

# King Solomon and His Demons

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## I Kings 1-2

(1) King David was now old, advanced in years; and though they covered him with bedclothes, he never felt warm. (2) His courtiers said to him, “Let a young virgin be sought for my lord the king, to wait upon Your Majesty and be his attendant; and let her lie in your bosom, and my lord the king will be warm.” (3) So they looked for a beautiful girl throughout the territory of Israel. They found Abishag the Shunammite and brought her to the king. (4) The girl was exceedingly beautiful. She became the king’s attendant and waited upon him; but the king was not intimate with her. (5) Now Adonijah son of Haggith went about boasting, “I will be king!” He provided himself with chariots and horses, and an escort of fifty outrunners. (6) His father had never scolded him: “Why did you do that?” He was the one born after Absalom and, like him, was very handsome. (7) He conferred

## מלכים א א'-ב'

(א) והמֶלֶךְ דָּוִד זָקֵן בָּא בַיָּמִים וַיְכַסֶּהוּ בַבְּגָדִים וְלֹא יָחַם לוֹ: (ב) וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ עֲבָדָיו יִבְקֹשׁוּ לְאֹדְנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ נַעֲרָה בְתוּלָה וְעַמֻּדָה לְפָנָיו הַמֶּלֶךְ וְתִהְיֶה לוֹ סִכְנַת וְשֹׁכְבָה בְּחִיקוֹךָ וְחָם לְאֹדְנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ: (ג) וַיִּבְקֹשׁוּ נַעֲרָה יָפָה בְּכָל גְּבוּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּמְצְאוּ אֶת־אֲבִישָׁג הַשּׁוֹנַמִּית וַיָּבֵאוּ אֹתָהּ לַמֶּלֶךְ: (ד) וְהַנַּעֲרָה יָפָה עַד־מְאֹד וְתִהְיֶה לַמֶּלֶךְ סִכְנַת וְתִשְׁרָתָהּ וְהַמֶּלֶךְ לֹא יָדָעָהּ: (ה) וְאֹדְנֵיהָ בְּ־חֲגִית מִתְנַשֵּׂא לֵאמֹר אֲנִי אִמְלֹךְ וַיַּעַשׂ לֹא רֶכֶב וּפְרָשִׁים וְחֲמֻשִׁים אִישׁ רִצִּים לְפָנָיו: (ו) וְלֹא־עָצְבוּ אָבִיו מִיָּמָיו לֵאמֹר מִדּוּעַ כָּכָה עָשִׂיתָ וְגַם־הוּא טוֹב־תָּאֵר מְאֹד וְאֹתוֹ יִלְדָה אַחֲרַי אֲבִשָׁלוֹם: (ז) וַיְהִי דִבְרָיו עִם יוֹאֵב בֶּן־צְרוּיָה וְעִם אֲבִיתֵר הַכֹּהֵן וַיַּעֲזְרוּ אַחֲרַי אֹדְנֵיהָ: (ח) וַצְּדוֹק הַכֹּהֵן וּבְנֵיהוּ בְּ־יְהוֹיָדָע וְנָתַן הַנְּבִיא וְשִׁמְעִי וְרֵעִי וְהַגְּבֹרִים אֲשֶׁר לְדָוִד לֹא הָיוּ עִם־אֹדְנֵיהָ: (ט) וַיִּזְבַּח אֹדְנֵיהָ הוּא צֹאן וּבָקָר וּמְרִיא עִם אֲבִן הַזֹּחֶלֶת אֲשֶׁר־אָצֵל עַיִן רֶגֶל וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־כָּל־אֲחָיו בְּנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ וְלִכְל־אֲנָשֵׁי יְהוּדָה עֲבָדֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ: (י) וְאֶת־נָתַן הַנְּבִיא וּבְנֵיהוּ וְאֶת־הַגְּבֹרִים וְאֶת־שְׁלֹמֹה אֲחָיו לֹא קָרָא: (יא) וַיֹּאמֶר נָתַן אֶל־בֵּת־שֶׁבַע אִם־שְׁלֹמֹה לֵאמֹר הֲלוֹא שָׁמַעְתָּ כִּי מֶלֶךְ אֹדְנֵיהָ בְּ־חֲגִית וְאֹדְנֵינוּ דָּוִד לֹא יָדָע: (יב) וְעַתָּה לָכִי אֵינְךָ נָא עֹצֵר וּמִלְטִי אֶת־נַפְשְׁךָ וְאֶת־נַפְשׁ בְּנֵךְ שְׁלֹמֹה: (יג) לָכִי וּבָאִי אֶל־הַמֶּלֶךְ דָּוִד וְאָמַרְתָּ

with Joab son of Zeruiah and with the priest Abiathar, and they supported Adonijah; (8) but the priest Zadok, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, the prophet Nathan, Shimei and Rei, and David's own fighting men did not side with Adonijah. (9) Adonijah made a sacrificial feast of sheep, oxen, and fatlings at the Zoheleth stone which is near En-rogel; he invited all his brother princes and all the king's courtiers of the tribe of Judah; (10) but he did not invite the prophet Nathan, or Benaiah, or the fighting men, or his brother Solomon. (11) Then Nathan said to Bathsheba, Solomon's mother, "You must have heard that Adonijah son of Haggith has assumed the kingship without the knowledge of our lord David. (12) Now take my advice, so that you may save your life and the life of your son Solomon. (13) Go immediately to King David and say to him, 'Did not you, O lord king, swear to your maidservant: "Your son Solomon shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit upon my throne"? Then why has Adonijah become king?' (14) While you are still there talking with the king, I will come in after you and confirm your words." (15) So Bathsheba went to the king in his chamber.—The king was very old, and Abishag the Shunammite was waiting on the king.— (16) Bathsheba bowed low

אליו הלא־אתה אֲדֹנָי הַמֶּלֶךְ נִשְׁבַּעְתָּ  
 לְאַמְתְּךָ לֵאמֹר כִּי־שְׁלֹמֹה בְּנִךְ יִמְלֹךְ אַחֲרָי  
 וְהוּא יֵשֵׁב עַל־כִּסְאִי וּמִדּוּעַ מֶלֶךְ אֲדֹנָיִהוּ:  
 (י) הֲנִי הָ עוֹדֵךְ מִדְּבַרְתָּ שֵׁם עִם־הַמֶּלֶךְ  
 וְאֲנִי אָבוֹא אַחֲרָיִךְ וּמִלַּאתִי אֶת־דְּבָרֶיךָ: (טו)  
 וַתָּבֹא בֵּת־שֶׁבַע אֶל־הַמֶּלֶךְ הַחֲדָרָה וְהַמֶּלֶךְ  
 זָקֵן מְאֹד וְאַבִּישָׁג הַשּׁוֹנְמִית מְשַׁרְתָּ  
 אֶת־הַמֶּלֶךְ: (טז) וַתִּקְדָּ בֵּת־שֶׁבַע וַתִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶה  
 לַמֶּלֶךְ וַיֹּאמֶר הַמֶּלֶךְ מֵה־לֶּךְ: (יז) וַתֹּאמֶר  
 לֹא אֲדֹנָיִךְ אֶתָּה נִשְׁבַּעְתָּ בְּה' אֱלֹקֶיךָ לְאַמְתְּךָ  
 כִּי־שְׁלֹמֹה בְּנִךְ יִמְלֹךְ אַחֲרָיִךְ וְהוּא יֵשֵׁב  
 עַל־כִּסְאִי: (יח) וְעַתָּה הִנֵּה אֲדֹנָיִךְ מֶלֶךְ  
 וְעַתָּה אֲדֹנָיִךְ הַמֶּלֶךְ לֹא יָדַעְתָּ: (יט) וַיִּזְבַּח  
 שׁוֹר וּמְרִיא־וֹצֵאן לֶרֶב וַיִּקְרָא לְכָל־בְּנֵי  
 הַמֶּלֶךְ וּלְאַבְיָתָר הַכֹּהֵן וּלְיָאֵב שֶׁר הַצֹּבָא  
 וּלְשְׁלֹמֹה עַבְדְּךָ לֹא קָרָא: (כ) וְאַתָּה אֲדֹנָיִךְ  
 הַמֶּלֶךְ עֵינַי כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל עָלֶיךָ לְהַגִּיד לָהֶם  
 מִי יֵשֵׁב עַל־כִּסֵּא אֲדֹנָיִךְ הַמֶּלֶךְ אַחֲרָיו: (כא)  
 וְהִיא כָּשָׁב אֲדֹנָיִךְ הַמֶּלֶךְ עִם־אֲבֹתָיו וְהִיא יָתִי  
 אֲנִי וּבְנֵי שְׁלֹמֹה חֲטָאִים: (כב) וְהִנֵּה עוֹדֶנָּה  
 מִדְּבַרְתָּ עִם־הַמֶּלֶךְ וְנָתַן הַנְּבִיא בָא: (כג)  
 וַיִּגִּדוּ לַמֶּלֶךְ לֵאמֹר הִנֵּה נָתַן הַנְּבִיא וַיָּבֹא  
 לְפָנָי הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶה לַמֶּלֶךְ עַל־אָפְיוֹ אֲרָצָה:  
 (כד) וַיֹּאמֶר נָתַן אֲדֹנָיִךְ הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶתָּה אֲמַרְתָּ  
 אֲדֹנָיִהוּ יִמְלֹךְ אַחֲרָיִךְ וְהוּא יֵשֵׁב עַל־כִּסְאִי:  
 (כה) כִּי אִי יָרַד הֵיוֹם וַיִּזְבַּח שׁוֹר  
 וּמְרִיא־וֹצֵאן לֶרֶב וַיִּקְרָא לְכָל־בְּנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ  
 וּלְשָׂרֵי הַצֹּבָא וּלְאַבְיָתָר הַכֹּהֵן וְהַנָּשִׁים אֲכָלִים  
 וְשֹׂתִים לְפָנָיו וַיֹּאמְרוּ יְחִי הַמֶּלֶךְ אֲדֹנָיִהוּ:  
 (כו) וְלִי אֲנִי־עַבְדְּךָ וּלְצִדִּיק הַכֹּהֵן וּלְבָנָיו־הוּ  
 בְּנֵי־הַוִּידֵעַ וּלְשְׁלֹמֹה עַבְדְּךָ לֹא קָרָא: (כז)  
 אִם מֵאֵת אֲדֹנָיִךְ הַמֶּלֶךְ נִהְיָה הַדְּבָר הַזֶּה  
 וְלֹא הוֹדַעְתָּ אֶת־עַבְדֶּיךָ [עַבְדְּךָ] מִי יֵשֵׁב  
 עַל־כִּסֵּא אֲדֹנָיִךְ הַמֶּלֶךְ אַחֲרָיו: (ס) (כח) וַיַּעַן  
 הַמֶּלֶךְ דָּוִד וַיֹּאמֶר קְרָאוּ־לִי לְבֵת־שֶׁבַע  
 וַתָּבֹא לְפָנָי הַמֶּלֶךְ וַתַּעֲמֵד לְפָנָי הַמֶּלֶךְ:  
 (כט) וַיִּשְׁבַּע הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיֹּאמֶר חַי־ה' אֲשֶׁר־פָּדָה  
 אֶת־נַפְשִׁי מִכָּל־צָרָה: (ל) כִּי כֹאשֶׁר  
 נִשְׁבַּעְתָּי לָךְ בְּה' אֱלֹקֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר

in homage to the king; and the king asked, "What troubles you?" (17) She answered him, "My lord, you yourself swore to your maidservant by the LORD your God: 'Your son Solomon shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit upon my throne.' (18) Yet now Adonijah has become king, and you, my lord the king, know nothing about it. (19) He has prepared a sacrificial feast of a great many oxen, fatlings, and sheep, and he has invited all the king's sons and Abiathar the priest and Joab commander of the army; but he has not invited your servant Solomon. (20) And so the eyes of all Israel are upon you, O lord king, to tell them who shall succeed my lord the king on the throne. (21) Otherwise, when my lord the king lies down with his fathers, my son Solomon and I will be regarded as traitors." (22) She was still talking to the king when the prophet Nathan arrived. (23) They announced to the king, "The prophet Nathan is here," and he entered the king's presence. Bowing low to the king with his face to the ground, (24) Nathan said, "O lord king, you must have said, 'Adonijah shall succeed me as king and he shall sit upon my throne.' (25) For he has gone down today and prepared a sacrificial feast of a great many oxen, fatlings, and sheep. He invited all the king's sons and the army

