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Acts 17:24-28 (NLT) "He is the God who made the world

And everything in it.

Since He is Lord of Heaven and earth,

He doesn't live in man-made temples,

[25] And human hands can't serve His needs— For he has no needs.

He himself gives life and breath to everything,

And He satisfies every need there is.

[26] From one man He created all the nations

Throughout the whole earth.

He decided beforehand which should rise and fall,

And He determined their boundaries.

[27] "His purpose in all of this

Was that the nations should seek after God

And perhaps feel their way toward Him and find him—

Though He is not far from any one of us.

[28] For in Him we live and move and exist.

As one of your own poets says, 'We are His offspring.'

Col. 1:15-17 (NLT) Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

He existed before God made anything at all

And is Supreme over all creation.

[16] Christ is the one through whom God created everything in Heaven and earth.

He made the things we can see

And the things we can't see—Kings, kingdoms, Rulers, and authorities.

Everything has been created through Him and for him.

[17] He existed before everything else began, And he holds all creation together.

Daniel 4:34-35 (NLT) "After this time had passed, I, Nebuchadnezzar,

Looked up to Heaven. My sanity returned, And I praised

And worshiped the Most High

And honored the One who lives forever.

His Rule is everlasting, and His Kingdom is eternal.

[35] All the people of the earth

Are nothing compared to Him. He has the power to do as he pleases

Among the angels of Heaven and with those who live on earth.

No one can stop Him

Or challenge Him saying, 'What do you mean by doing these things?'

Hebrews 2:10 (ESV) For it was fitting that He, for whom

And by Whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory,

Should make the Founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

Exodus 9:12 (NLT) But the Lord made Pharaoh even more stubborn,

And he refused to listen, just as the Lord had predicted.

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Daniel 2:17-23 (KJV) Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known To Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:

[18] That they would **desire mercies** of the God of Heaven concerning this **secret**; That Daniel and his fellows

Should **not perish** with the **rest** of the wise men of Babylon.

[19] **Then was the secret revealed** unto Daniel in a night **vision**.

Then Daniel **blessed the God of Heaven**.

[20] Daniel **answered** and **said, blessed be the name of God** forever and ever:

For wisdom and might are His:

[21] And He changes the times and the seasons:

He removes kings, And sets up kings: He gives wisdom unto the wise, And knowledge to them that know understanding:

[22] He reveals the deep and secret things:

He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.

[23] I thank You, and praise you,

You O God of my fathers, who has given me wisdom and might,

And have made known unto me now what we desired of You:

For You have now made known unto us the king's **matter**.

Exodus 4:21 (NLT) Then the Lord reminded him, "When you arrive back in Egypt, Go to Pharaoh and **perform** the miracles I have empowered you to **do**. **But I will make** him stubborn so he will **not let** the people go.

Colossians 1:15-23 (ESV) He is the image of the invisible God,
The Firstborn of all creation.

¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, in Heaven and on earth, **visible**

And **invisible**, whether **thrones** or **dominions** or **rulers** or **authorities---**

All things were created through Him and for him.

¹⁷ And He is before all things,

And in Him all things hold together.

¹⁸ And He is the head of the **body**, the **church**. He is the beginning,

The Firstborn from the dead,

That in everything He might be Preeminent.

¹⁹ For in Him all the **fullness of God** was **pleased to dwell**,

²⁰ And through Him to **reconcile to Himself** all things, whether on earth Or in **Heaven**,

Making peace by the blood of His cross.

²¹ And you, **who once** were **alienated** and **hostile** in mind, **doing evil** deeds,

²² He has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death,

In order to present you **holy**

And blameless and **above reproach before Him**,

²³ **If indeed** you **continue** in the **faith**, stable and **steadfast**,

Not shifting from the hope of the Gospel that you **heard**,

Which has been proclaimed in all creation under Heaven,

And of which I, Paul, **became a minister**.

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Genesis 6:1-8 (ESV) **When man began to multiply** on the face of the land

And daughters were born to them,

² The sons of **God** saw that **the daughters of man were attractive.**

And they **took** as their **wives** any they chose.

³ **Then the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not** abide in man forever, for he is **flesh:**

His days shall be 120 years."

⁴ The **Nephilim** were on the earth in **those days**, and **also** afterward,

When the sons of **God** came in to the daughters of man

And they **bore** children to them.

These were **the mighty men who were of old**, the men of renown.

⁵ **The Lord saw** that the **wickedness** of man was **great** in the earth,

And that **every intention of** the **thoughts of** his heart

Was **only evil continually.**

⁶ **And the Lord was sorry that he had made** man on the earth,

And it grieved Him to his heart.

⁷ **So the Lord said, "I will blot out** man whom **I have created from** the face of the land,

Man and animals and creeping things and birds of the Heavens,

For I am sorry that I have made them."

⁸ **But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.**

Exodus 14:4 (NLT) **And once again I will harden Pharaoh's heart,**

And he will **chase** after you. **I have planned this**

So I will receive great glory,

At the expense of Pharaoh and his armies.

After this, the Egyptians will **know** that **I am the Lord!"**

So the Israelites **camped** there as they were told.

Exodus 14:24-25 (NLT) **But early in the morning, the Lord looked down**

On the Egyptian army **from the pillar of fire and cloud,**

And He threw them into confusion.

[25] Their chariot **wheels began** to come **off**, making their chariots **impossible** to drive.

"Let's get out of here!" the Egyptians shouted.

"The Lord is fighting for Israel against us!"

Daniel 5:21 (NLT) **He was driven from human society.**

He was **given** the mind **of** an **animal**,

And he **lived** among the **wild** donkeys. He ate grass **like** a cow,

And he **was drenched with** the dew of Heaven,

Until he learned

That **the Most High God rules** the **kingdoms** of the **world**

And appoints anyone **He desires** to **rule over** them.

Isaiah 45:7 (KJV) **I form the light, And create darkness:**

I make peace, And create evil: I the Lord do all these things.

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Daniel 5:23 (NLT) For you have defied the Lord of Heaven

And have had these cups from His Temple brought before you.

You and your nobles and your wives and concubines

Have been drinking wine from them

While praising gods of silver, gold, bronze, iron, wood, and stone—

Gods that neither see nor hear or know anything at all.

But you have not honored the God

Who gives you the breath of life and controls your destiny!

Genesis 6:5-8 (KJV) And God saw that the wickedness of man

Was great in the earth,

And that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart

Was only evil continually.

[6] And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth,

And it grieved Him at his heart.

[7] And the Lord said, I will destroy man

Whom I have created from the face of the earth;

Both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air;

For it repents Me that I have made them.

[8] But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Genesis 6:5-8 (NLT) Now the Lord observed the extent of the people's wickedness,

And He saw that all their thoughts were consistently and totally evil.

[6] So the Lord was sorry he had ever made them.

It broke His heart.

[7] And the Lord said, "I will completely wipe out this human race

That I have created.

Yes, and I will destroy all the animals and birds, too.

I am sorry I ever made them."

[8] But Noah found favor with the Lord.

Genesis 11:5-9 (NLT) But the Lord came down to see the city

And the tower the people were building.

[6] "Look!" He said, "If they can accomplish this when they have just begun

To take advantage of their common language and political unity,

Just think of what they will do later.

Nothing will be impossible for them!

[7] Come, let's go down and give them different languages.

Then they won't be able to understand each other."

[8] In that way, the Lord scattered them all over the earth;

And that ended the building of the city.

[9] That is why the city was called Babel, because it was there

That the Lord confused the people by giving them many languages,

Thus scattering them across the earth.

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Genesis 11:5-9 (KJV) And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower,
Which the children of men **builded**.

[6] And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they **have** all **one** language;
And this they **begin to do**:
And **now nothing** will be **restrained** from them,
Which they have **imagined** to do.

[7] Go to, let us (God and *Jesus*) go down, and there **confound** their language,
That they may **not** understand one another's speech.

[8] So the Lord scattered them **abroad** from there **upon the face of all the earth**:
And they left off to build the city.

[9] Therefore is the name of it called **Babel**;
Because the Lord did there **confound** the language of all the earth:
And from there did the Lord scatter them **abroad**
Upon the face of all the earth.

1 Kings 14:7-11 (KJV) Go, tell Jeroboam, This says the Lord God of Israel,
For as much as I exalted you from **among** the people,
And made you **prince over** **My** people Israel,

[8] And **rent** the kingdom **away** from the house of David, And gave it to you:
And yet you have **not been**
As **My servant** David, who **kept my commandments**,
And who followed **Me with** all his heart,
To do that only which was **right in Mine eyes**;

[9] **But you have done evil** above all that was before you:
For you **have gone** and **made** for yourself **other** gods and molten **images**,
To **provoke Me to anger**, and have **cast me** behind your back:

[10] Therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam,
And will cut off from Jeroboam him that **pisses against** the wall,
And him **that is** shut up **and left** in Israel,
And will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam,
As a man takes away dung, till it be **all gone**.

[11] Him that **dies** of Jeroboam **in** the city **shall** the **dogs eat**;
And him that **dies** in the field **shall** the fowls of the air **eat**:
For the Lord has spoke it.

1 Kings 22:7-9 (NLT) **But Jehoshaphat asked, "Isn't there a prophet of the Lord**
Around, too? I would like to **ask** him the same question."

[8] King Ahab replied, "There is still one **prophet of the Lord**,
But I **hate him**. He **never** prophesies **anything**
But **bad** news **for** me! His name is **Micaiah** son of Imlah."
"You shouldn't talk like that,"
Jehoshaphat **said**. "Let's **hear** what he has to **say**."

