

10: 1 Kings - Melakim

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Chapter 1

1Kings 1:1 And King David was old,
gone on in days.

And they covered him with coverings.
But it was not warm for him.

1Kings 1:2 And his servants said to him,
“Let them seek for our sovereign the king
a young virgin.

And she can stand before the face of the king.
And she will be to you an attendant.
And she will lie on your chest.
And she will warm my sovereign the king.”

1Kings 1:3 And they searched
for a beautiful young woman
in all the territory of Yisra'el.

And they found

Abishag herself **nx**, the Shunammite.

And they brought her herself **nx** to the king.

Abishag means father of error.

1Kings 1:4 And the young woman
was exceedingly beautiful.

And she was an attendant for the king.
And she served him.

But the king did not know her *carnally*.

1Kings 1:5 And Adoniyah, son of Haggith,
lifted himself up saying,
“I myself will reign.”

And he prepared for himself a chariot and horsemen
and fifty men to run before him.

Adoniyah means YAH is my sovereign.

1Kings 1:6 And his father had not disciplined him
among his days saying,
“Why have you done thus?”

He was also exceedingly good looking.

And he himself **nx** was born after Abshalom.

It's easy to miss the fact that this is David's son.

It is David who has not disciplined him

"from his days" (literal rendering).

*It implies that he has not been disciplined
since his youth.*

Abshalom means father of well being.

1Kings 1:7 And he had words with Yo'ab,
son of Tzeruyah,
and with Ebyathar, the priest.

And they assisted Adoniyah.

Yo'ab means YAH is father.

Tzeruyah means wounded by YAH.

Ebyathar means father of abundance.

1Kings 1:8 But Tzadok, the priest,
and Benayah, son of Yahoyada,
and Nathan the prophet,
and Shim'i, and Re'i,
and the mighty men who were David's
were not with Adoniyah.

Tzadok means just.

Benayah means YAH has built.

Yahoyada means YAH knows.

Nathan means given, or gift.

Shim'i means famous.

Re'i means social.

1Kings 1:9 And Adoniyah slaughtered
sheep, and oxen, and fatted calves
by the stone of Zohelet
which is beside En Rogel.

And he called all his brothers themselves **nx**,
sons of the king,

and all the men of Yahudah, servants of the king.
1Kings 1:10 But Nathan the prophet *himself* nx,
and Benayah, and the mighty men *themselves* nx,
and Shelomoh *himself* nx, his brother,
he had not called.

1Kings 1:11 And Nathan spoke to Bat Sheba,
the mother of Shelomoh, saying,
"Have you not heard that Adoniyah, son of Haggith,
has reigned?

But our sovereign, David, does not know it.
Bat Sheba means daughter of the oath.

1Kings 1:12 And now come!
I will advise you.
And you are to rescue your life *itself* nx
and the life *itself* nx of your son, Shelomoh!

1Kings 1:13 Go!
Even go in to King David.
And you are to say to him,
'Did not you *yourself* nx, my sovereign the king,
swear to your female servant saying,
"Indeed, Shelomoh, your son will reign after me!
And he will sit on my throne!"?
But why has Adoniyah reigned?"

1Kings 1:14 Behold!
You will still be speaking there with the king.
And I myself will come in after you
and confirm your words *themselves* nx."
hinneh - lo! - behold, lo, see.
This is virtually always used in the emphatic form.
It's entire intent appears to be to get one's attention.

1Kings 1:15 And Bat Sheba went to the king,
to his bedroom.
And the sovereign was exceedingly old.
And Abishag the Shunammite
was attending the king *himself* nx.
1Kings 1:16 And Bat Sheba bowed.
And she bowed herself toward the king.
And the king said, "What is it for you?"
1Kings 1:17 And she said to him,
"My sovereign,
you swore by **YAHWEH**, your Elohim,
to your female servant saying,
'Indeed, Shelomoh, your son, will reign after me!
And he will sit on my throne!'

1Kings 1:18 But now, behold!
Adoniyah has reigned.
And now my sovereign the king
has not known about it.
1Kings 1:19 And he has slaughtered oxen,
and fatted calves, and sheep in abundance.
And he has called to all the sons of the king,
and to Ebyathar, the priest,
and to Yo'ab, the captain of the assembly.
But Shelomoh, your servant, he did not call.

1Kings 1:20 And you *yourself* nx,
my sovereign the king,
the eyes of all Yisra'el are on you
for the sake of declaring to them
who is to sit upon the throne
of my sovereign the king after him.

1Kings 1:21 And it will be as my sovereign the king
lies down with his forefathers
that I myself and my son, Shelomoh,
will be considered offenders."
chatta' - a sinner, a criminal, one counted guilty.
This is a form of the word

that is "traditionally translated" as 'sinner'.
A sin is nothing other than an offense.
Every sin offends **YAHWEH**.
In this instance the 'sin'
would be against the existing king, Adoniyah.
In that instance it typically meant death to the offender.

1Kings 1:22 And behold!
She was still speaking with the king.
And Nathan the prophet also had come in.
1Kings 1:23 And they told the king saying,
"Behold!
Nathan the prophet."
And he came in before the face of the king.
And he bowed himself to the king
with his nostrils to the ground.
*Note: There's no need to add "is here"
to the announcement that Nathan was present.
This would have been a simple announcement
that presented Nathan to the king.*

1Kings 1:24 And Nathan said,
"My sovereign the king,
have you yourself **nx** said,
'Adoniyah will reign after me.
And he will sit on my throne.'?
1Kings 1:25 Indeed, he has gone down today.
And he has slaughtered oxen, and fatted calves,
and sheep in abundance.
And he has called all the king's sons,
and the captains of the assembly,
and Ebyathar, the priest.
And behold!!
They are eating and drinking before his face.
And they are saying, "May King Adoniyah live!"

1Kings 1:26 And as for me,
I myself, your servant,
and Tzadok, the priest,
and Benayah, son of Yahoyada,
and your servant Shelomoh he has not called.

1Kings 1:27 If from my sovereign the king himself **nx**
this word has been done
then you have not made it known to
your servant himself **nx**
who is to sit upon the throne
of my sovereign the king after him."

1Kings 1:28 And King David responded.
And he said, "Call Bat Sheba to me!"
And she came before the face of the king
And she stood before the face of the king.
1Kings 1:29 And the king swore.
And he said, "By the life of **YAHWEH**
Who has redeemed my life itself **nx**
from every distress

*Note: The literal Hebrew here says
"life of YAHWEH".
Life is presented as a noun, not a verb.*

*This is an apparent Hebraic affirmation
that affirms YAHWEH's life itself
confirms what I am saying to you.
It's as if to say,
"If YAHWEH does not exist
my words are meaningless!"*

1Kings 1:30 indeed, according to
what I have sworn to you
by **YAHWEH**, The Elohim of Yisra'el, saying,
'Indeed, Shelomoh, your son, will reign after me!
And he will sit on my throne instead of me!',
Even so I will do this day!"

1Kings 1:31 And Bat Sheba bowed
her nostrils to the ground.

And she bowed herself toward the king.
And she said,
"May my sovereign King David live to eternity!"
olam - properly, concealed, i.e. the vanishing point.
This word is connected intensely
to the Hebrew perspective of the world.
What was past was behind one.
This was known to that person
because it had been experienced.

Life was for the most part concrete, not abstract,
although there were exceptions.

Time was viewed as a continuum.
What we call future
was for them "the unknown and the unknowable".
Olam generally characterizes this concept.
For them it represented
that which was beyond the visible horizon.
This represented what we might call
the future, or eternity, or forever.
For them it was an unending period of time
- precisely because it could not be known.

1Kings 1:32 And King David said,
"Call to me Tzadok the priest,
and Nathan the prophet,
and Benayah, son of Yahoyada."

And they came before the face of the king.
1Kings 1:33 And the king said to them,
"Take with you the servants themselves **nx**
of your sovereign!
And you are to cause
Shelomoh himself **nx**, my son,
to ride upon the mule which is for me.
And you are to bring down he himself **nx** to Gihon.
1Kings 1:34 And there Tzadok, the priest,
and Nathan the prophet are to anoint he himself **nx**
king over Yisra'el.
And you are to blow with a shofar.
And you are to say, 'May King Shelomoh live!'

1Kings 1:35 And you are to come up after him.
And he is to come.
And he is to sit upon my throne.
And he is to be king instead of me.
And he himself **nx** I have directed
to be ruler over Yisra'el and over Yahudah."
nagiya - captain, civil, military or religious ruler.
This term is also used in reference to The Messiah.
It appears to carry with it a connotation
of supreme leadership in the Hebrew mind.

tsavah - to constitute, enjoin.
Translated as appoint, charge, command
Although this is often "translated as 'command',
this is not the apparent intent of the term.
It is far better understood as to give direction to, to direct.
Note: It's also important to recognize
that David is directing him
to be ruler over **both** Yisra'el and Yahudah.
(These are the proper Hebrew designations.)
Thus, under Shelomoh,
the entire nation will be united once again.

1Kings 1:36 And Benayah, son of Yahoyada,
responded to the king himself **nx**.
And he said, "Amen!
Thus says **YAHWEH**, The Elohim
of my sovereign the king!
amen - sure; abstract, faithfulness; adverb, truly.
This is an affirmation of certainty.
Our general sense of this is "So may it be established!
Note that this is a Hebrew word.
It's not merely an English expression.
1Kings 1:37 As **YAHWEH** has been

with my sovereign the king
so let Him be with Shelomoh!
And may his throne *itself* **נא** be greater
than the throne of my sovereign, King David!"

1Kings 1:38 And Tzadok, the priest,
and Nathan, the prophet,
and Benayah, son of Yahoyada,
and the Kerethites, and the Pelethites went down.
And they caused Shelomoh *himself* **נא**
to ride upon the mule of King David.
And they brought he *himself* **נא** to Gihon.

1Kings 1:39 And Tzadok, the priest,
took the horn of oil *itself* **נא** from The Tent.
And he anointed Shelomoh *himself* **נא**.
And they blew with the shofar.
And all the people said, "May King Shelomoh live!"
1Kings 1:40 And all the people came up after him.
And the people played the flutes.
And they rejoiced with great joy.
And the earth was split by their sound!

1Kings 1:41 And Adoniyah and all the called
who were with he *himself* **נא** heard it.
And they had finished eating.

And Yo'ab heard the sound of the shofar *itself* **נא**.
And he said, "Why is the sound of the city roaring?"

1Kings 1:42 He was still speaking.
And behold!
Yahonathan came, son of Ebyathar, the priest.
And Adoniyah said to him,
"Come in because you are a man of force,
you yourself **נא**,
and you are announcing good news."

1Kings 1:43 But Yahonathan responded.
And he said to Adoniyah,
"Indeed, our sovereign King David
has caused Shelomoh *himself* **נא** to reign!
1Kings 1:44 And the king *himself* **נא** has sent
Tzadok, the priest, himself **נא**,
and Nathan, the prophet, *himself* **נא**,
and Benayah, son of Yahoyada,
and the Kerethites, and the Pelethites.
And they have caused he *himself* **נא**
to ride on the king's mule!
1Kings 1:45 And Tzadok, the priest,
and Nathan, the prophet,
have anointed he *himself* **נא** king at Gihon.
And they have gone up from there joyfully.
And the city was stirred up
by the noise which you heard.

1Kings 1:46 And also, Shelomoh has been seated
upon the throne of the kingdom.
1Kings 1:47 And also, the servants of the king
have gone to bless our sovereign King David saying,
'May your Elohim make
the name of Shelomoh *itself* **נא**
better than your name and his throne *itself* **נא**
greater than your throne.'
And the king bowed himself on the bed.

1Kings 1:48 And also,
according to this said the king,
'Blessed be **YAHWEH**, The Elohim of Yisra'el,
Who has given this day one to sit on my throne
and my eyes are seeing it!' "

1Kings 1:49 And all those

who were called by Adoniyah shuddered with terror.
And they stood up.
And each one went his way.

1Kings 1:50 And Adoniyah was afraid of Shelomoh.
And he stood up.
And he went.
And he seized the horns of the slaughter site.
mizbeach - an altar. A place of sacrifice (slaughter).

The term 'altar' is in one sense very proper.
However, in today's world
it no longer represents a place of sacrifice.
There is no Temple.
There is no sacrifice.

A sacrifice involves the slaughter of an animal.
It's not a "pretty place".
It's a place of blood.
It's a place of burning flesh and strong odors.

The term "slaughter site" has been used
to call attention to this reality.
It's a far more descriptive term
that truly represents what took place there.

1Kings 1:51 And it was reported to Shelomoh saying,
"Behold!
Adoniyah is afraid of King Shelomoh himself *nx*.
And behold!
He has seized the horns of the slaughter site saying,
'Let King Shelomoh swear to me today
that he will not put to death his servant himself *nx*
with the sword.'

1Kings 1:52 And Shelomoh said,
"If he will be a man of strength
not a hair of him will fall to the ground.
But if harm is found in him
he will be put to death."
ra' - bad or (as noun) evil (natural or moral)
The Hebrew concept
of what is by "tradition" translated as 'evil'
has a much broader meaning.
It encompasses every form of what is bad,
from the relatively insignificant
to the extremely significant.

To classify everything as 'evil'
does injustice to this view.
It's far better to refer to something as bad
that is done to another as harm
because it inflicts some form of damage on another.

1Kings 1:53 And King Shelomoh sent.
And they brought him down from the slaughter site.
And he came and bowed himself
toward King Shelomoh.
And Shelomoh said to him, "Go to your house!"

Chapter 2

1Kings 2:1 And the days of David drew near to die.
And he charged Shelomoh his son saying,
1Kings 2:2 "I am going the way of all the earth.
And you are to be strong.
And you are to be a man.
1Kings 2:3 And you are to protect the duty itself *nx*
of YAHWEH, your Elohim,
for the sake of walking in His ways,
for the sake of protecting His rules, His directives,
and His judgments, and His testimonies,
as it is written in The Torah of Moshe
so that you will cause to prosper
everything itself *nx* that you do
and whatever itself *nx* you face
1Kings 2:4 in order that **YAHWEH**

Will cause His word *itself* **נא** to stand
which He spoke concerning me saying,
'If your sons will protect their way *itself* **נא**
for the sake of walking before My face
in faithfulness with all their heart
and with all their life,' saying,
'there will not be cut off for you a man
from upon the throne of Yisra'el.'

1Kings 2:5 And also you yourself **נא** know
what *itself* **נא** was done to me
by Yo'ab, son of Tzeruyah;
what he did to the two captains
of the assemblies of Yisra'el,
to Abner, son of Ner, and to Amasa, son of Yether.
He even murdered them.
And he placed the blood of battle in peace.
And he put the blood of battle
on his belt that was on his waist
and on his sandals that were on his feet.

tsaba - a mass of persons (or things),
especially regularly organized for war (an assembly).
A mass of persons is an assembly.
It refers to servants or service.
It does not always mean "army".

1Kings 2:6 Now act with your wisdom.
And do not let his grey hair
go down in peace to she'ol.

she'ol - Hades or the world of the dead; the depths.
This is often translated as "the grave".
This is unfortunate because this does not refer to the grave
as the place in the ground where one is buried.
It refers to the Hebrew concept
of the place or realm of the dead.
It appears to refer to the state of being dead.

There are many misconceptions about death
that Scripture does not support.

1Kings 2:7 And to the sons
of Barzillai, the Gil'adite do kindness.
And they are to be among those eating at your table
because of how they came near to me
as I was fleeing from Abshalom, your brother.

1Kings 2:8 And behold!
With you is Shim'i, son of Gera,
a son of Binyamin from Bahurim.
And he belittled me with a vehement belittling
on the day I was going to Mahanaim.
But he came down to meet me at The Yarden.
And I swore to him by **YAHWEH** saying,
'I will not put you to death with the sword.'
1Kings 2:9 But now, do not hold him guiltless.
Indeed, you yourself **נא** are a wise man.
And you know what *itself* **נא** you are to do to him.
And you are to bring down his grey hair *itself* **נא**
with blood to she'ol."

1Kings 2:10 And David laid down with his forefathers.
And he was buried in The City of David.

1Kings 2:11 And the days that David
had reigned over Yisra'el was forty years.
He reigned seven years in Hebron
and in Yerushalaim he reigned thirty-three years.

1Kings 2:12 And Shelomoh sat upon the throne
of his father, David.
And his dominion was established exceedingly.

1Kings 2:13 And Adoniyah, son of Haggith,
came to Bat Sheba, the mother of Shelomoh.
And she said, "Do you come in peace?"

And he said, "Peace."

1Kings 2:14 And he said, "I have a word for you."
And she said, "Speak."

1Kings 2:15 And he said,
"You yourself **nx** know that the kingdom was mine.
And all Yisra'el had placed their faces toward me
for the sake of reigning.
But the kingdom has been turned around
And it has become my brother's
because it was his from **YAHWEH**."

1Kings 2:16 And now one request I am making
from you yourself **nx**.
Do not turn back my face itself **nx**.
And she said to him, "Speak!"
*The phrase "do not turn back my face itself"
is a Hebraism that means "please accept me".
Or, "Do not reject me."*

1Kings 2:17 And he said,
"Please speak to Shelomoh the king.
Indeed, he will not turn back your face itself **nx**.
And let him give to me
Abishag herself **nx** the Shunammite for a wife."

1Kings 2:18 And Bat Sheba said, "Very well.
I will speak concerning you to the king."

1Kings 2:19 And Bat Sheba
went to King Shelomoh
to speak to him concerning Adoniyah.
And the king rose up to meet her.
And he bowed himself toward her.
And he sat upon his throne.
And he had a throne placed for the king's mother.
And she sat by his right hand.

1Kings 2:20 And she said,
"One small request I am asking
from you yourself **nx**.
Do not turn back from me your face itself **nx**.
And the king said to her, "Ask it my mother.
Indeed, I will not turn back my face itself **nx**."

1Kings 2:21 And she said,
"Let Abishag herself **nx** the Shunammite
be given to Adoniyah, your brother, for a wife."

1Kings 2:22 And King Shelomoh responded.
And he said to his mother,
"And why are you yourself **nx** requesting
Abishag herself **nx** the Shunammite for Adoniyah?
Even request for him also the kingdom itself **nx**,
since he is my brother, the eldest from me,
for him, and for Ebyathar, the priest,
and for Yo'ab, son of Tzeruyah!"

1Kings 2:23 And King Shelomoh
swore by **YAHWEH** saying,
"Thus may The Elohim do to me and more also!
Indeed, against his life
Adoniyah has spoken this word itself **nx**!
1Kings 2:24 And now as **YAHWEH** lives
Who has established me
and has set me upon the throne of David my father,
and Who has made me a house
according to what He spoke,
indeed, this day Adoniyah will be put to death!"

1Kings 2:25 And King Shelomoh sent
by the hand of Benayah, son of Yahoyada.
And he attacked him.

And he put him to death.

1Kings 2:26 And to Ebyathar, the priest,
the king said, "Go to Anathot to your fields.
Indeed, a man of death are you yourself **nx**.
But at this time I will not put you to death
because you carried The Chest itself **nx**
of my Sovereign, YAHWEH,
before the face of my father David,
and because you were oppressed
in everything that oppressed my father."

1Kings 2:27 And Shelomoh drove out
Ebyathar himself **nx**
from being priest to **YAHWEH**
for the sake of fulfilling
the word of YAHWEH itself **nx**
which He had spoken
concerning the house of Eli at Shiloh.

1Kings 2:28 And the news came as far as Yo'ab
because Yo'ab had reached out after Adoniyah.
But he had not reached out after Abshalom.

And Yo'ab fled to The Tent of **YAHWEH**.
And he seized the horns of the slaughter site.

1Kings 2:29 And it was reported to King Shelomoh
that Yo'ab had fled to The Tent of **YAHWEH**.
And behold!
He is beside the slaughter site.

And Shelomoh sent Benayah himself **nx**,
son of Yahoyada saying,
"Go! Attack against him!"

1Kings 2:30 And Benayah went
to The Tent of **YAHWEH**.
And he said to him, "Thus said the king.
'Go out!'"
And he said, "No!
Indeed, here I will die!"
And Benayah brought back word
to the king himself **nx** saying,
"Thus said Yo'ab and thus he answered me."
1Kings 2:31 And the king said to him,
"Do according to what he has said
and attack against him!
And you are to bury him.
And you will turn away from me
and from the house of my father
the blood which Yo'ab shed without cause.

1Kings 2:32 And **YAHWEH**
will return his blood itself **nx** on his head
for when he attacked against two just men
even better than he.
And he murdered them with the sword.
And my father, David, did not know it;
Abner himself **nx**, son of Ner,
captain of the assembly of Yisra'el,
and Amasa himself **nx**, son of Yether,
captain of the assembly of Yahudah.

1Kings 2:33 And He will return their blood
upon the head of Yo'ab
and upon the head of his seed for eternity.

But upon David, and upon his seed,
upon his house, and upon his throne
there will be peace until eternity from **YAHWEH**."