כִּי־שָׁלְמָה בִּנְךָ יִמְלֹךְ אַחֲרַי וְהוּא יֹשֵׁב  
עַל־כִּסְאִי תַחְתֵּי כִּי כֵן אֶעֱשֶׂה הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה:  
(לא) וְתִקַּד בְּת־שִׁבְעַ אַפִּים אֶרֶץ וּתְשַׁתְּחוּ  
לְמֶלֶךְ וּתֹאמְרוּ יְחִי אֲדֹנָי הַמֶּלֶךְ דָּוִד לְעַלְמִם:  
(פ) (לב) וַיֹּאמֶר הַמֶּלֶךְ דָּוִד קְרָאוּ־לִי  
לְצִדּוֹק הַכֹּהֵן וְלִנְתָן הַנָּבִיא וּלְבַנְיָהוּ  
בֶן־יְהוֹיָדָע וַיָּבֹאוּ לִפְנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ: (לג) וַיֹּאמֶר  
הַמֶּלֶךְ לְהֵימָּן קָחוּ עִמְכֶם אֶת־עַבְדִּי אֲדֹנֵיכֶם  
וְהִרְכַּבְתֶּם אֶת־שְׁלֹמֹה בְּנִי עַל־הַפֶּרֶדֶה  
אַשְׁר־לִי וְהוֹרַדְתֶּם אֹתוֹ אֶל־גִּחֹן: (לד)  
וּמִשַׁח אֹתוֹ שֵׁם צִדּוֹק הַכֹּהֵן וְנְתָן הַנָּבִיא  
לְמֶלֶךְ עַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל וּתְקַעְתֶּם בַּשּׁוֹפָר  
וְאִמַּרְתֶּם יְחִי הַמֶּלֶךְ שְׁלֹמֹה: (לה) וְעַלִּיתֶם  
אַחֲרָיו וּבֹא וַיֹּשֵׁב עַל־כִּסְאִי וְהוּא יִמְלֹךְ  
תַּחְתָּי וְאֹתוֹ צִוִּיתִי לְהִיּוֹת נָגִיד עַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל  
וְעַל־יְהוּדָה: (לו) וַיַּעַן בְּנֵי־יְהוֹיָדָע  
אֶת־הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיֹּאמְרוּ אִמֵּן כֵּן יֹאמֶר ה' אֱלֹקֵי  
אֲדֹנָי הַמֶּלֶךְ: (לז) כַּאֲשֶׁר הָיָה ה' עִם־אֲדֹנָי  
הַמֶּלֶךְ כֵּן יִהְיֶה [יְהוָה] עִם־שְׁלֹמֹה וַיִּגְדֵּל  
אֶת־כִּסְאוֹ מִכִּסֵּא אֲדֹנָי הַמֶּלֶךְ דָּוִד: (לח)  
וַיֵּרֶד צִדּוֹק הַכֹּהֵן וְנְתָן הַנָּבִיא וּבַנְיָהוּ  
בֶן־יְהוֹיָדָע וְהַכֹּהֲנִים וְהַפְּלִטִים וַיִּרְכְּבוּ  
אֶת־שְׁלֹמֹה עַל־פֶּרֶדֶת הַמֶּלֶךְ דָּוִד וַיֵּלְכוּ אֹתוֹ  
עַל־גִּחֹן: (לט) וַיִּקַּח צִדּוֹק הַכֹּהֵן אֶת־קֶרֶן  
הַשֶּׁמֶן מִן־הָאֹהֶל וַיִּמְשַׁח אֶת־שְׁלֹמֹה וַיִּתְקַעוּ  
בַּשּׁוֹפָר וַיֹּאמְרוּ כֹל־הָעָם יְחִי הַמֶּלֶךְ שְׁלֹמֹה:  
(מ) וַיַּעֲלוּ כֹל־הָעָם אַחֲרָיו וְהָעָם מְחַלְלִים  
בְּחַלְלִים וּשְׂמֵחִים שִׂמְחָה גְדוֹלָה וַתִּבְקַע  
הָאֶרֶץ בְּקוֹלָם: (מא) וַיִּשְׁמַע אֲדֹנָי ה'  
וְכָל־הַקְּרָאִים אֲשֶׁר אֹתוֹ וְהֵם כָּלוּ לֶאֱכֹל  
וַיִּשְׁמַע יוֹאָב אֶת־קוֹל הַשּׁוֹפָר וַיֹּאמֶר מִדּוֹעַ  
קוֹל־הַקְּרִיָּה הוֹמָה: (מב) עוֹדְנוּ מְדַבֵּר וְהִנֵּה  
יֹנְתָן בֶּן־אֲבִיתָר הַכֹּהֵן בָּא וַיֹּאמֶר אֲדֹנָי־הו'  
בָּא כִּי אִישׁ חִיל אֹתָהּ וטוֹב תִּבְשֶׁר: (מג)  
וַיַּעַן יוֹנְתָן וַיֹּאמֶר לְאֲדֹנָי־הו' אֲבָל אֲדֹנָיו  
הַמֶּלֶךְ־דָּוִד הִמְלִיךְ אֶת־שְׁלֹמֹה: (מד) וַיִּשְׁלַח  
אֹתוֹ הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶת־צִדּוֹק הַכֹּהֵן וְאֶת־נְתָן  
הַנָּבִיא וּבַנְיָהוּ בֶן־יְהוֹיָדָע וְהַכֹּהֲנִים וְהַפְּלִטִים  
וַיִּרְכְּבוּ אֹתוֹ עַל פֶּרֶדֶת הַמֶּלֶךְ: (מה)

officers and Abiathar the priest. At this very moment they are eating and drinking with him, and they are shouting, 'Long live King Adonijah!' (26) But he did not invite me your servant, or the priest Zadok, or Benaiah son of Jehoiada, or your servant Solomon. (27) Can this decision have come from my lord the king, without your telling your servant who is to succeed to the throne of my lord the king?" (28) King David's response was: "Summon Bathsheba!" She entered the king's presence and stood before the king. (29) And the king took an oath, saying, "As the LORD lives, who has rescued me from every trouble: (30) The oath I swore to you by the LORD, the God of Israel, that your son Solomon should succeed me as king and that he should sit upon my throne in my stead, I will fulfill this very day!" (31) Bathsheba bowed low in homage to the king with her face to the ground, and she said, "May my lord King David live forever!" (32) Then King David said, "Summon to me the priest Zadok, the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada." When they came before the king, (33) the king said to them, "Take my loyal soldiers, and have my son Solomon ride on my mule and bring him down to Gihon. (34) Let the priest Zadok and the prophet Nathan anoint him there king over

וַיִּמְשְׁחוּ אֹתוֹ צְדוֹק הַכֹּהֵן וְנָתָן הַנָּבִיא לְמֶלֶךְ  
בְּגַח־וּן וַיֵּעֲלוּ מִשָּׁם שְׂמֵחִים וְתֵהֱמֶה הַקְּרִיָּה  
הוּא הַקּוֹל אֲשֶׁר שָׁמַעְתֶּם: (מו) וְגַם יָשָׁב  
שְׁלֹמֹה עַל כֶּסֶף הַמְּלוּכָה: (מז) וְגַם-בָּאוּ  
עֲבָדֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ לְךָ לְבָרֵךְ אֶת-אֲדֹנָינוּ הַמֶּלֶךְ דָּוִד  
לֵאמֹר יִיטֵב אֱלֹקֵינוּ [אֱלֹהִים] אֶת-שֵׁם  
שְׁלֹמֹה מִשְׁמֶךָ וַיִּגְדֵּל אֶת-כֶּסֶף מִכֶּסֶף  
וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּ הַמֶּלֶךְ עַל-הַמִּשְׁכָּב: (מח) וְגַם-כָּכָה  
אָמַר הַמֶּלֶךְ בְּרוּךְ ה' אֱלֹקֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר  
נָתַן הַיּוֹם יָשֵׁב עַל-כֶּסֶף וְעֵינֵי רְאוֹת: (מט)  
וַיִּחַרְדּוּ וַיִּקְמוּ כָל-הַקְּרָאִים אֲשֶׁר לְאֲדֹנָיו  
וַיֵּלְכוּ אִישׁ לְדַרְכוֹ: (נ) וְאֲדֹנָיו יָרָא מִפְּנֵי  
שְׁלֹמֹה וַיִּקָּם וַיֵּלֶךְ וַיִּחְזַק בַּקְּרָנוֹת הַמִּזְבֵּחַ:  
(נא) וַיִּגְדַּל לְשְׁלֹמֹה לֵאמֹר הִנֵּה אֲדֹנָיו יָרָא  
אֶת-הַמֶּלֶךְ שְׁלֹמֹה וְהִנֵּה אֲחִזַּז בַּקְּרָנוֹת  
הַמִּזְבֵּחַ לֵאמֹר יִשְׁבַע-לִי כִּיֹּם הַמֶּלֶךְ שְׁלֹמֹה  
אִם-יָמִית אֶת-עַבְדּוֹ בַּחֶרֶב: (נב) וַיֹּאמֶר  
שְׁלֹמֹה אִם יִהְיֶה לְבֶן-חַיִּל לֹא-יִפֹּל מִשְׁעֶרְתּוֹ  
אַרְצָה וְאִם-רָעָה תִּמְצָא-בּוֹ וּמַת: (נג)  
וַיִּשְׁלַח הַמֶּלֶךְ שְׁלֹמֹה וַיִּרְדֵּהוּ מֵעַל הַמִּזְבֵּחַ  
וַיָּבֵא וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּ לְמֶלֶךְ שְׁלֹמֹה וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ  
שְׁלֹמֹה לָךְ לְבֵיתְךָ: (פ) (א) וַיִּקְרְבוּ יְמֵי-דָוִד  
לְמוֹת וַיִּצֹו אֶת-שְׁלֹמֹה בְּנוֹ לֵאמֹר: (ב) אֲנִכִּי  
הֵלֶךְ בְּדַרְךְ כָּל-הָאָרֶץ וַחֲזַקְתָּ וְהֵייתָ לְאִישׁ:  
(ג) וְשָׁמַרְתָּ אֶת-מִשְׁמַרְתִּי ה' אֱלֹקֵינוּ  
לְלַכֵּת בְּדַרְכֵינוּ לְשָׁמֵר חֻקֵינוּ מִצְוֹתֵינוּ  
וּמִשְׁפָּטֵינוּ וְעֲדוֹתֵינוּ כַּכְּתוּב בְּתוֹרַת מֹשֶׁה  
לְמַעַן תִּשְׁכַּח יָלְדֵינוּ אֶת כָּל-אֲשֶׁר תַּעֲשֶׂה וְאֵת  
כָּל-אֲשֶׁר תִּפְנֹה שָׁם: (ד) לְמַעַן יִקָּים ה'  
אֶת-דְּבָרֵינוּ אֲשֶׁר דִּבַּר עָלֵינוּ לֵאמֹר  
אִם-יִשְׁמְרוּ בְּנֵינוּ אֶת-דְּרָכֵינוּ לְלַכֵּת לִפְנֵינוּ  
בְּאֵמֶת בְּכָל-לִבָּבָם וּבְכָל-נַפְשָׁם לֵאמֹר  
לֹא-יִכָּרֵת לָךְ אִישׁ מֵעַל כֶּסֶף יִשְׂרָאֵל: (ה)  
וְגַם אֶתְּהָ יַדְעֵת אֶת אֲשֶׁר-עָשָׂה לִי יוֹאָב  
בֶּן-צְרוּיָהוּ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה לְשְׁנֵי-שָׂרֵי צְבָאוֹת  
יִשְׂרָאֵל לְאַבְנֵר בֶּן-נֵר וְלַעֲמָשָׂא בֶן-יֵתֵר  
וַיַּהַרְגֵם וַיִּשֶׁם דְּמֵי-מִלְחָמָה בְּשָׁלֵם וַיִּתֵּן דְּמֵי  
מִלְחָמָה בַּחֲגֻרְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר בְּמַתְּנוֹ וּבְנִעְלוֹ  
אֲשֶׁר בְּרַגְלָיו: (ו) וְעָשִׂיתָ כַּחֲמַתְךָ