[9] So the king of Israel called one of his officials and said, "Quick!
Go and **get Micaiah** son of Imlah." (Story continues on page 10f)

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1 Kings 22:10-23 (NLT) (continuation from page 10e) **King Ahab of Israel**

And **King Jehoshaphat of Judah**, dressed in their royal robes,
Were **sitting on thrones**, at the threshing floor near the gate of Samaria.
All of Ahab's **prophets** were **prophesying** there in front of them.

[11] **One of them**, Zedekiah son of Kenaanah,

Made some iron horns and **proclaimed**, "This is what **the Lord** says:
With these horns you will gore the Arameans to death!"

[12] All the **other** prophets **agreed**.

"Yes," they said, "go up to Ramoth-gilead and **be** victorious,
For **the Lord** will give you victory!"

[13] Meanwhile, the **messenger who went to get Micaiah** said to **him**,

"**Look, all** the prophets are **promising**
Victory for the king. **Be sure that** you **agree with** them
And promise success."

[14] But **Micaiah replied**, "**As surely as the Lord lives**,

I will say only what **the Lord tells** me to say."

[15] When **Micaiah** arrived before the king, Ahab asked **him**,

"**Micaiah**, should we **go to war** against Ramoth-gilead or **not**?"
And **Micaiah** replied, "**Go right ahead!**
The Lord will give the king a glorious victory!"

[16] **But the king replied sharply**,

"How many times **must I demand**
That you speak only the Truth when you **speak** for **the Lord**?"

[17] So **Micaiah** told him, "In a **vision** I saw all Israel **scattered on** the mountains,

Like sheep **without** a shepherd.
And the Lord said, 'Their master has been **killed**.
Send them home in peace.' "

[18] "**Didn't I tell you?**" **the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat**.

"**He** does it **every time**.
He never prophesies anything **but bad news for me**."

[19] Then **Micaiah** continued,

"**Listen to what the Lord says!** I saw **the Lord sitting on his throne**
With all the **armies of Heaven around Him**,
On His right and on his left.

[20] **And the Lord said**, 'Who can **entice** Ahab to go **into** battle **against** Ramoth-gilead

So that he **can** be **killed** there?'
There were many suggestions,

[21] **Until finally a spirit** approached **the Lord** and **said**, 'I can do it!'

[22] "'How will you **do this**?' **the Lord asked**.

"And the **spirit** replied,
I will **go out** and **inspire** all Ahab's **prophets** to speak **lies**.'
"You will **succeed**," **said the Lord**. 'Go ahead and **do it**.'

[23] "So you see, **the Lord has put a lying spirit in** the **mouths** of your **prophets**.

For the Lord has determined disaster for you."

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1 Samuel 2:8 (KJV) **He raises up** the poor out of the dust, **and lifts up** the beggar

From the **dunghill** (crap), to **set** them among princes,

And to make them inherit the throne of glory:

For the **pillars** of the earth **are the Lord's**,

And He has set the world **upon** them.

1 Kings 20:22-28 (NLT) **Afterward the prophet said** to King Ahab,

"**Get ready for another attack** by the king of Aram next spring."

[23] **After their defeat**, Ben-hadad's officers **said** to him,

The Israelite **gods** are **gods** of the **hills**; **that is why they won**.

But we can beat them easily on the plains.

[24] Only **this time** replace the kings **with** field commanders!

[25] **Recruit another** army **like** the one you **lost**.

Give us the same number of horses, chariots, and men,

And we **will fight against** them **in the plains**.

There's not a shadow of a doubt that we **will beat** them.

"So King Ben-hadad **did** as they **suggested**.

[26] The **following spring** he called up the Aramean army

And **marched out against** Israel, **this time** at Aphek.

[27] **Israel then mustered its army**, **set up** supply lines, and **moved** into the **battle**.

But the Israelite army **looked like** two **little** flocks of goats

In comparison to the **vast** Aramean **forces**

That filled the countryside!

[28] **Then the man of God went** to the king of Israel and **said**,

"This is what the Lord says:

The Arameans have **said** that **the Lord** is a **God** of the **hills**

And **not** of the **plains**.

So I will help you **defeat** this vast army. **Then you will know**

That **I am the Lord.**"

1 Samuel 2:8 (NLT) **He lifts** the poor from the dust—Yes, from a pile of **ashes!**

He treats them **like** princes,

Placing them **in** seats of **honor**.

"For all the earth **is the Lord's**, **and he has set** the world **in order**."

Proverbs 8:15 (KJV) **By Me** kings **reign**, and princes decree **justice**.

Isaiah 45:7-8 (ESV) **I form light and create darkness**,

I make well-being and create calamity,

I am the Lord, who does all these things.

⁸ **"Shower, O Heavens**, from above, and **let** the clouds rain down **righteousness**;

Let the earth **open**,

That **salvation** and **righteousness** **may bear fruit**;

Let the earth **cause** them **both** to **sprout**; **I the Lord have created** it.

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1 Peter 2:8 (NLT) And the Scriptures also say,

"He is the Stone that makes people stumble,

The Rock that will make them fall."

They stumble because they do not listen to God's word or obey it,

And so they meet the fate that has been planned for them.

Deut. 2:30 (KJV) **But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him:**

For the Lord your God hardened his spirit,

And made his heart obstinate,

That He might deliver him into your hand, as it appears this day.

Proverbs 16:4 (NLT) The Lord has made everything for his own purposes,

Even the wicked for punishment.

Proverbs 16:4 (KJV) The Lord has made all things for himself:

Yes, even the wicked for the day of evil.

Deut. 10:14 (NLT) **The highest Heavens and the earth**

And everything in it all belong to the Lord your God.

Deut. 10:14 (KJV) **Behold, the Heaven**

And the Heaven of heavens is the Lord's your God,

The earth also, with all that there is in it.

Exodus 11:9 (NLT) Now the Lord had told Moses, "Pharaoh will not listen to you.

But this will give Me the opportunity

To do even more mighty miracles in the land of Egypt."

Col. 1:12-17 (KJV) Giving thanks unto the Father,

Which has enabled us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints

Who live in the Light:

[13] Who has delivered us from the power of darkness,

And has translated us into the Kingdom of His dear Son:

[14] In Whom we have redemption

Through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

[15] Who is the image of the invisible God,

The Firstborn of every creature:

[16] For by Him were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in earth,

Visible and invisible,

Whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers:

All things were created by Him, and for him:

[17] And He is before all things, and by him all things consist (exist).

Proverbs 8:15 (ESV) By Me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just;

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1 Chron. 28:9 (KJV) **And you, Solomon my son, you know the God of your father,**
And serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind:
For the Lord searches all hearts,
And understands all the imaginings of the thoughts:
If you seek Him,
He will be found of you;
But if you forsake Him, he will cast you off forever.

Proverbs 15:3 (KJV) The eyes of the Lord are in every place,
Beholding the evil and the good.

Exodus 10:20 (NLT) But the Lord made Pharaoh stubborn once again,
And he did not let the people go.

Exodus 8:24 (NLT) And the Lord did just as he had said.
There were terrible swarms of flies in Pharaoh's palace
And in every home in Egypt.
The whole country was thrown into chaos by the flies.

1 Kings 12:15 (NLT) So the king paid no attention to the people's demands.
This turn of events was the will of the Lord,
For it fulfilled the Lord's message to Jeroboam son of Nebat
Through the prophet Ahijah from Shiloh.

1 Kings 20:13 (KJV) **And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel,**
Saying, thus says the Lord, have you seen this entire great multitude?
Behold, I will deliver it into your hand this day;
And you shall know that I am the Lord.

Proverbs 8:15 (NLT) Because of Me, Kings reign, and rulers make just laws.

Proverbs 29:26 (NLT) Many seek the ruler's favor, but justice comes from the Lord.

Proverbs 29:26 (KJV) Many seek the ruler's favor;
But every man's judgment comes from the Lord.

Proverbs 20:24 (NLT) How can we understand the road we travel?
It is the Lord who directs our steps.

Proverbs 20:24 (KJV) Man's goings are of the Lord;
How can a man then understand his own way?

Proverbs 20:24 (ESV) A man's steps are from the Lord;
How then can man understand his way?

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Joshua 2:9-11 (KJV) **And she said unto the men,**

I know that the Lord has given you the land,
And that your terror is fallen upon us,
And that **all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.**

[10] For we have **heard** how the Lord dried up the water of the Red sea for you,
When you came out of Egypt;
And what you did unto the two kings of the Amorites,
That were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og,
Whom you **utterly destroyed.**

[11] And as soon as we **had heard** these things, our hearts did melt,
Neither did there remain any more courage **in any man**,
Because of you: for the Lord your God,
He is God in Heaven above, and in earth beneath.

Joshua 2:9-11 (NLT) "I know the Lord has given you this land," she told them.

"We are all afraid of you. Everyone is living in terror.

[10] For we have **heard** how the Lord made a dry path for you
Through the Red Sea when you left Egypt.
And we **know what** you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings
East of the Jordan River,
Whose people you **completely destroyed.**

[11] **No wonder** our hearts **have melted in fear!**
No one has the courage to **fight after** hearing **such things.**
For the Lord your God is the Supreme God
Of the Heavens above and the earth below.

Joshua 3:13-16 (KJV) **And it shall come to pass,**

As soon as the soles of the feet of the **priests**
That bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth,
Shall rest in the waters of Jordan,
That the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters
That **come down** from above; And **they shall stand upon a heap.**

[14] And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents,
To pass over Jordan,
And the **priests bearing** the Ark of the Covenant before the people;

[15] **And as they that bare the ark** were come **unto** Jordan,
And the **feet of the priests**
That bare the ark were **dipped in the brim of the water,**
(For Jordan **overflowed all** his banks **all the time** of harvest,)

[16] **That the waters which came down** from above **stood and rose up upon an heap**
Very far from the city Adam, **that is** beside Zaretan:
And **those that came down toward** the sea of the plain,
Even the salt sea, **failed,** And were **cut off:**
And the people passed over right against Jericho.

