

Ancient Book of Gad the Seer דברי גד החזה

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The First Vision 2923 AM, 1002 BC

1 In the thirty-first year of King David's reign in Jerusalem, which is the thirty-eighth year of David's reign, the Word of the LORD came to Gad the Seer in the month of Iyar, near the stream of the Kidron Valley, saying:

The Cry

2 "Thus says the LORD: 'Go, be courageous, and stand in the midst of the stream, and cry in a great voice: "Tarry and hasten, tarry and hasten, tarry and hasten, for there is still a vision for the son of Jesse." 3And during the cry face the Eastern Gate, on the east side of the city, and stretch forth your hands toward heaven." 4And I did exactly what I had been commanded to do.

Vision of the Donkey and Camel

5And it came to pass when I finished crying out, I opened my eyes and saw a yoke of oxen, led by a donkey and a camel, coming up from the Kidron stream, the donkey on the right side of the yoke and the camel on the left.

The Four Mixtures

6And a great voice like the roll of thunder was following them, crying with a bitter voice: 4 7 "Seer, seer, seer, these are four mixtures that confuse the people of the LORD. 8For the impure and the pure have been mixed, and then impurity took control over purity; a mixture from Seir [Edom] to rule over them, 9 to increase power over, and betray, a righteous doer, 10 to destroy holiness, to crown wickedness, to set up impure matters in the guise of purity."

The Moon Kingdom

11And after the voice, a great quake occurred that shook over the impurity and blew the donkey and the camel into the moon with a stormy wind. 12And the moon was opened and looked like a bow, a semi-circle, and both her points reached toward the ground.

The Vision of God

13 And lo, the sun came out of heaven in the shape of a man, with a crown on his head, carrying over his right shoulder a lamb, despised and rejected. 14And on the crown on his head three shepherds are seen, shackled with twelve shackles 15and these shackles were of gold, plated with silver.

The Messiah's Death

And the voice of the Lamb was heard, great and dreadful like the voice of a lion roaring over his prey: "Woe unto me! Woe unto me! My image [Messiah] has been diminished, My refuge has been lost, My lot and destiny has turned Me Chapter 1 5 over to My spoilers, and I was defiled until evening by the touch of impurity."

The Messiah's Heart

16And it came to pass when the voice of the Lamb ceased speaking, lo, a man dressed in linen came with three vine branches and twelve palms in his hand. 17 And he took the Lamb from the hand of the sun and put the crown on His head, and the vine-branches and palms on His heart. 18 And the man, dressed in linen, cried like a ram's horn, saying: "What are you doing here, impurity, and how

did you get here, impurity, 19 that you have carved yourself a place to combine impurity with My covenant that I have set with the vine-branches and palms?"

God's Judgment on Impurity

20And I heard the Lamb's shepherd saying: "There is a place with Me for the pure, but not for the impure, for I am a holy God, and I do not want the impure, I only want the pure; 21even though I created them both, and My eyes are equally on them both. 22 But there is an advantage to the abundance of purity over the abundance of impurity, just like there is an advantage of a man over a shadow. 23For the shadow does not exist without man, and only by the man's existence is the shadow given to the tired and exhausted; this 6 applies in the same way to the pure and impure. 24For all gates of intelligence are turned around since the death of the eight branches of the vine. 25As is found in words of righteousness in the true book, but because of the wanderings of the sheep, their rest, and divisions, 26intelligence is stopped up until I do greatly in keeping grace."

The Messianic Kingdom

27I saw that impurity was driven from the moon and was given over to a consuming wrath, ground into fine dust, and blown away by the daily wind. 28And the day burns as a furnace to remove impurity and to erase the transgressions. 29And the Lamb was put on the moon forever and ever. 30And the Lamb took from the pure the impurity that had been mixed with them, and brought it as a peace offering sacrifice on the altar before El Shaddai, jealous LORD of Hosts.

The Song of the Redeemed

31And I heard those singing the song of the Lamb, saying: 32"I shall give thanks unto You, O LORD, for though You were angry with me, You forgave. 33For the LORD is my strength and song, and He is become my redeemer. 34I will sing unto the LORD, for He is highly exalted; He had thrown the horse and his rider into the Sea of Reeds. 35Arise, intelligence; arise, power; arise, kingship; 36arise, majesty and glory; arise help of the LORD. 37For God has saved one who had taken

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away and obliterated the impurity from the earth. 38He fought my fight and brought into the light my righteousness by His help. 39 "My help cometh from the Lord who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:2 40Truly, who is like You, glorious in holiness, but not in impurity? 41For You are great over all; raised over all, You spoke and acted. 42For You declared the end from the beginning, and You sealed everything by Your words and turned my heart and convicted me. 43For Your seal is upon me, my Lord, and these are three vine-branches and twelve palms that are on my heart. 44You glorified me, You erased the vanity of fearing man, and You gave me a pure heart forever. 45For that I will praise You at all times, and thank You among the nations, for You have greatly redeemed me for my king and showed favor to the Messiah, David's seed, forever and ever."