1Kings 2:34 And Benayah, son of Yahoyada, went up.

And he attacked against him.
And he put him to death.
And he was buried in his house in the wilderness.

1Kings 2:35 And the king put Benayah himself **nx**,
son of Yahoyada, over the assembly in place of him.
And the king put Tzadok, the priest himself **nx**,
in place of of Ebyathar.

1Kings 2:36 And the king sent.
And he called for Shim'i.
And he said to him,
"Build yourself a house in Yerushalaim!
And you are to dwell there!
And you are not to go out from there,
here or there!
1Kings 2:37 And it will be on the day you go out
and pass over the Brook Kidron itself **nx**
you will know,
you will know that you will be put to death!
Your blood will be on your head!"
1Kings 2:38 And Shim'i said to the king,
"The word is good.
According to what my sovereign the king has said
thus your servant will do."
And Shim'i dwelt in Yerushalaim many days.

1Kings 2:39 And it was at the end of three years.
And two slaves of Shim'i fled to Akish,
son of Ma'akah, king of Gath.
And they reported it to Shim'i saying,
"Behold!
Your slaves are in Gath!"
1Kings 2:40 And Shim'i rose up.
And he saddled his male ass itself **nx**.
And he went to Akish at Gath to search for
his slaves themselves **nx**.
And Shim'i came.
And he brought his slaves themselves **nx**
from Gath.

1Kings 2:41 And it was reported to Shelomoh
that Shim'i had gone from Yerushalaim to Gath
and he had returned.
1Kings 2:42 And the king sent.
And he called for Shim'i.
And he said to him,
"Did I not cause you to swear by **YAHWEH**
and testify against you saying,
'On the day you go out and go here or there
you are to know, you are to know
that you will be put to death!'"?
And you said to me,
'The word I have heard is good.'

1Kings 2:43 And why have you not protected
the oath to **YAHWEH** itself **nx**
or the directive itself **nx** that I gave to you?"

1Kings 2:44 And the king also said to Shim'i,
"You yourself **nx** know all the evil itself **nx**
that is known to your heart
which you did to my father, David.
And **YAHWEH** will return your evil itself **nx**
on your head!
1Kings 2:45 And King Shelomoh will be blessed.
And the throne of David will be established
before the face of **YAHWEH** until eternity."

1Kings 2:46 And the king directed
Benayah himself **nx**, son of Yahoyada.
And he went out.
And he attacked against him.

And he was put to death.

And the kingdom was established
in the hand of Shelomoh.

Chapter 3

1Kings 3:1 And Shelomoh became related
to Pharaoh *himself nx*, king of Mitsraim.
And he accepted
the daughter of Pharaoh *herself nx*.
And he brought her to The City of David
until he completed building his house *itself nx*,
and The House of **YAHWEH** *itself nx*,
and the wall *itself nx* all around Yerushalaim.

1Kings 3:2 However, the people
were sacrificing at the high places
because a house for the Name of **YAHWEH**
had not been built until those days.

1Kings 3:3 And Shelomoh loved
YAHWEH *Himself nx*,
for the sake of walking
in the rules of his father David.
However, he was sacrificing
and burning incense at the high places.

1Kings 3:4 And the king went to Gib'on
for the sake of sacrificing there
because that was the great high place.
A thousand olahs Shelomoh offered up
upon that slaughter site.

olah - a step (or collectively, stairs, as ascending);
usually a holocaust (as going up in smoke).
This term is traditionally translated as "burnt offering".
However, as you can see by looking at the definition,
there is no direct reference to an offering
- only a reference to something ascending, going up.

These offerings were the ones
that were completely burned up
and turned into smoke.
They represented a total commitment,
a total surrender of one's self to **YAHWEH**.
That's why it's often referred to as a "whole burnt offering".

1Kings 3:5 At Gib'on
YAHWEH was seen by Shelomoh
in a dream of the night.
And The Elohim said,
"Ask what I might give to you."

ra'ah - to see, literally or figuratively.
This is traditionally translated as "appeared".
However, that leaves the impression
there was a physical appearance.

It's clear that what happened here was in a dream.
It was "a vision of the night".

More properly we must say **YAHWEH**
was seen by Shelomoh, in this vision.
It's not **YAHWEH** in person,
it's **YAHWEH** in a vision.

This is typical of the "appearances of **YAHWEH**"
or of "His angel" (actually a messenger of His)
that we encounter in Scripture.

1Kings 3:6 And Shelomoh said,
"You *Yourself nx* have done great kindness
to your servant David, my father,
according to how he walked before Your face
in faithfulness, and in right action,
and in uprightness of heart with You.
And You have protected for him
this great kindness *itself nx*.
And you have given him a son to sit on his throne

as it is this day.

1Kings 3:7 And now **YAHWEH**, my Elohim,
You Yourself **נא** have caused to reign
Your servant himself **נא**
in place of my father David.
And I am a little child.
I do not know how to go out or to come in.
1Kings 3:8 And Your servant
is in the midst of a people whom You have chosen,
a great people who are not able to be numbered
and are not able to be counted.

1Kings 3:9 Now grant to Your servant
a listening heart
for the sake of judging Your people themselves **נא**,
for the sake of discerning between good and bad.
Indeed, who is able to judge
this great people of Yours themselves **נא**?"

1Kings 3:10 And the word was pleasing
in the eyes of **YAHWEH**
because Shelomoh had asked this word itself **נא**.

1Kings 3:11 And The Elohim said to him,
"Because what you have asked
is this word itself **נא**,
and you have not asked for yourself long life,
and you have not asked for yourself wealth,
and you have not asked
for the life of your adversaries,
but you have asked for yourself understanding
for the sake of listening attentively for judgment,
1Kings 3:12 behold!
I will do according to your words.

Behold!
I will give to you a wisdom and an understanding
which is like no one who existed before you.
And no one like you will arise after you.

1Kings 3:13 And also what you have not requested
I have given to you, both wealth and honor,
so that there will be not anyone like you
among the kings all your days.

1Kings 3:14 And if you will walk in My ways
for the sake of protecting My rules and My directives
according to how your father David walked,
then I will lengthen your days themselves **נא**."

Presented in this verse is another example
of a very important Scriptural precept, If...then.

YAHWEH gives us conditions
under which we are to live.
There are very serious consequences
if we do not follow these conditions.

This is nowhere more powerfully demonstrated
than in the later life of Shelomoh.

1Kings 3:15 And Shelomoh awakened.
And behold!
It was a dream.
And he went to Yerushalaim.
And he stood before
The Chest of The Covenant of **YAHWEH**.
And he offered up olahs.
And he prepared shelem offerings.
And he prepared a banquet for all his servants.
'arown - a box - chest, coffin.
This word is, by tradition, translated as "ark".
It's the same word used for what Noah built.
It's the same word used to describe the container

into which Moshe was placed.
Each of those should catch your attention.

Yet **neither** of them was a 'boat',
which is the traditional understanding of an "ark".
This was nothing more and nothing less than a chest.

adoni - sovereign, i.e. controller.
This is an instance where a scribal insertion
has been made in the text
to replace the Name of **YAHWEH**.

This was done under the concept that that name
was "too holy" to pronounce.
A number of these replacements were made.

This is most unfortunate
because The Covenant of **YAHWEH**
is unique in all the world.
It should **never be altered**
because of some "tradition of men"!

shelem - properly, requital. (pay back);
a (voluntary) sacrifice in thanks.
These offerings were not mandatory.
They were "free will offerings".

mishteh - drink, by implication drinking (the act);
(also by implication) a banquet or (generally) (feast).

This term is not the same as a festival
(as in The Feasts of Yisra'el).
It is distinctly different,
and for that reason it's given here as a banquet
to help make that distinction.

1Kings 3:16 Then two women of adultery
came to the king.
And they stood before him.

1Kings 3:17 And the one woman said,
"Please, my sovereign,
this woman and I myself dwell in one house.
And I gave birth with her in the house.
1Kings 3:18 And it was the third day
after I had given birth.
And this woman also gave birth.
And we were together.
No stranger was with us ourselves **תא** in the house.
Only we two were in the house.

1Kings 3:19 And the son of this woman
died in the night as she laid on him.
1Kings 3:20 And she rose up
in the middle of the night.
And she took my son **himself** **תא** from beside me.
And your female servant slept.
And she laid him in her bosom.
And she laid her dead child **himself** **תא** in my bosom.

1Kings 3:21 And I rose up in the morning
for the sake of nursing my son **himself** **תא**.
And behold!
He was dead.
But I paid attention to him closely in the morning.
And behold!
It was not my son to whom I had given birth."

1Kings 3:22 And the other woman said, "No!
Indeed, the living one is my son
and your son is the dead one!"
And this one said, "No!
Indeed, your son is the dead one
and the living one is my son!"
And they so spoke before the king.

1Kings 3:23 And the king said,

"The one says, 'This is my son who lives,
and your son is the dead one,'
while the other says, 'No!
Indeed, your son is the dead one
and my son is the living one.'"

1Kings 3:24 And the king said,
"Bring to me a sword!"
And they brought a sword before the king.

1Kings 3:25 And the king said,
"Cut the in two the living child himself **תא**.
And give half itself **תא** to one
and half itself **תא** to the other."

1Kings 3:26 And the woman
whose son was living spoke to the king
because she was overcome with compassion
on account of her son.
And she said,
"Please my sovereign,
give to her the living child himself **תא**
and do not kill, do not kill him!"

But this one said,
"Let him be neither mine nor yours!
Divide him!"

1Kings 3:27 And the king responded.
And he said, "Give to her the living child himself **תא**!
And do not kill, do not kill him!
She is his mother."

*Note: The double mentions in the preceding verses
are a Hebraic means of placing specific emphasis
on the matter at hand.
This is often lost in English translations
by inserting some form
of 'surely, certainly, etc.' into the text.*

1Kings 3:28 And all Yisra'el heard
of the judgment itself **תא**
which the king had judged.
And they revered the king because they had seen
that the wisdom of The Elohim was in him
for the sake of making a judgment.

Chapter 4

1Kings 4:1 And King Shelomoh was king
over all Yisra'el.
1Kings 4:2 And these were his head persons:
Azaryah, son of Tzadok, the priest,
1Kings 4:3 Elihoreph and Ahijah,
sons of Shisha, scribes,
Yahoshaphat, son of Ahilud, the recorder,
1Kings 4:4 and Benayah, son of Yahoyada,
over the assembly,
and Tzadok and Ebyathar, the priests,
1Kings 4:5 and Azaryah, son of Nathan,
over the officers,
Zabud, son of Nathan, a priest,
companion of the king,
1Kings 4:6 and Ahishar, over the household,
and Adoniram, son of Abda,
over the compulsory labor.

1Kings 4:7 And Shelomoh had twelve
stationed over all Yisra'el.
And they provided for the king himself **תא**
and for his household itself **תא**.
Each month of the year
it was upon a man to provide.

1Kings 4:8 And these were their names:

Ben Hur, in the mountains of Ephraim.
 1Kings 4:9 Ben Deker, in Makats and Sha'albim,
 and Bet Shemesh, and Elon Bet Hanan.
 1Kings 4:10 Ben Hesed in Arubbot,
 Sokoh and all the land of Hephher were his;
 1Kings 4:11 Ben Abinadab, all the height of Dor.
 Taphath, the daughter of Shelomoh,
 became his wife.
 1Kings 4:12 Ba'ana, son of Ahilud,
 in Ta'anak, and Megiddo,
 and all Bet She'an, which is beside Tzarethan
 below Yizre'el, from Bet She'an to Abel Meholah,
 as far as the other side of Yokne'am.
 1Kings 4:13 Ben Geber, in Ramot Gil'ad.
 The towns of Ya'ir, son of Manasseh,
 in Gil'ad were his,
 the portion of Argob in Bashan,
 sixty large cities with walls
 and copper gate bars were his.
 1Kings 4:14 Abinadab, son of Iddo, in Mahanaim.
 1Kings 4:15 Ahima'ats in Naphtali.
 He also took Basemat herself **נא**,
 the daughter of Shelomoh, as wife.
 1Kings 4:16 Ba'anah, son of Hushai,
 in Asher and in Aloth.
 1Kings 4:17 Yahoshaphat, son of Paruwah,
 in Yissaskar.
 1Kings 4:18 Shim'i, son of Elah, in Binyamin.
 1Kings 4:19 Geber, son of Uri, in the land of Gil'ad,
 in the land of Sihon, king of the Amorites,
 and of Og, king of Bashan,
 and one governor was in the land.

1Kings 4:20 Yahudah and Yisra'el
 were as numerous as the sand
 which is beside the sea for multitude,
 eating and drinking and rejoicing.

Note: The Hebrew text begins Chapter 5 at this point.
 This becomes a bit confusing and difficult to follow
 for one using a standard bible.
 Therefore the traditional verse numbering will be used
 so reference can be made more easily to other bibles.
 It will be followed by (H___)
 to indicate the versification in The Tanakh,
 which is the Hebrew Text of The Old Covenant.

1Kings 4:21 (H 5:1) And Shelomoh was ruling
 in all the kingdoms from The River
 to the land of the Philistines,
 and as far as the border of Mitsraim.
 They were bringing tribute.
 And they served Shelomoh himself **נא**
 all the days of his life.

A reference to "The River"
 is a reference to The Euphrates River.

1Kings 4:22 (H 5:2) And Shelomoh's food supply
 for one day was thirty kors of fine flour
 and sixty kors of meal,
 1Kings 4:23 (H 5:3) ten fattened cattle,
 and twenty cattle from the pastures,
 and one hundred sheep, besides deer,
 and gazelles, and roebucks, and fatted fowl,
 1Kings 4:24 (H 5:4) because he was ruling
 over everything this side of The River
 from Tiphseh and as far as Azzah,
 over all the kings on this side of The River.
 And there was for him peace
 on every side all around him.
 Azzah is Gaza of today.

1Kings 4:25 (H 5:5) And Yahudah and Yisra'el
 dwelt in safety,

each man under his vine or under his fig tree,
from Dan as far as Beersheba,
all the days of Shelomoh.

1Kings 4:26 (H 5:6) And Shelomoh had
forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots
and twelve thousand horsemen.

1Kings 4:27 (/H 5:7) And these officials
provided for King Shelomoh himself **nx**
and for everyone themselves **nx**
who came near to King Shelomoh's table,
each man in his month.
Nothing was lacking.

1Kings 4:28 (H 5:8) And barley,
and straw for the horses,
and swift steeds they brought
to the place where he was,
each according to his judgment.

1Kings 4:29 (H 5:9) And The Elohim
gave to Shelomoh
wisdom and understanding, exceedingly much,
and breadth of heart
like the sand on the shore of the sea.

1Kings 4:30 (H 5:10) And Shelomoh's wisdom
was greater than the wisdom
of all the men of the East
and all the wisdom of Mitsraim.

1Kings 4:31 (H 5:11) And he was wiser
than all the men,
than Eythan the Ezrahite, and Heman,
and Kalkol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol.

And his name was in all the surrounding nations.

1Kings 4:32 (H 5:12) And he spoke
three thousand proverbs.
And his songs were one thousand and five.

1Kings 4:33 (H 5:13) And he spoke about trees,
from the cedar tree of Lebanon
even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall.
And he spoke about animals, and about birds,
and about creeping creatures, and about fish.

1Kings 4:34 (H 5:14) And they came
from all the peoples to listen attentively
to the wisdom itself **nx** of Shelomoh
from all the kings themselves **nx** of the earth
who had heard of his wisdom itself **nx**

Chapter 5

1Kings 5:1 (H 5:15) And Hiram, King of Tzor,
sent his servants themselves **nx** to Shelomoh
because he heard that he himself **nx**
had been anointed king in place of his father.
Indeed, Hiram
was loving toward David all his days.

1Kings 5:2 (H 5:16) And Shelomoh
sent to Hiram saying,
1Kings 5:3 (H 5:17) "You yourself **nx** know
that David himself **nx**, my father,
was not able to build a house
for the Name of **YAHWEH**, his Elohim,
in the presence of the battles which surrounded him
until **YAHWEH** put they themselves **nx**
under the soles of his feet.

1Kings 5:4 (H 5:18) But now **YAHWEH**, my Elohim,
has given rest to me from all around.
There is no opponent and no instance of harm.

1Kings 5:5 (H 5:19) And behold!
I am deciding to build a house
for the Name of **YAHWEH**, my Elohim,
according to what **YAHWEH** spoke
to my father David saying,
'Your son whom I will put on your throne
in place of you,
he will build the house for My Name.'

1Kings 5:6 (H 5:20) And now give directions
and cut down for me
cedars trees from The Lebanon.
And my servants will be with your servants.
And the wages of your servants I will give to you
according to everything you say.
Indeed, you yourself **nx** know
there is not among us a man
who knows to cut timber like the Tzidonians."

1Kings 5:7 (H 5:21) And it was as Hiram heard
the words themselves **nx** of Shelomoh.
And he rejoiced exceedingly.
And he said,
"Blessed be **YAHWEH** today
Who has given to David
a wise son over this great people!"

1Kings 5:8 (H 5:22) And Hiram
sent to Shelomoh saying,
"I have listened attentively
to what you have sent to me itself **nx**.
I myself will do everything itself **nx** you desire
with cedar trees and with fir trees.
1Kings 5:9 (H 5:23) My servants will bring them down
from The Lebanon to the sea.
And I myself will place them as rafts upon the sea
as far as the place to which you send me.
And I will scatter them.
And you yourself **nx** can pick them up.
And you yourself **nx** will do my pleasure itself **nx**
by giving food to my household."

1Kings 5:10 (H 5:24) And it was so.
Hiram gave to Shelomoh trees of cedar
and trees of fir,
everything he desired.
1Kings 5:11 (H 5:25) And Shelomoh gave to Hiram
twenty thousand kors of wheat
as food for his household
and twenty kors of pressed oil.
Thus Shelomoh gave to Hiram year by year.

1Kings 5:12 (H 5:26) And **YAHWEH**
gave wisdom to Shelomoh
according to what He had spoken to him.
And there was peace
between Hiram and Shelomoh.
And the two of them cut a covenant.

1Kings 5:13 (H 5:27) And King Shelomoh
raised up forced labor from all Yisra'el.
And the forced labor was thirty thousand men.
1Kings 5:14 (H 5:28) And he sent them to Lebanon,
ten thousand in a month by alternation.
One month they were in Lebanon,
two months at home.
And Adoniram was over the forced labor.

1Kings 5:15 (H 5:29) And Shelomoh had

seventy thousand carrying burdens
and eighty thousand cutting stone in the mountains
1Kings 5:16 (H 5:30) apart from those Shelomoh
had stationed over the tasks.
Three thousand and three hundred
were ruling over the people working at the tasks.

1Kings 5:17 (H 5:31) And the king gave direction.
And they journeyed with large valuable stones
for the sake of laying the foundation of The House,
cut stones.

1Kings 5:18 (H 5:32) And Shelomoh's builders,
and Hiram's builders, and the men of Gebal cut.
And they set up timber and stones
for the sake of building The House.

Chapter 6

1Kings 6:1 And it was in the four hundred
and eightieth year of the going out
of the Children of Yisra'el from the land of Mitsraim,
in the fourth year, in the month of Ziv,
which is the second month,
of Shelomoh's reigning over Yisra'el.

And he began to build The House of **YAHWEH**.

Note: This is a very specific date.
It fulfills a prophecy **YAHWEH** gave
concerning the exodus event.
480 years after they left Egypt
construction was started
on The house of **YAHWEH**,
built specifically "for" His Name!

1Kings 6:2 And the house
which King Shelomoh built for **YAHWEH**
was sixty cubits long, and twenty wide,
and thirty cubits high.

1Kings 6:3 And the porch
on the face of the great hall of The House
was twenty cubits long
upon the face of the width of The House,
And its depth was ten cubits
upon the face of the House.

hekal - a large public building,
such as a palace or a temple.
Traditionally this word is translated as "Temple".
However, the word **does not only mean 'temple'**.
It's used of any large public building.

A temple is a building devoted to the worship,
or regarded as the dwelling place, of a god, of gods,
or other objects of religious reverence.
The entire compound
surrounding this central large building
was devoted to such usage,
and therefore was referred to
as "The Temple of Yisra'el".

But keep in mind that any other large public building
could also be called a "temple",
such as the one in Corinth for Athena.

1Kings 6:4 And he made for The House
framed windows with lattices.

1Kings 6:5 And upon the wall of The House
he built extensions all around
of the walls *themselves* **nx** of The House
all around the great hall and the inner sanctuary.
And he made ribs all around.

1Kings 6:6 The lowest extension
was five cubits wide.
And the middle one was six cubits wide.
And the third one was seven cubits wide

because he made offsets for The House
all around outside, but *it* was not fastened
into the walls of The House.

1Kings 6:7 And The House in its being built,
was built with completed stone, quarry built.
And a hammer, or chisel, or any iron tool
was not heard in The House as it was being built.