Israel, whereupon you shall sound the horn and shout, 'Long live King Solomon!' (35) Then march up after him, and let him come in and sit on my throne. For he shall succeed me as king; him I designate to be ruler of Israel and Judah." (36) Benaiah son of Jehoiada spoke up and said to the king, "Amen! And may the LORD, the God of my lord the king, so ordain. (37) As the LORD was with my lord the king, so may He be with Solomon; and may He exalt his throne even higher than the throne of my lord King David." (38) Then the priest Zadok, and the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada went down with the Cherethites and the Pelethites. They had Solomon ride on King David's mule and they led him to Gihon. (39) The priest Zadok took the horn of oil from the Tent and anointed Solomon. They sounded the horn and all the people shouted, "Long live King Solomon!" (40) All the people then marched up behind him, playing on flutes and making merry till the earth was split open by the uproar. (41) Adonijah and all the guests who were with him, who had just finished eating, heard it. When Joab heard the sound of the horn, he said, "Why is the city in such an uproar?" (42) He was still speaking when the priest Jonathan son of Abiathar arrived. "Come in," said

וְלֹא־תֹרַד שִׁיבְתוּ בְשָׁלוֹם שְׂאֵל: (ז) (ו)  
וְלִבְנֵי בְרִזְלֵי הַגִּלְעָדִי תַעֲשֶׂה־חֶסֶד וְהָיוּ  
בְּאֹכְלֵי שְׁלֹחַן כִּי־כֵן קָרְבוּ אֵלַי בְּבִרְחִי  
מִפְּנֵי אֲבִשְׁלוֹם אַחִיר: (ח) וְהָנָה עִמָּךְ שִׁמְעִי  
בְּ־גֵרָא בְּ־הַיְמִינִי מִבְּחָרִים וְהוּא קָלְלֵנִי  
קָלְלָה נִמְרָצַת בַּיּוֹם לְכַתִּי מַחְנִים וְהוּא־יָרַד  
לְקַרְאֵתִי הִירְדֵן וְאַשְׁבַּע לוֹ בְּה' לֵאמֹר  
אִם־אֲמִיתֶךָ בְּחָרֵב: (ט) וְעַתָּה אֶל־תִּנְקֶהוּ  
כִּי אִישׁ חָכָם אַתָּה וַיִּדְעַת אֶת אֲשֶׁר  
תַעֲשֶׂה־לוֹ וְהוֹרַדְתָּ אֶת־שִׁיבְתוֹ בְּדָם שְׂאוֹל:  
(י) וַיִּשְׁכַּב דָּוִד עִם־אֲבֹתָיו וַיִּקְבְּר בְּעִיר דָּוִד:  
(יא) וְהָיִמִים אֲשֶׁר מֶלֶךְ דָּוִד  
עַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל אַרְבַּעִים שָׁנָה בְּחִבְרוֹן מֶלֶךְ  
שֶׁבַע שָׁנִים וּבִירוּשָׁלַם מֶלֶךְ שְׁלֹשִׁים וְשֵׁשׁ  
שָׁנִים: (יב) וַיִּשְׁלַמָּה יָשֵׁב עַל־כִּסֵּא דָּוִד אָבִיו  
וַתִּכֶן מַלְכָתּוֹ מֵאֵד: (יג) וַיָּבֵא אֲדֹנֵיהוּ  
בְּ־חֶג יֵת אֶל־בֵּית־שֶׁבַע אִם־שְׁלַמָּה וַתֹּאמֶר  
הַשְׁלוֹם בְּאָךְ וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁלוֹם: (יד) וַיֹּאמֶר דְּבַר  
לִי אֵלֶיךָ וַתֹּאמֶר דְּבַר: (טו) וַיֹּאמֶר אֶת  
יִדְעַת כִּי־לִי הִיְתָה הַמְּלוּכָה וְעָלִי שָׁמוֹ  
כְּ־לִי־יִשְׂרָאֵל פְּנִיָהֶם לְמֶלֶךְ וַתִּסַּב הַמְּלוּכָה  
וַתְּהִי לְאַחִי כִּי מֵה' הִיְתָה לוֹ: (טז) וְעַתָּה הִ  
שְׂאֵלָה אַחַת אֲנֹכִי שְׂאֵל מֵאַתָּךְ אֶל־תִּשְׁבִּי  
אֶת־פְּנֵי וַתֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו דְּבַר: (יז) וַיֹּאמֶר  
אֲמַר־נָא לְשְׁלַמָּה הַמֶּלֶךְ כִּי לֹא־יִשִּׁיב  
אֶת־פְּנֵיךָ וַיִּתֵּן־לִי אֶת־אֲבִישֵׁג הַשְׁוֹנֵמִית  
לְאַשָּׁה: (יח) וַתֹּאמֶר בֵּית־שֶׁבַע טוֹב אֲנֹכִי  
אֲדַבֵּר עִלְיֶךָ אֶל־הַמֶּלֶךְ: (יט) וַתִּבֹּא  
בֵּית־שֶׁבַע אֶל־הַמֶּלֶךְ שְׁלַמָּה לְדַבֵּר־לוֹ  
עַל־אֲדֹנֵיהוּ וַיִּקֶם הַמֶּלֶךְ לְקַרְאֵתָהּ וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶה  
לָהּ וַיִּשָּׁב עַל־כִּסְאוֹ וַיִּשֶׂם כִּסֵּא לְאַם הַמֶּלֶךְ  
וַתִּשָּׁב לִימִינוֹ: (כ) וַתֹּאמֶר שְׂאֵלָה אַחַת  
קִטְנָה אֲנֹכִי שְׂאֵלָת מֵאַתָּךְ אֶל־תִּשְׁבִּי  
אֶת־פְּנֵי וַיֹּאמֶר־לָהּ הַמֶּלֶךְ שְׂאֵלִי אֲמִי כִּי  
לֹא־אֲשִׁיב אֶת־פְּנֵיךָ: (כא) וַתֹּאמֶר יִתֵּן  
אֶת־אֲבִישֵׁג הַשְׁנֵמִית לְאֲדֹנֵיהוּ אַחִיר  
לְאַשָּׁה: (כב) וַיַּעַן הַמֶּלֶךְ שְׁלַמָּה וַיֹּאמֶר  
לְאַמִּי וְלִמָּה אֶת שְׂאֵלָת אֶת־אֲבִישֵׁג  
הַשְׁנֵמִית לְאֲדֹנֵיהוּ וְשְׂאֵלִי־לוֹ אֶת־הַמְּלוּכָה

Adonijah. "You are a worthy man, and you surely bring good news." (43) But Jonathan replied to Adonijah, "Alas, our lord King David has made Solomon king! (44) The king sent with him the priest Zadok and the prophet Nathan and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and Pelethites. They had him ride on the king's mule, (45) and the priest Zadok and the prophet Nathan anointed him king at Gihon. Then they came up from there making merry, and the city went into an uproar. That's the noise you heard. (46) Further, Solomon seated himself on the royal throne; (47) further, the king's courtiers came to congratulate our lord King David, saying, 'May God make the renown of Solomon even greater than yours, and may He exalt his throne even higher than yours!' And the king bowed low on his couch. (48) And further, this is what the king said, 'Praised be the LORD, the God of Israel who has this day provided a successor to my throne, while my own eyes can see it.'" (49) Thereupon, all of Adonijah's guests rose in alarm and each went his own way. (50) Adonijah, in fear of Solomon, went at once [to the Tent] and grasped the horns of the altar. (51) It was reported to Solomon: "Adonijah is in fear of King Solomon and has grasped the horns of the altar,

