Ps130: I cry to you, O LORD! If you kept a record of sins, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness. O Israel, hope in God!

Ps131: My heart is not proud, O LORD. I have quietened my soul, like a weaned child with its mother. O Israel, put your hope in God.

Ps132: Remember, O LORD, how David vowed, "I will find a place for God." God has chosen Zion: "This is my resting place forever."

Ps133: How good it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil upon the head. There God commanded his blessing.

Ps134: Come, bless God, all you servants of God! Lift up your hands to the sanctuary. May God bless you from Zion.

Ps135: Praise God! He is above all gods. He struck down many nations. Their idols are but silver and gold. O Israel, bless God!

Ps136: Give thanks to God, his love endures; who spread out the earth, his love endures; who led Israel out of Egypt, his love endures.

Ps137: By the rivers of Babylon, we wept when we remembered Zion. How can we sing God's song? O Babylon, happy the one who repays you!

Ps138: I give you thanks, O LORD! All the kings of the earth will praise you. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life.

Ps139: O LORD, you have known me. Where can I go from your Spirit? You knit me together in my mother's womb. Search me and know my heart.

Ps140: Rescue me, O LORD, from evildoers; protect me from the violent. You are my God, my salvation. God executes justice for the poor.

Ps141: O LORD, may my prayer be as incense. Do not turn my heart to evil. Let the righteous rebuke me. Keep me from the traps of the wicked.

Ps142: I cry out to God! When my spirit is faint, you know my path. Save me from my persecutors! You will deal bountifully with me.

Ps143: Hear my prayer, O LORD! My enemy has crushed my life. My soul thirsts for you. Teach me the way I should go. Destroy my adversaries.

Ps144: Blessed be God, who trains my hands for war. O LORD, reach down and rescue me! May there be no cry of distress in our streets.

Ps145: I will exalt you, my God and King. All you have made will praise you. God is faithful. He is near to all who call upon him.

Ps146: Praise God, O my soul! Do not trust in mortal men. God executes justice for the oppressed. He watches over the fatherless.

Ps147: It is good to sing praises to our God! He counts the stars. He lifts up the humble. Praise God! He declares his word to Israel.

Ps148: Praise God from the heavens! Praise him, sun and moon! Praise God from the earth! Young and old together, praise God!

Ps149: Praise God! Let Israel rejoice in their maker. God takes delight in his people. Let swords be in their hands for judgement.

Ps150: Praise God! Praise him with trumpet and strings! Praise him with loud cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise God!

19 Proverbs

Prv1: The proverbs of Solomon. My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. Wisdom calls aloud. The complacency of fools destroys them.

Prv2: My son, apply your heart to understanding. For God gives wisdom. It will save you from the way of evil, and from the adulteress.

Prv31: Speak up for the speechless. Who can find an excellent wife? She buys a field, she makes garments, she watches over her household.

Prv4: Listen, my sons: Get wisdom. The path of the righteous is like the morning sun. Guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

Prv5: My son, listen to my words. In the end an adulteress is bitter as wormwood. Keep away from her. Rejoice in the wife of your youth.

Prv6: A little slumber, and poverty will come like a bandit. A scoundrel sows discord. My son, a man who commits adultery destroys himself.

Prv7: My son, wisdom will keep you from the adulteress. I saw her seducing a young man. He followed her like an ox going to the slaughter.

Prv8: Wisdom cries aloud: "My mouth speaks truth. God brought me forth at the beginning of his works. Whoever finds me finds life."

Prv9: Wisdom has built her house. She says, "Come, leave your folly." The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. Folly knows nothing.

Prv10: A wise son makes a glad father. Love covers all offences. With many words, sin is not lacking. The righteous will never be uprooted.

Prv11: God hates dishonest scales. The wicked earn false wages. Whoever gives water will get water. Whoever trusts in riches will fall.

Prv12: No one finds security by wickedness. Those who work the land have food. Rash words pierce like a sword. Righteousness leads to life.

Prv13: The righteous hate lies. Hope deferred makes the heart sick. Whoever heeds reproof is honoured. Whoever spares the rod hates his son.

Prv14: The talk of fools is a rod for their backs. Even in laughter the heart may ache. Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker.

Prv15: A gentle answer turns away wrath. The eyes of God are everywhere. Plans fail for lack of counsel. God hears the righteous.

Prv16: A man plans his way, but God directs his steps. Kings detest evil. Pride goes before destruction. Wisdom is a fountain of life.

Prv17: A wise servant will rule over a shameful son. Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam. Even a fool seems wise if he keeps silent.

Prv18: A fool delights in his own opinions. The name of LORD is a strong tower. A gift opens the way. The tongue can bring life or death.

Prv19: Wealth makes friends. A false witness will not go unpunished. A good wife is from God. Whoever helps the poor lends to God.

Prv20: Wine is a mocker, beer a brawler. Even a child is known by his deeds. God hates false weights. It is a snare to make rash vows.

Prv21: To do justice is better than sacrifice. Better to live on the roof than with a quarrelsome wife. No plans can avail against God.

Prv22: A good name is better than riches. Train a child and he will not go astray. Incline your ear and apply your heart to my teaching.

Prv23: Do not wear yourself out to get rich. Do not move a boundary marker. Buy the truth, and do not sell it. Do not linger long over wine.

Prv24: Do not envy the wicked. Wisdom is sweet to the soul. Fear God and the king, my son. I saw thorns in the field of the sluggard.

Prv25: Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence. If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat. To seek one's own glory is not glory.

Prv26: As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his folly. Without gossip a quarrel dies down. Whoever digs a pit will fall into it.

Prv27: Faithful are the wounds of a friend. A loud blessing in the morning will be taken as a curse. A person is tested by being praised.

Prv28: Better to be poor and honest than crooked and rich. Whoever confesses sins will find mercy. Whoever trusts in God will prosper.

Prv29: By justice a king builds up the land. Whether a fool rages or laughs, there is no peace. Correct your son and he will give you rest.

Prv3: My son, trust in God with all your heart. Do not despise his discipline. Wisdom is a tree of life. Do not quarrel without cause.

Prv30: Every word of God is pure. Give me neither poverty nor riches. Four things are never satisfied: Sheol, a barren womb, earth and fire.

20 Ecclesiastes

Ecc1: Everything is meaningless! There is nothing new under the sun. I applied my heart to know wisdom, but much wisdom brings much sorrow.

Ecc2: I built houses, gathered possessions and sought pleasure. It was meaningless! The wise die like the foolish. I despaired of my toil.

Ecc3: There is a time for everything: to live, to die, to mourn, to dance. It is the gift of God that man should find pleasure in his work.

Ecc4: I saw the tears of the oppressed. Two have a good reward for their toil. I saw everyone follow a new king. This too is meaningless!

Ecc5: Do not make rash vows before God. The lover of money never has enough. What is gained by toil? It is good to find enjoyment in life.

Ecc6: Here is an evil: to have wealth and honour but not to enjoy them. What do the wise gain over fools? The more words, the less meaning.

Ecc7: The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning. Do not be too righteous, or too wicked. Men have gone in search of many schemes.

Ecc8: Obey the king's command. Though sinners do evil, it will be well for those who fear God. No one can know what goes on under the sun.

Ecc9: The same fate comes to all. A living dog is better than a dead lion. Enjoy the days of your vain life. Wisdom is better than strength.

Ecc10: A little folly spoils wisdom. Whoever digs a pit will fall into it. The lips of a fool consume him. Through laziness the roof leaks.

Ecc11: Whoever watches the clouds will never reap. You do not know what will prosper. Enjoy your youth, but know that God will judge you.

Ecc12: Remember your Creator in your youth, before the days of trouble come. Everything is meaningless! Fear God and keep his commandments.

21 Song of Songs

Sg1: Let him kiss me! I am dark and lovely. Tell me, where do you pasture your flock? Follow the tracks, my love. Behold, you are beautiful.

Sg2: She is a lily among thorns. He is an apple tree in the wood. Here he comes, leaping on the mountains. My beloved is mine and I am his.

Sg3: By night I sought the one whom I love. I brought him into my mother's house. Behold, O daughters of Zion, the carriage of King Solomon!

Sg4: You are beautiful, my love! Your eyes are doves, your breasts are like fawns. My bride is a garden. Let my beloved come to his garden.

Sg5: My beloved is knocking! I opened to him but he had gone. The guards found me and wounded me. My beloved is ruddy, his body is ivory.

Sg6: Where has your beloved gone? He has gone to his garden. You are beautiful, my love. Fair as the moon, awesome as an army with banners.

Sg7: Your thighs are like jewels, your breasts like the fruit of a palm. May your kisses be like wine! Beloved, let us go into the fields.

Sg8: Do not awaken love until it pleases. Love is as strong as death. Solomon had a vineyard, but mine is my own. Make haste, my beloved!

22 Isaiah

Isa1: God has spoken: I raised children but they have rebelled. Wash yourselves. I will smelt away your dross. Zion shall be redeemed.

Isa2: The mountain of God will be established. On that day the pride of men will be humbled. They will flee the splendour of God.

Isa3: God will take away all support from Judah. Children will govern. You grind the faces of the poor. The women of Zion are proud.

Isa4: In that day the branch of God will be glorious. Those who are left in Zion will be called holy. God will create a shelter.

Isa5: Why did my vineyard yield wild grapes? Woe to those who pursue drink, who call evil good. The anger of God is against his people.

