

The Old Testament

IN THE BEGINNING, God created the heaven and the earth¹ in six days² and rested on the seventh day³. God created Adam⁴ and placed him in the Garden of Eden⁵. God then brought to Adam the beasts of the field and the birds so he could name them⁶. When no suitable companion was found for him⁷, God caused Adam to fall asleep, took one of his ribs, used it to create Eve, and then brought her to him⁸. God allowed them to eat of any tree except for the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil; if they ate from that one they would surely die⁹. The serpent tempted Eve to eat from that tree¹⁰; Eve ate of it and gave its fruit to Adam, who ate it as well¹¹. They then realized they were naked and hid themselves from God¹². God confronted them¹³, cursing the snake, Adam, and Eve for their respective sins¹⁴, then sent Adam and Eve out of the Garden¹⁵. Mankind had fallen into sin and was now subject to death¹⁶, and the very ground was cursed¹⁷ - but God promised to send a Messiah to save them¹⁸. God put cherubims in the Garden to guard the Tree of Life, so no one could eat of it and live forever¹⁹.

Adam and Eve had two sons – Cain and Abel²⁰. Cain murdered Abel²¹ because his brother was righteous and he was not²². God cursed Cain to be a vagabond²³, but put a mark on him so no one would kill him²⁴. Cain's descendants invented animal husbandry²⁵, musical instruments²⁶, and iron and brass working²⁷ - but they were just as evil as Cain²⁸.

After Abel was murdered, Adam and Eve had a son named Seth²⁹. In the line of Seth, five generations later³⁰, Enoch³¹ the prophet³² was born. Enoch never died³³; after 365 years³⁴ God simply took him, because he walked with God³⁵.

In those days people commonly lived to be more than 900 years old³⁶, but the wickedness of man was exceedingly great³⁷. Fallen angels³⁸ married human women³⁹ and created the giants (Nephilim) – wicked beings of terrible power⁴⁰. God decided to destroy mankind⁴¹ – but Enoch's great-grandson Noah walked with God⁴² and found grace in His sight⁴³. God told Noah that He was going to send a Flood to destroy the world⁴⁴, and commanded him to build an Ark⁴⁵ to house animals⁴⁶ and his family⁴⁷. Noah did everything God commanded⁴⁸. After Noah and the animals were on the Ark⁴⁹, when Noah was 600 years old⁵⁰, God sent the Flood. It rained for 40 days and nights⁵¹. The waters rose above the highest mountain⁵² for 150 days⁵³, and everything and everyone on land died⁵⁴. However, God remembered Noah and used a wind to calm the waters⁵⁵. A year after Noah boarded the Ark⁵⁶ God told everyone to disembark⁵⁷. When Noah built an altar and offered burnt offerings⁵⁸, God made a covenant with Noah⁵⁹ and promised to never again send another worldwide flood⁶⁰. As a token of this promise God put the rainbow in the clouds⁶¹.

Some time after this the godless rebel Nimrod created the city of Babel⁶², which later became Babylon. At Babel men rebelled against God and created a tower⁶³. To force men to stop building the city, God confounded their language⁶⁴ and scattered them⁶⁵.

Job lived in the land of Uz; he was perfect and upright⁶⁶, had 7 sons and 3 daughters⁶⁷, and was very wealthy⁶⁸. When Satan told God that Job only served Him because He had made him wealthy⁶⁹, God gave him permission to touch his possessions⁷⁰. Satan took away Job's wealth⁷¹ and killed all of his children⁷² in a single day⁷³. Job responded by saying the Lord gives and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord⁷⁴. Since Job did not sin⁷⁵ Satan then asked for permission to take away his health⁷⁶; when God granted it⁷⁷ he smote Job with sore boils⁷⁸. Job's wife told him to curse God⁷⁹ but Job refused⁸⁰. Job's three friends came and told him that God had cursed him because he was an incredibly wicked man⁸¹. Job said he had done nothing wrong⁸² and wished he could bring his case before God⁸³ because God had wronged him⁸⁴ and cruelly oppressed him⁸⁵. Job wished that God would answer him⁸⁶. After Job's three friends stopped talking to him because Job was righteous in his own eyes⁸⁷, Elihu spoke up. He condemned Job for several reasons: for justifying himself instead of God⁸⁸, for saying he was righteous and God had taken away his judgment⁸⁹, and for claiming that he was more

righteous than God⁹⁰. The Lord then spoke to Job and condemned him for speaking without knowledge⁹¹, and demanded that if Job really knew everything that he prove it by answering God's questions about His creation⁹². Have the gates of death been opened to Job⁹³? Where was Job when God laid the foundations of the earth⁹⁴? When Job was horrified and said he was vile⁹⁵, the Lord rebuked him for condemning God in order to justify himself⁹⁶ and demanded to know if Job had God's power⁹⁷. Job then repented⁹⁸. God told Job's three friends that He was angry with them because of their speeches⁹⁹; after they offered a burnt offering and Job prayed for them God forgave them¹⁰⁰. God then blessed Job and gave him twice as much as he had before¹⁰¹, and gave him 7 sons and 3 daughters¹⁰². Job lived 140 years after this and then died¹⁰³.

God called Abraham to leave his family¹⁰⁴ and travel to Canaan¹⁰⁵, and Abraham obeyed¹⁰⁶. God made a covenant with Abraham, gave his descendants the land of Canaan as an everlasting possession¹⁰⁷, and promised that one of his descendants would bless everyone on earth¹⁰⁸. God also said that his descendants would be slaves in a foreign land for 400 years¹⁰⁹, after which God would deliver them¹¹⁰, bring them to Canaan, and give them the land. God also promised to give Abraham and his wife Sarah a child¹¹¹ and said their descendants would be as numerous as the stars¹¹². However, when they grew older and remained childless they decided to take matters into their own hands. Sarah gave Abraham her maidservant Hagar¹¹³, and they had a child named Ishmael¹¹⁴. God promised to bless Ishmael¹¹⁵ but said He was making His covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah would give birth to the following year¹¹⁶.

Before Isaac was born God came and investigated Sodom¹¹⁷, an exceedingly wicked city¹¹⁸. When the Lord told Abraham that He was going to destroy it, Abraham interceded to save any righteous people that might be living there¹¹⁹. God still destroyed the cities of the plain¹²⁰, but first He sent angels to rescue Abraham's nephew Lot¹²¹. Lot and his two daughters escaped into Zoar¹²², but after Sodom's destruction they became afraid and moved into a cave¹²³. There Lot's two daughters got him drunk and had sex with him¹²⁴; they then gave birth to children who were the fathers of the Moabites and the Ammonites¹²⁵ – two nations that became a plague to the Israelites.

When Abraham was 100 years old¹²⁶ Isaac was born. After Isaac was weaned, Sarah had Abraham send Ishmael away¹²⁷. Some time later God told Abraham to offer Isaac as a sacrifice¹²⁸ – but when Abraham was about to do so God intervened and provided a ram in his place¹²⁹. When Sarah died¹³⁰, Abraham purchased the cave of Machpelah and buried her in it¹³¹. Abraham then sent his servant back to his home country to find a wife for Isaac¹³², and he returned with Rebekah, who was Abraham's brother's granddaughter¹³³. Abraham married Keturah¹³⁴ and had numerous children¹³⁵, but he gave them gifts and sent them away¹³⁶. He gave Isaac everything he had¹³⁷. When Abraham died, Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah¹³⁸.

Isaac's wife Rebekah gave birth to twins – Jacob and Esau¹³⁹. Isaac loved Esau but Rebekah loved Jacob¹⁴⁰. After Esau sold his birthright for a single meal¹⁴¹, Rebekah helped Jacob steal Isaac's blessing¹⁴² and then told him to flee to the home of Laban (her brother) so Esau wouldn't kill him¹⁴³. There Jacob married Rachel and Leah¹⁴⁴, who gave birth to the men who would become the heads of the tribes of Israel: Reuben¹⁴⁵, Simeon¹⁴⁶, Levi¹⁴⁷, Judah¹⁴⁸, Dan¹⁴⁹, Naphtali¹⁵⁰, Gad¹⁵¹, Asher¹⁵², Issachar¹⁵³, Zebulun¹⁵⁴, Joseph¹⁵⁵, and Benjamin¹⁵⁶ (as well as a daughter named Dinah¹⁵⁷). When Jacob finally left Laban¹⁵⁸ and was on the way home to confront Esau he spent the night wrestling with God¹⁵⁹; during that encounter the Lord changed his name to Israel¹⁶⁰. Esau accepted Jacob's gifts¹⁶¹ and went his way¹⁶²; his descendants became the Edomites¹⁶³, who plagued Israel.

Joseph was hated by his brothers¹⁶⁴ and they sold him into slavery¹⁶⁵. In Egypt Potiphar put Joseph in charge of his whole house¹⁶⁶, but when Joseph refused to have sex with Potiphar's wife she had him imprisoned¹⁶⁷. Later, when Pharaoh had a dream he could not understand, his butler remembered that Joseph had correctly interpreted his dream, and Joseph was brought out of prison¹⁶⁸. Joseph told Pharaoh that his dream meant there would be 7 years of plenty followed by 7 years of

famine¹⁶⁹. Pharaoh made Joseph his second-in-command¹⁷⁰, and Joseph began storing food for the coming famine¹⁷¹. When the famine came, his brothers came to Egypt to buy food¹⁷². Joseph forgave them¹⁷³ and brought them all to Egypt where he could take care of them¹⁷⁴.

In Egypt the Israelites multiplied¹⁷⁵. A new generation arose that did not know Joseph, and they oppressed the Israelites and made them their slaves¹⁷⁶. When Pharaoh commanded that the male Israelite children be thrown into the river¹⁷⁷, the parents of one child built an ark and floated their son down the river¹⁷⁸. There Pharaoh's daughter found him and named him Moses¹⁷⁹. When Moses was grown, he saw an Egyptian oppressing an Israelite and killed the Egyptian¹⁸⁰. He then fled to the land of Midian¹⁸¹ and spent 40 years there tending sheep¹⁸².

One day God appeared to Moses in a burning bush¹⁸³ and told him to go to Pharaoh and demand that he let the Israelites go¹⁸⁴. When Pharaoh refused to let them go God sent ten plagues upon Egypt¹⁸⁵. In the final plague God killed all the firstborn in Egypt¹⁸⁶ – save for those who were in homes that had their doorposts painted in the blood of a lamb¹⁸⁷. (This was the establishment of the Passover, which remembered the time the Lord had passed over them and spared their lives¹⁸⁸.) Pharaoh then panicked and let Israel go¹⁸⁹, but after they were gone he changed his mind and sent his armies after them¹⁹⁰. God rescued Israel by parting the Red Sea and having them cross over¹⁹¹; when the Egyptians attempted to follow them He drowned them all¹⁹².

During their trip to Mount Sinai¹⁹³ the Israelites repeatedly complained and murmured against Moses¹⁹⁴. God fed the Israelites with manna from heaven¹⁹⁵ but they still were not satisfied¹⁹⁶. At Sinai God gave Israel His Law and established His covenant with them¹⁹⁷, promising to bless them if they obeyed¹⁹⁸ and curse them if they disobeyed¹⁹⁹. God established the sacrificial system²⁰⁰ and gave them the pattern for the tabernacle²⁰¹, which they later built²⁰². However, Israel quickly turned aside from God. They decided that Moses had been up on the mountain for too long and had Moses' brother Aaron build them a golden calf to worship²⁰³. When God saw it He almost killed them all²⁰⁴, but Moses interceded and saved them²⁰⁵. When Moses became angry and broke the two tablets of stone that God had written the law upon²⁰⁶, God had Moses create two more tablets so that He could rewrite the law²⁰⁷.

God set aside Aaron and his sons to serve as priests for the Israelites²⁰⁸ and made them responsible for offering sacrifices²⁰⁹. The rest of the tribe of Levi was made responsible for the upkeep of the tabernacle (and later the Temple)²¹⁰. The Levites were not given a portion of the land of Canaan; instead, 48 cities were set aside for them²¹¹. The priests were to be supported by the tithe²¹² and the firstfruits offerings²¹³.

After the law was given the Lord commanded that a census be taken of all of Israel²¹⁴ except for the Levites²¹⁵. There were 603,550 men who were at least 20 years old and could go to war²¹⁶.

On the way to Canaan the Israelites started complaining again²¹⁷. Moses became so upset that he asked God to kill him, because he couldn't take it anymore²¹⁸. In order to help Moses the Lord appointed 70 elders to help him bear the burden of the Israelites²¹⁹. When the nation finally reached Canaan, God commanded Moses to send out 12 men to spy out the country²²⁰. The spies reported that the land was good²²¹ but it was guarded by giants²²² (Nephilim). Joshua and Caleb said Israel should trust God and go possess the land²²³, but the rest of the spies convinced Israel that they should stone Moses, Joshua, and Caleb²²⁴ and return to Egypt²²⁵. The Lord was going to kill them all²²⁶, but Moses interceded²²⁷. Instead God decided that Israel would wander around in the wilderness until that entire generation died²²⁸. Israel then decided they had sinned²²⁹ and tried to invade Canaan without God's help²³⁰, but they were soundly defeated²³¹. After this Korah led a rebellion against Moses²³²; God opened the ground beneath them and the earth swallowed them²³³. When Israel murmured against Moses for this²³⁴ God sent a plague that killed 14,700 people²³⁵.

Israel then complained that there was no water²³⁶. God commanded Moses to speak to the rock²³⁷, but Moses and Aaron did not believe God and so Moses struck the rock instead²³⁸. Because of this act of unbelief Moses and Aaron were not allowed to enter the promised land²³⁹.

After this Israel tried to pass through the land of the Edomites, but they refused to allow it²⁴⁰. God then said it was time for Aaron to die²⁴¹, so Aaron died²⁴².