God and His Son

46And I heard a voice crying from heaven, saying: 47"You are My Son, You are My firstborn, You are My first-fruits. 48Haven't I brought You up from the brook of Egypt wholeheartedly to be My daily delight? 49But You have put way My gifts and dressed up the impure with the pure, and that is why all these things have happened to You. 8 50And who is like unto You among all the creatures on earth? For they lived in Your shadow and by Your wounds they were healed. 51For that, consider well that which is before You. 52Because You have fulfilled the words of the shepherd all the days You have been in the sun and You did not leave them; therefore, all this honor shall be Yours." 53And I, Gad, son of Ahimelech of the Jabez family, of the tribe of Judah, son of Israel, was amazed by the vision and could not settle my spirit.

The Angel Instructs Gad

54And the one dressed in linen came down to me and touched me, saying: "Write these words and seal them with the seal of truth, for I AM who I AM is My name, and with My name you shall bless the whole house of Israel, for they are of a true seed. 55In a little while you shall go, and be quietly gathered to your fathers, but at the end of days you shall see with your own eyes all these things, not as a vision, but in reality. 56For in those days they shall not be called Jacob, but Israel; for no iniquity will be found in their remnant, for they will belong entirely to the LORD. 57And these words will restore your life and spirit. And this shall be the sign unto you: when you enter the town, you will find My servant David while he is reading these words from the Book of Covenant: Chapter 1 9 58 'And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break My covenant with them; for I am the LORD their God.' Leviticus 26:44 59And you shall tell him about the scene you have just seen; and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart."

Gad Tells David His Vision

60And it came to pass, when I came to the house of David, the man of God, I found him as the one dressed in linen had said, and I told him of all my visions. 61Then David spoke the words of this song unto the LORD, saying: "I love You, O LORD, my strength." 62And to me he said: "The LORD has blessed you and has not removed His covenant from you, for He is true, and His word is true, and His seal is true."



10 2. The Second Vision The Regathering

1After these true things, I had a vision from God saying: 2 "Set your face eastward, northward, southward, and westward. 3And whistle with your mouth as a bird whistles to its young and say: 'Four corners of the earth, listen to the Word of the LORD. 4Thus saith the LORD, who sits and dwells over the cherubim: 'Give, give, give, take out, take out My seed that I have sown in you, for the time for the seed has come. 5For yet a little while I shall collect My seed on My threshing floor. 6And the threshing floor will be holy; an impure seed will not be found there. 7Prior to those days My seed was mixed with lentils, and barley, and fitches, beans, and gourds.

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8And in the end of days the sower shall be true and the seed shall be true and from the seed all the land will be blessed. 9Be joyful and glad, remnant of Judah and rejected of Israel, for salvation is with the LORD. 10As you shall be a curse and blasphemy to all the families of the earth, so shall you be a blessing and grace forever. 11At that time no cursed or unholy people will be found among you, 12for everyone will join you in the covenant, the Law, testimonies, statutes, and ordinances. 13And you and they shall have one God, one covenant, one law, one language, for all shall speak in the language of Hebrew, the holy language. 14Blessed are you, O Israel, who is like Chapter 2 11 unto you? A people saved by the LORD, for He will go before you to fight your wars with your enemies.

Replacement Theology - Edom and Rome

15Woe to you, O Edom, that sits in the land of Kittim in the north of the sea. 16For your destroyers will emerge from a terrible nation. They will not even leave you a remnant. 17For you have said: 'I sit on high, and only I have a covenant with the God of gods, for the LORD chose me instead of His holy people, for He abhorred them. 18And His former people, despised and rejected, did not truly know the LORD [the Father] because they did not know His image [the Son]. 19We are truly wise

and intelligent; we know the LORD and His Law, we know His image [the Son] and presence [the Holy Spirit].' 20But thus says the LORD: 'Because you rose up in pride to brag about the God of gods, know that you will perish in your conceitedness. 21For why would you put confidence in man, whose life is like a vapor, which begins in the morning, and is gone by noon-day, placing him to sit beside God. 22For it is not you whom I knew formerly, and where is the bill of divorce of My people, that you said would be a prey; show it to Me!

Judgment of Rome

23Your corpses will fall among My people.' 24O jealous Yahweh, come out; come out of your place and smite Edom; consume them. 25Come to Zerephath, come to Sepharad, come to Ashkenaz, come to Garmania; they shall come and fall in the lowest pit, in destruction, and in 12 the shadow of death, for your mouth will fail you, and no one will help you.

Michael Stands Up

26At the end of days Michael the great prince will stand up in war like a whirlwind against Samael the prince of this world to put him under his feet, in the wind of the LORD, and it shall be eaten up; for the LORD has spoken it.

Millennial Kingdom

27At the end of days the robbed will overcome the robber, and the weak, the strong, truly and in righteousness. 28Your God is your Savior, O Israel; with Him you will be saved, for He is a merciful God. He will not abandon you, 29for you shall keep on doing all that I commanded you in the Law of Moses My servant.'