Isa6: I saw God seated on high. A seraph brought a coal to my lips. God said, "Who will go for us?" I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Isa7: Aram plotted with Ephraim. God sent Isaiah to King Ahaz: Behold, a virgin shall bear a son. God will use Assyria as a razor.

Isa8: The floodwaters of Assyria will overflow the land. Many will fall and be snared. I will trust in God. They will curse their gods.

Isa9: A child is born to us. His government will increase forever. God will raise the enemies of Israel. His anger has not turned away.

Isa10: Woe to those who rob the poor of justice. Woe to Assyria, whose purpose is to destroy. The remnant of Israel will return to God.

Isa11: A shoot will come up from Jesse. He will judge with righteousness. The wolf will live with the lamb. God will gather his people.

Isa12: In that day you will say: I will praise you, O LORD! Your anger has turned away. Surely God is my salvation. Sing for joy, O Zion!

Isa13: The oracle concerning Babylon: Listen! God is calling an army. I will punish the world for its evil. Babylon will be overthrown.

Isa14: God will again choose Israel. How you are fallen, O Lucifer! You will be cast away like a trampled corpse. Wail, O Philistia!

Isa15: An oracle concerning Moab: Ar of Moab is laid waste. In the streets they wear sackcloth. The waters of Dibon are full of blood.

Isa16: A throne will be established from the house of David. We have heard of the pride of Moab. Within three years Moab will be despised.

Isa17: An oracle concerning Damascus: Damascus will become ruins. Jacob will be brought low. You have forgotten the God of your salvation.

Isa18: Woe to the land of buzzing wings, beyond the rivers of Cush. God will cut down the branches. Wild animals will feed on them.

Isa19: An oracle concerning Egypt: I will hand the Egyptians over to a cruel master. When they cry out to God, he will send a saviour.

Isa20: God spoke through Isaiah: As Isaiah has gone stripped for three years, so Assyria will lead the Egyptians and Cushites captive.

Isa21: The oracle concerning the wilderness of the sea: I set a watchman. He said, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon!" The glory of Kedar will end.

Isa22: The oracle concerning the valley of vision: God has taken away the covering of Judah. I will give to Eliakim the key of David.

Isa23: The oracle concerning Tyre: Wail, O ships, for Tyre is laid waste. God has planned it. Tyre will be forgotten for seventy years.

Isa24: Behold, God lays the earth waste. Its people are held guilty. Fear and pit and snare await you. God of hosts will reign.

Isa25: O LORD, I will praise you. You have done marvellous things. God will swallow up death forever. Moab will be trampled as straw.

Isa26: A song will be sung in Judah: God is the eternal Rock. Your hand is lifted high. We gave birth to wind, but your dead will rise.

Isa27: In that day God will slay Leviathan. By exile the guilt of Jacob will be purged. Those who were perishing will worship God.

Isa28: Woe to the drunkards of Ephraim! They will be snared. Behold, I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone. God will do his alien work.

Isa29: Woe to Ariel, the city of David! But your enemies will be like dust. I will astound these people. No longer will Jacob be ashamed.

Isa30: Woe to the stubborn children who seek help from Egypt! God will wait to show mercy. The voice of God will shatter Assyria.

Isa31: Woe to those who trust in chariots! As a lion roars, so God will come down to fight for Mount Zion. Turn back to him, O Israel.

Isa32: Behold, a king will reign in righteousness. Tremble, you women of ease. The city will be deserted until the Spirit is poured upon us.

Isa33: Woe to you, O destroyer! The fear of God is Zion's treasure. "I will arise," says God. You will see the king in his beauty.

Isa34: God is enraged against the nations. His sword is filled with blood. He has a day of vengeance for Zion. Edom shall lie waste.

Isa35: The desert shall rejoice and bloom. The eyes of the blind shall be opened. The ransomed of God shall return to Zion with songs.

Isa36: The king of Assyria came against Judah. His commander said, "Do not listen to Hezekiah. Have any of the gods delivered their lands?"

Isa37: Hezekiah prayed to God. Isaiah said, "The king of Assyria will not enter the city." The angel of God struck the Assyrians.

Isa38: Hezekiah became sick, so he prayed. God said, "I will add fifteen years to your life." Hezekiah wrote, "God will save me."

Isa39: The king of Babylon sent envoys. Hezekiah showed them his treasure houses. Isaiah said, "All you have shall be carried to Babylon."

Isa40: Comfort, comfort my people. A voice cries: Prepare the way of God! He is the everlasting God. He gives strength to the weary.

Isa41: Let the nations meet for judgement. Do not fear, O Israel. I will help you. Idols are nothing. I will give a messenger of good news.

Isa42: Behold, my Servant! He will bring justice to the nations. Sing to God a new song. Hear, you deaf! God gave Israel as spoil.

Isa43: But I am with you, O Jacob. I am God. There is no other saviour. Behold, I will do a new thing! Yet you have not called upon me.

Isa44: I will pour my Spirit on your offspring. Who makes an idol? A carpenter prays to a block of wood. I am God who made all things.

Isa45: God says to Cyrus: For the sake of Jacob I have called you. I am God. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!

Isa46: The idols of Bel and Nebo are burdens to be carried. O Jacob, I have made you and I will carry you. I am God and there is no other.

Isa47: Sit in the dust, O daughter of Babylon. You showed no mercy. You trusted in sorcery. Evil shall fall upon you. No one shall save you.

Isa48: Hear this, O Jacob: I have refined you for my own sake. I am the First and the Last. Thus says your Redeemer: Go out from Babylon!

Isa49: God formed me in the womb to restore Jacob and to bring salvation. Can a mother forget her nursing baby? I will not forget Zion.

Isa50: Have I no power to deliver? God has given me a learned tongue. I gave my back to those who beat me. He who justifies me is near.

Isa51: Listen, God will comfort Zion. Awake, O arm of God! The ransomed shall return. You will drink the cup of my wrath no more.

Isa52: Awake, O Zion! How beautiful are those who bring good news. God has redeemed Jerusalem. Behold, my Servant will be lifted up.

Isa53: He was despised and rejected. He was pierced for our transgressions. By his wounds we are healed. Out of anguish he will see light.

Isa54: Sing, O barren woman! Your offspring will inherit the nations. Your Maker is your husband. No weapon formed against you will prosper.

Isa55: Come, all you who are thirsty. I will make an everlasting covenant. My word will not return void. The mountains will burst into song.

Isa56: Keep justice, for salvation is near. I will bring the outcasts of Israel to my house and gather still others. The watchmen are blind.

Isa57: The righteous find peace in death. As for you rebels, you make your bed wide. Let your idols save you! But I will not accuse forever.

Isa58: You seek pleasure on your fast days. Is this not the fast I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice? Then your ruins will be rebuilt.

Isa59: Your sins have separated you from God. Justice is far from us. Truth is nowhere. So God put on garments of salvation and fury.

Isa60: Arise, shine, for your light has come! The nations will come to you. I will make you majestic forever. Your God will be your glory.

Isa61: The Spirit of God is on me. He has sent me to proclaim freedom. My people will inherit a double portion. I delight in God.

Isa62: For Zion's sake I will not keep silent. You will be given a new name. Your God will rejoice over you. Raise a banner for the nations!

Isa63: Why are your robes red? I have trampled the nations. Israel remembered who brought them through the sea. You, O LORD, are our father.

Isa64: Oh that you would rend the heavens! You meet those who do right. We are all the work of your hand. Do not remember our sins forever.

Isa65: I held out my hands to an obstinate people. My servants will eat, but you will go hungry. I will create new heavens and a new earth.

Isa66: Listen! God is repaying his enemies. Rejoice with Jerusalem and be comforted. All flesh will worship before me, says God.

23 Jeremiah

Jer1: God said to me: I appointed you as a prophet to the nations. Do not be afraid. I am calling the northern kingdoms against Judah.

Jer2: Go and proclaim: My people have exchanged their glory for idols. You have all rebelled against me. Now I will bring you to judgement.

Jer3: Israel played the whore on every hill. Her false sister Judah saw it. Return, O faithless children! Surely God is our salvation.

Jer4: Flee to safety! I am bringing disaster from the north, says God. I have heard the trumpet! The whole land shall be a desolation.

Jer5: Israel and Judah have been utterly unfaithful to me. I am bringing a distant nation against you. Your sins have deprived you of good.

Jer6: Flee from Jerusalem! I appointed watchmen but you would not listen. An army is coming from the north. My people are rejected silver.

Jer7: Proclaim at the temple: Has this house become a den of thieves? I sent prophets but you did not listen. Judah will become desolate.

Jer8: Why do these people refuse to return? They have no shame. God has doomed us because we have sinned. Is there no balm in Gilead?

Jer9: No one speaks the truth. I will scatter these people, says God. The sound of wailing is heard from Zion. I act with justice.

Jer10: Do not learn the ways of the nations. God is the true God. Listen, a great commotion from the north! They have devoured Jacob.

Jer11: Both Israel and Judah have broken my covenant. I will bring disaster. Do not pray for them. I will punish those who seek your life.

Jer12: O LORD, why do the wicked prosper? I have left my house. Many shepherds have ruined my vineyard. I will uproot my evil neighbours.

Jer13: God told me to hide a sash in the rocks. So I will ruin the pride of Judah, says God. All Judah will be carried into exile.