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Joshua 3:9-17 (NLT) So Joshua told the Israelites, "**Come and listen**

To **what the Lord** your **God says**.

[10] Today you will **know** that **the living God is among** you.

He will surely drive out the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites.

[11] **Think of it!** The **Ark** of the **Covenant**,

Which belongs to the Lord of the whole earth,

Will lead you across the Jordan River!

[12] Now choose twelve men, one from each tribe.

[13] The **priests** will be **carrying** the **Ark** of **the Lord, the Lord of all** the earth.

When their feet **touch** the water,

The flow of water will be **cut off** upstream,

And the **river** will **pile up** there in **one heap**."

[14] **When** the people **set out** to **cross** the Jordan,

The **priests** who were **carrying** the **Ark** of the **Covenant**

Went ahead of them.

[15] Now **it was** the harvest season,

And the Jordan **was overflowing** its banks.

But as soon as the **feet** of the **priests**

Who were **carrying** the **Ark** **touched** the **water at** the river's **edge**,

[16] The **water** began **piling up** at a town **upstream** called Adam,

Which is near Zarethan.

And the **water below** that point **flowed on** to the Dead Sea

Until the riverbed was dry.

Then all the people **crossed over** near the city of Jericho.

[17] **Meanwhile**, the **priests** who were **carrying** the **Ark** of **the Lord's covenant**

Stood on dry ground in the **middle** of the **riverbed**

As the people **passed** by them.

They waited there

Until everyone **had crossed** the Jordan on **dry ground**.

Joshua 10:12-14 (KJV) **Then spoke Joshua to the Lord**

In the day **when the Lord delivered up** the Amorites

Before the children of Israel,

And he **said** in the sight of Israel, **sun, you stand still** upon Gibeon;

And you, moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

[13] And the **sun** stood **still**, and the **moon stayed**,

Until the people **had avenged** themselves **upon** their **enemies**.

Is not **this written** in the book of Jasher?

So the sun stood **still** in the midst of Heaven,

And **hasted not to go down** about a whole day.

[14] **And there was no day** like **that** before it or **after it**,

That **the Lord hearkened unto** the **voice of a man**:

For the Lord fought for Israel.

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Joshua 6:15-21 (KJV) **So the people shouted**

When the priests **blew with the trumpets:** And it came to pass,
When the people **heard the sound of the trumpet,**
And the people **shouted with a great shout,**
That the wall **fell down flat,** so that the people **went up into** the city,
Every man straight before him, And **they took the city.**

Joshua 10:9-11 (NLT) **Joshua traveled all night from Gilgal**

And took the Amorite armies **by surprise.**

[10] **The Lord threw them into a panic,**

And the Israelites **slaughtered** them in **great numbers** at Gibeon.
Then the Israelites **chased the enemy** along the road to Beth-horon
And **attacked them** at Azekah and Makkedah,
Killing them along the way.

[11] **As the Amorites retreated down the road** from Beth-horon,

The Lord destroyed them **with a terrible hailstorm that continued**
Until they reached Azekah. **The hail killed more of the enemy**
Than the Israelites **killed with the sword.**

Joshua 10:9-11 (KJV) **Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly,**

And went up from Gilgal all night.

[10] **And the Lord discomfited them before Israel,**

And slew them with a **great slaughter** at Gibeon,
And chased them along the way that goeth up to Beth-horon,
And smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah.

[11] And it came to pass, **as they fled from before Israel,** and were in the going down

To Beth-horon, that **the Lord cast down great stones** from Heaven
Upon them unto Azekah, and they **died:**
They were **more** which **died** with **hailstones**
Then they whom the children of Israel **slew with the sword.**

Joshua 11:20 (NLT) **For the Lord hardened their hearts**

And caused them to **fight** the Israelites **instead** of asking for peace.
So they **were completely** and mercilessly **destroyed,**
As the Lord had commanded Moses.

Joshua 11:20 (KJV) **For it was of the Lord to harden their hearts,**

That they should **come against** Israel in **battle,**
That **He might destroy** them **utterly,**
And that they might have **no** favor, but that **He might destroy** them,
As the Lord commanded Moses.

Proverbs 15:3 (KJV) **The eyes of the Lord are in every place,**

Beholding the **evil** and the **good.**

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Proverbs 15:3 (NLT) The Lord is watching everywhere,
Keeping His eye on both the evil and the good.

Proverbs 16:9 (KJV) A man's heart devises his way:
But the Lord directs his steps.

Acts 17:24-28 (KJV) God that made the world and all things in this,
Seeing that He is Lord of Heaven and earth,
Dwells not in temples made with hands;

[25] Neither is worshipped with men's hands,
As though He needed anything,
Seeing He gives to all life, and breath, and all things;

[26] And has made of one blood all nations of men
For to dwell on all the face of the earth,
And has determined the times before appointed,
And the bounds of their habitation;

[27] That they should seek the Lord, if by chance they might feel after him,
And find Him, though he be not far from every one of us:

[28] For in Him we live, and move, and have our being;
As certain also of your own poets have said,
For we are also His offspring.

Joshua 14:7-11 (NLT) I was forty years old when Moses, the servant of the Lord,
Sent me from Kadesh-barnea to explore the land of Canaan.
I returned and gave from my heart a good report,

[8] But my brothers who went with me frightened the people
And discouraged them from entering the Promised Land.
For my part,
I followed the Lord my God completely.

[9] So that day Moses promised me,
The land of Canaan on which you were just walking
Will be your special possession And that of your descendants forever,
Because you whole heartedly followed the Lord my God.'

[10] "Now, as you can see,
The Lord has kept me alive and well
As He promised for all these forty-five years
Since Moses made this promise—
Even while Israel wandered in the wilderness.
Today I am eighty-five years old.

[11] I am as strong now as I was when Moses sent me on that journey,
And I can still travel and fight as well as I could then.

Proverbs 15:3 (ESV) The eyes of the Lord are in every place,
Keeping watch on the evil and the good.

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Jonah 1:9-15 (KJV) **And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew;**

And I **fear the Lord, the God of Heaven,**
Which has made the sea and the dry land.

[10] **Then were the men exceedingly afraid,** and **said unto** him,
Why have you done this?

For the men **knew that he fled** from **the presence of the Lord,**
Because he had told them.

[11] **Then said** they **unto** him, **What shall we do** unto you,
That the sea **may be calm** unto us?

For the sea **wrought,** and **was tempestuous.**

[12] **And he said unto them, take me up,** and **cast me forth** into the sea;
So shall the sea be calm unto you:

For I know **that for** my sake **this** great **tempest** is **upon** you.

[13] **Nevertheless the men rowed hard** to bring it to the land;

But they **could not:** for the sea **wrought,**
And **was tempestuous** against them.

[14] Wherefore they **cried unto the Lord,**

And **said,** we plead **with You, O Lord,** we **plead** with **you,**

Let us not perish for this man's life,

And **lay not** upon us **innocent** blood:

For You, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.

[15] So they **took up** Jonah,

And cast him forth into the sea: and the sea **ceased** from her **raging.**

Jonah 1:9-15 (NLT) **And Jonah answered, "I am a Hebrew,**

And I **worship the Lord,**

The God of Heaven, who made the sea and the land."

[10] **Then he told** them that he **was** running **away** from **the Lord.**

The sailors were **terrified** when they **heard this.**

"Oh, **why** did you **do it**?" they **groaned.**

[11] And **since** the **storm** was **getting worse** all the time, they **asked** him,

"What should we do to you to **stop** this **storm**?"

[12] **"Throw** me **into** the sea," Jonah said, "and **it will** become **calm** again.

For I **know** that this **terrible storm** **is my entire fault.**"

[13] **Instead,** the sailors **tried** even **harder** to row the boat ashore.

But the **stormy** sea **was too violent for them,**

And they **couldn't** make it.

[14] Then they **cried** out **to the Lord,** Jonah's **God.**

"O Lord," they **pleaded,** "don't make us **die** for **this** man's **sin.**

And don't hold us responsible for his **death,**

Because it **isn't** our **fault. O Lord,**

You have sent this storm upon him for your own good reasons."

[15] **Then** the sailors **picked** Jonah up and **threw him into** the **raging** sea,

And the storm **stopped** at **once!**

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Jonah 4:5-8 (NLT) Then Jonah went out to the east side of the city

And made a shelter to sit under as he waited

To see if anything would happen to the city.

[6] And the Lord God arranged for a leafy plant to grow there,

And soon it spread its broad leaves over Jonah's head,

Shading him from the sun.

This eased some of his discomfort,

And Jonah was very grateful for the plant.

[7] But God also prepared a worm!

The next morning at dawn the worm ate through the stem of the plant,

So that it soon died and withered away.

[8] And as the sun grew hot, God sent a scorching east wind to blow on Jonah.

The sun beat down on his head until he grew faint

And wished to die.

"Death is certainly better than this!" he exclaimed.

Jonah 4:5-8 (KJV) So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city,

And there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow,

Till he might see what would become of the city.

[6] And the Lord God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah,

That it might be a shadow over his head,

To deliver him from his grief.

So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd.

[7] But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day,

And it smote the gourd that it withered.

[8] And it came to pass, when the sun did arise,

That God prepared a vehement east wind;

And the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted,

And wished in himself to die,

And said, It is better for me to die than to live.