1Kings 6:8 The entrance
for the middle side chamber
was on the right side of The House.
And with winding stairs they went up
to the middle side chambers,
and from the middle to the third.

1Kings 6:9 And he built The House *itself* nx.
And he completed it.
And he covered The House *itself* nx
with beams and boards of cedar.

1Kings 6:10 And he built the extension *itself* nx
upon the entire House five cubits high.
And it was fastened to The House *itself* nx
with cedar wood.

1Kings 6:11 And the word of **YAHWEH**
existed to Shelomoh saying,
*It's worth commenting here about the phrase
which is traditionally translated as
"the word of YAHWEH came to" a person.*

*The Hebrew literally means
"the word of YAHWEH was to."*

*The verb is "to be, to exist."
It existed toward someone.
We do not know how it existed,
only that it did exist in some form.
Thus it's better to say what the text states,
and not what we "think" it should say.*

1Kings 6:12 "*Concerning* this House
which you *yourself* nx are building:
If you will walk in My rules,
and make My judgments *themselves* nx,
and you will protect all My directives *themselves* nx
for the sake of walking in them,
then I will cause My word *itself* nx
to stand with you *yourself* nx
which I spoke to David your father!
1Kings 6:13 And I will dwell in the midst
of the children of Yisra'el.
And I will not abandon
My people *themselves* nx, Yisra'el."

1Kings 6:14 And Shelomoh built The House *itself* nx.
And he completed it.

1Kings 6:15 And he built
the walls of The House *themselves* nx inside
with cedar boards from the floor of The House
to the walls of the ceiling.
He paneled the inside with wood.
And he covered the floor of The House *itself* nx
with boards of fir.

1Kings 6:16 And he built twenty cubits *themselves* nx
at the rear of The House with boards of cedar
from the floor to the walls.
And he built it inside
for the sake of the inner sanctuary,
for The Set Apart, The Set Apart Place.
*dbyr - the shrine or innermost part of the sanctuary.
This is traditionally referred to as "The Holy of Holies."*

The root is **dabar** which means to speak.

It was here,
in the most sacred place on earth for the Hebrews,
that **YAHWEH** spoke to His people
by means of the appointed head priest.

qodesh - a sacred place of thing, sanctity.
This represent something set apart, consecrated.
In this case it is set apart to **YAHWEH**.
But there are other things that are also set apart
which are not dedicated to **YAHWEH** in Scripture,
even pagan things and places.
It comes from a root that means to be clean, pure.

1Kings 6:17 And The House itself was forty cubits.
It was the great hall in front of it.

1Kings 6:18 And the cedar for inside of The House
was a carving with ornaments and open flowers.
Everything was cedar.
Not a stone was being seen.

1Kings 6:19 And the inner sanctuary
in the midst of The House
was established for the sake of putting there
The Chest *itself* **nx** of The Covenant of **YAHWEH**.

1Kings 6:20 And the front of the inner sanctuary
was twenty cubits long,
and twenty cubits wide,
and twenty cubits high.
And he overlaid it with pure gold.
And he overlaid the *incense* altar with cedar.

1Kings 6:21 And Shelomoh overlaid
the inside of The House *itself* **nx** with pure gold.
And he made gold chains to pass over the front
of the inner sanctuary.
And he overlaid it with gold.

1Kings 6:22 And the entire House *itself* **nx**
he had overlaid with gold
until the entire House was completed.

And the entire *incense* altar
that was in the inner sanctuary
he overlaid with gold.

The *incense* altar was not a "slaughter site".
There was nothing slaughtered here.
Only *incense* was burned upon it.
It's also referred to as The Golden Altar
since it was entirely covered with gold.

It's unfortunate that it's been called an altar
since that's not it's primary function.

1Kings 6:23 And inside the inner sanctuary
he made two cherubim of olive wood,
ten cubits high.

1Kings 6:24 And five cubits
was the wing of the one cherub.
And five cubits was the wing of the second cherub,
ten cubits from the tip of one wing
to the tip of the other.

1Kings 6:25 And ten cubits was the other cherub.
The measure of the one
and the measure of the one
were both cherubim.

1Kings 6:26 The height of one cherub was ten cubits,
and so was the other cherub.

1Kings 6:27 And he put
the cherubim *themselves* **nx**
in the center of the inner house.

And the cherubim stretched out
their wings themselves **תא**.
And a wing touched one wall.
And the wing of the other cherub
touched the other wall.
And their wings touched one another
in the center of the room.
1Kings 6:28 And he overlaid
the cherubim themselves **תא** with gold.

1Kings 6:29 And all the walls of The House itself **תא**
all around, both inside and outside,
he carved with engravings
of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers.
1Kings 6:30 And the floor of The House itself **תא**
he overlaid with gold inside and outside.

1Kings 6:31 And the entrance itself **תא**
to the inner sanctuary
he made as doors of olive wood,
the lintel *and* doorposts *being* a fifth
of the length of the wall.
1Kings 6:32 And the two doors were of olive wood.
And he carved on them engravings of cherubim,
and palm trees, and open flowers.
And he overlaid them with gold.
And he hammered upon the cherubim
and upon the palm trees the gold itself **תא**.

1Kings 6:33 And according to this
he made for the entrance to the great hall
posts of olive wood,
a fourth part *of the length of the wall*,
1Kings 6:34 and two doors of fir wood
with two leaves of the one folding,
and two leaves of the other door folding.
1Kings 6:35 And he carved cherubim,
and palm trees, and open flowers.
And he overlaid them with gold
right over the carved work.

1Kings 6:36 And he built
the inner courtyard itself **תא**
with three rows of cut stone
and a row of cedar beams.

1Kings 6:37 In the fourth year
the foundation was established
of The House of **YAHWEH** in the month Ziv.
1Kings 6:38 And in the eleventh year,
in the month Bul, the eighth month,
The House was completed in all its matters
and according to all its plans.
And he had built for seven years.

Chapter 7

1Kings 7:1 And Shelomoh built his house itself **תא**
for thirteen years.
And he completed his entire house itself **תא**.

1Kings 7:2 And he built The House of
the forest of Lebanon itself **תא**,
a hundred cubits its length and fifty cubits its width,
and thirty cubits its height,
with four rows of columns
and beams of cedar upon the columns.
1Kings 7:3 And it was paneled with cedar above,
upon the beams that were upon forty five columns,
fifteen to a row.
1Kings 7:4 And windows were three rows.
And window was toward window, three times.
1Kings 7:5 And all the openings and the doorposts

had square frames.

And window was toward window, three times.

1Kings 7:6 And a porch of the columns *itself nx*

he made fifty cubits long and thirty cubits wide.

And the porch was on the front of them.

And the columns and the cornice

was on the front of them.

1Kings 7:7 And a porch for the throne

where he pronounced sentence,

The Porch of Judgment, he made.

And it was paneled with cedar from floor to floor.

1Kings 7:8 And his house where he was to dwell,

the court to the rear was within the porch,

this was of like workmanship.

And Shelomoh made a house

for Pharaoh's daughter whom he had taken

like this porch.

1Kings 7:9 All these were valuable stones,

sawed with a saw according to measure,

inside and outside,

and from the foundation to the coping,

and outside on the great courtyard.

1Kings 7:10 And the foundation was laid

with valuable stones, large stones,

stones of ten cubits and stones of eight cubits.

1Kings 7:11 And above were valuable stones,

cut to size, and cedar wood.

1Kings 7:12 And the great courtyard all around

had three rows of cut stones

and a row of cedar beams

and were like the inner courtyard

of The House of **YAHWEH**

and the porch of The House.

1Kings 7:13 And King Shelomoh sent.

And he brought Hiram *himself nx* from Tzor.

1Kings 7:14 He was the son of a widow woman

from the tribe of Naphtali.

And his father was a man of Tzor,

an engraver of copper.

And he was filled with wisdom *itself nx*

and understanding *itself nx*

and the knowledge *itself nx*

of working with every work in copper.

And he came to King Shelomoh.

And he did all his work *itself nx*.

nchosheth - copper.

It's important to recognize that this word

is most often translated incorrectly.

It means copper, not brass, and not bronze.

This is important because copper is a **pure** metal,

not an amalgamation like brass and bronze.

Purity in Scripture has extreme significance.

1Kings 7:15 And he cast two columns of copper

eighteen cubits high each.

And a cord of twelve cubits surrounded both.

1Kings 7:16 And he made two capitals

to put on the tops of the columns,

castings of copper,

five cubits the height of the one capital

and five cubits the height of the other capital,

1Kings 7:17 a network of works of network,

wreaths of chainwork for the capitals

which were on top of the columns,

seven chains for one capital

and seven for the other capital.

1Kings 7:18 And he made
the columns themselves **נא**
and two rows all around upon the network
the one to cover the capitals themselves **נא**
that were on top with pomegranates.
And so he did for the other capital.
1Kings 7:19 And the capitals
that were on top of the columns in the porch
were in the shape of lilies, four cubits,
1Kings 7:20 and capitals upon on the two columns,
also above beside the bulge
which was next to the network.
And the pomegranates were two hundred
in rows all around on each of the capitals.

1Kings 7:21 And he stood up
the columns themselves **נא**
for the porch of the great hall.
And he stood up the column on the right itself **נא**.
And called its name Yakin itself **נא**.
And he stood up the column on the left itself **נא**.
And he called its name Bo'az itself **נא**.
Yakin means YAH will establish.
Boaz means in Him is strength (uncertain).

1Kings 7:22 And on the top of the columns
was lily work.
And he completed the work of the columns.

1Kings 7:23 And he made the molten sea itself **נא**,
ten cubits from one lip to the other,
round all about, and five cubits its height,
and a cord of thirty cubits encompassed it itself **נא**.
This is quite remarkable because it indicates
that he knew the precise ratio of π (3:1416...) to the diameter of the circle.

1Kings 7:24 And below its lip
were ornaments all around
encompassing it itself **נא**, ten to a cubit
encompassing the sea itself **נא**,
two rows cast in its casting.
1Kings 7:25 It stood on twelve oxen,
three facing north,
and three facing west,
and three facing south,
and three facing east.
And the sea was set upon them.
And all their hind parts were inward.
1Kings 7:26 And its thickness was a handbreadth.
And its lip was a work like the lip of a cup
with lily flowers. It contained two thousand baths.

1Kings 7:27 And he made the stands themselves **נא**,
ten of copper, four cubits in length
and four cubits in width, and three cubits in height.

1Kings 7:28 And this is the work of the stands,
enclosures for them and the enclosures
between the frames,
1Kings 7:29 and on the enclosures
which were between the frames
were lions, oxen, and cherubim.

And on the frames of the stand above
and below the lions and oxen
were wreaths beaten, descending,
1Kings 7:30 and four copper wheels for the stand,
and axles of copper, and four supports for them
under the casting opposite each wreath.

1Kings 7:31 And its lip inside
the capital at the top was one cubit.
And the lip was round like the work of the stand,
one and a half cubits.

And also on the mouth were engravings.
And the enclosures were square, not round.

1Kings 7:32 And the four wheels
were under the enclosures.
And the axle trees of the wheels
were in the stand.

And the height of a wheel
was one and a half cubits.
1Kings 7:33 And the work of the wheels
was like the work of the chariot wheels.
Their axle pins, and their rims,
and their spokes, and their hubs were all cast.

1Kings 7:34 And there were four supports
at the four corners of the one stand.
From the stand itself came the supports.

1Kings 7:35 And at the top of the stand,
half a cubit in height, was a round band all around.
And at the top of the stand
its flanges and its enclosures were from itself.

1Kings 7:36 And engraved on the plates of its flanges
and on its enclosures were cherubim,
lions, and palm trees,
according to the clear space on each,
with wreaths all around.

1Kings 7:37 He made the ten stands like this
of one casting, one measure,
and one shape for all of them.

1Kings 7:38 And he made ten basins of copper.
Each basin contained forty baths.
Each basin was four cubits,
one basin on each of the ten stands.

1Kings 7:39 And he put the basins themselves **תא**,
five stands on the right side of The House,
and five on the left side of The House.

And the sea itself **תא** he put on the right side
of The House, to the east, toward the south.

1Kings 7:40 And Hiram made
the pots themselves **תא**,
and the shovels themselves **תא**,
and the bowls themselves **תא**.

And Hiram completed doing all the work itself **תא**
that he had made for King Shelomoh
on The House of **YAHWEH**:

1Kings 7:41 columns, two,
and the bowl shaped capitals
that were on top of the columns, two,
and networks, two for covering
the two bowl shaped capitals themselves **תא**

which were on top of the columns,
1Kings 7:42 and the pomegranates themselves **תא**,
four hundred for the two networks,
two rows of pomegranates
for each network for covering

the two bowl shaped capitals themselves **תא**
that were on top of the columns,

1Kings 7:43 and the ten stands themselves **תא**,
and the ten basins themselves **תא** on the stands,

1Kings 7:44 and the one sea itself **תא**,
and the twelve oxen themselves **תא** beneath the sea,

1Kings 7:45 and the pots themselves **תא**,
and the shovels themselves **תא**,
and the bowls themselves **תא**.

And all these utensils themselves **תא**
which Hiram made for King Shelomoh
for The House of **YAHWEH** were of polished copper.

1Kings 7:46 In the plain of The Yarden
the king had them cast,
in clay of the soil between Sukkoth and Tzarethan.

1Kings 7:47 And Shelomoh left unweighed
all the products *themselves* nx
from their exceeding, exceeding abundance.
The weight of the copper was not searched out.

1Kings 7:48 And Shelomoh made
all the vessels *themselves* nx
for The House of **YAHWEH**,
the golden *incense* altar *itself* nx,
and the golden table *itself* nx
upon which was the bread of the presence,
1Kings 7:49 and the lamp stands *themselves* nx
of pure gold,
five on the right side and five on the left
in front of the inner sanctuary
and the flowers, and the lamps,
and the snuffers of gold,
1Kings 7:50 and the basins,
and the snuffers,
and the bowls,
and the ladles,
and the fire holders of pure gold,
and the hinges of gold
for the doors of the inner house,
The Set Apart, Set apart Place,
and for the doors of The House for the great hall.

1Kings 7:51 And all the work
which King Shelomoh had done
for The House of **YAHWEH** was completed.
And Shelomoh brought in
the set apart items *themselves* nx
of David, his father,
the silver *itself* nx and the gold *itself* nx
and the utensils *themselves* nx.
And he put them into the store houses
of The House of **YAHWEH**.

Chapter 8

1Kings 8:1 Then Shelomoh assembled
the elders of Yisra'el *themselves* nx
and all the heads of the tribes *themselves* nx,
the exalted fathers of the children of Yisra'el,
to King Shelomoh, to Yerushalaim,
for the sake of bringing up
The Chest *itself* nx of The Covenant of **YAHWEH**
from the City of David.
It is Tziyon.

Tziyon - meaning is uncertain.
One form of the word means
desert or barren wasteland.
Another form is identified as referring
to a monumental or guiding pillar,
marking the way for travellers,
and perhaps this comes close
to its original meaning.

But perhaps more importantly
- it's known as "The City of David".
David's reign as king of Yisra'el
is a major "landmark"
and theme in Hebrew culture.
The goal is to see his kingdom restored.
This is particularly in view through The Messiah,
Who is Himself is of the "seed" of David.

It is perhaps from this perspective
that we can better understand
the concept of "Zionism".
It's goal appears to be the re-establishment

of The Kingdom of David
in the person of **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah.

1Kings 8:2 And all the men of Yisra'el
assembled to King Shelomoh
at the festival in the month of Ethanim,
which is the seventh month.
Ethamin means permanence.
The seventh month places this
at the time of the festival of Sukkoth (Tabernacles).

1Kings 8:3 And all the elders of Yisra'el came.
And the priests lifted up The Chest *itself* **nx**.
1Kings 8:4 And they brought up
The Chest *itself* **nx** of **YAHWEH**
and The Tent of Appointment *itself* **nx**,
and all the set apart vessels *themselves* **nx**
that were in The Tent.
And the priests and the Levites
brought up they *themselves* **nx**.

1Kings 8:5 And King Shelomoh
and all the assembly of Yisra'el
who had met by appointment before him
were with he *himself* **nx** before The Chest,
sacrificing sheep and oxen
that could not be counted
and could not be numbered for multitude.

1Kings 8:6 And the priests brought in
The Chest *itself* **nx** of The Covenant of **YAHWEH**
to its place in the inner sanctuary of The House,
to The Set Apart, The Set Apart Place,
to beneath the wings of the cherubim.

1Kings 8:7 Indeed, the cherubim spread two wings
toward the place of The Chest.
And the cherubim were covering above The Chest
and above its poles.
1Kings 8:8 And the poles extended.
And the ends of the poles were seen
from The Set Apart Place
at the front of the inner sanctuary.
But they were not seen outside.
And they are there to this day.

1Kings 8:9 There was nothing in The Chest
except the two tablets of stone
which Moshe set there at Horeb,
where **YAHWEH** cut a Covenant
with the children of Yisra'el
in their going out from the land of Mitsraim.

1Kings 8:10 And it was as the priests
were coming out from The Set Apart Place.
And the cloud filled
The House of **YAHWEH** *itself* **nx**.

1Kings 8:11 And the priests were not able
to stand to minister
because of the presence of the cloud.

Indeed, the splendor of **YAHWEH**
filled The House *itself* **nx** of **YAHWEH**.

1Kings 8:12 Then Shelomoh said,
“**YAHWEH** has said
He would dwell in thick darkness.

1Kings 8:13 Built, I have built a house,
a residence for You,
an established place for Your dwelling for eternity.”

1Kings 8:14 And the king turned
around his face *itself* נא.
And he blessed
the entire assembly of Yisra'el *itself* נא.
And the entire assembly of Yisra'el was standing.

1Kings 8:15 And he said,
"Blessed be **YAHWEH**, The Elohim of Yisra'el,
Who spoke by His mouth
to David *himself* נא, my father.
And with His hand He has fulfilled it saying,
1Kings 8:16 'From the day that I brought forth
My people *themselves* נא, Yisra'el *itself* נא,
from Mitsraim I have not chosen in a city
from all the tribes of Yisra'el
for the sake of building build a house
for the sake of My Name being there.
But I chose upon David
for the sake of being over My people Yisra'el.'

1Kings 8:17 And it was in the heart
of my father David,
to build a house for the Name of **YAHWEH**,
The Elohim of Yisra'el.
1Kings 8:18 But **YAHWEH** said to my father David,
'Because of what has been in your heart,
to build a house for My Name,
you did well because it was in your heart.

1Kings 8:19 However, you will not build The House.
But your son who is coming from your loins,
he will build The House for My Name.'

1Kings 8:20 And **YAHWEH** has caused to stand
His word *itself* נא which He spoke.

And I have been raised up
in place of my father David.
And I am sitting upon the throne of Yisra'el
according to what **YAHWEH** spoke.

And I have built a house
for the Name of **YAHWEH**, The Elohim of Yisra'el.

1Kings 8:21 And I have placed there
a spot for The Chest
in which is The Covenant of **YAHWEH**
which He cut with our forefathers
as He was bringing out they *themselves* נא
from the land of Mitsraim."

1Kings 8:22 And Shelomoh stood before
the slaughter site of **YAHWEH**
in front of all the assembly of Yisra'el.
And he spread out his hands toward the skies.

1Kings 8:23 And he said,
"**YAHWEH**, The Elohim of Yisra'el,
there is not like You an elohim
in the skies above or on earth beneath,
protecting The Covenant and the kindness
toward Your servants
who are walking before Your face with all their heart,
1Kings 8:24 which You have protected
for the sake of your servant David, my father,
that *itself* נא which You spoke to him.
And You spoke by Your mouth.
And by Your hand You have fulfilled it this day!

1Kings 8:25 And now, **YAHWEH**,
The Elohim of Yisra'el,
protect for the sake of Your servant David, my father,
what *itself* נא You have spoken saying.

'There is not to be cut off a man of yours
from before My face sitting on the throne of Yisra'el
provided that your sons protect their way itself **תָּא**,
for the sake of walking before My face
according to how you have walked before My face.'

Many translations use "before Me"
instead of "before My face".
Before My face is the literal translation.
It's used in this text to call attention to the reality
that **YAHWEH** is ALWAYS WATCHING
every act we perform.
We are, indeed, literally before His face.

It's also used because for the Hebrews
this is how He was perceived.

1Kings 8:26 And now, Elohim of Yisra'el,
please let Your word be faithful
which You have spoken
to Your servant David, my father.

1Kings 8:27 Indeed, is it certain
The Elohim is dwelling on the earth?
Behold!
The skies and The Heavens of the skies
cannot contain You,
how much less this House which I have built!

1Kings 8:28 But turn toward
the prayer of Your servant
and his request for favor, **YAHWEH**, my Elohim,
for the sake of listening attentively
to the shout of joy
and to the intercession with which Your servant
is interceding before Your face today
1Kings 8:29 for the sake of Your eyes
being open toward this House
night and day, toward the place of which You said,
'My Name is there!'
for the sake of listening attentively
to the intercession which Your servant himself
is making toward this place.