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The Moabite Between 2892-2908 AM, 1033-1017 BC

1When the feast of Passover came, on the fifteenth of the first month, a Moabite shepherd came to David and talked with him saying: "My lord the king, you have known that I, your servant, have been loyal to Israel from my youth, and now take me away from dwelling among uncircumcised people and circumcise the flesh of my foreskin to take away my reproach, so that I can sit among your people." 2And David said: "the LORD does not want your people, and He commanded, 'An Ammonite or a Moabite shall not enter into the assembly of the LORD forever.' Deuteronomy 23:3 And we cannot seek your peace nor your prosperity; but how can I help you today?" 3The servant answered: "Is it not it true that Ruth was of our people, and you are one of her children and descendants, and the LORD has chosen you and your descendants forever?" 4Then said he: "You have given a convincing argument. Stand here with me to ask from the mouth of my Lord." 5And David asked the LORD about the statement of the Moabite servant. 6And David said: "O LORD, LORD of Hosts, teach me wondrous things out of Your Law so that I may know how to rule for this servant, and what should be done with him." 7And the LORD said to Nathan the prophet: "Go to 14 David My servant, and tell him the message that I tell you." 8And Nathan went to David, to his chambers, saying: "This is what the LORD of Hosts says: 'I have heard your prayer, so tell the Moabite: 'You are a Moabite man, not a Moabite woman, for I never said a 'Moabite woman' and 'Ammonite woman,' because their women and daughters belong to the LORD; however you are cursed by the LORD, and forbidden to enter the LORD's assembly." 9When the Moabite heard the message of the LORD, he cried out and exclaimed: "I am forbidden from entering the assembly of the LORD." 10And the king took him and appointed him a shepherd among David's shepherds, and

he was there until the third year of the reign of King Solomon, then he died. 11And he had a daughter whose name was Sephirah; she had a beautiful form and was very fair to look upon. King Solomon took her to be his concubine, and she found grace and favor in his sight more than all the other concubines, and she became the chief of the concubines' residence. 12And this became the statute in Israel forever.

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David, the Wise Judge Between 2892-2908 AM, 1033-1017 BC

1 In those days a man from Bethlehem, the city of David, went to Jerusalem to pay the vow which he had vowed unto the LORD. His name was Zabad the Parhi, and he was of the family of the Perezites. 2Zabad's father was very sick, even unto the point of death, so Zabad vowed: "When the LORD heals my father of his sickness, I will weigh out two talents of silver and give them to the House of the LORD, into the hand of King David." 3And it came to pass, when he was at the house of the shepherds along the way, he lost the pouch with the money in it and he was upset. 4He came to the city of Jerusalem, into the inner city, and he wrote on all the gates these words: 5 "Anyone who finds a lost pouch with two talents of silver and brings it to me I will give him a talent of silver as a reward." 6After a while, a man from the tribe of Dan came and had in his hand the pouch with the silver talents that he found along the way and he gave it to the owner of the pouch. 7And the Danite said to Zabad: "Give me the talent of silver as you promised." 8And the Zabad said: "No, there 16 were actually three talents in my pouch and you have already stolen one talent; I mistakenly wrote down the wrong number." 9So both of them came and stood before the king. 10And the king said to the Zabad: "Swear unto me by the LORD, that you truly had three talents of silver in your pouch." And Zabad swore to him by the LORD. 11And the king continued, saying to the Danite: "Swear unto me by the LORD, that you only found two talents of silver the pouch." And he swore to him by the LORD. 12And David said to Zabad: "Give the pouch with the talents back to the Danite, because this is his money that the LORD has given to him by chance. 13Now, go and write on the city gates: 'Whoever finds the pouch with three talents should bring it to me,' because this is not your pouch." 14And David took the pouch with the talents of silver from the hand of the Zabad and gave it to the Danite. 15And the Danite bowed his head and prostrated himself to the earth and said: "Long live my lord, King David, forever." 16And all Israel heard of this judgment and they marvelled over David and were overjoyed; because they saw that he was full of the wisdom of God.

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The Fire-Angel and the Philistines

Between 2892-2908 AM, 1033-1017 BC 1All the Philistines assembled themselves together to fight against Israel. There were so many multitudes of Philistines that they could not be numbered. 2And David was greatly distressed because he was afraid of the Philistines. 3And the LORD said to Gad: "Go and tell David My servant: 'Do not be worried about these uncircumcised Philistines, because tomorrow I will give them, and those other oppressors with them, into your hand." 4And David said to Gad: "I am not worthy of all the mercies that the LORD has shown to me, but blessed be the name of the LORD forever and ever." 5That night, a fire-angel came from heaven with his drawn sword in his hand. 6And he attacked the camp of the uncircumcised. It was such a great slaughter

that none of them were left alive. 7And it came to pass the next morning they came to David saying: "Behold, all the Philistines have been killed by someone who rose up against them; not a single one of them was left alive." 8And David raised his voice and said: "Now I know that nothing can hinder the LORD. He can save us from many or few, and His salvation can be in a blink of an eye." 9And he said: "Blessed are You, O LORD, who has been taking revenge for us on our enemies." 10And he set up a pillar and called it the "Pillar of Revenge" unto this day. 18

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David's Covenant

Between 2892-2908 AM, 1033-1017 BC 1The LORD said to Gad: "Go tell David My servant: 2 'Thus says the LORD: 'Let not the mighty man glory in his might. 3But let him that glories glory in this, that My help is with him. 4Then you should go and fear not, for the LORD is with you." 5And Gad came and told David what the LORD had said. 6And David said to Gad: "I have known the help of the LORD from my youth. 7For who struck down the lion and the bear? Who destroyed the Philistines? Who destroyed my enemies? Was it not by the help of God?" 8And when the LORD heard that, He was very pleased with David's heart. 9And He said: "Because David has acknowledged My help instead of his own glory, My help will dwell in the house of David forever." 10And Gad told David what the LORD said. 11And David bowed down before the LORD and said: "Blessed be the LORD for I have found favor in His eyes."