On the way back to Canaan, Moses led the Israelites into battle and defeated King Arad²⁴³, the Amorites²⁴⁴, and Og (King of Bashan)²⁴⁵. These military victories scared Moab²⁴⁶, who hired Balaam to curse Israel²⁴⁷. When Balaam agreed to help the Moabites God sent the angel of the Lord to kill him²⁴⁸; however, his donkey saw the angel and tried to avoid him²⁴⁹. When Balaam hit his donkey with his staff²⁵⁰ the Lord opened the donkey's mouth and the donkey talked to Balaam, asking him why he hit him²⁵¹. Balaam then saw the angel and became afraid²⁵². He agreed to only say what God told him to say²⁵³ and went on to bless Israel three times²⁵⁴. The Moabites were not happy with this so they sent women into the Israelite camp²⁵⁵; when some Israelites committed fornication with them and served Baal²⁵⁶ the Lord commanded that they be killed²⁵⁷.

After all of this God commanded that another census be taken²⁵⁸. The census revealed that everyone in the previous generation had died except for Joshua and Caleb²⁵⁹. God told Moses to go up to Mount Abarim to see Canaan, and then he would die²⁶⁰. Joshua would be his successor²⁶¹. Before Moses died he led Israel to destroy the Midianites²⁶². When the Israelites saved the Midianite women Moses condemned them²⁶³ because the women had led Israel to worship Baal²⁶⁴. All of the women who were not virgins were killed²⁶⁵.

The tribes Reuben and Gad asked that they be given the land west of the Jordan²⁶⁶. They agreed to go with Israel to conquer the rest of Canaan, and then they would return to their homes²⁶⁷. Moses gave his farewell address and urged Israel to obey God²⁶⁸. He warned them to utterly destroy all of the Canaanites²⁶⁹, because if they did not the Canaanites would lead them away from God²⁷⁰. Moses then went up and God showed him the land of Canaan²⁷¹; he then died²⁷².

Joshua sent spies to Jericho²⁷³; they reported that the city was terrified²⁷⁴. Israel then crossed over the Jordan River and it parted before them²⁷⁵. On the other side of the river the nation was circumcised²⁷⁶. When they ate the food of the land²⁷⁷ the manna stopped²⁷⁸. The captain of the host of the Lord²⁷⁹ gave Joshua instructions for conquering Jericho²⁸⁰ and Joshua obeyed them: the Israelites marched around the city²⁸¹ and its walls fell²⁸². The Israelites burned the city²⁸³ and killed its inhabitants²⁸⁴. Joshua pronounced a curse on anyone who dared to rebuild the city²⁸⁵.

No one was allowed to keep loot from Jericho²⁸⁶, but Achan took some things²⁸⁷, including a Babylonian garment²⁸⁸. Because of this, Israel was defeated when they attacked Ai²⁸⁹. Israel cast lots and found that Achan was responsible²⁹⁰, so the congregation killed him and his family²⁹¹. God then blessed them again²⁹² and they were able to conquer Ai and burn it²⁹³. After this Joshua read the entire Law of Moses to the congregation²⁹⁴.

When the Gibeonites saw Jericho and Ai fall²⁹⁵ they came to Joshua, pretending to be a distant nation²⁹⁶, and tricked Israel into signing a peace treaty with them²⁹⁷. This terrified the surrounding nations²⁹⁸, so five kings (including Adonizedek King of Jerusalem) attacked the Gibeonites²⁹⁹. Israel came to defend them, and during the battle Joshua asked that the sun and moon be still until he won³⁰⁰. God granted his request, delaying sunset for about a whole day³⁰¹. After Joshua slaughtered the attacking cities³⁰² he took the five kings and executed them³⁰³. King Jabin then assembled a coalition to fight Israel³⁰⁴, but God delivered them into Joshua's hand³⁰⁵. Joshua did everything that the Lord commanded Moses³⁰⁶. The Lord hardened the hearts of the nations³⁰⁷ so that no one else made peace with Israel³⁰⁸. Joshua took the whole land and gave it to Israel as an inheritance³⁰⁹.

When Joshua was old he divided the land among the tribes³¹⁰. He appointed the cities of refuge³¹¹ and gave the Levites their cities³¹². The tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh were sent back to their home east of the Jordan³¹³. Joshua commanded Israel to fear God and serve Him³¹⁴, and to destroy the Canaanites and not intermarry with them³¹⁵. He then died at 110 years old³¹⁶.

God said that Judah should be the first to fight the Canaanites³¹⁷; they defeated kings³¹⁸ and conquered Jerusalem³¹⁹. However, when Israel was strong they decided to not destroy the Canaanites

and instead put them to tribute³²⁰. The angel of the Lord came and rebuked them for this³²¹, and told them that God would no longer drive out the nations before them³²². Instead God left the nations in the land to prove Israel and see if they would serve Him or not³²³.

When Israel served Baalim³²⁴, God gave Israel into the hand of Chushanrishatham King of Mesopotamia for 8 years³²⁵. When they cried out, God raised up Othniel to deliver them³²⁶ and the land had rest for 40 years³²⁷. When Israel did evil again God raised up Eglon King of Moab³²⁸, who oppressed Israel for 18 years³²⁹. When Israel cried out, God raised up Ehud to deliver them³³⁰ and the land had rest for 80 years³³¹. Shamgar used an ox goad to kill 600 Philistines, and delivered Israel³³².

When Israel did evil again³³³ God gave them into the hand of Jabin King of Canaan³³⁴, and he mightily oppressed Israel for 20 years³³⁵. Deborah the prophetess told Barak to fight Jabin's army³³⁶ but he refused to go unless she went with him³³⁷, which she agreed to do³³⁸. During the battle the Lord fought for Israel³³⁹ and Sisera (the captain of Jabin's army) fled to the tent of Jael³⁴⁰. When he was lying in her tent, Jael took a hammer and drove a nail through his skull, killing him³⁴¹. Israel destroyed King Jabin³⁴² and the land had rest for 40 years³⁴³.

When Israel did evil again God delivered them over to the Midianites for 7 years³⁴⁴. When Israel cried out³⁴⁵, God sent an angel to Gideon and told him that he would defeat the Midianites³⁴⁶. Gideon sent out messengers to gather an army³⁴⁷ and used a fleece twice to make sure that the message was truly from God³⁴⁸. When his army assembled God said that it was too large³⁴⁹ and had Gideon pare it down until only 300 men remained³⁵⁰. God then used that army to destroy the Midianites³⁵¹. Israel tried to set up Gideon as their king³⁵² but he refused³⁵³. The land had rest for 40 years³⁵⁴. When he died, Israel went back to serving Baalim³⁵⁵.

Abimelech, the son of Gideon's concubine³⁵⁶, persuaded the men of Shechem to make him their king³⁵⁷. He then went to his father's house and murdered his 70 brothers; only Jotham escaped³⁵⁸. After he ruled for 3 years³⁵⁹ God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and Shechem³⁶⁰. In the end Abimelech killed the men of Shechem³⁶¹, and Abimelech was killed as well³⁶².

Tola judged Israel for 23 years and then died³⁶³. Jair judged Israel for 22 years³⁶⁴.

Israel again did evil and served false gods³⁶⁵, so God gave them over to the Philistines and the Ammonites, and they vexed Israel for 18 years³⁶⁶. When Israel cried out³⁶⁷ God refused to help them³⁶⁸ and said they should ask their false gods for help³⁶⁹. Israel then put away their false gods and served the Lord³⁷⁰. When the Ammonites attacked Israel³⁷¹ the elders of Gilead asked Jephthah to lead the fight³⁷² and promised to make him their ruler³⁷³. Jephthah vowed that if God granted him the victory, he would sacrifice whatever came out to meet him when he returned home³⁷⁴. God gave the Ammonites into his hands³⁷⁵. When he returned home, though, his daughter came out to meet him³⁷⁶. He was deeply grieved³⁷⁷ but he still sacrificed her³⁷⁸. He judged Israel for 6 years and then died³⁷⁹.

Ibzan judged Israel for 7 years and then died³⁸⁰. Elhon judged Israel for 10 years and then died³⁸¹. Abdon judged Israel for 8 years and then died³⁸².

When Israel did evil again, the Lord delivered them over to the Philistines for 40 years³⁸³. The angel of the Lord appeared to Manoah's wife³⁸⁴ and told her that her son would be a Nazarite from the womb and that his hair must never be cut³⁸⁵. The woman named her son Samson³⁸⁶. Samson fought the Philistines, burning their fields³⁸⁷ and slaughtering their men³⁸⁸, but he became enslaved by them³⁸⁹ when he told his secret to Delilah³⁹⁰ and she had a man come and cut his hair³⁹¹. The Philistines brought him to a party they were holding in order to thank their god Dagon for delivering Samson over to them³⁹². During this party Samson asked God for strength³⁹³ and brought down the two middle pillars of the house, killing himself and the Philistines³⁹⁴. He judged Israel for 20 years³⁹⁵.

Micah the Ephraimite's mother created some false gods³⁹⁶. Micah created a house for them and made one of his sons priest³⁹⁷. When he met a Levite he made him his priest³⁹⁸. After this the Danites stole Micah's false gods and the Levite³⁹⁹, then slaughtered the city of Laish⁴⁰⁰ and built the city of Dan⁴⁰¹. The Danites set up the graven image they had taken as an idol, and the descendants of Jonathan

were priests to this false god until the time of the captivity⁴⁰².

In those days a Levite's concubine left him⁴⁰³, and he went and got her back⁴⁰⁴. On their way home they stopped at the city of Gibeah of the tribe of Benjamin⁴⁰⁵ and stayed with an old man⁴⁰⁶. During the night a mob demanded that the Levite be brought outside so they could rape him⁴⁰⁷; instead, the Levite sent his concubine outside and the mob raped her until she died⁴⁰⁸. The next day the Levite cut her into 12 pieces and sent them across Israel to show what happened⁴⁰⁹. Israel was horrified⁴¹⁰ and demanded that the Benjamites bring the guilty ones to justice⁴¹¹, but the Benjamites refused and decided to attack Israel⁴¹². When Israel asked God who should lead the attack He said Judah⁴¹³, but when Judah attacked, the Benjamites defeated them and killed 22,000 of them⁴¹⁴. When Israel asked God if they should keep fighting God said yes⁴¹⁵, but when they attacked again the Benjamites killed 18,000 of them⁴¹⁶. The Israelites then came to the house of God and wept, fasted, and offered burnt offerings⁴¹⁷. When they asked God once more if they should continue to fight He said that He would deliver them this time⁴¹⁸, and during the battle the Lord smote the Benjamites⁴¹⁹. The Israelites slaughtered the city of Gibeah⁴²⁰, killed the people of Benjamin, and burned their cities, leaving only a few alive⁴²¹. Israel then realized that there were few survivors⁴²² and everyone had vowed to not give their daughters to the Benjamites as wives⁴²³, which made them worried that the tribe of Benjamin would vanish⁴²⁴. Since no one from Jabeshgilead had come to fight Benjamin⁴²⁵, Israel slaughtered everyone there and gave their virgins to the Benjamites⁴²⁶. When that was not enough⁴²⁷, Israel told the Benjamites to go to Shiloh and kidnap women during the festival dances⁴²⁸.

There was no king in Israel; every man did that which was right in his own eyes⁴²⁹.

In the days of the judges there was a famine in Israel⁴³⁰, so Elimelech moved to Moab with his wife Naomi and their two sons⁴³¹. While they were there Elimelech and his sons died⁴³². Naomi moved back to Bethlehem with her daughter-in-law Ruth the Moabite⁴³³. To support them⁴³⁴ Ruth went to glean in the fields and happened to pick one owned by Boaz⁴³⁵, one of her kinsmen⁴³⁶. Boaz took notice of her⁴³⁷ and, using his right as her kinsman-redeemer⁴³⁸, married her⁴³⁹. They had a son named Obed⁴⁴⁰, who was the father of Jesse⁴⁴¹, the father of King David⁴⁴².

There was a man named Elkanah⁴⁴³ who had two wives⁴⁴⁴. His wife Hannah had no children⁴⁴⁵, so his other wife Peninnah provoked her⁴⁴⁶. When they went to the tabernacle at Shiloh⁴⁴⁷ Hannah told God that if He gave her a son she would give him to the Lord and make him a Nazarite⁴⁴⁸. The Lord gave Hannah a son⁴⁴⁹; she named him Samuel⁴⁵⁰ and gave the child to Eli the priest⁴⁵¹.

Now, Eli's sons were evil⁴⁵² and defiled the sacrifices that were offered to the Lord⁴⁵³. Eli rebuked them⁴⁵⁴ but they ignored him⁴⁵⁵. A man of God came to Eli and condemned him for refusing to stop his sons⁴⁵⁶, and said God would punish his house⁴⁵⁷ and kill his two sons on the same day⁴⁵⁸.

The child Samuel ministered to the Lord⁴⁵⁹. Through Samuel⁴⁶⁰, God again told Eli that He would judge Eli's house for his refusal to restrain his sons⁴⁶¹. As Samuel grew up, everyone realized that he was a prophet⁴⁶².

One day after Israel fought the Philistines and lost⁴⁶³, they decided to take the Ark of the Covenant into battle with them⁴⁶⁴. The Philistines captured it and killed Eli's two sons⁴⁶⁵. When Eli was told what happened, he fell backward and died⁴⁶⁶. The Philistines brought the Ark to the house of Dagon⁴⁶⁷; however, the idol fell on its face before the Ark and its head and palms were cut off⁴⁶⁸. When the Lord smote the men of Ashdod with emerods⁴⁶⁹ the Philistines began moving the Ark around to other cities⁴⁷⁰, but each city where the Ark rested became cursed⁴⁷¹. After seven months⁴⁷² the Philistines finally sent the Ark back to Israel⁴⁷³. When it arrived at Bethshemesh the people rejoiced⁴⁷⁴ – but when they looked into the Ark God killed 50,070 men⁴⁷⁵. The people then had the men of Kirjathjearim come and get the Ark⁴⁷⁶, and it stayed there for 20 years⁴⁷⁷.