Psalms 148:5-8 (NLT) Let every created thing give praise to the Lord,

For He issued his command, and they came into being.

[6] He established them forever and forever.

His orders will never be revoked.

[7] Praise the Lord from the earth, you creatures of the ocean depths,

[8] Fire and hail, snow and storm, wind and weather that obey Him,

Mark 14:36 (NLT) "Abba, Father," He said, "everything is possible for you.

Please take this cup of suffering away from Me. Yet I want

Your will, not Mine."

Genesis 2:18 (NLT) And the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone.

I will make a companion who will help him."

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Matthew 8:25-27 (KJV) **And His disciples came to him,**
And awoke **Him**, saying, **Lord, save us: we perish.**

[26] **And He said unto** them,
Why are you **fearful**, O you of **little** faith? **Then He arose,**
And rebuked the winds and the sea; And there was a **great calm.**

[27] But the men **marveled**, saying,
What manner of **Man** is **this**?
That even **the winds and the sea obey Him!**

Mark 14:36 (KJV) **And He said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto you;**
Take away this **cup** from **Me**:
Nevertheless not what I will, but what You will.

Hebrews 2:10 (NLT) **And it was only right that God—**
Who made everything and **for whom** everything **was made**
—Should bring **His many** children into **glory.**
Through the suffering of Jesus, God made him a Perfect leader,
One fit to bring them **into** their **salvation.**

Hebrews 2:10 (KJV) **For it became Him,**
For Whom are all things, **and by whom are** all things,
In bringing many sons **unto** glory,
To make the Captain of their **salvation Perfect through sufferings.**

1 Kings 20:13 (NLT) **Then a prophet came to see King Ahab and told him,**
"This is what the Lord says: Do you see all these **enemy** forces?
Today **I will hand** them **all over to you.**
Then you will know that **I am the Lord."**

Exodus 12:36 (NLT) **The Lord caused** the Egyptians
To look favorably on the Israelites,
And they **gave** the Israelites **whatever they asked for.**
So, **like** a **victorious** army, they **plundered** the Egyptians!

Proverbs 21:1 (KJV) **The king's heart** is in **the hand of the Lord,**
As the rivers of water: **He turns it wherever he wills.**

Proverbs 21:1 (NLT) **The king's heart is like a stream of water directed by the Lord;**
He turns it wherever he pleases.

Genesis 1:26 (NLT) **Then God said, "Let us make people in Our image,**
To **be like Ourselves** (God and *Jesus*). **They will be masters over all life—**
The fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the livestock,
Wild animals, and small animals."

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Psalms 148:5-8 (KJV) **Let them praise the name of the Lord:**

For He commanded, and they were created.

[6] **He has also established** them forever and ever:

He has made a decree which shall not pass (not change).

[7] **Praise the Lord** from the earth, you **dragons** (great sea creatures), and all deeps:

[8] **Fire, and hail; snow, and vapors; stormy wind fulfilling His word:**

Psalms 33:6-11 (KJV) **By the word of the Lord were the Heavens made;**

And all the host of them **by the breath of His mouth.**

[7] **He gathers** the waters of the sea together **as an heap:**

He lays up the depth in storehouses.

[8] **Let all** the earth **fear the Lord:**

Let all the inhabitants of the world **stand in awe of Him.**

[9] **For He spoke, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.**

[10] **The Lord brings** the counsel of the heathen **to nothing:**

He makes the devices of the people of **none** effect.

[11] **The counsel of the Lord stands forever,**

The thoughts of His heart to all generations.

Psalms 33:6-11 (NLT) **The Lord merely spoke, and the Heavens were created.**

He breathed the word, and all the stars were born.

[7] **He gave** the sea **its boundaries**

And locked the oceans in vast reservoirs.

[8] **Let everyone in the world fear the Lord, and let everyone stand in awe of him.**

[9] **For when He spoke, the world began!** It appeared **at his command.**

[10] **The Lord shatters** the plans of the nations **and thwarts** all their schemes.

[11] **But the Lord's plans stand firm forever; his intentions can never** be shaken.

Psalms 44:20-21 (KJV) **If we have forgotten the name of our God,**

Or stretched **out** our hands **to a strange** god;

[21] Shall not **God search this out? For He knows** the secrets of the heart.

Psalms 44:20-21 (NLT) **If we had turned away from worshiping our God**

Or spread our hands in prayer to foreign gods,

[21] **God would surely have known it, for he knows** the secrets of every heart.

Proverbs 29:25-26 (KJV) **The fear of man brings a snare:**

But whoever puts his trust in **the Lord** shall be **safe.**

[26] Many seek the ruler's favor; **but every man's judgment comes from the Lord.**

Proverbs 29:25-26 (ESV) **The fear of man lays a snare,**

But whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.

²⁶ Many seek the face of a ruler,

But it is from the Lord that a man gets justice.

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Isaiah 7:10-19 (NLT) Not long after this, **the Lord sent this message** to King Ahaz:

[11] "**Ask Me for a sign**, Ahaz, **to prove that I will crush** your **enemies**

As I have promised. Ask for **anything** you like,
And **make it as difficult** as you want."

[12] **But the king refused**. "No," he said, "**I wouldn't test the Lord** like that."

[13] Then Isaiah **said**, "Listen well,

You royal family of David! You aren't satisfied to **exhaust** my patience.
You **exhaust the patience of God** as well!

[14] All right then, **the Lord himself will choose** the sign. **Look!**

The **Virgin will** conceive **a Child** she will give birth to **a Son**
And will call **Him Immanuel—'God is with** us.'

[15] **By the time this Child is old enough to eat curds and honey,**

He will know enough to choose what is right
And reject what is wrong.

[16] But before **He knows right** from **wrong**, **the two kings you fear** so much—

The kings of Israel and Aram—will both **be dead**.

[17] "**The Lord will bring a terrible curse on** you,

Your nation, and your family. You **will soon** experience **greater terror**
Than has **been known** in all the years

Since Solomon's empire **was divided** into Israel and Judah.

The **mighty** king of Assyria **will come** with his **great army!**"

[18] **In that day the Lord will whistle for** the **army** of Upper Egypt

And for the **army** of Assyria. They will **swarm** around you **like flies**.
Like bees, they will **sting** and **kill**.

[19] They will **come** in vast **hordes**, spreading across the whole land.

They will settle in the fertile areas

And also in the desolate valleys, caves, and thorny places.

Isaiah 65:17-19 (ESV) "**For behold, I create new Heavens and a new earth,**

And the **former** things **shall not be** remembered **or come** into mind.

¹⁸ **But be glad** and **rejoice forever in that which I create;** for behold,

I create Jerusalem **to be a joy**, and her people **to be a gladness**.

¹⁹ **I will rejoice in** Jerusalem **and be glad** in **my** people;

No more shall be **heard in it** the sound of weeping
And the cry of distress.

Proverbs 16:4 (ESV) **The Lord has made everything for its purpose,**

Even the **wicked** for the **day** of **trouble**.

Exodus 7:2-3 (NLT) **Tell Aaron everything I say to you**

And have him **announce it** to Pharaoh.

He **will demand** that the people of Israel **be allowed** to **leave** Egypt.

[3] **But I will cause** Pharaoh to be **stubborn** **so I can multiply**

My miraculous signs and wonders in the land of Egypt.

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Isaiah 7:10-19 (ESV) Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz,

¹¹ "Ask a sign of the Lord your God;

Let it be deep as Sheol (Hell) or **high as Heaven.**"

¹² But Ahaz **said**, "I will **not** ask, and I will **not** put the Lord to the test."

¹³ And he **said**, "Hear then, O house of David!

Is it too little for you to **weary** men, **that you weary** my God also?

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.

Behold, the Virgin shall conceive

And **bear a Son**, and shall call his name Immanuel.

¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey

When He knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

¹⁶ For before the Boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good,

The land whose two kings you **dread** will be **deserted**.

¹⁷ The Lord will bring upon you and upon your people

And upon your father's house **such days as have not come**

Since the day that Ephraim **departed** from Judah---the king of Assyria."

¹⁸ In that day the Lord will whistle for the **fly** that is at the end of the streams of Egypt,

And for the **bee** that is in the land of Assyria.

¹⁹ **And they will** all **come** and settle **in** the steep ravines, and **in** the clefts of the rocks,

And **on** all the thorn bushes, and **on** all the pastures.

Isaiah 7:10-19 (KJV) Moreover the Lord spoke again unto Ahaz, saying,

[11] **You ask for a sign of the Lord** your God;

Ask it either in the depth, **or in** the height above.

[12] But Ahaz **said**, I will **not** ask, **neither will I tempt** the Lord.

[13] And he **said**, Hear you **now**, O house of David;

Is it a small thing for you to **weary** men,

But will you weary my God also?

[14] Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall **conceive**,

And **bear a Son**, and shall **call his name Immanuel**.

[15] Butter and honey shall He eat, that he may know to refuse the evil,

And choose the good.

[16] For before the Child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good,

The land that you abhorred shall be forsaken of both her kings.

[17] The Lord shall bring upon you, and upon your people,

And upon your father's house, **days that have not come**, from the day

That Ephraim departed from Judah; **Even** the king of Assyria.

[18] And **it shall come to pass** in that **day**, that the Lord shall hiss for the **fly**

That **is in** the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt,

And for the **bee** that is in the land of Assyria.

[19] And they **shall come**, and **shall rest** all of them **in** the desolate valleys,

And **in** the **holes of** the rocks, and **upon all** thorns, and **upon all** bushes.

Proverbs 16:9 (NLT) **We can make our plans, but the Lord determines** our steps.