1Kings 8:30 And listen attentively
to the request for favor
of Your servant and of Your people Yisra'el
who intercede themselves toward this place!
And You Yourself **תָּא** listen attentively
in the place of Your dwelling,
in The Heavens!
And hear!
And forgive!

1Kings 8:31 Whoever themselves **תָּא**
offends against his neighbor
and has caused him to take an oath
for the sake of swearing and comes to swear
before Your slaughter site in this House,
1Kings 8:32 and You Yourself **תָּא**
hear in The Heavens and act,
and judge Your servants themselves **תָּא**,
for the sake of declaring morally wrong
the one morally wrong,
giving his way onto his head,
and causing to be right the one who is right,
giving to him according to his rightness.

1Kings 8:33 As Your people Yisra'el,
are being struck before an adversary
because they have offended against You
and they return to You,
and they praise Your Name itself **תָּא**, and they pray,
and they request favor toward You in this House,
1Kings 8:34 then You Yourself **תָּא**

listen attentively in The Heavens
and forgive the offense of Your people Yisra'el.
And return them to the soil
which You have given to their forefathers.

1Kings 8:35 When You restrain the skies
and there is no rain
because they are offending against You
and they pray toward this place,
and they praise Your Name *itself* נא,
and turn back from their offense
because You are oppressing them,
1Kings 8:36 then You Yourself נא
listen attentively in The Heavens
and forgive the offense of Your servants,
even Your people Yisra'el,
because You are teaching them
the good way *itself* נא in which they are to walk.
And give rain upon Your land
which You have given to Your people to possess.

1Kings 8:37 Because there is famine in the land;
because there is blight, mildew, locusts, grasshoppers;
because their adversary is distressing them
in the cities of their land; every blow; every sickness;
8:38 every prayer; every request for favor
which exists for any human being
of all Your people Yisra'el,
each man knowing the blow to his heart,
and he spreads out his hands toward this House,
1Kings 8:39 then You Yourself נא
listen attentively in The Heavens,
Your dwelling place.
And forgive!
And act!
And give to every man according to all his ways,
whose heart *itself* נא You know.

Indeed You Yourself נא alone
know the hearts *themselves* נא
of all the children of the human being,
1Kings 8:40 in order that they will revere You
all the days that they live upon the face of the land
which You have given to our forefathers.

1Kings 8:41 And also toward the stranger
who is not of Your people Yisra'el
but has come from a distant land
for the sake of Your Name,
1Kings 8:42 indeed, they will hear
of Your great Name *itself* נא,
and Your strong hand *itself* נא,
and Your outstretched arm,
and he will come.
And he will pray toward this House.
1Kings 8:43 You Yourself נא,
listen attentively in The Heavens,
Your dwelling place,
and do according to all
for which the stranger calls to You,
in order that all the peoples of the earth
will know Your Name *itself* נא
for the sake of revering You Yourself נא
like Your people Yisra'el, that Your Name
is called upon this House which I have built.

1Kings 8:44 When Your people go out
for the sake of battling against their adversary
in the way that You send them,
and they pray to **YAHWEH**,
toward the city which You have chosen
and The House which I have built for Your Name,
1Kings 8:45 then listen attentively in The Heavens

to their prayer *itself* nx
and to their request for favor *itself* nx
and make a judgment.

1Kings 8:46 When they offend against You,
indeed, there is no one who does not offend,
and You are enraged with them,
and You give them to the adversary,
and they take them captive
to the land of the adversary, far or near,
1Kings 8:47 and they turn back to their heart
in the land where they have been taken captive,
and they return,
and they request favor toward You
in the land of captivity saying,
'We have offended.
And we have acted perversely.
We have done wrong.'
1Kings 8:48 and they turn back to You
with all their heart
and with all their life
in the land of their adversaries
where they *themselves* nx have been taken captive,
and they pray to You toward their land
which You have given to their forefathers,
the city which You have chosen
and The House which I have built
for the sake of Your Name,
1Kings 8:49 then listen attentively in The Heavens,
Your dwelling place,
to their prayer *itself* nx
and to their request for favor *itself* nx
and make a judgment.
1Kings 8:50 And forgive Your people
who have offended against You,
and all their rebellions with which
they have rebelled against You?
And grant them compassion
before the face of their captors,
and they will have compassion on them!

1Kings 8:51 Indeed, they are Your people,
and Your inheritance
whom You have brought out from Mitsraim,
from the midst of a furnace of iron,
1Kings 8:52 for the sake of Your eyes being open
to the request for favor of Your servant
and the request for favor of Your people Yisra'el,
to listen attentively to them
whenever they call to You.

1Kings 8:53 Indeed, You *Yourself* nx
have separated them for Yourself
as an inheritance out of all the peoples of the earth
according to what You spoke
by the hand of Your servant, Moshe,
as You were bringing out
our forefathers *themselves* nx
from Mitsraim, Sovereign **YAHWEH!**"

1Kings 8:54 And it was as Shelomoh
ended praying to **YAHWEH**
all this prayer *itself* nx and this request for favor.

He stood up from before
the slaughter site of **YAHWEH**,
from kneeling on his knees
and spreading his hands to the skies.

1Kings 8:55 And he stood.
And he blessed all the assembly *itself* nx of Yisra'el
with a loud voice saying,
1Kings 8:56 "Blessed be **YAHWEH**,

Who has given rest to His people, Yisra'el,
according to all that He has spoken.

**Not one word has failed
from all His good word which He spoke
by the hand of Moshe His servant!**

1Kings 8:57 **YAHWEH**, our Elohim, is with us
according to how He was with our forefathers.
May He not abandon us.
And may He not strike us
1Kings 8:58 for the sake of inclining
our hearts to Himself,
for the sake of walking in all His ways,
and for the sake of protecting His directives,
and His rules,
and His regulations
which He gave as direction
to our forefathers *themselves* **nx**.

Note: The traditional terms used
for 'commands, statutes, and ordinances
are not properly understood.

YAHWEH has **never** issued a command!
That may seem like a false statement
until you understand that He
never forces anyone to do anything!
NEVER!

Everything He does with us
is based on His instruction - His **Torah!**
The Torah is not "law"! **It is instruction!**
It consists of His directions to His people,
not His demands!

Since His Word does not consist of "laws"
we must re-think His intent.

Command becomes "give direction" or "directive".
His "statutes" are actually His rules,
His guidelines for our behavior.
And His "ordinances" are His regulations
to help us stay on the path
He has presented for us to walk upon.

1Kings 8:59 And may these words of mine
with which I have requested favor
before the face of **YAHWEH**
be near **YAHWEH**, our Elohim, day and night
for the sake of doing judgment for His servant
and judgment for His people, Yisra'el,
the word of each day in its day,
1Kings 8:60 in order that all the peoples of the earth
might know that **YAHWEH** is The Elohim!
No other!

1Kings 8:61 And your heart is to be
completely with **YAHWEH** our Elohim,
for the sake of walking in His rules
and guarding His directives as at this day!"

1Kings 8:62 And the king and all Yisra'el with him
made sacrifices before the face of **YAHWEH**.
1Kings 8:63 And Shelomoh offered
sacrifices of shelem *themselves* **nx**
which he sacrificed to **YAHWEH**,
twenty two thousand bulls
and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep.

And they dedicated The House *itself* **nx** of **YAHWEH**,
the king and all the children of Yisra'el.

1Kings 8:64 On that day the king consecrated
the middle of the courtyard *itself* **nx**
that was in front of The House of **YAHWEH**

because there he prepared the olahs themselves nx,
and the grain gifts themselves nx,
and the fat of the shelem offerings themselves nx,
because the copper slaughter site
that was before **YAHWEH** was too small
to contain the olahs themselves nx,
and the grain gifts themselves nx,
and the fat of the shelem offerings themselves nx.

1Kings 8:65 And Shelomoh prepared at that time
The Festival itself nx, and all Yisra'el with him,
a great assembly from the entrance of Hamath
to The River of Mitsraim,
before the face of **YAHWEH**, our Elohim,
seven days and seven days, fourteen days.

1Kings 8:66 On the eighth day he sent away
the people themselves nx.
And they blessed the king himself nx.
And they went to their tents,
rejoicing and glad of heart over all the goodness
that **YAHWEH** had done for His servant David
and for Yisra'el, His people.
*There is only one festival in the seventh month
that lasts seven days.
It is Sukkoth (Tabernacles).*

Chapter 9

1Kings 9:1 And it was as Shelomoh
had finished building
The House itself nx of YAHWEH
and the house itself nx of the king,
and all the desire of Shelomoh itself nx
which he was inclined to do.

1Kings 9:2 And **YAHWEH** was seen by Shelomoh
a second time
according to how He had been seen by him at Gib'on.

1Kings 9:3 And **YAHWEH** said to him,
"I have heard your prayer itself nx
and your request for favor itself nx
that you have requested for favor before My face.

I Myself have set apart this House itself nx
which you have built there
for the sake of My Name until eternity.
And My eyes and My heart
will be there all the days.

1Kings 9:4 And you yourself nx,
if you will walk before Me
according to how your father David walked,
with integrity of heart and with right action
for the sake of doing
according to all that I have directed you,
if you protect My rules and My judgments,
1Kings 9:5 then I will cause to stand
the throne itself nx of your kingdom
over Yisra'el for eternity
according to what I spoke
to David, your father saying, '
There will not be cut off for you a man
from upon the throne of Yisra'el.'

1Kings 9:6 If you turn back, you turn back,
you yourself nx or your sons,
from following after Me,
and you do not protect My directives,
My rules which I have put before your faces,
and you go and you serve other gods
and you bow yourselves toward them
1Kings 9:7 then I will cut off Yisra'el itself nx

from the face of the soil which I have given to them.

And The House *itself* **נא**
which I have set apart for the sake of My Name
I will send away from before My face!

And Yisra'el will be a proverb and a byword
among all the peoples!

1Kings 9:8 And this exalted house,
everyone passing over beside it will be devastated!
And they will whistle and say,
'For what reason has **YAHWEH**
done thus to this land and to this house?'

1Kings 9:9 And they will say,
'Because they have abandoned
YAHWEH *Himself* **נא**, their Elohim,
Who brought out their forefathers *themselves* **נא**
from the land of Mitsraim.
And they attached themselves to other gods.
And they have bowed themselves to them.
And they have served them.

For this reason **YAHWEH** has brought upon them
all this evil *itself* **נא**."

1Kings 9:10 And it was at the end of twenty years
in which Shelomoh had built
the two houses *themselves* **נא**,
The House *itself* **נא** of **YAHWEH**,
and the house *itself* **נא** of the king.

1Kings 9:11 Hiram, King of Tzor,
had supplied Shelomoh *himself* **נא**
with trees of cedar, and trees of fir, and gold,
for his every desire.

Then King Shelomoh gave to Hiram twenty cities
in the land of The Galil.

1Kings 9:12 And Hiram went out from Tzor
for the sake of seeing the cities *themselves* **נא**
which Shelomoh had given to him.

But they were not right in his eyes.

1Kings 9:13 And he said, "What are these cities
you have given to me, my brother?"
And he called them the land of Kabul
as they are to this day.

Kabul means sterile.

1Kings 9:14 And Hiram sent to the king
one hundred and twenty talents of gold.

1Kings 9:15 And this is the word of the forced labor
which King Shelomoh raised for the sake
of building The House *itself* **נא** of **YAHWEH**,
and his house *itself* **נא**,
and The Millo *itself* **נא**,
and the wall of Yerushalaim *itself* **נא**,
and Hatzor *itself* **נא**,
and Megiddo *itself* **נא**,
and Gezer *itself* **נא**.

1Kings 9:16 (Pharaoh, King of Mitsraim,
had gone up and captured Gezer *itself* **נא**.
And he burned it with fire.
And the Kena'anites *themselves* **נא**
who were dwelling in the city were killed.
And he gave it as a dowry to his daughter,
wife of Shelomoh.)

1Kings 9:17 And Shelomoh built Gezer *itself* **נא**,
and Lower Beth Horon *itself* **נא**,
1Kings 9:18 and Ba'alath *itself* **נא**,

and Tamar *itself* **נא** in the wilderness
in the land of Yahudah,
1Kings 9:19 and all the storage cities themselves **נא**
that Shelomoh had,
and cities for chariots themselves **נא**,
and cities for horsemen themselves **נא**,
and the delight of Shelomoh himself **נא**
that he desired to build in Yerushalaim,
and in The Lebanon, and in all the land of his rule.

1Kings 9:20 All the people remaining
of the Amorites, the Hittites,
the Perizzites, the Hivvites, and the Yebusites
who were not of the children of Yisra'el,
1Kings 9:21 children who had remained
after them in the land,
whom the children of Yisra'el
were not able to devote to destruction,
Shelomoh raised up as forced labor until this day.

1Kings 9:22 And from the children of Yisra'el
Shelomoh did not give as slaves.
Indeed, they were men of battle, and his servants,
and his leaders, and his captains,
and captains of his chariots, and his horsemen.
1Kings 9:23 These were the head persons,
those stationed,
who were over the tasks of Shelomoh.
five hundred and fifty
ruling over people doing the tasks.

1Kings 9:24 Then the daughter of Pharaoh
went up from The City of David to her house
that he had built for her.
Then he built The Millo *itself* **נא**.

1Kings 9:25 And Shelomoh offered up
three times in a year
olahs and shelem offerings on the slaughter site
which he had built for **YAHWEH**.
And he *himself* **נא** offered incense as smoke
with what was before the face of **YAHWEH**.
And he made The House secure.

1Kings 9:26 And King Shelomoh
made a fleet of ships at Etzyon Geber
which is at Elot *itself* **נא**
on the shore of the Sea of Reeds
in the land of Edom.

1Kings 9:27 And Hiram sent with the fleet
his servants *themselves* **נא**,
men of ships with knowledge of the sea,
with the servants of Shelomoh.
1Kings 9:28 And they went to Ophir.
And they took gold from there,
four hundred and twenty talents.
And they brought it to King Shelomoh.

Chapter 10

1Kings 10:1 And the queen of Sheba
was hearing a report of Shelomoh
concerning the Name of **YAHWEH**.
And she came to test him with riddles.

1Kings 10:2 And she came to Yerushalaim
with an exceedingly significant company,
camels carrying spices,
exceedingly abundant gold,
and precious stones.
And she came to Shelomoh.
And she spoke to him everything *itself* **נא**
that was in her heart.

1Kings 10:3 And Shelomoh declared to her
every word *itself* nx.
Not a word was concealed from the king
that he did not declare to her.

1Kings 10:4 And the queen of Sheba observed
all the wisdom *itself* nx of Shelomoh,
and the house that he had built,
1Kings 10:5 and the food of his table,
and the seating of his servants,
and the standing of his ministers,
and their attire,
and his cupbearers,
and his olahs which he offered up
in The House of **YAHWEH**.

And there was not for her breath any longer.
She was breathless, or, it took her breath away.

1Kings 10:6 And she said to the king,
"The word I heard in my own land
concerning your words
and concerning your wisdom was true.
1Kings 10:7 But I did not believe
concerning the words until I came
and I saw with my eyes.
And behold!
The half was not told to me!
You have more wisdom and goodness
above the report which I had heard.

1Kings 10:8 Happy are your men.
Happy are these your servants
who are standing before you continually,
who are listening attentively to your wisdom *itself* nx!

1Kings 10:9 Blessed is **YAHWEH**, your Elohim,
Who has delighted in you,
for the sake of putting you on the throne of Yisra'el!
Indeed, **YAHWEH** has loved Yisra'el *itself* nx
for eternity!
And He has established you as king
for the sake of doing judgment and justice."

1Kings 10:10 And she gave to the king
one hundred and twenty talents of gold,
and exceedingly abundant spices and precious stones.
Spices such as this did not come again
in the abundance which the queen of Sheba
gave to King Shelomoh.

1Kings 10:11 And the ships of Hiram
which carried gold from Ophir
also brought from Ophir
almug trees in exceeding abundance
and precious stones.

1Kings 10:12 And the king made pillars
of almug trees *themselves* nx
for The House of **YAHWEH**,
and for the king's house,
and lyres and harps for singers.
Such almug trees have not come
or been seen as far as this day.

1Kings 10:13 And King Shelomoh
gave to the queen of Sheba
everything desirable which she had requested
besides what he had given to her
by the hand of King Shelomoh.
And she turned and went to her land,
she and her servants.

1Kings 10:14 And the weight of the gold
that came to Shelomoh yearly
was **six hundred and sixty-six** talents of gold,

*Note: This may prove significant
in connection with The New Covenant reference
to "then umber of the man
when 'calculated' is 666."*

1Kings 10:15 besides that from men of travel,
and the trade of merchants,
and all the kings of Arabia,
and the governors of the land.

1Kings 10:16 And King Shelomoh
made two hundred large shields of beaten gold,
six hundred pieces of gold went up onto each shield,
1Kings 10:17 and three hundred
shields of beaten gold,
three minas of gold went up onto each shield.
And the king put them in
The House of the Forest of Lebanon.

1Kings 10:18 And the king made
a large throne of ivory.
And he overlaid it with refined gold.
1Kings 10:19 Six steps were on the throne.
And the top of the throne was round on its back.
And armrests were on either side
of the place of the seat.
And two lions stood beside the armrests.
1Kings 10:20 And twelve lions were standing there,
one on each side of the six steps.
And beside this,
there was none like it for any kingdom.

1Kings 10:21 And all the drinking vessels
of King Shelomoh were of gold.
And all the vessels
of the House of the Forest of Lebanon
were of pure gold, not of silver.
It was not regarded *of value* in the days of Shelomoh.

1Kings 10:22 Indeed, the king had ships of Tarshish
at sea with the fleet of Hiram.
Once every three years the ships of Tarshish came
bringing gold, and silver,
ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

1Kings 10:23 And King Shelomoh became greater
than all the kings of the earth in wealth and wisdom.

1Kings 10:24 And all the earth sought
the presence *itself* **nx** of Shelomoh
for the sake of listening attentively
to his wisdom *itself* **nx**
which The Elohim had put in his heart.

1Kings 10:25 And they were bringing
each man his gift,
vessels of silver and vessels of gold,
and garments, and weapons, and spices,
horses, and mules,
the word of a year in a year.

1Kings 10:26 And Shelomoh gathered
chariots and horsemen.
And he had one thousand four hundred chariots
and twelve thousand horsemen.
And he stationed them in the chariot cities
and with the king at Yerushalaim.

*This is one of the first indications
of trouble for Shelomoh.
YAHWEH had declared a king
was not to gather horses for himself.
Surely that included horsemen as well.*

This was done as one sought
to build their "protection" by themselves
instead of relying on **YAHWEH**.

1Kings 10:27 And the king gave the silver *itself* נא
in Yerushalaim like stones.
And the cedars *themselves* נא he gave
like the sycamores which are in The Shefelah
for abundance.

1Kings 10:28 And horses were coming forth
for Shelomoh from Mitsraim and Keveh.
The king's merchants took them at Keveh at a price.
1Kings 10:29 And a chariot went up.
And it came out from Mitsraim
for six hundred pieces of silver,
and a horse one hundred and fifty.

And thus all the kings of the Hittites
and the kings of Aram brought out by their hand.

Chapter 11

1Kings 11:1 And King Shelomoh
loved many foreign women
in addition to the daughter *herself* נא of Pharaoh,
Mo'abite, Ammonite, Edomite, Tzidonian,
and Hittite women,
1Kings 11:2 from the nations of whom **YAHWEH**
had said to the children of Yisra'el,
"You are not to go into them,
and they are not to come in to you!
Assuredly they will turn away your hearts
after their gods!"

Shelomoh adhered to these for the sake of love.

We now see the second indication
of trouble for Shelomoh.
First it was accumulating horses.
Now its accumulating foreign women.
Both were forbidden by **YAHWEH**.

1Kings 11:3 And he had seven hundred royal women
and three hundred concubines.
And his wives pulled away his heart *itself* נא.

1Kings 11:4 And it was at the time
of Shelomoh's old age
that his wives pulled away his heart *itself* נא
after other gods.

And his heart was not whole
with **YAHWEH**, his Elohim,
like the heart of his father, David.

1Kings 11:5 And Shelomoh walked after Ashtoreth,
the god of the Tzidonians, and after Milkom,
the detestable one of the Ammonites.
The wisest man who has ever lived
makes the most foolish choice that can be made.
He places The Elohim, **YAHWEH**,
on a par with false gods.
This results in his complete undoing.

This section of Scripture proclaims The Truth
that it is indeed possible to "lose your salvation",
to abandon **YAHWEH**
for the sake of serving other "things"
that are more important to you than He is.
This story is a powerful and vital warning!

1Kings 11:6 **And Shelomoh did bad
in the eyes of YAHWEH.**
**And he did not follow YAHWEH completely
like his father David.**

1Kings 11:7 Then Shelomoh built
a high place for Kemosh,
the detestable one of Mo'ab,
on the hill that is east of Yerushalaim,
and for Moloch,
the detestable one of the children of Ammon.