Jer14: There is no water in the cisterns. O LORD, do not forsake us! I will destroy them by sword and by famine. Can any idols bring rain?

Jer15: Send these people away from my presence! Who will mourn for Jerusalem? O LORD, I suffer insult for you. I am with you, says God.

Jer16: God said to me: Do not marry or have children. Why has God pronounced evil against us? You have followed your evil hearts.

Jer17: Cursed are those who trust in man. Blessed are those who trust in God. If you keep the Sabbath, Jerusalem will remain forever.

Jer18: God said: Go to the potter. You are clay in my hand, O Israel. My people have forgotten me. O LORD, they have dug a pit for me.

Jer19: God said: Buy a clay jar. These people have burned sacrifices to foreign gods. Then break the jar. So I will smash this nation.

Jer20: Pashhur put Jeremiah in the stocks. Everyone mocks me. But the word of God is a fire in my bones. Cursed be the day I was born!

Jer21: Zedekiah enquired about Nebuchadnezzar. God says: Whoever stays in the city will die. Nebuchadnezzar will destroy it with fire.

Jer22: Proclaim at the palace: I will make you a desert. Shallum will not return. They will not lament for Jehoiakim. Coniah is cast away.

Jer23: I will raise up a righteous Branch, says God. The prophets fill you with false hopes. I did not speak, yet they have prophesied.

Jer24: God showed me two baskets of figs after the exile to Babylon. The good figs are the exiles. The bad figs are those who remain.

Jer25: You did not listen, says God. So I will summon Babylon. Make the nations drink my cup of wrath. God will roar from on high.

Jer26: God said: Speak in the courts. The priests seized Jeremiah to kill him, but the officials refused. Uriah had been put to death.

Jer27: God said: Put a yoke on your neck. I will hand all the nations over to serve Nebuchadnezzar. Do not listen to your prophets.

Jer28: Hananiah took Jeremiah's yoke and broke it. God said: Tell Hananiah, I have put an iron yoke on these nations. Hananiah died.

Jer29: Jeremiah wrote to the exiles: Seek peace for the city. After seventy years you will return. Ahab, Zedekiah and Shemaiah speak lies.

Jer30: Write these words in a book. I will restore my people, says God. I have punished you but I will heal you. I will be your God.

Jer31: Sing with joy for Jacob! Return to your cities. I will make a new covenant with Israel, says God. I will put my law within them.

Jer32: Jeremiah bought a field in Anathoth. O LORD, the city has been handed over to Babylon. God says: I will surely gather my people.

Jer33: God says: I will tell you great things. I will bring healing to the land. David will never lack a son on the throne of Israel.

Jer34: Tell Zedekiah: You will not escape the king of Babylon. The people took back their slaves. God says: You have not obeyed me.

Jer35: The Rechabites refused to drink wine. God said to Judah: The command of Jonadab has been obeyed, yet you have not obeyed me.

Jer36: Baruch read out Jeremiah's words at the temple. The king sent for the scroll and burned it. God said: I will bring disaster.

Jer37: Zedekiah became king. Jeremiah said: Do not think the Babylonians will leave us. Irijah arrested Jeremiah. Zedekiah gave him bread.

Jer38: Jeremiah was thrown into a cistern. Zedekiah sent for him. Jeremiah said: If you surrender to the king of Babylon then you will live.

Jer39: The Babylonians besieged Jerusalem and captured Zedekiah. They took the people into exile. Nebuchadnezzar said: Do not harm Jeremiah.

Jer40: Nebuzaradan said to Jeremiah: Go back to Gedaliah, who has been appointed over Judah. The captains warned Gedaliah about Ishmael.

Jer41: Ishmael killed Gedaliah and eighty men. Johanan went to fight Ishmael but he escaped. Johanan led the survivors on the way to Egypt.

Jer42: The people asked Jeremiah to pray. God says: If you stay in the land, I will grant you mercy. If you go to Egypt, you will die.

Jer43: Johanan and all the people did not obey God. They went to Egypt. God said: Nebuchadnezzar will ravage the land of Egypt.

Jer44: God says: Why do you provoke me with other gods? The people said: We will not listen. God says: I am going to punish you.

Jer45: When Baruch wrote these words, God said to him: I am going to break what I have built. Do not seek great things for yourself.

Jer46: Of Egypt: There is no healing for you. Prepare yourselves for exile. I will deliver Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar. But fear not, O Jacob!

Jer47: Of the Philistines: Waters are rising from the north. God is destroying the Philistines. How can the sword of God be quiet?

Jer48: Of Moab: Woe to Nebo, for it is laid waste. We have heard of his arrogance. How it is broken! Moab has become a derision to all.

Jer49: God says: Rabbah will become desolate. I will make Edom small. Damascus has become feeble. Flee, O Hazor. I will destroy Elam.

Jer50: Of Babylon: A nation will make her desolate. Judah will seek God. Repay Babylon for all her deeds. A sword against her warriors!

Jer51: God says: I will send a destroyer against Babylon. I will repay them for the evil done in Zion. Read these words in Babylon.

Jer52: Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem. Nebuzaradan burned the temple and took the people into exile. Evil-merodach released Jehoiachin.

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Lam1: How lonely sits the city! Judah has gone into exile. O LORD, I am despised. Is any sorrow like mine? There is no one to comfort me.

Lam2: God has not pitied Jacob. He has abandoned his sanctuary. My eyes fail with tears. Young and old lie slaughtered in the streets.

Lam3: He has driven me into darkness. But the steadfast love of God never ceases. Let us return to God! You will repay my enemies.

Lam4: The holy stones lie scattered. The children beg for food. God has poured out his fierce anger. O Zion, your punishment will end.

Lam5: Look, O LORD, and see our disgrace! We have become orphans. Slaves rule over us. But you, O LORD, reign forever. Restore us as of old!

Lamentations

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Ezekiel

Ezk1: I saw visions of God. Out of a storm came four creatures. I saw wheels within wheels. Above them was a throne and the figure of a man.

Ezk2: He said to me: "Son of man, stand up." The Spirit entered me. He said: "I send you to rebel Israel." Before me was a scroll of woe.

Ezk3: He said to me: "Israel will not listen." I came to the exiles. God said: "I have made you a watchman. I will open your mouth."

Ezk4: "Son of man, take clay and draw Jerusalem. Then lie on your side. You shall bear the punishment of Israel. Cook your bread over dung."

Ezk5: "Son of man, shave your head. Jerusalem has rebelled. A third shall die of famine, a third by the sword and a third I will scatter."

Ezk6: "Son of man, prophesy against the mountains of Jerusalem. The slain shall lie among their idols. They will know that I am God."

Ezk7: "The end has come! I will punish you for all your abominations. Silver and gold cannot deliver. The people of the land will tremble."

Ezk8: The Spirit lifted me up. "Son of man, see what they do. Elders burn incense to idols. Women weep for Tammuz. Men worship the sun."

Ezk9: He cried, "Bring the executioners." Six men came. "Kill old and young, but do not touch those with the mark. I will not have pity."

Ezk10: He told the man in linen: "Take fire from between the wheels." Each wheel had four faces. The glory of God left the temple.

Ezk11: The Spirit said: "These men plot evil." I said: "Will you destroy the remnant?" God said: "I will put a new spirit within them."

Ezk12: "Son of man, they are a rebellious house. Bring out your baggage like an exile. I will disperse them. My word will not be delayed."

Ezk13: "Woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit. I will send a storm in my wrath. Woe to the women who sew magic charms."

Ezk14: The elders came to me. God said: "They have set up idols in their hearts. Even Noah, Daniel and Job would only save themselves."

Ezk15: "Son of man, is wood taken from the vine to make anything? I have given it to the fire for fuel. So I have given up Jerusalem."

Ezk16: "Jerusalem, I made you flourish. But you played the whore. I will gather your lovers against you. Yet I will remember my covenant."

Ezk17: "An eagle planted a vine but it grew towards another eagle. Israel rebelled against Babylon with Egypt. I myself will plant a cedar."

Ezk18: "If a man is righteous, he shall live. If a son is violent, he shall die. I will judge each according to his ways. Repent and live!"

Ezk19: "Lament for the princes of Israel: A lioness had cubs. One was taken to Egypt, another to Babylon. A vine was stripped of its fruit."

Ezk20: "I led Israel out of Egypt. They did not walk in my law. I withheld my hand for my name's sake. You will know that I am God."

Ezk21: "Son of man, prophesy against Israel. A sword is sharpened! Mark the way for the king of Babylon. A ruin, ruin, ruin I will make it."

Ezk22: "A city that sheds blood. In you they oppress orphans and widows. Israel has become dross to me. I will pour out my wrath upon them."

Ezk23: "Two sisters: Samaria and Jerusalem. Oholah lusted after her lovers. Oholibah was worse in whoring. Bring an army and cut them down."

Ezk24: "Put meat into the pot. Woe to the bloody city!" My wife died. God said: "I will profane my sanctuary. Ezekiel will be a sign."

Ezk25: "To the Ammonites: You jeered at Israel so I will destroy you. I will judge Moab. I will lay vengeance upon Edom and Philistia."

Ezk26: "Tyre jeered at Jerusalem so I will make her a bare rock. Nebuchadnezzar will lay siege to you. I will bring you to a dreadful end."