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Isaiah 22:15-23 (NLT) Furthermore, **the Lord, the Lord Almighty,**

Told me to **confront** Shebna, the palace administrator,

And to give him this message:

[16] "**Who do you think you are, building a beautiful tomb for yourself in the rock?**

[17] **For the Lord is about to seize you and hurl you away.**

He is going to send you into captivity, you strong man!

[18] **He will crumple you up into a ball and toss you away into a distant, barren land.**

There you will die, and **there** your glorious chariots will remain,

Broken and useless. You **are** a **disgrace** to your master.

[19] "Yes, **I will drive you out of office,**" **says the Lord.**

"I will pull you down from your high position.

[20] **And then I will call my** servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah **to replace you.**

[21] He **will have** your **royal robes,** your **title,** and your **authority.**

And he **will be** a **father** to the people of Jerusalem and Judah.

[22] **I will give him the key** to the house of David—

The **highest** position in the royal court. He will **open** doors,

And **no one will be** able to shut them;

He **will close** doors, And **no one will be** able to open them.

[23] He **will** bring **honor** to his family name,

For I will drive him firmly in place like a tent stake.

Isaiah 22:15-23 (ESV) **Thus says the Lord God of hosts,**

"Come, **go to this steward,** to Shebna, who **is over** the household,

And say to him:

¹⁶ **What have** you to **do here,** and whom **have** you **here,**

That you **have cut out here** a tomb **for** yourself,

You who **cut out** a tomb **on** the height

And **carve** a dwelling **for** yourself in the rock?

¹⁷ Behold, **the Lord will hurl you away violently,** O you strong man.

He will seize firm hold on you

¹⁸ **And whirl** you **around and around,** and **throw** you **like** a ball into a wide land.

There you shall die,

And **there** shall be your glorious chariots,

You **shame of** your master's house.

¹⁹ **I will thrust** you **from your office,** and you will be **pulled down** from your station.

²⁰ **In that day I will call my servant** Eliakim the son of Hilkiah,

²¹ **And I will clothe** him **with** your robe, and **will bind** your sash **on** him,

And will commit your **authority to** his hand. **And he shall be a father**

To the inhabitants of Jerusalem **and to** the house of Judah.

²² **And I will place on** his shoulder the **key** of the house of David.

He shall **open,** and **none shall** shut;

And he shall **shut,** and **none shall** open.

²³ **And I will fasten** him **like** a peg **in a secure place,**

And he will **become** a throne **of honor** to his father's house.

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Isaiah 37:5-7 (NLT) After King Hezekiah's officials

Delivered the king's message to Isaiah,

[6] The prophet **replied**, "Say to your master, **This is what the Lord says:**
Do not be disturbed by **this** blasphemous speech **against Me**
From the Assyrian king's messengers.

[7] Listen! **I myself will make sure** that **the king will receive a report**
From Assyria **telling him that he is needed** at home.
Then I will make him want to return to his land,
Where I will have him killed with a sword.' "

Isaiah 37:5-7 (ESV) When the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah,

⁶ Isaiah **said** to them, "Say to your master, **Thus says the Lord:**

Do not be afraid

Because of the **words** that you have **heard**,

With which the young men **of** the king of Assyria have **reviled Me**.

⁷ Behold, **I will put a spirit in him**, so that he shall **hear a rumor**

And **return** to his own land,

And I will make him fall by the **sword** in his own land.'"

Isaiah 37:33-38 (KJV) Therefore **thus says the Lord concerning** the king of Assyria,

He shall not come into this city,

Nor shoot an arrow there **nor come** before it with shields,

Nor cast a bank against it.

[34] By the **way** that he **came**, **by the same shall he return**,

And **shall not come into** this city, **says the Lord**.

[35] **For I will defend this** city

To **save it for Mine own sake**,

And for My servant David's sake.

[36] **Then the angel of the Lord** went forth, and **smote** in the camp of the Assyrians

A hundred and fourscore and five thousand:

And when they arose early in the morning,

Behold, they **were all dead corpses**.

[37] So Sennacherib king of Assyria **departed**,

And **went** and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

[38] **And it came to pass**, as he was worshipping **in** the house of **Nisroch** his **god**,

That Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons **smote him with the sword**;

And they **escaped** into the land of Armenia:

And Esar-haddon his son **reigned** in his **stead**.

Isaiah 38:7-8 (ESV) "This shall be **the sign to you from the Lord**,

That the Lord will do this thing that he has promised:

⁸ Behold, **I will make the shadow cast** by the **declining sun**

On the dial of Ahaz turn back ten steps." **So the sun turned back**

On the dial the ten steps by which **it had declined**.

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- 1 Kings 19:15-18 (NLT) **Then the Lord told him, "Go back the way you came, And travel to the wilderness of Damascus.**
When you arrive there, **anoint Hazael to be king of Aram.**
- [16] Then **anoint** Jehu son of Nimshi to be **king** of Israel, and **anoint** Elisha Son of Shaphat from Abel-meholah **to replace you** as **My prophet.**
- [17] Anyone who escapes from Hazael **will be killed** by Jehu,
And those who escape Jehu **will be killed** by Elisha!
- [18] **Yet I will preserve seven thousand others in Israel**
Who have **never** bowed to **Baal** or kissed **him!**"

Daniel 4:17 (NLT) **For this has been decreed by the messengers;**
It is commanded **by** the **holy** ones.
The **purpose** of **this decree** is that **the whole world may understand**
That **the Most High rules over** the kingdoms of the world
And gives them to anyone **He chooses**— **Even to the lowliest** of humans.

- Acts 17:22-31 (ESV) **So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said:**
"Men of Athens, **I perceive that in every way**
You are very **religious.**
- ²³ For as I passed along and **observed** the **objects of your worship,**
I **found** also **an altar with this inscription,** 'To the unknown god.'
What therefore you **worship** as **unknown,**
This I **proclaim** to you.
- ²⁴ **The God who made** the world and **everything** in it, **being Lord of** Heaven and earth,
Does not live in temples made by man,
- ²⁵ **Nor** is **He served by** human hands, as though **he** needed anything,
Since He himself gives to all mankind life and **breath** and **everything.**
- ²⁶ **And He made from one man every nation of mankind**
To **live on all** the face of the earth, **having determined** allotted periods
And the boundaries of their dwelling place,
- ²⁷ **That they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him**
And **find Him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,**
- ²⁸ For "'**In Him** we **live** and **move** and **have** our being';
As even some of your own poets **have said,**
"**For we are indeed His offspring.**"
- ²⁹ Being then **God's offspring,** we **ought not** to think that **the Divine Being**
Is like gold or silver or stone,
An **image** formed **by** the art and **imagination** of man.
- ³⁰ **The times of ignorance God overlooked,**
But now He commands all people everywhere to repent,
- ³¹ **Because He has fixed a day**
On which He will judge the world **in righteousness by a Man**
Whom He has appointed; And of this
He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead."

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Proverbs 16:9 (ESV) **The heart of man plans his way,
But the Lord establishes his steps.**

Proverbs 16:33 (KJV) **The lot is cast into the lap;
But the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord.**

Psalms 139:1-18 (ESV) **O Lord, you have searched me and known me!**

² **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³ **You search out my path and my lying down
And are acquainted with all my ways.**

⁴ **Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.**

⁵ **You hem me in, behind and before,
And lay Your hand upon me.**

⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.**

⁷ **Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?**

⁸ **If I ascend to Heaven, You are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol (Hell), You are there!**

⁹ **If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

¹⁰ **Even there Your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.**

¹¹ **If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
And the light about me be night,"**

¹² **Even the darkness is not dark to You; the night is bright as the day,
For darkness is as light with You.**

¹³ **For You formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.**

¹⁴ **I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.**

¹⁵ **My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was being made in secret,
Intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

¹⁶ **Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
In Your book were written, every one of them,
The days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.**

¹⁷ **How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!**

¹⁸ **If I would count them, they are more than the sand.
I awake, and I am still with You.**

Proverbs 19:21 (ESV) **Many are the plans in the mind of a man,
But it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.**

Proverbs 16:33 (ESV) **The lot is cast into the lap,
But its every decision is from the Lord.**

Proverbs 16:33 (NLT) **We may throw the dice,
But the Lord determines how they fall.**

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John 1:1-14 (ESV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
And the Word was God.

² He was in the beginning with God.

³ All things were made through Him, and without him was not any thing made
That was made.

⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

⁵ The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the Light,
That all might believe through him.

⁸ He was not the Light, but came to bear witness about the Light.

⁹ The True Light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him,

Yet the world did not know Him.

¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

¹² But to all who did receive Him, who believed in his name,
He gave the right to become children of God,

¹³ Who were born, not of blood

Nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man,

But of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became Flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,
Glory as of the only Son from the Father,
Full of grace and truth.

Psalms 33:6-19 (ESV) By the word of the Lord the Heavens were made,

And by the breath of His mouth all their host.

⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses.

⁸ Let all the earth fear the Lord;

Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

⁹ For He spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

¹⁰ The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;

He frustrates the plans of the peoples.

¹¹ The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.

¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,

The people whom He has chosen as his heritage!

¹³ The Lord looks down from Heaven; he sees all the children of man;

¹⁴ From where He sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth,

¹⁵ He who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.

¹⁶ The king is not saved by his great army;

A warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

¹⁷ The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.

¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,

On those who hope in His steadfast love,

¹⁹ That He may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

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Revelation 21:1-8 (ESV) **Then I saw a new Heaven and a new earth,**

For the **first** Heaven and the **first** earth had **passed away,**

And the **sea** was **no** more.

² And I saw the **holy** city, **new Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from God,**

Prepared as a bride **adorned** for her husband.