1Kings 11:8 And thus he did for all his foreign wives
who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

1Kings 11:9 And **YAHWEH** was enraged at Shelomoh
because his heart had turned away
from **YAHWEH**, The Elohim of Yisra'el,
Who had been seen by him twice,
1Kings 11:10 and Who had given direction to him
concerning this word
for the sake of not walking after other gods.

And he did not protect
that *itself* **nx** which **YAHWEH** had directed.

1Kings 11:11 And **YAHWEH** said to Shelomoh, "
Since this is what has existed with you
and you have not protected My Covenant
and My rules which I directed over you
I will tear, tear the kingdom *itself* **nx** from upon you!
And I will give it to your servant.

1Kings 11:12 However, I will not do it in your days
for the sake of your father, David.
Out of the hand of your son I will tear it.

1Kings 11:13 However, all of the kingdom *itself* **nx**
I will not tear away.
One tribe I will give to your son
for the sake of my servant David
and for the sake of Yerushalaim,
which I have chosen."

1Kings 11:14 And **YAHWEH** raised up an adversary
against Shelomoh, Hadad *himself* **nx** the Edomite,
from the seed of the king of Edom.

1Kings 11:15 And it was as David
was in Edom *itself* **nx**.
And Yo'ab, captain of the assembly,
had gone up for the sake of burying
all those killed *themselves* **nx**.
And he had struck every male in Edom.
1Kings 11:16 Indeed, Yo'ab and all Yisra'el
remained there six months
until every male in Edom was cut off.

1Kings 11:17 But Hadad had fled
for the sake of going to Mitsraim,
he *himself* **nx** and some Edomite men,
servants of his father.
And Hadad was still a young child.

1Kings 11:18 And they rose up from Midyan.
And they went to Paran.
And they took men with them from Paran.
And they went to Mitsraim,
to Pharaoh, king of Mitsraim.
And he gave him a house and ordered food for him.
And land was given to him.
1Kings 11:19 And Hadad found exceeding favor
in the eyes of Pharaoh.
And he gave to him as wife
the sister *herself* **nx** of his wife,
Tahpenes the Queen.
1Kings 11:20 And the sister of Tahpenes bore to him
Genubath *himself* **nx** his son.

And Tahpenes weaned him in Pharaoh's house.
And Genubath was in the household of Pharaoh
among the sons of Pharaoh.

1Kings 11:21 And Hadad heard in Mitsraim
that David had laid down with his forefathers,
and that Yo'ab was dead, the captain of the assembly.

And Hadad said to Pharaoh,
"Send me away, and I will go to my land."

1Kings 11:22 And Pharaoh said to him,
"Indeed, what have you yourself **nx** lacked with me?
But behold!
You are seeking to go to your country."
And he said, "Nothing.
But send me, send me away."

1Kings 11:23 And The Elohim raised up toward him
another adversary, Rezon himself **nx** son of Elyada,
who had fled from Hadadezer himself **nx**
king of Tzobah, his sovereign.
1Kings 11:24 And he gathered men around him.
And became captain of a band
as David was killing they themselves **nx** of Tzobah.

And they went to Damascus.
And they dwelt there.
And they reigned at Damascus.
1Kings 11:25 And he was an adversary of Yisra'el
all the days of Shelomoh
as well as the harm itself **nx** that Hadad did.
And he was loathing against Yisra'el.
And he reigned over Aram.

satan - an opponent,
especially Satan, the arch-enemy of good.

Here the word is properly translated as adversary.

Rezon is **not Satan**,
but he is "**a satan**", an adversary.

Satan is **not the name** of our Adversary.
His name is Lucifer, which means light-bearer.

1Kings 11:26 And Yarob'am, son of Nebat,
was an Ephraimite from Tzeredah.
And his mother's name was Tzeru'ah,
a widow woman, a servant of Shelomoh.
And he lifted up a hand against the king.
Yarob'am means contender of the people.
Tzeru'ah means leprous.

1Kings 11:27 And this is the word
for which he raised a hand against the king.
Shelomoh had built The Millo itself **nx**.
He repaired the breaches themselves **nx**
in The City of David, his father.

1Kings 11:28 And the man Yarob'am
was a mighty man of force.
And Shelomoh had seen the young man himself **nx**,
that he was doing his tasks.
And he appointed he himself **nx**
over all the forced labor of the house of Yoseph.

1Kings 11:29 And it was at that time.
And Yarob'am went out from Yerushalaim.
And he himself **nx** was found by Ahiyah the Shilonite,
the prophet, as he was on the road.
And he was covering himself with a new garment.
And the two were alone in the field.
1Kings 11:30 And Ahiyah seized
the new garment that was on him.
And he tore it into twelve pieces.

1Kings 11:31 And he said to Yarob'am,
"Take for yourself ten pieces.
Indeed, thus said **YAHWEH**, The Elohim of Yisra'el,
'Behold!
I am tearing the kingdom *itself* **nx**
from the hand of Shelomoh.
And I am giving to you ten tribes *themselves* **nx**.

1Kings 11:32 And one tribe will be his
for the sake of My servant David,
and for the sake of Yerushalaim,
the city which I have chosen
among all the tribes of Yisra'el,
1Kings 11:33 since they have abandoned Me
and are bowing themselves
to Ashtoreth, the gods of the Tzidonians,
to Kemosh, the gods of the Mo'abites,
and to Milkom, the gods of the children of Ammon.

And they are not walking in My ways
for the sake of doing what is right in My eyes,
or My rules, or My regulations like David, his father.

1Kings 11:34 But I am not taking
all the kingdom *itself* **nx** from his hand
because I have established him as ruler
all the days of his life
for the sake of My servant, David
whom I chose, he *himself* **nx**,
who protected My directives and My rules.

1Kings 11:35 But I will take the kingdom
from the hand of his son.
And I will give to you ten of the tribes *themselves* **nx**.
1Kings 11:36 And to his son I will give one tribe
in order that there will be a light
for My servant, David before My face
all the days at Yerushalaim,
the city which I have chosen for Myself
for the sake of establishing My Name there.

1Kings 11:37 And I am taking you *yourself* **nx**.
And you will reign over everything
that your life desires.
And you will be king over Yisra'el.

1Kings 11:38 And it will be if you listen attentively
to everything *itself* **nx** that I direct you,
and you will walk in My ways,
and you will do what is right in My eyes
for the sake of protecting My rules and My directives
according to what My servant David did
then I will be with you.
And I will build for you a trustworthy house
like what I built for David.
And I will give to you Yisra'el *itself* **nx**.

1Kings 11:39 And I will oppress
the seed of David *itself* **nx**
for the sake of this.
However, not for all the days.' "

1Kings 11:40 And Shelomoh sought
to kill Yarob'am *himself* **nx**.
And Yarob'am got up.
And he fled to Mitsraim, to Shishak, king of Mitsraim.
And he was in Mitsraim until the death of Shelomoh.

1Kings 11:41 And the rest of the words of Shelomoh,
all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written
on the scroll of The Words of Shelomoh?

1Kings 11:42 And the days that Shelomoh

reigned in Yerushalaim
over all Yisra'el was forty years.
11:43 And Shelomoh laid down with his forefathers.
And he was buried in The City of David, his father.
And Rehob'am, his son, reigned in his place.
Rehob'am means a people has enlarged.

Chapter 12

1Kings 12:1 And Rehob'am went to Shekem
because all Yisra'el had gone to Shekem
to cause he himself **תא** to reign.

1Kings 12:2 And it was as Yarob'am,
son of Nebat, heard it.
And he was still in Mitsraim where he had fled
from the presence of King Shelomoh.
And Yarob'am was dwelling in Mitsraim.

1Kings 12:3 And they sent and called for him.
And Yarob'am came,
and all the assembly of Yisra'el.
And they spoke to Rehob'am saying,
1Kings 12:4 "Your father caused
our yoke itself **תא** to be difficult.
But now you yourself **תא** cause us to be lightened
from the the difficult service of your father
and his heavy yoke which he put on us
and we will serve you."

1Kings 12:5 And he said to them,
"Go away for three days.
And return to me."
And the people went.

1Kings 12:6 And King Rehob'am consulted
the elders themselves **תא**
who had been standing before the face
of Shelomoh himself **תא**, his father,
when he was alive.
And he said,
"What do you yourselves **תא** advise me
to return as word to these people themselves **תא**?"

1Kings 12:7 And they spoke to him saying,
"If today you are a servant to these people
and you will serve them,
and you will respond to them,
and you will speak good words to them,
then they will be your servants all the days."

1Kings 12:8 But he abandoned
the advice itself **תא** of the elders.
And he consulted the young men themselves **תא**
who had grown up with he himself **תא**
who were standing before him.
1Kings 12:9 And he said to them,
"What word do you yourselves **תא** advise
that we return to these people themselves **תא**
who have spoken to me saying,
'Lighten from us the yoke
which your father has put upon us'?"

1Kings 12:10 And the young men
who had grown up with him
spoke to he himself **תא** saying,
"Thus you are to say to this people
who have spoken to you saying,
'Your father caused our yoke itself **תא** to be heavy.
But you yourself **תא**,
cause us to be lightened from our yoke.'
Thus you are to say to them,
'My little finger is thicker than my father's waist!
1Kings 12:11 And now,

my father loaded upon you a heavy yoke.
But I myself will add to the yoke upon you!
My father chastised you yourselves **תא** with lashes.
But I myself will chastise you yourselves **תא**
with scorpions!"

1Kings 12:12 And Yarob'am and all the people
came to Rehob'am on the third day
according to what the king had spoken saying,
"Return to me on the third day."

1Kings 12:13 And the king responded harshly
to the people themselves **תא**.
And he abandoned the advice itself **תא**
which the elders had advised him.
1Kings 12:14 And he spoke to them
according to the advice of the young men saying,
"My father caused your yoke itself **תא** to be heavy.
But I myself will add to your yoke.
My father chastised you yourselves **תא** with lashes.
But I myself will chastise you yourselves **תא**
with scorpions!"

1Kings 12:15 And the king did not listen attentively
to the people
because it was a turn of events from **YAHWEH**
in order to establish His word itself **תא**
which **YAHWEH** had spoken
by the hand of Ahiyah the Shilonite
to Yarob'am, son of Nebat.

1Kings 12:16 And all Yisra'el saw that the king
had not listened attentively to them.
And the people returned word
to the king himself **תא** saying,
"What portion do we have with David?
And there is no inheritance with the son of Yishai.
To your tents, Yisra'el!
Now, see to your house, David!"
And Yisra'el went to their tents.

1Kings 12:17 And the children of Yisra'el
dwelt in the cities of Yahudah.
And Rehob'am reigned over them.

1Kings 12:18 And King Rehob'am
sent Adoram himself **תא**,
who was over the forced labor.
And all Yisra'el stoned him with stones.
And he died.
And King Rehob'am with determination
got into his chariot
for the sake of fleeing to Yerushalaim.

1Kings 12:19 And Yisra'el has rebelled
against the house of David to this day.

1Kings 12:20 And it was as all Yisra'el heard
that Yarob'am had returned.
And they sent.
And they called he himself **תא** to the assembly.
And they caused he himself **תא**
to reign over all Yisra'el.

There was none following the house of David
except the tribe of Yahudah alone.

1Kings 12:21 And Rehob'am came to Yerushalaim.
And he assembled all the house of Yahudah itself **תא**
and the tribe of Binyamin itself **תא**,
one hundred and eighty thousand chosen ones
prepared for battle for the sake of fighting
with the house of Yisra'el,

for the sake of returning the kingdom itself **nx**,
to Rehob'am, son of Shelomoh.

1Kings 12:22 And a word of The Elohim existed
to Shema'yah, the man of The Elohim, saying,
Shema'yah means YAH has heard.

1Kings 12:23 "Speak to Rehob'am, son of Shelomoh,
king of Yahudah,

and to all the house of Yahudah and Binyamin,
and to the remainder of the people saying,

1Kings 12:24 thus said **YAHWEH**,
'Do not go up!

And do not fight with your kindred,
the children of Yisra'el.

Each man is to return to his house.

Indeed, this word is from Me Myself **nx**.' "

And they listened attentively to

the word itself **nx** of **YAHWEH**.

And they returned,

going according to the word of **YAHWEH**.

1Kings 12:25 And Yarob'am built Shekem itself **nx**
in the mountains of Ephraim.

And he dwelt there.

And he went out from there.

And he built Penu'el itself **nx**.

1Kings 12:26 And Yarob'am said in his heart,
"Now the kingdom will return to the house of David.

1Kings 12:27 If these people

go up to prepare sacrifices

in The House of **YAHWEH** at Yerushalaim

then the heart of this people will turn back

to their sovereign, Rehob'am, king of Yahudah.

And they will kill me and return to Rehob'am,
king of Yahudah."

1Kings 12:28 And the king got advice.

And he made two calves of gold.

And he said to the people,

"It is too much for you to go up to Yerushalaim.

Behold your gods, Yisra'el,

which brought you up from the land of Mitsraim!"

Yarob'am makes a fatal error.

It's virtually the same error Aahron made at Sinai.

**He knows these golden calves did not
bring up the children of Yisra'el from Egypt.**

He is not relying upon YAHWEH

as he has been directed to do.

**It is a huge mistake that has
extremely long term consequences
for everyone involved.**

1Kings 12:29 And he placed

the one itself **nx** at Bet El.

And the other one itself **nx** he placed at Dan.

1Kings 12:30 And this matter became an offense.

And the people went before the one as far as Dan.

1Kings 12:31 And he made

a house itself **nx** of high places.

And he made priests from the extremes of the people
who were not from the sons of Levi.

1Kings 12:32 And Yarob'am made a festival

in the eighth month

on the fifteenth day of the month

like the festival that was in Yahudah.

And he offered up upon the slaughter site.

Thus he did at Bet El for the sake of sacrificing
to the calves that he had made.

And he stationed at Bet El
the priests themselves **nx**
of the high places which he had made.

1Kings 12:33 And he offered up
upon the slaughter site which he had made at Bet El
on the fifteenth day of the eighth month,
in the month which he had devised from his own heart.
And he made a festival for the Children of Yisra'el.
And he went up on the slaughter site to burn incense.

Chapter 13

1Kings 13:1 And behold!
A man of The Elohim went from Yahudah to Bet El
with the word of **YAHWEH**.
And Yarob'am was standing
beside the slaughter site
for the sake of burning incense.

1Kings 13:2 And he called out
against the slaughter site
by the word of **YAHWEH**.
And he said, "Slaughter site!
Slaughter site!
Thus said **YAHWEH**,
'Behold!
A son is to be born to the house of David.
Yoshiyah is his name.
And on you he will slaughter
the priests themselves **nx** of the high places,
those burning incense on you.
And bones of men will be burned upon you.' "

Yoshiyah means foundation of YAH.

1Kings 13:3 And he gave on that day a sign saying,
"This is the sign of which **YAHWEH** has spoken.
Behold!
The slaughter site will be torn apart
and the ashes which are upon it will be poured out."

1Kings 13:4 And it was as King Yarob'am heard
the word itself **nx** of the man of The Elohim
who called out against the slaughter site at Bet El.
And Yarob'am stretched out his hand itself **nx**
from over the slaughter site saying,
"Seize him!"
And his hand withered
which he had stretched out against him.
And he was not able to return it to himself.

1Kings 13:5 And the slaughter site was torn apart.
And the ashes poured out from the slaughter site
according to the sign which the man of The Elohim
had given by the word of **YAHWEH**.

1Kings 13:6 And the king responded.
And he said to the man of The Elohim,
"Please intreat the face itself **nx**
of **YAHWEH**, your Elohim.
And intercede on my behalf
that my hand will return to me."

And the man of The Elohim intreated
the face itself **nx** of **YAHWEH**.
And the king's hand returned to him.
And it existed as at the beginning.

1Kings 13:7 And the king spoke
to the man of The Elohim,
"Come to the house with me myself **nx**
and refresh yourself.
And I will give to you a reward."

1Kings 13:8 But the man of The Elohim
said to the king,
"If you were to give to me half your house itself **תא**
I will not go in with you!
And I will not eat food
and I will not drink water in this place
1Kings 13:9 because thus I myself **תא**
have been directed
by the word of **YAHWEH** saying,
'You are not to eat food.
And you are not to drink water.
And you are not to return
by the road which you came.' "

1Kings 13:10 And he went on another road.
And he did not return
by the way he had come to Bet El.

1Kings 13:11 And one old prophet
was dwelling at Bet El.
And his sons came.
And they reported to him
all the actions themselves **תא** that were done
by the man of The Elohim that day at Bet El,
the words themselves **תא**
which he had spoken to the king.
And they reported them to their father.

1Kings 13:12 And their father said to them,
"Where is this, the way he has gone?"
And his sons had seen the way itself **תא**
which the man of The Elohim had gone
who had come from Yahudah.

1Kings 13:13 And he said to his sons,
"Saddle for me the male ass."
And they saddled the male ass for him.
And he rode upon it.

1Kings 13:14 And he went after
the man of The Elohim.
And he found him sitting beneath an oak.
And he said to him,
"Are you yourself **תא** the man of The Elohim
who came from Yahudah?"
And he said, "I myself."
1Kings 13:15 And he said to him,
"Come to the house with me myself **תא** and eat food."

1Kings 13:16 And he said,
"I am not able to return with you yourself **תא**
or go in with you yourself **תא**.
And I am not to eat bread
and I am not to drink water
with you yourself **תא** in this place
1Kings 13:17 because a word existed to me
by the word of **YAHWEH**,
'You are not to eat food
and you are not to drink water there.
You are not to return
by going the way which you came.' "

1Kings 13:18 And he said to him,
"I myself am also a prophet like you.
And a messenger spoke to me
by the word of **YAHWEH** saying,
'Cause him to return
with you yourself **תא** to your house.
And let him eat food and drink water.' "

He lied to him.

1Kings 13:19 And he returned with him.

And he ate food in his house.
And he drank water.

1Kings 13:20 And it was as they were sitting
beside the table.
And the word of **YAHWEH** existed to the prophet
who had caused him to return.
1Kings 13:21 And he called out
to the man of The Elohim
who had come from Yahudah saying,
"Thus said **YAHWEH**,
'Because you have rebelled
against the mouth of **YAHWEH**
and have not protected the directive *itself* **nx**
with which **YAHWEH**, your Elohim, charged you
1Kings 13:22 and you have returned,
and you have eaten food,
and you have drunk water
in the place of which He said to you,
"You are not to eat food.
And you are not to drink water!"
your corpse will not go
to the grave of your forefathers.' "

1Kings 13:23 And it was after he had eaten food
and after he had drunk.
And he saddled the male ass for him,
for the prophet whom he had returned.

1Kings 13:24 And he went.
And he encountered a lion on the road.
And it killed him.
And his corpse was thrown by the road.
And the male ass was standing beside it.
And the lion was standing beside the corpse.

1Kings 13:25 And behold!
Men were passing over.
And they saw the corpse *itself* **nx**
thrown by the road.
And the lion *itself* **nx**
was standing beside the corpse.
And they went and spoke in the city
where the old prophet was dwelling.

1Kings 13:26 And the prophet listened attentively
who had caused him to return from the way.
And he said,
"It is the man of The Elohim who rebelled
against the mouth *itself* **nx** of **YAHWEH**.
And **YAHWEH** has given him to the lion.
And it has mangled him and killed him
according to the word of **YAHWEH**
which He spoke to him."

1Kings 13:27 And he spoke to his sons saying,
"Saddle for me the male ass *itself* **nx**.
And they saddled it.
1Kings 13:28 And he went.
And he found his corpse *itself* **nx**
thrown by the road.

And the male ass and the lion
were standing beside the corpse.
The lion had not eaten the corpse *itself* **nx**
and it had not mangled the male ass *itself* **nx**.

1Kings 13:29 And the prophet lifted up
the corpse *itself* **nx** of the man of The Elohim.
And he set it down on the male ass.
And he returned.

And the old prophet went to the city

to mourn and to bury him.
1Kings 13:30 And he put down his corpse *itself* נא
in his own tomb.
And they lamented over him saying,
"Alas, my brother!"

1Kings 13:31 And it was after
he had buried he *himself* נא.
And he said to his sons saying,
"When I have died then you are to bury me *myself* נא
in the tomb where the man of The Elohim is buried.
Beside his bones you are to set down
my bones *themselves* נא.

1Kings 13:32 Indeed, the word will exist,
what he called out by the word of **YAHWEH**
against the slaughter site which is at Bet El
and against all the houses of the high places
which are in the cities of Shomeron will exist.
It will certainly come to be."

*Shomeron means watch station.
It is the Hebrew name for Samaria.*

1Kings 13:33 After this matter
Yarob'am did not turn back from his bad way.
And he returned.
And made priests from every extreme of people
for the high places.
Those desiring he filled his hand *itself* נא
as priests of the high places.