20 7. David's Sin of Counting Between 2908-2924 AM, 1017-1001 BC

1And again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel 2 and He moved Satan against David, saying: "Go, number Israel and Judah," to bring them the evil He spoke through Samuel the seer. 3And the king said to Joab the captain and to the princes of the people: "Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beersheba, and number the people, and bring me word, that I may know the sum of them." 4And Joab said unto the king: "May the LORD add unto the people how many so ever they may be, a hundredfold, and may the eyes of the LORD our God watch over them; but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? Why does my lord require this thing? And why should it be a cause of trespass unto Israel? For the LORD has said: 'Which cannot be numbered for the multitude." 5Notwithstanding, the king's word prevailed against Joab and against the captains of the host. And Joab and the captains of the host went from the presence of the king to number the people of Israel. 6And they passed over the Jordan, and camped in Aroer, south of the town in the middle of the river of Gad, and toward Jazer. 7And they came to Gilead, and then to the land of the Hittites, to Kadesh, and they came to Dan and Enan, and round about to Zidon. 8And they came to the stronghold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites and the Canaanites. And they went out to the south of Judah, to Beersheba. 9So when they had gone Chapter 7 21 through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. But Joab did not number Levi and Benjamin, for the king's word was abominable to Joab. 10And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people unto David. And all they of Israel were eight hundred thousand valiant men and three hundred thousand men that drew a sword, and in Judah there were four hundred and seventy thousand valiant men and thirty thousand men that drew a sword. 11And the LORD God was displeased with this act of Israel, and He sent Gad the seer to David, saying: 12"Thus said the LORD: 'I am the King of Israel, and I am their portion. I am their avenger, I am their fortress and might, and you know that it is not with a sword or a spear that I will save, and not

with a man of valiance that draws a sword, for this is the portion of the heathens that stand on their might and many warriors. 13But you are not like that, for I am a lone warrior and there is no one with Me. Why would you do this evil to number your people? For that I will strike Israel, so that you will know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth." 14And David's heart was grieved after that. And David said unto the LORD: "I have sinned greatly in what I have done; but now O LORD, I beg You, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have acted very foolishly." 15And David rose up in the morning, and the Word of the LORD had already come to Gad the prophet, David's seer, saying: 16"Go and say unto David: 'Thus says the LORD: 'I offer you three things; choose one of them, that I may do it unto you." 17So Gad came to David and told him, and said unto him: "Shall four years of famine come unto the land of Israel and three years in 22 the land of Judah? Or will you flee three months before your foes while they pursue you, while the sword of your enemies overtake you? Or shall there be three days of the sword of the LORD, which is pestilence, in your land, and the angel the LORD destroying throughout all the land of Israel? Now advise yourself, and decide what answer I shall return to Him who sent me." 18And David said unto Gad: "I am in a great strait; let me fall, and let us fall now, into the hand of the LORD, for His mercies are great; and let me not fall into the hand of man." 19So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel, from the morning even to the time appointed; and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men. 20And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it; and as he was destroying it, the LORD beheld, and He repented Him of the evil, and said to the angel that was destroying the people: "It is enough; now stay your hand." And the angel of the LORD was standing by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 21 And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD standing between the heaven and the earth, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. And David and the elders, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. 22 And David said unto God: "Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? Even I it is that have sinned and acted wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? O LORD my God, let Your hand be against me and against my father's house, but not against Your people, that they should be plagued. Shall not the judge of all the earth do justice?" 23And the LORD said: "They incited Satan against you to number them, saying thus: 'We will be like Chapter 7 23 all the nations,' but I am a God of justice; may I return their high heart into their own bosoms. 24For a broken or a contrite heart I shall not despise forever." Psalm 51:17 25And the angel of the LORD told Gad to tell David that David should go up and rear an altar unto the LORD on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 26And David went up according to the words of Gad which he spoke in the name of the LORD. 27And Ornan was looking and he saw the king and his four sons with him. Now Ornan was threshing wheat. 28And Ornan looked and saw David, and he went out of the threshing floor, and bowed down to David with his face to the ground. 29Then David said to Ornan: "Sell me the place of this threshing floor, that I may build an altar therein unto the LORD; you shall sell it to me for the full price, that the plague may be stayed from the people." 30And Ornan said unto David: "Take it, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes; lo, I give the oxen also for burnt offering, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meal offering; I give it all." 31And King David said to Ornan, "No, but I will verily buy it for the full price; for I will not take that which is yours for the LORD, nor offer a burnt offering without paying for it." 32So David gave Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold, and for the cattle fifty shekels of silver, by weight. 33And David built there an altar unto The LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the LORD; and He answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar 24 of burnt offering. 34And the LORD commanded the angel; and he put his sword back into the sheath thereof, and the plague was stayed from Israel. 35At that time, when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, and He did not despise him, then he sacrificed there unto the LORD for the rest of his life. 36For David would no longer go and sacrifice unto the LORD in the high place at Gibeon, where there was an altar unto the LORD and a

tabernacle which Moses made, for he was terrified and weakened because of the sword of the angel of the LORD that he had seen.