When Samuel told Israel to put away their false gods and repent⁴⁷⁸, they did so⁴⁷⁹. When the Philistines gathered against them⁴⁸⁰ Samuel cried out to God⁴⁸¹, and the Lord gave the Philistines into their hands⁴⁸². Samuel judged Israel all of his life⁴⁸³. When he was old he made his sons judges⁴⁸⁴, but

his sons were evil⁴⁸⁵ so Israel asked Samuel to get them a king⁴⁸⁶. God said Israel was doing this because they had rejected Him as their king⁴⁸⁷. He told Samuel to warn the people that a king would abuse them⁴⁸⁸ – but Israel refused to listen⁴⁸⁹. So Samuel anointed Saul as king over Israel⁴⁹⁰.

When Nahash the Ammonite came against Jabeshgilead⁴⁹¹, Saul gathered an army⁴⁹² and defeated them⁴⁹³. In Saul's second year⁴⁹⁴ the Philistines gathered to fight Israel⁴⁹⁵. Saul waited for Samuel at Gilgal for 7 days⁴⁹⁶, but when he did not appear Saul offered the burnt offering himself⁴⁹⁷. Samuel rebuked him and told him that since he had done this, his kingdom would be given to someone else⁴⁹⁸. Saul fought the Philistines all of his life⁴⁹⁹.

Samuel told Saul that God wanted him to utterly destroy Amalek⁵⁰⁰, but Saul spared the king⁵⁰¹ and the best animals⁵⁰². Samuel rebuked Saul and said because he had done this, God had rejected him as king⁵⁰³. Samuel stopped coming to see Saul, but he mourned for him⁵⁰⁴.

God sent Samuel to Jesse⁵⁰⁵ and had him anoint David⁵⁰⁶. David played the harp for Saul when an evil spirit troubled the king⁵⁰⁷, and he became Saul's armor bearer⁵⁰⁸. When the Philistines gathered at Shochoh⁵⁰⁹, David brought food to his brothers⁵¹⁰ and killed the giant Goliath⁵¹¹, which caused the Philistines to flee⁵¹². Saul then took David into his own home⁵¹³ and put him over his men of war⁵¹⁴. When Saul grew jealous of David⁵¹⁵ and tried to kill him⁵¹⁶, David fled to the cave at Adullam⁵¹⁷. Saul found out that Ahimelech the priest had helped David⁵¹⁸, so he killed Ahimelech, along with 85 priests and the entire priestly city of Nob⁵¹⁹.

Saul pursued David and eventually found him at Engedi⁵²⁰. David could have killed Saul in his sleep, but instead he spared him⁵²¹. Saul wept⁵²² and said David was more righteous than he was⁵²³, and he returned home⁵²⁴. Samuel then died⁵²⁵.

Saul gave David's wife Michal to Phalti⁵²⁶. When the Ziphites told Saul where David was hiding⁵²⁷ he came after him⁵²⁸. David again had a chance to kill Saul⁵²⁹ but he refused⁵³⁰. Instead he confronted Saul⁵³¹, who admitted he had sinned⁵³² and returned home⁵³³. David realized that Saul would never stop hunting him, so he moved to the land of the Philistines⁵³⁴. There he lived with King Achish at Gath⁵³⁵ for a year and four months⁵³⁶.

In those days, Saul saw that the Philistines were gathering to attack and he was greatly afraid⁵³⁷. When God refused to answer his inquiries⁵³⁸ he went to a witch at Endor⁵³⁹ and asked her to bring up Samuel from the dead⁵⁴⁰. When Samuel appeared he told Saul that he and his sons were going to be killed the next day⁵⁴¹. The next day Saul⁵⁴² and his sons⁵⁴³ were slain in battle by the Philistines⁵⁴⁴.

David and his men wept over the death of Saul and Jonathan⁵⁴⁵. God then told David to go to Hebron⁵⁴⁶, and when he did the men of Judah made David their king⁵⁴⁷. However, Abner took Saul's son Ishbosheth and made him king over Israel⁵⁴⁸, where he reigned for two years⁵⁴⁹. Saul's house fought the house of David but grew weaker⁵⁵⁰. Joab eventually tricked Abner and murdered him⁵⁵¹. Rechab and Baanah then killed Ishbosheth⁵⁵² and brought David his head⁵⁵³. David had both men executed⁵⁵⁴.

Israel made David their king⁵⁵⁵ and he reigned for 40 years⁵⁵⁶. He took Jerusalem from the Jebusites⁵⁵⁷, he became great⁵⁵⁸, and he married more wives⁵⁵⁹. David moved the Ark of the Covenant but used an ox cart to do so⁵⁶⁰; when the oxen stumbled Uzzah grabbed the Ark to steady it⁵⁶¹ and God killed him⁵⁶². Three months later⁵⁶³ David moved the Ark again⁵⁶⁴, but this time he used the method prescribed in the Mosaic Law⁵⁶⁵. After the Ark was moved to the tabernacle⁵⁶⁶ David decided to build a house for it⁵⁶⁷, but God told him he could not do so because he had been a man of war⁵⁶⁸. Instead, one of his sons would build it⁵⁶⁹.

David found Jonathan's son Mephibosheth⁵⁷⁰ and treated him well; he ate at the king's table⁵⁷¹.

David sent his armies to fight the Ammonites, but he stayed behind in Jerusalem⁵⁷². From the roof of his palace he saw Bathsheba bathing⁵⁷³; he had her brought to his palace and committed adultery with her⁵⁷⁴. When he found out that she was pregnant⁵⁷⁵ he had her husband Uriah moved to the front lines and arranged for him to be killed⁵⁷⁶. He then married her and she gave birth to his son⁵⁷⁷.

God, however, was displeased⁵⁷⁸, and sent Nathan to rebuke the king⁵⁷⁹ and tell him that as punishment He would raise up evil against him out of his own house⁵⁸⁰. David repented⁵⁸¹ but the Lord still killed the child⁵⁸². After this, David and Bathsheba had a son named Solomon, whom the Lord loved⁵⁸³.

David's son Ammon loved his sister Tamar⁵⁸⁴, and raped her⁵⁸⁵. Two years later David's son Absalom invited David's sons to a feast⁵⁸⁶, and during that feast he had Ammon killed⁵⁸⁷. Absalom fled to Geshur for three years⁵⁸⁸, until Joab manipulated David into allowing him to return⁵⁸⁹. Two years later⁵⁹⁰, Absalom used Joab to get him an audience with the king⁵⁹¹. After this, Absalom stole the hearts of Israel and began a rebellion⁵⁹². David was warned about the uprising and fled the city⁵⁹³. As he left, Shimei shouted curses and threw stones at him⁵⁹⁴. Since the wise Ahithophel (Bathsheba's grandfather⁵⁹⁵) was supporting Absalom⁵⁹⁶, David told Hushai to stay in the city and try to defeat Ahithophel's counsel⁵⁹⁷. Hushai was successful⁵⁹⁸ and gave David the time he needed⁵⁹⁹. When the servants of David fought Absalom, David commanded them to spare his son⁶⁰⁰ but Joab killed him anyway⁶⁰¹. David wept for his son⁶⁰². When the king returned, the men of Judah got into an argument with the men of Israel⁶⁰³ and Sheba drew Israel away from following David⁶⁰⁴. Joab's men pursued Sheba and cornered him in a city⁶⁰⁵. A wise woman convinced the town to cut off Sheba's head and throw it over the wall⁶⁰⁶. When they did so, Joab left⁶⁰⁷.

After this, God sent a three-year famine⁶⁰⁸. David inquired of God and discovered it was punishment for Saul's slaying of the Gibeonites⁶⁰⁹. In order to pay his debt⁶¹⁰, seven of Saul's sons were given to the Gibeonites and they hanged them before the Lord⁶¹¹.

David made Joab take a census of Israel⁶¹², which displeased God⁶¹³. As punishment the Lord sent pestilence over the land, and 70,000 people died⁶¹⁴. At Gad's instruction⁶¹⁵ David bought the threshingfloor of Araunah⁶¹⁶, where he built an altar and offered burnt offerings⁶¹⁷. The Lord then stopped the plague⁶¹⁸.

When David was old he could not stay warm⁶¹⁹. His servants searched for a woman to lie with him⁶²⁰ and found Abishag⁶²¹, and she ministered to him⁶²². After this his son Adonijah exalted himself to be king⁶²³ (using the help of Joab and Abiathar⁶²⁴). When Bathsheba told David⁶²⁵, he swore that Solomon would reign⁶²⁶. When Nathan and others proclaimed that Solomon was king⁶²⁷, Adonijah's supporters fled⁶²⁸. Solomon ordered Adonijah to be released and sent home⁶²⁹.

When it came time for David to die⁶³⁰ he told Solomon to obey God⁶³¹, kill Joab⁶³², and kill Shimei⁶³³. He also gave Solomon the plans he had made for the Temple⁶³⁴ and the supplies he had set aside for it⁶³⁵. He then died⁶³⁶. After he died, Adonijah tried to marry Abishag⁶³⁷; Solomon interpreted it as an attempt to gain royal power⁶³⁸ and had him executed⁶³⁹. Since Abiathar had helped in Adonijah's rebellion, he had him removed from his job as priest⁶⁴⁰, fulfilling God's word to Eli⁶⁴¹. Joab fled for his life and grabbed the horns of the altar⁶⁴²; Solomon had him killed there⁶⁴³. He then ordered Shimei to stay in Jerusalem and told him if he ever left the city he would be executed⁶⁴⁴. After three years, however, Shimei left to chase two runaway servants⁶⁴⁵, so Solomon had him executed⁶⁴⁶.

At Gibeon, Solomon offered 1000 burnt offerings⁶⁴⁷. At night the Lord appeared to him in a dream and asked what He should give him⁶⁴⁸. When Solomon asked for wisdom⁶⁴⁹ God promised to give him wisdom, riches, and honor⁶⁵⁰ – and added that if Solomon walked in His ways then He would give him long life as well⁶⁵¹. Solomon's wisdom was demonstrated⁶⁵² when two prostitutes came before him⁶⁵³ and argued over who was the rightful mother of a child⁶⁵⁴. When Solomon ordered the child cut in half and split between them⁶⁵⁵ the real mother begged for his life⁶⁵⁶. Solomon pointed her out and gave the child to her⁶⁵⁷.

Solomon spent 7 years building the Temple⁶⁵⁸ and 13 years building his house⁶⁵⁹. All of Israel was assembled when Solomon dedicated the Temple⁶⁶⁰. Once the Ark was brought into the Temple⁶⁶¹ the glory of the Lord filled the building⁶⁶². Solomon then addressed the people⁶⁶³ and prayed⁶⁶⁴. When he finished praying, fire came down from Heaven and consumed the offerings⁶⁶⁵. Solomon then held a 14-day feast⁶⁶⁶.

Solomon became exceedingly wealthy⁶⁶⁷. The Queen of Sheba heard about his greatness and paid Solomon a visit⁶⁶⁸; she was overwhelmed at what she saw⁶⁶⁹. Solomon was richer and wiser than any other king⁶⁷⁰ – so much so that the whole earth sought to hear the wisdom God had given him⁶⁷¹.

The proverbs of Solomon⁶⁷² were written to give wisdom and instruction⁶⁷³ to the simple⁶⁷⁴ and to the wise⁶⁷⁵. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of both wisdom⁶⁷⁶ and knowledge⁶⁷⁷, but fools despise wisdom⁶⁷⁸. Solomon told the simple to gain wisdom⁶⁷⁹ and said wisdom was better than fine gold⁶⁸⁰; those who find wisdom find life⁶⁸¹, but those who hate wisdom love death⁶⁸². He said to fear the Lord and depart from evil⁶⁸³. He repeatedly⁶⁸⁴ urged people to avoid the adulteress⁶⁸⁵ and said her ways lead to death⁶⁸⁶. He condemned laziness⁶⁸⁷ and said it leads to poverty⁶⁸⁸, but diligence leads to wealth⁶⁸⁹. He said to not reprove a scorner⁶⁹⁰ because he would hate you⁶⁹¹, but instead rebuke a wise man because he would love you⁶⁹². He said that righteousness delivers from death⁶⁹³, but the wicked will not be unpunished⁶⁹⁴. He said a virtuous woman is hard to find and is worth far more than rubies⁶⁹⁵; she is a crown to her husband⁶⁹⁶. The last section in Proverbs is devoted to extolling the character and qualities of a virtuous woman⁶⁹⁷.

In Ecclesiastes the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem⁶⁹⁸, proclaimed that all is vanity⁶⁹⁹ and there is nothing new under the sun⁷⁰⁰. Pleasure is vanity⁷⁰¹ and laughter is mad⁷⁰²; wisdom is better than folly⁷⁰³ but both the wise and the fool die and are forgotten⁷⁰⁴. There is nothing better for a man than to eat and drink and enjoy good in his labor, for this is from God⁷⁰⁵. There is a season for everything⁷⁰⁶. Because of oppressors, it is better to be dead than alive⁷⁰⁷; it is better to be with someone than alone⁷⁰⁸, because a threefold cord is not quickly broken⁷⁰⁹. The day of death is better than the day of birth⁷¹⁰, and the end of a thing is better than its beginning⁷¹¹. Sorrow is better than laughter because sadness makes the heart better⁷¹². Although a sinner does great evil and his days are prolonged, it will be well with those who fear God⁷¹³ – but it will not be well with the wicked⁷¹⁴. The race is not to the swift and the battle is not to the strong, but time and chance happens to everyone⁷¹⁵. The Preacher urges men to remember their Creator in the days of their youth, before they become old and their years are filled with pain⁷¹⁶. His conclusion is that men ought to fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man⁷¹⁷. God will bring every work and every secret thing into judgment⁷¹⁸.