Ezk27: "Lament for Tyre: Of oaks they made your oars. Tarshish, Dedan, Judah and Damascus traded with you. Now you are wrecked by the seas."

Ezk28: "To the king of Tyre: You were perfect in Eden. You became proud. I cast you to the ground. There will be no more thorns for Israel."

Ezk29: "I am against you, Pharaoh, the great dragon. Egypt will never again rule the nations. Nebuchadnezzar will carry off its wealth."

Ezk30: "A sword will come upon Egypt. Those who support her will fall. Nebuchadnezzar will destroy the land. I will break Pharaoh's arms."

Ezk31: "Assyria was a cedar. It towered above the trees. Its heart was proud. Foreigners have cut it down. This is Pharaoh and his hordes."

Ezk32: "Lament for Pharaoh: You are a dragon in the seas. The sword of Babylon will come upon you. Elam and Edom are laid with the slain."

Ezk33: "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for Israel." Jerusalem was struck down. God says: "I have made the land a desolation."

Ezk34: "Woe to the shepherds of Israel! They did not feed my flock. I myself will seek my sheep. My servant David will be their shepherd."

Ezk35: "Son of man, prophesy against Mount Seir: Because you delivered Israel to the sword, blood will pursue you. You will be desolate."

Ezk36: "Prophesy to the mountains of Israel: I will make you inhabited again. I will vindicate my name. I will put my Spirit within you."

Ezk37: God said: "Prophesy to the bones." The bones became an army. God said: "Join two sticks. I will join Ephraim and Judah."

Ezk38: "Son of man, prophesy against Gog: You will come against my people. My jealousy will be roused. I will summon a sword against Gog."

Ezk39: "I am against you, O Gog. I will give you a burial place in Israel. Gather the birds for a feast. Now I will have mercy on Jacob."

Ezk40: In visions God brought me to a temple. He brought me through the gates to the inner court. There were tables for the offerings.

Ezk41: He measured the nave and the inner room. The side chambers were in three storeys. In front of the Holy Place was an altar of wood.

Ezk42: He led me to the outer court. The north and south chambers are where the priests eat the offerings. He measured all the temple area.

Ezk43: The glory of God filled the temple. He said: "Son of man, describe the temple to Israel. The priests shall cleanse the altar."

Ezk44: "No foreigner shall enter my sanctuary. The sons of Zadok shall minister to me. They shall distinguish between the holy and unholy."

Ezk45: "Set apart a holy district for God. The prince shall have land on each side. You shall have honest scales. Celebrate Passover."

Ezk46: "The prince shall bring offerings on the Sabbaths and New Moons. You shall offer a lamb daily." In the four corners were kitchens.

Ezk47: Water was flowing from the temple. He led me in until it was too deep to cross. God says: "Divide the land among the tribes."

Ezk48: "Set a portion for each tribe. Adjoining Judah shall be the portion for God. The name of the city shall be, God Is There."

26 Daniel

Dan1: Nebuchadnezzar brought the young nobles to Shinar. Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the king's food. God gave him wisdom.

Dan2: Nebuchadnezzar had dreams. Daniel said, "God reveals mysteries. You saw a great statue broken by a stone. God will set up a kingdom."

Dan3: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego would not worship the gold statue. Nebuchadnezzar threw them into the furnace but God protected them.

Dan4: "I, Nebuchadnezzar, dreamt of a tree cut down. Daniel said, 'You shall eat grass like an ox.' Afterwards my kingdom was restored."

Dan5: Belshazzar drank from the temple vessels. A hand wrote on the wall. Daniel said, "Your kingdom is given to the Medes and Persians."

Dan6: The satraps urged Darius to sign a law against prayer. Daniel prayed to God and was thrown to the lions. God closed the lions' mouths.

Dan7: Daniel saw visions. I saw four great beasts. The Son of Man was given an everlasting kingdom. The fourth beast shall be destroyed.

Dan8: I saw a ram with two horns. A goat with a large horn struck the ram. Gabriel said: "The ram is Media and Persia, the goat is Greece."

Dan9: I read the book of Jeremiah. I prayed, "Israel has sinned. O God, forgive." Gabriel said, "Seventy weeks are decreed for atonement."

Dan10: As I mourned I saw a man with a face like lightning. He said, "The prince of Persia delayed me. I came to explain the latter days."

Dan11: "The king of the south will fight the king of the north. The king of the north will desecrate the temple. He will exalt himself."

Dan12: "There will be a time of distress." I said, "How long?" He said, "Time, times and half a time. These words are sealed until the end."

27 Hosea

Hos1: God told Hosea, "Marry an adulterer for the land has prostituted itself." Gomer had sons. God said, "You are not my people."

Hos2: "Your mother has been unfaithful. I will expose her lewdness. Now I will speak tenderly to her. I will betroth you to me forever."

Hos3: God said to me, "Go, love your wife again as God loves Israel." So I bought her back. For Israel will return to God.

Hos4: God has a charge against Israel: "There is no faithfulness. They have left God to play the whore. The rulers love shameful ways."

Hos5: "Hear this, O priests, O king! Israel shall stumble in his guilt. Ephraim is crushed in judgement. I will leave until they seek me."

Hos6: Come, let us return to God. On the third day he will raise us up. "I desire steadfast love, not offerings. Israel is defiled."

Hos7: "The sins of Ephraim are revealed. They are like a heated oven. They call to Egypt, go to Assyria. Woe to them for they have strayed!"

Hos8: "A vulture is over Israel. The calf of Samaria shall be broken. God will punish their sins. For Israel has forgotten his Maker."

Hos9: Rejoice not, O Israel! The days of punishment have come. "I will bereave them. I will drive them from my house." God will reject them.

Hos10: Israel is a rich vine. God will break down their altars. "Nations shall be gathered against them." It is time to seek God.

Hos11: "When Israel was a child, I loved him. But the sword shall devour them. How can I give you up, O Ephraim? I will bring them home."

Hos12: "Jacob fought with God. Ephraim has said, 'I am rich.' But I am God. I spoke through the prophets." God will repay Ephraim.

Hos13: "They make idols of silver. But I am God. I will tear them open. Ephraim's sin is stored up. Shall I redeem them from death?"

Hos14: O Israel, return to God. "I will heal their apostasy. They shall blossom like the vine. Whoever is wise, let him understand."

28 Joel

Joel1: What the locust swarm has left other locusts have eaten. The fields are destroyed. Lament, O priests! The day of God is near.

Joel2: A great army is on the mountains. Return to God for he is merciful. "Fear not, I will restore you. I will pour out my Spirit."

Joel3: "I will gather all the nations for judgement. For the day of God is near. Jerusalem will be inhabited for all generations."

29 Amos

Amos1: God says: "I will punish Damascus. The remnant of the Philistines shall perish. I will send fire upon Tyre, Edom and Ammon."

Amos2: "I will send fire upon Moab and Judah. I will punish Israel. They sell the poor for a pair of sandals. The mighty shall flee naked."

Amos3: Does a lion roar when it has no prey? God reveals his plans to the prophets. "On the day I punish Israel, I will punish Bethel."

Amos4: "You cows of Bashan will be led away with hooks. I withheld the rain. I overthrew some of you. Prepare to meet your God, O Israel!"

Amos5: "Fallen is virgin Israel. Seek me and live. You shall not dwell in your houses. I despise your feasts. Let justice roll like waters."

Amos6: Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, who are not grieved over Joseph. God declares: "I will raise up a nation against you."

Amos7: God showed me locusts, fire and a plumb line. Amaziah told Amos, "Flee to Judah." Amos said, "You shall die in an unclean land."

Amos8: God said: "The end has come upon Israel. I will not forget your deeds. I will send a famine of hearing the words of God."

Amos9: God said: "Strike the pillars until the earth shakes. I will sieve the house of Israel. In that day I will restore my people."

30 Obadiah

Ob1: God says of Edom: "What disaster awaits you! You stood aloof when strangers entered Jerusalem. Saviours shall rule Mount Esau."

31 Jonah

Jon1: God sent Jonah to Nineveh. Jonah fled by ship. A storm arose and the men threw Jonah into the sea. A great fish swallowed him.

Jon2: Jonah prayed: "I cried out in my distress. Waters surrounded me. You brought me up from the pit!" The fish vomited him onto dry land.

Jon3: So Jonah went to Nineveh and said, "Nineveh shall be overthrown!" The people fasted and wore sackcloth. God relented of the disaster.

Jon4: Jonah was angry and said, "O LORD, take my life." A plant sheltered Jonah but it died. God said, "Should I not pity Nineveh?"

32 Micah

Mic1: God is coming! The mountains will melt. "I will make Samaria a ruin." Her wound is incurable. Disaster has come to Jerusalem.

Mic2: Woe to those who plot evil! God says: "I am planning disaster. My people have risen up like an enemy. I will gather a remnant."

Mic3: You rulers tear the skin from my people. God says, "The sun will set for the prophets." Zion will be ploughed up like a field.

Mic4: In the last days, nations will come to the mountain of God. Zion will be rescued from Babylon. "I will give you horns of iron."

Mic5: "From you, O Bethlehem, will come a ruler." The remnant of Jacob will be like a lion. "I will punish the nations that did not obey."

Mic6: "O my people, have I wearied you?" What does God require? Act justly and love mercy. "I will make you desolate for your sins."

Mic7: The godly have perished from the earth. But I will look to God. The nations will tremble. Who is a God like you, forgiving sin?