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David's Sermon Between 2908-2924 AM, 1017-1001 BC

1The LORD appeared unto David when he was old and said to him: "Behold, I am with you, and I am your God, and behold, My covenant is with you; do not be afraid, nor discouraged, because your God is your helper." 2And David bowed down to the LORD and rejoiced in his heart. 3And the LORD said: "Speak these words in My name to the people and make sure they understand and obey so that they will live. If they do, I will no longer be angry with them." 4And the LORD put His words in his mouth. 5Then David assembled all Israel in Jerusalem, and he made a pulpit of wood for himself and he stood upon it and addressed all the people. He opened his mouth and said:

David's teaching

6 "Hear, O Israel, your God and my God is one, the only one, and unique; there is no one like His individuality. He is hidden from everyone; He always has been and always will be [eternal]. He fills His creation, but His creation does not fill Him. He sees everything, but is not seen; He knows the future and reveals it to mankind, for He is the never-ending God, and there is no end to His presence, 26 power and truth; whole worlds are full of His glory. 7He gave each person free choice: if one person wants to do good, he will be helped, but if a person wants to do evil, he will find a way. 8As for us, we will worship our God who is our King, our Lord, and our Savior, with love and awe. For your wisdom begins with the fear of the LORD and if you truly understand Him, you will depart from evil. 9Remember and obey the Law of Moses, the man of God, so that you will live a blessed life all of your days. 10Ask your fathers, and they will teach you, ask your elders, and they will instruct you. 11Do not just listen to the Law, but be strong and valiant to obey all of it. 12Hearing is like the seed, but a deed shows that the seed has taken root in you. It then becomes a tree of belief which produces the fruit of true righteousness. 13What becomes of a smelly rotten seed if no root will come out of it? 14So, hurry. Be quick to hear and act. For if you are a true seed, if you have belief and righteousness, then the LORD will bless you all with peace. 15Live in peace with each other. Love the deeds, and those created in the image of the LORD like your own selves, 16because it is a sign that you love the Creator, if you love His creation. 17You cannot take hold of the one but withdraw your hand from the other. Love the LORD and also man so that it will be well with you all the days of your life."

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David's Closing Prayer

18David raised his voice, and lifted his hands toward heaven, and said: "LORD, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, God, merciful and gracious, guard Israel forever. 19Save Your people, and bless Your inheritance, and tend to them, and uphold them forever." 20And all the people called out: "Amen, amen." 21And David sent the people away and they went home peacefully.

28 9. King Hiram of Tyre Between 2908-2924 AM, 1017-1001 BC

1Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers unto David saying: 2 "I know that the LORD your God is the one true God, so now deal with me as a true brother and teach me the Law of your God, for I will worship Him all the days of my life." 3Then the messengers came to David with an offering in their hands for the LORD and for David. They told him everything that Hiram had said and presented him with the offerings. 4And David replied to Hiram: 5 "Go and tell my brother, Hiram: 'This is what David, your brother, says: 'Reverence the LORD, creator of heaven and fire, the sea and the earth, the wet and the dry, the heat and the cold, the mineral and the vegetation, the living and the speaking, 6 the planets, the Pleiades and Orion, the sun and the moon, the substantial and the spiritual, the wandering stars, the senses, and everything. 7These were all created without a blemish by El Shaddai whose name is Yahweh. 8 If you do this and observe the commandments that were ordered to the children of Noah [Noahide Laws], your father, then God will bless you all the days of your life. 9We are both His allies; but we are different from you by the Law of truth, sealed by the seal of Shaddai, called children of the true Chapter 9 29 God. 10We must therefore obey the whole Law that HaShem commands of us, saying: 'And you shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak unto the children of Israel.' Exodus 19:6 11But He has not dealt the same way with any other nation as He has with us. He did not choose us for any other reason than the great love that He has for us." 12The messengers then returned to Hiram their king and told him everything that King David had told them. 13And Hiram rejoiced with all his heart and called all his princes and servants and said to them: 14 "Tyrians and Sidonians, listen carefully to what I am about to tell you. 15Have reverence and respect for El Shaddai, who is the God of Israel. He made everything by speaking and by the breath of His mouth; and who will tell Him what He can do? For He is one. 16Repeat after me: 'Blessed is the LORD God of Israel who chooses His people, and blessed is David, His servant, king of His people, and blessed is Israel whom the LORD has chosen to be His inheritance. 17We would be blessed to simply be the servants of the children of Israel that are called children of the LORD, their God." 30 18And all his princes and his servants replied: "Amen, may it be so." 19And Hiram lifted up his voice and said: "I have seen, but not now, I have beheld, but not nigh: there shall step forth a sun from David, and a moon shall rise out of the house of Judah, and shall smite all the children of Ham, and break down all the children of Japheth, and he will possess all the kingdoms of the world." Variant of Numbers 24:17-18 And who is like the LORD, God above all gods? 20And who is like Israel a people above the nations? May our end be like theirs." 21When the LORD heard what Hiram had said, He was very pleased with him. 22And the LORD said unto Gad, the seer of David: 23"Go unto my servant and tell him the message that I gave you." 24And Gad, the one in whose hand was the word of the LORD, came to David, and said, "Thus says the LORD God of Hosts: 'I have heard what Hiram, king of Tyre, has said and what his princes and servants have said, and I am very pleased. 25Therefore I will give him and his people a heart of wisdom and understanding to prepare My house where I shall put My name, and that will cause his kingdom to grow, for I have chosen them and will not reject them." Chapter 9 31 26And David said to Gad: "Now I know that the LORD our God rewards all His creatures and all the works He has created with goodness, because He is a God of mercy, who dwells on high and looks after the lowly, and whoever is banished will not remain an outcast from Him. Blessed be the LORD forever; Amen, and Amen. 27For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him and towards His works. 28Bless the LORD, all you His works, in all His places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah."