*Note: Filling the hand is a Hebraism
for consecrating a priest.*

1Kings 13:34 And this matter was the offense
of the house of Yarob'am.
And it was for the sake of cutting it off
and destroying it from the face of the soil.

Chapter 14

1Kings 14:1 At that time Abiyah,
the son of Yarob'am, was sick.
Abiyah means my father is YAH.

1Kings 14:2 And Yarob'am said to his wife,
"Get up now!
And disguise yourself!
And they will not know that you *yourself* נא
are the wife of Yarob'am.

And you are to go to Shiloh.
Behold!
Ahiyah the prophet is there.
He spoke to me of being king over this people.

1Kings 14:3 And you are to take in your hand
ten loaves and cakes and a jar of honey.
And you are to go to him.
He will declare to you what is to exist for the child."

1Kings 14:4 And thus did Yarob'am's wife.
And she got up.
And she went to Shiloh.
And she went the house of Ahiyah.
And Ahiyah was not able to see
because his eyes stood *shut* from his age.

1Kings 14:5 And **YAHWEH** had said to Ahiyah,
"Behold!
The wife of Yarob'am
is coming to ask a word from you
concerning her son because he is sick.
Thus and thus you are to speak to her.
because it will be as she comes in
that she will make herself unrecognizable."

1Kings 14:6 And it was as Ahijah listened attentively
to the sound of her footsteps *themselves nx*
as she was coming in the entrance.
And he said, "Come in, wife of Yarob'am.
Why are you yourself *nx*
making yourself unrecognizable?
Even I am sent to you with a difficult word.

1Kings 14:7 Go say to Yarob'am,
'Thus said **YAHWEH**, The Elohim of Yisra'el,
"Indeed, I exalted you from among the people
and I gave you as ruler over My people Yisra'el,
1Kings 14:8 and I tore the kingdom itself *nx*
from the house of David and I gave it to you.
But you have not been like My servant David
who protected My directives
and who followed after Me with his whole heart
for the sake of doing
only what was right in My eyes.

1Kings 14:9 But you have done more evil
than all who were before you.
And you have gone.
And you have made for yourself other gods
and molten images
for the sake of provoking Me to anger.
And Me Myself *nx* you have cast behind your back!

1Kings 14:10 For this reason, behold!
I am bringing the evil to the house of Yarob'am!
And I will cut off for Yarob'am
one pissing against the wall,
shut up or abandoned.
And I will burn up after the house of Yarob'am
as one burns up manure until it is all gone.

1Kings 14:11 Those of Yarob'am
who are dying in the city the dogs will eat.
And those who are dying in the field
the birds of the skies will eat!

Indeed, **YAHWEH** has spoken!" '

1Kings 14:12 And you yourself *nx*,
Get up!
Go to your house!
As your feet come into the city the child will die.

1Kings 14:13 And all Yisra'el will mourn for him.
And they will bury he himself *nx*.
Indeed, this one, he alone of Yarob'am,
will come to the grave
since in him there is found a good word
toward **YAHWEH**, The Elohim of Yisra'el,
in the house of Yarob'am.

1Kings 14:14 And **YAHWEH** will raise up for Himself
a king over Yisra'el who will cut off
the house of Yarob'am itself *nx* this day!
And what?
Even now!

1Kings 14:15 And **YAHWEH**
will strike Yisra'el itself *nx*
like a reed that is moved by the water!
And He will pluck up by the roots Yisra'el itself *nx*
from upon this good soil
which He had given to their forefathers!
And He will scatter them beyond The River
because of what they have made,
their Asherim themselves *nx*,
provoking to anger **YAHWEH Himself** *nx*!

1Kings 14:16 And He will give up Yisra'el itself **נא** on account of of the offenses of Yarob'am, who has offended and who has caused to offend Yisra'el itself **נא**."

1Kings 14:17 And the wife of Yarob'am got up. And she went. And she came to Tirtzah. She was coming to the threshold of the house. And the child died.

1Kings 4:18 And they buried he himself **נא**. And all Yisra'el mourned for him according to the word of **YAHWEH** which He had spoken by the hand of His servant, Ahijah the prophet.

1Kings 14:19 And the rest of the words of Yarob'am, how he fought and how he reigned, behold! They are written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Yisra'el.

1Kings 14:20 And the days that Yarob'am reigned were twenty two years. And he laid down with his forefathers. And Nadab his son reigned instead of him.

1Kings 14:21 Meanwhile Rehob'am, son of Shelomoh, reigned in Yahudah. Rehob'am was forty one years old at his reigning. He reigned seventeen years in Yerushalaim, the city which **YAHWEH** had chosen for the sake of putting there His Name itself **נא** among all the tribes of Yisra'el. And his mother's name was Na'amah, the Ammonitess.

1Kings 14:22 And Yahudah did bad in the eyes of **YAHWEH**. And he himself **נא** moved Him to zeal more than all that their fathers had done with their offenses which they committed.

1Kings 14:23 And they also built for themselves high places, and pillars, and Asherim on every high hill and under every green tree. 1Kings 14:24 And there were also cult prostitutes in the land. They did according to all the detestable things of the nations which **YAHWEH** had driven out before the faces of the children of Yisra'el.

1Kings 14:25 And it was in the fifth year of King Rehob'am. Shishak, king of Mitsraim, came up against Yerushalaim. 1Kings 14:26 And he took the treasures themselves **נא** of The House of **YAHWEH** and the treasures themselves **נא** of the king's house. And he took everything itself **נא**. And he took all the gold shields themselves **נא** which Shelomoh had made.

1Kings 14:27 And King Rehob'am made instead shields of copper to replace them. And he deposited them into the hands of the captains of the guard who were protecting the entrance of the king's house.

1Kings 14:28 And it existed, as the king was going into The House of **YAHWEH**

the guards carried them.
Then they returned them to the guardroom.

1Kings 14:29 And the rest of the words of Rehob'am
and all that he did, are they not written on the scroll
of the words of the days of the kings of Yahudah?

1Kings 14:30 And there was fighting
between Rehob'am and Yarob'am all the days.

1Kings 14:31 And Rehob'am
laid down with his forefathers.
And he was buried with his forefathers
in The City of David.
And the name of his mother
was Na'amah, the Ammonitess.
And Abiyam, his son, reigned in place of him.
[Abiyam means father of the sea.](#)

Chapter 15

1Kings 15:1 And in the eighteenth year
of King Yarob'am, son of Nebat,
Abiyam became king over Yahudah.
1Kings 15:2 He reigned three years at Yerushalaim.
And his mother's name was Ma'akah,
the granddaughter of Abshalom.
1Kings 15:3 And he walked
in all the offenses of his father
which he had done before him.
And his heart was not wholly toward **YAHWEH**,
his Elohim, like the heart of David, his father.

1Kings 15:4 However, for the sake of David
YAHWEH, his Elohim,
gave him a light in Yerushalaim
to raise up his son himself nx after him
and to cause to stand Yerushalaim itself nx,
1Kings 15:5 because David did
what was right itself nx in the eyes of **YAHWEH**.
And he did not turn aside
from all that He had directed him
all the days of his life
except in the matter of Uriyah, the Hittite.

1Kings 15:6 And there was fighting
between Rehob'am and Yarob'am
all the days of his life.

1Kings 15:7 And the rest of the words of Abiyam
and all that he did, are they not written on the scroll
of the words of the days of kings of Yahudah?

And there was fighting
between Abiyam and Yarob'am.
1Kings 15:8 And Abiyam laid down
with his forefathers.
And they buried he himself nx in The City of David.
And Asa, his son, reigned in place of him.
And in the twentieth year of Yarob'am, king of Yisra'el,
Asa became king over Yahudah.
1Kings 15:9 In the twentieth year of Yarob'am,
king of Yisra'el, Asa became king over Yahudah.
1Kings 15:10 And he reigned
forty one years at Yerushalaim.
And his grandmother's name was Ma'akah,
the granddaughter of Abshalom.

1Kings 15:11 And Asa did what was right
in the eyes of **YAHWEH**,
as his father David had done.

1Kings 15:12 And he caused to pass over
the male cult prostitutes from the land.

And he removed all the idols themselves **תא**
that his forefathers had made.

1Kings 15:13 And he also
removed Ma'akah herself **תא** from being queen,
who had made a horrible image for an Asherah.
And Asa cut down her horrible image itself **תא**.
And he burned it by the Brook Kidron.

1Kings 15:14 But the high places were not removed.
However, Asa's heart was whole with **YAHWEH**
all his days.

1Kings 15:15 And he brought
the set apart things themselves **תא** of his father
and his set apart things
into The House of **YAHWEH**,
silver and gold and objects.

1Kings 15:16 And there was fighting between Asa
and Ba'asha, king of Yisra'el, all their days.

1Kings 15:17 And Ba'asha, king of Yisra'el,
came up against Yahudah.
And he built Ramah itself **תא**
for the sake of not permitting anyone
to go out or come in to Asa, king of Yahudah.

1Kings 15:18 And Asa took
all the silver and gold itself **תא**
that remained in the treasuries
of The House of **YAHWEH**
and the treasuries themselves **תא** of the king's house.
And he gave them into the hand of his servants.
And King Asa sent them to Ben Hadad,
son of Tabrimmon, son of Hezyon, king of Aram
who was dwelling at Damascus saying,
1Kings 15:19 "A covenant exists
between you and me
like there was between my father and your father.
Behold!
I have sent you a gift of silver and gold.
Come! Break your covenant itself **תא**
with Ba'asha himself **תא**, king of Yisra'el,
and he will go up from me."

1Kings 15:20 And Ben Hadad
listened attentively to King Asa.
And he sent the captains of his forces themselves **תא**
against the cities of Yisra'el.
And he struck lyon itself **תא**, and Dan itself **תא**,
and Abel Bet Ma'akah itself **תא**,
and all Kinneret itself **תא**,
all the land of Naphtali.

1Kings 15:21 And it was as Ba'asha heard it.
And he stopped building Ramah itself **תא**.
And he dwelt at Tirtzah.

1Kings 15:22 And King Asa made a proclamation
to all Yahudah itself **תא**.
None was exempt.
And they carried away
the stones themselves **תא** of Ramah
and the trees themselves **תא**
which Ba'asha had built up.
And King Asa built with them
Geba of Binyamin itself **תא** and Mitzpah itself **תא**.

1Kings 15:23 And the rest of all the words of Asa,
and all his power, and all that he did, and the cities
which he built, are they not written on the scroll
of the words of the days of the kings of Yahudah?

However, at the time of his old age
his feet themselves **nx** were diseased.

1Kings 15:24 And Asa laid down with his forefathers.
And he was buried with his forefathers
in The City of David, his father.
And Yahoshaphat his son reigned in his place.
Yahoshaphat means YAHWEH has judged.

1Kings 15:25 And Nadab, son of Yarob'am,
became king over Yisra'el in the second year of Asa,
king of Yahudah.
And he reigned over Yisra'el two years.
Nadab means liberal.

1Kings 15:26 And he did bad
in the eyes of **YAHWEH**.
And he walked in the way of his father,
and in his offense
which caused to offend Yisra'el itself **nx**.

1Kings 15:27 And Ba'asha, son of Ahiyah,
of the house of Yissaskar, conspired against him.
And Ba'asha struck him at Gibbethon
which belonged to the Philistines.
And Nadab and all Yisra'el
were besieging against Gibbethon.

1Kings 15:28 And Ba'asha killed him
in the third year of Asa, king of Yahudah.
And he reigned in his place.

1Kings 15:29 And it was as he became king.
And he struck all the house of Yarob'am itself **nx**.
There did not remain to Yarob'am
anyone with breath until he had destroyed him
according to the word of **YAHWEH**
which He had spoken by His servant,
Ahiyah, the Shilonite,
1Kings 15:30 on account of the offenses of Yarob'am
by which he had offended and by which
he had cause to offend Yisra'el itself **nx**
by his provocation
with which he had provoked to anger
YAHWEH Himself nx, The Elohim of Yisra'el.

1Kings 15:31 And the rest of the words of Nadab,
and all that he did, are they not written in the scroll
of the words of the days of the kings of Yisra'el?

1Kings 15:32 And there was fighting between Asa
and Ba'asha, king of Yisra'el, all their days.

1Kings 15:33 In the third year of Asa, king of Yahudah,
Ba'asha, son of Ahiyah became king
over all Yisra'el at Tirtzah.
And he reigned twenty four years.

1Kings 15:34 And he did bad
in the eyes of **YAHWEH**.
And he walked in the way of Yarob'am
and in his offense
by which he had caused to offend Yisra'el itself **nx**.

Chapter 16

1Kings 16:1 Then the word of **YAHWEH** existed
to Yahu, son of Hanani, concerning Ba'asha saying,
Yahu means YAH is, or exists.

1Kings 16:2 "Being that I elevated you from the dust
and made you ruler over My people Yisra'el,
but you have walked in the way of Yarob'am,
and you have caused to offend
My people, Yisra'el themselves **nx**,

for the sake of provoking Me to anger
with their offenses,
1Kings 16:3 behold!
I am going to consume Ba'asha and his house.
And I will make your house *itself* **נא**
like the house of Yarob'am, son of Nebat.

1Kings 16:4 One of Ba'asha who dies in a city
the dogs will eat.
And one of his dying in a field
the birds of the skies will eat."

1Kings 16:5 And the rest of the words of Ba'asha,
what he did and his power,
are they not written on the scroll of the words
of the days of the kings of Yisra'el?

1Kings 16:6 And Ba'asha laid down
with his forefathers.
And he was buried in Tirtzah.
And his son, Elah, reigned in his place.
Elah means an oak or strong tree.

1Kings 16:7 And also by the hand of Yahu,
son of Hanani, the prophet
the word of **YAHWEH** existed against Ba'asha
and against his house and against all the bad
that he had done in the eyes of **YAHWEH**
for the sake of provoking Him to anger
with the work of his hands,
for the sake of being like the house of Yarob'am
and concerning which he had struck he himself **נא**.

1Kings 16:8 In the twenty sixth year
of Asa, king of Yahudah,
Elah, son of Ba'asha, reigned over Yisra'el in Tirtzah,
two years.

1Kings 16:9 And his servant, Zimri,
captain of half the chariots,
conspired against him.
And he was at Tirtzah drinking himself drunk
in the house of Artza, who was over his house in Tirtzah.
Artza means earthiness.
Zimri means musical.

1Kings 16:10 And Zimri came in and struck him.
And he put him to death in the twenty seventh year
of Asa, king of Yahudah.
And he reigned in his place.

16:11 And it was at his reigning,
at his sitting upon his throne
he struck all the household of Ba'asha *itself* **נא**.
None remained of him that pisses against the wall,
nor his relatives, nor his companions.

1Kings 16:12 And Zimri destroyed
the whole house of Ba'asha *itself* **נא**
according to the word of **YAHWEH**
which He spoken against Ba'asha
by the hand of Yahu, the prophet,
1Kings 16:13 on account of all the offenses
of Ba'asha and the offenses of Elah, his son,
by which they had offended
and by which they had caused to offend
Yisra'el *itself* **נא** for the sake of provoking to anger
YAHWEH Himself נא, The Elohim of Yisra'el,
with their emptinesses.

1Kings 16:14 And the rest of the words of Elah,
and all that he did,
are they not written on the scroll of the words

of the days of the kings of Yisra'el?

1Kings 16:15 In the twenty seventh year
of Asa, king of Yahudah,
Zimri reigned seven days in Tirtzah.
And the people were pitching their tents
against Gibbethon
which belonged to the Philistines.
1Kings 16:16 And the people who were encamping
heard a saying,
"Zimri has conspired.
And he has also struck the king himself **נא**."

And all Yisra'el caused to reign Omri himself **נא**,
captain of the assembly, over Yisra'el
on that day in the camp.

1Kings 16:17 And Omri went up
and all Yisra'el with him from Gibbethon.
And they besieged Tirtzah.

1Kings 16:18 And it was as Zimri saw
that the city was captured.
And he went into the fortress of the king's house.
And he burned upon himself with fire
the king's house itself **נא**.
And he died
1Kings 16:19 on account of the offenses
with which he had offended
for the sake of doing bad in the eyes of **YAHWEH**,
for the sake of walking in the way of Yarob'am
and in his offense which he had committed
for the sake of causing to offend Yisra'el itself **נא**.

1Kings 16:20 And the rest of the words of Zimri
and the conspiracy he made,
are they not written on the scroll of the words
of the days of the kings of Yisra'el?

1Kings 16:21 At that time the people of Yisra'el
were separated into two parts.
Half of the people followed after Tibni, son of Ginath,
to make him king, and half followed after Omri.
Tibni means of straw.

1Kings 16:22 And the people who were following Omri
were stronger than the people themselves **נא**
who were following Tibni, son of Ginath.
And Tibni was put to death.
And Omri reigned.

1Kings 16:23 In the thirty first year
of Asa, king of Yahudah,
Omri became king over Yisra'el.
And he reigned twelve years.
He reigned six years in Tirtzah.

1Kings 16:24 And he acquired
the hill of Shomeron itself **נא**
from Shemer himself **נא** with two talents of silver.
And he built up the hill itself **נא**.
And he called the name itself **נא** of the city **נא**
which he had built by the name of its owner, Shemer,
The Hill of Shomeron.

Note: This is an unusual use of נא .
The context clearly suggests
the emphasis is on the name of the city.
It was called The Hill of Shomeron
(traditionally, Samaria).

The underlining supplied
is intended to make the connection
for the emphasized portion of the text.

1Kings 16:25 And Omri did evil
in the eyes of **YAHWEH**.
And the damage was more than all those
who were before him.

1Kings 16:26 And he walked
in all the ways of Yarob'am, son of Nebat,
and in his offense by which he
had caused to offend Yisra'el *itself* nx
for the sake of provoking to anger
YAHWEH Himself nx, The Elohim of Yisra'el,
with their emptinesses.

1Kings 16:27 And the rest of the words of Omri,
what he did and the power that he made,
are they not written on the scroll of the words
of the days of the kings of Yisra'el?

1Kings 16:28 And Omri laid down with his forefathers.
And he was buried at Shomeron.
And Ahab his son reigned in his place.
Ahab means kindred of the father.

1Kings 16:29 And Ahab became king over Yisra'el
In the thirty eighth year of Asa, king of Yahudah,
And Ahab, son of Omri,
reigned over Yisra'el at Shomeron twenty two years.

1Kings 16:30 And Ahab, son of Omri,
did evil in the eyes of **YAHWEH**
more than all who were before him.

1Kings 16:31 And it was to him a light matter
to walk in the offenses of Yarob'am, son of Nebat.

And he took as wife Izebel *herself* nx,
the daughter of Ethba'al *himself* nx,
king of the Tzidonians.

And he went and served The Ba'al *itself* nx.
And he bowed himself to it.
Izebel means not of magnificence.
(Traditionally, Jezebel.)
Ethba'al means near to Ba'al.

1Kings 16:32 And he raised up
a slaughter site for Ba'al in the house of Ba'al
which he had built in Shomeron.
1Kings 16:33 And Ahab made the Asherah *itself* nx.
And Ahab added to his doings
for the sake of provoking to anger
YAHWEH Himself nx, The Elohim of Yisra'el
more than all the kings of Yisra'el
who were before him.

1Kings 16:34 In his days Hi'el *himself* nx of Bet El
built Yericho *itself* nx.
He laid its foundation with Abiram, his firstborn.
And with Segub, his youngest son,
he set up its gates,
according to the word of **YAHWEH**
which He had spoken through Yahoshua, son of Nun.
Hi'el means Living El.
Abiram means elevated father.
Segub means aloft.
Yahoshua means YAH is deliverer.
Note the change in vowel in the first three letters.
Tradition gives 'Yeh',
but this was done to avoid
pronouncing the name of YAH.
This is an egregious abuse of the text.

Chapter 17

1Kings 17:1 And Eliyah the Tishbite,

from the inhabitants of Gil'ad, said to Ahab,
"By the life of **YAHWEH**, The Elohim of Yisra'el,
before whose face I stand,
there will not be in these years
dew or rain except at the word of my mouth!"
Elijah means my El is **YAH**.

1Kings 17:2 And the word of **YAHWEH**
existed to him saying,
1Kings 17:3 "Go from this place
and face yourself eastward.
And hide by the brook Kerit which faces The Yarden.
1Kings 17:4 And it will be that you
are to drink from the stream.
And I will direct the ravens themselves **וְהָרְבִּיעִים**
to feed you there."

1Kings 17:5 And he went.
And he did according to the word of **YAHWEH**.
And he went and dwelt by the brook Kerit
which faces The Yarden.

1Kings 17:6 And the ravens brought him
bread and meat in the morning,
and bread and meat in the evening.
And he drank from the stream.

1Kings 17:7 And it was at the end of some days.
And the stream dried up
because there was no rain in the land.

1Kings 17:8 And the word of **YAHWEH**
existed to him, saying,
1Kings 17:9 "Get up!
Go to Tzarephat which belongs to Tzidon!
And you are to dwell there!
Behold!
I have charged a widow woman there to sustain you."