33 Nahum

Na1: Against Nineveh: God takes vengeance on his enemies. God says, "I will break his yoke from you." Hold your feasts, O Judah!

Na2: God is restoring Jacob. Chariots race through the streets. Nineveh is like a draining pool. "I am against you," declares God.

Na3: Woe to the bloody city! "The nations will look at your shame." Draw water for the siege. Your shepherds are asleep, O king of Assyria.

34 Habakkuk

Hab1: O LORD, why do you tolerate evil? "Behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans." Your eyes are pure. Why do you look upon the treacherous?

Hab2: God answered: "The just shall live by faith. Woe to him who plunders nations! What profit is an idol? God is in his temple."

Hab3: O LORD, renew your works! He stood and shook the earth. You crushed the head of the wicked. I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.

35 Zephaniah

Zep1: "I will sweep away everything from the earth," declares God. The day of God is near. "I will bring distress on mankind."

Zep2: Seek God, you humble. Gaza shall be deserted. God is against you, O Canaan. He will stretch out his hand to destroy Assyria.

Zep3: Woe to the rebellious city! "I have cut off nations. I will leave a humble people." Sing, O Zion! God will quiet you by his love.

36 Haggai

Hag1: God says: "Consider your ways! You never have enough because the temple lies in ruins." So the people worked on the temple.

Hag2: God says: "The latter glory of this temple shall be greater than the former. This nation is unclean. But now I will bless you."

37 Zechariah

Zec1: God said, "Return to me." So the people repented. I saw a man on a red horse. God said, "I will return to Zion with mercy."

Zec2: I saw a man going to measure Jerusalem. God says, "I will be her glory." He sent me to the nations. God will inherit Judah.

Zec3: Joshua stood before the angel. God rebuked Satan. They put new clothes on Joshua. God says, "I will bring forth my servant."

Zec4: I saw a lampstand. I asked the angel about it. "Not by might but by my Spirit," says God. "Zerubbabel will complete the temple."

Zec5: I saw a flying scroll. He said, "This is the curse on thieves and liars." I saw a woman in a basket. He said, "This is Wickedness."

Zec6: I saw four chariots with red, black, white and dappled horses. God said, "Make a crown for Joshua. He shall build the temple."

Zec7: The people asked, "Should we fast?" God said, "Show mercy and do not oppress. But they would not listen. So I scattered them."

Zec8: God said: "I am jealous for Zion. I will save my people. Your fasts shall be feasts. Nations shall seek God in Jerusalem."

Zec9: God is against Hadach, Tyre and Philistia. Rejoice, O Zion! Behold your king, riding on a donkey. God will save his people.

Zec10: Ask God for rain. From Judah will come the cornerstone. "I will save Judah for I am God their God. I will bring them home."

Zec11: The cedar has fallen! God said, "Shepherd the doomed flock." I broke the two staffs. God said, "Woe to the idle shepherd!"

Zec12: God said: "I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock. They will look upon me whom they have pierced. And they will mourn alone."

Zec13: "There will be a fountain to cleanse from sin. I will remove prophets from the land. Strike my shepherd and the sheep will scatter."

Zec14: A day is coming when God will go into battle. Jerusalem will dwell in security. All the nations will worship God of hosts.

38 Malachi

Mal1: "I have loved you," says God. "Where is my honour? You offer blind and lame sacrifices. My name will be great among the nations."

Mal2: "Now, O priests, I will curse you. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi." Judah has profaned the sanctuary. God hates divorce.

Mal3: "My messenger will prepare the way. I will come to judge. You have robbed me of tithes. God will remember those who serve him."

Mal4: "The day is coming like a furnace. The sun of righteousness will rise. The wicked will be ashes. I will send you Elijah the prophet."

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Matthew

Mt1: The record of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham. Mary bore a son by the Holy Spirit. An angel told Joseph to name him Jesus.

Mt2: Wise men came from the east to worship the child. King Herod ordered that all the baby boys be killed. An angel warned Joseph to flee.

Mt3: John the Baptist was preaching. "Repent, the kingdom is near!" Jesus was baptised by John. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son."

Mt4: Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness. He called Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow him. He preached and healed the sick.

Mt5: Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart. I have come to fulfil the law. Whoever is angry will be judged. I say, love your enemies."

Mt6: "Do your good deeds in secret. Pray, 'Father, your kingdom come.' You cannot serve God and money. Do not be anxious about your life."

Mt7: "Do not judge others. Do to others what you would have them do to you. Whoever obeys is like a man who built his house on the rock."

Mt8: Jesus cleansed a leper. He healed the servant of a centurion who had faith. He calmed a storm at sea and cast demons out of two men.

Mt9: Jesus healed a paralytic. Many sinners came to eat with him. He raised a girl to life and healed two blind men. The crowds marvelled.

Mt10: Jesus sent out the twelve to proclaim the kingdom. "You will be hated for my name, but do not fear. Whoever receives you receives me."

Mt11: John sent word from prison. Jesus said, "John the Baptist is Elijah." Jesus denounced the cities and said, "Come, my burden is light."

Mt12: The Pharisees opposed Jesus when he healed on the Sabbath. He said, "A tree is known by its fruit. The sign of Jonah will be given."

Mt13: Jesus gave a parable about a sower. He told the disciples, "Seeing they do not see." He said, "The kingdom is like hidden treasure."

Mt14: Herod had John the Baptist killed. Jesus fed 5,000 men with five loaves and two fish. Jesus came to the disciples walking on the sea.

Mt15: Jesus challenged the Pharisees about tradition. He healed a Canaanite woman's daughter. He taught on the mountain and fed 4,000 men.

Mt16: Peter said, "You are the Christ." Jesus told them that he must be killed and be raised. He said, "Take up your cross and follow me."

Mt17: Jesus took Peter, James and John and was transfigured. A voice said, "This is my son." Jesus healed an epileptic. Peter paid the tax.

Mt18: Jesus said, "Become like children to enter the kingdom. A shepherd searches for the lost sheep. Forgive seventy times seven times."

Mt19: Jesus was asked about divorce. He said, "Do not separate what God has joined." He told a rich man, "Sell everything and follow me."

Mt20: "The kingdom is like a master paying wages." Jesus told the disciples, "The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mt21: Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. He healed and taught in the temple. "A man sent his son to his tenants, but they killed him."

Mt22: Jesus said, "The kingdom is like a wedding." The Pharisees questioned him about the law. He said, "Love God and love your neighbour."

Mt23: Jesus said, "The Pharisees preach but do not practise. You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel. You kill and crucify the prophets."

Mt24: Jesus said, "In the end there will be tribulation. Let those in Judea flee. The Son of Man will come in glory. No one knows the day."

Mt25: "The kingdom is like virgins awaiting the bridegroom. A man entrusted talents to his servants. The Son of Man will judge the nations."

Mt26: Jesus took Passover with his disciples. He prayed in agony in Gethsemane. Judas betrayed Jesus to the chief priests. Peter denied him.

Mt27: Jesus was handed over to Pilate. The crowd said, "Crucify him!" He was mocked and crucified. Darkness fell and he gave up his spirit.

Mt28: The women went to the tomb. An angel said, "He has risen!" Jesus met them. He came to the eleven and said, "Go and make disciples."

40 Mark

Mk1: Jesus was baptised by John. He called Simon, Andrew, James and John to follow him. He preached and cast out demons. He healed a leper.

Mk2: Many gathered at the house. Jesus forgave a paralytic his sins and healed him. He was questioned about fasting and keeping the Sabbath.

Mk3: Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath. Great crowds followed him. He appointed twelve apostles. He said, "Whoever obeys God is my family."

Mk4: Jesus taught a parable about a sower and many others. He explained everything to the disciples. In the boat he calmed a great storm.

Mk5: Jesus delivered a man of many demons. They entered a herd of pigs. He healed a woman with a haemorrhage and raised Jairus' daughter.

Mk6: He sent the twelve out to preach. Herod executed John the Baptist. Jesus fed 5,000 men. He came to the disciples walking on the sea.

Mk7: The Pharisees questioned Jesus about tradition. He said, "Evil comes from within." He delivered a Gentile girl and healed a deaf man.

Mk8: Jesus fed 4,000 people and healed a blind man. Peter said, "You are the Christ." Jesus told them that he must be killed and rise again.

Mk9: Jesus took Peter, James and John and was transfigured. He healed an epileptic. The disciples argued about which of them was greatest.

Mk10: Jesus was questioned about divorce. He told a rich man to sell everything. He said, "The first must be last." He healed Bartimaeus.

Mk11: Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. He drove the money-changers from the temple. The elders asked, "Who gave you this authority?"

Mk12: Jesus said, "A man's tenants killed his son." The Pharisees questioned him about the law. He said, "Love God and love your neighbour."

Mk13: Jesus said, "In the end you will be hated by all. Let those in Judea flee. The Son of Man will come in glory. No one knows the day."

Mk14: Jesus took Passover with his disciples. He prayed in agony in Gethsemane. Judas betrayed him to the chief priests. Peter denied him.

Mk15: Jesus was handed over to Pilate. The crowd cried, "Crucify him!" He was mocked and crucified. Darkness fell and he breathed his last.

Mk16: The women went to the tomb. A man in white said, "He has risen!" Jesus appeared to the disciples. He said, "Go and preach the gospel."