32 10. Psalm 145 Between 2908-2924 AM, 1017-1001 BC

1At that time David wrote this psalm of praise: I will exalt You, my God, O King; and I will bless Your name forever and ever. 2Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever. 3Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable. 4Generation after generation shall praise Your works, and shall declare Your mighty acts. 5The glorious splendor of Your majesty, and Your wondrous works I will declare. 6And men shall speak of the might of Your awesome works; and I will declare Your greatness. 7They shall abundantly express the memory of Your goodness, and they shall sing of Your righteousness. 8The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and great in mercy. 9The LORD is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works. 10All Your works shall thank You, O LORD; and Your saints bless You. 11They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and talk of Your power, 12 to make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom. 13Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures through all generations. 13bAll Your enemies have fallen, O LORD, and all of their might has come to naught. 14The LORD sustains all those who fall, and raises up all those who are bowed down. 15The eyes of all wait upon You; and You give them their food in due season. 16You open Your hands, and satisfy the desire of Chapter 10 33 every living thing with favour. 17The LORD is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works. 18The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth. 19He will grant the desire of them that fear Him: and He will also hear their prayer, and save them. 20The LORD preserves all them that love Him: but all the wicked He will destroy. 21My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.



34 11. Psalm 144 Between 2908-2924 AM, 1017-1001 BC

1The Psalm of David praising the LORD on the day when Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, and Jonathan the son of Shimea killed a man of great stature, saying: Blessed be the LORD my rock, who instructs my hands for war, and my fingers for battle. 2My mercy, and my fortress, my high tower, and my deliverer; my protector and He in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me. 3LORD, what is man, that You take knowledge of him? Or the son of man, that You make account of him? 4Man is like unto a breath: his days are as a shadow that passes away. 50 LORD, bow Your heavens, and come down: touch the mountains so that they smoke. 6Send lightning, and scatter them: shoot out Your arrows, and destroy them. 7Send forth Your hand from above; deliver me, and deliver me out of many waters, out of the hand of foreigners; 8whose mouths speak falsehood, and whose right hand is a right hand of lying. 9O God, I will sing to You a new song: I will sing praise to You on a psaltery of ten strings, 10who gives salvation to kings, who rescues Your servant David from an evil sword. 11Rescue me, and deliver me from the hand of foreigners, whose mouths speak lies, and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood; 12May our children be as plants, grown up in their youth: may our daughters be Chapter 11 35 cornerstones, hewn like the form of the temple. 13May our garners be full affording all manner of store; may our sheep increase by thousands and ten thousands in our markets. 14May our oxen be strong to labor; no breaking in, nor going out, no complaining in our streets. 15Happy is the people that is in such a case. Happy is the people whose God is the LORD. 16Happy is he who waits until there will be good to all Israel forever.



2924 AM, 1001 BC

1David addressed the LORD and all of Israel shortly before his death. David said: 2 "Our blessed God, who is great, the only one, guileless, just, 3 avenger and benefactor of the miserable, beloved, our Father, El Shaddai. 4Holy One, have mercy upon the vine, Your good inheritance. 5Answer us this very day as we call upon You. 6My Lord, hear my prayer and supplication, for You hear prayers of all people; 7 listen and accept the cry of Your people, 8 for they are Your flock and Your inheritance. 9Send Your light and truth to help them. 10Give them one heart to worship You, one shoulder [to serve], as one body, so they will be one in Your hand. 11And do not lose any of them, for Your name is to be one, as our fathers and mothers are one. 12For that, hear O Israel, the LORD is our God, the LORD is one. 13Do not turn unto the idols, for they are false and will completely pass away. 14Cling only unto your God, for only He can be your avenger and fortress. 15Only He can defeat your spiritual enemies and physical enemies and put them under your feet; 16only He can bring you into the New Jerusalem of the future, 17where you will see Him face to face, and be in the presence Chapter 12 37 of the living God that is seen face to face. And you are one people; if you grow in belief, you will be filled with gates of intelligence. 18Blessed is the eye that has seen all these things. 19But if you grow in unbelief, you will reach gates of impurity. 20So then cleanse and purify yourself before the LORD, your king, and it will be well with you all the days of your life."