³ **And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,**

"Behold, **the dwelling place of God is with** man.

He will dwell with them, and they **will be his** people, **and God himself**

Will be with them **as** their **God.**

⁴ **He will wipe away** every tear **from** their eyes, **and death shall be no more,**

Neither shall there be mourning, **nor** crying, **nor** pain **anymore,**

For the **former** things **have passed away."**

⁵ **And He who was seated on the throne said,** "Behold, **I am making** all things **new."**

Also He said, "Write **this** down,

For these words are trustworthy and true."

⁶ **And He said to** me, "**It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega,**

The beginning and the end. To the thirsty

I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

⁷ The **one** who **conquers** will **have** this **heritage,**

And I will be his **God** and he **will be my son.**

⁸ **But** as for the **cowardly,** the **faithless,** the **detestable,**

As **for** murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, **and** all liars,

Their portion will be in the lake that **burns** with **fire** and sulfur,

Which is the second death."

Genesis 1:31 (NLT) **Then God looked over all he had made,**

And He saw that **it** was **excellent** in every way.

This **all happened on the sixth day.**

Exodus 20:11 (NLT) **For in six days the Lord made** the Heavens, the earth,

The sea, and everything in them; **then He rested on the seventh day.**

That is why **the Lord blessed** the **Sabbath** day **and set it apart** as **holy.**

Psalms 18:35-36 (NLT) **You have given me the shield of your salvation.**

Your right hand supports me; your gentleness has made me great.

[36] **You have made** a wide **path** for my feet to **keep** them **from** slipping.

Rev. 21:5 (NLT) **And the One sitting on the throne said,**

"**Look, I am making** all things **new!"** **And then He said to** me,

"Write **this** down, **for what I tell** you **is trustworthy and true."**

Hebrews 11:3 (ESV) **By faith we understand** that the universe

Was created by the word of God,

So that what is seen was **not** made out of **things** that are visible.

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Romans 9:1-21 (ESV) I am speaking the Truth (God's word) in Christ---I am not lying;

My conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit---

² That I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ

For the sake of my brothers,

My kinsmen according to the flesh.

⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants,

The giving of the law, the worship, and the promises.

⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race,

According to the flesh,

Is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶ But it is not as though the word of God has failed.

For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel,

⁷ And not all are children of Abraham

Because they are his offspring,

But "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named."

⁸ This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God,

But the children of the promise are counted as offspring.

⁹ For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year

I will return, and Sarah shall have a son."

¹⁰ And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man,

Our forefather Isaac,

¹¹ Though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad---

In order that God's purpose of election might continue,

Not because of works

But because of Him who calls---

¹² She was told, "The older will serve the younger."

¹³ As it is Written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

¹⁴ What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means!

¹⁵ For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy,

And I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

¹⁶ So then it depends not on human will or exertion,

But on God, who has mercy.

¹⁷ For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up,

That I might show my power in you,

And that My name might be proclaimed in all the earth."

¹⁸ So then He has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

¹⁹ You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault?"

For who can resist His will?"

²⁰ But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded

Say to its Molder, "Why have you made me like this?"

²¹ Has the Potter no right over the clay,

To make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use

And another for dishonorable use? (Story continued on #10ba)

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Romans 9:22-29 (ESV) (continuation from #10z) **What if God,**

**Desiring to show His wrath and to make known his power,
Has endured with much patience**

Vessels of **wrath** prepared for **destruction,**

²³ **In order to make known the riches of His glory for** vessels of **mercy,**

Which **He has prepared beforehand** for **glory---**

²⁴ Even us whom **He has called,**

Not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

²⁵ **As indeed He says in** Hosea, "Those who were **not my** people

I will call 'my people,'

And her who was **not** beloved **I will call 'beloved.'**"

²⁶ "And in the very place **where it was said** to them,

'You are **not My** people,'

There they will be called 'sons of **the living God.'**"

²⁷ And Isaiah **cries** out concerning Israel:

"Though the **number** of the sons of Israel be as the **sand** of the sea,

Only a remnant of them **will be saved,**

²⁸ **For the Lord will carry out his sentence upon** the earth **fully** and **without** delay."

²⁹ And as Isaiah **predicted,** "**If the Lord of hosts** had **not** left us **offspring,**

We would have been like Sodom and become **like** Gomorrah."

Revelation 3:7-13 (ESV) "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

The words of the Holy One,

***The True One, who has** the key of David,*

***Who opens** and **no one** will shut, **who shuts** and **no one** opens.*

⁸ ***"I know** your **works.** Behold, **I have set before** you an **open** door,*

***Which no one is able** to shut.*

***I know** that you **have** but **little** power,*

*And yet you have **kept My word** And **have not** denied **my name.***

⁹ Behold, **I will make** those of the **synagogue** of **Satan**

Who **say** that they are Jews and **are not**, but **lie---**

Behold, **I will make** them **come** and **bow down** **before** your feet

And they will **learn** that **I have loved** you.

¹⁰ **Because** you have **kept My word** about **patient endurance,**

I will keep you **from** the hour of **trial** that is **coming** on the **whole** world,

To try those who **dwell** on the **earth.**

¹¹ **I am coming soon.** **Hold fast** what you **have,** so that **no one** may seize your **crown.**

¹² The one who **conquers,** **I will make** him a **pillar in the temple of my God.**

Never shall he **go out** of **it,**

And I will write on him **the name of my God,**

And the name of the city of My God, the **new** Jerusalem,

Which comes down from My God out of Heaven,

And My own New Name.

¹³ **He who has** an ear, let him **hear what the Spirit says to** the churches.'

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Psalms 18:1-24 (ESV) **I love You, O Lord, my strength.**

² **The Lord is** my **rock and** my **fortress and** my **deliverer**, my **God**, my **rock**,

In **Whom** I take **refuge**, my **shield**,

And **the Horn of** my **salvation**, my **stronghold**.

³ I call **upon the Lord, who is worthy** to be **praised**, and I am **saved from my enemies**.

⁴ The **cords of death** encompassed me;

The **torrents of** destruction **assailed** me;

⁵ The **cords of Sheol** (Hell) **entangled** me; the **snares** of death **confronted** me.

⁶ In my **distress** I **called** upon **the Lord**; to my **God** I **cried** for **help**.

From His temple he heard my voice,

And my cry to **Him** **reached his ears**.

⁷ Then the earth **reeled** and **rocked**; the **foundations** also of the **mountains trembled**

And **quaked**, because **He was angry**.

⁸ **Smoke went up from His nostrils**, and **devouring fire from his mouth**;

Glowing coals flamed forth from Him.

⁹ **He bowed** the Heavens **and came down**; **thick darkness was under his feet**.

¹⁰ **He rode on a cherub** (mighty angel) and **flew**;

He came swiftly on the **wings of the wind**.

¹¹ **He made darkness his covering**,

His canopy around him, **thick clouds** dark with water.

¹² **Out of the brightness before Him** **hailstones**

And coals of fire broke through His clouds.

¹³ **The Lord also thundered in the Heavens**,

And the Most High uttered his voice, **hailstones and coals of fire**.

¹⁴ **And He sent out his arrows and scattered** them;

He flashed forth lightning and routed them.

¹⁵ Then the **channels** of the sea were **seen**, and the **foundations** of the world

Were laid **bare** at **Your rebuke, O Lord**,

At the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.

¹⁶ **He sent from on high, he took** me; **he drew** me **out** of many waters.

¹⁷ **He rescued** me **from my strong enemy** and from those who **hated** me,

For **they** were **too mighty** for me.

¹⁸ They **confronted** me **in** the **day** of my **calamity**, **but the Lord was** my **support**.

¹⁹ **He brought** me **out into** a **broad place**;

He rescued me, **because he delighted in** me.

²⁰ **The Lord dealt with** me **according** to my **righteousness**;

According to the **cleanness** of my hands **He rewarded** me.

²¹ For I have **kept** the **ways** of **the Lord**, and **have not wickedly departed** from my **God**.

²² **For all His rules were before** me,

And His statutes I **did not** put away from me.

²³ I was blameless **before Him**, and I **kept** myself from my guilt.

²⁴ **So the Lord has rewarded** me **according** to my **righteousness**,

According to the **cleanness** of my hands

In His sight. (Story continued on #10bc)

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Psalms 18:25-49 (ESV) (continuation from #10bb) With the merciful

You show yourself merciful;

With the blameless man You show yourself blameless;

²⁶ With the purified You show yourself pure;

And with the crooked You make yourself seem tortuous.

²⁷ For You save a humble people,

But the haughty eyes You bring down.

²⁸ For it is You who light my lamp;

The Lord my God lightens my darkness.

²⁹ For by You I can run against a troop,

And by my God I can leap over a wall.

³⁰ This God---his way is perfect; The word of the Lord proves True;

He is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

³¹ For who is God, but the Lord?

And who is a Rock, except our God?---

³² The God who equipped me with strength and made my way blameless.

³³ He made my feet like the feet of a deer

And set me secure on the heights.

³⁴ He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

³⁵ You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand supported me,

And Your gentleness made me great.

³⁶ You gave a wide place for my steps under me, and my feet did not slip.

³⁷ I pursued my enemies and overtook them,

And did not turn back till they were consumed.

³⁸ I thrust them through, so that they were not able to rise; they fell under my feet.

³⁹ For You equipped me with strength for the battle;

You made those who rise against me sink under me.

⁴⁰ You made my enemies turn their backs to me, and those who hated me I destroyed.

⁴¹ They cried for help, but there was none to save;

They cried to the Lord, but he did not answer them.

⁴² I beat them fine as dust before the wind;

I cast them out like the mire of the streets.