41 Luke

Lk1: The angel Gabriel foretold the birth of John. He told Mary, "You will have a son named Jesus." Mary said, "My soul magnifies God!"

Lk2: Mary gave birth in Bethlehem. Angels sent shepherds to see the child. Jesus was presented at the temple. He grew in wisdom and stature.

Lk3: John came from the wilderness preaching repentance. Jesus was baptised. He was son of David, son of Abraham, son of Adam, son of God.

Lk4: Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness. In the synagogue he read out, "The Spirit of God is on me." He healed all the sick.

Lk5: Simon, James and John left everything and followed Jesus. Jesus forgave and healed a paralytic. The Pharisees asked him about fasting.

Lk6: Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath. He chose twelve apostles. He said, "Blessed are the poor. Love your enemies. Hear and do my words."

Lk7: Jesus healed a centurion's servant and raised a widow's son. John sent messengers to Jesus. A woman washed Jesus' feet with her tears.

Lk8: Jesus told a parable about a sower. He explained it to his disciples. He calmed a storm, delivered a man and healed Jairus' daughter.

Lk9: Jesus sent out the twelve. He fed 5,000 men. Peter said, "You are the Christ." Jesus said, "Take up your cross." He was transfigured.

Lk10: Jesus sent out the seventy-two. A lawyer asked, "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus said, "A man was robbed. He was helped by a Samaritan."

Lk11: Jesus said, "Pray, 'Father, your kingdom come.' Seek and you will find. Only the sign of Jonah will be given. Woe to you Pharisees!"

Lk12: Jesus said, "Even the hairs of your head are numbered. Sell your possessions. Be ready for the Son of Man. I came to bring division."

Lk13: Jesus said, "Repent or you will perish." He healed a woman on the Sabbath. He said, "Seek the narrow door. I must go on to Jerusalem."

Lk14: Jesus said, "Choose the lowest place. A man gave a banquet but his guests made excuses. To be my disciple you must carry your cross."

Lk15: Jesus said, "Heaven rejoices when a sinner repents. A son squandered his father's wealth. He returned and his father called a feast."

Lk16: "A shrewd manager reduced his master's bills before he was fired. Abraham would not send Lazarus to comfort a rich man in Hades."

Lk17: Jesus said, "If your brother repents, forgive him." He healed ten lepers. He said, "In his day the Son of Man will light up the sky."

Lk18: Jesus gave parables about prayer. He told a rich man to sell everything. He said, "The Son of Man will be killed but he will rise."

Lk19: Jesus ate with Zacchaeus. He told a parable about servants in the kingdom. He rode into Jerusalem on a colt and wept over the city.

Lk20: The elders questioned Jesus' authority. Jesus said, "A man's tenants killed his son." So they asked about taxes and the resurrection.

Lk21: Jesus said, "The temple will be thrown down. Jerusalem will be trampled. The Son of Man will come in glory. Stay awake at all times."

Lk22: Jesus took Passover with the disciples. He prayed at the Mount of Olives. Judas betrayed him to the chief priests. Peter denied him.

Lk23: Jesus was taken to Pilate. The crowd said, "Crucify him!" He was crucified with two criminals. Darkness fell and he breathed his last.

Lk24: The women found the tomb empty. Jesus met two on the road to Emmaus. He appeared to the disciples and opened the Scriptures to them.

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Jn1: The Word of God became flesh and dwelt with us. John the Baptist bore witness to him. Andrew told Simon Peter and they followed Jesus.

Jn2: Jesus turned water into wine at a wedding. He drove money-changers from the temple. He said, "Destroy this temple and I will raise it."

Jn3: Jesus told Nicodemus, "Be born again. Whoever believes in the Son will have eternal life." John the Baptist said, "He is above all."

Jn4: Jesus spoke with a Samaritan woman about her husbands. She said, "Can this be the Christ?" Many believed. He healed an official's son.

Jn5: Jesus healed a man at Bethesda. He said, "The Son only does what he sees the Father doing. My works and the Scriptures bear witness."

Jn6: Jesus fed 5,000 men and walked across the sea. He said, "I am the bread of life. My flesh is true food." Many disciples turned back.

Jn7: Jesus went to the feast. The people said, "Is this the Christ?" The chief priests tried to arrest him. He called out, "Come and drink."

Jn8: Jesus did not condemn a woman caught in adultery. The Pharisees questioned him. He said, "If God were your Father you would love me."

Jn9: Jesus healed a blind man on the Sabbath. The Pharisees called the man and threw him out. Jesus said, "I came that the blind may see."

Jn10: Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. I give my life for the sheep." They asked, "Are you the Christ?" He said, "My sheep follow me."

Jn11: Lazarus died. Jesus went to the tomb and said, "Lazarus, come out." Lazarus came out. The chief priests plotted to put Jesus to death.

Jn12: Jesus rode into Jerusalem. The crowd shouted, "Hosanna!" He said, "The Son of Man must be lifted up. I have come to save the world."

Jn13: Jesus washed the disciples' feet. He said, "One of you will betray me." Judas left. Jesus said, "Love each other as I have loved you."

Jn14: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. I am in the Father and the Father in me. He will give you the Holy Spirit. Do not be afraid."

Jn15: "I am the vine, you are the branches. You are my friends if you do what I command. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you."

Jn16: "The Spirit will convict the world of sin. He will guide you into all truth. Your sorrow will turn to joy. I am going to the Father."

Jn17: Jesus said, "Father, I have revealed your name to those you gave me. Sanctify them in the truth. May all who believe in me be one."

Jn18: Judas betrayed Jesus to the chief priests. Peter denied him. He was sent before Pilate. Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world."

Jn19: The soldiers took Jesus and crucified him. He said, "It is finished." He gave up his spirit. A soldier pierced his side with a spear.

Jn20: Mary went to the tomb and found it empty. Jesus met her. He came and stood among the disciples. Thomas said, "My Lord and my God!"

Jn21: Jesus appeared as the disciples were fishing. He said to Peter, "Do you love me? Feed my sheep." The beloved disciple has testified.

43 Acts

Acts1: Jesus said, "You will receive the Spirit and be my witnesses." He was taken up in a cloud. The believers cast lots to replace Judas.

Acts2: At Pentecost they were filled with the Spirit. Peter told the crowd, "You crucified Jesus but God has made him Lord." 3,000 believed.

Acts3: Peter and John healed a lame man at the temple. Peter told the people, "Faith in Jesus has healed this man. Repent of your sins."

Acts4: They were taken before the rulers. Peter and John said, "We cannot stop speaking about Jesus." The believers prayed for boldness.

Acts5: Ananias and Sapphira told a lie and fell dead. An angel released the apostles from prison. Gamaliel advised, "Leave these men alone."

Acts6: The disciples chose seven men to distribute food. Some from the synagogue disputed with Stephen. They took him before the council.

Acts7: Stephen said, "Brothers, God called Abraham and appeared to Moses. You killed the Righteous One." They were enraged and stoned him.

Acts8: Philip proclaimed Christ in Samaria. A magician offered money for the gift of the Spirit. Philip baptised an Ethiopian official.

Acts9: Saul went to arrest the believers. Jesus said, "Why do you persecute me?" Saul was baptised and began preaching. Peter raised Dorcas.

Acts10: Cornelius sent for Peter. God said to Peter, "Do not call them unclean." Peter preached to the Gentiles and the Spirit fell.

Acts11: Some in Jerusalem criticised Peter. He said, "The Spirit told me to go." Many in Antioch believed. Barnabas and Saul taught there.

Acts12: Herod killed James and arrested Peter. The church prayed earnestly. An angel led Peter out of prison. An angel struck Herod down.

Acts13: Paul and Barnabas proclaimed the word. Paul said, "God has sent a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised." The Jews stirred up persecution.

Acts14: Many believed at Iconium. The crowd at Lystra wanted to worship Paul, then they stoned him. Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch.

Acts15: Some men taught circumcision for the Gentiles. Peter said, "God gave the Spirit with no distinction." Paul and Barnabas separated.

Acts16: Paul took Timothy with him. We baptised Lydia in Philippi. Paul was imprisoned and there was an earthquake. The jailer was baptised.

Acts17: They taught in Thessalonica and Berea. In Athens Paul said, "I proclaim the God who gives life to all. He will judge the world."

Acts18: Paul taught in Corinth for a year and a half. He went to Ephesus with Priscilla and Aquila. Priscilla and Aquila taught Apollos.

Acts19: Paul laid his hands on the disciples at Ephesus to receive the Holy Spirit. Demetrius, a silversmith, started a riot in the city.

Acts20: We sailed to Troas. Paul raised Eutychus after he fell from the window. Paul encouraged the Ephesian elders to care for the flock.

Acts21: Paul was warned not to go to Jerusalem. He said, "I am ready to die." We went there and saw James. Paul was arrested in the temple.

Acts22: Paul said, "Jesus appeared to me and sent me to the Gentiles." The crowd threw dust. Paul told the tribune, "I am a Roman citizen."

Acts23: Paul caused a dissension between the Pharisees and Sadducees. The Jews plotted to kill him. The tribune sent him to governor Felix.

Acts24: Tertullus accused Paul before Felix. Paul said, "I simply went to worship in the temple." Felix kept Paul in prison for two years.

Acts25: Festus arrived and summoned Paul. Paul said, "I appeal to Caesar." Festus brought Paul before King Agrippa to decide the charges.