כי הוא אחי הגדול ממני ולו ולאביתר הכהן וליואב בן צרויה: (פ) (כג) וישבע המלך שלמה בה' לאמר כה יעשה לי אלקים וכה יוסיף כי בנפשו דבר אדניהו את הדבר הזה: (כד) ועתה חיה אשר הכיניני ויושיבני [ויושיבני] על כסא דוד אבי ואשר עשה לי בית כאשר דבר כי היום יומת אדניהו: (כה) וישלח המלך שלמה ביד בניהו בן יהוידע ויפגע בו וימת: (ס) (כו) ולאביתר הכהן אמר המלך ענתת לך על שדיך כי איש מות אתה וביום הזה לא אמיתך כי נשאת את ארון אדושם ה' לפני דוד אבי וכי התענית בכל אשר התענה אבי: (כז) ויגרש שלמה את אביתר מהיות כהן לה' למלא את דבר ה' אשר דבר על בית עלי בשלה: (פ) (כח) והשמעה באה עד יואב כי יואב נטה אחר אדניהו ואחרי אבשלום לא נטה וינס יואב אל אהל ה' ויחזק בקרנות המזבח: (כט) ויגד למלך שלמה כי נס יואב אל אהל ה' והנה אצל המזבח וישלח שלמה את בניהו בן יהוידע לאמר לך פגע בו: (ל) ויבא בניהו אל אהל ה' ויאמר אליו כה אמר המלך צא ויאמר לא כי פה אמות וישב בניהו את המלך דבר לאמר כה דבר יואב וכה ענני: (לא) ויאמר לו המלך עשה כאשר דבר ופגע בו וקברתו והסירת דמי חנם אשר שפך יואב מעלי ומעל בית אבי: (לב) והשיב ה' את דמו על ראשו אשר פגע בשני אנשים צדקים וטבים ממנו ויהרגם בחרב ואבי דוד לא ידע את אבנר בן נר שר צבא ישראל ואת עמשא בן איתר שר צבא יהודה: (לג) ושב דמיהם בראש יואב ובראש זרעו לעלם ולדוד ולזרעו ולביתו ולכסאו יהיה שלום עד עולם מעם ה': (לד) ויעל בניהו בן יהוידע ויפגע בו וימתהו ויקבר בביתו במדבר: (לה) ויתן המלך את בניהו בן יהוידע תחתיו

saying, 'Let King Solomon first swear to me that he will not put his servant to the sword.'" (52) Solomon said, "If he behaves worthily, not a hair of his head shall fall to the ground; but if he is caught in any offense, he shall die." (53) So King Solomon sent and had him taken down from the altar. He came and bowed before King Solomon, and Solomon said to him, "Go home." (1) When David's life was drawing to a close, he instructed his son Solomon as follows: (2) "I am going the way of all the earth; be strong and show yourself a man. (3) Keep the charge of the LORD your God, walking in His ways and following His laws, His commandments, His rules, and His admonitions as recorded in the Teaching of Moses, in order that you may succeed in whatever you undertake and wherever you turn. (4) Then the LORD will fulfill the promise that He made concerning me: 'If your descendants are scrupulous in their conduct, and walk before Me faithfully, with all their heart and soul, your line on the throne of Israel shall never end!' (5) "Further, you know what Joab son of Zeruiah did to me, what he did to the two commanders of Israel's forces, Abner son of Ner and Amasa son of Jether: he killed them, shedding blood of war in peacetime, staining

עַל-הַצָּבָא וְאֶת-צְדוֹק הַכֹּהֵן נָתַן הַמֶּלֶךְ  
תַּחַת אֲבִיתָר: (לו) וַיִּשְׁלַח הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיִּקְרָא  
לְשִׁמְעִי וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ בְּנֵה-לְךָ בַיִת בִּירוּשָׁלַם  
וַיִּשְׁבֶּת שָׁם וְלֹא-תֵצֵא מִשָּׁם אָנֹכָה וְאָנֹכָה: (לז)  
וְהָיָה אִבְיוֹם צֵאתְךָ וְעִבְרַת אֶת-נְחֹל קִדְרוֹן  
יָדַע יָדַע כִּי מוֹת תָּמוּת דָּמְךָ יִהְיֶה  
בְּרֹאשְׁךָ: (לח) וַיֹּאמֶר שִׁמְעִי לְמֶלֶךְ טוֹב  
הַדָּבָר כַּאֲשֶׁר דָּבַר אֲדֹנָי הַמֶּלֶךְ כֵּן יַעֲשֶׂה  
עִבְדְּךָ וַיֵּשֶׁב שִׁמְעִי בִירוּשָׁלַם יָמִים רַבִּים:  
(ס) (לט) וַיְהִי מִקֵּץ שְׁלֹשׁ שָׁנִים וַיִּבְרַח  
שְׁנֵי-עֲבָדִים לְשִׁמְעִי אֶל-אֲכִישׁ בֶּן-מַעֲכָה  
מֶלֶךְ גֵּת וַיִּגִּידוּ לְשִׁמְעִי לֵאמֹר הִנֵּה עִבְדֶיךָ  
בָּגַת: (מ) וַיָּקָם שִׁמְעִי וַיִּחַבֵּשׂ אֶת-חֲמֹרוֹ  
וַיֵּלֶךְ גָּתָה אֶל-אֲכִישׁ לְבַקֵּשׂ אֶת-עֲבָדָיו וַיֵּלֶךְ  
שִׁמְעִי וַיִּבֵּא אֶת-עֲבָדָיו מִגֵּת: (מא) וַיִּגְד  
לְשִׁלְמָה כִּי-הֵלֵךְ שִׁמְעִי מִירוּשָׁלַם גֵּת  
וַיֵּשֶׁב: (מב) וַיִּשְׁלַח הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיִּקְרָא לְשִׁמְעִי  
וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו הֲלוֹא הִשְׁבַּעְתִּיךָ בְּה' וְאַעֲד בְּךָ  
לֵאמֹר בְּיוֹם צֵאתְךָ וְהִלַּכְתָּ אָנֹכָה וְאָנֹכָה יָדַע  
תָּדַע כִּי מוֹת תָּמוּת וְתֹאמֶר אֵלָי טוֹב הַדָּבָר  
שִׁמְעַתִּי: (מג) וּמִדֹּעַ לֹא שִׁמְרַת אֶת שְׁבַעַת  
ה' וְאֶת-הַמִּצְוָה אֲשֶׁר-צִוִּיתִי עֲלֶיךָ: (מד)  
וַיֹּאמֶר הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶל-שִׁמְעִי אֵתָה יָדַעְתָּ אֶת  
כָּל-הָרָעָה אֲשֶׁר יָדַע לְבַבְךָ אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתָ  
לְדוֹד אָבִי וְהַשִּׁיב ה' אֶת-רַעְתְּךָ בְּרֹאשְׁךָ:  
(מה) וְהַמֶּלֶךְ שִׁלְמָה בְּרוּךְ וְכֹסֵא דוֹד יִהְיֶה  
נֶכֶן לְפָנָי ה' עַד-עוֹלָם: (מו) וַיֵּצֵא הַמֶּלֶךְ  
אֶת-בְּנֵיהוּ בֶן-יְהוֹיָדָע וַיֵּצֵא וַיִּפְגַּע-בּוֹ וַיָּמַת  
וְהַמַּמְלָכָה נִכְוְנָה בַיַּד-שִׁלְמָה:

the girdle of his loins and the sandals on his feet with blood of war. (6) So act in accordance with your wisdom, and see that his white hair does not go down to Sheol in peace. (7) “But deal graciously with the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, for they befriended me when I fled from your brother Absalom; let them be among those that eat at your table. (8) “You must also deal with Shimei son of Gera, the Benjaminite from Bahurim. He insulted me outrageously when I was on my way to Mahanaim; but he came down to meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to him by the LORD: ‘I will not put you to the sword.’ (9) So do not let him go unpunished; for you are a wise man and you will know how to deal with him and send his gray hair down to Sheol in blood.” (10) So David slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the City of David. (11) The length of David’s reign over Israel was forty years: he reigned seven years in Hebron, and he reigned thirty-three years in Jerusalem. (12) And Solomon sat upon the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established. (13) Adonijah son of Haggith came to see Bathsheba, Solomon’s mother. She said, “Do you come with friendly intent?” “Yes,” he replied; (14) and he continued, “I would like to have a word with you.” “Speak



up,” she said. (15) Then he said, “You know that the kingship was rightly mine and that all Israel wanted me to reign. But the kingship passed on to my brother; it came to him by the will of the LORD. (16) And now I have one request to make of you; do not refuse me.” She said, “Speak up.” (17) He replied, “Please ask King Solomon—for he won’t refuse you—to give me Abishag the Shunammite as wife.” (18) “Very well,” said Bathsheba, “I will speak to the king in your behalf.” (19) So Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak to him about Adonijah. The king rose to greet her and bowed down to her. He sat on his throne; and he had a throne placed for the queen mother, and she sat on his right. (20) She said, “I have one small request to make of you, do not refuse me.” He responded, “Ask, Mother; I shall not refuse you.” (21) Then she said, “Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to your brother Adonijah as wife.” (22) The king replied to his mother, “Why request Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Request the kingship for him! For he is my older brother, and the priest Abiathar and Joab son of Zeruah are on his side.” (23) Thereupon, King Solomon swore by the LORD, saying, “So may God do to me and even more, if broaching this matter does not cost

Adonijah his life! (24) Now, as the LORD lives, who has established me and set me on the throne of my father David and who has provided him with a house, as he promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this very day!" (25) And Solomon instructed Benaiah son of Jehoiada, who struck Adonijah down; and so he died. (26) To the priest Abiathar, the king said, "Go to your estate at Anathoth! You deserve to die, but I shall not put you to death at this time, because you carried the Ark of my Lord GOD before my father David and because you shared all the hardships that my father endured." (27) So Solomon dismissed Abiathar from his office of priest of the LORD—thus fulfilling what the LORD had spoken at Shiloh regarding the house of Eli. (28) When the news reached Joab, he fled to the Tent of the LORD and grasped the horns of the altar—for Joab had sided with Adonijah, though he had not sided with Absalom. (29) King Solomon was told that Joab had fled to the Tent of the LORD and that he was there by the altar; so Solomon sent Benaiah son of Jehoiada, saying, "Go and strike him down." (30) Benaiah went to the Tent of the LORD and said to him, "Thus said the king: Come out!" "No!" he replied; "I will die here." Benaiah reported back to the king that Joab

had answered thus and thus, (31) and the king said, “Do just as he said; strike him down and bury him, and remove guilt from me and my father’s house for the blood of the innocent that Joab has shed. (32) Thus the LORD will bring his blood guilt down upon his own head, because, unbeknown to my father, he struck down with the sword two men more righteous and honorable than he—Abner son of Ner, the army commander of Israel, and Amasa son of Jether, the army commander of Judah. (33) May the guilt for their blood come down upon the head of Joab and his descendants forever, and may good fortune from the LORD be granted forever to David and his descendants, his house and his throne.” (34) So Benaiah son of Jehoiada went up and struck him down. And he was buried at his home in the wilderness. (35) In his place, the king appointed Benaiah son of Jehoiada over the army, and in place of Abiathar, the king appointed the priest Zadok. (36) Then the king summoned Shimei and said to him, “Build yourself a house in Jerusalem and stay there—do not ever go out from there anywhere else. (37) On the very day that you go out and cross the Wadi Kidron, you can be sure that you will die; your blood shall be on your own head.” (38) “That is fair,” said Shimei to the king, “your

servant will do just as my lord the king has spoken.” And for a long time, Shimei remained in Jerusalem. (39) Three years later, two slaves of Shimei ran away to King Achish son of Maacah of Gath. Shimei was told, “Your slaves are in Gath.” (40) Shimei thereupon saddled his ass and went to Achish in Gath to claim his slaves; and Shimei returned from Gath with his slaves. (41) Solomon was told that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath and back, (42) and the king summoned Shimei and said to him, “Did I not adjure you by the LORD and warn you, ‘On the very day that you leave and go anywhere else, you can be sure that you will die,’ and did you not say to me, ‘It is fair; I accept’? (43) Why did you not abide by the oath before the LORD and by the orders which I gave you?” (44) The king said further to Shimei, “You know all the wrong, which you remember very well, that you did to my father David. Now the LORD brings down your wrongdoing upon your own head. (45) But King Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD forever.” (46) The king gave orders to Benaiah son of Jehoiada and he went out and struck Shimei down; and so he died. Thus the kingdom was secured in Solomon’s hands.