In the Song of Solomon the lover and the beloved proclaimed their love for one another⁷¹⁹ and delighted in each other's beauty⁷²⁰ and love⁷²¹. The book is filled with many tactful but passionate references to the act and joys of lovemaking, and to the ways the lover and the beloved delighted in each other⁷²².

Solomon had 700 wives and 300 concubines⁷²³, and when he was old they turned his heart to false gods⁷²⁴. Because of this, God told Solomon He was going to take the kingdom away from him and give it to his servant⁷²⁵. God also stirred up Hadad and Rezon to be Solomon's adversaries⁷²⁶.

Solomon put Jeroboam in charge of the house of Joseph⁷²⁷. The prophet Ahijah told him that God was going to give him 10 tribes⁷²⁸, and if he followed God then the Lord would build him a sure house⁷²⁹. Solomon tried to kill Jeroboam, but he fled to Egypt and stayed there until the king died⁷³⁰. Solomon reigned for 40 years⁷³¹, then died; his son Rehoboam reigned in his stead⁷³².

After his death, Jeroboam asked Rehoboam to lighten the load that Solomon had put on the people⁷³³. When Rehoboam refused⁷³⁴, Israel rebelled⁷³⁵ and made Jeroboam their king⁷³⁶. Rehoboam gathered an army to fight Israel⁷³⁷, but when God sent Shemaiah to say that that this was of God⁷³⁸, the armies went home⁷³⁹.

After this, in order to stop Israel from going to Jerusalem (which Rehoboam ruled) to offer sacrifices⁷⁴⁰, Jeroboam set up two golden calves and told Israel to worship them⁷⁴¹. Jeroboam cast out all of the Levites, so they went to Rehoboam⁷⁴². A man of God came and told Jeroboam that Josiah would take the king's false priests and burn their bones on his false altar⁷⁴³, but the king still did not repent⁷⁴⁴. When Jeroboam's son Abijah became sick⁷⁴⁵ he sent his wife to talk to the prophet Ahijah⁷⁴⁶.

The prophet told her that the child would die⁷⁴⁷ and that God was going to utterly destroy Jeroboam's house⁷⁴⁸ for their sin⁷⁴⁹. However, since God had found something good in the sick child, he alone (out of all her children) would be buried in a grave⁷⁵⁰. Jeroboam reigned for 22 years⁷⁵¹, then the Lord struck him and he died⁷⁵²; his son Nadab reigned in his stead⁷⁵³.

In Judah, Rehoboam reigned for 17 years⁷⁵⁴. Under his rule Judah did more evil than their fathers⁷⁵⁵, building high places⁷⁵⁶ and allowing sodomites⁷⁵⁷. Shishak king of Egypt attacked Jerusalem⁷⁵⁸; he looted the Temple and the palace⁷⁵⁹. When Rehoboam died, Abijam his son reigned in his stead⁷⁶⁰. Abijam reigned over Judah for 3 years⁷⁶¹; he did evil⁷⁶². However, when Jeroboam attacked Judah⁷⁶³, Abijam relied on God⁷⁶⁴ and the Lord gave them the victory⁷⁶⁵; 500,000 men of Israel were slain⁷⁶⁶. When Abijam died his son Asa reigned over Judah⁷⁶⁷ for 41 years⁷⁶⁸. Asa did that which was right⁷⁶⁹, removing the sodomites and the idols from the land⁷⁷⁰. When an army of a million Ethiopians came against him⁷⁷¹, he prayed⁷⁷² and God defeated them⁷⁷³. However, when Baasha king of Israel came against him⁷⁷⁴, Asa looted the Temple and used the money to hire the Syrians⁷⁷⁵, who defeated Baasha⁷⁷⁶. When Hanani rebuked Asa for not trusting God⁷⁷⁷, the king had him thrown in prison⁷⁷⁸. When Asa became diseased in his feet, he did not seek the Lord⁷⁷⁹. When Asa died, his son Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah in his stead⁷⁸⁰.

In Israel, Nadab reigned for 2 years⁷⁸¹, and did evil⁷⁸². Baasha killed him⁷⁸³ and the entire house of Jeroboam⁷⁸⁴; he then reigned for 24 years⁷⁸⁵ and did evil⁷⁸⁶. Since Baasha walked in the ways of Jeroboam⁷⁸⁷, God told Jehu⁷⁸⁸ that He was going to make the house of Baasha like the house of Jeroboam⁷⁸⁹. When Baasha died, Elah his son reigned over Israel⁷⁹⁰ for 2 years⁷⁹¹. His servant Zimri killed him⁷⁹² and the entire house of Baasha⁷⁹³. Zimri reigned for 7 days⁷⁹⁴; when Omri (whom Israel had made king⁷⁹⁵) besieged the city⁷⁹⁶, Zimri burned down the king's house and died⁷⁹⁷. After this, part of Israel supported Tibni while others supported Omri⁷⁹⁸, but in the end Tibni died and Omri won⁷⁹⁹. Omri reigned over Israel for 12 years⁸⁰⁰ and did worse evil than those who came before him⁸⁰¹. When he died, his son Ahab reigned⁸⁰² over Israel for 22 years⁸⁰³. He did worse evil than those who came before him⁸⁰⁴; he married Jezebel and worshiped Baal⁸⁰⁵.

Hiel rebuilt Jericho by offering his oldest and youngest child as human sacrifices, thus fulfilling the word of the Lord spoken by Joshua⁸⁰⁶.

After this, Elijah said there would be no rain except by his word⁸⁰⁷. He then fled to the brook Cherith⁸⁰⁸, and ravens fed him⁸⁰⁹. When the brook dried up⁸¹⁰ God sent him to a widow in Zarephath⁸¹¹, where he stayed many days⁸¹². When the widow's son fell sick⁸¹³ Elijah raised him from the dead⁸¹⁴. In the third year, God told Elijah to go to Ahab⁸¹⁵. Elijah told Ahab to gather 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of the groves⁸¹⁶. Elijah then held a contest: the prophets were to build an altar and get their god to call down fire to light the sacrifice⁸¹⁷. When they failed⁸¹⁸, Elijah repaired the broken altar of God⁸¹⁹ and prayed⁸²⁰; fire fell from Heaven and consumed the sacrifice and the altar⁸²¹. Elijah then commanded that the prophets of Baal be killed⁸²². Once they were dead, Elijah told Ahab that it was going to rain⁸²³ and it did⁸²⁴. Jezebel told Elijah that she was going to kill him⁸²⁵, so he fled to Horeb⁸²⁶ into a cave⁸²⁷. There God spoke to him in a still small voice⁸²⁸ and told him to anoint Hazael as king over Syria⁸²⁹, Jehu as king over Israel, and Elisha as his successor⁸³⁰.

Benhadad king of Syria fought against Samaria⁸³¹. When God delivered them into Ahab's hands Ahab defeated them⁸³², but instead of destroying them he made peace with Benhadad and sent him away⁸³³. God sent a prophet to tell Ahab that since he refused to kill Benhadad, God would kill him instead⁸³⁴. After this Ahab wanted Naboth's vineyard⁸³⁵ but Naboth refused to sell it⁸³⁶, so Jezebel arranged for Naboth to be killed⁸³⁷. When Ahab went to take possession of the vineyard⁸³⁸ Elijah told him that the dogs would lick Ahab's blood in the same place they licked Naboth's blood⁸³⁹, and God would make Ahab's house like the house of Jeroboam and Baasha⁸⁴⁰. When Ahab put on sackcloth and wept⁸⁴¹, God said He would bring the evil in the days of Ahab's sons, and not in Ahab's days⁸⁴².

After this Jehoshaphat agreed to help Ahab attack Ramothgilead⁸⁴³. However, the prophet

Micaiah warned that the battle would be lost⁸⁴⁴ because God had arranged it to kill Ahab⁸⁴⁵. King Ahab had Micaiah put in prison⁸⁴⁶. During the battle Ahab was shot by a chance arrow and killed⁸⁴⁷, and the dogs licked his blood⁸⁴⁸. His son Ahaziah reigned over Israel⁸⁴⁹ for two years⁸⁵⁰; he did evil and served Baal⁸⁵¹. Ahaziah fell sick and asked Baalzebub if he would recover⁸⁵². Elijah told him that since he had inquired of Baalzebub he would die⁸⁵³, and he died⁸⁵⁴. Since he had no son, Jehoram reigned over Israel in his stead⁸⁵⁵ for 12 years⁸⁵⁶, and did evil⁸⁵⁷.

Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah for 25 years⁸⁵⁸; he did what was right⁸⁵⁹ and removed the sodomites⁸⁶⁰, but he did not take away the high places⁸⁶¹. The king sent out men to teach God's law to the people of Judah⁸⁶². The fear of the Lord fell on the surrounding countries⁸⁶³ and they brought him tribute⁸⁶⁴. However, when he returned home after helping Ahab, the prophet Jehu rebuked him for helping the ungodly⁸⁶⁵. When Moab and Ammon came against him⁸⁶⁶ the king proclaimed a fast⁸⁶⁷ and the people sought the Lord⁸⁶⁸. Jahaziel the Levite said God would fight for them⁸⁶⁹, and the Lord ambushed the invaders and they fought each other⁸⁷⁰. Later, when Jehoshaphat teamed up with wicked King Ahaziah to send ships to Tarshish⁸⁷¹, Eliezer rebuked him and God broke the ships⁸⁷². When Jehoshaphat died his son Jehoram reigned over Judah⁸⁷³.

Elijah called Elisha⁸⁷⁴ and he ministered to him⁸⁷⁵. When it came time for Elijah to go, Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah's spirit⁸⁷⁶. God then took Elijah up to Heaven in a chariot of fire⁸⁷⁷. Elisha used the mantle of Elijah to part the Jordan river⁸⁷⁸; he also cast salt into a poisoned spring and healed it⁸⁷⁹. When a mob of children came out and told Elisha they wanted him to die⁸⁸⁰, he cursed them in the name of the Lord; two bears then came out of the woods and mauled 42 of the children⁸⁸¹.

After this Moab rebelled against Israel⁸⁸². Jehoshaphat agreed to help⁸⁸³ the king of Edom and Jehoram the king of Israel⁸⁸⁴ attack Moab. When the three kings went for 7 days without finding water⁸⁸⁵ they called for Elisha⁸⁸⁶, who told them to dig ditches⁸⁸⁷. The ditches filled with water⁸⁸⁸ and the Moabites mistook the water for blood⁸⁸⁹. When the Moabites came out, Israel defeated them⁸⁹⁰.

Elisha did many miracles. He told a poor widow⁸⁹¹ to fill her house with pots⁸⁹²; she then used a single pot of oil to fill all the pots in her house⁸⁹³. Elisha told her to sell the oil to pay her debts⁸⁹⁴. There was a great woman in Shunem that Elisha often stayed with⁸⁹⁵; in return, Elisha told her that she would have a son⁸⁹⁶. When the son died⁸⁹⁷, Elisha prayed and raised him from the dead⁸⁹⁸. Another time the sons of the prophets made a pot of food⁸⁹⁹, but it was accidentally poisoned⁹⁰⁰; Elisha healed it by casting in meal⁹⁰¹. In another occasion a man came from Baalshalisha and brought 20 loaves of barley and some ears of corn⁹⁰²; Elisha told him to give it to the people, and 100 men ate and had leftovers⁹⁰³. Elisha also made an axe head float⁹⁰⁴.

Naaman (captain of the Syrian host) was a leper⁹⁰⁵. When he heard that there was a prophet in Samaria who could cure him⁹⁰⁶ he came to Elisha⁹⁰⁷, who told him to wash in the Jordan River 7 times⁹⁰⁸. At first he was angry⁹⁰⁹, but when he washed he was cleansed of his leprosy⁹¹⁰. Elisha refused the rewards Naaman offered⁹¹¹, but Elisha's servant Gehazi went behind his back⁹¹² and accepted some of them⁹¹³. Elisha condemned him for this⁹¹⁴ and told him that Naaman's leprosy would cling to Gehazi and his offspring forever⁹¹⁵.

After this the king of Syria repeatedly tried to kill the king of Israel, but thanks to Elisha's warnings he was able to escape⁹¹⁶. When the king of Syria found out what Elisha was doing⁹¹⁷ and learned that he was staying in Dothan⁹¹⁸, he sent his army to surround the town⁹¹⁹. When Elisha's servant saw the Syrian army he panicked⁹²⁰. Elisha then opened his eyes and showed him that the Syrians were surrounded by an army of chariots of fire⁹²¹. When Elisha prayed, God smote the Syrians with blindness⁹²²; he then led them to Samaria⁹²³, where he had the king feed them and send them home⁹²⁴. After that the bands of Syria stopped coming into Israel⁹²⁵.

When Benhadad besieged Samaria⁹²⁶ there was a famine that was so great that people began eating their own children⁹²⁷. The king of Israel decided to kill Elisha⁹²⁸, but Elisha told him that the famine would be over the next day⁹²⁹. When one of the lords doubted this, Elisha told him that he

would see it but not eat of it⁹³⁰. After this, four lepers went into the Syrian camp to give themselves up⁹³¹ and found it empty⁹³²; the Lord had made the Syrians hear the noise of chariots and they had fled⁹³³. When the lepers told the city porter the news⁹³⁴, the people rushed out and spoiled the Syrians⁹³⁵ – and trampled to death the lord who had doubted Elisha⁹³⁶.

Because of the famine, Elisha told the woman whose son he had raised from the dead to flee⁹³⁷. When she returned to claim her land⁹³⁸, Gehazi identified her to the king⁹³⁹ and he restored her land⁹⁴⁰.

When Benhadad was sick, he sent Hazael to ask Elisha if he would recover⁹⁴¹. Elisha told Hazael to lie to Benhadad and say he would get well⁹⁴². He then told Hazael that he would become king over Syria⁹⁴³ and do terrible things to Israel⁹⁴⁴. Hazael then returned to Benhadad⁹⁴⁵, murdered him, and became king over Syria⁹⁴⁶.