⁴³ You delivered me from strife with the people; you made me the head of the nations;

People whom I had not known served me.

⁴⁴ As soon as they heard of me they obeyed me; foreigners came cringing to me.

⁴⁵ Foreigners lost heart and came trembling out of their fortresses.

⁴⁶ The Lord lives, and blessed be my Rock,

And exalted be the God of my salvation---

⁴⁷ The God who gave me vengeance and subdued peoples under me,

⁴⁸ Who delivered me from my enemies; yes,

You exalted me above those who rose against me;

You rescued me from the man of violence.

⁴⁹ For this I will praise You, O Lord,

Among the nations, and sing to Your Name.

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Proverbs 19:21 (KJV) **There are many devices in a man's heart;**
Nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand.

Proverbs 19:21 (NLT) **You can make many plans,**
But the Lord's purpose will prevail.

Psalms 104:5-28 (ESV) He set the earth on its foundations,
So that it should never be moved.

⁶ You covered it with the deep as with a garment;
The waters stood above the mountains.

⁷ At Your rebuke they fled; at the sound of your thunder they took to flight.

⁸ The mountains rose, the valleys sank down
To the place that You appointed for them.

⁹ You set a boundary that they may not pass,
So that they might not again cover the earth.

¹⁰ You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills;

¹¹ They give drink to every beast of the field;
The wild donkeys quench their thirst.

¹² Beside them the birds of the Heavens dwell; they sing among the branches.

¹³ From Your lofty abode you water the mountains;
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your work.

¹⁴ You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate,
That he may bring forth food from the earth

¹⁵ And wine to gladden the heart of man,
 Oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart.

¹⁶ The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,
The cedars of Lebanon that He planted.

¹⁷ In them the birds build their nests; the stork has her home in the fir trees.

¹⁸ The high mountains are for the wild goats;
The rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers.

¹⁹ He made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.

²⁰ You make darkness, and it is night,
 When all the beasts of the forest creep about.

²¹ The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.

²² When the sun rises, they steal away And lie down in their dens.

²³ Man goes out to his work and to his labor until the evening.

²⁴ O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;
The earth is full of Your creatures.

²⁵ Here is the sea, great and wide, which teems with creatures innumerable,
 Living things both small and great.

²⁶ There go the ships, and Leviathan (a large sea animal), which You formed to play in it.

²⁷ These all look to You, to give them their food in due season.

²⁸ When You give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand,
They are filled with good things.

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1 Samuel 2:4-7 (NLT) **Those who were mighty are mighty no more;**

And those who were weak **are now strong.**

[5] Those that were well fed **are now starving;**

And those who were starving are **now full.**

The **barren** woman **now has seven children;**

But the woman with many children will have **no more.**

[6] **The Lord brings both death and life;**

He brings some **down to the grave** **but raises** others **up.**

[7] **The Lord makes** one **poor and another rich;**

He brings one **down and lifts** another **up.**

1 Samuel 2:1-11 (ESV) **And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord;**

My strength **is exalted in the Lord.**

My mouth **derides** my **enemies**, because I **rejoice in Your salvation.**

² "There is **none Holy like the Lord**; there is **none** besides **you**;

There is **no** rock **like** our **God.**

³ **Talk no more** so very **proudly**, **let not** arrogance **come** from your mouth;

For the Lord is a God of knowledge,

And by Him actions **are weighed.**

⁴ The **bows** of the mighty **are broken**, but the **feeble** **bind** on **strength.**

⁵ Those who were **full** have hired themselves **out** for bread,

But those who were **hungry** **have ceased** to hunger.

The **barren** has **borne** seven,

But she who **has many** children is **forlorn** (forsaken of hope).

⁶ **The Lord kills and brings to life;**

He brings down to Sheol and raises up.

⁷ **The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts.**

⁸ **He raises up** the poor from the dust;

He lifts the needy from the ash heap **to make** them sit with princes

And **inherit** a seat of **honor**. For the **pillars** of the earth **are the Lord's**,

And **on** them **He has set** the world.

⁹ "**He will guard** the feet of **his faithful** ones,

But the **wicked** shall be **cut off in darkness**,

For **not by** might **shall** a man prevail.

¹⁰ The **adversaries** of **the Lord** shall be **broken** to pieces; **against** them

He will thunder in Heaven.

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;

He will give strength to his King and exalt the power of his anointed."

¹¹ Then Elkanah **went** home to Ramah.

And the boy **ministered to the Lord** in the presence of **Eli** the **priest**.

Isaiah 13:4 (NLT) **Hear the noise on the mountains! Listen, as the armies march!**

It is the noise and the shout of many nations.

The Lord Almighty has brought them here to **form an army.**

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- Exodus 4:1-17 (ESV) Then Moses answered, "But behold, They **will not** believe me or listen to my voice, **for they will say**, **'The Lord** did **not** appear to you."
- ² **The Lord said to** him, "**What is that in your hand?**" He said, "A staff."
- ³ **And He said**, "Throw **it on** the ground."
So he **threw it** on the ground,
And it **became a serpent**, **and Moses ran from it**.
- ⁴ **But the Lord said to** Moses, "**Put out your hand and catch it** by the tail"---
So he **put out** his hand and **caught it**,
And it became a staff in his hand---
- ⁵ "That they may believe that **the Lord, the God of** their fathers, **the God of** Abraham, **The God of** Isaac, **and the God of** Jacob, **Has appeared to** you."
- ⁶ **Again, the Lord said to** him, "**Put your hand inside** your cloak."
And he **put his hand inside** his cloak, **and when he took it out**,
Behold, his hand **was leprous like** snow.
- ⁷ **Then God said**, "**Put your hand back inside** your cloak."
So he **put his hand back inside** his cloak, **and when he took it out**,
Behold, it **was restored like the rest of his flesh**.
- ⁸ "If they **will not** believe you," **God said**, "**or listen to the first sign**,
They may believe the **latter sign**."
- ⁹ **If they will not believe** even **these two signs or listen to** your voice,
You shall take some water **from** the Nile and **pour it on** the dry ground,
And the water **that you shall take from** the Nile
Will **become blood on** the dry ground."
- ¹⁰ But Moses **said to the Lord**, "Oh, my **Lord, I am not eloquent**,
Either in the past or since You have spoken to your servant,
But I am **slow of speech and of tongue**."
- ¹¹ **Then the Lord said to** him, "**Who has made man's mouth?**
Who **makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind?** Is it not **I, the Lord?**"
- ¹² Now therefore **go, and I will be with** your mouth
And teach you **what you shall speak**."
- ¹³ But he **said**, "Oh, my **Lord**,
Please send someone **else**."
- ¹⁴ **Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses and he said**,
"Is **there not** Aaron, your brother, the Levite?
I know that he **can speak well**. Behold, he **is coming out to meet you**,
And when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart."
- ¹⁵ **You shall speak to him and put the words in** his mouth,
And I will be with your mouth **and with** his mouth
And will teach you both **what to do**."
- ¹⁶ He shall speak for you to the people, **and he shall be your mouth**,
And you shall be as god to him."
- ¹⁷ And take in your hand **this** staff, **with which you shall do** the signs."

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Joshua 21:43-45 (NLT) **So the Lord gave to Israel**

All the land **He had sworn to give** their ancestors,
And they **conquered it** and **settled there**.

[44] **And the Lord gave** them **rest on** every side,

Just as He had solemnly promised their ancestors.

None of their enemies **could** stand against them,

For the Lord helped them **conquer** all their enemies.

[45] **All of the good promises that the Lord had given** Israel **came true**.

Exodus 9:20-26 (NLT) **Some of Pharaoh's officials believed what the Lord said.**

They **immediately brought** their livestock

And servants **in from the fields**.

[21] But **those who had no respect for the word of the Lord** **left them out** in the open.

[22] **Then the Lord said** to Moses, "**Lift your hand toward** the sky,

And **cause the hail to fall** throughout Egypt,

On the people, the animals, **and** the crops."

[23] So Moses **lifted his staff toward** the sky, **and the Lord sent thunder and hail,**

And lightning struck the earth.

The Lord sent a tremendous hailstorm against all the land of Egypt.

[24] **Never in all** the history of Egypt **had there been** a storm like **that,**

With such severe hail and continuous lightning.

[25] **It left all of Egypt in ruins.** Everything left in the fields **was destroyed—**

People, animals, and crops **alike. Even all** the trees were **destroyed.**

[26] **The only spot** in all Egypt **without hail** that day **was** the land **of Goshen,**

Where the people of Israel lived.

Exodus 10:21-23 (NLT) **Then the Lord said to Moses,**

"**Lift your hand toward Heaven,** and **a deep and terrifying darkness**

Will descend on the land of Egypt."

[22] So Moses **lifted his hand toward Heaven,**

And there was deep darkness over the entire land **for three days.**

[23] **During all** that time the people **scarcely** moved,

For they **could not** see.

But there **was light** as usual **where** the people of Israel lived.

Exodus 12:12 (NLT) **On that night I will pass through** the land of Egypt

And kill all the firstborn sons

And firstborn male animals **in** the land of Egypt.

I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt,

For I am the Lord!

Proverbs 3:33-34 (ESV) **The Lord's curse is on** the house of the **wicked,**

But He blesses the dwelling **of** the **righteous.**

³⁴ **Toward the scorners He is scornful,** but to the **humble he gives favor.**

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2 Chronicles 20:1-16 (ESV) After this the Moabites and Ammonites, and with them

Some of the Meunites, came **against** Jehoshaphat for **battle**.

² Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, "A **great multitude is** coming **against** you
From Edom, from beyond the sea;

And, behold, they are in Hazazon-tamar" (that is, Engedi).