1Kings 17:10 And he got up.
And he went to Tzarephat.
And he came to the gate of the city.
And behold!
There was a widow woman gathering sticks.
And he called to her.
And he said, "Please get for me
a little water in a vessel and I will drink."

1Kings 17:11 And she went to get it.
And he called to her.
And he said,
"Please get for me a bit of food in your hand."
It's important to recognize that **lechem** means food.
It especially means bread,
but it does not always mean bread.

1Kings 17:12 And she said,
"By the life of **YAHWEH**, if there is a cake for you...
except a handful of flour in a jar
and a little oil in a jug.
And behold!
I am gathering a couple of sticks.
And I am going in.
And I am going to prepare it for myself and my son.
And we will eat it.
And we will die."

The expression used here
"As **YAHWEH**, your Elohim lives"
is difficult to properly translate from the Hebrew.
Literally it says "life of **YAHWEH**".

This appears to be a form of oath.
Perhaps it's better understood as
"by the life of **YAHWEH**",

affirming that what follow is "the God's truth".

1Kings 17:13 And Eliyah said to her,
"Do not be afraid!
Go!
Do as you have said!
However, make for me from there a small cake at first
and bring it out to me.
And for yourself and your son make last.

1Kings 17:14 Indeed, thus said **YAHWEH**,
The Elohim of Yisra'el,
'The jar of flour will not be finished
and the jug of oil will not be lacking
until the day **YAHWEH** is giving rain
upon the face of the soil.' "

1Kings 17:15 And she went.
And she did according to the word of Eliyah.
And she and he and her household
ate for *many* days.
1Kings 17:16 The jar of flour was not finished,
and the jug of oil run did not fail
according to the word of **YAHWEH**
which He had spoken by the hand of Eliyah.

1Kings 17:17 And it was after these events.
The son of the woman who owned the house was sick.
And his sickness was exceedingly strong
until there was no breath left in him.
1Kings 17:18 And she said to Eliyah,
"What have I to do with you, man of The Elohim?
Have you come to me
for the sake of taking note
of my moral wrong *itself* **נא**
and for the sake of causing to die
my son *himself* **נא**?"

1Kings 17:19 And he said to her,
"Give to me your son *himself* **נא**!"
And he took him from her bosom.
And he brought him up to the upper room
where he was dwelling.
And he laid him down on his bed.

1Kings 17:20 And he called out to **YAHWEH**.
And he said, "**YAHWEH**, my Elohim,
have You even brought harm upon the widow
with whom I am sojourning
for the sake of causing to die her son *himself* **נא**?"

1Kings 17:21 And he stretched himself out
over the child three times.
And he called out to **YAHWEH**.
And he said, "**YAHWEH**, my Elohim,
please now,
return the life of this child into his midst!"

1Kings 17:22 And **YAHWEH** listened attentively
to the voice of Eliyah.
And the life of the child
returned into the midst of him.
And he lived.

1Kings 17:23 And Eliyah took the child *himself* **נא**.
And he brought him down
from the upper room into the house.
And he gave him to his mother.
And Eliyah said, "Look! Your son is alive!"

1Kings 17:24 And the woman said to Eliyah,
"Now by this I know that you yourself **נא**
are a man of The Elohim

and that the word of **YAHWEH**
in your mouth is faithful”

Chapter 18

1Kings 18:1 And it was many days.
And the word of **YAHWEH** existed to Elijah
in the third year saying, “Go!
Be seen by Ahab!
Then I am going to give rain
upon the face of the soil.”

1Kings 18:2 And Elijah went to be seen by Ahab.
And the famine in Shomeron was strong.

1Kings 18:3 And Ahab had called to Obadyah
who was over his household.
And Obadyah revered exceedingly
YAHWEH Himself nx.
Obadyah means servant of YAH.

1Kings 18:4 And it was as Izebel was cutting off
the prophets of **YAHWEH themselves nx**.

And Obadyah had taken one hundred prophets.
And he had caused them to be hidden, fifty to a cave.
And he had supplied them bread and water.

1Kings 18:5 And Ahab had said to Obadyah,
“Go into the land to all the springs of water
and to all the streams.
Perhaps we will find grass
to keep the horses and mules alive
and we will not have to cut off *any* from the animals.

1Kings 18:6 And they divided to them
the land **itself nx**
for the sake of passing over on it.
Ahab went on one way by himself
and Obadyah went another way by himself.

1Kings 18:7 And Obadyah was on his way.
And behold!
Elijah met him.
And he recognized him.
And he fell upon his face.
And he said,
“Is that you yourself nx my master, Elijah?”
1Kings 18:8 And he said to him, “It is I myself.
Go!
Say to your sovereign,
‘Behold!
Elijah!’ ”

1Kings 18:9 And he said,
“How have I offended that you yourself nx
are giving your servant himself nx
into the hand of Ahab for the sake of killing me?

1Kings 18:10 By the life of **YAHWEH**, your Elohim!
If there is a nation or kingdom where my sovereign
has not sent there to search for you....
And *if* they said, ‘He is not here.’
then the kingdom **itself nx**
or the nation **itself nx** was caused to swear
that you were not found.

Note: Unfinished statements
were common in Hebrew culture.
The completion was in effect left to the listener.
It virtually always implied some disastrous result.

1Kings 18:11 And now you yourself nx say, ‘Go!
Say to your sovereign, “Elijah is here!” ’
1Kings 18:12 And it will be that I myself

will go from you yourself **nx**
and The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**
will carry you to where I do not know.
And I will go to report to Ahab.
And he will not find you.
And he will kill me.

Yet your servant has revered **YAHWEH Himself** **nx**
from my youth.

ruach - wind, by resemblance, breath.
This term is traditionally translated as 'spirit'.
This is improper because there is no such concept
in Hebrew thought or language.

'Spirit' is a Greek term that was not even invented
until the time of the Greeks.
This word should **never** be translated as 'spirit'.

For the Hebrews it represented the inner nature,
conceived as "the wind of man".

It was seen as that which flowed in and out
of one's central being.
On the one hand it was the breath
by which all of life lived.
On the other hand it was
the very nature and essence itself of the person.

When speaking of **YAHWEH**
it represents His Divine nature.
That's most likely what's in view in this context.

However, it could also be translated as
"the wind of **YAHWEH**",
since that may possibly be seen
as a means of whisking Elijah away.

1Kings 18:13 Was it not reported to my master
what *itself* **nx** I did when Izebel murdered
the prophets of **YAHWEH themselves** **nx**,
how I hid one hundred men
of the prophets of **YAHWEH**, fifty to a cave,
and supplied them bread and water?

1Kings 18:14 And now you yourself **nx**
are saying to me,
'Go!
Say to your sovereign, "Elijah is here!"'
And he is going to kill me!"

1Kings 18:15 And Elijah said,
"By the life of **YAHWEH** of Assemblies
before whose face I stand!
Indeed, today I will show myself to him!"

1Kings 18:16 And Obadiah went to meet Ahab.
And he reported it to him.
And Ahab went to meet Elijah.

1Kings 18:17 And it was as Ahab
saw Elijah *himself* **nx**.
And Ahab said to him, "Are you yourself **nx**
this one who is troubling Yisra'el?"

1Kings 18:18 And he said,
"I have not troubled Yisra'el *itself* **nx**.
Rather, it is you yourself **nx** and your father's house
by abandoning the directives *themselves* **nx**
of **YAHWEH**.
And you have gone after the Ba'als.

1Kings 18:19 And now send!
Gather to me all Yisra'el *itself* **nx** on Mount Carmel
and the four hundred and fifty
prophets of Ba'al *themselves* **nx**,
and the four hundred prophets of Asherah
who are eating at Izebel's table."

1Kings 18:20 Ahab then sent
for all the children of Yisra'el.
And he gathered to him the prophets themselves **תא**
on Mount Carmel.

1Kings 18:21 And Eliyah came to all the people.
And he and said, "Until when will you yourselves **תא**
be skipping between two opinions?
If **YAHWEH** is The Elohim, walk after Him.
And if Ba'al, walk after him."
But the people did not respond a word
to he himself **תא**.

1Kings 18:22 And Eliyah said to the people,
"I myself remain a prophet of **YAHWEH**,
and the prophets of Ba'al
are four hundred and fifty men.

1Kings 18:23 Now let them give us two bulls.
And let them choose one bull for themselves.
And let them dismember it.
And let them place it on the wood.
But let them place no fire.

And I myself will prepare the other bull itself **תא**.
And I will put it on the wood.
And no fire will I place.

1Kings 18:24 And you will call
on the name of your gods.
And I myself will call
on the name of **YAHWEH**.
And the god who answers by fire,
He is The Elohim."

And all the people responded.
And they said, "The word is good."

1Kings 18:25 And Eliyah said to the prophets of Ba'al,
"Choose for yourselves one bull.
And prepare it first
since you yourselves **תא** are many.
And call on the name of your god,
but do not place fire."

1Kings 18:26 And they took the bull itself **תא**
which was given to them.
And they prepared it.
And they called on the name of Ba'al from morning
even until noon saying, "Ba'al, respond to us!"
But there was no voice.
And nothing responded.
And they leaped upon the slaughter site
which they had made.

1Kings 18:27 And it was at noon.
And Eliyah mocked them.
And he said, "Cry out with a great sound!
Indeed, he is a god!
Indeed, he is contemplating!
Or indeed, he has withdrawn by himself!
Or indeed, he is on a journey for himself!
Perhaps he is sleeping and he will wake up!

1Kings 18:28 And they cried out with a great sound.
And they gashed themselves
according to their regulations
with knives and spears
until the blood spilled forth upon them.

1Kings 18:29 And it was as midday had passed over.
And they prophesied until the time

of the offering up of the grain gift.
But there was no voice,
and no response,
and no attention.

1Kings 18:30 And Eliyah said to all the people,
"Come near to me."
And all the people came near to him.
And he repaired the destroyed
slaughter site itself **nx** of **YAHWEH**.

1Kings 18:31 And Eliyah took twelve stones
according to the number of the tribes
of the sons of Ya'akob to whom had existed
the word of **YAHWEH** saying,
"Yisra'el will be your name."

18:32 And he built with the stones themselves **nx**
a slaughter site for the Name of **YAHWEH**.

And he made a trench
to house two measures of seed
all around the slaughter site.

1Kings 18:33 And he arranged the wood itself **nx**.
And he dismembered the bull itself **nx**.
And he placed it upon the wood,

(H 18:34) And said, "Fill four jars with water
and pour it on the olah and on the wood."
[This portion of v. 33 is found in v. 34 in the Hebrew text.](#)

1Kings 18:34 And he said, "Do it a second time,"
And they did it a second time.
And he said, "Do it a third time."
And they did it a third time.
1Kings 18:35 And the water went all around the altar.
And even the trench itself **nx** was filled with water.

1Kings 18:36 And it was at the time
of offering up the grain gift.
And Eliyah the prophet came near.
And he said,
"**YAHWEH**, The Elohim of Abraham,
Yitzhak, and Yisra'el,
let it be known today that You Yourself **nx**
are The Elohim in Yisra'el
and I myself *am* Your servant,
and by Your word I have done
all these things themselves **nx**."

1Kings 18:37 "Respond to me, **YAHWEH**!
Respond to me!
And let this people know that
You Yourself **nx** are **YAHWEH**, The Elohim!
And You Yourself **nx** will cause to turn back
their hearts themselves **nx**."

1Kings 18:38 And the fire of **YAHWEH** fell!
And it consumed the olah itself **nx**,
and the wood itself **nx**,
and the stones themselves **nx**,
and the dust itself **nx**!
And the water itself **nx** that was in the trench
was licked up!

1Kings 18:39 And all the people saw.
And they fell on their faces.
And they said,
"**YAHWEH**, He is The Elohim!
YAHWEH, He is The Elohim!"

1Kings 18:40 And Eliyah said to them,
"Seize the prophets of Ba'al themselves **nx**!"

Do not let a man of them escape!"
And they seized them.
And Eliyah brought them down to the River Kishon.
And he slaughtered them there.

1Kings 18:41 And Eliyah said to Ahab,
"Go up!
Eat and drink!
Indeed, the sound of abundant showers!."
1Kings 18:42 And Ahab went up to eat and to drink.

And Eliyah went up to the top of Carmel.
And he bowed himself to the ground.
And he placed his face between his knees,
1Kings 18:43 And said to his servant, "Go up now!
Look intently toward the sea!"
And he went up.
And he looked intently.
And he said, "Not a speck."
And seven times he said, "Return!"

1Kings 18:44 And it was at the seventh time.
And he said, "Behold!
A little cloud like a man's palm
is rising up from the sea!"
And he said, "Go up!
Say to Ahab, 'Hitch up and go down
and the the rain will not stop you!' "

1Kings 18:45 And it was in the meantime.
And the skies were darkened with clouds and wind.
And there was a great rain.
And Ahab went to Yizre'el.

1Kings 18:46 And the hand of **YAHWEH**
existed to Eliyah.
And he girded up his loins.
And he ran ahead of Ahab,
as far as the entrance of Yizre'el.

Chapter 19

1Kings 19:1 And Ahab reported to Izebel
everything *itself* **nx** that Eliyah had done,
and everyone *themselves* **nx** whom he had killed,
all the prophets *themselves* **nx** with the sword.

1Kings 19:2 Izebel sent a messenger to Eliyah saying,
"Thus may the gods do to me and more also
if by this time tomorrow
I do not make your life *itself* **nx**
like the life of one of them."

1Kings 19:3 And he was afraid.
And he got up.
And he went for his life.
And he went to Beersheba
which belongs to Yahudah.
And he caused his servant *himself* **nx**
to sit down there.

1Kings 19:4 And he went a day's journey
into the wilderness.
And he went and sat down under a juniper tree.
And he requested his life *itself* **nx**
for the sake of dying.
And he said, "Enough now, **YAHWEH**!
Take my life
since I am no better than my forefathers!"

1Kings 19:5 And he laid down.
And he slept under a certain juniper tree.
And behold now!
A messenger touched him.

And he said to him, "Get up! Eat!"

mal'ak - to dispatch as a deputy;
a messenger specifically of God.

This is another word
which is erroneously translated
by tradition as 'angel'.
The source for this "translation"
is the Greek word *aggelos*,
which is pronounced ahn-ga-los.
It also means messenger.

1Kings 19:6 And he looked.
And he saw by his head
a cake baked on coals and a jar of water.
And he ate and drank.
And he returned.
And he laid down.

1Kings 19:7 And the messenger of **YAHWEH**
returned the second time.
And he touched him.
And he said, "Get up!
Eat, because the way is too great for you!"

1Kings 19:8 And he got up.
And he ate and drank.
And he went in the strength of that food
forty days and forty nights,
as far as the mountain of The Elohim, Horeb.

1Kings 19:9 And there he went into a cave.
And he spent the night there.

And behold!
The word of **YAHWEH** existed to him.
And He said to him,
"What are you yourself doing here, Elijah?"

1Kings 19:10 And he said,
"Zealous, I have been zealous for **YAHWEH**,
The Elohim of Assemblies,
because the children of Yisra'el
have abandoned Your Covenant.
They have destroyed
Your slaughter sites themselves **תא**.
And Your prophets themselves **תא**
they have killed with the sword.
And I myself remain, I alone.
And they are seeking my life itself **תא**
for the sake of taking it away."

1Kings 19:11 And He said,
"Go out and stand on the mountain
before the face of **YAHWEH**!"
And behold!
YAHWEH passed over!
And *there was* a great and strong wind
breaking apart the mountains and bursting rocks
before the face of **YAHWEH**.

YAHWEH was not in the wind.

And after the wind *was* an earthquake.

YAHWEH was not in the earthquake.

1Kings 19:12 And after the earthquake *was* fire.

YAHWEH was not in the fire.

And after the fire *was* a quiet small voice.

1Kings 19:13 And it was as Elijah heard it.

And he wrapped his face in his robe.
And he went out and stood
at the entrance to the cave.
And Behold!
A voice existed to him.
And it said, "Why are you here, Eliyah?"

1Kings 19:14 And he said,
"Zealous, I have been zealous for **YAHWEH**,
The Elohim of Assemblies!
Indeed, the Children of Yisra'el
have abandoned Your Covenant!
They have destroyed
Your slaughter sites themselves **nx**.
And Your prophets themselves **nx**
they have killed with the sword.
And I myself remain, I alone.
And they are seeking my life itself **nx**
for the sake of taking it."

1Kings 19:15 And **YAHWEH** said to him, "Go!
Return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus.
And you are to go in.
And you are to anoint Haza'el himself **nx**
as king over Aram.
Haza'el means El has seen.

19:16 And Yahu, son of Nimshi himself **nx**,
you are to anoint as king over Yisra'el.

And Elisha himself **nx**,
son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah,
you are to anoint as prophet instead of you.
Yahu means YAH exists.
Elisha means El is my deliverance.

1Kings 19:17 And it will exist, those escaping
from the sword of Haza'el Yahu will kill.
And those escaping from the sword of Yahu,
Elisha will kill.

1Kings 19:18 And I will cause to remain in Yisra'el
seven thousand, all whose knees
have not bowed to Ba'al
and every mouth that has not kissed him."

1Kings 19:19 And he went from there.
And he found Elisha himself **nx**, son of Shaphat.
And he was plowing
with twelve teams of oxen before him.
And he was with the twelfth.

And Eliyah passed over to him.
And he threw his mantle to him.

1Kings 19:20 And he abandoned
the oxen themselves **nx**.
And he ran after Eliyah.
And he said,
"Please let me kiss my father and my mother.
Then I will follow you."
And he said to him, "Go!
Go return!
Indeed, what have I done to you?"

1Kings 19:21 And he turned back from him.
And he took a yoke of oxen themselves **nx**.
And he slaughtered them.
And with the implements of the oxen he boiled them.
And he gave it to the people.
And they ate.
And he got up.

And he went after Elijah.
And he attended him.

Chapter 20

1Kings 20:1 And Ben Hadad, king of Aram,
gathered all his assembly *itself* **תא**.
And thirty two kings were with he himself **תא**
and horses and chariots.
And he went up.
And he besieged against Shomeron.
And he fought with it.

1Kings 20:2 And he sent messengers to Ahab,
king of Yisra'el, at the city.
1Kings 20:3 And he said to him,
"Thus said Ben Hadad,
'Your silver and your gold are mine.
And your wives and your children, the best, are mine.' "

1Kings 20:4 And the king of Yisra'el responded.
And he said, "As you say, my sovereign the king,
I am yours and all that I have."

1Kings 20:5 And the messengers returned.
And they said,
"Thus speaks Ben Hadad saying,
'Indeed, I have sent to you saying,
"Give to me your silver and your gold,
your wives and your children."
1Kings 20:6 Indeed, at this time tomorrow
I will send to you my servants *themselves* **תא**.
And they will search your house *itself* **תא**
and the houses of your servants *themselves* **תא**.
And it will be that whatever is pleasing in your eyes
they will place in their hand.
And they will take it.' "

1Kings 20:7 And the king of Yisra'el called
to all the elders of the land.
And he said,
"Please know and see the harm this one is seeking.
Indeed, he sent to me for my wives,
and for my children,
and for my silver, and for my gold.
And I did not hold back from him."

1Kings 20:8 And all the elders
and all the people said to him,
"Do not listen attentively!
And do not consent!"

1Kings 20:9 And he said
to the messengers of Ben Hadad,
"Say to my sovereign the king,
'All that you sent for to your servant at the first
I will do.
But this word I am not able to do.'
"And the messengers went.
And they returned the word to him.

1Kings 20:10 And Ben Hadad sent to him.
And he said, "The gods do so to me and more also
if enough dust is left of Shomeron for a handful
for each of the people who are at my feet."

1Kings 20:11 And the king of Yisra'el responded.
And he said, "Speak not *as one* boasting of girding
but like him who is loosening!" "

1Kings 20:12 And it existed,
as he heard this word *itself* **תא**.
And he and the kings were drinking in the booths.
And he said to his servants, "Position *yourselves*!"

And they positioned *themselves* against the city.

1Kings 20:13 And behold!
A certain prophet came near
to Ahab, king of Yisra'el.
And he said, "Thus said **YAHWEH**,
'Have you seen all this great multitude *itself* **נא**?
Behold!
I am giving it into your hand today.
And you will know that I Myself am **YAHWEH!**' "

1Kings 20:14 And Ahab said, "By whom?"
And he said, "Thus said **YAHWEH**,
'By the young rulers of the provinces.' "

And he said, "Who begins the battle?"
Then he answered, "You *yourself* **נא**."

1Kings 20:15 And he numbered
the young rulers of the provinces.
And there were two hundred and thirty two.
And after them he numbered
all the people *themselves* **נא**,
all the children of Yisra'el, seven thousand.

1Kings 20:16 And they went out at noon.
And Ben Hadad
was drinking himself drunk at Sukkot,
also the thirty two kings
who were helping he *himself* **נא**.