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(1) David assembled all the officers of Israel—the tribal officers, the divisional officers who served the king, the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, and the stewards of all the property and cattle of the king and his sons, with the eunuchs and the warriors, all the men of substance—to Jerusalem. (2) King David rose to his feet and said, “Hear me, my brothers, my people! I wanted to build a resting-place for the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD, for the footstool of our God, and I laid aside material for building. (3) But God said to me, ‘You will not build a house for My name, for you are a man of battles and have shed blood.’ (4) The LORD God of Israel chose me of all my father’s house to be king over Israel forever. For He chose Judah to be ruler, and of the family of Judah, my father’s house; and of my father’s sons, He preferred to make me king over all Israel; (5) and of all my sons—for many are the sons the LORD gave me—He chose my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel. (6) He said to me, ‘It will be your son Solomon who will build My House and My courts, for I have chosen him to be a son to Me, and I will be a father

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(א) וַיִּקְהַל דָּוִד אֶת־כָּל־שָׂרֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל שָׂרֵי הַשְּׁבֵטִים וְשָׂרֵי הַמַּחְלָקוֹת הַמְּשָׁרְתִים אֶת־הַמֶּלֶךְ וְשָׂרֵי הָאֲלָפִים וְשָׂרֵי הַמְּאוֹת וְשָׂרֵי כָל־רְכוּש־וּמִקְנֵהוּ | לַמֶּלֶךְ וּלְבָנָיו עִם־הַסְּרִיסִים וְהַגְּבוּרִים וְלִכְל־גְּבוּר חֵיל אֶל־יְרוּשָׁלַם: (ב) וַיִּקָּם דָּוִד הַמֶּלֶךְ עַל־רִגְלָיו וַיֹּאמֶר שְׂמְעוּנִי אַחִי וְעַמִּי אָנִי עִם־לְבָבִי לְבָנוֹת בַּיִת מְנוּחָה לְאַרְוֹן בְּרִית־ה' וְלַהֲדֹם רִגְלֵי אֱלֹקֵינוּ וְהַכִּינוֹתִי לְבָנוֹת: (ג) וְהָאֱלֹקִים אָמַר לִי לֹא־תִבְנֶה בַּיִת לְשִׁמִּי כִּי אִישׁ מִלְחָמוֹת אַתָּה וְדָמִים שָׁפַכְתָּ: (ד) וַיִּבְחַר ה' אֱלֹקֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בִּי מִכָּל בְּיַת־אָבִי לֵהֱיוֹת לַמֶּלֶךְ עַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל לְעוֹלָם כִּי בִיהוּדָה בָּחַר לְנֹגִיד וּבְבֵית יְהוּדָה בַּיִת אָבִי וּבְבָנֵי אָבִי בִּי רָצָה לְהַמְלִיךְ עַל־כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל: (ה) וּמִכָּל־בָּנָי כִּי רַבִּים בָּנִים נָתַן לִי ה' וַיִּבְחַר בְּשִׁלְמָה בְּנִי לְשֹׁבֵת עַל־כֹּסֵא מַלְכוּת ה' עַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל: (ו) וַיֹּאמֶר לִי שִׁלְמָה בְּנִךְ הוּא־יִבְנֶה בַּיִתִּי וְחִצְרוֹתַי כִּי־בַחַרְתִּי בּוֹ לִי לְבֵן וְאָנִי אֶהְיֶה־לּוֹ לְאָב: (ז) וְהַכִּינוֹתִי אֶת־מַלְכוּתוֹ עַד־לְעוֹלָם אִם־יִחַזֵּק לְעֲשׂוֹת מִצְוֹתַי וּמִשְׁפָּטַי כִּי־וָה הַזֶּה: (ח) וְעַתָּה לְעֵינַי כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל קֵה־לִּה' וּבְאָזְנֵי אֱלֹקֵינוּ שְׁמְרוּ וּדְרָשׁוּ כָּל־מִצְוֹת ה' אֱלֹקֵיכֶם לְמַעַן תִּירָשׁוּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַטּוֹבָה וְהַנְּחַלְתֶּם לְבָנֵיכֶם אַחֲרֵיכֶם עַד־עוֹלָם: (ט) וְאַתָּה שִׁלְמָה־בְּנִי דַע אֶת־אֱלֹקֵי אָבִיךָ וְעַבְדְּ הוּ בְּלֹב שָׁלֵם וּבְנַפְשׁ חֲפִצָּה כִּי כָל־לְבָבוֹת דּוֹרָשׁ ה' וְכָל־יִצָּר מַחְשְׁבוֹת מִבֵּין אִם־תִּדְרָשׁוּנִי יִמְצָא לָךְ וְאִם־תִּעְזָבֵנִי יִזְנִיחַךְ לְעַד: (י) רֵאֵה | עַתָּה כִּי־ה' בָּחַר בְּךָ לְבָנוֹת־בַּיִת לְמַקְדָּשׁ חֲזֵק וְעֲשֵׂה: (י�) (יא) וַיִּתֵּן דָּוִד לְשִׁלְמָה בְּנוֹ אֶת־תְּבִנַת הָאוּלָם וְאֶת־בְּתוֹ וּגְזֻזָתוֹ וְעֲלִיתָיו וְחֻדְרָיו הַפְּנִימִים וְבֵית הַכְּפֹרֶת: (יב) וְתַבְנִית כָּל־אֲשֶׁר הָיָה

to him. (7) I will establish his kingdom forever, if he keeps firmly to the observance of My commandments and rules as he does now.' (8) And now, in the sight of all Israel, the congregation of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God, [I say:] Observe and apply yourselves to all the commandments of the LORD your God in order that you may possess this good land and bequeath it to your children after you forever. (9) "And you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with single mind and fervent heart, for the LORD searches all minds and discerns the design of every thought; if you seek Him He will be available to you, but if you forsake Him He will abandon you forever. (10) See then, the LORD chose you to build a house as the sanctuary; be strong and do it." (11) David gave his son Solomon the plan of the porch and its houses, its storerooms and its upper chambers and inner chambers; and of the place of the Ark-cover; (12) and the plan of all that he had by the spirit: of the courts of the House of the LORD and all its surrounding chambers, and of the treasuries of the House of God and of the treasuries of the holy things; (13) the divisions of priests and Levites for all the work of the service of the House of the LORD and all the vessels of the

בְּרוּחַ עֲמוֹ לְחִצְרוֹת בַּיִת־ה' וְלִכְל־הַלְשָׁכוֹת  
 סָבִיב לְאַצְרוֹת בַּיִת הָאֱלֹקִים וְלִמְחֻלֹּת הַכֹּהֲנִים וְהַלְוִיִּם  
 הַקְּדָשִׁים: (יג) וְלִמְחֻלֹּת הַכֹּהֲנִים וְהַלְוִיִּם  
 וְלִכְל־מִלְאֲכַת עֲבוֹדַת בַּיִת־ה' וְלִכְל־כְּלֵי  
 עֲבוֹדַת בַּיִת־ה': (יד) לְזָהָב בְּמִשְׁקַל לְזָהָב  
 לְכָל־כְּלֵי עֲבוֹדָה וְעֲבוֹדָה לְכָל כְּלֵי הַכֹּסֶף  
 בְּמִשְׁקַל לְכָל־כְּלֵי עֲבוֹדָה וְעֲבוֹדָה: (טו)  
 וּמִשְׁקַל לְמִנְרוֹת הַזָּהָב וְנִרְתִּיהֶם זָהָב  
 בְּמִשְׁקַל־מְנוֹרָה וּמְנוֹרָה וְנִרְתִּיהָ וְלְמִנְרוֹת  
 הַכֹּסֶף בְּמִשְׁקַל לְמְנוֹרָה וְנִרְתִּיהָ כְּעֲבוֹדַת  
 מְנוֹרָה וּמְנוֹרָה: (טז) וְאֶת־הַזָּהָב מִשְׁקַל  
 לְשַׁלְחָנוֹת הַמַּעֲרֶכֶת לְשַׁלְחַן וְשַׁלְחַן וְכֹסֶף  
 לְשַׁלְחָנוֹת הַכֹּסֶף: (יז) וְהַמְזֻלְגוֹת  
 וְהַמְזֻרְקוֹת וְהַקְּשׁוֹת זָהָב טָהוֹר וְלִכְפוּרֵי  
 הַזָּהָב בְּמִשְׁקַל לְכָפוֹר וְכָפוֹר וְלִכְפוּרֵי הַכֹּסֶף  
 בְּמִשְׁקַל לְכָפוֹר וְכָפוֹר: (יח) וְלְמִזְבֵּחַ  
 הַקְּטָרֶת זָהָב מְזֻקָּה בְּמִשְׁקַל וְלְתַבְנִית  
 הַמְּרֻכָּבֶה הַכְּרָבִים זָהָב לְפָרָשִׁים וְסֻכְכִים  
 עַל־אֲרוֹן בְּרִית־ה': (יט) הַכֹּל בְּכֹתֵב מִיַּד ה'  
 עָלֵי הַשִּׁפְיֵל כָּל מִלְאֲכֹת הַתַּבְנִית: (פ) (כ)  
 וַיֹּאמֶר דָּוִד לְשַׁלְמֵה בְּנִי חֲזֵק וְאִמֶץ וַעֲשֵׂה  
 אֶל־תִּירָא וְאֶל־תַּחַת כִּי ה' אֱלֹקִים אֵלֶיךָ  
 עִמָּךְ לֹא יִרְפֹּךְ וְלֹא יַעֲזָבְךָ עַד־לְכָלוֹת  
 כָּל־מִלְאֲכַת עֲבוֹדַת בַּיִת־ה': (כא) וְהִנֵּה  
 מְחֻלֹּת הַכֹּהֲנִים וְהַלְוִיִּם לְכָל־עֲבוֹדַת בַּיִת  
 הָאֱלֹקִים וְעִמָּךְ בְּכָל־מִלְאֲכָה לְכָל־נְדִיב  
 בְּחֻכְמָה לְכָל־עֲבוֹדָה וְהַשָּׂרִים וְכָל־הָעַם  
 לְכָל־דְּבָרֶיךָ: (פ) (א) וַיֹּאמֶר דָּוִד הַמֶּלֶךְ  
 לְכָל־הַקְּהָל שַׁלְמֵה בְּנִי אֶחָד בְּחָר־בוֹ  
 אֱלֹקִים נַעַר וְרֵךְ וְהַמְלֵאכָה גְדוֹלָה כִּי לֹא  
 לְאָדָם הַבִּירָה כִּי לֵה' אֱלֹקִים: (ב) וְכָל־כַּחֲוֵי  
 הַכִּיּוֹנוֹתֵי לְבַיִת־אֱלֹקֵי הַזָּהָב | לְזָהָב וְהַכֹּסֶף  
 לְכֹסֶף וְהַנְּחֻשֶׁת לְנַחֲשֶׁת הַבְּרָזֶל לְבְרָזֶל  
 וְהָעִצִּים לְעִצִּים אֲבִי־שָׁהֶם וּמְלוֹאִים  
 אֲבִי־פֹךְ וְרֻקְמָה וְכָל אֲבֵן יָקָרָה  
 וְאֲבִי־שִׁישׁ לְרֹב: (ג) וְעוֹד בְּרָצוֹתַי בְּבַיִת  
 אֱלֹקֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל שִׁגְלָה זָהָב וְכֹסֶף נָתַתִּי  
 לְבַיִת־אֱלֹקֵי לְמַעַלְהָ מִכָּל־הַכִּיּוֹנוֹתֵי לְבַיִת  
 הַקְּדֹשׁ: (ד) שְׁלֹשֶׁת אֲלָפִים כִּכְרֵי זָהָב