³ Then Jehoshaphat was **afraid** and set his face to **seek the Lord**,

And **proclaimed** a fast throughout all Judah.

⁴ And Judah **assembled to seek** help **from the Lord**;

From all the cities of Judah they **came** to **seek the Lord**.

⁵ And Jehoshaphat **stood in** the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem,

In the house of the Lord, before the new court,

⁶ And said, "**O Lord, God of** our fathers, **are you** not **God in Heaven?**

You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations.

In Your hand are power

And might, so that **none is able** to withstand **You**.

⁷ Did **You** not, our **God, drive out** the inhabitants of this land **before your** people Israel,

And give it forever

To the descendants of Abraham Your friend?

⁸ **And they have lived in it** and have built **for You** in it a **sanctuary**

For **Your Name**, saying,

⁹ **'If** disaster **comes upon** us, the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine,

We **will** stand **before** this house and **before You---**

For Your name is in this **house---**

And cry out to You in our **affliction**, and **you will hear and save.'**

¹⁰ And **now behold**, the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir,

Whom **You would not** let Israel invade

When they came from the land of Egypt,

And whom they **avoided** and **did not** destroy---

¹¹ Behold, **they reward** us by **coming to drive us out** of **Your possession**,

Which **You have given** us to **inherit**.

¹² O our **God**, will **you** not **execute judgment** on them?

For we **are powerless** against this **great horde** that is coming **against** us.

We do not know what to do, **but** our eyes **are on You."**

¹³ Meanwhile all Judah stood **before the Lord**,

With their little ones, their wives, and their children.

¹⁴ **And the Spirit of the Lord came upon** Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, son of Benaiah,

Son of Jeiel, son of Mattaniah,

A Levite of the sons of Asaph, **in the midst of the assembly**.

¹⁵ And he **said**, "**Listen**, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat:

Thus says the Lord to you, '**Do not be** afraid and **do not be** dismayed

At this great horde, **for the battle is not yours but God's**.

¹⁶ Tomorrow go down **against** them. Behold, they will **come up** by the ascent of Ziz.

You **will find** them at the end of the valley,

East of the wilderness of Jeruel. (Story continued on #10bi)

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2 Chronicles 20:1-16 (ESV) (continuation from #10bh)

¹⁷ You will **not** need to fight **in this battle**. Stand firm, **hold** your position,
And **see the salvation of the Lord on** your **behalf**,
O Judah and Jerusalem.' **Do not be afraid** and **do not be** dismayed.
Tomorrow **go out against** them, **and the Lord will be with** you."

2 Chronicles 20:35-37 (ESV) After this Jehoshaphat king of Judah joined **with**
Ahaziah king of Israel, **who acted wickedly**.

³⁶ He **joined him in building** ships to go to Tarshish,
And they **built** the ships in Ezion-geber.

³⁷ Then Eliezer the son of Dodavahu of Mareshah **prophesied against** Jehoshaphat,
Saying, "**Because** you have joined **with** Ahaziah,
The Lord will destroy what you have made."
And the ships were wrecked and were **not able** to go to Tarshish.

Genesis 1:16 (NLT) **For God made** two **great lights**, the sun and the moon,
To **shine down** upon the earth. The **greater** one, the sun,
Presides during the day;
The **lesser** one, the moon, **presides** through the night.
He also made the stars.

Proverbs 21:1 (ESV) The king's heart is a stream of water
In **the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will**.

Proverbs 20:24 (ESV) A man's steps **are from the Lord**;
How then can man understand his way?

Matthew 8:23-27 (ESV) **And when He got into** the boat, **his disciples followed him**.

²⁴ And behold, there **arose** a great **storm** on the sea,
So that the **boat** was being **swamped** by the waves; **but He was asleep**.

²⁵ And they went and **woke Him**, saying, "Save us, **Lord**; we are perishing."

²⁶ **And He said to** them, "**Why** are you afraid,
O you of **little faith**?" **Then He rose and rebuked** the winds
And the sea, and **there was a great calm**.

²⁷ And the men **marveled**, saying, "**What sort of man** is **this**,
That **even winds and sea obey Him**?"

Psalms 105:1-5 (ESV) **Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;**
Make known His deeds among the peoples!

² **Sing to Him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!**

³ **Glory in His holy name;** let the hearts of those who **seek the Lord rejoice!**

⁴ **Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!**

⁵ **Remember the wondrous works that He has done, his miracles,**
And the judgments He uttered,

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Psalms 105:6-45 (ESV) **O offspring of Abraham, His servant, children of Jacob, His chosen** ones!

⁷ **He is the Lord** our **God; his judgments are in** all the earth.

⁸ **He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded,**
For a **thousand** generations,

⁹ **The covenant that He made with** Abraham, **his sworn promise to** Isaac,

¹⁰ **Which He confirmed to** Jacob **as a statute,** to Israel **as an everlasting covenant,**

¹¹ **Saying, "To you I will give** the land of Canaan as your **portion** for an **inheritance."**

¹² **When they were few in number, of little** account, and sojourners in it,

¹³ **Wandering** from nation to nation, **from one kingdom to another** people,

¹⁴ **He allowed** no one to oppress them; **he rebuked** kings on their account,

¹⁵ **Saying,** "Touch not **My anointed** ones, do **my prophets** no harm!"

¹⁶ **When He summoned a famine on** the land **and broke all** supply of bread,

¹⁷ **He had sent** a man **ahead** of them, Joseph, **who was sold as a slave.**

¹⁸ His feet were **hurt** with fetters; his neck was **put** in a **collar of iron;**

¹⁹ **Until what he had said** came to pass, **the word of the Lord tested** him.

²⁰ The king **sent** and **released** him; the ruler of the peoples **set** him **free;**

²¹ He **made** him **lord of his house and ruler** of **all** his possessions,

²² **To bind** his princes **at** his pleasure and **to teach** his elders **wisdom.**

²³ **Then Israel came to** Egypt; Jacob **sojourned in** the land of Ham.

²⁴ **And the Lord made his** people very **fruitful and made** them **stronger** than their foes.

²⁵ **He turned** their hearts to **hate** his people, **to deal craftily** with **his** servants.

²⁶ **He sent** Moses, **his** servant, and Aaron, whom **he had chosen.**

²⁷ They **performed His signs** among them and **miracles** in the land of Ham.

²⁸ **He sent darkness, and made** the land **dark;** they **did not** rebel against **his words.**

²⁹ **He turned** their waters **into blood and caused** their fish **to die.**

³⁰ **Their land swarmed with** frogs, **even in** the chambers of their kings.

³¹ **He spoke, and there came** swarms of **flies, and gnats throughout** their country.

³² **He gave** them **hail for** rain, **and fiery lightning bolts through** their land.

³³ **He struck down** their vines and fig trees, **and shattered** the trees of their country.

³⁴ **He spoke, and** the locusts **came,** young locusts without number,

³⁵ **Which devoured all** the vegetation **in** their land **and ate up** the fruit of their ground.

³⁶ **He struck down all** the firstborn **in** their land, the first fruits **of all** their strength.

³⁷ **Then He brought out** Israel **with** silver and gold,

And there was none among His tribes who stumbled.

³⁸ Egypt was **glad** when they **departed,** for dread of them had fallen upon it.

³⁹ **He spread** a **cloud** for a **covering, and fire to give light** by night.

⁴⁰ They **asked, and He brought** quail, **and gave** them bread **from Heaven** in abundance.

⁴¹ **He opened** the rock, and **water gushed** out; **it flowed** through the desert **like** a river.

⁴² **For He remembered his holy promise,** and Abraham, **his** servant.

⁴³ **So He brought his** people **out** with **joy, his chosen ones** with **singing.**

⁴⁴ **And He gave** them the **lands** of the nations,

And they **took possession** of the **fruit of** the peoples' toil,

⁴⁵ **That they might keep His statutes** and **observe his laws. Praise the Lord!**

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Nehemiah 9:6 (ESV) "You are the Lord, you alone, You have made Heaven, The Heaven of heavens, with all their host,
The earth **and all** that is **on it**, the seas **and all** that is **in them**;
And You preserve all of them; and the host of Heaven worships you.

Neh. 9:6-8 (NLT) You alone are the Lord.
You made the skies and the Heavens and all the stars.
You made the earth and the seas **and everything in them.**
You preserve and give life to everything,
And **all** the angels of Heaven worship You.

[7] "You are the Lord God, who chose Abram and brought him from Ur
Of the Chaldeans and renamed him Abraham.

[8] **When he had proved himself faithful, You made a covenant with** him
To give him and his descendants the **land of** the Canaanites, Hittites,
Amorites, Perizzites, Jebusites, and Gergashites.
And You have done what you promised,
For You are always True to your word.

Neh. 9:6 (KJV) You, even you, are Lord alone; you have made Heaven,
The Heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth,
And **all things** that are **therein**, the seas, and **all that is therein**,
And You preserve them all; and the host of Heaven worships you.

Ecclesiastes 11:5 (ESV) As **you do not know the way**
The spirit comes to the bones in the womb **of** a woman with child,
So you **do not** know the work of God who makes everything.

Eccles. 11:5 (KJV) As you know not what is the way of the spirit,
Nor how the bones do grow in the womb **of** her that is with child:
Even so you know not the works of God who makes all.

Eccles. 11:5 (NLT) God's ways are as hard to discern as the pathways of the wind,
And as mysterious as a tiny baby **being formed** in a mother's womb.

James 1:17- (NLT) **Whatever is good and perfect comes to us from God above,**
Who created all Heaven's lights.
Unlike them, He never changes or casts shifting shadows.