1Kings 20:17 And the young rulers of the provinces
went out at the first.
And Ben Hadad sent *some* out.
And they reported to him saying,
"Men have come out from Shomeron!"
1Kings 20:18 And he said,
"If they have come out for peace seize them alive.
And if they have come out for battle seize them alive."

1Kings 20:19 And these went out of the city,
the rulers of the provinces,
and the force which was behind them.

1Kings 20:20 And each man struck his man.
And the Arameans fled.
And Yisra'el pursued after them.

And Ben Hadad, king of Aram,
escaped on a horse with horsemen.

1Kings 20:21 And the king of Yisra'el went out.
And he struck the horses *themselves* **נא**
and the chariots *themselves* **נא**.
And he struck the Arameans a great blow.

1Kings 20:22 And the prophet came near
to the king of Yisra'el.
And he said to him, "Go!
Strengthen yourself!
And know and see what *itself* **נא** you are to do
because at the turn of the year
the king of Aram is coming up against you."

1Kings 20:23 And the servants
of the king of Aram said to him,
"Their gods are gods of the hills.
For that reason they were stronger than we.
However, we will fight they *themselves* **נא** on the plain.
Surely we are stronger than they!

1Kings 20:24 And do this word.
Separate the kings each from his place

and position captains instead of them.

1Kings 20:25 And you yourself **תָּא**
number for yourself an assembly like the assembly
that was lost from you yourself **תָּא**,
even horse for horse and chariot for chariot.
And we will fight against
they themselves **תָּא** in the plain.
Surely we are stronger than they!"

And he listened attentively to their voice.
And he did accordingly.

1Kings 20:26 And it was at the turn of the year.
And Ben Hadad numbered
the Arameans themselves **תָּא**.
And he went up to Aphek
for the sake of fighting with Yisra'el.

1Kings 20:27 And the children of Yisra'el
were numbered and were supplied.
And they went against them.
And the children of Yisra'el
pitched their tents before them
like two little flocks of goats.
And the Arameans filled the land itself **תָּא**.

1Kings 20:28 And a man of The Elohim came near.
And he spoke to the king of Yisra'el.
And he said, "Thus said **YAHWEH**.
'Because, the Arameans have said,
"**YAHWEH** is a god of the hills
but He is not a god of the valleys.,"
then I will give all this great multitude itself **תָּא**
into your hand.
And you will know that I Myself am **YAHWEH!**" "

1Kings 20:29 And they pitched their tents
one against the other for seven days.
And it was on the seventh day.
And the battle was joined.
And the children of Yisra'el struck
one hundred thousand foot soldiers
of the Arameans themselves **תָּא** in one day.
1Kings 20:30 And those remaining fled to Aphek,
into the city.
And the wall fell on twenty seven thousand
of the remaining men.

And Ben Hadad fled.
And he went into the city, into an inner chamber.

1Kings 20:31 And his servants said to him,
"Behold now!
We have heard that
the kings of the house of Yisra'el,
that the kings are kind.
Now let us put sackcloth around our waists
and ropes on our heads
and go out to the king of Yisra'el.
Perhaps he will spare your life itself **תָּא**."

1Kings 20:32 And they girded
sackcloth on their waists.
And they put ropes on their heads,
And went to the king of Yisra'el.
And they said, "Your servant, Ben Hadad said,
'Please let me live.' "
And he said, "Is he still alive? He is my brother."

1Kings 20:33 And the men were practicing divination.
And they quickly grasped it and said,
"Your brother Ben Hadad."

And he said, "Go! Bring him."
And Ben Hadad came out to him.
And he brought him up onto the chariot.
1Kings 20:34 And Ben Hadad said to him,
"The cities which my father took
from your father himself **תא** I will return.
And you may set up market places for yourself
in Damascus as my father did in Shomeron."

And *Ahab said*, "I myself will send you away
with a covenant."
And he cut a covenant with him.
And he sent him away.

1Kings 20:35 And a certain man
of the sons of the prophets
said to his neighbor by the word of **YAHWEH**,
"Strike me now!"
But the man refused to strike him.

1Kings 20:36 And he said to him,
"Because you have not listened attentively
concerning the voice of **YAHWEH**, behold!
As you are going from me myself **תא**
then a lion will strike you."

And he went from beside him.
And a lion found him.
And it struck him.

1Kings 20:37 And he found another man.
And he said, "Strike me now!"
And the man struck him, striking and wounding *him*.

1Kings 20:38 And the prophet went.
And he stood *waiting* for the king by the road.
And he disguised himself with ashes over his eyes.
1Kings 20:39 And was as the king was passing over.
And he cried out to the king.
And he said,
"Your servant went out into the midst of the battle.
And behold!
A man turned aside.
And he brought a man to me.
And he said,
'Guard this man himself **תא**!
If he is missing, missing,
then it will be your life will be for his life
or you will weigh out a talent of silver.'
1Kings 20:40 And your servant
was doing this and that.
And he was no more."

And the king of Yisra'el said to him,
"Indeed, you yourself **תא**
have decided your judgment."

1Kings 20:41 And he hurried.
And he removed the ashes themselves **תא**
from over his eyes.
And the king of Yisra'el recognized he himself **תא**
as one of the prophets.

1Kings 20:42 And he said to him,
"Thus said **YAHWEH**,
'Because you have sent away from your hand
the man devoted to destruction himself **תא**
then it will be your life instead of his life,
and your people instead of his people.' "

1Kings 20:43 And the king of Yisra'el
went to his house sullen and dejected.
And he came to Shomeron.

Chapter 21

1Kings 21:1 And it was after these events.
Naboth, the Yizre'elite, had a vineyard
which was at Yizre'el,
beside the palace of Ahab, king of Shomeron.

Naboth means fruits.

1Kings 21:2 And Ahab spoke to Naboth saying,
"Give to me your vineyard itself **נא**.
And it will be a vegetable garden for me
because it is near, next to my house.
And I will give to you instead
a better vineyard than it.
If it is good in your eyes
I will give you its price in silver."

1Kings 21:3 But Naboth said to Ahab,
"Far be it for me because of **YAHWEH**
that I give the inheritance
of my forefathers themselves **נא** to you!"

1Kings 21:4 And Ahab went to his house
sullen and dejected on account of of the word
which was spoken to him by Naboth the Yizre'elite
that he had said,
"I will not give to you the inheritance
of my forefathers itself **נא**."
And he laid down on his bed.
And he turned away his face itself **נא**.
And he did not eat food.

1Kings 21:5 And Izebel his wife came to him.
And she said to him, "Why is your breath sullen
and you are not eating food?"
1Kings 21:6 And he spoke to her,
"Because I spoke to Naboth, the Yizre'elite.
And I said to him,
'Give me your vineyard itself **נא** for silver.
Or if it is pleasing to you yourself **נא**
I will give you a vineyard instead.'
But he said, 'I will not give you my vineyard itself **נא**.'"

1Kings 21:7 And Izebel his wife said to him,
"You yourself **נא** now rule over Yisra'el!
Get up! Eat food!
And let your heart be glad.
I will give to you the vineyard itself **נא**
of Naboth, the Yizre'elite!"

1Kings 21:8 And she wrote letters in Ahab's name.
And she sealed them with his seal.
And she sent the letters
to the elders and to the nobles
who were dwelling in the city
with Naboth himself **נא**.

1Kings 21:9 And she wrote in the letters saying,
"Proclaim a fast.
And seat Naboth himself **נא**
at the head of the people.
1Kings 21:10 And seat two men,
sons of worthlessness, in front of him.
And have them testify saying,
'You have blasphemed The Elohim and the king.'
Then you are to take him out and stone him.
And you are to put him to death."

1Kings 21:11 And the men of his city,
the elders and nobles who were dwelling in his city,
did according to what Izebel had sent to them,
according to what was written in the letters
which she had sent to them.
1Kings 21:12 They proclaimed a fast.
And they seated Naboth himself **נא**

at the head of the people.
1Kings 21:13 And two men,
sons of worthlessness, came in.
And they sat in front of him.
And the men of worthlessness testified
against Naboth himself nx
in front of the people saying,
"Naboth has blasphemed The Elohim and the king!"

And they brought him forth outside the city.
And they stoned him with stones.
And he was put to death.

1Kings 21:14 And they sent to Izebel, saying,
"Naboth has been stoned.
And he is put to death."

1Kings 21:15 And it was as Izebel heard
that Naboth had been stoned and was dead.
And Izebel said to Ahab, "Get up!
Take possession of the vineyard itself nx
of Naboth, the Yizre'elite,
who refused to give it to you for silver
because Naboth is not alive but rather is dead."

1Kings 21:16 And it was as Ahab heard
that Naboth was dead.
And Ahab got up for the sake of going down
to take possession of the vineyard
of Naboth the Yizre'elite.

1Kings 21:17 And the word of **YAHWEH**
existed to Eliyah the Tishbite saying,
1Kings 21:18 "Get up!
Go down to meet Ahab, king of Yisra'el,
who is at Shomeron.
Behold!
He is in the vineyard of Naboth
where he has gone down
for the sake of taking possession of it.

1Kings 21:19 And you are to speak to him saying,
'Thus said **YAHWEH**,
"You have murdered
and you have also taken possession!" '

And you are to speak to him saying,
'Thus said **YAHWEH**,
"In the place where dogs licked
the blood of Naboth itself nx
the dogs will lick your blood itself nx,
even of you yourself nx."

1Kings 21:20 And Ahab said to Eliyah,
"Have you found me, my adversary?"
And he said, "I have found *you*!
Indeed, you have sold yourself to do bad
in the eyes of **YAHWEH**!

1Kings 21:21 'Behold!
I am bringing bad to you!
And I will consume *those* after you!
And I will cut off from Ahab
those pissing against the wall,
even those restrained
and those abandoned in Yisra'el!

1Kings 21:22 And I will set your house itself nx
the same as the house of Yarob'am, son of Nebat,
and the same as the house of Ba'asha, son of Ahiyah,
because of the provocation
with which you have provoked *Me*
and *with which* you have caused to offend

Yisra'el itself **nx**.'

1Kings 21:23 And also toward Izebel
YAHWEH has spoken saying,
'The dogs will eat Izebel herself **nx**
by the wall of Yizre'el!
21:24 The dogs will eat whoever belongs to Ahab
and dies in the city.
And the birds of the skies will eat
whoever dies in the field!"

1Kings 21:25 Surely there was never one like Ahab
who sold himself to do bad in the eyes of **YAHWEH**.
Indeed, Izebel his wife enticed he himself **nx**.
1Kings 21:26 And he did exceedingly abhorrently
by walking after idols
according to all that the Amorites had done
whom **YAHWEH** had driven out
from before the faces of the children of Yisra'el.

1Kings 21:27 And it was as Ahab heard
these words themselves **nx**.
And he tore his garments.
And he placed sackcloth on his flesh.
And he fasted.
And he laid in sackcloth.
And he walked gently.

1Kings 21:28 And the word of **YAHWEH**
existed to Eliyah the Tishbite saying,
1Kings 21:29 "Do you see how Ahab
has humbled himself before My face?
Since he has humbled himself before My face
I will not bring the bad in his days.
In the days of his son
I will bring the bad upon his house."

Chapter 22

1Kings 22:1 And they dwelt three years
with no fighting between Aram and Yisra'el.
1Kings 22:2 And it was in the third year.
And Yahoshaphat, king of Yahudah,
went down to the king of Yisra'el.
1Kings 22:3 And the king of Yisra'el
said to his servants,
"Do you know that Ramot in Gil'ad is ours?
Yet we are silent about taking it itself **nx**
from the hand of the king of Aram!"
1Kings 22:4 And he said to Yahoshaphat,
"Will you go with me myself **nx**
to battle Ramot Gil'ad?"
And Yahoshaphat said to the king of Yisra'el,
"I *am* as you *are*.
My people *are* as your people.
My horses *are* as your horses."

1Kings 22:5 And Yahoshaphat said
to the king of Yisra'el,
"Please request at daylight
the word itself **nx** of **YAHWEH**."

1Kings 22:6 And the king of Yisra'el gathered
the prophets themselves **nx**,
about four hundred men.
And he said to them,
"Am I to go against Ramot Gil'ad to battle?
Or am I to refrain?"
And they said, "Go up!
And **YAHWEH** will give it
into the hand of the king."

1Kings 22:7 And Yahoshaphat said,
"Is there not here still a prophet of **YAHWEH**

that we might inquire from He himself **נָא**?"

1Kings 22:8 And the king of Yisra'el
said to Yahoshaphat,
"There is still one man for the sake of inquiring
of **YAHWEH** Himself **נָא**, from He Himself **נָא**.
But I myself have hated him
because he does not prophesy good
concerning me, but rather bad.
Mikayah, son of Imla."
And Yahoshaphat said, "Let not the king say so!"
Mikayah means who is like YAH.
Imla means full.

1Kings 22:9 And the king of Yisra'el
called a court official.
And he said, "Hurry! *Bring* Mikayah son of Imla!"

1Kings 22:10 And the king of Yisra'el
and Yahoshaphat, king of Yahudah,
were each sitting on his throne
wearing their robes at a threshing floor
at the entrance of the gate of Shomeron.
And all the prophets were prophesying before them.

1Kings 22:11 And Tzidikiyah, son of Kena'anah,
had made horns of iron for himself.
And he said, "Thus said **YAHWEH**,
'With these you gore the Arameans
until they themselves **נָא** are terminated.' "
Tzidikiyah means right or justice of YAH.

1Kings 22:12 And all the prophets
were prophesying likewise saying,
"Go up to Ramot Gil'ad and succeed."
And, "**YAHWEH** will give it
into the hand of the king."

1Kings 22:13 And the messenger
who had gone to call Mikayah
spoke to him saying, "Behold now!
The words of the prophets with one mouth
are good toward the king.
Now let your words be
like the words of one among them
in order that you speak good."

1Kings 22:14 And Mikayah said,
"By the life of **YAHWEH**!
Indeed, whatever itself **נָא** **YAHWEH** says to me,
I myself **נָא** will speak!"

1Kings 22:15 And he came to the king.
And the king said to him,
"Mikayah, are we to go
against Ramot Gil'ad to battle?
Of are we to refrain?"
And he said to him, "Go and succeed!
And **YAHWEH** will give it
into the hand of the king!"

1Kings 22:16 And the king said to him,
"How many times have I myself caused you to swear
that you are not to speak to me *anything* except truth
in the name of **YAHWEH**?"

1Kings 22:17 And he said,
"I saw all Yisra'el itself **נָא**
scattered on the mountains as sheep
that have no man to shepherd them.
And **YAHWEH** said, 'These have no sovereign.
Let each man return to his house in peace.' "

1Kings 22:18 And the king of Yisra'el

said to Yahoshaphat,
"Have I not said to you
that he would not prophesy good concerning me,
but rather bad?"

1Kings 22:19 And he said,
"For this reason listen attentively
to the word of **YAHWEH**!
I saw **YAHWEH Himself nx** sitting on His throne.
And all the assembly of The Heaven
were standing by Him on His right and on His left.

1Kings 22:20 And **YAHWEH** said,
'Who will entice Ahab himself nx
to go up and fall at Ramot Gil'ad?'
And this one said this.
And another said that.

1Kings 22:21 And an essence came forward.
And he stood before **YAHWEH**.
And he said, 'I myself will entice him.'
1Kings 22:22 And **YAHWEH** said to him, 'With what?'
And he said, 'I will go out and be an essence of lying
in the mouth of all his prophets.'
And He said, 'Entice him!'
And also,
'You will be able.
Go out and do according to this!

1Kings 22:23 And now behold!
YAHWEH has granted an essence of lying
in the mouth of all these prophets of yours.
And **YAHWEH** has spoken
what is bad concerning you."

1Kings 22:24 And Tzidikiyah, son of Kena'anah,
came near.
And he struck Mikayah himself nx on the jaw.
And he said,
"How did The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**
go from me myself nx to speak to you yourself nx?"
22:25 And Mikayah said, "Behold!
You will see on that day itself
when you go into an inner room
for the sake of hiding!"

1Kings 22:26 And the king of Yisra'el said,
"Take Mikayah himself nx and return him to Amon,
the governor of the city
and to Yo'ash, son of the king!
22: 27 And you are to say, 'Thus said the king,
"Place this one himself nx
in the house of the prison.
And feed him with bread of affliction
and water of affliction until I come in peace." ' "

1Kings 22:28 And Mikayah said,
"If you return, return in peace
YAHWEH has not spoken by me."

And he said, "Listen attentively you people,
all of you!"

1Kings 22:29 And the king of Yisra'el
and Yahoshaphat, king of Yahudah
went up to Ramot Gil'ad.
1Kings 22:30 And the king of Yisra'el
said to Yahoshaphat,
"I will disguise myself and go into battle.
But you yourself nx put on your robes."

And the king of Yisra'el disguised himself.
And he went into battle.

1Kings 22:31 And the king of Aram
had directed his captains themselves **תא**
of his thirty two chariots saying,
"You are not to fight with one small himself **תא**
or one great himself **תא**
but only with the king of Yisra'el himself **תא!**"

1Kings 22:32 And it was
as the captains of the chariots
saw Yahoshaphat himself **תא**.
And they said, "Surely it is the king of Yisra'el!"
And they turned aside to fight against him.
And Yahoshaphat cried out.
1Kings 22:33 And it was
as the captains of the chariots
saw that it was not the king of Yisra'el.
And they turned back from pursuing after him.

1Kings 22:34 And a man drew a bow with integrity.
And he struck the king of Yisra'el himself **תא**
between the joints of his armor.
And he said to the driver of his chariot,
"Turn around and bring me out
from the encampment because I am wounded."

1Kings 22:35 And the battle heightened that day.
And the king was standing in his chariot
in front of the Arameans.
And he died at dusk.
And the blood of the wound to his chest
poured out on the chariot.

1Kings 22:36 And a shout passed over
within the encampment
as the sun was coming in saying,
"Each man to his city and each to his land!"

1Kings 22:37 And the king died.
And he was brought to Shomeron.
And they buried the king himself **תא** at Shomeron.
1Kings 22:38 And they cleaned the chariot itself **תא**
at the pool of Shomeron.
And the dogs licked up his blood itself **תא**.
And the adulterous women bathed *in it*,
according to the word of **YAHWEH**
which He had spoken.

1Kings 22:39 And the rest of the words of Ahab,
and all that he did,
and the ivory house which he built,
and all the cities that he built,
are they not written on the scroll of the words
of the days of the kings of Yisra'el?

1Kings 22:40 And Ahab laid down with his forefathers.
And Ahazyah, his son, reigned in his place.
Ahazyah means YAH has seized.

1Kings 22:41 And Yahoshaphat, son of Asa,
reigned over Yahudah in the fourth year
of Ahab, king of Yisra'el.
22:42 Yahoshaphat was thirty five years old
at his reigning.
And he reigned twenty five years at Yerushalaim.
And his mother's name was Azubah,
the daughter of Shilhi.
Azubah means abandoned.

1Kings 22:43 And he walked in all the ways
of his father, Asa.
He did not turn aside from them,
doing what was right in the eyes of **YAHWEH**

according to all that his father had done.
(H 22:44) However, the high places were not removed.
Indeed, the people slaughtered
and burned incense on the high places.

1Kings 22:44 (H 24:45) And Yahoshaphat made peace
with the king of Yisra'el.

1Kings 22:45 (H 22:46) And the rest
of the words of Yahoshaphat,
and the power that he did, and how he fought,
are they not written on the scroll
of the words of the days of the kings of Yahudah?
1Kings 22:46 (H 22:47) And the rest
of the male cult prostitutes
who remained in the days of his father Asa
he consumed from the land.
1Kings 22:47 (H 22:48) And there was then
no king in Edom. A deputy *acted as* king.

1Kings 22:48 (H 22:49) Yahoshaphat made
ships of Tarshish
for the sake of going to Ophir for gold.
But they did not go because the ships
were broken in pieces at Etzyon Geber.
1Kings 22:49 (H 22:50) Then Ahazyah, son of Ahab,
said to Yahoshaphat,
"Let my servants go with your servants in the ships."
But Yahoshaphat was not willing.

1Kings 22:50 (H 22:51) And Yahoshaphat
laid down with his forefathers.
And he was buried with his forefathers
in The City of David his father.
And Yahoram, his son, reigned in his place.
Yahoram means people of YAHWEH.

1Kings 22:51 (H 22:52) Ahazyah, son of Ahab,
reigned over Yisra'el at Shomeron
in the seventeenth year
of Yahoshaphat, king of Yahudah.
And he reigned two years over Yisra'el,

1Kings 22:52 (H 22:53) And he did bad
in the eyes of **YAHWEH**.
And he walked in the way of his father,
and in the way of his mother,
and in the way of Yarob'am, son of Nebat,
who had caused to offend Yisra'el *itself nx*.
1Kings 22:53 (H 22:54) And he served The Ba'al itself nx.
And he bowed himself to it.
And he provoked to anger
YAHWEH Himself nx, The Elohim of Yisra'el,
according to all that his father had done.