service of the House of the LORD; (14) and gold, the weight of gold for vessels of every sort of use; silver for all the vessels of silver by weight, for all the vessels of every kind of service; (15) the weight of the gold lampstands and their gold lamps, and the weight of the silver lampstands, each lampstand and its silver lamps, according to the use of every lampstand; (16) and the weight of gold for the tables of the rows of bread, for each table, and of silver for the silver tables; (17) and of the pure gold for the forks and the basins and the jars; and the weight of the gold bowls, every bowl; and the weight of the silver bowls, each and every bowl; (18) the weight of refined gold for the incense altar and the gold for the figure of the chariot—the cherubs—those with outspread wings screening the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD. (19) “All this that the LORD made me understand by His hand on me, I give you in writing—the plan of all the works.” (20) David said to his son Solomon, “Be strong and of good courage and do it; do not be afraid or dismayed, for the LORD God my God is with you; He will not fail you or forsake you till all the work on the House of the LORD is done. (21) Here are the divisions of the priests and Levites for all kinds of service of the House of God, and with you in all the work are

מִזְהָב אֹפִיר וְשִׁבְעַת אֲלָפִים כֶּכֶר־כֹּסֶף  
מִזְקֶק לְטוּחַ קִירוֹת הַבָּתִּים: (ה) לְזָהָב  
לְזָהָב וְלִכְסָף וְלִכְסָף וְלִכְל־מִלְאָכָה בֵּיד  
חֲרָשִׁים וּמִי מִתְנַדֵּב לְמִלְאוֹת יָדוֹ הַיּוֹם לֵה':  
(ו) וַיִּתְנַדְּבוּ שָׂרֵי הָאָבוֹת וְשָׂרֵי שְׁבֻטֵי  
יִשְׂרָאֵל וְשָׂרֵי הָאֲלָפִים וְהַמְּאוֹת וְלִשְׂרֵי  
מִלְאֲכַת הַמֶּלֶךְ: (ז) וַיִּתְּנוּ לְעִבּוֹדַת  
בֵּית־הָאֱלֹקִים יָם זָהָב כֶּכֶרִים חֲמֹשֶׁת־אֲלָפִים  
וְאֲדָרְכָנִים רַבּוֹ וְכֹסֶף כֶּכֶרִים עֶשְׂרֵת אֲלָפִים  
וְנֹחֶשֶׁת רַבּוֹ וְשִׁמּוֹנַת אֲלָפִים כֶּכֶרִים וּבִרְזֶל  
מֵאֶה־אֶלֶף כֶּכֶרִים: (ח) וְהִנְמִצָּא אֶתּוֹ אֲבָנִים  
נְתָנוּ לְאוֹצֵר בֵּית־ה' עַל יַד־יְחִיאֵל הַגֵּרָשִׁינִי:  
(ט) וַיִּשְׁמְחוּ הָעָם עַל־הַתְּנַדְּבָם כִּי בִלְב  
שָׁלֵם הַתְּנַדְּבוּ לֵה' וְגַם דָּוִד הַמֶּלֶךְ שָׂמַח  
שִׂמְחָה גְדוֹלָה: (י) וַיְבָרֶךְ דָּוִד אֶת־ה'  
לְעֵינָיו כֹּל־הַקֶּהֶל וַיֹּאמֶר דָּוִד בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה'  
אֱלֹקֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲבִינוּ מֵעוֹלָם וְעַד־עוֹלָם: (יא)  
לֵךְ ה' הַגְּדִלָה וְהַגְּבוּרָה וְהַתְּפָאֶרֶת וְהַנְּצִיחַ  
וְהַהוֹד כִּי־כֹל בְּשָׁמַיִם וּבָאָרֶץ לֵךְ ה'  
הַמְּמַלְכָה וְהַמְּתַנַּשֵּׂא לְכֹל א לְרֹאשׁ: (יב)  
וְהַעֲשֵׂר וְהַכְּבוֹד מִלְּפָנֶיךָ וְאַתָּה מוֹשֵׁל בְּכֹל  
וּבִידֶךָ כַּח וְגִבּוּרָה וּבִידֶךָ לְגִדְל וְלַחֲזֶק לְכֹל:  
(יג) וְעַתָּה אֱלֹקֵינוּ מוֹדִים אֲנַחְנוּ לָךְ  
וּמְהַלְלִים לְשֵׁם תְּפָאֶרְתֶּךָ: (יד) וְכִי מִי אֲנִי  
וּמִי עָמִי כִי־נַעֲצֹר כַּח לְהַתְּנַדֵּב כְּזֹאת  
כִּי־מִמֶּךָ הִכָּל וּמִיֶּדְךָ נְתָנוּ לָךְ: (טו) כִּי־גֵרִים  
אֲנַחְנוּ לְפָנֶיךָ וְתוֹשָׁבִים כְּכֹל־אֲבֹתֵינוּ כְּצֶל א  
יְמֵינוּ עַל־הָאָרֶץ וְאִין מְקוּהָ: (טז) ה' אֱלֹקֵינוּ  
כֹּל הַהֶמוֹן הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר הִכְיִנְנוּ לַבְּנוֹתֶיךָ לְבֵית  
לְשֵׁם קֹדֶשְׁךָ מִיֶּדְךָ הִיא [הוּא] וְלָךְ הִכָּל: (יז)  
וַיְדַעְתִּי אֱלֹקֵי כִי אַתָּה בָּחַן לִבִּי וּמִי־שָׂרִים  
תִּרְצָה אֲנִי בִישָׂר לִבִּי הַתְּנַדְּבֹתִי כֹל־אֵלֶּה  
וְעַתָּה עִמָּךְ הִנְמַצְאוּ־פָה רֵאִיתִי בְּשִׂמְחָה  
לְהַתְּנַדֵּב־לָךְ: (יח) ה' אֱלֹקֵי אֲבֹרָהֵם יִצְחָק  
וְיִשְׂרָאֵל אֲבֹתֵינוּ שִׂמְרָה־זֹאת לְעוֹלָם לְיִצְר  
מִחֲשָׁבוֹת לִבִּי עִמָּךְ וְהִכֵּן לִבִּבֵם אֵלֶיךָ: (יט)  
וְלִשְׁלֹמָה בְּנִי תֵן לִבִּי שָׁלֵם לְשִׁמּוֹר  
מִצּוֹתֶיךָ עֲדוֹתֶיךָ וְחֻקֶּיךָ וְלַעֲשׂוֹת הִכָּל  
וְלַבְּנוֹת הַבֵּירָה אֲשֶׁר־הִכְיִנּוֹתִי: (פ) (כ)

willing men, skilled in all sorts of tasks; also the officers and all the people are at your command.” (1) King David said to the entire assemblage, “God has chosen my son Solomon alone, an untried lad, although the work to be done is vast—for the temple is not for a man but for the LORD God. (2) I have spared no effort to lay up for the House of my God gold for golden objects, silver for silver, copper for copper, iron for iron, wood for wooden, onyx-stone and inlay-stone, stone of antimony and variegated colors—every kind of precious stone and much marble. (3) Besides, out of my solicitude for the House of my God, I gave over my private hoard of gold and silver to the House of my God—in addition to all that I laid aside for the holy House: (4) 3,000 gold talents of Ophir gold, and 7,000 talents of refined silver for covering the walls of the houses (5) (gold for golden objects, silver for silver for all the work)—into the hands of craftsmen. Now who is going to make a freewill offering and devote himself today to the LORD?” (6) The officers of the clans and the officers of the tribes of Israel and the captains of thousands and hundreds and the supervisors of the king’s work made freewill offerings, (7) giving for the work of the House of God: 5,000 talents of gold, 10,000 darics, 10,000 talents

וַיֹּאמֶר דָּוִד לְכָל־הַקֹּהֵל בְּרִכּוֹ־נָא אֶת־ה'  
אֱלֹקֵיכֶם וַיְבָרְכוּ כָל־הַקֹּהֵל לַיהוָה אֱלֹקֵי  
אֲבֹתֵיהֶם וַיִּקְדּוּ וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּ לַיהוָה וְלַמֶּלֶךְ: (כא)  
וַיִּזְבְּחוּ לַיהוָה אִזְבָּחִים וַיַּעֲלוּ עֹלוֹת לַיהוָה  
לְמַחֲרַת הַיּוֹם הַהוּא פָרִים אֲלֹף אֵילִים אֲלֹף  
כֹּבָשִׁים אֲלֹף וְנִסְפִיהֶם וַזְבָּחִים לְרַב  
לְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל: (כב) וַיֹּאכְלוּ וַיִּשְׂתּוּ לִפְנֵי ה'  
בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא בִּשְׂמֵחָה גְדוֹלָה וַיִּמְלִיכוּ שְׁנֵית  
לְשִׁלְמָה בֶן־דָּוִד וַיִּמְשְׁחוּ לַיהוָה לְנֶגִיד וּלְצַדִּיק  
לְכֹהֵן: (כג) וַיֵּשֶׁב שְׁלֹמֹה עַל־כִּסֵּא ה'  
לְמֶלֶךְ תַּחַת־דָּוִד אָבִיו וַיִּצְלַח וַיִּשְׁמְעוּ אֵלָיו  
כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל: (כד) וְכָל־הַשָּׂרִים וְהַגְּבָרִים וְגַם  
כָּל־בְּנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ דָּוִד נָתְנוּ יָד תַּחַת שְׁלֹמֹה  
הַמֶּלֶךְ: (כה) וַיַּגְדֵּל ה' אֶת־שְׁלֹמֹה לְמַעַלְהָ  
לְעֵינָיו כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּתֵּן עָלָיו הוֹד מַלְכוּת  
אֲשֶׁר לֹא־הָיָה עַל־כָּל־מֶלֶךְ לִפְנָיו  
עַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל: (כו) וְדָוִד בֶּן־יִשִׁי מֶלֶךְ  
עַל־כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל: (כז) וְהַיָּמִים אֲשֶׁר מֶלֶךְ  
עַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל אַרְבַּעִים שָׁנָה בַּחֲבֵרוֹן מֶלֶךְ  
שִׁבְעַת שָׁנִים וּבִירוּשָׁלַם מֶלֶךְ שְׁלֹשִׁים  
וְשָׁלוֹשׁ: (כח) וַיָּמָת בְּשִׁיבָה טוֹבָה שִׁבְעַת  
יָמִים עֶשֶׂר וְכָבוֹד וַיִּמְלַךְ שְׁלֹמֹה בְּנוֹ תַּחַתָּיו:  
(כט) וַדַּבְּרֵי דָּוִד הַמֶּלֶךְ הָרִאשֹׁנִים  
וְהָאֲחֵרִים הֵנָּה כְּתוּבִים עַל־דְּבָרֵי שְׁמוּאֵל  
הָרִאשׁוֹן וְעַל־דְּבָרֵי נָתָן הַנָּבִיא וְעַל־דְּבָרֵי גֹד  
הַחֲזֵה: (ל) עִם כָּל־מַלְכוּתוֹ וּגְבוּרָתוֹ  
וְהַעֲתִים אֲשֶׁר עָבְרוּ עָלָיו וְעַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל  
כָּל־מַמְלָכוֹת הָאָרְצוֹת: (פ)