In Judah, Jehoram (son of Jehoshaphat)⁹⁴⁷ reigned for 8 years⁹⁴⁸; he did evil, and was married to Ahab's daughter⁹⁴⁹. He killed all of his brothers⁹⁵⁰. Elijah told him that since he did evil, God would curse him and he would die⁹⁵¹. When he died, Ahaziah his son reigned over Judah⁹⁵² for 1 year;⁹⁵³ he did evil⁹⁵⁴.

Elisha sent one of the children of the prophets to Ramothgilead and had him anoint Jehu as king over Israel⁹⁵⁵. The prophet told him to destroy the whole house of Ahab⁹⁵⁶. Jehu then went to Jezreel⁹⁵⁷ and killed Jehoram, king of Israel⁹⁵⁸. He also had Jezebel thrown out of the window⁹⁵⁹, and the dogs ate her⁹⁶⁰. He had Ahab's 70 sons executed⁹⁶¹ and killed all that remained of his house⁹⁶². After that he called together all the worshippers of Baal⁹⁶³, killed them⁹⁶⁴, and destroyed Baal's temple and idols⁹⁶⁵. However, Jehu did not destroy the golden calves⁹⁶⁶, nor did he depart from the sins of Jeroboam⁹⁶⁷ – but since Jehu destroyed the house of Ahab, God told him that his children would sit on the throne of Israel⁹⁶⁸ to the fourth generation. Jehu reigned over Israel for 28 years⁹⁶⁹; when he died, Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead⁹⁷⁰.

In Judah, when Ahaziah the king died, his mother Athaliah killed the entire royal family⁹⁷¹ – but Ahaziah's sister Jehosheba took Joash his son⁹⁷² and hid him in the Temple for 6 years⁹⁷³. In the seventh year Jehoiada the priest crowned Joash king⁹⁷⁴ and executed Athaliah⁹⁷⁵. Jehoiada made a covenant that the people should serve the Lord⁹⁷⁶, and they destroyed the house of Baal and executed Baal's priests⁹⁷⁷. Joash reigned over Judah for 40 years⁹⁷⁸; he served God all the days of Jehoiada⁹⁷⁹. He repaired the Temple⁹⁸⁰, but when Jehoiada died the king stopped serving God⁹⁸¹. When Jehoiada's son Zechariah rebuked him⁹⁸², the king had him stoned⁹⁸³. When Hazael king of Syria attacked⁹⁸⁴, Joash looted the Temple to pay him to leave⁹⁸⁵. After this the servants of Joash killed him⁹⁸⁶, and Amaziah his son reigned in his stead⁹⁸⁷.

The prophet Joel⁹⁸⁸ (who seems to have prophesied during the days of Joash) warned that the day of the Lord was at hand⁹⁸⁹ – a great and terrible⁹⁹⁰ day of darkness that was unlike any other⁹⁹¹. Joel commanded people to turn to God⁹⁹² and called on the priests to intercede⁹⁹³. Joel spoke of a time when God would gather all nations to the valley of Jehoshaphat and judge them for the way they had treated Israel⁹⁹⁴. He said Egypt and Edom would become a desolation⁹⁹⁵, but Judah and Jerusalem would dwell forever⁹⁹⁶. Joel finished by saying that the Lord dwells in Zion⁹⁹⁷.

In Israel, Jehoahaz son of Jehu reigned for 17 years⁹⁹⁸; he did evil⁹⁹⁹. When he died, his son Joash reigned¹⁰⁰⁰ for 16 years¹⁰⁰¹; he also did evil¹⁰⁰². During his reign Elisha fell sick and Joash came to see him¹⁰⁰³. Elisha told him to shoot arrows into the ground¹⁰⁰⁴, explaining that the arrows represented military victories over Syria¹⁰⁰⁵, and the king shot three arrows¹⁰⁰⁶. Elisha became angry with him and told him that because of this Joash would only defeat Syria three times¹⁰⁰⁷. Elisha then died and was buried¹⁰⁰⁸. Later, when someone else was being buried, a band of Midianites came into the land. In a panic, people threw the corpse into Elisha's grave – and the dead man revived and stood up¹⁰⁰⁹. When Joash died, Jeroboam became king of Israel¹⁰¹⁰. When Hazael king of Syria died, Benhadad reigned in his stead¹⁰¹¹.

In Judah, Amaziah son of Joash reigned¹⁰¹² for 29 years¹⁰¹³; he did what was right but did not

take away the high places¹⁰¹⁴. He executed the servants who murdered his father¹⁰¹⁵. After defeating Edom and Seir¹⁰¹⁶ he brought their false gods back home with him and worshiped them¹⁰¹⁷. When the Lord sent a prophet to rebuke him¹⁰¹⁸, Amaziah told the prophet to be silent or he would kill him¹⁰¹⁹. The king then decided to attack Israel¹⁰²⁰. The king of Israel warned him not to fight¹⁰²¹ but he refused to listen¹⁰²². Israel defeated Judah¹⁰²³, broke down the wall of Jerusalem¹⁰²⁴, and looted the Temple¹⁰²⁵. After this a conspiracy rose up against Amaziah and he was murdered¹⁰²⁶. Azariah his son (also known as Uzziah¹⁰²⁷) was made king¹⁰²⁸.

Isaiah's ministry began in the days of Uzziah (when he saw the Lord sitting on His throne¹⁰²⁹) and continued through the reign of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah¹⁰³⁰. Through him the Lord said that He would bring ruin upon Jerusalem because of Judah's great wickedness¹⁰³¹. However, the Lord also spoke of the last days¹⁰³², when all nations would be at peace with one another¹⁰³³ and would come to the Lord's house in Israel¹⁰³⁴ so they could learn God's ways and obey God's laws¹⁰³⁵. Isaiah prophesied extensively about the coming Messiah¹⁰³⁶ and said He would be born of a virgin¹⁰³⁷, He would be a light to the Gentiles¹⁰³⁸, and He would suffer for our sins¹⁰³⁹ and die¹⁰⁴⁰. Isaiah also prophesied against Assyria¹⁰⁴¹, Babylon¹⁰⁴², Palestina¹⁰⁴³, Moab¹⁰⁴⁴, Damascus¹⁰⁴⁵, Egypt¹⁰⁴⁶, and Tyre¹⁰⁴⁷. He spoke of Lucifer's fall¹⁰⁴⁸, of a new heaven and earth¹⁰⁴⁹, and said Cyrus¹⁰⁵⁰ would rebuild the Temple¹⁰⁵¹.

Hosea's ministry began in the days of Uzziah and continued through the reign of Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, and Jeroboam¹⁰⁵². As a sign to the nation of Israel (because they had committed adultery by going after false gods) God commanded Hosea to marry a prostitute¹⁰⁵³, so he married Gomer¹⁰⁵⁴. God commanded him to name their first daughter Jezreel (for God would soon avenge the blood of Jezreel)¹⁰⁵⁵, their second daughter Loruhamah (because He would no longer have mercy on Israel)¹⁰⁵⁶, and their son Loammi (because Israel was not God's people and He was not their God)¹⁰⁵⁷. God commanded Israel to repent¹⁰⁵⁸ and spoke of coming judgment¹⁰⁵⁹ – but He also spoke of a time when He would take Israel back and bless her¹⁰⁶⁰. When Gomer left Hosea, God commanded him to buy her back¹⁰⁶¹ and he did¹⁰⁶². God said Israel would abide for many days without a king, but then Israel would return and seek the Lord¹⁰⁶³. God warned that judgment was coming because of Israel's sin, and said Israel, Ephraim, and Judah would fall¹⁰⁶⁴. Hosea urged Israel to return to the Lord¹⁰⁶⁵.

Amos's ministry began in the days of Uzziah and continued through the reign of Jeroboam¹⁰⁶⁶. Amos warned that God would punish Damascus¹⁰⁶⁷, Gaza¹⁰⁶⁸, Tyrus¹⁰⁶⁹, Edom¹⁰⁷⁰, the Ammonites¹⁰⁷¹, Moab¹⁰⁷², Judah¹⁰⁷³, and Israel¹⁰⁷⁴ for their transgressions. God told Israel that if they sought Him they would live; otherwise judgment would come¹⁰⁷⁵. When God showed Amos a plague of grasshoppers he interceded on Israel's behalf, and God agreed to not send them¹⁰⁷⁶. When God showed Amos a fire he interceded again and God agreed again¹⁰⁷⁷. God then showed Amos a plumbline and said He was going to lay waste to Israel¹⁰⁷⁸. When Amaziah the priest tried to stop him from prophesying¹⁰⁷⁹, Amos told him God would send judgment upon him and his family¹⁰⁸⁰. God showed Amos a basket of summer fruit and said Israel's end had come¹⁰⁸¹ and there would be many dead bodies everywhere¹⁰⁸². God said He would send a famine of hearing the word of God¹⁰⁸³; He would also watch over them for evil, not for good¹⁰⁸⁴, and would sift the house of Israel among all nations¹⁰⁸⁵. Yet God said that one day He would raise up the fallen tabernacle of David¹⁰⁸⁶ and bless Israel¹⁰⁸⁷, and they would rebuild the waste cities¹⁰⁸⁸. God said He would plant them in the land and they would not be pulled out of it again¹⁰⁸⁹.

Jonah (whose ministry seems to have taken place around this same time) was told by God to go to Nineveh and cry against its wickedness¹⁰⁹⁰. However, Jonah instead boarded a ship to Tarshish¹⁰⁹¹. When God sent a mighty storm against the ship¹⁰⁹², Jonah was found out and confessed that he was the cause¹⁰⁹³, and at his request the sailors threw him overboard¹⁰⁹⁴. God then sent a great fish to swallow Jonah, and he stayed in that fish for three days and three nights¹⁰⁹⁵. When Jonah prayed¹⁰⁹⁶, God had the fish vomit Jonah out¹⁰⁹⁷ and again told him to go to Nineveh¹⁰⁹⁸. Jonah went and cried against the city¹⁰⁹⁹, and the Ninevites repented¹¹⁰⁰. When God saw this He decided to not destroy the city¹¹⁰¹ – which made Jonah very angry¹¹⁰². When Jonah sat outside the city to see what would happen to it¹¹⁰³,

God made a plant grow to give him shade¹¹⁰⁴ – and then killed the plant the next day¹¹⁰⁵. When Jonah became angry¹¹⁰⁶, God pointed out that Jonah had pity on the plant, which came up one day and died the next¹¹⁰⁷; shouldn't God also have pity on the great city of Nineveh, which was home to tens of thousands of people¹¹⁰⁸?

In Israel, Jeroboam reigned for 41 years¹¹⁰⁹ and did evil¹¹¹⁰. The Lord saw the affliction of Israel and used Jeroboam to save them¹¹¹¹. When he died, Zachariah his son reigned in his stead¹¹¹².

In Judah, Azariah son of Amaziah reigned¹¹¹³ for 52 years¹¹¹⁴; he did that which was right but did not remove the high places¹¹¹⁵. However, he became proud, and one day he went into the Temple to burn incense¹¹¹⁶. When the priests tried to stop him the king became angry with him¹¹¹⁷, and the Lord smote the king so that he was a leper until he died¹¹¹⁸. When he died, Jotham his son reigned in his stead¹¹¹⁹ for 16 years¹¹²⁰; he did right¹¹²¹ but did not remove the high places¹¹²², and the people behaved corruptly¹¹²³. Jotham defeated the Ammonites¹¹²⁴ and became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the Lord¹¹²⁵. When he died, Ahaz his son reigned in his stead¹¹²⁶.

Micah's ministry began in the days of Jotham and continued through the reign of Ahaz and Hezekiah¹¹²⁷. Micah warned that because of Israel's transgressions¹¹²⁸, the Lord would come and tread down the high places of the Earth¹¹²⁹; Samaria¹¹³⁰ and Jerusalem would become a heap and Zion would become a plowed field¹¹³¹. Micah also prophesied that in the last days the house of the Lord would be established in the top of the mountains¹¹³², and the nations would come to it so that they could learn God's ways¹¹³³. He said that God would rebuke strong nations, and they would beat their swords into plowshares, and the nations would no longer learn war¹¹³⁴. The Lord would reign over them in Mount Zion forever¹¹³⁵. Micah also prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem¹¹³⁶.

In Israel, Zachariah reigned for 6 months¹¹³⁷ and did evil¹¹³⁸. Shallum conspired against him and killed him, and reigned in his stead¹¹³⁹. (Thus God fulfilled his promise to Jehu that his children would sit on the throne for 4 generations¹¹⁴⁰.) Shallum reigned for one month¹¹⁴¹, and then Menahem killed him and reigned in his stead¹¹⁴². Menahem reigned for 10 years¹¹⁴³ and did evil¹¹⁴⁴. When Pul king of Assyria came against Israel, Menahem paid him 1000 talents of silver to leave¹¹⁴⁵; he obtained the money by taxing the wealthy¹¹⁴⁶. When he died, Pekahiah his son reigned in his stead¹¹⁴⁷ for two years¹¹⁴⁸, and did evil¹¹⁴⁹. Pekah conspired against him and killed him, and reigned in his stead¹¹⁵⁰ for 20 years¹¹⁵¹; he did evil¹¹⁵². In his days Tiglathpileser king of Assyria conquered parts of Israel and led them away as captives¹¹⁵³. Hoshea conspired against Pekah and killed him, then reigned in his stead¹¹⁵⁴. Hoshea reigned for 9 years¹¹⁵⁵ and did evil¹¹⁵⁶. When he conspired against the king of Assyria the king had Hoshea put in prison¹¹⁵⁷ and carried Israel away captive¹¹⁵⁸. God told Israel to repent¹¹⁵⁹ but they refused¹¹⁶⁰, so God removed them from His sight¹¹⁶¹.