Acts26: Paul said, "I opposed the name of Jesus. He appeared to me and made me a witness." Agrippa said, "This man could have been freed."

Acts27: We set sail for Rome. A storm struck and all hope was lost. Paul said, "Take heart, we must run aground." Everyone reached land.

Acts28: On Malta Paul healed all who had diseases. We came to Rome. Paul lived under house arrest. He proclaimed the kingdom of God to all.

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Rom1: Paul, to the saints in Rome. I am eager to preach the gospel to you. The unrighteous have no excuse. God gave them up to their lusts.

Rom2: In judging you condemn yourself. The doers of the law will be justified. Do you boast in the law but break it? A Jew is one inwardly.

Rom3: The Jews were given the oracles of God. But no one is justified by the law. All have sinned and are justified through faith in Jesus.

Rom4: Abraham was counted righteous by faith before he was circumcised. He is the father of all who believe. The promise depends on faith.

Rom5: Therefore we rejoice in hope. While we were sinners, Christ died for us. As sin came through one man, so grace abounds through Christ.

Rom6: We were baptised into Christ's death. So consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God. Offer yourselves to God for righteousness.

Rom7: You have died to the law. Is the law sin? No, sin produced death in me. I do not do what I want to do. My flesh serves the law of sin.

Rom8: The law of the Spirit has set you free. We are children of God and co-heirs with Christ. Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Rom9: I grieve for my kinsmen. But not all Israel are Israel. God has mercy on whom he wills. Israel did not pursue righteousness by faith.

Rom10: Everyone who calls on God will be saved. How will they hear if no one preaches? Moses says of Israel, "I will make you jealous."

Rom11: Even now there is a remnant of Israel. You Gentiles have been grafted into the tree. All Israel will be saved. Glory to God forever!

Rom12: Present your bodies as a living sacrifice to God. We are one body in Christ. Love one another as brothers. Overcome evil with good.

Rom13: Submit to authorities. Pay taxes to those due taxes. Owe nothing except love, which fulfills the law. Clothe yourselves with Christ.

Rom14: Accept those who are weak in faith. Everything is clean but it is wrong to cause anyone to stumble. Whatever is not of faith is sin.

Rom15: Each of us should build up our neighbours. Christ confirmed the promises given to the patriarchs. I hope to see you as I go to Spain.

Rom16: I commend to you Phoebe. Greet Prisca, Aquila, Andronicus, Junia and Rufus. Avoid those who cause divisions. Glory to God forever!

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1Cor1: Paul, to the church in Corinth. Let there be no divisions. The cross is folly to those perishing, but to us it is the power of God.

1Cor2: I knew nothing among you except Christ crucified. We speak the wisdom of God. Through the Spirit we know what God has freely given.

1Cor3: You are still infants. One follows Paul, another Apollos. We are co-workers with God. Christ is the foundation. You are God's temple.

1Cor4: Think of us as stewards of the mysteries of God. You are kings already? We are fools for Christ. I admonish you as my dear children.

1Cor5: You boast about the sexual immorality among you. You should deliver that man to Satan. But I am not judging those outside the church.

1Cor6: Do you take one another to court? Why not rather be wronged? Your body is not for sexual immorality, it is a temple of the Spirit.

1Cor7: It is good to stay unmarried, but better to marry than to burn with lust. Each should live as God has called. I want you to be free.

1Cor8: About food offered to idols: An idol is nothing. There is only one God. But if food makes my brother stumble I will never eat meat.

1Cor9: You are the seal of my apostleship. Do we not have the right to material support? But I made myself a servant to all for the gospel.

1Cor10: Do not desire evil as our fathers did. God will make you able to endure temptation. Flee from idolatry. Do all to the glory of God.

1Cor11: The head of a woman is her husband. I hear that some go hungry when you meet! With the bread and cup you proclaim God's death.

1Cor12: Now there are various spiritual gifts, but one Spirit. If the whole body were an eye, how would it hear? You are the body of Christ.

1Cor13: Without love I am nothing. Love is patient, does not boast, endures all things. Tongues will cease, but faith, hope and love remain.

1Cor14: Tongues edifies the speaker, prophecy edifies the church. Each of you brings a hymn, a lesson or a tongue. Let all be done in order.

1Cor15: Christ was raised from the dead. If not then your faith is futile. But he is the firstfruits. At the trumpet we will all be changed.

1Cor16: Put aside an offering for the saints. I will come to you. The churches of Asia greet you. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

46 2Corinthians

2Cor1: Paul, to the church in Corinth. We share in Christ's sufferings and comfort. My yes is not no, but to spare you I did not visit you.

2Cor2: I wrote to you as I did in much anguish. You should forgive the one who caused you pain. Through us God spreads the aroma of Christ.

2Cor3: God has made us ministers of a new covenant. When anyone turns to God, the veil is lifted. We are being transformed into glory.

2Cor4: God has given us the light of the glory of Christ. We have this treasure in clay jars. Through affliction we look to what is eternal.

2Cor5: What is mortal will be clothed with life. If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. We implore you, be reconciled to God!

2Cor6: Now is the day of salvation. We command ourselves as servants. Do not be yoked with unbelievers. We are the temple of the living God.

2Cor7: I take great pride in you. I do not regret my letter, for godly grief produces repentance. Our boasts about you to Titus proved true.

2Cor8: The churches of Macedonia have given generously for the saints. See that you excel in this grace too. Titus was eager to go to you.

2Cor9: I boast to the Macedonians about the gift you promised. God loves a cheerful giver. Your generosity will overflow in thanksgivings.

2Cor10: Our weapons destroy arguments against God. What we say by letter we do in person. We only boast within the sphere God has given us.

2Cor11: I am jealous for you against these false apostles. I speak as a fool. Do they boast? I have greater labours, beatings and dangers.

2Cor12: I will boast of a man who saw paradise. I was given a thorn to keep me from pride. This is foolish! I will gladly be spent for you.

2Cor13: This will be my third visit. Christ is powerful among you. Test that you are in the faith. Be mature. The grace of God be with you.

47 Galatians

Gal1: Paul, to the churches of Galatia. You are already turning to a different gospel! The gospel I preached came by revelation from Christ.

Gal2: I went up to Jerusalem and saw the leaders. I opposed Cephas about circumcision. We are justified by faith in Christ and not by works.

Gal3: Those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham. Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law. In Christ you are all sons of God.

Gal4: God sent his Son for us to receive adoption. How can you turn back to worthless principles? You, like Isaac, are children of promise.

Gal5: Christ has set us free. Circumcision counts for nothing. Use your freedom to love one another. Walk by the Spirit and not the flesh.

Gal6: Restore anyone caught in sin. Sow to the Spirit and reap eternal life. Let us not give up doing good. What counts is the new creation.

48 Ephesians

Eph1: Paul, to the saints in Ephesus. Praise the God who predestined us for adoption in Christ. May you know the riches of his inheritance.

Eph2: When we were dead in sin God made us alive with Christ. Gentiles are now fellow citizens. You are being built together into a temple.

Eph3: I preach the mystery of Christ. The wisdom of God is made known through the church. I pray that you may know the depth of his love.

Eph4: Therefore walk worthy of your calling. Christ gave each of us gifts to build up the body. Put off your old self and put on the new.

Eph5: Walk in love as Christ loved us. Walk as children of light. Expose the darkness. Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church.

Eph6: Children, obey your parents. Slaves, obey your masters. Put on the whole armour of God to stand against the devil. Peace and grace.

49 Philippians

Php1: Paul, to the saints in Philippi. I thank God for you. My imprisonment has advanced the gospel. To live is Christ and to die is gain.

Php2: Have the mind of Christ, who humbled himself even to a cross. Work out your salvation with trembling. I hope to send Timothy to you.

Php3: We put no confidence in the flesh. I count all things as loss compared to Christ. I press on towards the prize. Brothers, imitate me.

Php4: Rejoice in God always! The peace of God will guard your hearts. I rejoice at your concern for me. My God will supply your needs.

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Col1: Paul, to the saints in Colossae. May you be filled with wisdom. The Son is the image of the invisible God. I make known the mystery.

Col2: Let no one deceive you. You were buried with Christ and also raised with him. Why do you follow rules that do not restrain the flesh?

Col3: Seek the things above. Your life is hidden with Christ in God. So put to death your worldliness. Do everything in the name of Jesus.

Col4: Devote yourselves to prayer. Let your speech be gracious. Tychicus will tell you our news. Aristarchus, Mark and Epaphras greet you.

51 1Thessalonians

1Th1: Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Thessalonians. We give thanks for you. Our gospel came in power. Your faith is an example to all.

1Th2: We shared the gospel with you and also our lives. You suffered like the churches in Judea. We tried to see you. Are you not our crown?

1Th3: We sent Timothy to strengthen you. We warned you that persecution would come. We are encouraged by your faith. May you grow in love.

1Th4: Live to please God. Avoid immorality. Love one another more and more. We do not grieve without hope, for the dead in Christ will rise.

1Th5: The day of God will come like a thief. Let us keep awake. Honour those who lead you. Do not quench the Spirit. Grace be with you.

52 2Thessalonians

2Th1: Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Thessalonians. We boast of your faith through persecution. God Jesus will appear in vengeance.

2Th2: Do not be alarmed about the day of God. First the lawless one will appear, whom Jesus will destroy. Hold fast to our traditions.