of silver, 18,000 talents of copper, 100,000 talents of iron. (8) Whoever had stones in his possession gave them to the treasury of the House of the LORD in the charge of Jehiel the Gershonite. (9) The people rejoiced over the freewill offerings they made, for with a whole heart they made freewill offerings to the LORD; King David also rejoiced very much. (10) David blessed the LORD in front of all the assemblage; David said, "Blessed are You, LORD, God of Israel our father, from eternity to eternity. (11) Yours, LORD, are greatness, might, splendor, triumph, and majesty—yes, all that is in heaven and on earth; to You, LORD, belong kingship and preeminence above all. (12) Riches and honor are Yours to dispense; You have dominion over all; with You are strength and might, and it is in Your power to make anyone great and strong. (13) Now, God, we praise You and extol Your glorious name. (14) Who am I and who are my people, that we should have the means to make such a freewill offering; but all is from You, and it is Your gift that we have given to You. (15) For we are sojourners with You, mere transients like our fathers; our days on earth are like a shadow, with nothing in prospect. (16) O LORD our God, all this great mass that we have laid aside

to build You a House for Your holy name is from You, and it is all Yours. (17) I know, God, that You search the heart and desire uprightness; I, with upright heart, freely offered all these things; now Your people, who are present here—I saw them joyously making freewill offerings. (18) O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, remember this to the eternal credit of the thoughts of Your people's hearts, and make their hearts constant toward You. (19) As to my son Solomon, give him a whole heart to observe Your commandments, Your admonitions, and Your laws, and to fulfill them all, and to build this temple for which I have made provision." (20) David said to the whole assemblage, "Now bless the LORD your God." All the assemblage blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed their heads low to the LORD and the king. (21) They offered sacrifices to the LORD and made burnt offerings to the LORD on the morrow of that day: 1,000 bulls, 1,000 rams, 1,000 lambs, with their libations; [they made] sacrifices in great number for all Israel, (22) and they ate and drank in the presence of the LORD on that day with great joy. They again proclaimed Solomon son of David king, and they anointed him as ruler before the LORD, and Zadok

as high priest. (23) Solomon successfully took over the throne of the LORD as king instead of his father David, and all went well with him. All Israel accepted him; (24) all the officials and the warriors, and the sons of King David as well, gave their hand in support of King Solomon. (25) The LORD made Solomon exceedingly great in the eyes of all Israel, and endowed him with a regal majesty that no king of Israel before him ever had. (26) Thus David son of Jesse reigned over all Israel; (27) the length of his reign over Israel was forty years: he reigned seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. (28) He died at a ripe old age, having enjoyed long life, riches and honor, and his son Solomon reigned in his stead. (29) The acts of King David, early and late, are recorded in the history of Samuel the seer, the history of Nathan the prophet, and the history of Gad the seer, (30) together with all the mighty deeds of his kingship and the events that befell him and Israel and all the kingdoms of the earth.

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(1) Solomon son of David took firm hold of his kingdom, for the LORD his God was with him and made him exceedingly great. (2)

## דברי הימים ב א'-ב'

(א) וַיִּתְחַזַּק שְׁלֹמֹה בֶן-דָּוִד עַל-מַלְכוּתוֹ וְה' אֱלֹקָיו עִמּוֹ וַיִּגְדְּלוּ לְמַעַלְהוֹ: (ב) וַיֵּאמֶר שְׁלֹמֹה לְכָל-יִשְׂרָאֵל לְשָׂרֵי הָאֲלָפִים וְהַמְּאוֹת וְלִשְׁפָטֵי יָם וְלִכְלֵל נְשִׂיא לְכָל-יִשְׂרָאֵל רֹאשֵׁי

Solomon summoned all Israel—the officers of thousands and of hundreds, and the judges, and all the chiefs of all Israel, the heads of the clans. (3) Then Solomon, and all the assemblage with him, went to the shrine at Gibeon, for the Tent of Meeting, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness, was there. (4) (But the Ark of God David had brought up from Kiriath-jearim to the place which David had prepared for it; for he had pitched a tent for it in Jerusalem.) (5) The bronze altar, which Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur had made, was also there before the Tabernacle of the LORD, and Solomon and the assemblage resorted to it. (6) There Solomon ascended the bronze altar before the LORD, which was at the Tent of Meeting, and on it sacrificed a thousand burnt offerings. (7) That night, God appeared to Solomon and said to him, “Ask, what shall I grant you?” (8) Solomon said to God, “You dealt most graciously with my father David, and now You have made me king in his stead. (9) Now, O LORD God, let Your promise to my father David be fulfilled; for You have made me king over a people as numerous as the dust of the earth. (10) Grant me then the wisdom and the knowledge to lead this people, for who can govern Your great people?” (11) God said to

הַאֲבוֹת: (ג) וַיִּלְכְּדוּ שְׁלֹמֹה וְכָל־הַקְּהָל עִמּוֹ לְבַמָּה אֲשֶׁר בְּגִבְעוֹן כִּי־שֵׁם ה' הָאֵהָל מוֹעֵד הָאֱלֹקִים אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה מֹשֶׁה עַבְד־ה' בַּמִּדְבָּר: (ד) אָבִי לֵארוֹן הָאֱלֹקִים הַעֲלֵה דָוִד מְקַרְבֵי יַעֲרִים בְּהִכִּין לוֹ דָּוִד כִּי נִטְהַלּוּ אֵהָל בִּירוּשָׁלַם: (ה) וּמִזְבֵּחַ הַנֶּחֱשֵׁת אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה בְצִלְאֵל בֶּן־אוּרִי בֶן־חֹר שֵׁם לִפְנֵי מִשְׁכַּן ה' וַיִּדְרֹשֶׁהוּ שְׁלֹמֹה וְהַקְּהָל: (ו) וַיַּעַל שְׁלֹמֹה שֵׁם עַל־מִזְבֵּחַ הַנֶּחֱשֵׁת לִפְנֵי ה' אֲשֶׁר לֵאֵהָל מוֹעֵד וַיַּעַל עָלָיו עֹלוֹת אֵלֶּף: (ז) בַּלִּילָה הַהוּא נִרְאָה אֱלֹקִים לְשְׁלֹמֹה וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ שֶׁאֵל מָה אֲתֵן־לָךְ: (ח) וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁלֹמֹה לְאֱלֹקִים אֲתָהּ עֹשִׂיתָ עִם־דָּוִד אָבִי חֶסֶד גָּדוֹל וְהַמְלַכְתָּנִי תַחְתָּיו: (ט) עֲתָה ה' אֱלֹקִים יֵאֱמֵן דְּבַרְךָ עִם דָּוִד אָבִי כִי אֲתָהּ הַמְלַכְתָּנִי עַל־עַם רַב כְּעַפְרָה הָאֶרֶץ: (י) עֲתָה חֲכֵמָה וּמַדְעָתְךָ לִי וְאַצָּאָה לִפְנֵי הָעַם־הַזֶּה וְאַבְוֹאָה כִּי־מִי יִשְׁפֹּט אֶת־עַמְּךָ הַזֶּה הַגָּדוֹל: (יא) וַיֹּאמֶר־אֱלֹקִים אֶל שְׁלֹמֹה יַעֲן אֲשֶׁר הֵיטָה זֹאת עִם־לְבַבְךָ וְלֹא־שָׁאַלְתָּ עֹשֶׁר נֹכְסִים וְכַבּוֹד וְאֵת נַפְשׁ שְׂנְאִיךָ וְגַם־יָמִים רַבִּים לֹא שָׁאַלְתָּ וְתִשְׁאַל־לָךְ חֲכֵמָה וּמַדְעָה אֲשֶׁר תִּשְׁפּוֹט אֶת־עַמִּי אֲשֶׁר הַמְלַכְתִּיךָ עָלָיו: (יב) הַחֲכֵמָה וְהַמַּדְעָה נָתַן לָךְ וְעֹשֶׁר וְנֹכְסִים וְכַבּוֹד אֲתֵן־לָךְ אֲשֶׁר אֶל־הָיָה כִּי לַמְּלָכִים אֲשֶׁר לִפְנֵיךָ וְאַחֲרֶיךָ לֹא יִהְיֶה־כֵן: (יג) וַיָּבֵא שְׁלֹמֹה לְבַמָּה אֲשֶׁר־בְּגִבְעוֹן יְרוּשָׁלַם מִלִּפְנֵי אֵהָל מוֹעֵד וַיִּמְלֹךְ עַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל: (יד) וַיֵּאֱסֹף שְׁלֹמֹה רֶכֶב וּפָרָשִׁים וַיְהִי־לוֹ אֵלֶּף וְאַרְבַּע־מֵאוֹת רֶכֶב וּשְׁנַיִם־עֶשְׂרֵת אֵלֶּף פָּרָשִׁים וַיִּנְיַחֵם בְּעֵבְרֵי הָרֶכֶב וְעַם־הַמֶּלֶךְ בִּירוּשָׁלַם: (טו) וַיִּתֵּן הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶת־הַכֶּסֶף וְאֶת־הַזָּהָב בִּירוּשָׁלַם כְּאֲבָנִים וְאֵת הָאֲרָזִים נָתַן כְּשִׁקְמִים אֲשֶׁר־בְּשִׁפְלָה לְרַב־: (טז) וּמוֹצָא הַסּוּסִים אֲשֶׁר לְשְׁלֹמֹה מִמְצָרִים וּמִקְוֵא סַחְרֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ מִקְוֵא יִקְחוּ בַמַּחִיר: (יז) וַיַּעֲלוּ וַיּוֹצִיאוּ מִמְצָרִים מִרְכָּבָה בְּשֵׁשׁ מֵאוֹת כֶּסֶף וְסוּסֵי בַחֲמִשִּׁים וּמֵאָה וְכֵן