During Israel's time in captivity¹¹⁶² God commanded Ezekiel to warn that Jerusalem would be judged for her sins¹¹⁶³, conquered¹¹⁶⁴, and go into captivity¹¹⁶⁵. Ezekiel was given an amazing vision of the glory of God¹¹⁶⁶, witnessed the glory of God leaving the Temple¹¹⁶⁷, and saw the valley of dry bones¹¹⁶⁸ that God brought back to life¹¹⁶⁹. Ezekiel also prophesied against the Ammonites¹¹⁷⁰, Tyrus¹¹⁷¹, Egypt¹¹⁷², Mount Seir¹¹⁷³, Gog and Magog¹¹⁷⁴, and a being called the King of Tyrus¹¹⁷⁵ who was the anointed cherub¹¹⁷⁶ and who was in the Garden of Eden¹¹⁷⁷. Finally, Ezekiel was given a vision of a future Temple¹¹⁷⁸.

In Judah, Ahaz reigned for 16 years¹¹⁷⁹; he did evil and offered his son as a burnt offering¹¹⁸⁰. Syria and Israel attacked him but could not defeat him¹¹⁸¹. Ahaz looted the Temple to hire the Assyrians¹¹⁸², and Tiglathpileser came to his aid¹¹⁸³. Ahaz then built an altar like one he had seen in Assyria¹¹⁸⁴, and he commanded that sacrifices be offered on it instead of at the Temple¹¹⁸⁵. When he died, Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead¹¹⁸⁶. Hezekiah reigned over Judah for 29 years¹¹⁸⁷. He obeyed God, removed the high places¹¹⁸⁸, repaired the Temple¹¹⁸⁹, restarted the sacrifices¹¹⁹⁰, and kept the Passover¹¹⁹¹. The Lord was with him¹¹⁹². Hezekiah rebelled against Assyria¹¹⁹³ and defeated the Philistines¹¹⁹⁴. After Assyria defeated Samaria¹¹⁹⁵, Sennacherib came against Judah¹¹⁹⁶. The king of

Assyria fined Hezekiah¹¹⁹⁷, and he paid it by looting the Temple¹¹⁹⁸. The king of Assyria sent a great army against Jerusalem¹¹⁹⁹, and Rabshakeh taunted Hezekiah¹²⁰⁰. Isaiah told the king that God would make him return to his own land¹²⁰¹, and Rabshakeh did¹²⁰². After Rabshakeh left, he sent messengers to threaten Israel¹²⁰³. However, God said He would defend the city¹²⁰⁴. That night the angel of the Lord went to the Assyrian camp and killed 185,000 people¹²⁰⁵. When Sennacherib returned to Nineveh¹²⁰⁶ his sons murdered him¹²⁰⁷. Hezekiah then fell sick, and Isaiah told him he would die¹²⁰⁸. When Hezekiah begged God to spare him¹²⁰⁹, the Lord added 15 years to his life¹²¹⁰. The king of Babylon heard that Hezekiah had been sick and sent an envoy to him¹²¹¹. When Hezekiah showed them all his wealth¹²¹², Isaiah told him that everything he showed them would be carried to Babylon¹²¹³ – including his children¹²¹⁴. When Hezekiah died, Manasseh reigned in his stead¹²¹⁵.

Habakkuk (which may have been written during the reign of Manasseh) complained to God that the wicked were persecuting the righteous and God was not doing anything about it¹²¹⁶. God said He was raising up the terrible Chaldeans, and they would march through the land and destroy it¹²¹⁷. Habakkuk asked how God could allow that, since the Chaldeans were even worse than the wicked people he had been complaining about¹²¹⁸. God said the just would live by faith¹²¹⁹, pronounced woe upon the wicked¹²²⁰, and said the Earth would be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea¹²²¹. Habakkuk then prayed¹²²², proclaiming the glory of the Lord¹²²³ and that God was his strength¹²²⁴.

Manasseh began reigning over Judah when he was 12 years old; he reigned for 55 years¹²²⁵, and he seduced Israel to do more evil than the Amorites¹²²⁶. He served Baal¹²²⁷, put pagan alters in the Temple¹²²⁸, offered his sons as burnt offerings¹²²⁹, and shed much innocent blood. Because of him the Lord said He would destroy Jerusalem¹²³⁰ and deliver Judah to their enemies¹²³¹. The Lord sent Assyria, who bound Manasseh and carried him to Babylon¹²³². While the king was there he humbled himself and prayed, and God brought him back to Jerusalem¹²³³. When he returned he took away the false gods¹²³⁴, repaired the altar, and commanded Judah to serve God¹²³⁵. When he died, Amon his son became king¹²³⁶; he reigned for 2 years¹²³⁷ and did evil¹²³⁸. Amon's servants killed him¹²³⁹ and were then killed themselves¹²⁴⁰. Amon's son Josiah became king in his stead¹²⁴¹.

Josiah reigned over Judah for 31 years¹²⁴² and did right¹²⁴³. He told the high priest Hilkiah to repair the Temple¹²⁴⁴, and during that process the priest found the book of the Law¹²⁴⁵. Shaphan the scribe read it to the king¹²⁴⁶, and when the king heard it he tore his clothes¹²⁴⁷. Josiah enquired of the Lord¹²⁴⁸ and God told him that he was going to bring evil upon Jerusalem¹²⁴⁹, but since Josiah had humbled himself and wept he would not do it until after Josiah died¹²⁵⁰. Josiah gathered everyone to Jerusalem¹²⁵¹ and read them the law¹²⁵², then made a covenant with them to obey God¹²⁵³. He ended Baal worship¹²⁵⁴, destroyed the houses of the sodomites¹²⁵⁵, and defiled the high places¹²⁵⁶. He destroyed the altar that Jeroboam had made¹²⁵⁷ (thus fulfilling the ancient prophecy¹²⁵⁸) and commanded Israel to keep the Passover¹²⁵⁹. After this Josiah went up against the king of Egypt and was killed¹²⁶⁰, and his son Jehoahaz was made king¹²⁶¹.

Nahum (who seems to have prophesied during the reign of Josiah) foretold God's judgment upon Nineveh¹²⁶². He prophesied woe against the bloody city¹²⁶³ and said God would make her empty, void, and waste¹²⁶⁴.

Zephaniah's ministry took place in the days of Josiah¹²⁶⁵. He warned that the great day of the Lord was near¹²⁶⁶, and that God would bring distress upon all men because they had sinned against him¹²⁶⁷. He urged people to seek the Lord so that they could be hid in the day of the Lord's anger¹²⁶⁸. He said Gaza would be forsaken¹²⁶⁹, Moab and the Ammonites would become a perpetual desolation¹²⁷⁰, the Ethiopians would be slain¹²⁷¹, and Assyria and Nineveh would be destroyed¹²⁷². He said God would gather the nations and pour out His indignation upon them¹²⁷³. God would undo all those who afflicted Israel¹²⁷⁴, and He would make them a name and a praise among all people of the Earth¹²⁷⁵.

Jeremiah's ministry began in the 13th year of Josiah¹²⁷⁶ and continued through the reign of Jehoiakim and Zedekiah, until the nation was carried away captive¹²⁷⁷. God commanded Jeremiah to cry against Jerusalem¹²⁷⁸ and tell them to return to God¹²⁷⁹. He said that if the nation repented God would not remove them from the land¹²⁸⁰, but the Israelites did not repent¹²⁸¹. Instead, they repeatedly¹²⁸² tried to kill Jeremiah¹²⁸³. God said He would bring a distant nation to destroy them¹²⁸⁴ because of their disobedience¹²⁸⁵ but He would not utterly wipe them out¹²⁸⁶; instead they would be captive in Babylon for 70 years¹²⁸⁷. Jeremiah prophesied against Egypt¹²⁸⁸, the Philistines¹²⁸⁹, Moab¹²⁹⁰, the Ammonites¹²⁹¹, Edom¹²⁹², Damascus¹²⁹³, Hazor¹²⁹⁴, Elam¹²⁹⁵, and Babylon¹²⁹⁶.

Jehoahaz reigned over Judah for three months¹²⁹⁷ and did evil¹²⁹⁸. The king of Egypt imprisoned him and brought him to Egypt, where he died¹²⁹⁹. He then made Josiah's son Jehoiakim king over Judah¹³⁰⁰. Jehoiakim reigned for 11 years¹³⁰¹, and did evil¹³⁰². Jehoiakim rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon¹³⁰³. Because of the sins of Manasseh¹³⁰⁴ the Lord sent many foes against Judah in order to destroy it¹³⁰⁵. When Jehoiakim died, Jehoiachin his son reigned¹³⁰⁶ for three months¹³⁰⁷ and did evil¹³⁰⁸. Nebuchadnezzar conquered Jerusalem¹³⁰⁹; he looted the city and the Temple¹³¹⁰ and carried away its people, leaving only the very poorest behind¹³¹¹. He made Zedekiah king over Judah¹³¹². Zedekiah reigned for 11 years¹³¹³ and did evil¹³¹⁴, and rebelled against Babylon¹³¹⁵. Jeremiah told the king that God was going to fight for Nebuchadnezzar and against Israel¹³¹⁶, and said if the king did not do right then God would destroy His Temple¹³¹⁷. When Babylon besieged Jerusalem Zedekiah put Jeremiah in prison¹³¹⁸, and he remained there until the city was taken¹³¹⁹.

Nebuchadnezzar then came against Jerusalem and conquered it¹³²⁰. He killed Zedekiah's sons, put out the king's eyes, and carried him away to Babylon¹³²¹. He also burned the Temple, burned Jerusalem¹³²², and destroyed the city's walls¹³²³. Judah was carried out of the land¹³²⁴ and Nebuchadnezzar made Gedaliah ruler over Judah¹³²⁵. (However, Ishmael killed Gedaliah¹³²⁶ and the people fled with him to Egypt¹³²⁷). Nebuchadnezzar freed Jeremiah¹³²⁸ and told Nebuzaradan to look after him¹³²⁹. The remnant that was left in the land told Jeremiah that they would do whatever God commanded¹³³⁰, but when Jeremiah told them that God would kill them if they left Israel and went to Egypt¹³³¹, they said that he was lying¹³³² and went to Egypt anyway¹³³³.

The book of Lamentations bewails the captivity of Judah¹³³⁴ and the terrible things that the nation had suffered¹³³⁵ because of their sins¹³³⁶. Yet, despite all this, they continued to hope in the Lord¹³³⁷ and wait for His salvation¹³³⁸.

When Nebuchadnezzar conquered Jerusalem¹³³⁹, her best children were made eunuchs to serve in the king's palace¹³⁴⁰. This included Daniel (renamed Belteshazzar), Hananiah (renamed Shadrach), Mishael (renamed Meshach), and Azariah (renamed Abednego)¹³⁴¹. These four men were found to be the best, so they stood before the king¹³⁴². When Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that troubled him¹³⁴³, Daniel interpreted it¹³⁴⁴ and told him that the image in his dream represented a series of kingdoms that would govern the world¹³⁴⁵. After this Nebuchadnezzar built an image of gold¹³⁴⁶ and commanded everyone to worship it¹³⁴⁷. When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused¹³⁴⁸, he had them thrown into the fiery furnace¹³⁴⁹ – and was shocked¹³⁵⁰ when they were unharmed and the Son of God appeared in their midst¹³⁵¹. He asked them to come out of the fire¹³⁵² and promoted them¹³⁵³. After this, when Nebuchadnezzar boasted of his greatness¹³⁵⁴, God took away his sanity¹³⁵⁵; he was driven from men and ate grass¹³⁵⁶ for seven years¹³⁵⁷. After that time his understanding returned to him and he blessed God and praised Him¹³⁵⁸ – after which his kingdom and honor was returned to him¹³⁵⁹.

During the reign of Nebuchadnezzar's descendent Belshazzar¹³⁶⁰ Daniel dreamed of four great beasts¹³⁶¹ and had a vision of a ram and a goat¹³⁶². The visions troubled¹³⁶³ and astonished¹³⁶⁴ Daniel. When Belshazzar made a great feast and used the Temple vessels to praise idols¹³⁶⁵, a man's hand appeared¹³⁶⁶ and wrote "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin"¹³⁶⁷ on the wall. Daniel provided the interpretation¹³⁶⁸: God had weighed Belshazzar and found him wanting¹³⁶⁹, and He was giving his kingdom to the Medes and Persians¹³⁷⁰. That night Belshazzar was slain¹³⁷¹ and Darius the Median took

the kingdom¹³⁷². In the first year of Darius, Daniel realized that the Jewish captivity was only to last for 70 years¹³⁷³ and prayed on behalf of his people¹³⁷⁴. Gabriel then came¹³⁷⁵ and told him about the 70 weeks¹³⁷⁶ and the coming of the Messiah¹³⁷⁷.

Darius set three presidents over the kingdom and put Daniel in charge of them¹³⁷⁸. Since the other presidents could find no fault in Daniel¹³⁷⁹ they persuaded Darius to make it illegal to pray to anyone except him¹³⁸⁰. When Daniel broke the law¹³⁸¹ he was thrown into the lion's den¹³⁸² – but the next day he was found unharmed¹³⁸³. Darius then took him out of the den¹³⁸⁴ and had the other presidents and their families thrown in, and the lions killed them¹³⁸⁵. Darius issued a decree saying everyone should fear before God¹³⁸⁶, and Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and Cyrus¹³⁸⁷. In the third year of Cyrus¹³⁸⁸ an angel came to Daniel¹³⁸⁹ and told him about future events¹³⁹⁰ regarding kings of the north and south¹³⁹¹, a time of great trouble¹³⁹², and a resurrection of the dead¹³⁹³.