Pentecost, 2924 AM, 1001 BC

21And David died in the afternoon on the Sabbath day, in the fortieth year of his reign over Judah and Israel. 22He was seventy years old when he died, and he was buried with great honor in the city of David. 23And the rest of the deeds of King David, during his mighty reign and the events that befell him, Israel, and all the kingdoms of the countries, behold, they are written in the Book of Samuel the Seer and in the Book of Nathan the Prophet.



38 13. Tamar Between 2924- 2925 AM, 1001-1000 BC

1Solomon was able to strengthen his kingdom, because the LORD his God was with him, and greatly magnified him. 2Later, David's daughter, Tamar, sister of Absalom, fled to the house of the king of Geshur, and she spent a year and eight months in her mother's home, which is in the king's palace. 3And King Solomon did not know that she left, because she went secretly, and she concealed her going not only from the king, but all the people as well. 4And King Solomon said: "I shall pay a reward of royal clothes plus fifty shekels of gold to whoever finds Tamar, the sister of my father, and brings her to me." 5And the king's servants searched for her throughout all the land of Israel, but they could not find her. 6And she was hiding at her mother's home in Geshur, at her grandfather's [the king] palace. 7And there was a friend of the king, whose name was Pirshaz, and he lusted after the young woman very much, for she was very beautiful and fair to look upon. 8 In those days the king of Geshur went to see King Solomon, as all the kings of the land are required to do. 9King Solomon asked him, saying: "Is it well with you?" and he said: "It is well." 10And he said: "Is it well with Maacah [Tamar's mother] in your house?" And he said: "It is well." And then King Solomon cunningly asked: "Is Chapter 13 39 it well with Tamar, my sister?" And he lied to him, saying: "I do not know, for I have never met her." 11And it came to pass when the king of Geshur was in Jerusalem, his friend, Pirshaz, came to Tamar's room, saying to her: "Lie with me." 12But Tamar refused him, saying: "Let us not, my lord; do not do this indecent thing to me, because I am a king's daughter." 13However he would not listen to her, because he was burning with lust. 14And Tamar knew she was no match for this man, so she cunningly said: "My lord, listen to the words of your maidservant. 15Behold, I play the harp beautifully. First, lie down at my knees and

listen to my song. 16And after I play the song of my heart, then I will do all your heart's desire." And Pirshaz listened to Tamar, and he lay in her bosom. 17And as Tamar took the harp and began to play beautifully, she said in her heart: "LORD, king of my father David, Your servant, 18send Your light and truth to hold me, and do not allow this wicked, uncircumcised, impure man to have his way with me. 19For You know what is in my heart, so do not let this daughter of David, Your servant, sin. 20My Father, my Father, my Father, remember the disgrace of Your servant David, my father, and your daughter's disgrace. 21I go before El Shaddai's throne of glory, and ask mercy for myself, to the God of Hosts to help me by His help. 22For He does not want wicked men to triumph, and His desire is to help those who have been robbed to overcome the strong. 23I beseech You, O LORD, save me now. I beseech You, O LORD, 40 let me prosper. 24I call on You this day because I am frightened; please answer me, and do not let this impure man cause me to lose holy seed by this impure act, for You are a holy God, and I trust You." 25And the LORD heard the voice of David's daughter, and God caused Pirshaz to fall into a deep sleep. He fell asleep on her bosom while she was playing the relaxing sounds of the harp. 26And when Tamar saw that he had fallen asleep, she unsheathed the sword that was girded around his waist. 27And she said: "LORD of Hosts, remember David my father, and sustain me with Your strength like You did my father. 28Help me as You helped [Jael] the wife of Heber the Kenite, to rid sins and sinners from the earth, so all will know that You are the only LORD." 29And she took the sword and ran it through Pirshaz's heart, and Pirshaz fell to the ground dead. 30And Tamar saw that Pirshaz was dead and she cried with a loud voice: "May all Your enemies and the enemies of Your people perish this way, O LORD. 31And now I have seen that You have heard my voice because of my father. You have intervened to not allow his daughter to be disgraced by this impure man. 32Blessed are You from everlasting to everlasting. Amen." 33At the time of the noon meal, Pirshaz's servants came to call their master to the king's table. 34When they came to the inner chamber, they found Tamar with his bloody sword in her hand standing over the dead body of their master Pirshaz. 35And they turned trembling to one Chapter 13 41 another, saying: "What happened?" And they took Tamar into custody and brought her to the king's ministers. 36And the king's servants said to Tamar: "What have you done? You have killed the king's friend. You know that our master, the king will consider this a disgrace." 37And Tamar said: "Should one deal with a king's daughter like a harlot? His blood is upon his own head, and I will be seen as guiltless and pure in the king's eyes." 38And they took Tamar and put her in the hands of the warden of the prison. 39And they sent a letter to their king who was still in Jerusalem, by the hands of the couriers, that Tamar, the king's granddaughter had killed his friend, Pirshaz, and that Tamar was sent to prison until the time the king returned. 40And the couriers came to Jerusalem and King Solomon's guards stopped them. And he asked them: "Where are you from?" 41And they said: "We come from Geshur to bring letters to our master the king." 42And the guards seized them and brought them to King Solomon. 43And King Solomon said: "You came here to spy out the land. Give me your king's letters and I will see if you are sinning against me or not." 44And King Solomon took the letters and gave them to the sons of Shisha, the king's scribes, to read. 45And they read through them and found where Tamar had killed Pirshaz and that she was in prison. 46And King Solomon called Ahishar, who was head of the household, and said: "Put these uncircumcised men in jail, and bring the king of Geshur to me." 47And he 42 did exactly as he had been commanded. And the king of Geshur was brought before King Solomon and he bowed his head toward the ground. 48And King Solomon said: "Why have you deceived me, lying, while Tamar my sister was with you? You told me that you had never met her in your entire life. 49As the LORD lives, who has redeemed David, my father, out of all evil, this very day you will die." 50And King Solomon called Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and said to him: "Go, and execute the king of Geshur and his couriers." And he executed them, and they all died, because they had lied to King Solomon. 51And they buried them in a cave right before the Fish Gate. 52This is why the name of the cave right before the Fish Gate is the called Cave of the Uncircumcised Ones, unto this day. 53And Solomon sent Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and ten