Solomon, "Because you want this, and have not asked for wealth, property, and glory, nor have you asked for the life of your enemy, or long life for yourself, but you have asked for the wisdom and the knowledge to be able to govern My people over whom I have made you king, (12) wisdom and knowledge are granted to you, and I grant you also wealth, property, and glory, the like of which no king before you has had, nor shall any after you have." (13) From the shrine at Gibeon, from the Tent of Meeting, Solomon went to Jerusalem and reigned over Israel. (14) Solomon assembled chariots and horsemen; he had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horses that he stationed in the chariot towns and with the king in Jerusalem. (15) The king made silver and gold as plentiful in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars as plentiful as the sycamores in the Shephelah. (16) Solomon's horses were imported from Egypt and from Que; the king's traders would buy them from Que at the market price. (17) A chariot imported from Egypt cost 600 shekels of silver, and a horse 150. These in turn were exported by them to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Arameans. (18) Then Solomon resolved to build a House for the name of the LORD and a royal palace for himself. (1) Solomon

לְכָל־מַלְכֵי הַחַתִּים וּמַלְכֵי אֲרָם בִּידֵם יוֹצִיאוּ: (יח) וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁלֹמֹה לְבָנוֹת בַּיִת לַשֵּׁם ה' וּבַיִת לְמַלְכוּתוֹ: (א) וַיִּסְפֹּר שְׁלֹמֹה שְׁבַעִים אֶלְפֵי אִישׁ סָבֵל וּשְׁמוֹנִים אֶלְפֵי אִישׁ חֶצֶב בָּהָר וּמִנְצַחִים עֲלֵיהֶם שְׁלֹשֶׁת אֶלְפִים וְנִשְׁתַּ מֵאוֹת: (פ) (ב) וַיִּשְׁלַח שְׁלֹמֹה אֶל־חֹרֵם מֶלֶךְ־צֹר לֵאמֹר כַּאֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתָ עִם־דָּוִד אָבִי וַתִּשְׁלַח־לוֹ אַרְזִים לְבָנוֹת־לוֹ בַּיִת לְשִׁבְתָּ בּוֹ: (ג) הֲיֵהָ אֲנִי בּוֹנֵה־בַיִת לַשֵּׁם ה' אֱלֹהֵי לְהַקְדִּישׁ לוֹ לְהַקְטִיר לְפָנָיו קְטֹרֶת־סַמִּים וּמַעֲרֹכֶת תַּמִּיד וְעֹלוֹת לְבָקָר וְלַעֲרֹב לְשִׁבְתוֹת וּלְחֻדְשִׁים וְלְמוֹעֲדֵי ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְעוֹלָם זֹאת עַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל: (ד) וְהַבַּיִת אֲשֶׁר־אֲנִי בּוֹנֵה גָדוֹל כִּי־גָדוֹל אֱלֹהֵינוּ מִכָּל־הָאֱלֹהִים: (ה) וַיְמִי יַעֲצֹר־כַּח לְבָנוֹת־לוֹ בַּיִת כִּי הַשָּׁמַיִם וְשָׁמַי הַשָּׁמַיִם לֹא יִכְלָלֶהוּ: וַיְמִי אֲנִי אֲשֶׁר אֲבִנֶה־לוֹ בַּיִת כִּי אִם־לְהַקְטִיר לְפָנָיו: (ו) וְעַתָּה שְׁלַח־לִי אִישׁ־חָכֵם לַעֲשׂוֹת בְּזָהָב וּבְכֶסֶף וּבְנֹחַשׁת וּבְבַרְזֵל וּבְאֲרָגוֹן וְכַרְמִיל וּתְכֵלֶת וְיָדַע לְפִתַח פְּתוּחִים עִם־הַחֲכָמִים אֲשֶׁר עִמִּי בִיהוּדָה וּבִירוּשָׁלַם אֲשֶׁר הָכִין דָּוִד אָבִי: (ז) וְשְׁלַח־לִי עֲצֵי אַרְזִים בְּרוֹשִׁים וְאַלְגוּמִים מִהַלְבָּנוֹן כִּי אֲנִי יָדַעְתִּי אֲשֶׁר עֲבַדְיָךְ יוֹדְעִים לְכָרוֹת עֲצֵי לְבָנוֹן וְהֵנָּה עֲבַדִּי עִם־עֲבַדְיָךְ: (ח) וְלֵהָכִין לִי עֲצִים לָרֶב כִּי הַבַּיִת אֲשֶׁר־אֲנִי בּוֹנֵה גָדוֹל וְהַפְּלֵא: (ט) וְהֵנָּה לְחֻטְבִּים וְלְכַרְתֵּי וְהָעֲצִים נְתַתִּי חֲטִיִּם וּמִכּוֹת לְעַבְדֶּיךָ כְּרִים עֲשָׂרִים אֶלְפֵי וְשֹׁעָרִים כְּרִים עֲשָׂרִים אֶלְפֵי וַיִּן בְּתִים עֲשָׂרִים אֶלְפֵי וְשָׁמֶן בְּתִים עֲשָׂרִים אֶלְפֵי: (י) וַיֹּאמֶר חֹרֵם מֶלֶךְ־צֹר בְּכַתֵּב וַיִּשְׁלַח אֶל־שְׁלֹמֹה בְּאֵהֶבֶת ה' אֶת־עַמּוֹ נִתְּנָךְ עֲלֵיהֶם מֶלֶךְ: (יא) וַיֹּאמֶר חֹרֵם בְּרוּךְ ה' אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה אֶת־הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לְדָוִד הַמֶּלֶךְ בֶּן חֲכָם יוֹדַע שְׁכָל וּבִינָה אֲשֶׁר יִבְנֶה־בַּיִת לַה' וּבַיִת לְמַלְכוּתוֹ: (יב) וְעַתָּה שְׁלַחְתִּי אִישׁ־חָכֵם יוֹדַע בִּינָה לְחֹרֵם אָבִי: (יג) בֶּן־אִשָּׁה מִן־בָּנוֹת דָּן וְאָבִיו אִישׁ־צֹרִי

mustered 70,000 basket carriers and 80,000 quarriers in the hills, with 3,600 men supervising them. (2) Solomon sent this message to King Hiram of Tyre, “In view of what you did for my father David in sending him cedars to build a palace for his residence— (3) see, I intend to build a House for the name of the LORD my God; I will dedicate it to Him for making incense offering of sweet spices in His honor, for the regular rows of bread, and for the morning and evening burnt offerings on sabbaths, new moons, and festivals, as is Israel’s eternal duty. (4) The House that I intend to build will be great, inasmuch as our God is greater than all gods. (5) Who indeed is capable of building a House for Him! Even the heavens to their uttermost reaches cannot contain Him, and who am I that I should build Him a House—except as a place for making burnt offerings to Him? (6) Now send me a craftsman to work in gold, silver, bronze, and iron, and in purple, crimson, and blue yarn, and who knows how to engrave, alongside the craftsmen I have here in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom my father David provided. (7) Send me cedars, cypress, and algum wood from the Lebanon, for I know that your servants are skilled at cutting the trees of Lebanon. My servants will work with yours (8) to provide

יֹדֵעַ לַעֲשׂוֹת בְּזָהָב וּבְכֶסֶף בְּנִחָשֶׁת בְּבָרָזָל  
בְּאֲבָנִים וּבַעֲצֵי יָם בְּאַרְגָּמָן בְּתַכְלִית וּבְבוּיץ  
וּבְכַרְמִיל וּלְפִתְחָה כָּל־פִּתְוֹה וּלְחֹשֶׁב  
כָּל־מַחֲשַׁבֶּת אֲשֶׁר יִנְתֶּן־לוֹ עִם־חֲכָמֶיךָ  
וְחַכְמֵי אֲדָנִי דָוִד אֲבִיךָ: (יד) וְעַתָּה הַחֲטִים  
וְהַשְּׁעָרִים הַשָּׁמֶן וְהַיֵּין אֲשֶׁר אָמַר אֲדָנִי  
יִשְׁלַח לְעַבְדֶּיךָ: (טו) וְאֶנְחֲנוּ נִכְרַת עֲצִים  
מִן־הַלְּבָנוֹן כְּכָל־צָרְכְּךָ וּנְבִיאֵם לְךָ רַפְסֹדוֹת  
עַל־יָם יִפּוּ וְאֶתָּה תַעֲלֶה אֹתָם יְרוּשָׁלָּם: (פ)  
(טז) וַיִּסְפָּר שְׁלֹמֹה הַכֹּל־הָאֲנָשִׁים הַגֵּיָרִים  
אֲשֶׁר בְּאַרְצָךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל אַחֲרֵי הַסֹּפָר אֲשֶׁר  
סָפַרְם דָּוִד אָבִיו וַיִּמְצָאוּ מֵאָה וְחַמְּשִׁים  
אֶלֶף וּשְׁלֹשֶׁת אֲלָפִים וּשְׁשֵׁ מֵאוֹת: (יז) וַיַּעַשׂ  
מֵהֶם שִׁבְעִים אֶלֶף סָבֵל וּשְׁמֹנִים אֶלֶף חֹצֵב  
בְּהָר וּשְׁלֹשֶׁת אֲלָפִים וּשְׁשֵׁ מֵאוֹת מְנַצְחִים  
לְהַעֲבִיד אֶת־הָעָם:

me with a great stock of timber; for the House that I intend to build will be singularly great. (9) I have allocated for your servants, the wood-cutters who fell the trees, 20,000 kor of crushed wheat and 20,000 kor of barley, 20,000 bath of wine and 20,000 bath of oil.” (10) Hiram, king of Tyre, sent Solomon this written message in reply, “Because the LORD loved His people, He made you king over them.” (11) Hiram continued, “Blessed is the LORD, God of Israel, who made the heavens and the earth, who gave King David a wise son, endowed with intelligence and understanding, to build a House for the LORD and a royal palace for himself. (12) Now I am sending you a skillful and intelligent man, my master Hiram, (13) the son of a Danite woman, his father a Tyrian. He is skilled at working in gold, silver, bronze, iron, precious stones, and wood; in purple, blue, and crimson yarn and in fine linen; and at engraving and designing whatever will be required of him, alongside your craftsmen and the craftsmen of my lord, your father David. (14) As to the wheat, barley, oil, and wine which my lord mentioned, let him send them to his servants. (15) We undertake to cut down as many trees of Lebanon as you need, and deliver them to you as rafts by sea to Jaffa; you will transport them to

Jerusalem.” (16) Solomon took a census of all the aliens who were in the land of Israel, besides the census taken by his father David, and they were found to be 153,600. (17) He made 70,000 of them basket carriers, and 80,000 of them quarriers, with 3,600 supervisors to see that the people worked.