2Th3: Finally, pray for us. God will guard you against the evil one. Keep away from anyone who walks in idleness. God be with you.

53 1Timothy

1Tim1: Paul, to Timothy my son. Stay in Ephesus to correct false teachers. Christ came into the world to save sinners. Glory to God forever!

1Tim2: Let prayers be made for all those in authority. God wants everyone to come to the knowledge of the truth. Let women learn in silence.

1Tim3: An overseer must be respectable and manage his family well. Deacons must be dignified and not greedy. Godliness is a great mystery.

1Tim4: In later times some will depart from the faith. Have nothing to do with godless myths. Devote yourself to Scripture and to teaching.

1Tim5: Put widows over sixty on the list. Younger widows should marry. Elders who rule well are worthy of double honour. Keep yourself pure.

1Tim6: Those who contradict the teaching of Christ understand nothing. The love of money is a root of evil. Fight the good fight of faith.

54 2Timothy

2Tim1: Paul, to Timothy my son. Fan into flame the gift of God. Share in suffering for the gospel. Hold to the standard of sound teaching.

2Tim2: No soldier gets entangled with civilian affairs. Present yourself to God as an approved worker. Cleanse yourself for honourable use.

2Tim3: In the last days people will be proud and unholy. As for you, continue in what you have learned. All Scripture is inspired by God.

2Tim4: Preach the word in and out of season. I have finished my race. Come to me soon with Mark. Beware of Alexander. God be with you.

55 Titus

Tit1: Paul, a servant of God, to Titus. I left you in Crete to appoint elders. Deceivers must be silenced. To the impure nothing is pure.

Tit2: Teach what is consistent with sound doctrine. Men are to be steadfast, women reverent. The grace of God trains us to live godly lives.

Tit3: Show consideration to all. We were once slaves but God saved us. Believers should maintain good works. Everyone here sends greetings.

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Phm1: Paul, a prisoner, to Philemon. I ask that you receive Onesimus back, not as a slave, but as a brother. Put his wrongs on my account.

57 Hebrews

Heb1: In these last days God has spoken by his Son. Of the Son he says, "Let the angels worship him." And, "Your throne, O God, is forever."

Heb2: We must pay closer attention. The author of salvation tasted death for everyone. He was made like us to make atonement for our sins.

Heb3: Jesus has more honour than Moses. He is the Son over God's house. Therefore, "Do not harden your hearts as they did in the rebellion."

Heb4: Let us fear lest anyone fails to reach the promised rest. The word of God judges the heart. So we boldly approach the throne of grace.

Heb5: Every high priest from among men is subject to weakness. Christ is a high priest in the order of Melchizedek. You still need teaching.

Heb6: Let us press on to maturity. It is impossible to restore those who fall away. The promise of God is a steadfast anchor for the soul.

Heb7: Abraham gave a tithe to Melchizedek, who had no end. Our Lord became a priest through indestructible life. He is always able to save.

Heb8: We have a high priest who ministers in the true tent. He mediates a better covenant. He says, "I will write my laws on their hearts."

Heb9: The high priest enters the Most Holy Place once a year with blood. Christ entered the true holy place once for all by his own blood.

Heb10: The law is but a shadow. Animal blood cannot take away sins. Christ offered one sacrifice forever. So let us hold fast to our hope.

Heb11: Faith is the proof of hope. By faith the world was made. By faith Abraham obeyed. By faith Moses left Egypt. In faith some suffered.

Heb12: Let us run the race, looking to Jesus. God is disciplining you as sons. See that no one falls short of grace. Let us worship in awe.

Heb13: Let love continue. Marriage should be honoured. Let us bear the reproach Christ endured. Submit to your leaders. Grace be with you.

58 James

Jas1: James, to the tribes. Many trials produce perseverance. Riches will fade. Every good gift comes from the Father. Be doers of the word.

Jas2: If you show partiality to the rich you are committing sin. Act as those who are under the law of liberty. Faith without works is dead.

Jas3: No one can tame the tongue. With it we bless our Father and with it we curse others. The wisdom from above is pure and peace-loving.

Jas4: Your worldly desires cause conflict. Resist the devil, draw near to God. Who are you to judge your neighbour? You boast in arrogance.

Jas5: You rich have fattened yourselves for slaughter. Brothers, be patient until God comes. The prayer of faith will save the sick.

59 1Peter

1Pet1: Peter, to the diaspora. God has given us new birth through Christ. The prophets told of this grace. So be holy in all your conduct.

1Pet2: You are being built up to be a royal priesthood. Submit to human authority. Live as servants of God. Follow Christ in his suffering.

1Pet3: Wives, submit to your husbands. Husbands, honour your wives. Repay evil with blessing. Christ suffered for sins to bring us to God.

1Pet4: Do not live for human desires but for the will of God. The end is near. Love each other deeply. Do not be surprised when trials come.

1Pet5: Elders should be examples to the flock. Clothe yourselves with humility. Resist the devil. God will strengthen you. Peace to you all.

60 2Peter

2Pet1: Peter, to those of faith. God has given us great promises. So supplement faith with virtue and love. We were eyewitnesses of Christ.

2Pet2: False teachers will arise. If God did not spare angels then he knows how to punish the unrighteous. They are slaves of corruption.

2Pet3: Scoffers will say, "Where is his return?" God is not slow, but patient. Untaught people twist the Scriptures. Grow in Christ.

61 1John

1Jn1: We have seen and proclaim to you the Word of life. God is light. If we walk in the light, the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

1Jn2: We know Christ if we keep his commands. Whoever loves his brother lives in the light. Do not love the world. Children, abide in him.

1Jn3: We are God's children. Those born of God do not sin. We should love one another. We know love because he laid down his life for us.

1Jn4: Any spirit that confesses Christ is of God. God is love. He sent his Son as a sacrifice for sins. If we live in love, God lives in us.

1Jn5: Anyone born of God overcomes the world. The Spirit, water and blood all testify. God gave us eternal life in his Son. Keep from idols.

62 2John

2Jn1: The elder, to the elect lady. Let us love one another as the Father commands. Do not welcome false teachers. I hope to come to you.

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64 3John

3Jn1: The elder, to beloved Gaius. I was overjoyed to hear of your faithfulness. Diotrephes spreads false charges. I hope to see you soon.

65 Jude

Jude1: Jude, to the elect. Ungodly people pervert grace into sensuality. They are judged as twice dead trees. Build yourselves up in faith.

66 Revelation

Rev1: The revelation of Jesus Christ to John. A voice said, "Write to the churches." I saw one like a son of man, his face was like the sun.

Rev2: "Ephesus, renew your first love. Smyrna, be faithful until death. Pergamum, some hold false teaching. Thyatira, you tolerate Jezebel."

Rev3: "Sardis, you are not alive but dead. Philadelphia, you have endured in my word. Laodicea, you are lukewarm so I will spit you out."

Rev4: I saw one seated on the throne in heaven. The four living creatures say, "Holy, holy, holy." The elders say, "You created all things."

Rev5: A Lamb standing as though slain took the scroll with seven seals. The creatures, elders and myriad angels sang, "Worthy is the Lamb!"

Rev6: The Lamb opened four seals and the horsemen went out to destroy. With the fifth seal I saw the martyrs. With the sixth the stars fell.

Rev7: The 144,000 were sealed from the tribes. A multitude cried, "Salvation belongs to our God." An elder said, "God will wipe every tear."

Rev8: With the seventh seal there was silence. I saw seven angels. Four angels blew their trumpets and a third of the earth was destroyed.

Rev9: At the fifth trumpet, locusts from the pit tormented the earth. At the sixth trumpet, four angels killed a third of mankind with fire.

Rev10: I saw an angel with a scroll. He cried out and seven thunders sounded. A voice said, "Eat the scroll." It was sweet and then bitter.

Rev11: The two witnesses will prophesy until the beast kills them. At the seventh trumpet, loud voices said, "Our God shall reign forever."

Rev12: A woman giving birth and a great dragon appeared. Michael and his angels fought the dragon. The dragon was thrown down to the earth.

Rev13: I saw a beast rising out of the sea. It spoke blasphemy against God. Another beast rose and gave everyone a mark. Its number is 666.

Rev14: I saw the Lamb in Zion with the 144,000. Angels said, "The hour of judgement has come." The earth was reaped with a sharp sickle.

Rev15: I saw angels with seven plagues. Those who conquered sang, "Just are your ways, Lord!" The angels were given seven bowls of wrath.

Rev16: The bowls of wrath were poured out. The seas turned to blood, darkness fell, the kings gathered at Armageddon and the earth quaked.

Rev17: I saw a prostitute on a beast with seven heads and ten horns. An angel said, "The heads and horns are kings. The Lamb will conquer."

Rev18: An angel cried, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon!" The kings and merchants will weep. An angel said, "The great city will be thrown down."

Rev19: A multitude cried, "Hallelujah! God reigns." The Word of God led the armies of heaven. The beast was cast into the lake of fire.

Rev20: Satan was bound and the martyrs reigned with Christ for 1,000 years. Then Satan was cast into the lake of fire. The dead were judged.

Rev21: I saw a new heaven and earth. A voice said, "God dwells with his people." An angel showed me the new Jerusalem. Its lamp is the Lamb.

Rev22: The river of life flows from the throne of God. "Behold, I am coming soon. I am the beginning and the end." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

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