Cyrus made a proclamation that the Jews should return to Judah and build a Temple¹³⁹⁴, so a group of Jews went¹³⁹⁵. Cyrus returned the Temple furnishings that Nebuchadnezzar had taken¹³⁹⁶. When the people gathered at Jerusalem¹³⁹⁷, the altar was rebuilt¹³⁹⁸ and offerings were made for the Jewish feasts¹³⁹⁹. When the Temple's foundation was laid the people shouted for joy¹⁴⁰⁰, but the old people wept because they remembered the previous temple¹⁴⁰¹. However, adversaries arose¹⁴⁰² and persuaded Ahasuerus to stop the Temple from being rebuilt¹⁴⁰³.

In the second year of Darius, on the first day of the sixth month, God used Haggai to speak to Zerubbabel¹⁴⁰⁴. God condemned the people for living in nice houses while His Temple was in ruins¹⁴⁰⁵, and said that was why He had withheld His blessings¹⁴⁰⁶. God commanded the people to rebuild the Temple, and Zerubbabel, Joshua, and the remnant began work again on the 24th day of that same month¹⁴⁰⁷. On the 21st day of the seventh month, God told them through Haggai that although this new Temple did not seem as glorious as the old one¹⁴⁰⁸, the glory of this house would be greater than the former¹⁴⁰⁹. In a little while God would shake the nations, and the desire of all nations would come¹⁴¹⁰.

In the second year of Darius, in the eighth month, God spoke to the prophet Zechariah¹⁴¹¹ and told him to tell the people to turn from their evil ways¹⁴¹². God gave him the vision of the red horse¹⁴¹³, the vision of the four horns¹⁴¹⁴, the vision of the four carpenters¹⁴¹⁵, and the vision of the man with a measuring line¹⁴¹⁶. Zechariah saw the vision of Joshua the high priest; his filthy garments were taken away and new ones were given to him¹⁴¹⁷. He saw the vision of the seven lamps¹⁴¹⁸, the vision of the flying roll¹⁴¹⁹, the vision of the ephah¹⁴²⁰, the vision of the two women with wings¹⁴²¹, and the vision of the four chariots¹⁴²². God condemned the people for fasting falsely¹⁴²³ and told them to show mercy and compassion¹⁴²⁴. Zechariah prophesied of a time when many nations would come to seek the Lord in Jerusalem¹⁴²⁵. He also said that Tyre would be devoured with fire¹⁴²⁶ and the pride of the Philistines would be cut off¹⁴²⁷; the scepter would depart from Egypt and the pride of Assyria would be brought down¹⁴²⁸. He told Jerusalem to rejoice because her king was coming, riding upon a donkey¹⁴²⁹. He also asked for a price, and they gave him 30 pieces of silver¹⁴³⁰; God told him to cast it to the potter, and he did so in the Temple¹⁴³¹. God also said that He would make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all nations¹⁴³²; whoever burdened themselves with it would be cut in pieces¹⁴³³, and God would seek to destroy all nations that come against her¹⁴³⁴. God promised to pour the spirit of grace upon the house of David, and they would look upon Him whom they have pierced and bitterly mourn for him¹⁴³⁵.

Finally, Zechariah spoke of the day of the Lord¹⁴³⁶. In that day God will gather all nations to attack Jerusalem¹⁴³⁷; they will take the city¹⁴³⁸, but then the Lord will go forth and fight against them¹⁴³⁹. His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives and the mountain will cleave in two¹⁴⁴⁰. The Lord will smite those who fought against Jerusalem by making their flesh consume away while they are standing¹⁴⁴¹. In that day the Lord will be king over all the Earth¹⁴⁴². All those who survive among the nations will come to Jerusalem every year to worship the King and keep the feast of tabernacles¹⁴⁴³.

When Zerubbabel began rebuilding the Temple¹⁴⁴⁴; the adversaries tried to stop it¹⁴⁴⁵ but the Jews sent a letter to Darius in their defense¹⁴⁴⁶. Darius found the edit from Cyrus¹⁴⁴⁷ and commanded

that the opposition cease¹⁴⁴⁸. The Jews finished rebuilding the Temple in the sixth year of Darius¹⁴⁴⁹, and they offered sacrifices¹⁴⁵⁰ and kept the Passover¹⁴⁵¹.

In the days of Artaxerxes¹⁴⁵², Ezra left Babylon and went to Jerusalem¹⁴⁵³. The king made a decree that allowed the other Levites to accompany him¹⁴⁵⁴, and sent along an offering¹⁴⁵⁵. Since Ezra's group was bringing treasure to Jerusalem¹⁴⁵⁶, they fasted and prayed that God would protect them on their journey there¹⁴⁵⁷ (because they didn't want to have to ask the king for an armed guard¹⁴⁵⁸). God watched over them and they reached Jerusalem safely¹⁴⁵⁹, where they offered burnt offerings¹⁴⁶⁰. When Ezra learned that the Jews and the Levites had been intermarrying with pagans¹⁴⁶¹ he became very upset¹⁴⁶²; he prayed and confessed the nation's sin¹⁴⁶³. A proclaimed was made for everyone to come to Jerusalem¹⁴⁶⁴. When the people were gathered¹⁴⁶⁵, Ezra chastised them¹⁴⁶⁶ and commanded that they separate from their pagan wives¹⁴⁶⁷. The people agreed¹⁴⁶⁸, but since many had intermarried they said it would take time¹⁴⁶⁹. Jonathan and Jahaziah were appointed to help, and Meshullam and Shabbethai helped them¹⁴⁷⁰. By the first day of the first month the task was done¹⁴⁷¹.

Hanani told Nehemiah that the Jews in Israel were suffering and the walls of Jerusalem had been broken down¹⁴⁷². When Nehemiah heard this he wept, fasted, and prayed¹⁴⁷³. King Artaxerxes saw that Nehemiah was sad and asked what the problem was¹⁴⁷⁴. Nehemiah explained¹⁴⁷⁵, and the king sent him to repair Jerusalem¹⁴⁷⁶ and provided resources to help¹⁴⁷⁷. Nehemiah went to Jerusalem¹⁴⁷⁸, surveyed the situation¹⁴⁷⁹, and led the people to begin rebuilding the city's walls¹⁴⁸⁰. Sanballat and Tobiah became very upset¹⁴⁸¹. When Nehemiah learned that they were making plans to stop the Jews¹⁴⁸², he told the people building the wall to keep their swords with them¹⁴⁸³ and be ready to fight. Half of the people worked and the other half guarded them¹⁴⁸⁴.

Nehemiah rebuked the nobles for oppressing the poor¹⁴⁸⁵, and the nobles agreed to restore what they had taken¹⁴⁸⁶. Nehemiah was appointed governor of Judah, but because the people were suffering he did not take a salary¹⁴⁸⁷. The enemies of the Jews tried to lure Nehemiah away and kill him¹⁴⁸⁸, but he was not deceived¹⁴⁸⁹. When the wall was finished¹⁴⁹⁰, Israel's enemies were depressed because they knew God had done it¹⁴⁹¹. Nehemiah gave his brother Hanani (along with Hananiah) charge over Jerusalem¹⁴⁹². Ezra read the Law to the people¹⁴⁹³ and they kept the festival of booths¹⁴⁹⁴. Israel separated themselves from the pagans in the land¹⁴⁹⁵, confessed their sins¹⁴⁹⁶, and made an oath to obey God's law¹⁴⁹⁷. Lots were cast to decide who should live in Jerusalem¹⁴⁹⁸, and some people volunteered willingly¹⁴⁹⁹. When the book of Moses was read, the people found out that the Ammonites and Moabites were prohibited from entering the congregation¹⁵⁰⁰, so Israel separated themselves from the mixed multitude¹⁵⁰¹. Nehemiah cast Tobiah's goods out of the Temple¹⁵⁰², cleansed the chambers¹⁵⁰³, and criticized the rulers for not paying the Temple workers¹⁵⁰⁴. When Nehemiah saw people selling goods on the Sabbath¹⁵⁰⁵ he commanded that the city's gates be shut on the Sabbath¹⁵⁰⁶, and when people still kept coming to sell¹⁵⁰⁷ he threatened them¹⁵⁰⁸. He also cursed the Jews who had married pagans¹⁵⁰⁹, and cleansed the priesthood of all strangers¹⁵¹⁰.

King Ahasuerus made a feast and showed off his kingdom¹⁵¹¹; during the feast he called for Queen Vashti¹⁵¹². When she refused to come¹⁵¹³ he removed her from being queen¹⁵¹⁴. After the feast was over he ordered that all the fair young virgins be gathered to the palace so he could choose a new queen¹⁵¹⁵, and Esther was included among them¹⁵¹⁶. Esther's uncle Mordecai warned her not to reveal that she was a Jew, and she obeyed¹⁵¹⁷. After each woman had spent 12 months being purified she spent the night with the king¹⁵¹⁸. The king loved Esther and made her queen¹⁵¹⁹. After this, Mordecai overheard a plot against the king¹⁵²⁰ and told Esther. She told the king¹⁵²¹, and the plotters were hanged¹⁵²². Ahasuerus promoted Haman above the other princes¹⁵²³; everyone bowed to him, but Mordecai refused¹⁵²⁴. This enraged Haman¹⁵²⁵ and he decided to kill all the Jews¹⁵²⁶. He picked a date for their execution by casting lots¹⁵²⁷, and convinced the king to issue the decree¹⁵²⁸. When Mordecai found out about it he sat at the king's gate in sackcloth¹⁵²⁹ and told Esther to talk to the king about it¹⁵³⁰. Esther said she was only allowed to see the king when he called for her, and could be killed if she went

in unasked¹⁵³¹. Mordecai warned her that if she did nothing the Jews would still be delivered, but she would be doomed for not acting¹⁵³². Esther told the Jews to fast for three days, and then she would go see the king¹⁵³³.

On the third day Esther went to see the king¹⁵³⁴. He accepted her¹⁵³⁵, and she invited him and Haman to a banquet that day¹⁵³⁶. At the banquet Esther invited him and Haman to another banquet the following day, and promised to tell the king what she wanted at that banquet¹⁵³⁷. Haman was delighted to be included¹⁵³⁸ but became angry when he saw Mordecai¹⁵³⁹, and had a gallows made 50 cubits high so he could hang him¹⁵⁴⁰. That night the king could not sleep, so he had the chronicles read to him¹⁵⁴¹. He discovered that Mordecai had saved his life but had not been honored¹⁵⁴². Since Haman happened to be in court¹⁵⁴³ (he wanted to ask the king to execute Mordecai¹⁵⁴⁴), the king had Haman lavishly honor Mordecai¹⁵⁴⁵. Haman did so¹⁵⁴⁶ and then returned home humiliated¹⁵⁴⁷. Haman was then brought to the banquet Esther had prepared¹⁵⁴⁸. At the banquet, Esther told the king that Haman was determined to kill her and her people¹⁵⁴⁹. The king became angry and left¹⁵⁵⁰. When he returned he saw Haman pleading with Esther and thought he was trying to rape her¹⁵⁵¹. Harbonah told the king that Haman had made a gallows to hang Mordecai, and the king ordered that Haman be hanged on it¹⁵⁵². The king then put Mordecai in Haman's place, and Esther put him over Haman's house¹⁵⁵³. Since the king could not reverse his decree¹⁵⁵⁴, he instead issued a new one that allowed the Jews to defend themselves¹⁵⁵⁵. When the day came, the Jews defended themselves¹⁵⁵⁶ and killed their enemies¹⁵⁵⁷. The Jews made the 14th and 15th of Adar days of gladness¹⁵⁵⁸; the days were called Purim because Haman cast a lot (Pur)¹⁵⁵⁹. Mordecai was great among the Jews and sought the wealth and peace of his people¹⁵⁶⁰.

The prophet Malachi condemned the people for despising God by offering polluted sacrifices¹⁵⁶¹. God warned the priests that if they did not glorify His name then He would curse them¹⁵⁶². He also condemned them for dealing treacherously with the wife of their youth¹⁵⁶³ and for claiming that God delighted in those who do evil¹⁵⁶⁴. Malachi prophesied that God would send His messenger, who would prepare the way before Him¹⁵⁶⁵. He also said that the Messiah would come suddenly into the Temple¹⁵⁶⁶ and would be like a refiner's fire¹⁵⁶⁷. Malachi condemned the people for withholding their tithes¹⁵⁶⁸ and said that if they resumed tithing God would bless them¹⁵⁶⁹. He closed by saying that before the day of the Lord came he would send them Elijah the prophet¹⁵⁷⁰, who would turn the heart of fathers to the children and the heart of children to their fathers¹⁵⁷¹.

Obadiah (whose time of ministry is unknown) prophesied against the nation of Edom¹⁵⁷² for all the terrible things they had done to the children of Judah¹⁵⁷³. Obadiah warned that the day of the Lord was near¹⁵⁷⁴, and said the house of Jacob would utterly wipe out the house of Esau¹⁵⁷⁵.

The book of I Chronicles contains a lot of genealogical information, including the genealogy from Adam to Noah¹⁵⁷⁶, the descendants of Noah's sons¹⁵⁷⁷, the descendants of Ishmael¹⁵⁷⁸ and Isaac¹⁵⁷⁹, the genealogy¹⁵⁸⁰ and descendants¹⁵⁸¹ of David, and the descendants of Jacob's children¹⁵⁸². It also contains listings of Levites¹⁵⁸³, the way David divided the priesthood into 24 divisions¹⁵⁸⁴, the chief men of David's kingdom¹⁵⁸⁵, and the officers that served David¹⁵⁸⁶.