thousand valiant men of Judah with him, and he said to them: 54"Go to Geshur and bring back Tamar, my father's daughter, with you, and destroy the royal palace, but be careful not to harm Tamar's mother, for she was King David's wife." 55And they went and did all that King Solomon had commanded, and they brought Tamar before King Solomon. 56And Tamar bowed down to the ground, before the king, and said: "Let my lord the king, my brother, live forever." 57And King Solomon asked her: "Why did you flee to Geshur?" 58And she answered: "I was living in my brother Absalom's home, disgraced because of what my brother Amnon had done to me, and I decided to go to my Chapter 13 43 mother's house so I would not be disgraced in the eyes of the princes there. 59And King Solomon asked her: "Why did you kill Pirshaz?" And she answered: "This is what that uncircumcised one did to me, and this is what I did to him in revenge." 60And King Solomon said: "The LORD has truly blessed you with discretion. You were wise, and acted, and you were victorious." 61Then King Solomon spoke openly to all of his servants, saying: "Has anyone found such a charming and heroic woman?" And he said: "Daughter, God is gracious unto you. 62From this day forward you shall not be called my sister, but my daughter, because you were extremely wise." 63And King Solomon gave his daughter Tamar to Abinadab's son to be his wife, and she found grace in her husband's eyes, and he loved her very much. 64He was an officer over all the region of Dor. 65And King Solomon renamed Tamar his daughter Taphath, for stacte, the first of the incense, and this was her name the rest of her life.



44 14. The Great Tribulation Rosh Hashanah 2926 AM, 999 BC

1And it came to pass on the first day of the seventh month, at New Year's, in the four hundred and seventyeighth year after the children of Israel came out of the land of Egypt, in the second year of King Solomon's reign over Israel, I had a vision from the LORD, when I was upon the Gihon spring. 2And I raised my eyes, and lo, the heavens rolled back like a scroll, and I saw the glory of the LORD, sitting on an extremely high throne. 3And here is the appearance of the throne: twelve stairs led up to the throne (six of gold and six of silver), and there was a square back to the throne, like a sapphire stone. 4And at its right side were three chairs and at its left side were four chairs near the throne, like the seven that see the king's face, covered with gold and silver and precious stones. 5And the glory of the LORD had the appearance like that of the rainbow, His covenant. 6And the host of heaven were standing before Him on His right hand and on His left, and Satan was standing by them, but behind them.

The Books

7And then a man dressed in linen brought before the glory of the LORD three books that contained the records of every man. 8And he read the first book and it contained the just deeds of His people, and the LORD said, "These are granted eternal life." 9And Satan said, "Who are these 45 guilty people?" And the man dressed in linen cried to Satan like a ram's horn saying, "Silence! This day is holy to our Lord." 10And he read the second book, and it contained the unintentional sins of His people, and the LORD said, "Put that book aside, but save it, until one third of the month passes by, to see what they will do." 11And he read the third book, and it contained the wicked deeds of His people. 12And the LORD said to Satan, "These are your share. Take them and do what you want with them." 13And Satan took the wicked to a waste land to destroy them there. 14And the man dressed in linen cried like a ram's horn, saying: 15"Blessed are the people who know the joyful shout, O LORD, who walk in the light of Your countenance."

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16And I heard the voice of the host of heaven rejoicing and saying, "Master of Justice, the LORD of hosts, the whole heaven and earth is full of Your glory." 17And I was shocked by the vision since I did not know what the LORD had done for me. 18Then one of the cherubs flew up to me and he put an olive leaf on my mouth, and said, "Lo, this has touched your mouth, and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin forgiven. 19And this law that you have seen is a statute for Israel, and a law to the God of Abraham, and peace unto Isaac your father. 20And the LORD will bless your people in the trial with everlasting peace." 21And I said, "Amen. May the 46 LORD our God do this for us forever and ever." 22And the angel answered, "Amen and Amen."