The book of Psalms contains 150 different psalms that cover a wide variety of themes. The psalmists cry out to God for help¹⁵⁸⁷ and deliverance¹⁵⁸⁸, and say that the Lord is their shield and defender¹⁵⁸⁹. They pray for judgment on their enemies¹⁵⁹⁰ and upon the wicked¹⁵⁹¹, and sing the Lord's praises¹⁵⁹². The psalms also talk about the work¹⁵⁹³, priesthood¹⁵⁹⁴, and suffering of the Messiah¹⁵⁹⁵, and speak of the Lord's forgiveness¹⁵⁹⁶ and mercy¹⁵⁹⁷. They also glorify the Lord's works¹⁵⁹⁸, urge everyone to praise God¹⁵⁹⁹, and speak of a time when all nations would serve God¹⁶⁰⁰. They urge men to fear God¹⁶⁰¹ and speak of Israel's history¹⁶⁰², of God's eternal existence¹⁶⁰³, and of God's omniscience¹⁶⁰⁴ and omni-presence¹⁶⁰⁵. We are told to pray for the peace of Jerusalem¹⁶⁰⁶ and reminded that God protects His people Israel¹⁶⁰⁷ and has chosen them as His peculiar treasure¹⁶⁰⁸. The final psalm closes by saying "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."¹⁶⁰⁹

1	Genesis 1:1	65	Genesis 11:8	135	Genesis 25:2	202	Exodus 39:32
2	Exodus 20:11	66	Job 1:1	136	Genesis 25:6	203	Exodus 32:1
3	Genesis 2:2	67	Job 1:2	137	Genesis 25:5	204	Exodus 32:9-10
4	Genesis 1:27	68	Job 1:3	138	Genesis 25:8-9	205	Exodus 32:11-13
5	Genesis 2:8	69	Job 1:9-11	139	Genesis 25:24-26	206	Exodus 32:19
6	Genesis 2:19	70	Job 1:12	140	Genesis 25:28	207	Exodus 34:1
7	Genesis 2:20	71	Job 1:14-17	141	Genesis 25:34	208	Numbers 18:1
8	Genesis 2:21-22	72	Job 1:18-19	142	Genesis 27:6-10	209	Numbers 18:7-11
9	Genesis 2:16-17	73	Job 1:13-19	143	Genesis 27:42-4	210	Numbers 18:2-5
10	Genesis 3:1-5	74	Job 1:21	144	Genesis 29:22-28	211	Numbers 35:1-8
11	Genesis 3:6	75	Job 1:22	145	Genesis 29:32	212	Numbers 18:24
12	Genesis 3:7-8	76	Job 2:4-5	146	Genesis 29:33	213	Numbers 18:12-14
13	Genesis 3:11	77	Job 2:6	147	Genesis 29:34	214	Numbers 1:1-3
14	Genesis 3:14-19	78	Job 2:7	148	Genesis 29:35	215	Numbers 1:47-50
15	Genesis 3:23	79	Job 2:9	149	Genesis 30:6	216	Numbers 1:45-6
16	Genesis 3:19	80	Job 2:10	150	Genesis 30:8	217	Numbers 11:10
17	Genesis 3:17	81	Job 11:6	151	Genesis 30:11	218	Numbers 11:11-15
18	Genesis 3:15	82	Job 23:11-12	152	Genesis 30:13	219	Numbers 11:16-17
19	Genesis 3:22,24	83	Job 23:3-4	153	Genesis 30:18	220	Numbers 13:1-2
20	Genesis 4:1-2	84	Job 27:2	154	Genesis 30:20	221	Numbers 13:27
21	Genesis 4:8	85	Job 30:20-21	155	Genesis 30:24	222	Numbers 13:32-33
22	I John 3:12	86	Job 31:35	156	Genesis 35:18	223	Numbers 13:30
23	Genesis 4:12	87	Job 32:1	157	Genesis 30:21	224	Numbers 14:10
24	Genesis 4:15	88	Job 32:2	158	Genesis 31	225	Numbers 14:4
25	Genesis 4:20	89	Job 34:5	159	Genesis 32:24	226	Numbers 14:12
26	Genesis 4:21	90	Job 35:2	160	Genesis 32:28	227	Numbers 14:13-19
27	Genesis 4:22	91	Job 38:1-2	161	Genesis 33:11	228	Numbers 14:28-29
28	Genesis 4:23-4	92	Job 38:18	162	Genesis 33:16	229	Numbers 14:40
29	Genesis 4:25	93	Job 38:17	163	Genesis 36:9	230	Numbers 14:42
30	Genesis 5:1-18	94	Job 38:4	164	Genesis 37:4	231	Numbers 14:45
31	Genesis 5:18	95	Job 40:3-4	165	Genesis 37:28	232	Numbers 16:1-3
32	Jude 1:14	96	Job 40:8	166	Genesis 39:4	233	Numbers 16:31-33
33	Hebrews 11:5	97	Job 40:9	167	Genesis 39:12-20	234	Numbers 16:41
34	Genesis 5:23	98	Job 42:6	168	Genesis 41:9-14	235	Numbers 16:49
35	Genesis 5:24	99	Job 42:7	169	Genesis 41:25-32	236	Numbers 20:2-5
36	Genesis 5:5, 8, 11, 20, etc.	100	Job 42:8-9	170	Genesis 41:39-41	237	Numbers 20:7-8
37	Genesis 6:5	101	Job 42:10	171	Genesis 41:49	238	Numbers 20:11
38	The phrase "sons of God" in Genesis 6:2 appears three other times in the OT: Job 1:6, Job 2:1, and Job 38:7. Each of those three times refers to angels.	102	Job 42:13	172	Genesis 42:1-3	239	Numbers 20:12
39	Genesis 6:2	103	Job 42:16	173	Genesis 45:5, 50:19-21	240	Numbers 20:21
40	Genesis 6:4	104	Genesis 12:1	174	Genesis 45:9-11	241	Numbers 20:23-26
41	Genesis 6:7	105	Genesis 12:5	175	Exodus 1:7	242	Numbers 20:28
42	Genesis 6:9	106	Genesis 12:4	176	Exodus 1:8-14	243	Numbers 21:1-3
43	Genesis 6:8	107	Genesis 17:8	177	Exodus 1:22	244	Numbers 21:23-31
44	Genesis 6:17	108	Genesis 22:18	178	Exodus 2:3	245	Numbers 21:33-35
45	Genesis 6:14	109	Genesis 15:13	179	Exodus 2:5-10	246	Numbers 22:3
46	Genesis 6:19	110	Genesis 15:14	180	Exodus 2:11-12	247	Numbers 22:5-6
47	Genesis 6:18	111	Genesis 15:4	181	Exodus 2:15	248	Numbers 22:22
48	Genesis 6:22	112	Genesis 15:5	182	Exodus 3:1	249	Numbers 22:23
49	Genesis 7:13-16	113	Genesis 16:2-3	183	Exodus 3:2-4	250	Numbers 22:27
50	Genesis 7:6	114	Genesis 16:16	184	Exodus 3:10	251	Numbers 22:28
51	Genesis 7:12	115	Genesis 17:20	185	Exodus 7:17, 8:2, 8:16, 8:21, 9:3, 9:9, 9:18, 10:4, 10:21, 11:5	252	Numbers 22:31
52	Genesis 7:19	116	Genesis 17:21	186	Exodus 12:29	253	Numbers 22:35
53	Genesis 7:24	117	Genesis 18:20-21	187	Exodus 12:23	254	Numbers 23:5-10, 16-24, 24:1-9
54	Genesis 7:22	118	Genesis 13:13	188	Exodus 12:27	255	Numbers 25:1
55	Genesis 8:1	119	Genesis 18:23	189	Exodus 12:30-31	256	Numbers 25:3
56	Genesis 8:13	120	Genesis 19:24-5	190	Exodus 14:5-7	257	Numbers 25:4
57	Genesis 8:15-16	121	Genesis 19:12-13	191	Exodus 14:21-22	258	Numbers 26:1-2
58	Genesis 8:20	122	Genesis 19:23	192	Exodus 14:28	259	Numbers 26:64-65
59	Genesis 9:8-9	123	Genesis 19:30	193	Exodus 19:1	260	Numbers 27:12-14
60	Genesis 9:11	124	Genesis 19:33,35	194	Exodus 16:2, 17:3	261	Numbers 27:18-21
61	Genesis 9:12-17	125	Genesis 19:37,38	195	Psalm 78:24	262	Numbers 31:1-3
62	Genesis 10:8-10	126	Genesis 21:5	196	Numbers 11:4-6	263	Numbers 31:15
63	Genesis 11:4	127	Genesis 21:8-10	197	Exodus 19:17	264	Numbers 31:16
64	Genesis 11:7	128	Genesis 22:2	198	Deut. 28:3-14	265	Numbers 31:17-18
		129	Genesis 22:13	199	Deut. 28:15-68	266	Numbers 32:1-5
		130	Genesis 23:1	200	Leviticus 1-4, etc.	267	Numbers 32:17-18
		131	Genesis 23:7-17	201	Exodus 25:9	268	Deut. 4:1-6
		132	Genesis 24:2-4			269	Deut. 7:1-3
		133	Genesis 24:24, 11:27			270	Deut. 7:4
		134	Genesis 25:1			271	Deut. 34:1-3

272	Deut. 34:5	343	Judges 5:31	414	Judges 20:21	485	I Samuel 8:3
273	Joshua 2:1	344	Judges 6:1	415	Judges 20:23	486	I Samuel 8:5
274	Joshua 2:24	345	Judges 6:7	416	Judges 20:24-25	487	I Samuel 8:7
275	Joshua 3:14-17	346	Judges 6:12-14	417	Judges 20:26	488	I Samuel 8:9
276	Joshua 5:2-3	347	Judges 6:35	418	Judges 20:28	489	I Samuel 8:19-20
277	Joshua 5:11	348	Judges 6:36-40	419	Judges 20:35	490	I Samuel 10:1
278	Joshua 5:12	349	Judges 7:2	420	Judges 20:37	491	I Samuel 11:1-2
279	Joshua 5:14	350	Judges 7:3-8	421	Judges 20:48	492	I Samuel 11:6-8
280	Joshua 6:3-5	351	Judges 7:22-25	422	Judges 21:2-3	493	I Samuel 11:11
281	Joshua 6:15-16	352	Judges 8:22	423	Judges 21:1	494	I Samuel 13:1
282	Joshua 6:20	353	Judges 8:23	424	Judges 21:6	495	I Samuel 13:5
283	Joshua 6:24	354	Judges 8:28	425	Judges 21:8-9	496	I Samuel 13:7-8
284	Joshua 6:21	355	Judges 8:33	426	Judges 21:10-14	497	I Samuel 13:9
285	Joshua 6:26	356	Judges 8:31	427	Judges 21:14	498	I Samuel 13:13-14
286	Joshua 6:18-19	357	Judges 9:1-3	428	Judges 21:20-21	499	I Samuel 14:52
287	Joshua 7:1	358	Judges 9:5	429	Judges 21:25	500	I Samuel 15:1-3
288	Joshua 7:21	359	Judges 9:22	430	Ruth 1:1	501	I Samuel 15:8
289	Joshua 7:10-12	360	Judges 9:23	431	Ruth 1:2	502	I Samuel 15:9
290	Joshua 7:16-19	361	Judges 9:34-49	432	Ruth 1:3-5	503	I Samuel 15:23
291	Joshua 7:24	362	Judges 9:53-54	433	Ruth 1:19	504	I Samuel 15:35
292	Joshua 8:1-2	363	Judges 10:1-2	434	Ruth 2:2	505	I Samuel 16:1
293	Joshua 8:28	364	Judges 10:3	435	Ruth 2:3	506	I Samuel 16:13
294	Joshua 8:34	365	Judges 10:6	436	Ruth 2:1	507	I Samuel 16:23
295	Joshua 9:3	366	Judges 10:7-8	437	Ruth 2:5	508	I Samuel 16:21
296	Joshua 9:6	367	Judges 10:10	438	Ruth 3:13	509	I Samuel 17:1
297	Joshua 9:15	368	Judges 10:13	439	Ruth 4:9-10	510	I Samuel 17:17-20
298	Joshua 10:1-2	369	Judges 10:14	440	Ruth 4:21	511	I Samuel 17:49
299	Joshua 10:5	370	Judges 10:15-16	441	Ruth 4:22	512	I Samuel 17:51
300	Joshua 10:12	371	Judges 11:4	442	Ruth 4:22	513	I Samuel 18:2
301	Joshua 10:13	372	Judges 11:5-6	443	I Samuel 1:1	514	I Samuel 18:5
302	Joshua 10:20	373	Judges 11:8-10	444	I Samuel 1:2	515	I Samuel 18:9
303	Joshua 10:22-26	374	Judges 11:30-31	445	I Samuel 1:2	516	I Samuel 18:10-11
304	Joshua 11:1-5	375	Judges 11:32	446	I Samuel 1:6	517	I Samuel 22:1
305	Joshua 11:8	376	Judges 11:34	447	I Samuel 1:9	518	I Samuel 22:9
306	Joshua 11:15	377	Judges 11:35	448	I Samuel 1:11	519	I Samuel 22:18-19
307	Joshua 11:20	378	Judges 11:39	449	I Samuel 1:20	520	I Samuel 24:1-3
308	Joshua 11:19	379	Judges 12:7	450	I Samuel 1:20	521	I Samuel 24:6-7
309	Joshua 11:23	380	Judges 12:8-10	451	I Samuel 1:24-28	522	I Samuel 24:16
310	Joshua 13:1,7	381	Judges 12:11-12	452	I Samuel 2:12	523	I Samuel 24:17
311	Joshua 20:1-8	382	Judges 12:13-15	453	I Samuel 2:13-17	524	I Samuel 24:22
312	Joshua 21:1-42	383	Judges 13:1	454	I Samuel 2:22-25	525	I Samuel 25:1
313	Joshua 22:1-6	384	Judges 13:2-3	455	I Samuel 2:25	526	I Samuel 25:44
314	Joshua 24:14	385	Judges 13:5	456	I Samuel 2:27-29	527	I Samuel 26:1
315	Joshua 23:8-13	386	Judges 13:24	457	I Samuel 2:31-33	528	I Samuel 26:2
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